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100 Years ago Jan. 25, 1923

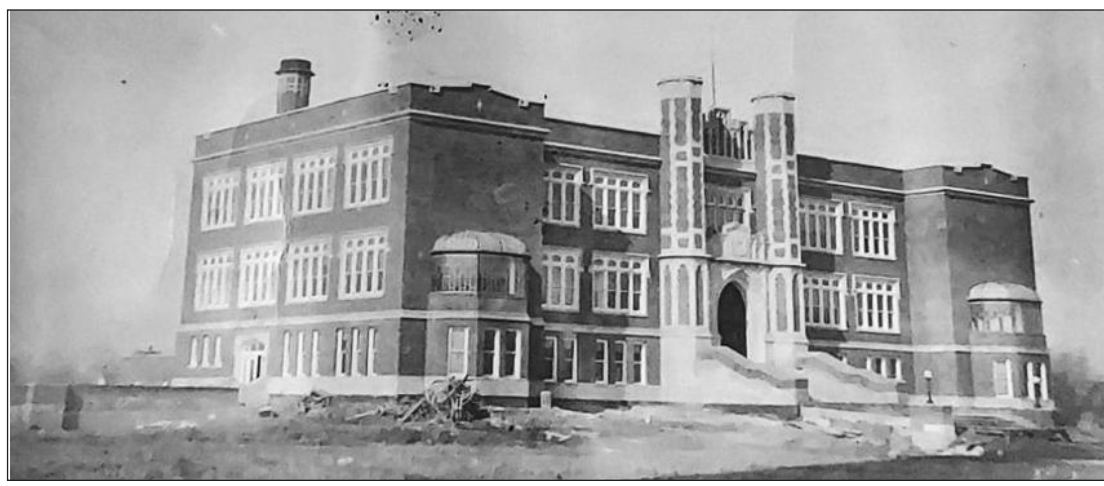
This afternoon 200 to 300 boosters for the T.D.S. trail will attempt to get this route favorably considered by Governor Lee Small and the state highway department. Fifty Arcola men left on the morning train for Springfield. Hindsboro, Arthur and Lovington and Oakland sent large delegations and it is expected that Paris, Mt. Zion and all of the smaller cities and villages along the route will send representatives. They will meet Governor Small at the Leland Hotel at two o'clock and will tell him some of the advantages of this route.

The Arcola Poultry Show held in the basement of the theater last Thursday, Friday and Saturday exceeded the expectations of all. It was in fact one of the best shows ever held in this section of the state. There were 425 birds exhibited and these were the property of seventy-five different exhibitors. Twenty-five different breeds were shown. It was a whale of a show and attracted unusual interest.

A new billiard and pool room is being opened up in the old Olympia Theatre room by a man from Lovington.

The Arcola High School basketball team defeated Homer last Friday night 17 to 16. The same evening the Arcola second team defeated Garrett 22 to 19. Saturday evening Arcola was defeated by Oakland 24 to 16.

A big family dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gee, Wednesday, Jan. 17 in celebration of Mr. Gee's 81st birthday and the 51st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gee's wedding. Those present were: Mrs. Alva Gee of Terre Haute, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rankin and children of



AN EARLY PHOTO of Arcola High School just after construction. From the Remembering Arcola Facebook page.

Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raper and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Gee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gee and son, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Gee and family, and Mrs. Lillie McDonald and family.

50 Years ago Jan. 25, 1973

Plans for a softball field in the city's proposed new Moore Park were revealed this week following a meeting of officials and the S & K Rigging Corporation. The proposed softball park would be similar to the one now used at Casey, and would include a regular adult diamond, lighting, bleachers for approximately 300 persons, dugouts with water fountains, electric scoreboard and a concession stand. The group hopes to have the new field ready by June 9th for dedication ceremonies and a 3-way Round Robin between Arcola S & K and teams from West Chicago and Columbus, Ohio.

A former Arcola policeman and Douglas County Sheriff received double honors last week in Champaign being credited with saving the life of a local infant last summer while visiting Arcola. He is Larry Kearns of Tolono, who is presently a member of the Champaign Police Department. Kearns was named "Outstanding Law Officer" by the Champaign-Urbana Jaycees at a recognition dinner at the Ramada Inn there Saturday and also received a merit award from the Police Benevolent and Protective Association on the same day. Kearns gave Troy Sylvester mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while waiting for an ambulance as Sylvester, 9 months, was choking.

Bids are being taken on the construction of the new 60-unit motel being planned for the Arcola interchange along Interstate 57, according to Michael Martin, one of the owners. Martin said that the plans and franchise have been acquired from Days Inn, and the motel will have a swimming pool, a restaurant with a seating capacity of 100 persons, a gift shop and a service station.

Mrs. Joyce Hemmingway, Arcola, begins the last session of the Douglas County Home Economics Extension Council's arts and crafts day, Jan. 19, by showing the homemakers some of her

decoupage boxes, purse and wall plaques.

Planning a June 16th wedding in the United Methodist Church of Tuscola are Miss Kathy Seaman Wartens and her fiance Rick Charles Biggs. Miss Wartens is the daughter of Mrs. Louis June Wartens and Francis Wartens of Arcola and Mr. Biggs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Biggs, Arcola. The prospective bride is a senior at Arcola High School and is planning to attend Lake Land College. Mrs. Biggs is a 1972 graduate of Arcola High School, and is now in partnership with his father in their farming operation.

Bill Grant, former owner of the Arcola Package Liquor store, sold the business to John McNutt.

25 years ago Jan. 29, 1998

Members of the Arcola High School AFS Club held their annual Rock-A-Thon Jan. 23 and 24. Eighty-five students in 17 groups of five rocked for a total of 18 hours, earning the club \$2,700. The money will be used to help pay for the expenses of foreign exchange student Emma Hunt and a short term exchange with John A. Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. Pictured in their rocking chairs on the front page were Nichole Foran, Laura Chancellor, Courtney Hackler, Jimmy Kay Reece and Amber VanDeveer.

Foreign exchange student Emma Hunt of New Zealand arrived in Arcola Jan. 18. Her host family is Wilmer and Doris Otto. Hunt will be stay-

ing one year and is a junior at AHS. Hunt was pictured on the front page along with hosts Derek Otto and Gene Otto.

Joe Marks, Randy Rothrock and Braidy Miller took part in the PersonalCare Halftime Hoopla Friday night. The three raised \$300 by making 30 baskets. Each person shot from certain spots on the floor for one minute. Each basket was worth \$10.

The Arcola boys basketball team drilled 21 of 23 free throws to help them to an 87-79 triumph over Bement in the Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament at Niantic to reach the semifinals. Jeremy Blackwell, Keith Sargent, Kolin Peterson and Ethan VanDeveer all were in double digits with 21, 20, 18 and 12 points respectively. Sargent, Brad Pullen and Peterson scored 18, 16 and 10 points respectively in a 76-58 at Arcola in a regular season LOVC game. Arcola is 12-7 and coached by Karl Parrish.

The Arcola girls basketball team finished third in the LOVC tournament with a thrilling 34-33 triumph over Tuscola Thursday, Jan. 22 at Bement. In a regular season LOVC game Arcola gave 10th ranked Arthur-Lovington their closest LOVC game of the season before losing 50-35. Courtney Hackler's 3-pointer from the left side with 16 seconds left turned out to be the winning basket for Arcola. The victory guaranteed Arcola its 26th consecutive winning season. Nichole Foran led Arcola against Tuscola with eight points.

10 years ago Jan. 24, 2013

The Arcola Alumni Association of Directors recently announced the 2013 charter class of Arcola Distinguished Alumni honorees. Eleven Arcola High School graduates, spanning seven decades, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award during the association's alumni banquet at the Kaskaskia Country Club on Saturday, April 13. The charter class consists of Modesta Scott, class of 1919; Eunice Collins Sora, class of 1927; Robert C. Coombe, class of 1933; Thomas Blagg, class of 1938;

Robert "Popeye" Pullen, class of 1938; John Phillip "Phil" Wesch, class of 1947; Carol Pullen, class of 1949; Byron Bradford, class of 1956; DeLane "Dee" Lindenmeyer, Class of 1956; Robert N. Arrol, M.D., class of 1957; Nancie King Mertz, class of 1970.

Broom Brush & Mop Magazine, published continuously in Arcola recently celebrated its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Yearbook Edition. The issue features the 100-year history of Broom Brush & Mop as well as comprehensive articles on the 61 industry companies that participated in the issue. Broom Brush & Mop is one of four magazines published by Rankin Publishing Co., former publishers of the Arcola Record-Herald.

Rex Willison presided over his first membership meeting. Willison took over as president of the Chamber's board of directors at the start of the year. New members of the board are Jesus Garza, of 3J's Transmission, Brenda Hearn of Carriage Crossing Senior Living and Mac Boyd of Farmer's National.

James Duane Strader of Hindsboro, son of the late Clifford and Thelma Strader, and Sabrina Mary Strader Hays formerly of Kemp, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Feb. 1. They were married at the home of the late Carter and Clara Hayes in Kemp, on Feb. 1, 1953. The late Rev. Hayes officiated. The couple are the parents of three children: Mrs. Dick (Sara) East of Oakland; Mr. Edwin (Caryl) Strader of Hindsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff (Michelle) Strader of Hindsboro.

Members of the Arcola seventh grade volleyball team are Mya Gregory, Lexie Jaeger, Gaby Becerra, Yessi Ramirez, Mackenzie Melton, Camille Klopffleisch, MaryJose Alanis, Emily Garza, Gabriela Leal, Angela Maaroquin, Sara Hartman, Alyana Johns, Sydnee Shafer, Catlin Gavis, America Gonzalez, Mickayla Upton, Rebecca Nation, Madysen Melton, Vanessa Mora, Angela Rojas and Gabby Monahan. The Purple Riders are coached by Bethany Wellbaum.

For the Health of It – Family case management true community resource

By Colleen Lehmann
DCHD Public Health Liaison

The Beatles had it right ... it is easier to "get by with a little help from my friends." Being that friend – that resource – for families with young children experiencing financial and other difficulties is what DCHD's Family Case Management (FCM) program is all about. And nurse Erica Copsy, who helps oversee the program, wants to make sure anyone in need knows a wealth of resources and referrals are right here in Douglas County.

"I was that kid growing up. I had a family case manager, and regularly went with my mom to the WIC (Women, Infants & Children) office. That's why I'm so passionate about this job and what it can mean for families who might be struggling but afraid to ask for help, or who just don't know it's out there."

The goal and mission of FCM is to coordinate and assure continuity of services necessary for clients. For pregnant women, infants, and children with high-risk conditions, the program assists them in obtaining appropriate healthcare services in order to have a healthy pregnancy, and/or promote healthy development of the child and family. But what does that mean in real time, real life terms? According to Copsy, that might be many different things, depending on the needs of the client.

"I do a lot of screening and asking questions to see where each client is at and what they need to provide a safe, healthy



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environment and raise a healthy child. That might mean educating on the importance of prenatal care, or doing a screening to check for post-partum depression and finding resources to alleviate that. Maybe it's help with breastfeeding. I do a lot of education about what developmental milestones they should be watching for in their child and why they're important. Same goes on the need for and importance of regular well-child visits."

Linking clients to other resources that help with finding employment, continuing education opportunities, support groups for issues in their lives, perhaps assistance with substance abuse, is a big benefit of the program. FCM can also provide tangible, concrete items like car seats, cribs, diapers and wipes. Again, the focus is being a resource for whatever obstacles clients might be facing in their family lives.

On the part of the FCM client, expectations are that they will follow through on

appointments and referrals made on their behalf, and be open to the occasional home visit by their case manager. There is no cost to utilize the FCM program, but it does not cover charges that may be associated with referred appointments or services.

Currently, there are approximately 40 clients on the FCM rolls and include a variety of demographics -- two-parent households, single-parent households, foster care providers, relatives tasked with raising children because the parent(s) aren't able to for some reason. Many, though not all, are receiving WIC benefits – a federal program for low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 at nutrition risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care.

While the FCM program is typically brought up during WIC appointments, Copsy is hopeful that raising awareness of the resource means more families will feel comfortable and encouraged to take advantage of the help that can be found there.

Want to learn more about FCM in Douglas County? It's as easy as contacting DCHD at 217-253-4137, ext. 1211. Leave a message if Copsy isn't immediately available and she will get back to you. FCM can be found at the DCHD nursing services location in the Tuscola Outlet Mall, Suite J600. Make the call and see how much easier it may be to get by with help from your friends at DCHD.

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