COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES were held on Friday, May 26 at 7 p.m. to honor the 61 members of the Arcola High School Class of 2023. The event marks the 142nd class to graduate from Arcola High School. The service was held in Nancy Stiff Gymnasium. Members of the Arcola High School Class of 2023 took time last week to pose for the traditional graduating class photo taken on the East steps of the high school building. Pictured are: front row (l-r): Felix Ramirez, Cecilia Hardin, Aaliyah Garza, Morgan Doud, Rodrigo Ramirez, Jr. , Brianna Shields, Emilye Gavis, Reyli Vega-Condarco, Tiya Patel, Fátima Cabrera, Kaylee McKinney, Alessia Luciani. Second row: Melissa Marcos, Hailey Trotter, Rachel Sigrist, Kelson Vazquez, Alexander Gutierrez, Isabelle Hensley, Keira Hohlbauch, Eric Chupp, Emilio Cantu, Makenna Wagoner, Gracie Wagoner. Third row: Ella Chupp, Rowan Mayhall, Cody Coombe, John Ruiz, Andy Castro, Elian Aguilera, Daniel Galaviz, Jerehmy Vaughn Jr., Cristian Ramos, Evelyn Garza. Fourth row: Clara Mefford, Jose Aguilar, Karina Warfel, J'Lea York, Vanessa Condarco, Reynol Oyervides, Eadie Budd, Eva Hopkins, Alessia Menoud, Maria Torres, Austin Kutz. Fifth row: Grant Wilson, Michael Gauna, Makenzie Thomas, Landon Schellenberg, Mark Vazquez, Mitchel Myers, Aldo Garcia, Emma Vazquez, Braden Shonkwiler, Nikolas Gomez. Class members not present for photo: Bret Culp, Martina Domingo, Brian Franco, Hannah Garcia, Jacen Jones, Nolan Kelmel, Ryland McMillan. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*

Making a splash

AT LEFT, ARCOLA MAYOR JESUS GARZA joined granddaughter Jasmine Garza, 4, last week at the splash pad at Moore Park. He said he hopes everyone follows the rules to ensure the feature last longer. However, opening day saw a lot of falls prompting the city to close the venue until a solution is found. *Photo by David Porter.*

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Congratulations to the Arcola High School Class of 2023

Seated (l-r): Rachel Sigrist, Austin Kutz, Emma Vazquez. Standing: Gracie Wagoner, Maria Torres, Morgan Doud, Eadie Budd, Isabelle Hensley, Braden Shonkwiler, Vanessa Condarco, Reynol Oyervides, Keira Hohlbauch, Karina Warfel, Eva Hopkins, J'Lea York, Makenna Wagoner, Hailey Trotter and Arcola First Bank President & CEO, Dale Boyer.
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