

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago March 1, 1923

What do you think of paving the Springfield road clear across Arcola Township? Better make up your mind just what you think about it as you will be called upon to express your opinion along about the first Tuesday in April. That is the date of the township election and that is the date decided upon for submitting a bond issue of \$75,000 (\$2,266, 439.39 today) for this purpose.

James Edgar, one of the pioneers of this neighborhood, died at his home on East Main Street last Monday morning at two o'clock after a brief illness at the advanced age of 85, lacking 22 days. With this death passes one of Arcola's best men, one of the Methodist Church's leaders and one who did a full man's part in reclining this section of the state from the rule of swamp, sloughgrass and resin weed.

Born in Barry St. Edmunds, England, March 20, 1838, he came to this country when 19 years of age and settled immediately on a farm a few miles southeast of what is now Arcola. At that time only a few scattered houses dotted this whole section of the country and there was no Arcola. The whole country was then rough prairie land in which were many swamps, overgrown in sloughgrass and resin weed with scarcely any roads marked out. He was married in 1862 to Margaret Hilligoss and to this union seven children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ghere entertained a number of friends on Washington's Birthday, with a 6 o'clock dinner. The decorations and favors were in keeping with the occasion. Place cards read for Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Twiford, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gray, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bradbury and Mrs. Myrtle Walker. Following dinner two tables of bridge were at play.

The play "The Private Tutor" will be given soon by an all-star cast selected from the entire student body at the high school. It is a play where there isn't a dull moment during the entire 3 acts. The cast will be Harold Barricklow, Everett Cain, Paul Ludolph, Allen Corbin, Phyllis Seaman, Grace Edgar, Ralph Thronton and Toland Pfeifer.

Although Tuscola bowlers bested Arcola by 186 pins here Friday night the visitors won the home and home series by a margin of 61 pins having a 247 pin lead from the first match. DeMott and Barricklow led Arcola with averages of 173 and 166 respectively.

50 years ago March 1, 1973

A tragic farm accident was averted Saturday afternoon when rescue workers freed a young college student after he had been almost buried alive for two hours in a grain bin southeast of Arcola. Roger Hull, 20-year-old from Champaign, was helping his father, Dale Hull, load some stored dry corn from a bin into trucks for market last Saturday on the Hull farm 3 1/2 miles southeast of Arcola when the incident occurred.

The 9,000 bushel bin was over two-thirds full at the time when Roger Hull lost his footing and sunk down in the swirling grain. The father went to the bin roof and yelled for help from Cindi and Randy Rothrock, who live nearby on the farm.

An alert police dog belonging to the Rothrocks sensed the anxiety of the yells and barking, gaining the couple's attention and they summoned the Shrader ambulance who in turn summoned the Arcola Fire Department and Tuscola

Rescue squad while en route. Dale, speaking of the incident later, thanked the 50-60 people who had come to the scene to help any way they could, "We thank our Maker that his life was spared, and we thank the community of Arcola and Douglas County that they are a caring community. This is truly rural America and we thank you one and all."

The Shrader Funeral Homes may be forced to reduce their emergency ambulance service in Douglas County if they do not receive financial assistance, according to Fred and Steve Shrader, owners of the business. Providing service to the Arcola area for over 42 years, the Shraders operate four vehicles for emergency use, divided between the Arcola and Arthur Funeral Homes with a back-up crew in at least one of the towns at all times. The Arthur service is subsidized in that community.

Arcola's new fire station and municipal building will not raise city taxes, according to Mayor Harry R. Smith. The reason is that revenues earmarked for the project were already on hand having been collected from the city's share of the state income tax.

School board President Dale Gardner told the parents of the students at Bagdad Grade School that there are no plans to close the school in the immediate future. About 25 parents attended the meeting which is held periodically by the Board to discuss the problems of the approximately 50 students enrolled in the Arcola Unit's country school west of Arcola. The students there are predominantly of the Amish faith.

The Chicago Bears, making their first appearance in Arcola, drew about 1,600 excited fans to the Rider Gym last Saturday. Playing for the Bears were Earl Thomas, Don Sky, Rich Coady, Glen Holloway, Tony McGee, Bill Staley, Doug Buffone (holds Bears record for most career interceptions at linebacker with 24) and Dave Hale. All were starters for the Bears last year (4-9-1) except for Hale, who was injured.

For their pre-game warmup the Bears ran pass patterns using a football instead of a basketball. The finale of the drill had Earl Thomas dunking the football. The highlight of the introduction came when 6-6 Dale Hull planted a kiss on the hand of an Arcola player (Bears played the Arcola all-stars.) Nancy Stiff, who stands about 5-4. Much to the amazement of the Bears the first basket was a 20-foot shot out of the corner by Stiff.

The Arcola team, which lost 61-53, led 4-0 after a basket by guess who? — Stiff. The next couple of minutes Arcola

had baskets by Jim Monahan, Terry Miller, Steve Thomas and Randy Rothrock for a 12-6 lead. As the game wore on the Bears started to catch up and by half they led 39-34. When the game was over the Bear players and St. Louis Cardinal Miller, returned to the floor and signed autographs for nearly 40 minutes.

In all the players probably signed 300 to 400 autographs. The Arcola Lettermen's Club sponsored the game, which reportedly made over \$1,600 (\$10,780.90 today).

25 years ago March 5, 1998

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Arcola City Council approved two recommendations from the TIF Advisory Board relating to tax increment financing funds. The Council unanimously approved that Mid State Industries be granted a 60 percent tax rebate for up to 15 years to recover allowable expenses. Rebates are given to allow a business to recover expenses for infrastructure improvements.

Also, the Council approved a recommendation from the TIF board that Arcola Lumber Company be given a grant of \$23,715 (\$43,526.48 today). Arcola Lumber is constructing an expansion on a lot that was formerly occupied by Warren Broom Co. on Main Street. Warren Broom was destroyed by fire in January of 1997.

Among the honored guests at the 1998 DAR-SAR Good Citizen's Luncheon Feb. 14 at the Arthur Mennonite Church were Valerie Funk and Keith Sargent. Funk is he daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Funk and Sargent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sargent. The awards are in recognition of the student's qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism.

Matthew and Laurie Towle of Arcola announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Laci Nichole. She was born Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998 at 2:20 p.m. at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. Laci joins her eight-year old sister Deandra, and nine-year old sister, Kalyn at home.

The Arcola boys finished with the ninth 20-plus win in the program's history going 20-10. The Purple Riders, coached by Karl Parrish, lost to top-seeded Tolono Unity, 57-49 at Tuscola in the Class A Regional, just the fifth time Arcola had reached a regional championship game. To get to the championship game Arcola beat Tuscola 85-65. The Purple Riders beat the Warriors three times during the season.

In the regional semifinal game Jeremy Blackwell scored

a career-high 35 points and Kolin Peterson had 23. Keith Sargent had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds. In the championship game Sargent, Blackell, and Peterson had 12, 12 and 11 points respectively.

10 years ago Feb. 28, 2013

The Arcola City Council conducted business at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19, but it was anything but business as usual. Aldermen cast votes with heavy hearts as thoughts were with the city administrator Bill Wagoner, and his wife, Melissa, who experienced what no parent should ever have to endure. Their 2-week old son, Zachary, died on Monday, Feb. 18, in a Peoria Hospital.

Marvin Meadows and his employees have been busy and they will be staying that way for the foreseeable future. Meadows recently opened the It'll Do Bar & Grill at the former Arcola Antique Mall following an extensive remodeling project. In the meantime he is still operating his downtown It'll Do location in Arcola. As if that wasn't enough, Meadows has also entered into an agreement with the Kaskaskia Country Club to assume ownership of the clubhouse, bar and restaurant. Angie Alward will serve as the clubs general manager.

Arcola seventh grader Jimmy Lopez recently won the Douglas County Spelling Bee. Lopez correctly spelled 'strudel' and then correctly spelled 'contiguous' for the win over Marc Davis of Tuscola.

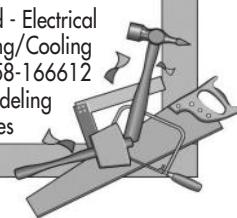
Taylor Thomas of Arcola recently signed with Lindenwood-Belleville to play softball after playing at Rend Lake. Thomas, a 2011 Arcola grad, is the daughter of Mark and Shelley Thomas.

Collin Budd was presented with the Kevin Eadie Memorial Award during the Arcola Junior High Boys' basketball banquet on Feb. 16. The award was voted on by Budd's teammates and coaches. The criteria for this award includes dedication, being a good student, happy, helpful and being a great teammate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF ARCOLA PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall: 114 N Locust Street On: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting is to consider an application from **FRED HELMUTH.**

The request is to: Rezone a parcel from R-4 Multi-family residential to B-1 General Commercial.

At the property commonly described as: **618 S Chestnut**
Legally Described as: **S9 T14 R8 6.70A BEG SW COR NW NE, THEN N771.54', E453.42', S792', W370.26' TO POB (LESS 127' X 149' E SIDE & LESS 115' X 150' E SIDE LESS 80' X 150' NE COR)**

County of Douglas, City of Arcola
Fredy Moreno, Chairman
Arcola Planning Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF ARCOLA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a Public Hearing at City Hall: 114 N Locust Street On: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting is to consider an application from **DGOG Arcola IL 11162022 LLC.**

The request is for a variance to construct a retail parking lot with less than the required number of parking spaces per Chapter 25 subpart 25-7-3 of the Arcola Municipal Code.

520 E Springfield Road S10 T14 R8 PT W1/2 NW1/2(LESS N15' RT133 ROW)

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	LUNCH - Ham and Beans \$7.55
TUE. 7th	BREAKFAST - Mini Country Boy \$6.55
	LUNCH - Cabbage Rolls \$8.55
WED. 8th	BREAKFAST - Silver Dollar Pancakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Bacon \$6.55
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Join Us Friday, March 17th
Saint Patrick's Day
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