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## Chatter BOX

### Senior potluck

Arcola Seniors are invited to attend a Potluck Lunch at the Arcola Senior Center on Aug. 18. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am. Seniors may bring a dish to share

### Run for the fallen

The 14th Annual Illinois Run for the Fallen will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Charleston High School Track, 920 Smith Drive, Charleston from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Illinois Run for the Fallen is a free, non-political event to honor and remember Illinois service members who have fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq. Participants walk/run one mile for their chosen service member (or one can be assigned). Pre-registration is preferred, but participants can register at the event. To print a registration form go to: www.illinoisrunforthefallen.com. Return the form via email at carolyn@illinoisrunforthefallen.com orbiting the completed form to the event. Questions? Contact Carolyn Cloyd at 217-235-4984 or Gail Bahney at 217-234-4746.

### Citizen of the Year nominations sought

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 @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.

### Summer graduate

Congratulations to Emma Johns of Arcola, who graduated this summer from Lake Land College with an associate in applied science/medical.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL players chat during Our Town Friday in Arcola. The Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual gathering where the school introduces its all athletes, cheerleaders, flag corps and band. From left are Haris Mayhall (23), Carson Jewell (18), Brody Phillips (12, back to camera), Remington Roberts-McGeheon (4), Anthony De La Garza (70) and Oliver Diaz (20). Photo by David Porter.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE players wait for their introductions during Our Town Friday at the downtown pavilion in Arcola. From left are Wylin Smith, Trevor Otto, KeDin Smith and Lucas Janes. A big crowd turned out for the annual event that introduces students participating in sports and band as well as cheerleading and flag corps. Photo by David Porter.

## Arcola school district to hire permanent substitute teacher Working with city for possible school resource officer

By David Porter

The Arcola school district voted last Wednesday to create a new position for a permanent substitute teacher. The teacher will report to school daily and will be able to sub in classrooms as needed.

Dr. Tom Mulligan, superintendent, said the district has discussed adding the position over the past several years. It will cost the district \$10,000 to \$15,000 more than a regular sub, he said, but that having a dedicated person in-

house will relieve pressure on the teaching staff.

It won't eliminate all the problems, he said. Nor will it eliminate the need for other substitute teachers. Frequently, though, the district is short on subs causing other teachers

to have to scramble to fill in.

Board member Sue Stout asked whether the person would have other duties if they are not needed in a classroom. Mulligan said there are lots of things the person can do to help the teaching staff in-

cluding supervising in-house suspensions. “I think there are a lot of advantages to having somebody,” he said.

Mulligan said he'd like the Board to also consider having a school resource officer. That would be a local police officer

stationed in the school.

Such officers typically provide drug and alcohol prevention training and can intervene if a student becomes disruptive. In light of school

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## Mennonite Relief Sale Aug. 25-26 at Otto Center, Arthur

The 61st annual Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale will be held Aug. 25-26 at the Otto Center, a half mile south of Arthur.

The activities will begin Friday at 4:30 p.m. with a pulled BBQ pork dinner and the auction starting at 6 p.m. On Saturday, a pancake and sausage

breakfast runs from 6-10 a.m., with the auction beginning at 9 a.m. The silent auction is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The children's activities begin Saturday at 9 a.m. and feature a train ride around the grounds. The children's auction will begin at 10 a.m. featur-

ing toys, books and even some pets. The kids do the bidding with the parents supervising, of course. A featured activity for the children will be a petting zoo and pony rides.

Lunch items will begin to be served at 11 a.m. including a chicken dinner, butterfly pork

chops, bacon burgers and river fries. Other food offerings include a full lunch stand, peadros (taco salad), hot homemade pretzels, lemon shake-ups, fried pies, ice cream, slushies, root beer floats and a variety of baked goods. Be sure to take home some of the homemade

yeast donuts, tea rings and cinnamon rolls made fresh both days.

The auction features a variety of handmade quilts, locally crafted Amish wood furniture and many other items. The proceeds from the auction are distributed with 80% given to

Mennonite Central Committee and 20% remaining in the local community.

For more information concerning the sale, please contact Glen Rhodes (217-273-5026) or visit the website at <http://www.arthurreliefale.org/>.