



Strides Against Hunger

NATHAN COX of Arcola, above, took first place in the Strides Against Hunger race with a time of 20:46. This year, the event returned after a three-year hiatus with a dog walk. The Arcola Animal Health Care Center sponsored a team, top left photo.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago April 19, 1923

In view of the fact that only one ticket was in the field at the city election Tuesday there was a good vote out. Dr. O. F. Barnes was re-elected mayor and Fred M. Groves, city clerk, Wm. B. Moore was chosen city treasurer succeeding Wayne Franklin. For alderman three brand new ones were elected. Wm. Schwantz was chosen in the west west ward, O.R. Twiford in the north ward and Louis Prout in the south ward. The hold-over members of the council are Clifford Gray, August Tessman and Roy Black.

The Arcola Ad Club was organized Monday evening when 30 merchants joined in the movement. Officers are Fred C. Jones, president and Walter Reinheimer, secretary/treasurer.

Friday the thirteenth has terrors for some but last Friday April 13th was one of joy and satisfaction for our esteemed townsman Thomas Midwinter who celebrated his eighty-second birthday on that occasion. Mr. Midwinter is one of the old residents of this city and has acquired the wonderful art of growing old gracefully.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to school elections in Arcola there being three of them. Chief interest centered in the grade school election where Dr. G. H. Damron the retiring president, was opposed by Dr. E. S. Allen, a former president of the board, 574 votes were cast and Allen received 317 to 254 for Damron. For members there were three candidates for the two places, Harry R. Logan and Ralph Black being elected and H. W. Pullen defeated. Mr. Logan and Mr. Pullen had served on the board, but Mr. Black is a new member.

Unless weather conditions rule otherwise the Menely Construction Company will be pouring concrete on the state road between Mattoon and Arcola about the last week in April, Donald Brown, resident engineer for the state highway department, stated today.

50 years ago April 19, 1973

Arcola voters returned their present city official with one exception to office for another 4-year term by a slim margin in most of the races. Voting was heavy in all three precincts, largely due to good weather. There were a total of 890 ballots cast. Mayor Harry

R. Smith was re-elected for a third term by a 46 vote margin over his opponent Warren Arthur. Smith captured 459 votes to 413 for Arthur. Ed Fidler won the position at alderman in Ward one for the unexpired 2-year term over Dale Gibson by a 164-138 vote. Harold Chaney won the 4-way race for alderman for ward Two over alderman Cecil Gates for the only upset in the election. Chaney tallied 126 votes as compared with 103 for Gates.

Voters in Arcola Community Unit 306 re-elected Jess Sargent and Dale Gardner to fill the two spaces on the Board of Education in the election last Saturday. Board Secretary Don Munson said that Gardner received 293 votes and Sargent 289. This will make the fifth term for Gardner, a farmer, who presently serves as president of the board and the second term for Sargent, a printer.

At a meeting of the Piatt County School Board of Trustees April 10 the board voted 4-3 to merge with Douglas County in a two-county educational service region. Uniting what was formerly known as the county superintendent of school office in the two counties. The Douglas County Board of School Trustees met Thursday night, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. The combined population of Douglas and Piatt Counties is 34, 506.

Bill and Virginia Vyverberg were presented with a small plaque commemorating their past 20 years of service to the community. The presentation was made by Dale Hull on behalf of the Arcola Chamber of Commerce.

Four New Trier West High School students visited here for a week recently to see what life in a rural community is like. While here they stayed with Joni Hemingway, (hosted Paula Wirtz) Joy Strader, (hosted Lauri Benzion) Marsha Ramsey (hosted Peggy Reynolds) and Darrell Thompson (hosted Bill Lucchesy). Five Arcola students will visit New Trier West later this month.

A new addition is under construction at the Prairie State Motel in Arcola and expected to be opened sometime in May. The new addition will add 13 more units to the motel, making a total of 30.

Arcola Junior Girl Scout troop 472 reports that it sold 1,210 boxes of cookies in the annual cookie drive completed April 7. The cookies were sold in the Arcola and

Humboldt areas. The troop is donating 100 trees to the city of Arcola for the new Moore City Park according to the leaders, Mrs. James Cross and Mrs. George Seaman.

25 years ago April 23, 1998

The Arcola Lumber company, a part of Arcola's business community for over a century, has just completed a major expansion project that will help catapult the business into the next century. The lumber company, owned by Rex and Debbie Wilison, moved into a new building across from the present location that has five times the space of the former location. Business was expected to start being conducted from the new site on Monday morning. A grand opening to celebrate Arcola Lumber's expansion is set for this Saturday, April 25. Arcola Lumber's new building is where Warren Broom Co. was formerly located before a fire destroyed the building in 1997. But now, over a year later, business activity has resumed at the busy corner of U. S. 45 and Main Street.

The Arcola School Board decided to spend more money now on a new roof for the grade school's west wing with the hope it will save the district more money in the future. At a special meeting held Monday, the school board voted to have a new metal roof installed on the building. The project is estimated to cost \$142, 000 (\$259, 355.60 today), although bids have not yet been received.

Ronald and Vyverberg of Arcoa announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jo of Arcola to Jason Carl Butler of Normal. The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Alice Buter of Arcola. The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Arcola High School and a 1993 graduate of Millikin University with a bachelor of science degree in education. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is currently working on her master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Illinois University.

The future bride is a first grade teacher at Arcola Elementary School. The future groom is a 1990 graduate of Arcola High School and a 1994 graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in anthropology and sociology. He is currently enrolled at ISU, working on his master's degree in sociology. The couple is planning a

July 4 wedding at the Arcola United Methodist Church.

Arcola freshman David Bales smacked a two-run double to left/center field in the eighth inning and later scored on an error as the Purple Riders baseball team defeated Tuscola 11-8 in eight innings on April 17 at Tuscola. Keith Sargent hit two solo home runs and Arcola drew seven bases on balls, and took advantage of six Warrior errors. Jaren McLane was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

10 years ago April 18, 2013

A report from the city's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Advisory Board regarding a 100 percent tax rebate for a building expansion proposed by Libman Company was approved, though not unanimously, by the Arcola City Council at its regular meeting on Monday night. Libman's is planning a 76,800 addition to the warehouse facilities that is

estimated to cost nearly 3.8 million (4,923,555.85 today).

The Arcola school board president uttered a three-word exclamation that sealed the deal at last Wednesday's meeting. "Golf is back," said Jim Crane. Crane's statement followed a unanimous vote by the school board to reinstate the high school golf program for next year after a group of parents and supporters submitted a proposal that it would provide the necessary funding to continue the program.

Arcola High School seniors Alex Johns and Rachel Fishel were presented Little Okaw Valley Conference Senior Awards at a luncheon held at Kaskaskia Country Club on Wednesday, April 10. Two seniors from each LOVC member school receive this award which is based on participation in LOVC extracurricular activities, their academic performance and the positive way in which they represent

their school and the LOVC. Johns is the son of Jeff and Kaylin Johns, while Fishe is the daughter of Jim and Chris Fishel.

Sophomore Taylor Edwards turned in her best pitching performance of the season in the Arcola High School softball team's 10-0 shutout of Little Okaw Valley Conference foe Cerro Gordo last Friday. Edwards improved to 4-1 with a seven inning performance in which she allowed only three hits while striking out 16 Broncos' hitters. In fact, Edwards had as many hits as she allowed the Broncos.

Arcola Elementary School teacher Brianne Miller was recently selected by the graduate program in Elementary Education at Eastern Illinois University to receive the Distinguished Graduate Student Award. She was presented the award on April 11 in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Jr. Union.

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