

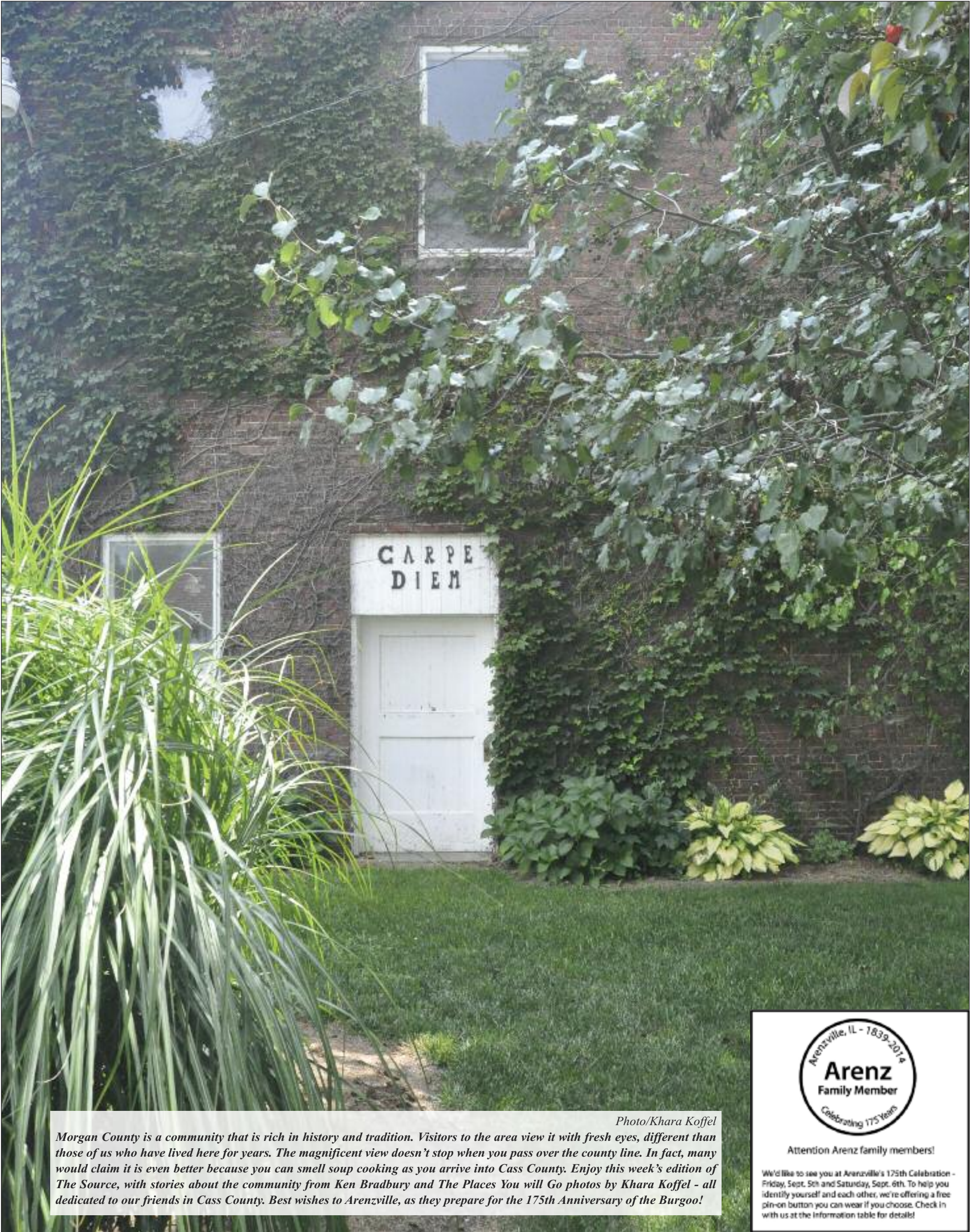
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Morgan County is a community that is rich in history and tradition. Visitors to the area view it with fresh eyes, different than those of us who have lived here for years. The magnificent view doesn't stop when you pass over the county line. In fact, many would claim it is even better because you can smell soup cooking as you arrive into Cass County. Enjoy this week's edition of The Source, with stories about the community from Ken Bradbury and The Places You will Go photos by Khara Koffel - all dedicated to our friends in Cass County. Best wishes to Arenzville, as they prepare for the 175th Anniversary of the Burgoo!



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EDITOR’S NOTE

Thank You

"Genesis, The Musical"-WOW! Where do I start, but with the collaborative team of author and director Ken Bradbury and composer Roger Wainwright to thank and acknowledge all those responsible for the success of this Passavant Area Hospital Auxiliary fund-raiser. These two men set the stage for an entertaining and uplifting evening that leaves you spiritually inspired.

Many who attended, "Genesis, The Musical," voiced it was one of the most powerful and dynamic productions they have seen. The outstanding cast of ten (Carrie, Nathan, and Parker Carls, John Love, Alec President, Stephanie Seitermann, Drew Stroud, Erin Washington, and Brenda and Jim Yale) portrayed more than twenty biblical figures with an authenticity that earned them a standing ovation each of their nine performances. Such moving performances were achieved through the expert guidance of choreographer Brittany Davis and vocal director Donn Stephens. The magnificent orchestra, composed of Jerry Kirbach, Dan McLaughlin, Kayla Primm, Sam Roth, and Roger Wainwright, did a superb job of setting the ever-changing tone of the production, taking the audience on a rollercoaster ride of emotions.

The Playhouse on the Square, under the leadership and management of Rich and Laurie McCoy, was the perfect size and setting for this musical. This quaint little theatre, with its 100 seat capacity, allowed the audience to truly feel connected to the performance.

A heartfelt thank you to Bob and Janet Chipman for co-chairing "Genesis, The Musical." Their hard work and dedication shone through the efforts of the many marvelous chairmen and committees working under their direction: Advertising co-chairs Mike and Suzanne Verticchio, Afterglow co-chairs Rich and Pat Foss and Jay and Shelley Wessler, Costumes chair Janet Long, Finance chair Tammy Middleton, Hospitality co-chairs Joe and Sue Tapscott, Lighting Operations co-chairs Marylane Million and Elisabeth Werries, Makeup chair Sylvia Burke, Medical Community co-chairs Beth Glebelhausen and Michelle Hinchey, Production Coordinator Ginny Fanning, Production Producer Marylane Million, Publicity co-chairs Keith and Nancy Bradbury, Scenery and Props co-chairs Janet Roach and Carolyn White, Showbook chair Kevin Eckhoff, Stage Manager Kim Shafer, Technical Director Chuck West, and Ticket co-chairs Linda Curtis and Anne Wildrick.

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For me, the underlying message of "Genesis, The Musical" is that life should not be about what we can get out of it, but rather what we can contribute to it. By coming together for a greater good, and giving of their time, talents, and blessings, all of the above mentioned persons, and more, have truly managed to live out the message of the production. Proceeds from Genesis, The Musical totaled **\$43,580.96** and will satisfy the payment of the new paramedic vehicle, purchased by the Auxiliary. This is a wonderful example of our community coming together in support of our local hospital and our mission to improve the health of the patients and communities we serve.



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There’s no home like place



BY KEN
BRADBURY

There are several ways to acquire a hometown. Some you are born into, some you adopt and some adopt you. I have a friend who calls Boston his hometown even though he was born in Pittsfield. Since there’s nothing legally binding about the word, I suppose you can take your pick.

As Arenzville prepares to celebrate its 175th birthday next week I guess I’ll define hometown as the town where I have my home. When Burgoo rolls around our population swells like a tick on a fat dog and folks who’ve done little more than pass through will be claiming hometown status.

But I’ll tell you a secret. It takes a bit longer to become part of small town. You can move into Jacksonville and the next day consider yourself a Jacksonvillian. In towns the size of Arenzville it make take several generations to lose the “newcomer” status. I’ve lived here for approaching 40 years but still consider myself a transplant from Perry and Jacksonville.

In fact, I can well remember the day this young teacher stood nervously in the backyard of my home while auctioneer Jim Lakamp began to call for bids. I didn’t have enough cash in the bank to buy a decent sized tent, let alone a house, but the local banker was also a school board member and I think he wanted to spare Triopia the embarrassment of employing a homeless teacher. The auction was a blur. I remember that three parties were bidding: a family, a group of neighbors intent on protect-

ing the neighborhood, and me. I guess the neighbors lost their bid to keep their street free from mischief because before I knew what was happening big Jim hollered, “Sold! To Mr. Bradbury!” and I found myself owning a house and a new hometown. I was numb. I politely accepted the applause of the crowd gathered and crossed the street to Hannel’s grocery store to get good and drunk on a Diet Pepsi. One of Arenzville’s local characters was sitting on the counter when I entered the store and she asked me who’d bought the house. I said, “Me,” and she growled, “It’s about damned time you started paying taxes here.” Welcome to Arenzville!

Another quirk of small town living is that a place won’t be called your place until you die. I still live in the Schone house and it will remain so until my funeral. Naming is purely ex post facto in a small town. The Smiths live on the Jones place but while the Jones folks lived there it was the Wilson place. The Smiths won’t have a place of their own until they move to the Brown place. In a small town there’s no home like place.

The tradition of small town annual celebrations is beginning to fade a bit in many of our small burgs, but I’m happy to say that the crowd at the Arenzville Burgoo hasn’t diminished over the years and with the 175th celebration on the horizon we imagine that the crowds will come pouring in for two days of thick soup, free entertainment, and a great deal of trying to remember the names of old friends. In a world that changes much too quickly, we’ll change little but the price of elephant ears and our underwear. I do fear a bit for the parade, the first we’ve had in twenty-five

years. We only have three major east-west streets and considering the number of folks marching I wonder who’ll be left to wave back. We may have to take three laps around town to make it a proper parade.

I’m not sure why the Burgoo tradition has stayed so strong. Towns like Franklin also continue to keep alive the tradition of eating hot soup in the heat, but most other villages have either dropped or curtailed their festivities. Much of this loyalty can of course be credited to the fact that when you’re a little guy you have to try harder. Arenzville is indeed a little guy. The 2010 census said we occupy less than a square mile of land inhabited by 419 people. They must have counted us on a night when there was no football game. The average household size is 2.44 and I know this to be a fact. The .44 is a friend of mine. Remarkably, there were no families living under the poverty line and our median age is 40. We tend to vote Republican. Shortly after I moved to town I was called by a lady saying, “Ken, I hear you’re a Democrat. We’re having a meeting tonight at my house.” I went and joined the other seven people sitting around her living room. Four of the seven are now dead so that puts the pressure on our remaining three.

So, to my new hometown of Arenzville: Happy Birthday! May we continue to celebrate the goodness of America, the value of family, the value of friends, and the fact that with enough crackers and dill pickles you can swallow anything.

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History of Arenzville



BY KELSEY
SCHUTZ

Molly Daniel of Charleston, Illinois was raised in Arenzville. Molly's parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark were active community members, and many of Daniel's fondest childhood memories revolved around the town annual celebration, The Arenzville Burgoo. Like many sons and daughters of this small Midwestern farm town, Daniel grew up and moved away. However, Arenzville was never far from her heart and mind.

"After I went to college, I lived away from Arenzville, but it was during the short time that I lived overseas, that I really began missing home. I wanted so much to see pictures of home," shared Daniel. "So when I moved back to the States, I started thinking someone really needs to put some pictures up on the internet of Arenzville, and, finally, I decided that someone was going to be me."

During the year of 1998, Daniel met with Arenzville officials and offered to create a website on behalf of the village. She ensured them that she would upload photographs and collect local stories for the website at no fee to the city. Her only goal was to create a site for people, like herself, who missed their hometown, where they could look at pictures, read about the community and reminisce about days past.

The city accepted Daniel's offer and the website commenced. She began visiting Arenzville frequently to conduct research on the history of the village and to gather stories from the local townspeople. "I quickly realized that

there were many things that I didn't know about my hometown," said Daniel. One of the things she gained knowledge about was the early history of the town.

Arenzville was established in 1839 by Francis Arenz. Arenz came to the United States from his native country of Prussia (modern day Northern Germany and Poland) in 1827 and



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first settled in Kentucky. Arenz remained in Kentucky for two years, working in the merchandising business. In 1829 he moved to Galena, Illinois to work in the lead trade before moving to Beardstown, where he focused his entrepreneurial spirit on real estate sales.

Based on its appealing location between several major cities and close proximity to the Illinois River, Arenz decided to settle in Beard-

stown. In order to attract incoming immigrants to the area, he established the newspaper The Beardstown Chronicle and Illinois Bounty Land Advertiser in 1834. He remained the owner and editor of the publication for more than two years before the newspaper proved to be unprofitable for Arenz and its existence ceased.

Although the newspaper was financially unsuccessful, it served its purpose of attracting individuals and businesses to the area. During that time, Beardstown became a major shipping point for local farmer's produce and pork. With the agricultural industry being profitable at that time, Arenz moved approximately six miles southeast of Beardstown and began farming. He remained living and working on that farm until 1839 when he mapped out the village of Arenzville and made his permanent home there.

Arenz was not only a businessman and farmer, but also an active political leader. He was one of the creators of the Illinois State Agricultural Society and in 1852 was appointed by President Fillmore to serve as a representative to carry dispatches to American diplomats in Vienna and Berlin.

After learning about the early history of Arenzville, Daniel was inspired to ask other questions about her hometown. Daniel went on to discover large numbers of young men from Arenzville had enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. She also learned more about the integral process of making Arenzville's famous Burgoo. These stories, as well as more information on the history of the village can be found on village's website that Daniel continues to operate, www.burgoo.org.

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BY KEN BRADBURY

John Zuschka

When John Zuschka died, the residents of Arenzville gathered up his belongings and held an estate sale. Among the items in John's house were 3 candles, 1 silk hat, 2 flannel shirts, 2 pillowcases, 1 piece of leather, a songbook, 24 hens and 3 roosters, 1 gallon of lard, 1 frying pan, 4 bedposts, 1 spoon, 1 horse blanket, and 20 bushels of corn.

He wrote in his will that his debts should be paid and all remaining monies be given to the school in Arenzville, "... to defray the expenses of teaching; religion and morals in the German and English languages. John Zuschka, 12th day of March, A.D. 1843."

No one knows where Zuschka was born, but anyone who attended school in Arenzville is familiar with the name. His was the town's first funeral and being a bachelor without any relatives, he gave his estate for the building of a new school. The only direct quote we have from him comes from Tade and Hester Lovekamp's history of Arenzville, where John said, "'I had drifted about the world, never receiving any kind words or treatment until I came to Arenzville.'"

John Zuschka came to Arenzville with nothing in his pocket but hope for a future and was soon employed by Francis Arenz, the man for whom the town is named. By what was described as "hard work and frugal habits" he managed to acquire 80 acres just east of Arenzville, and so he felt that upon his death it

would be fitting to give all his worldly possessions to the Arenz and his brother J.A. The Arenz brothers told Zuschka that neither of them needed any further wealth and suggested that John give his estate to the school.

The Lovekamps said that, "Mr. Zuschka was not captivating in appearance, small in size, but he possessed a large soul, full of honesty and trustworthiness." The willing of his worldly possessions to the school seemed appropriate and although more than one Arenzville student dreaded the day they had to learn to spell "Zuschka," the man holds a cherished place in the town's heart. In the early days of the school, the classes would make a spring pilgrimage to the top of the cemetery overlooking Arenzville to visit his grave.

He died in 1843, some six months after writing his will, and it appeared as if the school's benefactor had gathered in stores for the winter since his estate inventory also included 1 lot of smoking tobacco, 3 pounds of candles, 4 pounds of sausage, 20 bushels of potatoes and a new mouse trap. The total amount of his personal effects came to \$106.72. The folks of the town found among his papers a notice stating that eight dollars was paid for the making of a coffin by George Gunther and Carl Vogel. The coffins in those days were made locally from the neighboring timber.

The Zuschka School stood for 75 years then in the 1984-85 school year the state safety standards began to catch up with the large brick structure. In October of 1985 over a hundred Arenzville citizens met at the town's Legion Hall and seventy generous folks donated the money to buy the entire square. An effort was

made to save the bell from the old building before the wrecking crews took charge, but sadly the bell-lowering rope was not match for the weight of the Zuschka bell and it came crashing down at the feet of the Arenzville Fire Department.

Zuschka Square is now home to smaller building serving as polling place, town council headquarters, and bingo parlor for the town, a colorful assortment of playground equipment, and Zuschka Memorial Apartments, which are under a 99-year lease to the Cass County Housing Authority.

It would be interesting to know what brought the young John Zuschka to Arenzville. By the time the History of Cass County was written, he was described as "an old bachelor without living relatives who drifted about from place to place, receiving his first kind words and employment in Arenzville." The original school was built in 1892 providing a grade school and a two-year high school, but the school burned down in 1908 during school hours. It's believed that a spark from the furnace ignited leaves in the building's gutters and the frantic whistle of a passing train was the first alert to the town's citizens. Within a year a new school was built and the building was used until 1969 when the consolidated classes of Triopia moved into the new building near Concord.

All that's left of John is a grave marker on top of cemetery hill, near his old farm. The current monument was donated by the children of Arenzville school.

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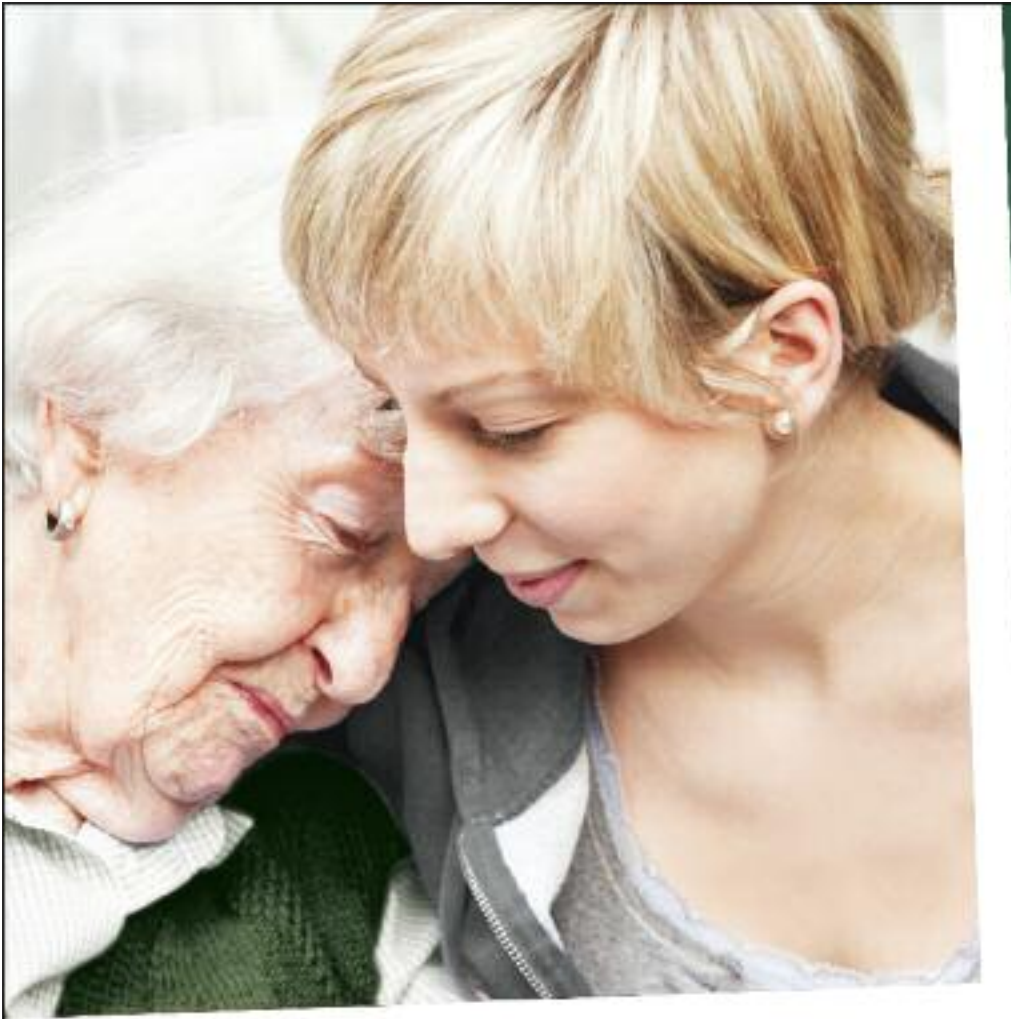
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BY KEN
BRADBURY

Franklin may have the best Burgoo unless you ask someone from Chandlerville who may disagree completely with someone from Meredosia or Winchester. And of course the folks in Roodhouse claim that their soup is better than what's to be found in Glasgow, Gillespie, Woodson, Bluffs or Utica. Anyone with a bit of sense knows that it's both dangerous and futile to argue the merits of any particular town's recipe and cooking methods, but the city limits of Arenzville are adorned with signs stating, "Home of the World's Best Burgoo," so I suppose it depends not so much on your description of Burgoo, but of the word "World."

The Oxford Dictionary doesn't mention either Arenzville or Franklin, but says that Burgoo may originate with a thin gruel or porridge made by sailors in the 17th century, none of which likely ever made it to the Bluffs Burgoo. The word itself may come from "bulghur," a form of cracked wheat, or "ragout," a French word for a spicy stew.

The first Burgoo stews in this part of the world were thick with wild game, but current health laws have tamed the soup down to mostly chicken and beef with a garden load of vegetables. Some parts of the country pronounce it "BEAR-go," but "BURR-goo" is favored in Central Illinois. Some spots in southeastern Illinois make a similar brew but down there it's called chowder.

In 1982 an eleven-year-old boy at Arenzville's Trinity School was asked to write a theme called, "What is Burgoo?" The young Charles Ater wrote, "It all starts with a kettle,

then water, then a fire under the kettle, when the water gets hot, in goes the meat. The corn, carrots and lots of other things go into the world's best Burgoo. Then everybody likes it! So you go to five kettles, it's not enough so you go to fifteen kettles, a hamburger stand and a ride or two. They like it even more. The next year 35 kettles, and fourteen rides, two dunking machines, four or five games, a teenage dance, a car show, a tractor pull and a million other things. And to think it all started with one kettle!"

The genesis of the Arenzville Burgoo seems as mysterious and murky as the origin of the soup itself. The general consensus is that both the stew and the custom originated with the first American Indian settlers to this region, as they would gather to share the results of a bountiful hunt with their potlatch or feast. Other local experts say that the tradition migrated to Central Illinois with the influx of settlers from Kentucky and Virginia. The first official mention comes from the town records where in 1906 a group of citizens petitioned the town fathers to block off the streets for their soup fest. The first written recollections of Burgoo come via Charles Ater in an interview he did with his Arenzville neighbor Horace Virgin. Virgin said that he could remember stirring soup as a boy, and that the celebrations would be held in a cattle lot east of Arenzville. He said, "I worked all day and got nothing for my work except dinner which was Burgoo, and I didn't like the stuff." He went on to mention that Arenzville's German settlers included large amounts of schnapps and the diners would often find their way home only with the help of a fellow German on each arm. The entertainment at these early Burgoos consisted of a "pigeon shoot," at which pigeons were held under tin plates until the

shooters would shout to have them released. Schnapps, shotguns and dead pigeons play very little part in today's Arenzville Burgoo as the town is annually treated to the sight of thousands of visitors for the two-day celebration. "It's become a real homecoming," said Tim Huey, who until his death was the town's Burgoo-meister. It was Tim who would sneak through the line of steaming kettles at two in the morning to toss in a handful of what he called, "our secret ingredient." "In fact," said Huey, "the whole Arenzville recipe is a deep secret. That means it'll cost you a quarter."


The facts: 18, 40-gallon kettles cooked each day, and that comes out to about 1440 gallons of soup. Custom-made motorized stirrers keep the Burgoo from scorching on its 14-hour trip to the bowl. The Arenzville Burgoo has its own website, www.burgoo.org maintained by former resident Molly Daniels and the sight lists pictures, stories, and even recipes. A 1953 newspaper clipping states that President Franklin Roosevelt once asked the White House chef for Burgoo and the following recipe was provided: "25 lbs. beef, 9 old hens, 14 cans of corn, 8 gallons cabbage, 3 gallons carrots, 60 lbs. of potatoes, 4 bunches of celery, 3 gallons of onion, 4 tablespoons of salt and pepper, paprika. Makes 50 gallons." We assume that the President was having guests over.

The concept of "tradition" seems almost passé in a world of high-tech change, but Arenzville has somehow managed to maintain its volunteer work force for the annual Burgoo, the crowds continue to be huge, and at least for one weekend in September the idea of "community" is very much alive and well in this Cass County town tucked into an elbow of Illinois River Valley. And that, say the residents of Arenzville, makes it all worthwhile.

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VILLAGE OF CHAPIN, ILLINOIS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Road & Street Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUE				
Charges for Service	\$ 195,559	\$ 88,393	\$ 17,865	\$ 301,817
Total Operating Revenue	195,559	88,393	17,865	301,817
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and Payroll Taxes	18,930	18,930		37,860
Water Purchase	21,495			21,495
Insurance	6,181	6,181		12,362
Professional Fees	10,414	9,390	2,841	22,645
Repairs and Maintenance	1,411	9,517		10,928
Permits and Testing		3,126		3,126
Utilities	4,733	10,790		15,523
Operating Supplies	78,820	2,598	18,962	99,380
Paramedic Fees			1,332	1,332
Engineering Fees		553		553
Other	559	339	1,773	2,671
Depreciation	18,872	32,331	20,578	71,781
Total Operating Expenses	189,254	85,411	44,817	319,482
Operating Income (Loss)	97,294	(41,048)	(26,952)	29,294
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)				
Donations			225,195	225,195
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets		890		890
Interest Expense			(753)	(753)
Interest Income	432	840	230	1,492
Loan Principal Payments	(821,354)			(821,354)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	(820,922)	1,490	224,662	(594,770)
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(923,628)	(39,558)	197,730	(765,456)
Transfers In			3,867	3,867
Change in Net Position	(923,628)	(39,558)	201,597	(761,589)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING	413,004	506,655	55,264	974,923
NET POSITION, ENDING	\$ (510,624)	\$ (546,213)	\$ 257,361	\$ (800,000)

VILLAGE OF CHAPIN, ILLINOIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Year Ended April 30, 2014

	General Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Motor Fuel Tax Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUE				
Taxes	\$ 41,953	\$ 3,928	\$	\$ 45,881
Utility Taxes	27,432			27,432
Fight/Save Tax	7,410			7,410
Intergovernmental	80,744	22,802	15,148	118,694
Revenue from Services	1,300			1,300
Licenses and Permits	2			2
Fines and Penalties	6,160			6,160
Interest	1,252	13	34	1,299
Other	58,358	6,782	175	65,315
Donations	6,500			6,500
Total Revenue	229,811	33,525	15,342	278,678
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government	66,971			66,971
Public Safety	27,272	15,217		42,489
Health and Welfare	330			330
Public Works	31,428			31,428
Culture and Recreation	3,603			3,603
Capital Outlay	52,255	17,180		69,435
Debt Service		5,009		5,009
Total Expenditures	181,759	37,406	0	219,165
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	48,052	(3,881)	15,342	59,513
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund Transfers Received		14,121		14,121
Interfund Transfers Paid	(17,988)			(17,988)
Net Change in Fund Balance	30,064	7,940	15,342	53,346
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	275,857	9,865	6,080	291,802
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 305,921	\$ 17,805	\$ 21,422	\$ 345,148

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BY KEN
BRADBURY

“No resident from Beardstown shall be admitted into Arenzville for the next thirty days.” So said the town fathers in 1881. Further reading of the town board minutes indicates that the ban on Beardstowners was not a result of an argument over football or Burgoo recipes, but rather a smallpox epidemic was running rampant over our neighboring community. Just to make sure no one snuck in, a special policeman was hired to stand at the train depot to ask folks where they’d come from. To be doubly sure that the dreaded disease didn’t creep into town, all churches, schools and secret societies were banned from meeting.

A cursory scan of any town’s early laws and statutes is reason for a bit of chuckling, and as Arenzville celebrates its 175th anniversary, we find that our little burg had its share of weird official notices.

At the very first village board meeting on July 9th of 1853, the committee declared that every person in town would be required to give an unspecified number of days to “Road Labor.” If you didn’t show up you were fined seventy-five cents. If your horse died on the street you had only four hours to remove the body and the noncompliance fine was from one to five bucks, depending I suppose upon the size of the horse. You could be fined the same amount for throwing manure onto the streets.

This next one needs a bit more description: “No person shall make or cause to be made within the limits of said town any indecent exhibition of himself or of any horse or other animal.” Perhaps some things are best left unsaid. The fine was up to ten dollars.

Grocery stores couldn’t allow gambling or keep an “indecent house” on the premises. Full-service grocery stores were still years away. The term “grocery” was broad in the 19th century, covering almost any type of establishment, but they were to also set the moral tone of Arenzville since allowing swearing in your store could also result in a ten buck fine.

The town square was fenced off in the 1850’s and you could receive a fine if you let your livestock graze there. There’s no mention of what would happen if the animal also cussed, drank, and made an indecent display.

Sunday “blue laws” were very much a part of every Midwest town’s statutes and Arenzville was no exception...that is, with a few exceptions. The town’s German population kept their village a “wet town” during various probation periods in other cities, including Jacksonville. For example, in 1867 the town council decreed that saloon keepers should keep their doors shut on Sundays. A patron could enter and leave the tavern but he had to shut the door behind him. However, in 1868 they did pass a statute declaring that the shooting of air guns in taverns would be prohibited...on Sundays only.

Then there are the ordinances that simply defy any modern explanation. On May 27 of 1871 the village board decided to build a wall

for their town jail. One can only assume that jailbreaks were common before the wall was added. The town had a cemetery from its earliest days but until 1876 there was no road leading into it. I suppose you had to die there to get there. You couldn’t run a train through town at any speed faster than six miles an hour. High-speed rail was still many years off. However, two weeks later this speed limit was repealed since in order for a train to climb out of the Illinois River bottom and up the Arenzville hill, six mph just wouldn’t cut it. In June of 1894 the board allowed the town’s first slot machine. In December of 1893 they voted to buy 70 lights for the streets in case electricity ever made it to Arenzville. Things went wild in 1904 when the council voted to extend the town’s 8 p.m. curfew until 9 p.m. In 1905 we officially stopped all throwing and catching of balls on Frederick Street and the removal of all odiferous hog pens. In that same year the town marshal was ordered to be “more severe” with the young boys who’d been gathering at night to cause mischief. This is what comes from extending the curfew until 9 p.m. In April of 1907 the town fathers realized that their village’s bank account was overdrawn by \$4.01. In 1911 we taxed dogs for the first time, and in 1931 a certain Mr. Weeks was ordered to move his goats, disinfect his stable, and move his Billy goat outside the city limits. It was not noted if Billy had broken the six mph speed limit.

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BY KEN
BRADBURY

Former MacMurray college professor Phil Decker once explained to me that towns everywhere and particularly in the Midwest were created out of necessity, not ambience. He said, "If you'll notice, most towns around here are located a day's horseback ride from one another. You rode your horse for a day and you needed a place to stop." He then added that transportation and industry were the two other major factors. Chapin was there because of its railroad, Meredosia due to the river, even Springfield because of its location on the Sangamon.

So it's no surprise to learn that Arenzville is planted where it is because of a grain mill located on nearby Indian Creek. Legend has it that the first mill was indeed constructed and operated by Native Americans living on the edge the Illinois River bottom, and the first records of any settlement there date to 1821. Perrin's History of Cass County, states that a man named James Smart was the first white settler to operate the mill and the previous residents lived in an ancient Indian town and burial place three miles northeast of the present village.

Smart bought the mill from the Indians and Francis Arenz, the town's namesake, joined in the venture, running two mills...one for wood and one for corn. There was no wheat grown in the area at the time. In fact, it was said to be the only mill within 100 miles. Contrary to what one might think, a mill's most dreaded enemies are not floods, but rather muskrats.

The entire enterprise was twice destroyed by the little dam breakers.

Francis Arenz was born at Blackenberg in the province of Rhein, Prussia on October 31st of 1800. We tend to look back at our founding fathers and mothers as people who lived a lifetime of success, forgetting for the moment that Columbus wasn't actually out to discover America. Arenz came to the U.S. via Kentucky, Galena, then and Beardstown, constantly trying to make it as a merchant. His first attempt at running a newspaper in Beardstown came to failure, and he proposed digging a canal to connect the Illinois and Sangamon Rivers at Miller's ferry but the project was abandoned. Finally in 1832 he gave up the hopes of making a fortune and moved to a spot near the Morgan County line and today we call the place Arenzville.

Arenz was not the first man to enter government service because he'd not been a success in the world of business. An ardent Whig, he was elected to the Fourteenth General Assembly and later became a diplomat under President Fillmore as a bearer of dispatches to foreign countries, most notably his native Prussia. He helped found the State Agricultural Society in 1853. Much like today, important men in those days often knew each other and one of Francis Arenz's greatest friendships was with Thomas Beard, the founder of Beardstown. Both men established churches as one of the first acts in their respective towns, and Thomas Beard named his son Francis Arenz Beard. In fact, it was Francis Arenz who spoke at Beard's funeral. J.N. Gridley, writing of the event, said, "When we arrived at the grave a circle was formed, and with the uncovered brow the honorable Francis Arenz stepped forward, himself

an exile and a pioneer from another land to do the last act of courtesy." Arenz spoke of how the two men led similar lives, both far away from their native lands, and both finding friendship in the other. Gridley says that Arenz called Beard, "...one of Nature's noblemen." Saying this the speaker (Francis Arenz) broke down in a paroxysm of grief and tears."

It's ironic to note that today Arenzville is home to many members of the Beard family but no one names Arenz lives in Arenzville. The Arenz family moved to Beardstown.

One of the least noble of Abraham Lincoln's early traits was his habit of writing letters to editors under assumed names. Author Michael Burlingame's "Abraham Lincoln: A Life," tells the story of Arenz and Lincoln's confederation when Lincoln bought stock in the Sangamon Canal Company, of which Arenz was president. Arenz was editor of the Sangamo Journal, which had run a slashing editorial against Peter Cartwright, a prominent Methodist minister and Jacksonian politico. The editorial was signed, "Sam Hill." Actually, Arenz agreed to run it as a paid advertisement. The real Sam Hill detested Cartwright and Lincoln had no fondness for him. The editorial called the Methodist politician "a most abandoned hypocrite" and said that it was hard to tell whether he was "a great fool or knave," and that "he has few rivals in either capacity." Lincoln quit the ugly practice of ghost writing in 1842 when one of his offended targets challenged him to a duel.

There's not much evidence today of Francis Arenz's mill, his muskrats, or his famous friendships, but his name still stand firmly affixed to the signs entering the town. We think he'd be satisfied with that.

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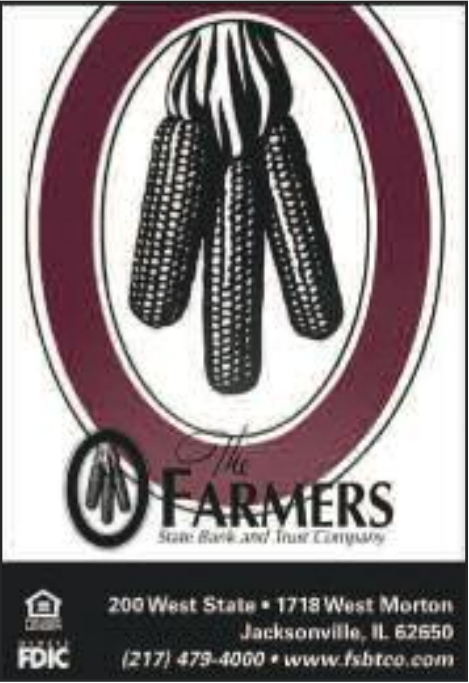
GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	327,751.19
Income:	
Bank Interest	345.28
Election Day Rent	70.00
Tax Monies	187,040.64
Tax Refund	353.91
Total Income	187,809.83
Expenses:	
Accountants	570.00
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Attornies	300.00
Auto	17,911.16
Clerk Salary	3,111.04
Commissioner Salary	25,239.16
Dues and Subscriptions	176.00
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Insurance	12,511.90
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Quarterly Payment	1,166.25
Reimbursment for Bill's Insurance	2,352.00
Rent on Equip	532.71
Repairs	5,203.58
Retirement Fund	6,335.46
Seminar	100.00
Snow Removal	1,224.44
Supplies, Business	6,875.58
Tim Critchelow - Insurance	2,541.90
Truck Tests	122.00
Trash Hauling	896.13
Transfer to Machinery Account	55,000.00
Utilities	3,468.73
Withholding Tax	18,468.92
Total Expenses	201,842.54
Ending Balance 3/31/2014	313,718.48

OIL & ROCK ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	270,203.33
Income:	
Bank Interest	304.71
Tax Monies	64,784.93
Total Income	65,089.64
Expenses:	
Morgan Co. Hwy Dept	841.50
PH Broughton & Sons	6,506.20
Total Expenses	7,347.70
Ending Balance	327,945.27

BRIDGE ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	142,357.65
Income:	
Bank Interest	149.40
Tax Monies	13,506.42
Total Income	13,655.82
Expenses:	
Coady Supply	3,307.57
Total Expenses	3,307.57
Ending Balance	152,705.90

MACHINERY ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	36,133.52
Income:	
Bank Interest	26.07
Transfer from General	55,000.00
Tax Monies	12,861.57
Total Income	67,887.64
Expenses:	
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Knapheide Equipment	9,570.00

Above is a true and exact record of receipts and expenditures for fiscal year. All bills present and due paid in full.
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Arenzville quilt

BY TINA
ARNOLD

Arenzville has always had stories to tell and memories to share. At the annual Burgoo this year, you could win a quilt commemorating these stories and the 175th Anniversary of the town. The memory quilt, as the creators are calling it, is comprised of 22 vintage photos, an advertisement, and a commemorative embroidered by LGB Embroidery of Jacksonville.

A photo of the quilt doesn't do it justice to its details in person. Each picture tells its own tale, shares its own recollection, and is its own piece of Arenzville history. June Stinebaker of Meredosia designed the layout of the photos which have been transferred onto fabric. The fabric was then sewn together by the A to Z quilt shop in Quincy, IL. Stinebaker was gracious enough to donate her time and talent to piece together this queen size (63 x 80 inches) piece of art which is going to raise funds for the celebration to be bigger and better this year.

Many of the photos are from Tate and Hester Lovekamp, lifelong residents of Arenzville. The Lovekamps were dedicated to preserving Arenzville history. After their passing, their photo collection was donated to the Village. Below are details for each block of the quilt.

- #1 • J.L. Weeks Store, people in photo unknown
- #2 • Arenzville Train Depot, people in photo unknown
- #3 • Commemorative Block, Embroidered by Lgb Embroidery in Jacksonville, IL
- #4 • Beard Implement Co., Pictured L-R:

Bob Beard founder and his sons, Gerald (G.B.) Beard and Myron Beard.

#5 • Arenzville House, a hotel built in 1885 on the N.W. Corner of Charles & Main St. where Wessler Insurance Agency now stands. At the time of this photo it was known as The Chris Zimmerman Hotel & Saloon located in the basement of the building. Zimmerman is pictured on the right end of the porch.* p.98

#6 • Merchant and Farmers Bank: John Theivogt, cashier is pictured.

#7 • Advertisement for C.F. Lovekamp, dealer in lumber, lath, shingles and lime.

#8 • The small train, elevator and depot. * p.104

#9 • Furniture and Undertaking. Men pictured are unidentified.

#10 • Annual Arenzville Fish Fry, circa 1880. * p.19

#11 • Trinity Lutheran Church

#12 • Triebert's Barber Shop. Pictured: Mr. Triebert with Marcus Weeks in chair, the other barber is Charles Goule. * p.121

#13 • View of Frederick St. in Arenzville.

#14 • Postcard from collection of Keith Strubbe.

#15 • Triopia's first undefeated Football Team, 1960.

#16 • Arenzville House Saloon. Pictured L-R: Louis Frazier, Frank Menge and bartender Charles Howell.

#17 • Blacksmith/Wagon Shop, Osborne Farm Implements

#18 • Burrus Brothers and Associated Growers Hybrid Seed Corn Dealer.

#19 • Henry Meyer's Store. Pictured L-R: J.F. Thyen, Mrs. Bauner, Gayle Hierman and Andy Proudfit. *

#20 • The R.J. Ommen Grocery. People pictured are unknown.

#21 • Wessler Brothers Garage Advertisement.

#22 • Arenzville United Methodist Church

#23 • Zuschka School, built 1909

#24 • Onken Brothers and Meyer Store, circa 1940

* Information from "A Local History Collection of Arenzville" by Theodore and Hester Ham Lovekamp, published in 1988.

The winner of this quilt will own a piece of local history for years and generations to come. If interested in viewing the actual quilt, stop by The First National Bank of Arenzville in Arenzville. Tickets can be purchased by calling Melissa Mueller at 217.491-6048. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The quilt will be raffled off on Saturday, September 6th at the Burgoo festival. A specific time for the raffle is yet to be determined, but you can keep updated via their website of www.burgoo.org. You can see a photo of the quilt on the website, as well.

Melissa Mueller, committee member for the event, says that the quilt has been a great project. While she stayed more on the administrative side of things, she enjoyed seeing all the pieces come together. Mueller describes the town as embodying the phrase "it takes a village." Arenzville is a village full of memories not to be forgotten, and thanks to this memory quilt, that will surely never happen.

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One tough little trojan



BY KEN
BRADBURY

Most legends are long gone. This one isn't. One of Arenzville's most last-ing icons died in 2006 and with the passing of Don Kemp the town lost something at least as memorable as Burgoo and hybrid seed corn. Running up a football coaching record of 254-79-9 and a basketball string of 564-236 is one thing, but to do it with Don Kemp's particular style is quite something else.

Of course all three Triopia communities share the legend of "The Kemper," but Arenzville is where he made his home, living for 26 years in a sleeping room in the home of Ron and Faye Kershaw. As Mrs. Kershaw put it, "He came with the house."

Our legendary Coach Kemp probably couldn't spell "malapropism" but he was the master of tangling words and phrases. In fact, he's still quoted today and loved even more for the way he mishandled the English language. Just a few Kemp-isms:

"Man! You're runnin' around out there like a man with his chicken cut off!"

"Jones! Go to the scorer's bench and find out what 52's number is!"

"You see kids, when the sun goes around the Earth.." "Uh..coach. The Earth revolves around the sun." "Man! Then we'd all fall off!"

"After we win the state championship game we're gonna have a ceremony up at the Central Park Plasma."

"Boys, tonight we're gonna play a basket-

ball team that's got a 3-2-3 defense."

"Man! You're out there doggin' it as far as doggin' it is concerned on the situation on the deal!"

When a student had surreptitiously stuck a bit of paraffin inside a dissected frog then asked Kemp what it was: "Man! That's the grizzard!"

One of Kemp's fellow coaches walked into the athletic office to find him sitting at his desk and pouring peroxide into his ear. When asked what he was doing he said, "I got scientist infection!"

More than one Triopia biology class has had to stifle its giggles as Kemp mispronounced the word "reticulum."

One of the most infamous Kemp tales hap-pened one evening as he was bringing a car-load of his players home from a late night ballgame. The Coach had just installed a set of deer whistles on the front of his car and none of the boys had seen such things before. One of the kids asked him what the little black ob-jects were and he said, "Those are animal de-flectors! They make a high whistle and the deer hear them and Wheee!...they get out of the way!" Just then, according to the boys, a pos-sum ran in front of Kemp's car and died a smashing death. The boys looked at Kemp. Kemp looked at the boys and said, "Man! Deaf possum!"

When Don Kemp died in August of 2006 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, he left behind a legacy of not only winning sports teams, but a rich storehouse of memo-ries for all those who'd played under him. Born

and raised in Stronghurst, Illinois, Kemp played football at WIU then came to Arenzville in 1953. He taught biology and driver's education at both Arenzville and then Triopia before retiring in 1989. When the IHSA insti-tuted the football playoffs in 1974, Kemp made sure that Triopia was in the championship game the first three years, winning the title in 1975.

Many locals attest to the fact that Kemp was a major influence in bringing the three com-munities together to form Triopia. His dedica-tion to the school sometimes took on aspects as unique as his personality. After the Friday night football games Kemp would launder all the uniforms himself, and it was widely known that when a student lacked funds for a class ring or letter jacket, it was the Coach who'd mysteriously supply the needed cash.

Any high school coach knows that his job depends upon his record. When Kemp passed his 500 wins mark in basketball, the school held a celebratory roast. Dick Bartholomew, one of his assistant coaches noted, "You wonder...would we still like Don Kemp if he hadn't won 500 games? Yeah, we would. Of course we'd sure as hell miss him, but we'd like him."

Arenzville will never truly discover the an-swer to Bartholomew's question since Don Kemp was both a winning coach and a great friend to the community. One might wonder whether his in-your-face style of coaching would be accepted in today's more litigious world of education. I think it would. It's hard not to like a winner.

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Town oddities



BY KEN
BRADBURY

Peter Baujan was big....550 pounds big....big enough that when he toured with Barnum's Circus he was billed as "The World's Fattest Man." A bachelor, Baujan came to Arenzville from his native Prussia as a boy. At age 26, weighing in at quarter of a ton, he joined up with P.T. Barnum's famous troupe and toured with them for nine years. The Virginia Gazette of March 27, 1914, states that his mother and the rest of his family "was of slight stature" although his 440-pound sister might stretch the definition of slightness. When he died at his Arenzville home in 1914 he'd slimmed down to 510 pounds and was buried in a specially made casket.

There's hardly a town, no matter its size, without its share of colorful characters. Some we celebrate, some we medicate. As Arenzville celebrates its 175th anniversary we find ourselves interested in the oddities as well as the founding fathers and mothers of the town.

Dennis Hammer would put a twitch on a nervous horse's nose. Frank Dionysius Hammer was born in Durmersheim, Germany, in 1870, immigrating to America and Arenzville in 1882. He married here and raised nine children, most of who worked in his blacksmith shop. Many horses were unruly when they brought them into Dennis and some were outright mean. That's when the twitch came in. A small noose would be put into the animal's mouth then looped over the top of his nose. If Nellie decided to kick, the smithy's assistant would twitch the rope and that was usually enough to calm the animal down. Like many

blacksmiths in the early 1900's, the advent of automobiles turned the horse handlers into mechanics, so Hammer followed suit and built an automotive addition onto his shop. An accident during a gasoline delivery in 1922 burnt the entire complex to the ground.

Aaron Smith was the town's marshal for thirty-seven years. Actually, he took part of year off when he retired and another fellow was hired for the job. However, a raid on an Arenzville gambling house found the new marshal with cards in his hand and Smith resumed his job as the town's top (and only) cop. Major crime has always been a slow business in Arenzville so most of Smith's time was spent as town custodian. It was his job to sweep the town's sidewalks and scoop the snow in the winter. The church walkways were always scooped first. And 365 days of every year found the town marshal walking with his ladder, scissors, box of wicks and rags, walking from street lamp to street lamp to light the town's sidewalks for the evening. The procedure was the same for all fourteen lamps: climb the ladder, clean the chimney, trim the wick, and then refill the oil pot. At 8 p.m. he'd ring the town's curfew bell, signaling all little Arenzvillians to get off the streets. If indeed the town was housing any criminals that evening, Aaron would light a stove in the jail then go home where his wife Ruth would have prepared biscuits and gravy for the night's convicts. The Smiths lived near the railroad tracks so Ruth kept a granite coffee pot and skillet near her back door so when the tramps came up the hill they'd have utensils ready to walk back down under the town bridge and cook their meal. Word has it that the hobos would always return her cookery clean and in place.

The farmers on the huge tractors lumbering across the Morgan and Cass county farmland owe a bit of gratitude to J.C. Pfeil of Arenzville, the man who invented the first spring-seat gang plow. His friend Jonathan Baldwin Turner of Jacksonville once remarked, "Why should a man follow the plow all day when horse feed is so cheap?" In Turner's time, land was cheap in this area but labor was relatively expensive, and if a man could devise a way to actually ride behind his plow then it might save him a hired hand. Pfeil's invention eventually became John Deere's "Improved Hawkeye Corn Cultivator."

OSHA wasn't around in Arenzville's early days so the town's history is littered with hair-raising tails of accidents and death among its residents. It was not unusual to see a one-armed man drinking coffee at the local café, his missing limb being the victim of a corn picker. Herman Engelbach, a decedent of the town's founder met his death at the hands of his own machinery after he'd purchased the very mill that was once the town's genesis. Ben Arenz tells this tale: "It was 2:30 in the morning when Freight Train Number 77 was roaring through town. Paul Bates and I were crossing the track at the wrong time. Killed the horse, smashed the buggy and we barely escaped with our lives." He says that the engineer didn't know what happened until he stopped in Beardstown and saw part of a buggy hanging from the front of his train.

Small towns are often better known for their quirks than their conquerors. As Arenzville celebrates its 175 years of quirkiness we look forward to future filled with not only hard-working farmers and contented retirees, but just enough oddity to spice up the soup.

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Answering the call



BY KEN
BRADBURY

When the 1942 graduates marched across the stage at Arenzville High School, the group included 17 students, only 6 of which were boys. Little did two of these lads know that their lives would intertwine at some amazing points in another part of the world.

Leland Nicol was drafted into the U.S. Army the year after he graduated from Arenzville and was sent to Westover Field, Massachusetts, for training with the Air Borne Engineers. He eventually became a part of the 1896th Aviation Battalion and soon found himself in Port Morsbey, New Guinea where he fought in the Lae and Nadzab campaigns. On Christmas Day of 1944 his battalion was sent to invade the Philippines and almost immediately suicide bombers attacked his ship. On January 12th of 1945 he was in the first hold with 150 other U.S. soldiers when their ship was hit. Eight men got out alive and Leland was among the survivors. He said, "I was on fire and had shrapnel in my leg. I got out of the ship by jumping in the ocean through the hole that the plane had made. I was burned over 30% of my body and when they couldn't find me I was listed as missing in action."

Nicol did have a life jacket and after a time floating in the sea was picked up by a ship. From there he was shuffled to various other hospital ships, eventually ending up in the 61st General Hospital in Hollandia, New Guinea, and it was in this facility where his Arenzville roots took a coincidentally welcome turn. He knew that his old classmate Dean (Butch) Zulauf had the same APO number as the hospital where Nicol was being treated so he asked the nurses if they'd ever heard of his high school friend. Nicol said, "...a few days later I looked

up and there was Butch. It's hard to believe that two boys out of a class of six would meet up in New Guinea." Butch went to his bunk that night and wrote a quick letter to his mother saying that he'd found Leland, that he was badly wounded but would survive. Nicol said, "My parents didn't get the telegram 'til one day after Butch's mother got the letter so they knew I was alive."

But the lives of these two Arenzville lads were to intersect again. After Nicol had been released from the hospital he made his way back to his outfit in the Philippines, but the recurring problems with his burns put him back under the Army's medical care. As he waited in Manila for replacements, he again ran into Zulauf. Nicol concludes his message to the Arenzville website by saying, "Out of the 185 men in my company who went overseas, only 34 of us came home, and all but 8 of them had been wounded or missing or both."

Town historian Molly Clark Daniel writes, "The men and women of Arenzville had a proud history of serving their country, both at home and abroad. Their service has sometimes been heroic - -- more than a dozen have given their lives for our nation's cause, and many had their lives changed forever because they answered the call to duty. The veterans represent the strength and character of our community, and we are grateful to them."

While the boys were serving during World War II, a group of local citizens created a newspaper to be sent overseas, keeping the young men abreast of what was happening in Arenzville. The first issue, published in April of 1945, introduced the paper by saying, "This is a solemn and historical occasion! You are holding a copy of the first edition of your hometown scandal sheet printed solely for your enjoyment! No ads to clutter it up. All the news on the hour (although possibly a few weeks late); a spontaneous sort of thing by a

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That first edition goes on to talk about the fund drive to put an addition onto Passavant Hospital, proudly reporting that the Arenzville-Concord area was the only section to meet its quota. The Town Tattler, as it was called, went on to note that Heirman's Café had been closed, Tater Paul and Zach Harvey had accidentally let Hart's horse loose, Cele Roegge bought a new jeep, the high school boys dug into the sand and built a new basketball court next to Wessler's Electric Shop, Tony Pfols-grof got married while on home on furlough, Esther Roegge is now walking without crutches, Eldore (Bud) Nobis was listed as a POW in Germany, Pvt. Gerald Beard is improving with his pneumonia, Wilbur Kleinschmidt was high point man of the basketball season with 226, and that the spring prom would be a Mexican fiesta.

It's quite a remarkable record for a small town: Clyde Ginder: radioman on an unarmed C-47 transport, and unarmed it downed a Japanese fighter plane over Burma. Clyde came away with no scratches for a Distinguished Flying Cross. Eldore "Bud" Nobis: captured during the Battle of the Bulge, survived several prison camps, finally evading his German captors and rejoining the U.S. Army on Friday the 13th in April of 1945. Bob Clark: a pilot on a Hellcat Fighter scheduled to fly over China to bomb Japan with a little refueling help from the Chinese, his mission scrubbed at the last moment when it was discovered that his flight path would have taken him over Hiroshima as the bomb as being dropped. Howard Anderson: an integral link in the Manhattan project.

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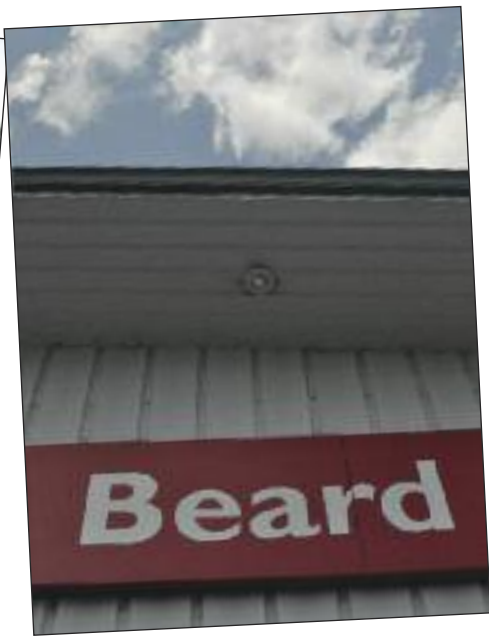
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I Robbed Your Bank...Merry Christmas!



BY KEN
BRADBURY

From a letter to the Beardstown paper: “I’m not sure if you remember me or not. I was convicted of bank robbery of the Arenzville National Bank. At present I am doing a 12-year sentence for that crime. I am not a very good writer or typist but there is something I ought to express to you...” The letter from the bank robber goes on to talk about how the education he received in prison had made a new man of him, hopefully leading him toward a career as a medical technician.

The only recorded robbery of an Arenzville bank took place in 1972 and one of the thieves kept up a correspondence with the bank president, A.C. Hart. Molly Clark Daniel, the daughter of the bank’s head cashier, Robert Clark, said “Later...I think that same year... one of them sent Mr. Hart a Christmas card. I remember Dad coming home telling us about it, incredulous that he’d do such a thing.” The bank still has the card in its records: “Mr. Hart, Hope this year has been good for you and the next year is even more successful. I never got a chance to tell you I was sorry. At the present time I’m on my way to Springfield, Missouri, to attend medical school, which is a 2-½ year course. Maybe if you don’t mind I’ll stop and say hello upon my release. Happy New Year! To all in your office the same. Sincerely, (and he signed his name.)”

Arenzville has always been known as a town where folks made friends easily, but this

may be the first time that graciousness included those who robbed our bank.

Chad Phelps was a kindergarten student at Trinity Lutheran on the day of the heist. He said, “Me and my buddy Roger Smith were teeter-tottering out back of the school and we saw this really cool car pull up the alley.” Alleys aren’t used much in Arenzville so this naturally caught the two young boys’ attention. “We didn’t care anything about bank robbers,” said Phelps. “We were just interested in that hot rod!” The hold-up crew was a three-man team. One popped the hood of the car and pretended to work on the engine while the other two took off toward the bank. “I was at home after school when my dad came in,” said Phelps, “and said, ‘There’s two guys here from the FBI and they want to talk to you.’” The agents handed the five-year-old a three-ring binder full of pictures and the youngster quickly picked out the faces of the two bank robbers. “Dad says I even gave them the license plate number,” said Phelps. The criminals had already been nabbed, but young Phelps’ testimony slammed the hood shut on the case. “It’s been kind of nice over the years,” he said, “telling people that I was the one who solved the Arenzville bank robbery.”

June Houston, an employee at First National for 47 years, was the lady behind the counter when the thieves entered the bank. “I was looking at a double-barreled sawed off shotgun and the guy’s finger was twitching. He was nervous.” As it happened, Mrs. Houston had recently attended a seminar on how to behave during bank robberies. “They told us to keep quiet and observe everything we could,” she

said. “They told Mr. Hart, the president, to put all the money in a pillowcase.” Many banks, at least in those days, had a stash of specially dusted bills on hand to make the tracking easier. The bank president threw those in the sack. Houston said that her sleep is still sometimes disturbed by the vision of that shotgun in her face. The guy said, “Don’t move! Don’t move, M’am!” The three men collected approximately \$3000 and headed south, tossing their shotgun in the town creek as they sped toward Jacksonville. The gun landed barrel down in the mud and discharged, blowing the end out of the gun. Mr. Hart asked the FBI for the gun but the G-men weren’t big on handing out souvenirs.

It’s the unlucky bank robber who sticks his gun into the face of a teller who happens to be the town’s most accomplished artist. Mrs. Houston was able to draw a sketch of the ski mask, the black glasses, and even pinpointed a dimple in the man’s chin. After stopping in Concord to buy a candy bar and hear the news coming in from Arenzville about their own crime, the thieves took off for Jacksonville where they were arrested on West State.

Don Wessler happened to be in the boardroom of the bank on that Monday morning, counting the money from Trinity Lutheran’s Sunday offering with Eileen Dannewitz. Don said, “I noticed that something strange was going on. I turned to Eileen and said, ‘Don’t look up now, but I think we’re being robbed.’”

But perhaps the wildest story of the Great Bank Robbery of ’72 comes from local resident Gary Beard: “Me and Mike Beets were building a Morton shed north of Triopia for

Tim Huey. Tim came out to see us before dinner and had an old ’64 station wagon. We were way behind on the job and he was chewin’ on us and chewin’ on us.” Beard said that it made the two boys mad so he just walked away from the job. “Then,” said Beard, “I saw this six-foot marijuana plant growing there so I went over and hauled that thing out and while Beets was talking to him on the other side of the car, I went up the other side and tied it to the top of his car.” Huey returned to his lumber mill in Arenzville, unaware of the illegal plant decorating the top of his station wagon. When he reached the mill one of his employees shouted that the bank had just been robbed. By then, according to Beard, there were perhaps a half dozen FBI agents at the bank. “So there was Tim, driving real slow around the agents with that marijuana plant tied to the top of his car. I guess the FBI had bigger fish to fry that day because they didn’t see it, but when Tim went back to his office and saw the plant, he went ballistic. He went back out to where we were and said he was gonna fire us both. We started looking for a way out of that.”

The town’s first bank was built in 1882 and called The Peoples Bank, run by two gentlemen by the name of Condit and Saylor. In 1889 Condit was replaced by the Engelbach name and thus began the lineage that exists today as his descendants still sit on the board of directors. Arenzville’s First National Bank built a new building in 1957 and the current structure in 1996. Kai Schnitker, a former Arenzville resident, is president of the current bank, which has facilities on both South Main and West Morton Avenue in Jacksonville.



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3. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
4. Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.
5. Teach your kids — whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.
6. When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building
7. If your child bikes to school, make sure he wears a helmet that meets one of the safety standards.
8. Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's blind spot.
9. Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding. When exiting the bus, children should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet (or 10 giant steps) in front of the bus. Remind your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him before starting to move.
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BY KEN
BRADBURY

As Arenzville prepares to celebrate its Terquasquicentennial, a word that's much too long to spell out in crepe paper on a 4-H Club parade float, we've celebrated the town's 175th birthday with a few snippets from the town's past. To cap things off, we'll take a peek at present-day Arenzville. (Of course the joke in town is that our little burg's present is pretty much a carbon copy of what happened yesterday.)

A typical day in Arenzville:

5:45 a.m. The Journal Courier hits the front porch. That's my kind of paperboy!

6 a.m. Barb opens up AJ's tap for the morning business while Stephanie and Becky do the same down at the convenience store. The three ladies drip simultaneously, knowing that the first coffee customer will arrive at 6:01.

6:10 a.m. The cruisers make their first round of the town. Dodge City had Matt Dillon and his vigilantes. Arenzville has cruisers who have the unofficial duty of checking out the town before it's fully awake and rechecking things once the sun's gone down. Their number varies all the way from one to two and their standard official vehicle is a pickup truck although a Ford 8N tractor will occasionally be substituted when the weather's fine.

6:30 a.m. The coffee crowds are in full gulp at both locations. Pittsburgh runs on steel, Detroit on Ford bumpers, but Arenzville is fueled chiefly by caffeine. This is the time when all important news of the night before is shared.

Since this is Arenzville there's likely not to be any important news so conversation drifts off in various other directions.

7 a.m. The employees start drifting in to Beard Implement.

8 a.m. The bank opens. No one actually goes in the bank any more, preferring instead to use digital or drive-up, but they're kind enough to open the door. It's a shame. The lobby is really spiffy and they have free candy. (And I don't mean the cheap little suckers but real chocolate thing-a-ma-bobs.)

8 a.m. The post office opens. New federal cutbacks allow us to see a live person behind the counter only 4 hours a day. During rush seasons it's all they can do to get it into the boxes and lock the door again.

8:05. Trinity Lutheran School opens its doors to await its crowd of rowdies.

8:29. The teenagers blast out of town to be in time for an 8:30 school bell at Triopia.

8:45. The UPS truck comes to town. You don't even have to look out the window since the brakes on all the brown buggies make the same noise turning the corner.

9 a.m. Second shift arrives at the convenience store coffee table. Some are holdovers from Shift One and gladly relay anything newsworthy.

10 a.m. Schwan's truck buzzes through town. Doesn't stop. He's on his way to Beardstown.

10:45 a.m. The mail's usually out and Rick the rural carrier is on his way. Neither rain nor snow nor dark of night keeps him from his appointed rounds but he occasionally takes off for the Bahamas.

11:30 a.m. The pickups begin nosing into

the sidewalk in front of AJ's as the lunch crowd drifts in. It's actually called "dinner" in Arenzville, but I don't want to confuse things.

Noon. By now you'll have to have a long walk if you want to eat at our town's only restaurant. Some have reported to have trudged an entire half block.

1 p.m. The Spotted Ladies arrive and stake out their area at the convenience store. They're our domino-playing crowd. Only in a small town could you bring your own refreshments to a diner and play a game with no cover charge. This is a bit of a problem for the male 1:30 coffee crowd as they're relegated to one of the two remaining booths. The Spotted Ladies will speak to you, but only between rounds.

3 p.m. The final coffee shift of the day arrives to sop up what's left of the news left lying around from the day's previous inhabitants.

3:10 p.m. The school age crowd runs in for a quick drink before ball practice.

5 p.m. The supper (dinner, whatever) crowd begins to arrive at AJ's for taco night or steak night or fish night. The bar begins to fill up.

9 p.m. The gas pumps are shut off at the station and the lights are flicked.

9:45 p.m. The cruisers make their final lap around the time, getting home in time to check the 10 p.m. news.

Midnight. Troy closes things down at AJ's and we declare that God is in His heaven and all is right with the world.

Yes, today closely resembles yesterday, and yesterday bears a striking resemblance to the day before. That's why we stay.

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BY KEN
BRADBURY

You’ve unleashed some veterans trivia in me – for a town as tiny as Arenzville, I am amazed at the historic touchpoints we have among our veterans. One of the Arenzville men served as a radio man on a C-47 and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross when his unarmed transport plane downed a Japanese fighter plane over Burma (Clyde Ginder.) Another man served in the unit which claims to be the first to (unofficially) link up with the Russian Army north of the Elbe River (Jack Burrus). Another was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and survived several prison camps until he finally evaded his German captors and rejoined the U.S. Army on Friday the 13th, in April 1945 (Eldore “Bud” Nobis). My own dad was a

night-fighter who flew a Hellcat fighter from an aircraft carrier based in the Pacific. In August 1945, his unit was assigned a mission which was to take them across Japan and into China. They would not have enough fuel to return, so the plan was that they would rely on the Chinese for help. At the last moment, the mission was scrubbed (the date of the planned mission was August 6th, and their flight path would have been too near Hiroshima. The dropping of the atomic bomb changed not only their orders but the course of the whole war.) Then, of course there is the Arenzville man who worked on the Manhattan Project – Eddie Anderson’s father, Howard Anderson.

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08/27	Beat The Heat Bingo	Jacksonville Area Senior Center	1:00PM
08/29	Lap Sit	Jacksonville Public Library	10:15AM
08/30	Family Fun Festival		
08/31	Family Fun Festival		
08/31	2014 Dreams Drawing		
09/05	175th Arenzville Burgoo		
09/06	175th Arenzville Burgoo		
09/06	Arenzville Burgoo: John Montgomery		8:00PM
09/06	Concert In The Cornfield: Madd Hoss Jackson		8:30PM
09/06	September Art Exhibit Opening	David Strawn Art Gallery	6:00PM
09/28	Justice Film: A Place At The Table”	Congregational Church UCC	2:00PM
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WEDNESDAY: RETRO NIGHT WITH
JBIRD, JACKPOT DRAWING AND PRIZE
GIVEAWAY

THURSDAY: CRAB RACES

SATURDAY: GRILLED SANDWICHES AND
IRISH STEW 11AM-?
BLOODY MARY BAR.