What a busy month November was.

"BATS" is the buzz word in Arcanum right now. Here goes the play by play. The Office staff has been battling various illnesses over the past several months. Administration contacted a company to check the building for mold. Report came back very high, a company was contacted to determine the cost and process to remove. During their survey it was determined there was no black mold but bat droppings were discovered in a wide spread area and very plentiful. It was determined no one should be spending a quantity of time in the building until action is taken to clean and remove. After looking at a few vacant buildings, the All American Clothing space was very conducive to our needs and move in ready. The required police department space was also available. We have a six month lease, which will be reviewed with an option to extend the lease for another six months. Now we must move forward to determine a solution quickly.

Council has authorized administration to pursue the following and appoint a committee to explore the following options:

A. cost to clean, remove (abate) and prepare to bring present building up to code to occupy again. B. cost to clean, remove (abate), and restore building to original opera house and build a village office and police department in a different location in town C. cost to clean, remove (abate) and prepare demolition of the present building to build a new building in the same location. Then council can make a decision to resolve the issue. As you can see we have a busy 12 months moving forward. I want to THANK the Nickol's for their hospitality and timely decisions to make our move possible. Their cooperation has been unbelievable-.

The physical address is 1 Pop Rite Dr., and the New Mailing Address is PO Box 398 (please use this address for mailing Utility payments). Go South on S. Main St., turn left (east) on last street at city limits, Pop Rite Dr., tan buildings on left hand side (same entrance as all American Clothing). The Drop Box at the W. South St. address will continue to be used until further notice. Everything else is business as usual at the new location.

Arcanum's 1st **Annual Christmas in the Park and Horse Parade** is progressing very rapidly this year. This all day event will take place on Saturday, December 9th, so spend the day in Arcanum.

IVESTER PARK

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

FIELDHOUSE

Food Trucks 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Ice Sculptor 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Breakfast w/Santa 8:00 am – 11:00 am Craft Vendors 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Kids Crafts (scout house) 3:00 – 5:00

Candy Cane Hunt 6:00 pm

Parade is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. starting at the Baseball Field off S. High St. and moving uptown to Ivester Park. After the parade there will be Horse Drawn Carriage Rides & a Bonfire. Thank you for all the support for this event by donating funds and help. Please show your support and attend.

Legislation has passed to give the owner of the car wash the needed land to expand the present facility to add an automated wash bay. This will be a wonderful convenience for local customers.

I would like to thank Councilman Monte Clark for his years of service on Village Council and wish him an enjoyable retirement.

I also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy family and loved ones, and if they cannot be present for the holidays, they are always being blessed by our Lord and never forgotten.

Snow Shoveling Tips: Residents and businesses are reminded that they are responsible for clearing their walkways. The Village of Arcanum recommends shoveling snow away from the street so that snow is less likely to be pushed back by plow. Residents and businesses may achieve this by piling snow to the right side of the driveway. This allows the plow to reach the snow pile after it passes the driveway. Also please keep the front of the mailbox clear for timely delivery.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Judy's on Duty