



# emergency RESPONSE

## Friday, March 16

At 3:55 a.m. Tuscola police received a report of truck parked in the smoking area behind It'll Do 2.  
 At 7:05 a.m. Tuscola police were called to the 600 block of East Barker Street for a carbon monoxide alarm. The malfunctioning detector was replaced.  
 At 10:45 p.m. Tuscola police were called to McDonald's for a report of subject running westbound from the restaurant.

## Saturday, March 17

At 1:44 a.m. Tuscola police were called to the 900 block of Glenview Drive for a request for medical assistance.  
 At 4:20 a.m. Tuscola police discovered a TV was powered on that wasn't previously on at Ironhorse Clubhouse lounge. The building was secured.  
 At 7:46 a.m. Tuscola police were called to the IGA parking lot for an accident report.

## Sunday, March 18

At 1:20 a.m. Tuscola police discovered an open door at the Candy Kitchen. The building was secured.  
 At 7:43 a.m. Tuscola fire was dispatched to the Route 45 Interstate 57 interchange for a mutual aid request for extrication. On arrival the crew discovered a pick up hit the bridge pillar with two patients needing assistance. Tuscola and Pesotum fire crews worked the scene.  
 At 3:28 p.m. Tuscola fire was dispatched to County Road 560 East for a request for medical assistance.  
 At 4:17 p.m. Tuscola fire was dispatched to the 210 mile marker in the southbound lane of Interstate 57 for a grass fire. On arrival the crew discovered a controlled fire that had burned itself out.  
 At 4:40 p.m. Tuscola police were called to the 500 block of Pembroke Street for a report of three juveniles playing in the road.

## Men aren't the only patriots

The March meeting of the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter was held at the Camargo UMC parsonage. The guest speaker was Mrs. Marie Boedecker, the Illinois DAR District 3 Director.  
 Although a person usually thinks only about the men as our patriots, many women aided and fought alongside the men in all American wars. Mrs. Boedecker recounted stories of patriot women through our history: during the American Revolution there was the infamous Molly Pitcher. During the Civil War many wives fought at the side of their husbands disguised as men. During World War I and World War II they worked in the ammunition factories, were nurses at the front, took

the place of men at all levels of society. (Visit <http://americanhistory.si.edu/> for exploring Smithsonian American History Museum and women during the wars).  
 At the entrance to Arlington Cemetery is the Women in Military Service for America Memorial where memorabilia of women who have served in or with the US Armed Forces from the American Revolution to the present time is displayed. It is also where the history and experiences of servicewomen can be found. (Visit [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org))  
 (NOTE: the now-retired founder of this Memorial is a member of our chapter, Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught originally from Metcalf, IL.)

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## Alexis Koester named Rotary Student of Month for March

Tuscola Community High School senior Alexis Koester, daughter of Josh and Chastity Koester, was selected as Tuscola Rotary Club's March student of the month. She has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked first in her class of 72.  
 Alexis is a four-year member of the basketball and softball teams and Family and

Career and Consumer Leaders of America (FCCLA). In her freshman year she played in volleyball and participated in Clickers through her sophomore year. As a junior and senior she has been a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and National Honor Society (NHS).



## Obituaries

### Jack Coon

Former Oakland resident Jackie St Clair Coon, 89, died March 6, 2018 at Columbine Manor Care Center in Salida, Colo., with his daughters by his side.

He was born July 8, 1928 in Brocton to Owen and Ettoil (St Clair) Coon. He served in the US Navy in Jacksonville, Fla.

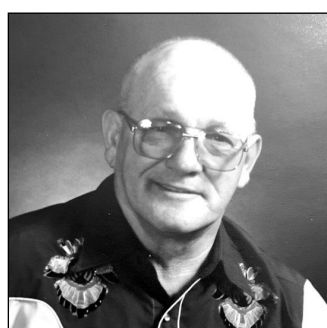
He married Charlene Kennedy on Sept. 29, 1951 in Edgar County, she preceded him in death June 2008.

Survivors include two daughters Jacklyn (Dale) Winkler and Teresa (Jeff) Klossner both of Salida, Colo.; five grandchildren Rikki Kaess, Shannon Ashmore, Tyrone Winkler, Jason Ashmore, Chelsea Pridemore; and 13 great-grandchildren all of Colorado. He is also survived by four sisters Mary Ann Richey of Champaign, Marcella Shoemaker of Decatur, Norma Neese of Mattoon and Joan Hartke of Oakland and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, daughter Penny Ann, brother James Coon and sister Kathryn Chamberlain.

Jack was a construction worker, farmer, raised livestock, and was an avid horseman.

A memorial service and interment is planned in Oakland at a later date.



### Judy Brannon

Judy J. Brannon, 79, of Tuscola, passed away at 10:50 a.m., Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2018 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola.

Graveside Services will be held 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Palestine.

Judy was born on Sept. 24, 1938 in Robinson, the daughter of John and Florence Winger Dennis. She married Jim M. Brannon on October 5, 1956 in Franklin, Tenn. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2015.

Survivors include her son: Dennis (Joelle) Brannon of Brandon, Fla., daughter: Balery Cooper of Tuscola, grandchildren: Amanda "Dani" (Matt) Conner of Camargo and Ryan Brannon of Champaign, great-grandchildren: Lily Ann Lawrence and Coby James Conner, brother-in-law: Randy Brannon of Palestine.

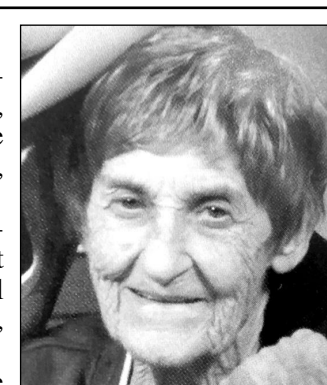
She was preceded in death by her parents, great-granddaughter: Caitlin Belle Conner, brother: John Dennis, sister-in-law: Sally Gunn, brother-in-law's: Jerry Brannon and John Brannon.

Memorials are suggested to Hands-4-Paws, PO Box 204, Tuscola, IL 61953.

Judy worked as telephone operator for many years. She then worked as a rural postal mail carrier for 25 years out of the Tuscola Post Office until her retirement in 1999.

She was an avid Elvis Presley fan and enjoyed going to Disney World and riding the roller coasters. Judy loved her pets, especially her dog "Dude" and her best friend "Big Guy" the cat. She loved to attend and support her grandchildren in their school events.

Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com).



## East Prairie honor roll

### Fifth Grade

**High Honor Roll**  
 Jackson Burlew, Reilynn Carpenter, Kenna Clodfelder, Aiden Devlin, Carly Ochs, Allison Petry, Taylor Revell

### Honor Roll

Ashlynn Allen, Andrew Bennett, Thomas Bennett, Ava Boyer, Aubrey Carter, Joshua Feeler, Carson Gaines, Waylen Goodmann, Parker James, Carleigh Kleiss, Nathan Klie, Ella Maxfield, Alexander Neamtu, Ava Rauguth, JJ Reynolds, Raeleigh Rusk, Andrew Spillman, Isabelle Sturts, Kamden Sweetnam, Brody Thomas, Emily Veach, Olivia Wallace, Jacob Waugh, Sawyer Woodard

### Sixth Grade

**High Honor Roll**  
 Catie Gibson, Sydney Moss, Elizabeth Powell, Jordan Quinn, Michelle Reese, Mason West

### Honor Roll

Nathalie Arroyo, Christopher Atwater, Jackson Barrett, Raeanna Boyer, Alyson Brucker, Brady Cain, Emily Czerwonka, Joseph Foltz, Alyx Gardner, Brayden Gough, Natalie Hasting, Zoe Hochstetler, Dominic Kersey, Rachael Kirkman-Jones, Elizabeth Lee, Addisyn Petry, Addyson Ring, Carson Smith, Samuel Spencer, Braidy Stahler, Oliver Swinford, Tyler Thomason, Zoey Thomason

### Seventh Grade

### High Honor Roll

Ethan Bialeschki, Ella Boyer, Hunter Branca, Boston Broady, Mia Hausmann, Mikayla Dunn, Alexis Feeler, Kaleb Jeffers, Grant Kauffman, Anna Rauguth, Harley Woodard

**Honor Roll**  
 Kaden Carpenter, Easton Cunningham, Halley Downs, Mikayla Dunn, Alexis Feeler, Addisyn Fowler, Marley Good, Alexander Gutierrez, Makenzie Herschberger, Madison Higar, Benjamin Hornaday, Hayden Hudson, Mason Jones, McKenna Kleiss, Miranda Long, Molly Macaulay, Colton Musgrave, Zachary Patterson, Harrison Raney, Brogan Rennert, Jordan Sanchez, Reggan Smith, Thomas Spillman, Sage Stahler, Brooke Thull, Brady Urban, Natalie Veach, Neil Walker

### Honor Roll

Kathryn Dean, Kyla Gough, Caleb Haste, John Hegarty, Rajan Patel, Victoria Wells

### Eighth Grade

### High Honor Roll

Alexandra Arroyo, Caden Baer, Landon Banta, Amelia Bosch, Mark Boyd, A.J. Brown, Jaslyn Earl, Kenzie Fornshell, Haven Hatfield, Dylan Homann, Sophia Kremitzki, Anthony Laubscher, Jacob Middleton, Taylor Musgrave, Riley Nolan, James Parsley, Kerri Pierce, Patrick Pierce, Maddie Stahler, Logan Wallace, Madyson White, Skylar Wilkins

## Peace Meal March 26-30

**Monday, March 26-** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain wheat (1), applesauce

**Tuesday, March 27-** Cheese manicotti (2) with meat sauce, Mexican, broccoli, whole grain wheat (1), pears

**Wednesday, March 28-** Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, and onions; three bean salad, whole grain biscuits, warm fruit crisp

**Thursday, March 29-**Cook's Choice, Regional Favorites will be served

**Friday, March 30-**Closed for Good Friday

Call 800-543-1770 for reservation information. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for information. Sometimes we need to substitute on our menus. We still guarantee a nutritious meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregate and home delivered meal. No older person shall be denied a meal because of their failure to contribute all or part of the cost of the meal. We accept the Illinois Link Card.



# One Minute with an Educator

A quick look at the most important areas of our school district—our teachers, their classrooms, and their students.

*Name:* Suzanne Rominger  
*Years in education:* 14 years as a Special Education Teacher, but I started substitute teaching in the area schools in 1998.  
*Subject/Grade assignment this school year:* Special Education Teacher, Tuscola High School, Teach Cross Categorical Classroom and Resource Geometry, Co-Teach Art and Family Consumer Science, Special Education Caseload Management.  
*What was your favorite subject in school?* Technical Theater. We worked on stage construction, lighting, sound and other aspects of stage management. I was very involved in Theater in High School.  
*What is your favorite weekend activity?* I enjoy going places I have never been. I like to plan short weekend adventures. I enjoy cooking too! I like to make

different cultural foods, and experiment with flavors.  
*What is your favorite book?* My favorite book is John Steinbeck's, "East of Eden." I loved how multi-layered the book was, and the theme "Timsel".  
*What are you most looking forward to in your curriculum this month?* I teach a functional curriculum to students with significant disabilities. Every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays we cook as a class, and perform science experiments! These activities are always tied to the weekly News2You current events and the kids REALLY enjoy this!  
*What are your students learning this week?* In the cross categorical classroom we have monthly units of functional curriculum, this month is Keeping My Home Safe. We are learning about fire safety, electrical safety, and how to prevent accidents



### Suzanne Rominger

in the home by recognizing unsafe situations. Additionally, we focus on language development, and functional math skills such as telling time, Calendar, and counting money.

In Art we focus on fine motor development, and in Resource Geometry we are learning to convert units of customary and metric measurements to find the perimeter and area of plane figures and regular polygons.

*What is your greatest motivator as a teacher?* My greatest motivator as a teacher is seeing the gains students make in academics and in functional skills! I love to see the students, when they finally understand a concept or can perform a skill, show the confidence to try to learn the next concept or skill. A small step of success is a giant motivator for the students too!

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