

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 100 years ago April 5, 1923

• Corn is worth 66 cents (\$11.59 today) and oats 40 cents (\$7.02 today) at the Arcola elevators today. About 25 percent of last year's corn crop is still held by the farmers in this section.

• The annual stockholders meeting of the Arcola Homestead and Loan Association was held Monday night at the Dimond Bros. office. The terms of two directors, G. S. Turbo and Frank Collins expiring, and Mr. Turbox having been removed from the city. Ray Beazley and Collins were elected. Following the stock holders meeting the directors met and elected the following officers; president-B. Reineheimer; vice president-J.C. Ludolph; treasurer-O.H. Woodworth; secretary Arthur B. Diamond and attorney- Guy B. Jones

• Allie Vessells suffered a mean cut above one eye yesterday morning while cranking a car which he had in his paint shop. It was a Buick and in cranking it the handle slipped off and banged him over the peeper. Several stitches were taken to close the wound and Allie went back to work.

• When the thermometer registered twelve above zero some time after midnight Saturday morning it set a low record for March 31 in Arcola. In 1899 the record show eighteen above was reached. The mercury touched the freezing point or below on twenty-two of the thirty-one days of March. It does not make a record along that line.

• The boys of the high school Agr. Dept. gave a banquet for their parents at the high school last Friday night. About seventy folks were seated at the banquet table and enjoyed the bountiful repast furnished by the boys and efficiently prepared and served the girls of the Domestic Science Dept. The "Toot-Sweet" orchestra furnished music for the evening.

### 50 years ago April 5, 1973

• A three-act mystery-comedy entitled "The Phantom Strikes Again" will be presented by the Arcola High School Drama Club in the school auditorium on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7. Curtain time for both evenings is 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person (\$6.98 today) and 50 cents (\$3.49 today) for students. Included in the cast are: Andy Williams, Janelle Brown, Marsha Ramsey, Linda Wright, Steve Holaday, Joy Strader, Sherry Thaxton, Kevin VanVoorhis, Rick Hackler and Bill England. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Judy Connor.

• Dawn and Darryl Dague copped the first prize of \$25 (\$174.58 today) in the First National Bank's Kite Flying Contest on the school campus last Sunday afternoon. Dawn and Darryl, who were assisted by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schackel, used a home-made kite constructed of balsa wood and rayon dress lining material to win the first prize. The kite was decorated with flowers and fruit made from construction paper and they flew it on 600 feet of string.

• Four students from New Trier West High School arrived in Arcola last Saturday as part of the exchange program between the Newt Trier and Arcola High Schools. The students will be here until next Saturday and are staying with the families of local students while here. Those from New Trier West attending school here this week are Pamela Wirtz, who is staying with Jone Hemingway; Laurie Brenzion, staying with Joy Strader; Peggy Reynolds staying with Marsha Ramsey and



**STEVE HARVEY POSTED** this photo the Remembering Arcola Facebook group. He writes, "I really like this photo depicting every day life of pre-teen boys in Arco-Acres. Photo was undated, but definitely from mid to late 1960s. Pictured piled on the "Tabb Brothers Dragster Cart" from left to right are Jim Tabb, Rick Pullen, Steve Tabb, Tim Tabb wearing the A&W shirt, Jeff Tabb & Mike Bricker. In the background is Mike Harvey and Tracey Hunter. If my memory is correct there were a few "special dragsters" made by different teams and they were raced down a mound of dirt in a vacant lot. Back in those days we created our own kind of fun.

Bill Lucchesy, staying with Darrell Thompson.

• Mr. and Mrs. John D. Onderisin, Lockport, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Janet Rae, to William Donald Coombe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Coombe, rural Arcola. Miss Onderisin graduated from Lockport Central High School and will graduate from the University of Illinois in June. Mr. Coombe is a graduate of Arcola High School and the U of I. The wedding is planned for June 23 and they plan to love in the Arcola area where Mr. Coombe will farm.

### 25 years ago April 9, 1998

• Larry Bushu of Arcola received the Boy Scout District Award of Merit at the 1998 Okaw District Recognition Dinner held in Villa Grove at the United Methodist Church on March 28. This is the highest award a Boy Scout district can award to an adult volunteer in scouting. Bushu's experience in scouting began when he was a member of Cub Scout Pack 96 of Arcola from 1946-49. From 1950-55 he was an Arcola Boy Scout Troop 96 member and participated in the first campout at Camp Drake in 1949.

• A decision by the Arcola City Council to re-bid the painting project at the west water tower produced four bids that were substantially less than the only one the council originally received. L. C. United Painting submitted the low bid among the four received in the rebidding process and was awarded the job by a unanimous vote. L.C. United's bid was \$174,000 (\$320,165.39 today), nearly \$60,000 less than the second lowest bid.

• The Arcola Boy Scout Troop 88 Pancake breakfast had over 145 tickets sold. C. R. Stevens and Jason Conn were pictured on the front page.

• Hundreds of youngsters enjoyed hunting for Easter Eggs Saturday morning at Moore Memorial Park. The event, sponsored by the Arcola Jaycees, was for youngsters 0-10. A number was on each egg, which corresponded with a prize, donated by many local businesses.

• Arcola senior Angie Yoder participated in the Edinburg Lions Club Girls All-Star Basketball Game Saturday, April 4. Yoder won the free throw contest and scored a team (East)-high 14 points in a 69-64 loss to the West, which included Taylorville's Allison Curtin, an Illini recruit.

• The Arcola softball team opened Little Okaw Valley Conference play with a convincing 22-5 win over Tuscola, Monday April 6 at Moore Memorial Park in Arcola. It was the first time Arcola had scored 22 runs or more since April 18, 1996 when the Lady Riders outscored Bethany 24-17.

The victory over Tuscola was the first time the Lady Riders defeated the Lady Warriors since April 14, 1994 in a 13-12 victory in the season-opener. Arcola scored 15 runs in the second to lead 20-0 in the four and a half inning game called due to the run rule. Sarah Shonkwiler, a freshman, was the winning pitcher and sophomore Courtney Hackler was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two stolen bases for coach Lisa Boyer's team.

### 10 years ago April 4, 2013

• The Arcola Alumni Association Board of Directors

has 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 Kaskaskia Country Club on Saturday, April 13. Members are Modesta Scott (class of 1919 deceased), Eunice Collins Souria (1927 deceased), Robert C. Coombe (1933), Thomas Blagg (1938), Robert "Popeye" Pullen (1938 deceased), John Phillip "Phil" Wesch (1947 deceased), Carol Pullen (1949), Byron Bradford

(1956), DeLane "Dee" Lindenmeyer (1956 deceased), Robert N. Arrol, M.D. (1957) and Nancie King Mertz (1970).

• Next Tuesday's Consolidated Election will determine who will hold public office for positions on city councils/village boards, library boards and at the township level in Douglas County. Douglas County voters will also be presented with a question whether they wish to support a 1 percent sales tax that, if approved, would support schools in the county with their building needs.

Arcola City Council and Arcola Library Board races are uncontested, but voters will be faced with making decisions on Arcola school board and in the Arcola Township elections.

• Arcola Sunrise Rotary Club named the March Arcola High School Seniors of the Month to Taylor Honn and Sage Spencer.

• A candy sale held at Carmen's Bar & Grill on Saturday, March 23, raised \$275 (\$355.48 today) for the Arcola Food Pantry. The sale was held through Flesor's Candy Kitchen of Tuscola.

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| <b>SUN.</b><br>9th  | <b>BREAKFAST</b> - Country Fried Steak <b>\$8.95</b><br><b>LUNCH</b> - Easter Ham Meal <b>\$10.95</b>                           |
| <b>MON.</b><br>10th | <b>BREAKFAST</b> - 2 Pancakes, 2 Patties & Coffee <b>\$7.55</b><br><b>LUNCH</b> - Sloppy Joe Casserole <b>\$7.95</b>            |
| <b>TUE.</b><br>11th | <b>BREAKFAST</b> - Mini Country Boy <b>\$6.55</b><br><b>LUNCH</b> - Chef's Choice <b>\$???</b>                                  |
| <b>WED.</b><br>12th | <b>BREAKFAST</b> - Silver Dollar Pancakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Bacon <b>\$6.55</b><br><b>LUNCH</b> - Italian Beef Sandwich <b>\$9.95</b>  |



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