

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago March 15, 1923

The heaviest windstorm of recent years, amounting almost to a cyclone, visited Arcola and surrounding country Sunday night and added an immense amount of property damage. There was no great damage to any particular person, but shed, barns, windmills and chicken houses were overturned by the score, some residences and stores were slightly damaged, many trees blown down and the telephone service badly interrupted. The wind was accompanied by a heavy rainfall.

There was a mighty bowling session of brave, bold, both bicepial and boney bowlers on the local alleys last Thursday evening when some local business men hung up some terrific scores. The scores ran all the way from 56 to 174. A team composed of Ed Lyons, O. R. Twiford, Horace Hood, J. W. Speleman and P.J. Goggin conquered by a margin of 13 pins a team composed of L. G. Engle, W. F. Haley, Harve Edgar, Hugh Cunningham and Fred Groves.

A quiet city primary was held Tuesday in which about 200 votes were cast. There was only one contest and that was for the nomination for city treasurer on the People's Ticket. In this race the nomination went to Wm. B. Moore who received 109 votes to 80 for A. F. Bradbury.

An enjoyable meeting of the Music Club was held with Mrs. T. F. Monahan on Monday evening. Vice President, Mrs. Cora Heeb, presided. The program was on Rubinstein. Mrs. T. F. Monahan told some entertaining facts concerning Rubinstein's life and works.

50 years ago March 15, 1973

The board referendum to finance the remodeling of the Arcola High School building and additions to both the high school and grade school building was defeated last Saturday. The overall vote on the \$1.3 million bond issue was 408 for and 738 against. There were 1,106 ballots cast with 15 spoiled ballots. A lack of support from city residents and almost unanimous opposition in the rural areas were shown by the voting returns.

Fifteen cars were piled in two different piles as they were collected by Don Edwards, Jr. of the D & J Salvage Yard and Arcola policeman John Calhoun in an effort to rid the community of their unsightliness. The 15 cars were towed away in two days with the permission of the owners. Five more autos were scheduled to be picked up and there is no charge for their removal.

Arcola superintendent John Lowey told the school board that the high school basketball game gate receipts totaled \$2,350.40 (\$15,837.14 today) for an average of \$261.15 (\$1,759.65 today) per game.

The 1972-73 Arcola High School Varsity basketball team recently completed their season. Members are Jeff Butler, Ken Stark, Mark Reynolds, Mike Wilkerson, Larry Stenger, Darryl Dunagan, Barry King, Bob Moore, Dean Bartholomew, Steve Johns, Jim Miller and Mick Snyder.

Gary's Robo-Wash recently opened for business in Arcola on route 133 across from the Embassy. The new firm uses a patented drive through washing system to

clean the exterior of your car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anderson are announcing the birth of their first child, a girl, born at 8:16 p.m. March 9 in Jarman Hospital. She has been named Michelle Lee.

Deborah Hamm, Mary Brown, Mrs. Jack Brandenburg, Erma Stump and Susie Saunders of Arcola were part of a group of 39 members and guests of the Douglas County Home Economics Council that saw paintings by Renoir March 15 at the Art Institute of Chicago.

25 years ago March 19, 1998

Seventy-nine children between the ages of 3-5 participated in the preschool testing last week. The event was held in two days at the Arcola First Christian Church and was sponsored by Project H. E. L. P. (Helping Educate Little People).

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved a Northern Illinois Water Company proposal to raise water rates in three central Illinois divisions, including one which services Arcola area residents. An average residential customer in the Champaign Division with usage of approximately 900 cubic feet during the billing period could see an increase of slightly more than four percent. A current bill of approximately \$29.32 (\$53.81 today) could increase to \$30.56 (\$56.09 today) when new rates are in place according to statistics from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The Arcola boys basketball team was honored Monday night with a banquet in the cafeteria. Special award

winners for the 20-10 Purple Riders were Bobby Kerner (Most Valuable Reserve), Brad Pullen (Brian 'Hondo' Hanley Hustle Award), Jeremy Blackwell (Most Valuable Player, Best Free Throw Percentage and Best Field Goal Percentage Awards) and Keith Sargent (Most Rebounds). Karl Parrish was the coach. Kolin Peterson (honorable mention), Blackwell (unanimous first team), Pullen (honorable mention) and Sargent (second team) were all-Little Okaw Valley Conference selections.

An Arcola business will mark a milestone later this year. Kathy's Floral Fixin's, located at 110 N. Oak will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this December. Owner Kathy Graves will host a spring open house Friday, March 20, at the shop. Her shot is in a building she had built and designed, and has been at the current location (across from the depot) since August 1983.

The family of Blanche Mattingly gathered Sunday, March 15 for a dinner at the home of her son Vernie Mattingly. The gathering was to honor Mrs. Mattingly on her 99th birthday.

Kenneth Blagg of Arcola will celebrate his 80th birthday on March 25. A family get-together is planned. Mr. Blagg farmed in the Arcola area for 48 years, retiring in 1985. He is a member of the Walnut Grove Christian Church.

Loretta Coatney of Arcola has always wanted to own and operate a flower shop. On March 20, that lifelong dream will become reality when Hallie Mae's Flower Garden opens at 207. E. Main Street. Hallie Mae's will be a full-ser-

vice flower shop, complete with fresh flowers, silks, balloons and gift items. Delivery service will be available.

10 years ago March 14, 2013

Students at Arcola Elementary School proved recently what they can accomplish when challenged; especially when the challenge comes from their own teachers. The students not only met, but surpassed the goal of \$8,000 (\$14,683.19 today) in Arcola's Jump Rope for Heart, which was also in memory of the late Kevin Eadie, who was a 13-year-old Arcola Junior High student at the time of his death in October 2011 as a result of a hereditary heart condition. The final tally was \$8,483.36, which exceeded the previous record by \$700 (1,284.78 today). The three P. E. Teachers agreed to let the top eight students who raised the most money get to throw whipped cream pies at the teachers (Jason Retz, Kim Kennell and Lydia Benson). In addition Brock Kennell got to put a pie in her mom (Kim Kennell's) face (pictured on the front page of the R-H).

Arcola Sunrise Rotary Club President Larry Howell presented plaques to Andres Rojas and Cara Roberts for being named the Arcola High School February Seniors of the Month.

A pair of upsets produced

a regional tournament championship for the Arcola eighth grade volleyball team last week at the Findlay Regional. The fourth-seeded Purple Riders outlasted third-seeded Nokomis in the regional title match last Thursday by the scores of 19-25, 25-9, 25-22. Arcola advanced to the championship with an upset over top-seeded Neoga on Thursday, March 5. The Riders won in straight sets 25-23, 25-20. Members of the eighth grade team are Morgan Hobghood, Valerie Kuhns, Ixcell Vegas, Faith Spelman, Claire Miller, Sohia Fishel, Megan Lindenmyer, Jasie Nacke, Ryann Fishel, Nikita Mellor, Edith Mora, Maggie Fulton, Kayli Barnes, ns Rubi Garza. The team was coached by Bethany Wellbaum and Nikki Smith.

Special Olympic athletes from the Arcola school district received a check from the Arcola Foundation for \$250 (\$321.06 today) to the Arcola Special Olympians to help pay for uniforms for the athletes. The funds will also go toward medals for the athletes. Mark Spainhour, of the Arcola Foundation Board of Governors presented the donation to Amiee Truex, a sponsor of the Arcola Special Olympics team. Josh and Emilee Mathias, Alex Ruiz, Kosie Herrera, Phillip Morgan and Eric Plummer are members of the Arcola team.

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education or English as second language. The district will be receiving some grant funds to assist teachers with tuition and fee costs.

In other business, the Board renewed its transportation contract with Gould Bus Service of Tuscola with a 6.82 percent increase. Mulligan said he thinks it was a fair increase considering that the bus service did not raise its rate last year and in light of inflation. He added that he would like to look into buying an activity bus, which he said Gould Transportation supports. He said the lead time for ordering a bus is 13 months.

Also approved was a one-year renewal with eSpark at a cost of \$22,892. The company provides services for the districts one-to-one program, where students are assessed and tutorials provided for each child. "It's a great way to differentiate for each kid," Mulligan said.

He added that he considered a three-year contract but said there may be some changes coming soon that would make the one-year agreement more practical. The difference in cost between a single-year and multi-year contract is not that much, he said.

The Board also approved the purchase of additional computer devices for next

year. Mulligan said the district is looking at buying laptops for some of the older students.

The Board also approved a field trip to the Shedd Aquarium for the sixth grade and an Easter egg fundraiser for the high school softball team.

Mulligan reported that work on the city's baseball and softball fields is progressing. He said the softball diamond would be ready for game play this week but that a couple of baseball games may need to be moved.

Mulligan also said he'd like to consider utilizing an Arcola instructor for the county CEO program. The program has had difficulty keeping directors, he said. He added that if

the county could not sustain the program, he would want to look into establishing one for the Arcola district because it has been such a worthwhile project. The program teaches students how to be entrepreneurs. He said Emily Coombe would be interested in the position, which would require an MOU with the union. "I don't want to lose the program even if we have to start our own," Mulligan said.

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SEMINAR ON SCAMMING

Informational meeting on steps to prevent being scammed & steps to take if one feels they have been scammed.
Wednesday, March 29 - 7:00 p.m.
Arcola Presbyterian Church
305 E. Jefferson Street, Arcola, IL
Open to all ages, refreshments to be served after seminar.
Speakers: Sheriff Nate Chaplin and former Sheriff Josh Blackwell



ILMEA DISTRICT 5 piloted the first ILMEA Elementary Honor Band on Wednesday, March 8, at Eastern Illinois University. The honor band featured over 200 of the top 5th and 6th grade students in the region split between two bands (The Illinois Band and Lincoln Band). The nomination portal had opened back in October with students being selected in December. The Arcola school district had five students selected for this top honor: Beau Raymond, Maxwell Bales-Turner, Max Lyons, Brayden Williams, and Jaxson McCullough. Band Director Kevin Boyle states, "When this was first announced that we were going to be doing something like this, I didn't know what to expect with it being the very first one, but overall it was a great experience and I hope more ILMEA districts push for this type of ensemble throughout the State!" Submitted photo.

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| | LUNCH - Meatloaf Dinner | \$8.55 |
| FRI. 17th | BREAKFAST - Breakfast Shoe | \$8.55 |
| | LUNCH - Corned Beef & Cabbage | \$10.99 |
| SAT. 18th | BREAKFAST - Country Fried Steak | \$8.95 |
| | LUNCH - Salisbury Steak | \$9.95 |
| SUN. 19th | BREAKFAST - Two Breaded or Grilled Pork Chops | \$9.95 |
| | LUNCH - BBQ Pork Ribs | \$10.55 |
| MON. 20th | BREAKFAST - 2 Pancakes, 2 Patties & Coffee | \$7.55 |
| | LUNCH - Ham and Beans | \$7.55 |
| TUE. 21st | BREAKFAST - Mini Country Boy | \$6.55 |
| | LUNCH - Western Burger | \$9.95 |
| WED. 22nd | BREAKFAST - Silver Dollar Pancakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Bacon | \$6.55 |
| | LUNCH - Chef's Choice | \$?.?? |

Join Us Friday, March 17th
Saint Patrick's Day
Meal: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes & Roll