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GARAGE SALES
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Chatter BOX

Senior potluck

Arcola Seniors are invited to attend a Potluck Lunch at the Arcola Senior Center on July 21. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am. Seniors may bring a dish to share.

Seeking nominees for Citizen of the Year

The Arcola Rotary is sponsoring the 15th Annual Arcola Citizen of the Year Award for 2023. The intent of the award is to honor an outstanding Arcola citizen who has effectively combined the ideals of moral character, honesty, dependability, and integrity with a strong commitment to family and community. A dedication to volunteerism will also receive strong consideration when nominees are being considered.

When Citizen of the Year nominations are reviewed by Arcola Rotarians, the ideals practiced on a daily basis by Rotarians — commonly known as the "4-Way Test" will be part of the consideration process. The Rotary 4-Way Test is 1, Is it the truth? 2, Is it fair to all concerned? 3, Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4, Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

They are seeking nominations from citizens of the community. Nomination forms can be found on the club's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/arcolarotary>. Send nominations to Arcola Sunrise Rotary, PO Box 282, Arcola, IL 61910, or by email to Kris Graves at kes1477@gmail.com. The deadline to submit nominations is Aug. 16. Rotarians are not eligible for this award.

Quilters meet

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.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - Hailey Trotter was the chosen recipient of the \$1,000 Carroll V. Moore Scholarship presented by the Arcola Presbyterian Church. She has worked closely with the Arcola Masonic Lodge doing community service projects. Her school of choice is the University of Illinois majoring in sociology. Hailey's parents are Leticia Leal and Clay Doemelt. Submitted photo.



FAMILY MEMBERS of the late Curtis and Doris Atteberry visited Arcola Sunday to see the corner dedication sign and bench installed in the Atteberrys' honor. Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, who has taken over the upkeep of the flower beds that Doris had meticulously maintained, spearheaded the effort for the sign and bench. The city provided the sign while the Arcola Foundation bought the bench through Kauffman's Amish Furniture Outlet. Tony Erwin cleared the space for the bench and poured the concrete base. Kibler-Russell said city workers also have helped with the maintenance by hauling away the weeds. Pictured from left are Keith and Jeanine Atteberry of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Amy and Don Atteberry of Speedway, Ind., Sharilyn Kibler-Russell, Tony Erwin, Anne and Paul Harshbarger, and Cliff Markham. Seated are Marjorie Mosbarger (Doris's sister), and Amy Markham. Not pictured but attending the unveiling was Diane Struffe (Curtis' cousin). Curtis Atteberry died November 23, 2019. Doris died two months later on January 29, 2020. Photo by David Porter.

Ill-fated splash pad to get do-over Green Mill housing development agreement pending

The Arcola City Council took little action Monday night, but there were several topics of discussion during a committee meeting and public input.

The only item on the Council's agenda, aside from paying the bills and approving previous minutes, was tabled for later consideration. That was a tax increment finance (TIF) agreement with Tabeling Development in Mahomet, which plans to build housing units at Green Mill Village.

City Administrator Bill Wagoner said the details of the ordinance have changed with another change earlier Monday. He said the ordinance is not yet ready for a vote.

Tabeling plans to build six duplexes and a 12-unit apartment building at a cost of \$4.5 million. The city has pledged more than \$400,000 toward the project.

The apartment building would be built between Carriage Crossing and the Best Western hotel with views of the lake. The duplexes would be east of the apartments on the other side of Green Mill Road.

During the public comment period, Sharilyn Kibler-Russell berated the Council for not showing up to a dedication ceremony for a bench and street sign honoring the late Curtis and Doris Atteberry. She said several family members drove some distance for the event, including some from Indiana, but nobody representing the city showed up.

There had been some confusion over the date with one email saying it was Saturday, but nobody from the city showed up that day, either.

Kibler-Russell acknowledged receiving an apology from the

mayor and said she appreciates that the city approved dedicating the corner and provided the street sign. The Arcola Foundation purchased a bench for the corner.

Doris Atteberry had planted many of the flowers at the site and had maintained it. Kibler-Russell has taken on that responsibility.

Steve Davis, a local postal carrier, also addressed the Council asking the city to enforce its ordinances on animals. He said there are a lot of dogs running loose without tags and that mail carriers have been bitten. He said he's been bitten twice.

He said he also encounters dogs left on porches with no food or water. It's important for people to take care of their animals, he said. He added that the problem is "really bad" in the Acres.

He also said that a sidewalk is needed on Jacques Street. There

are a lot of walkers there, cars that drive too fast and Libman truck traffic, he said.

During a committee meeting prior to the regular meeting, the Council discussed an honorary street sign for Vic Jenkins near the fire station.

Wagoner also gave an update on city projects including sidewalks and oiling roads as well as the new splash pad that has bedeviled by surface issues that cause kids to slip and fall.

After numerous repairs have failed to remedy the problem, Wagoner said the surface will be ground down Thursday for an extensive re-do.

Wagoner said the problem has been with the contractor's subcontractor, Concrete Art LLC, in Springfield. "They've been holding us hostage," he said.

School Board makes 'Wise' decision

The Arcola School Board appointed Ally Wise to fill the last vacancy on the Board. She will serve through April 2025, when the seat will again be up for election.

Last Wednesday, the Board took the following action.

- Consideration of action on the bids for fuel, milk and bread for the 2023-2024 school year — the Board approved bids from Effingham Equity for fuel and

Prairie Farms for milk. They did not have anyone bid on the bread. Diane Good (yes she's back . . .) is working to find someone to provide that product this upcoming school year, Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan said.

- Consideration of action on the calendar for 2023-2024 — the Board approved the calendar outlining dates and tentative topics for the Board meetings next year. The meetings will continue to be

on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The calendar is posted on the school's website.

- Consideration of action on the purchase of appliances for the family consumer science room remodel — the Board approved the purchase of supplies and equipment from Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. This is for appliances for the FCS room remodel this summer.
- Consideration of action on a

one-year agreement with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for math curriculum — the Board approved the agreement to provide instructional resources for math in the elementary school in the amount of 25,502.90.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Madison Martina as 6th grade teacher and employed Michelle Barnes to replace her in that position.