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Birthplace of Johnny Gruelle, creator of Raggedy Ann & Andy



Quotable:

"I would rate (the Blackhawk) a 98, but if it had ice cream, it would be a 100." — Noah Biggs

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Homecoming timeline

Parade, Thursday, Oct. 5, starts at 12:30 p.m. near the school; pep rally downtown at 1 p.m.

Football game, Friday, Oct. 6. Kick-off at 7 p.m. vs Sangamon Valley. Attendants and court will be announced at halftime. Saturday, Oct. 7; 6:30 p.m., King and Queen coronation at Arcola High School. Homecoming dance at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

Doctor's Day Celebration

All are invited to the Doctor's Day Celebration for Dr. Ramon U. Climaco at the Arcola Masonic Community Center, 111 S. Locust St., Arcola. The celebration will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7. Please RSVP Dolly Herschberger at 217-519-2696 or email dclimaco@gmail.com by Oct. 2.

Alumni Banquet Deadlines Extended

Deadlines have been extended for the Oct. 14 Distinguished Alumni Banquet honoring William Robert "Bob" Fortney (1944), Virginia L. Fortney (1952), John Virgil "Jack" Fishel (1956), John G. "Corky" Clark (1962) and Dennis R. "Denny" Thompson (1968). Banquet meal reservations are due Oct. 6. Banquet sponsorships received by Sept. 30 will be included in program booklets, banquet PowerPoint presentation, on Arcola Alumni Association website and in Arcola Record-Herald advertising. Later sponsorships are welcomed but may not be included in all advertising. Reservation and sponsor forms are available at Yoder's Homestead, Arcola First Bank, First Mid Bank & Trust, on the Arcola Alumni Association website at www.arcolaalumni.org or by calling Sue Stout at 217-840-6605.

Trick or Treat hours

Arcola City Council set trick-or-treating hours from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, three days before Halloween on Tuesday.

Quilters gather

Quilters are invited to gather Friday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Arcola Center to share their time and mutual interests with other quilters. For information contact 217-417-1388.

Coming up

- Columbus Day is Oct. 9
- Halloween is Oct. 31
- Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 5
- Veterans' Day is Nov. 11



Arcola in 'Ghere' for high-flying celebration

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA —It is not often that a UH-72 Lakota helicopter and a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter show up at your high school, but it is also not often that there were seven brothers in a family of 17 that all served in World II and all were from Arcola. Through the efforts of Kevin Monahan and others, the event took place last Friday, Sept. 22, on the Arcola practice field west of Thomas-Bradford Field. The helicopters arrived from Decatur just after 2 p.m. And remained until just after 7 p.m.

"It is the first time we landed and a crowd was watching," said Sargent Isley of the Decatur National Guard. "That was a new thing for me."

At first, Arcola administrators wanted the students to remain inside.

"We were concerned about how much wind, especially for the little ones," said Arcola junior high and high school Principal Nick Lindsey. "The first one came in (UH-72 Lakota) and we realized it wasn't much. So, it was a cool opportunity that our kids got to see and hopeful-



ELSIE GHERE, with her son, Scot Ghere, are waiting to take the field before the start of the game on Friday, Sept. 22. Elsie, who is 93, is the only living spouse of Roy and Lillie Ghere's 17 children. Elsie presented the game ball to the officials at the 50-yard line prior to the inaugural "Ghere Bowl" at Thomas-Bradford Field in Arcola.



Bria Hensley in the Blackhawk helicopter



Mario Campos in the Blackhawk helicopter



Abraham Kresin in the Blackhawk

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DAN GHERE, son of Bobby Ghere, waves to the crowd in the pre-game ceremony before the kick off of the inaugural "Ghere Bowl" between the Arcola Purple Riders and the Villa Grove Blue Devils. Dan Ghere is surrounded by many of his Ghere relatives all with ties to the 17 children of Roy and Lillie Ghere. Dan's father, Bobby, was one of seven brothers in the Ghere family to serve in the military during WWII. Bobby was killed in action on March 3, 1945, in northwest Germany near the border with the Netherlands, just before the war ended. Photos by Nancy Rairden.

HOMECOMING WEEK AT ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL



SENIOR COURT at left. Front row, queen candidates (l-r): Camila Cantu, Sarah Gilleaux, Elena Garza, Kelsey Moore, Ashley Pullen. Back row, king candidates: Oden Barron, Gerardo Alanis, Jackson Miller, Raul Guerra Villegas, Aaron Gaona.

ABOVE, ATTENDANTS. From left: Freshmen, Jaiden Miller and Evan Rardin, Sophomores, Haris Mayhall and Addie Mulligan, Juniors, Hayden Gauna and Bradon Phillips. Photos by David Porter.