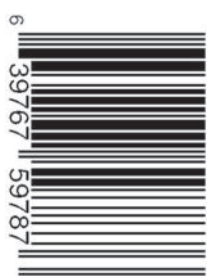




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THE CELEBRATION IS ON as Arcola won the Tuscola Class 1A regional championship Saturday. The only other time Arcola won a regional was 1984. Photo by Mike Monahan.



Memorial Day at Arcola Cemetery

Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Arcola Cemetery will be held on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. There will be a roll call of all veterans in the Arcola Cemetery. If you know of a veteran's name that we may have missed, please contact either Don Edwards (217) 232-5374 or Butch Clark (217) 273-8746 and we'll get those names on our list for next year.

Sports physicals

Sarah Bush Lincoln will provide sports physicals to athletes from Arcola schools from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the SBL Arcola Clinic, 241 West Springfield Road. The fee per is being donated to the Arcola Sports Boosters. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 217-268-4444. See page 3 for details.

Mammography

Sarah Bush Lincoln's Mobile Mammography van will be at the SBL Arcola Clinic, 241 W. Springfield Rd. Tuesday, May 30. Appointments can be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

The van provides mammograms to women who do not otherwise have access to, or may not be able to afford these screens. Women who qualify for the East Central Illinois Breast and Cervical Program operated through Prairie State Women's Health will receive their mammogram for free. Services are available to all women, regardless of their financial status. Women with insurance that covers the yearly mammogram are welcome, too.

Women 35 and older may call to schedule a mammography exam. Women under 35 must have a physician order, but do not need insurance coverage to schedule a mammography test. To schedule an appointment, call 217-258-2588.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at The Arcola Center on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Quilters gather

Quilters are invited to gather Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Arcola Center to share their time and mutual interests with other quilters. For information contact 217-417-1388.

Arcola wins first baseball regional title in 39 years Nip top seed in sub-sectional, 3-2

By Mike Monahan
TUSCOLA – DJ Stevens will be the answer of an Arcola sports trivia question sometime as the sophomore caught the final out in what was the first regional title for the program since 1984. Stevens' catch ignited a celebration as the Purple Riders, the No 4 seeded team in Sub-Sectional B of the Altamont Sectional, knocked off the top-seeded team, Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg, 3-2 Saturday at Ervin Park.

"I didn't see it off the bat very well, but once I looked up and saw it, I ran to the ball and tracked it down. It felt pretty good after the catch. Winning the game means a lot and I

have a good group of teammates behind me, too."

Arcola improved to 14-4 and the 14 wins ties the 2007 team (14-11 under Jarod Kiger) and the 1997 team (14-11 coached by Craig VanDeveer) for the most wins in a single season.

"Winning the regional is awesome," said Arcola sophomore Tanner Thomas. "Our goal at the beginning of the season was to win conference (Lincoln Prairie Conference) and win regionals. We got one of them done and that is huge."

The team received a fire truck escort to the high school on a day that was indeed "A Beautiful Day for a Ball Game"

with the feels-like temperature of 69 at the start of the game and winds from 9-12 miles per hour. The team celebrated with hugs and photos of the regional champions plaque.

Arcola reached the championship with a 3-1 victory over Meridian on May 17.

The Purple Riders played South Central (24-6) winners of six straight. The Cougars won the Class 1A state title in 2021 and are the No 3 seeded team in Sub-Section A of the Altamont Sectional. The winner of the sectional semifinals is to play the winner of the Effingham St. Anthony vs.

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Track: Myers, Phillips advance to state prelims; both have PR's

By Mike Monahan
TUSCOLA – Mitchel Myers, an Arcola senior, who is headed to Indiana State in track, punched his ticket to the Illinois High School Association Class 1A state track meet for the third time. This year though he is going in both the shot put and discus. He will be joined by sophomore Braden Phillips, who will be making his first appearance at state. He is going in the triple jump as he went 41-3 ¼.

Not only is Myers going in the shot put, but he also broke his own school record of 53-5 1/4 with a heave of 54-11 ½. He finished sec-

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JAYE ROBERTS (left) established the Allen Roberts Fund with the Arcola Foundation in 2013 to honor the life of her son, U.S. Marine Corporal Allen C. Roberts, who lost his life in Iraq in 2007. Shelby Roberts-McGeehon (right) was recently awarded \$200 from the Allen Roberts Fund to help with her registration expenses for the Eastern Illinois University English Studies Summer Camp. Submitted photo.



VANESSA CONDARCO (right) was recently named as the first recipient of the Allen Roberts Scholarship awarded to an Arcola High School student who will continue his or her education at a vocational, trade or technical school. Jaye Roberts, Allen's mother, awarded \$1,000 to Condarco, who will attend Parkland College to study Radiologic Technology. Roberts established the scholarship fund with the Arcola Foundation this year to further honor the life of her son, U.S. Marine Corporal Allen C. Roberts. Submitted photo.