DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 Years ago
Feb. 1, 1923

• The Central Illinois Public Service Company has applied to the commerce commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate an electrical distribution system in Chesterville.

• The Arcola High School issued the second number of 'Bang" their monthly publication Wednesday. Paul Ludoph is the editor and Allen Gunn the business manager. The publication is filled with items of interest to the students and patrons.

• Misses Elizabeth Beazley, Alberta Magnusson, Marguerite Barricklow, Ora Edgar and Edna Hickman, students at Millikin University spend the weekend at home, returning to their school work Monday evening. Miss Modesta Scott returned with them to resume her studies at Millikin.

• The Douglas County High School Basketball Tournament opens at Tuscola this evening and will be continued through tomorrow and Saturday. Arcola plays Newman in the opening game being scheduled for 7 o'clock. The six high school teams (Arcola, Newman, Tuscola, Villa Grove, Hindsboro and Garrett) of the county will compete and every team will meet every other team, the winner being decided on a percentage basis. Arocla is expected to land about fourth ahead of HIndsboro and Garrett.

• Corn is 61 cents ($10.59 today) in Arcola today and oats 39 cents ($6.77 today). The farmers in their neighborhood are still holding over half of last year's corn crop.

• The Charleston High School basketball team defeated the Arcola five Saturday night on the local floor by the score of 17-13. Foreman had three field goals in the fourth quarter.

• Will Rogers will appear in "The Headless Horseman" at the Arcola Theatre Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. Through the courtesy of Mr. Duncan, manager of the theater, this is shown as a benefit performance for the civics division of Arcola Woman's Club.

50 Years ago
Feb. 1, 1973

• Arcola's newest industry, Bulk Tek, began full scale operations the first of the year when it began reconditioning its first tank trailer, according to Willard Kauffman, owner of the firm. The firm already has five full time employees from Arcola and Arthur and is primarily engaged in the repair, modification and reconditioning of stainless steel tank trailers which are pulled on the highways by large tractor trucks. The firm is also equipped to do custom metal fabrication of projects and parts which are not readily available.

• Two poets from Russia and a consultant on American Literature were scheduled to be the guests of the Arcola Community this morning, Feb. 1, to see how Americans live in our smaller communities. The visitors are Mr. Sergei Narovchatov and Mr. Mkihail Lukonin who are accompanied by Miss Freda Lurye, Consultant on American Literature to the Soviet Writers Union, and by a Department of State Escort Officer Interpreter Mr. Dmitri Zarechnak. The visit here was arranged through the International Visitors Program, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, of the United States Department of State.

The group was scheduled to be met by the Arcola High School band at the First National Bank. The group will visit the library, a broom factory, the bowling alley and other points of interest before eating lunch at an Amish farm home and then touring the Amish community.

• Cub Scout Den 5 recently visited the Record-Herald print shop. They were Terry Wornica, Duane McCord, Doug McCord, Mark Jones, Daren Moses and John Moomaw. They were accompanied by Den Mother Marsha McCord and assistant Sally Jones.

• Carol Jean Portugal and Don Paul Portugal were named to the Southern Illinois University quarterly Dean's List recognition. To be named to the Dean's list students must attain a 4.25 grade point average on SIU's 5.0 scale, while taking at least 12 hours of study. Portugal maintained a perfect 5.0 average for the quarter.

• Miss Beverly Ramsey, who will become the bride of Harold Hunt of Oakland, Feb. 3, was honored with a shower at the HIndsboro Christian Church Wednesday with over 40 relatives and friends attending. Hostesses were Beverly's aunts Mesdames Besisie Miller, Louise Pierson, Toots Harvey, Frances Wells, Bonnie Mason, Lena Ramsey, Donna Belle Motley and LaVerne Tuttle.

25 years ago
Feb. 9, 1998

• The sounds of friendly discussion with a steaming hot cup of coffee each morning are now a thing of the past at least temporarily allowing the closing of the Arcola Pharmacy last Monday, Jan. 31. Bushu, 60, said he had been trying to sell the pharmacy for the past 2 ½ years, but he could not find any takers for a business that has been a downtown Arcola mainstay for about 102 years.

Pictured on the front page were Larry Bushu, wife Carol Bushu, son Kevin Bushu and daughter Allison Bushu as well as Corky Clark, Bill Seaman, Harold Chaney and Byron Bradford enjoying a hot cup of coffee last Friday.

• The Arcola boys basketball team captured the Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament Friday with a 71-68 win over Heritage at Niantic. Members of the team are Adam Whitson, Brad Pullen, Jeremy Blackwell, Keith Sargent, Ethan VanDeveer, Kolin Peterson, David Bales, Dustin Downs, Bryan Clark, Bobby Kerner, Jake Branson, Steve Wagoner, Matt Williams and Joel McGeehon. The team is coached by Karl Parrish and assisted by Mike Shaffer and are 14-7. Pullen had 19, Peterson 18, Blackwell 16 and Sargent 10 to lead Arcola in the championship. Peterson had a team-high 11 in a 37-35 semifinal win over Niantic-Harristown.

• Arcola sophomore Courtney Hackler drained all five of her 3-pointers in the Lady Riders 62-32 win over Oakland-Kansas. Hackler's five 3-pointers were one shy of the record of six by Sarah Gilliland on Dec. 14, 1995 in a 43-30 win over Atwood-Hammond. Hacker finished with 17 points and was the only one in double digits for Arcola, 14-7.

• Arcola third grader Kyle Downs qualified for the Elks Hoop Shoot state competition Saturday, Feb. 14 at Bloomington. Downs netted 22 of 25 free throws in the sectional at Tower Hill Jan. 24. Downs is one of 54 finalists.

• Arcola Grade School students kindergarten through sixth grade celebrated their 100th day of school Thursday, Jan. 29. Pat Kerner's morning Kindergarten class brought in 100 items as did JoAnne Bailey's Kindergarten class. Pictured in the paper were Alex Majors, Samantha Molina, Jordan York, Kari Knowles, Dylan Haskins, Sharon Miller, Elpidia Cantu, Nichole Chrisagis, Nick Lindenmeyer, Katy Karmazinas, Ian Connor, Geli Beccera, Anthony Good and Alex Cisneros as well as Kerner.

• John Davis of Arcola bowled his first-ever perfect game 300 at GT's Western Bowl in Champaign Tuesday, Jan. 27. His previous high game was a 279. For his perfect game, Davis receives a Brunswick jacket from GTs Western Bowl and a t-shirt. He will also be receiving a gold ring with 300 inscribed on it from the American Bowling Congress.

10 years ago
Jan. 31, 2013

• One of the all-time greats in the history of Arcola athletics had died. Charles Edward Harshbarger Jr., 72, of Great Falls, Fairfax County, formerly of Arocla died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2013. While at Arcola, Mr. Harshbarger was a four-year starter in basketball.

The 6-3 center, who graduated in 1958, held the school's career scoring mark for several years and remains fourth on the school's all-time scoring chart with 1,618 points. In football he was co-captain of the 1957 football team that finished with a 7-0-1 record. He was on the 1957-58 Sweet Sixteen squad, (one class system) which was the first time in school history the Purple Riders advanced to that point.

Known then as 'Easy Ed,' Mr. Harshbarger is one of only 11 Purple Rider boys players in the program's history to score more than 1,000 points. Harshbarger earned his masters and PH. D. degree from the University of Illinois and Purdue University respectively, and then enjoyed a long and successful career as an agricultural economist in the Farm Credit Administration's Economic Analysis Division in Washington, D.C.

• Farmers National Company, a leading farm and ranch management and brokerage company, has announced that Winnie Stortzum and Mac Boyd were recently presented the Farmers National Company Gold Eagle award for their outstanding efforts in real estate.

• The Arcola Lions Club met on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the First Christian Church. Lion Butch Guennewig made a special presentation to Lion Jeff Stout, who was recognized on Jan. 13 by the Lions of Illinois Foundation as the recipient of the Foundation Fellow Award, the greatest level of recognition that can be bestowed by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Stout was presented with a pin, emblem and plaque in appreciation for all he does for the Arcola Lions Club.

• Samantha Reece scored a career-high 18 points as Arcola snapped a five-game losing streak with a 52-28 win over Heritage. The Lady Riders improved to 15-9 overall and 4-3 in the Little Okaw Valley Conference. Taylor Edwards was also in double figures with 13.

• Kolin Seaman and Nick Hudson led Arcola past Martinsville 61-46 in the Little Okaw Valley Conference Tournament consolation bracket at Arcola. Seaman had 19 points and Hudson 16. However, they lost to Okaw Valley in the consolation semifinals 70-46.

SCHOOL MENUS

Below are the hot lunch and breakfast menus for the upcoming week at Arcola schools.

LUNCH

• Cold milk and peanut butter and jelly sandwich served with hot lunch daily.

Thursday, February 2 — Spaghetti and meatballs, Italian bread, pepperoni calzone, chef salad, cornbread, garden salad, cheesy cauliflower popcorn, fruit.

Friday, February 3 — Cheese pizza, ham & cheese french toast sandwich, BLTE salad, fruit muffin, garden salad, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fruit.

Monday, February 6 — Corn dog, Italian sub, popcorn chicken sald, hot roll, garden salad, steamed broccoli, fruit.

Tuesday, February 7 — BBQ pork sandwich, beef quesadilla, chef salad, Italian bread, tater tots, garden salad, fruit.

Wednesday, February 8 — Chicken patty, hot roll, boiled egg, BLTE salad, focaccia bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit.

Thursday, February 9 — Chicken tortilla soup, cornbread, pizza grilled cheese, Big Mack salad, garden salad, baked beans, fruit.

Friday, February 10 — Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad, Italian bread, garden salad, glazed carrots, fruit.

BREAKFAST

• Cold milk, cold cereal, fruit & yogurt parfait, assorted juice and fruit will be offered daily.

Thursday, February 2 — Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal.

Friday, February 3 — Biscuits & gravy, sausage patty, cereal, cheese stick.

Monday, February 6 — Donut, cereal, cheese stick.

Tuesday, February 7— Pancakes, cereal, cinnamon toast.

Wednesday, February 8 — Cinnamon roll, cereal, muffin squares.

Thursday, February 9 — Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal.

Friday, February 10 — Sausage biscuit, cereal, cheese stick.

GRAIN MARKETS

As reported by Total Grain Marketing - Arcola at 3:21 p.m., Monday, January 30, 2023.

Corn		Beans	
Cash	$6.76	Cash	$15.15
May'23 (futures)	$6.76	May '23 (futures)	$15.05

On behalf of my mom and the entire Jack Fishel family, I'd like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for the support shown to him after his passing on January 17th. Arcola has always been so, so special to Dad. It was wonderful to hear all the stories about him – the heartfelt ones, funny ones and wild and crazy ones (there were lots of those 😊).

Early in his career Dad had several jobs in other towns, but he always knew he'd work his way back to Arcola and raise his family where his roots were planted. My brothers and sisters and I are so glad he was able to do that and that we all were able to grow up as Purple Riders. I'd like to thank him for all his understandably difficult efforts (and admittedly somewhat flawed 😊) in raising my brothers. His efforts with my sisters were just fine (tho they've been known to get a little ornery at times, too). I'm sure Dad is very grateful to his fellow Arcolans for putting up with the four of them over the years....

Arcola is just a special place to be. Thanks to the outpouring of support from the entire Purple Rider community and many, many others, we know that Jack was truly blessed – as were we to have had the good fortune to have lived with him in Arcola. Muchas gracias to everyone from all the Fishel family.

John V Fishel III