



AT TOP, SKYLER MCGINNIS' 6th grade class poses during they first day of school last Tuesday. Bottom photo is Michelle Barnes' 6th grade class. Photos by David Porter.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 100 years ago Aug. 23, 1923

• Prof. Angelli, last year's assistant coach at the Arcola High School and this year in full charge, is now back in Arcola after having finished his work at the Illinois University school of Coaching is busy preparing for his year's work in annual training, athletics and physical education. The 10-game football season is to start Sept. 15 with a home game against Arthur. Invitations will be sent to the following boys of previous experience; Claude Jones (center), Benton Jones (guard), Captain Dale Moore (tackle), Ed Wright (tackle), Toland Pfeifer (line-man), Ernest Pollack (halfback), Frances Connors (end and back), Jimmie Davidson (end), Earl Henby (backfield), Tom Lins (end and back), Oscar Stabler (end and back), and Lloyd Dimond (backfield). Invitations were sent to the inexperienced Ray Blackwell, Fred Spellman, John Gleason, Sherwood Ellis, Maurice Pfeifer, Ralph Lundy, Fred Finfgeld, Robert and Earl Newman, Chas. Brooks, Cleo Cummings, Leibert Applegate, John Taylor, Alva Young, Clifford Hughes, John Mulliken, Cassius Roberts, Edgar Wilmeth, Raymond Hamilton, John Robertson, Chas. Sears, Rodman Bradley, Roger Daugherty, Colonel Hardesty, Ray and Frank Brooks and Calvin Bennett. The big problem is to find a quarterback with qualities of leadership, pep and football generalship.

• County School Superintendent E. E. Ghare announces that everything is in readiness for the annual country teachers institute which will be held in the Community High School of Tuscola beginning next Monday, Aug. 27 and closing Friday, Aug. 31. 244 pupils of the county will be presented diplomas for completing the eighth grade.

• Mrs. Mary E. Dever died at 9:30 p.m. last night as a result of

burns received early yesterday morning. Mrs. Dever was almost 80 years of age and she and her daughter Allie lived on East Jefferson Street. About 6:30 a.m. while her daughter was in the garden Mrs. Dever was working about the kitchen. A jar of coal oil was on the warming oven of the stove and reaching up to the oven to get a stove lifter she knocked the jar of oil down on the stove and instantly she was in flames. She ran out the door into the yard a blazing torch.

Mrs. Florence McGee living next door saw her and ran to her aid, grabbing a carpet as she went with which she succeeded in smothering the flames, but Mrs. Dever's clothing was almost burned off her and her face, body, arms and legs were badly burned. Three doctors were summoned at once and did what they could to alleviate her sufferings but saw at once that her case was hopeless. She was conscious for some time and told how the accident happened.

• Hon. Charles E. Moore, of Hindsboro, authorizes the Record-Herald to announce his name as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress of the 19th district to succeed Hon Allen F. Moore of Monticello, who will not be a candidate for re-election. Chas. E. Moore has been representative from this district in the Illinois state legislature for two terms. During the past term he was close to the governor in his legislative program and it was largely through his efforts that two routes clear across Douglas County were secured on the new state road map, three routes to be paved out of the new hundred million dollar bond issue if it carries.

### 50 years ago Aug. 23, 1973

• The Arcola All-Stars won the Little League Tournament at Mattoon. Members were

bat boy Larry Cook, Mike Case, Raymundo Garza, Marty Thomas, Jeff Moore, bat boy Terry Warnica, coach Doug Honn, Hondo Hanley, Mike Edwards Jay Honn, Daryl Miller, David Cook, Jeff Fishel, Chris Shields, Billy Carpenter, Mitch Lindenmeyer, Rick Kearns and coach Ray Cook.

• Arcola S&K Rigging softball team swept the 27 team Effingham Regional Tournament by defeating Effingham 6-5 and 3-1 in the championship. In the double elimination tournament S&K lost once to Effingham 8-2. Other victories were 14-4 over Dieterich, 6-5 against Sigel, 5-1 and 7-1 against Strasburg and 1-0 against Pioneer City.

In the tournament Whitey Fitzgerrels won four games and Dale Doehring won three. In the championship against the Effingham Moons S&K was behind 5-1 in the final inning but scored five runs to win. In the final inning Randy Rothrock homered, Ken McLane singled, Titzgerrels singled, Frank King singled, Mike Mulvey tripled to tie the game and Paul Mulvey singled to win the game.

In the second game Rothrock hit a two-run homer in the sixth for the two-run win. In the state tournament at Casey Arcola beat Hecker-Gordon Trucking near St. Louis 13-3 as Mike Kerner smacked two home runs and a triple and Steve Lonard homered as Fitzgerrels pitched the victory.

• On the opening day of practice 63 players reported for the Arcola High School football team. This total includes 14 seniors, 10 juniors, 16 sophomores and 24 freshmen. Captains for the Purple Rider varsity squad are Larry Stenger, Ken Stark and Mick Snyder. Spirit and hustle have been the early trademark of this year's squad and homes for a good season are high.

The Riders are spending a lot of time learning a new offense and on conditioning

Coach Steve Thomas is hoping that a well conditioned team will prevent many of the injuries that plagued last year's squad. Starters back from last year are quarterback Bill Shaffer, end Snyder, Halfback George Seaman, tackle Garry Stenger and guard Stark. The varsity opens their season at Oakland Sept. 7.

• School bells will ring for the first time of the new school year next Monday, August 27, when both grade and high school classes at the Arcola schools will start at 9:25 and adjourn at 11 a.m. for the first day. Beginning Tuesday, August 28, school will commence daily at 8:25 a.m. Buses will operate one hour later than usual on Monday. Superintendent John Lowey said that 977 (309 in the high school) students was the enrollment estimate on Aug. 17 with more expected to register this week. The enrollment thus far is down about 15 students from last year, according to Lowey.

• Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 2, 1973, with a reception for friends and relatives at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, 328 E. Main, Arcola. The former Mayne Depoister and Harry Edwards were married Sept. 5, 1923, in Edgewood, Illinois. The couple resides at 223 S. Oak Street, Arcola. They have one daughter, Mrs. James (Phyllis) Shull of Rensselaer, Ind. three sons, Lloyd and Charles of Arcola and William of Mattoon and 12 grandchildren.

### 25 years ago Aug. 27, 1998

• Students, faculty and staff at Arcola schools can expect to see much more of Byron Bradford in the coming days and months. Bradford, who taught and coached in the Arcola school system for over three decades, announced his resignation as executive director of the Arcola Chamber of Commerce to, as he said, "help out at the school."

Among his duties at school will be serving as a study hall monitor. Bradford made the announcement at the chamber's monthly meeting Wednesday, August 19. He served approximately two years as the chamber's executive director and his resignation will become effective following the completion of next month's Broom Corn Festival. Sept. 18 is officially his final day as executive director.

• Katy and Beth Thomas, daughters of Mike and Jennifer

Thomas were pictured on the front page near the Arcola Elementary School door on the first day of school, Thursday, Aug. 20.

• Hundreds of people attended the Project Success "Back to School Bash" Friday evening behind the Arcola Elementary School. Over 600 cups of ice cream were served and plenty of cookies were eaten. There was also a miniature golf course at the event as well as an inflatable obstacle course.

• Members of Arcola Cub Scout Troop 96 participated in a boat race Monday, Aug. 17. The boats were home made from a kit and moved by the scout's breath down a rain gutter. Pictured were Ethan Worth, John Henson, Cameron Anderson, Myles Gentry, Theran Allee, Luke Rogers, Kyle Edgar, Mark Klinger, Caleb White, Thomas Bickel and T. J. Goines.

• Fourth through eighth grade students from last school year 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 student received a letter from President Bill Clinton and the certificate was also by Clinton. Arcola Presidential Education award winners were Kristine Klinger, Sarah Wells, Andria Madson, Jennifer Huckstep, Garrett Stenger, Andrew Monahan, Hugh Monahan, Bryan Chancellor, Chelsey Clark and Melissa Dague.

• The 1998 Arcola varsity volleyball captains are Lacey Bales, Amy Swartz and Nichole Foran. The junior varsity captains are Molly Overman, Jennie Miller, Leslie Dunagan, Jimmy Kay Reece and Jenny Chancellor. The team opens its 1998 season Monday, Aug. 31 at Bethany. The team is coached by Shelley Overman and assisted by Jenny Uphoff.

• Twelve members of the Arcola football team are returning lettermen from last season's 11-2 Class 1A semifinalist squad. They are Josh Whitson, Mitch Miller, Brian Shoemaker, Jeremiah Snyder, Stevie Wagoner, Craig Wesch, Mike Crist, Aldo Garcia, Kolin Peterson, Curtis Conn, Travis Drake and David Bales. The 1998 Arcola football coaches are led by Joe Marks, who enters his fifth year as coach with a 35-10 record. Assistant coaches are Mike Thomas, Mark Smith and Andy Manna. Arcola is ranked No. 9 in the preseason Associated Press poll and open the second Aug. 28 at Farmer City against Blue Ridge.

### 10 years ago Aug. 22, 2013

• A wide variety of vendors, buggy rides and a fashion show are among the featured attractions planned for this Saturday's "Taste of the Prairie" family event at Green Mill Village from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event, open to the public, will be held in the conference center of the Best Western Plus Hotel and in the parking lot. Green Mill Village is located directly off Interstate 57 on the east side of Arcola.

Saturday's highlights will include high-quality artisan crafts and handmade items, up-cycled items and architectural salvage items, vintage clothing and jewelry vendors, original art and photography booths, and food and beverages vendors. In all, over 40 vendors are expected to have booths at the Taste of the Prairie.

• A program geared toward empowering young girls and getting them physically active is coming to the Arcola school district during the first semester of the 2013-14 school year. At its meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, the Arcola school board approved a facilities use request from the Girls on the Run of East Central Illinois, which partners with the Mattoon Family YMCA. Girl on the Run is an after-school education and empowerment program for girls in third through fifth and sixth through eighth grades. It meets twice a week for about 90 minutes per session.

• Make it two in a row for Arcola High School graduate and former Purple Rider standout golfer Mark Klinger. Klinger fired a 2-under-par two-day total of 138 to win the Douglas County Golf Championship by nine strokes over Holden McConkey. The men's tournament was held Saturday at Tri-City Country Club in Villa Grove and the final 18 holes were played Sunday at the Kaskaskia Country Club in rural Arcola. Klinger's two-day scores is believed to be the new record for the Douglas County Tournament.

• If you've ever wondered what it would be like to have a perfect view of Arcola High School's home football games, you may have that opportunity for the upcoming season. Purple Rider head coach Zach Zehr announced that seating in the press box will be available via an auction to interested fans. The highest bidder will not only receive seats in the press box, but food and drink will also be provided.

### City Council

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Jeff Edwards and Cara Roberts as previously OK'd by the Council.

In other news, the city is finalizing funding with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the Libman Street improvements. Milano and Grunloh are still in the plan design phase, but will have a construction meeting after the Broomcorn fest.

Councilmen were informed that the city could reapply for the 2023 DCEO grant for sani-

tary sewer improvements. The funds were not awarded last year when the city applied. However, the chances of receiving grant funds this year could be higher.

Arcola was awarded the "Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets Capital Grant through DCEO for \$1,140,000, which will help the city make water main improvements and eliminate IEPA violations. The project is still currently in the design phase.

The employee relations committee approved the 457(b) Adoption Agreement. City employees will be able

to withhold part of their paycheck for retirement, similar to a 401(k). City employees are still required to enroll with the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The City Council will still have to approve the agreement at a later meeting.

Prior to Monday's full Council meeting, the police committee met with the Arcola School Board to discuss the possibility of hiring a school resource officer. The city seemed interested in partnering with the school, and the school district seemed favorable to picking up part of the cost. No decision was made as talks continue.