

DOWN MEMORY LANE

100 years ago May 3, 1923

• Fire threatened the destruction of the beautiful Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon, but efficient work on the part of the fire department saved the building with only a nominal damage estimated at \$1,500 (\$26,476.84 today) on the building, with the damage to the pipe organ undetermined. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring when a wire in the alley was created with another carrying a voltage of 2,300 and burned in two. The fire was discovered by the pastor Rev. A. G. Hinkle and wife who had been in the country and returned home just as smoke began to emerge from the building.

• Arcola has always taken a pardonable bit of pride in their fire department, and a dozen new members were initiated into the department Monday night where a big feed was put on in their honor at the high school, Mrs. Wm. Todd and Mrs. Stewart Daugherty catering. The new members are Ben Bushu, Floyd Harris, Louis Stortzum, Dick Love, Roy Devoss, Howard Horn, Harold Barricklow, Verl Dular, Fred Leffier, Paul Cunningham, Dale Welch and G. R. Twiford. The old members are P. J. Goggin (chief), Ed Cor (president), Ed Smith (secretary-treasurer), Bert Woodworth, Stewart Daugherty, Thomas McNally, Dale Trout, Frank Pollack, Frank McCann, Albert McLane, Ed Quirk, and John Spelman.

• The following Arcola grade school teachers have been re-employed Misses Katherine Jacoby, Mae Hood, Hilda Troy, Pearl Oakes, Blanche Bedwell, Bessie Spelman, Maude Reeder, Alma Breunle, Beryl Richards, Ruth Ensor and Nelle McCafferty. Prof. P. T. Walters has been re-elected as principal of the high school. A portion of the teachers have been elected but not all of them. Some of the present members of the faculty desire to attend college next year. Among those who will be connected with the school next year are Mrs. Jones, Miss Grych, Mr Turnbow and Mr. Angell. The latter will be head of athletics as well as teacher of manual training.

50 years ago May 3, 1973

• Mayor Harry R. Smith last Thursday received word via telephone that the federal grant for the new Moore City Park has been approved. Smith said that word was received from Larry Leitner of the Illinois Department of Conservation through which the United States Department of the Interior made the grant.

The grant, amounting to \$33,854 (\$236,418 today) is being made through a matching fund program whereby the government shares in the purchase of lands for parks and similar projects on a 50-50 basis. The land for the new city park, located near the southwest quadrant of the I-57 interchange is being purchased from Elby Harvey and Lyle Kellogg for \$67,908 (\$474,233 today).

• Joy Strader, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Strader is the new Miss Arcola 1973. She was crowned as the climax to the pageant held last Saturday night at the high school auditorium. Joy succeeds Debbie Stovall, Miss Arcola 1972. Her victory means that she will represent Arcola in the Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Contest this summer. Joy won the competition from a field of six entries this year. Marsah Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ramsey was named runner-up. The other four contestants were Cecilia Cloyd, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Frank Cloyd; Debbie Graven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Graven; Debbie Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson; Trudy Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson.

• The Board of Directors of the Kaskaskia Country Club near Arcola have named Dale Nelson as the new manager of the facility. The club has several hundred members on its roster. Nelson, who comes here from Evanston, has served as manager of the Sports Center at Northwestern University for two years. He also served as Social Director on Caribbean cruises for the Swedish-American lines.

• The Arcola Fire Department served a special cake at their regular meeting Monday evening at the west side fire station honoring the retirement of Paul Cunningham from the department. Cunningham has served with the group for the past 50 years. The department held its election officers for the coming year. Named officers were Bob Ghery (fire chief), Tom Romine (president), Tim Monahan (vice president), Larry Rollings (secretary) and Pau Brown (treasurer).

• Cora Holiday, Methyl Reece, Grace Wusech, Carrie Sanders, Bertha Dougherty, Gladys Seaman, Betty Genn and Mary Kanitz exhibited their Easter bonnets for judging at the Senior Citizens meeting last Friday.

25 years ago May 7, 1998

• Valerie Funk and Keith Sargent were named the Queen and King of the 1998

Arcola High School prom. The 1998 prom court was Maria Barrientos, Lindsay Dunagan, Stepanie Joergens, Heidi Gilbert, 1997 prom queen Megan VanDeveer, Adam Whitson, Josh Headrick, Jeremy Blackwell, and Dustin Baker. The prom was May 2 in the high school auditorium. Music was provided by WGGO "The Party" 92.1 FM. The theme of the prom was "Illusions of Love." The post prom was at the French Embassy where hypnotist and magician Andy Dallas of Champaign entertained the students by hypnotizing several of them.

• Arcola residents who regularly have to battle water problems following a heavy rain may see some relief in the future. The Arcola City Council approved a contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating of Decatur with a bid of \$217,800 (\$400,959 today) for improvements at the wastewater treatment plant and lift station No. 1.

• Two new Moultrie-Douglas Master Gardeners graduated after 50 hours of training provided by the University of Illinois professors and Extension educators were Arcola's Shirley Taylor and Doris Atteberry.

• The Arcola Lady Riders softball team swept a pair of five inning games Monday at Moore Memorial Park. Arcola beat Atwood-Hammond 10-3 in the first game and 3-2 in the second game, scoring all three runs in the fifth. The victories moved Arcola into third place in the Little Okaw Valley Conference with a 6-3 record. Michaela Nave and Amber VanDeveer were the winning pitchers. Megan Patridge was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Courtney Hackler was 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the first game to lead Arcola. Partridge was 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the second game to lead the Lady Riders.

• Arcola sophomore Meg McGarvey continued to dazzle crowds with her running ability. This time she set the freshman-sophomore Invitational record Monday at Tuscola with a time of 2:28.95 in the 800. Matt Thomaas, a sophomore, highlighted the meet for the boys by placing first in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.13.

• Arcola High School principal Randy Rothrock prepares to kiss Daisy the pig Friday during an assembly. Rothrock kissed the pig after WCIA's Class of 2000 representative from Arcola, Mary Beth Sentel, collected over \$2,000 in change from the students exceeding the goal of \$100. The money will be used to help students from inner-city Chicago further their education.

10 years ago May 2, 2013

• Arcola High School's prom is scheduled for this Saturday at the Kaskaskia Country Club. The theme of this year's prom is "Diamonds in the City Sky" and the dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Announcement of the king and queen is planned for 7:30 p.m. followed by the dance from 8-11 p.m. Queen and King candidates are Brock Van Gundy, Sage Spencer, Andres Rojas, Kayli Seaman, Zachary Munson, Daneli Rabanalez-Hernandez, Kayle Karmazinas, Dania Mendoza, Alex Johns and Cara Edwards.

• Arcola seniors Daneli Rabanelez-Herandez and Alex Johns participated in the Rotary Contest at the Rotary District 6490 Annual Conference on April 20 in Normal. Hernandez earned second place in the contest and won \$500 (\$646 today).

• Leading the way for the Arcola boys track team at the St. Joseph-Ogden Spartan Classic was the 400-meter relay team of freshmen Wyatt Fishel and Clayton Strader and sophomores Fredrico Galaviz and Jamie Warren. Their time was 46.16, good first place.

• Sophomore pitcher Taylor Edwards tossed a four-hit shutout striking out 13 Heritage hitters as Arcola improved to 5-0 in the Little Okaw Valley Conference with a 7-0 win over Heritage. Edwards was 2-for-4 and Cara Edwards, Hunter Gobert and Dania Mendoza all had two hits. Gobert tripled and Mendoza drove in two runs.

• Jose Tamez, salutatorian of the Arcola High School Class of 2013 was presented a \$200 (\$259 today) scholarship from the Arcola Foundation. Five co-valedictorians from Arcola High School Class of 2013 received \$400 (\$517 today) in a scholarship each from the Arcola Foundation. Alex Johns, Kayli Seaman, Erin Lindenmyer, Rachel Fishel and Daneli Rabanelez were the five recipients.

• John R. Tabb, 82, of Arcola died at 10:30 a.m. on Monday April 22, 2013 at the Arthur Home. Mr. Tabb was born on January 5, 1931, in Newton. He married Mildred A. Frohning on February 27, 1954. She survives in Arcola. Mr. Tabb was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was employed at USI/Quantum Chemical in Tuscola for over 38 years and retired in 1992. He was an avid reader, a good carpenter and mechanic. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had seven sons in Steve, Jeff, Jim, Tim, Mike, Andy and John Tabb.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District #306 in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois, that the Amended Budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 351 W. Washington, Arcola, Illinois in this school district from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 4th day of May, 2023 until the 14th day of June, 2023. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 14th day of June, 2023, in the Media Center of Arcola Community Unit School District #306.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2023.
Board of Education, Arcola School District #306
in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois.

Sue Stout
Board Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 22, 2023 at 9 a.m., a phone conference will be conducted by Arcola Community Unit 306 School District. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities and English Language Learners who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are the parent of a homeschooled child who has been or may be identified with a disability or as an English Language Learner and you reside within the boundaries of Arcola Community Unit 306 School District, you are urged to email me your phone number so that I can include you in a conference call.

If you have questions pertaining to this meeting and/or want to make your phone number available for the call, please contact Amber Behrends at abehrends@arcolaschools.com for grades 7-12 or Megan Clark at mclark@arcolaschools.com for grades K-6.

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Law Office of Kosic & Stout, P.C. PERMANENTLY CLOSING

Law Office of Kosic & Stout, P.C. at 130 N. Locust St. in Arcola is set to permanently close May 12, 2023, in anticipation of Attorney Rob Kosic being appointed State's Attorney of Douglas County.

Any clients wishing to pick up documents or transfer files may contact the office at 217/268-3609 or email at office@kosiclegal.com. The office will remain open for a limited time after May 12 for the purpose of facilitating the transfer of files.

It has been an honor serving the community through Law Office of Kosic & Stout, P.C. and I now plan to continue serving the community as State's Attorney.

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