

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## 100 years ago July 19, 1923

John Burkey, one of the very oldest residents of Arcola, died at his home on South Locust Street last Saturday morning at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 22 days. Mr. Burkey had been suffering for some time with nephritis and two weeks before the day of his death became very ill.

Mr. Burkey was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burkey and was born in Janesville, Ohio, being of a family of 13 children. On Dec. 4, 1860, he was married to Miss Julia Redman of Muskingum County, Ohio. Mrs. Burkey's death occurred last February.

In 1882, they came to the Arcola neighborhood where Mr. Burkey bought a fine farm of 325 acres just southwest of the city limits. They made their home there until 1896 when they moved to the city where they have since resided. He was a member of the board of school district trustees for 34 successive years. When the Arcola State Bank was organized, he became one of the stockholders and was a director in that institution until about two years ago, when he resigned.

The town was full of people Saturday night and about all of the parking space was taken up. The country people had been making use of true nice weather during the week for harvesting, and there had not been much doing in town, but Saturday night they all came in.

A jolly crowd of young people were guests of Miss Lenore Morgan Saturday. Mrs. Morgan served a two course dinner at the noon hour which was very much enjoyed. The afternoon was spent in an auto sightseeing tour which ended with a visit to Paradise Lake. Those present were Misses Ann and Alice Goggin of Arcola, Florence Shirley, Ruth Lozier and Lenore Morgan, Harold Waters, Toland Pfeifer, Allan Gunn and James Davidson of Arcola, and Wallace Lozier.

Thomas F. Monahan and son Tom left yesterday for Buffalo, N.Y., where they will visit with relatives. While in the east, Mr. Monahan will visit his various customers in the broom corn trade.

## 50 years ago July 19, 1973

Corky and Liz Absher this week announced the sale of the Country Kitchen Restaurant to Terry and Carol Clabaugh. The new owners took over the business on Monday of this week, and say they plan to operate the business much the same as it has been in the past. The restaurant and drive-in is located at 320 S. Chestnut in Arcola.

Clabaugh, who recently was discharged from the Army, is originally from Villa Grove, and his wife is a native of Arcola, the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Davis. They have two children, Mark, 9, and Marsha 4. They plan on making their home here.

Jim Harrington, the first employee hired to work at Arrol's Drug Store, waits on fountain customers during the store's 25th anniversary Saturday. Almost 500 persons visited the store to congratulate Bob and Betty Arrol on the occasion.

Pat Monahan was elected president of the Arcola Community Development Corporation (ACDC) at a meeting of the board of directors following the group's annual meeting at the city hall, Tuesday, July 18. Other officers selected for the coming year included Raymond Holterman, vice president; Helen Harrington, secretary; and Rena Dill, treasurer.

Outgoing Junior Directors



**GREG FILE POSTED** this photo to the Remembering Arcola Facebook page of Webelos members receiving their "15er" awards. Donnie Graven provided the names. From left: Jack Cook (District Scout Master) Greg File, David Butler, John Moomaw, Bobby Craig, Tom Monahan, Don Graven Sr. (Arcola Scout Leader).

Jane Gudenrath and Darrell Thompson introduced the new junior directors for the coming year. They are Julie Rollings and Larry Stenger from the senior class at Arcola high school and Cathy Shields and Doug Stenger of the junior class. Jon Kilber, Monahan and Dill were elected to the board of directors to replace Rodie King, Elvan Yoder and Earl Good, whose 3-year terms expired this year. Bill Lasiter was named to serve as a director for two years to fill the unexpired term of Larry Harshbarger.

The Prairie State Motel here held an open house last Sunday so local residents could see the facility. The improvement doubled the number of rooms available.

Susan Gail Reece and Dennis Roy Simpson exchanged wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 13 at the Presbyterian Church of Arcoa. The Rev. John Faires officiated the double ring ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reece of Arcola and Mr. and Mrs. Murie Simpson of Filson. Alice Reece was maid of honor for her sister. Jack Logan was the best man. After a brief honeymoon, the couple are now at home in Filson.

These girls were presented awards recently at the Free Methodist Church Christian Youth Crusaders Honor Council. The girls were Viola Goble, Leeann Rich, Pam Carwile, Linda Rich, Donna Thornton, Sally Culp, Teresa Landreth, Susie Vandever, Sheryl Mahnke, Kathy Burke, Butch Burke, Jamie Closson, Stella Buroff, Lynne Taylor, Teresa Buroff and Molly Vandever.

## 25 years ago July 23, 1998

The Arcola Foundation, with total assets of \$4,998,818.86 (comparable to \$9,438,023.66 today), held its annual dinner July 15 at the Kaskaskia Country Club. Dr. Robert Smith, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Arcola Foundation, gave the annual report of the foundation. Other members of the board of governors are Beth Vyverberg, Larry Bushu, Jack Chaney, Homer Clark, Bruce Skoog and Don Rankin.

The Arcola Fire Department responded to a fire call at the Bernice Blackwell residence, 427 E. Main St., at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, July 16. The fire to the 95-year-old house started in sawdust and insulation on the roof and made its way into the gutter areas and under the eaves of the house, according to a report from the Arcola Fire Department.

There was mainly smoke damage to the house, most of which was confined to the north bedroom and family room. At the time of the fire, a construction company, which was at lunch at the time of the

fire, was installing a new drainage system and guttering on the house along with new eaves. Fifteen Arcola firemen responded to the call and the Arthur Fire Department was also called due to high temperatures.

Chris (née Clevidence) Taber, a teacher at Arcola High School, took a group of four students and two adults on a 10-day fun and educational tour of France and Italy from June 7-16. Those who participated in the trip were Vicki Clark, Cindy Rich, Jasmyn Daugherty, Sarah Finney and David Mast of Arcola along with Taber and Vilma Cooper of Tuscola.

A headstone of a memorial to Cathy M. Cox Gibson, class of 1978 (Arcola High School) also included a tree, perennials and park bench at Moore Park. Pictured in the paper were Jennifer King, Barry King, Brenda Nall, Cheryl Dill and not pictured were Annette Ferguson and Toni Lytle.

Bryan Chancellor and Melissa Dague each earned the Presidential Education Award in May. The award is a special recognition of hard work and determination to make the most of their abilities. Each received a letter from President Bill Clinton and the certificate was also signed by Clinton.

The Arcola Swim Team Swim-A-Thon Tuesday, July 14, raised over \$1,000. Pictured in the paper in the swim-a-thon were Jordan Adania and Caitlyn Vandever.

Fifteen members of the Arcola 4-H Club received awards at the 4-H Moultrie-Douglas Fair recently. They were Brittany Arthur, Patrick Lyons, Emily Meyers, Natalie Nacke, Deanna Hanley, Laura Chancellor, Jenny Chancellor, Amber Arthur, Josh Peters, Bryan Chancellor, Alex Myers, Shay Gibson, Jeffrey Lyons, Sarah Wells and Christi Wells.

## 10 years ago July 18, 2013

Christine Fortney of Arcola was crowned 2013 Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen at the pageant held on July 9. Fortney, the daughter of Joe and Marsha Fortney, is a 2011 graduate of Arcola High School. Her sister Jennifer Fortney, a 2011 graduate of Arcola High School, was the 2008 Moultrie-Douglas Fair Queen. 2012 Little Miss Kelsey Moore of Arcola reads her farewell speech as her father, Jeff Moore, looks on. Little miss 2013 contestant Jorja Lebetor of Arcola chats with Kayce Patton (2012 Miss Moultrie-Douglas), as did Birannalexa Salinas of Arcola.

Construction officially began on the Arcola Community Center Thursday, July 11, with the pouring of concrete footings at what will be the front porch to the facility. The next priority will be

installing the plumbing for the building which will be located at 111 N. Locust Street. Once completed, the Masonic Community Center will serve as a public gathering place for local groups and organizations. Masonic Lodge members Pihl Anderson, Gary Doemelt and Mike Arthur were pictured in the paper.

A cooperative golf agreement among Arcola, Arthur-Lovington and Atwood-Hammond was unanimously approved by the Arcola school board for the 2013 season. The official name of the co-op team will be the Arcola-Arthur Knight Riders. The co-op team's home course will be the Kaskaskia Country Club.

The school board hired Thomas Eddleman as a junior/senior high P.E./healthy/driver's education instructor as well as an assistant football coach. The board voted to split one full assistant coach's stipend between Eddleman and Jarod Kiger, a teacher on staff, who was recently hired as an assistant on the football coaching staff.

Eddleman and Kiger are part of new head coach Zach Zehr's six-man staff. Other assistants for the coming football season are Chad Hopkins, Jim Fishel, John Lidy and Derek Logue.

Former Arcola High School exchange student

Gunwald "Gunner" Eivindson recently returned to Arcola to visit his host family, the Fishels, and tour the school.

Gunner was an AFS student from Norway during the 1986-87 school year and graduated from AHS in 1987. He is now a cardiologist in Norway. He also attended some of the events at Horse Progress Days July 5 and 6. Pictured in the papers were Brett Keller, Allison (Fishel) Keller, Gunner Eivindson, Amy Jo (Fishel) Mueller and Gunner's family; Hannah, Lise, Gunner, Ida and "Andy" Eivindson.

Holden McConkey, an Oakland graduate, living in Arcola, won the men's Kaskaskia Country Club open by 15 shots over Bryson Gibson with a 284 with the help of a 67 on the third round.

Pictured in the paper was a five-generation family; Haley Logan with her baby Sophia Beck of Arcola and grandfather Kenny Logan of Arcola as well as great-grandmother Terri Slaughter of Arcola and great-great-grandmother Ruth Gingerich of Arthur.

THU. 20th	BREAKFAST - 2 Eggs, Hashbrowns, 1/2 Order Biscuits & Gravy	\$6.75
	LUNCH - Meatloaf Dinner	\$8.95
FRI. 21st	BREAKFAST - Breakfast Shoe	\$8.55
	LUNCH - "All You Can Eat" Fish or Popcorn Shrimp	\$9.55
SAT. 22nd	BREAKFAST - Country Fried Steak	\$8.95
	LUNCH - "All You Can Eat" Fried Chicken	\$11.95
SUN. 23rd	BREAKFAST - Bone-In Ham Steak	\$9.95
	LUNCH - Lasagna	\$10.95
MON. 24th	BREAKFAST - 2 Pancakes, 2 Patties & Coffee	\$7.95
	LUNCH - Ham & Beans	\$7.95
TUE. 25th	BREAKFAST - Mini Country Boy	\$6.75
	LUNCH - Chef's Choice	\$7.??
WED. 26th	BREAKFAST - Silver Dollar Pancakes, 2 Eggs, 2 Bacon	\$6.75
	LUNCH - Beef Tips & Noodles	\$7.95

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