

GRAIN MARKETS

As reported by Total Grain Marketing - Arcola at 2:18 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2023.

| Corn | | Beans | |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|
| Cash | \$4.37 | Cash | \$12.77 |
| December 23 (futures) | \$4.47 | December '23 (futures) | \$13.03 |



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HATS OFF to the 18 broom makers who entered outstanding craft brooms this year in the national contest held in conjunction with Arcola's Broom Corn Festival. The judges had a tough time and Pat Monahan, who organizes the annual contest said he was confident that all would sell. From left: 1st Place - \$600 to Amanda Lazorchack of Kansas City, Mo. 2nd Place - \$400 to Robyn Hargan of Pocahontas. 3d Place - \$200 to Charles Dellinger of Orange Park, Fla. Honorable Mention - Marybeth Garmoe of Grand Morais, Minn.



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ROTARIANS PICTURED from left are: Mike Sigrist, Julie Mills, John Watson, Carol Dodd, Karen Kennedy, Winnie Stortzum, Nick Lindsey, Vicki Gilbert, Sandy Arthur, Suzy Saunders, Wilmer Otto, Jane Seaman, and Dixie Curry.

Rotary's 'Empowering Girls' project wins district's youth service award

The Arcola Rotary Club received the Youth Services Award for Rotary District 6490. The honor was for an Empowering Girls project, which the District deemed to be the most deserving of all of those submitted this past Rotary year for this recognition. The Rotary District 6490 is composed of 1,730 Rotarians in 46 Rotary Clubs in east-central Illinois. The honor was presented to the club at the Rotary 6490 District Conference on Sept. 9.

The Arcola Rotary Club held the Empowering Girls event

for 85 Arcola girls in grades 6-12 at the Arcola Masonic Lodge on April 28th of this year. Co-chairs of the event were Rotarians Vicki Gilbert and Karen Yardley and Arcola Rotarians helped plan and carry out the event.

The featured speaker was the University of Illinois Women's successful first-year basketball coach, Shauna Green, who spoke to the girls about being true to themselves and how to develop habits that lead to success. Other speakers included Illinois State Troopers

who discussed self-defense and social media dangers and how to remain safe.

In addition, other speakers were a mental health professional and a meditation professional who spoke to the group about a healthy lifestyle, yoga, and meditation. The girls who attended were given T-shirts with the event logo, treated to breakfast and lunch, and given goodie bags along with the opportunity to win door prizes. The attendees gave many positive reviews of the day and expressed their apprecia-

tion to the Arcola Rotary Club. The event was covered in the local newspaper and on WCIA TV news.

A significant anonymous donation inspired the club to plan the event. Other donations were given by Lisa Boyer, Boyer Sappenfield Investment Advisors; the Arcola Foundation; The Libman Company, and the First Mid-Illinois Bank. Other donors who gave in-kind services or discounts included Monical's Pizza, Arcola Library, Saldivar Panderia, and the Arcola Masonic Lodge.



AT BREAK TIME on Aug. 10, Cory Humphrey found his parents, children and wife waiting for him in the breakroom to surprise him. Co-workers joined in as Cory was honored for his 25 years of service at Monahan Partners, Inc.