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10 YEARS AGO
July 22, 2009

A virus scare temporarily shut down the weight room at the high school. The weight room was shut down for disinfection after a 14-year-old athlete, who had been attending weightlifting session for football all summer, was hospitalized for staff infection. The teen developed a lesion of his face that ultimately required surgery to remove the infection.

Judy Fields was installed as a new member into the Tuscola Lions Club. The installing officer was District Governor Lion Sandor Toth with Lion Marsha Williams, and Tom Battershell, Tuscola Lions Club President.

Tuscola teen, Michelle Renee Porter, 14, was chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Illinois Pageant. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 to 15. The winner of the pageant receives a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant is Disneyland in California.

20 YEARS AGO
July 20, 1999

The lives of four Tuscola teens were claimed in a motorcycle accident. Josh Irwin, Tim Jones, Becka Stephenson, and Amy Cruzan were all laid to rest.

Wimple Park was celebrating 25 years after being dedicated in September of 1974. Local residents had been enjoying picnicking, fishing, and sledding in the park for the last 25 years in the 27-acre park that was named after Raymond and Virgie Wimple, who helped underwrite the cost of the site. Cabot Corp. announced that implementation of a global "continuous improvement plan" translated into loss of jobs for 16 people at the Tuscola Cabot site.

Ten-Year-Old donning the Tuscola All-Star uniform this year included Kyle Stewart, Matt Short, Clayton Meyer, Austen Schultz, Zack



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The Tuscola Journal.

Martin, Joel Hilgendorf, Wil Maxey, Pat Quinn, Phil Lewis, Bryson Gibson, Johnathon Williams, Joe Vandeventer, Chris Gossett, and Shawn Johnson.

30 YEARS AGO
July 18, 1989

The newly crowned Miss Moultrie-Douglas County fair queen was 16-year-old Nanette Michelle Panzer of Hugo. First runner up was Jacquelyn Hissong of Lake City and second runner up was Jennifer Plaszczynski of Tuscola.

A certificate of eligibility was sent to Tuscola confirming that its Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district met state standards and would continue to receive state funding. Last year, 73 municipalities shared \$9.7 million in TIF dollars distributed by the state.

The TCHS pom pon squad was named one of the top 10 competitors of the US Cheerleading Association's regional competition at Northern Illinois University. Squad members included Alena Beachy, Danielle Stennett, Josie Kramer, Christy Capie, Kristin McCarty, Marcy McCartney, Jennifer Hettinger, Michelle Swihart, Kristen Berg, Jill Little, Jennifer Plaszczynski, and Tina Hall.

William "Bill" Burress of Tuscola, a 1953 graduate of Tuscola High School, and Carl "Bud" Burress of Portage, Mich., Class of 1954, were recently commissioned as Kentucky colonels in a surprise presentation at the 35th reunion of the TCHS Class of 1954.

40 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1979

David Penrod resigned his teaching position at East Prairie and as cross country coach to accept a teaching position in Sikeston, Mo.

Douglas County Deputy Roy Bonner shot and killed a rabid skunk at the farmhouse of Ted Carmack, located near Tuscola, at 9:30 a.m. July 16.

Crystal Heit of rural Tuscola, who was attending Parkland College, was judged grand champion of the communications division of the 1979 Douglas County 4-H show held July 12 at the Tuscola Community Building.

Douglas County Coroner's jury ruled the death of 47-year-old Raymond Lewis of Tuscola an accident. Lewis died on May 26, 1979 when the plane he was piloting crashed in a bean field in rural Garrett.

50 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1969

Miss Tuscola Brenda Breen was named Miss

Moultrie-Douglas County fair queen at the pageant held Saturday night on the Arthur fairground. Debbie Ellison of Arthur was first runner up.

Two break ins were reported to the Douglas County Sheriff early on Monday morning. A window was broken to gain admission to P&H Motor Sales, and a door was forced open at Ferguson Motor Sales. Both businesses were located on Route 36 in Tuscola.

Dr. Clifford Green and Dr. Douglas Green completed phases of their educational programs and were entering military service with the Air Force, while Duane Green recently received his M.A. in psychology at San Diego State College. All three TCHS graduates are the sons of Tack Green and the late Lois Green of Tuscola.

The Rotary Indians, under the leadership of Al Bories, won the Little League championship by defeating ABC 6-1 and Tuscola National 9-5 in the last week of season play. Rotary completed the season with a 12-2 league record, while second-place First National had a 11-3 league record. Placing third was Tuscola National with a 10-4 record.



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Sweet Land of Liberty, Of Thee I Sing

By: Jennifer Richardson

As I watched a glorious fireworks show this month, I was reminded how grateful I am to live in land of the free and the home of the brave. We should all remind each other that Americanism is not inherited, it must be taught again to each new generation.

We are a nation of individual imperfections aspiring to collective ideals. We encourage dissonance as a platform for improvement, not just to engage in constant conflict. Social justice is not our only goal, but the more we uphold our tenet that all men are created equal, the closer we get.

We are a nation that understands and values the lives that were sacrificed for our freedom and way of life. We get tears in our eyes, and the hands resting over our hearts feel a quickening beat, when we hear our national anthem. We honor our flag because it is a symbol of our ideals and the sacrifices made for those ideals, not because our flag implies perfection.

We fought for citizen-governance. We ask citizens to devote limited time to public service and the crafting of legislation, and then ask them to return to the role of citizens to live under the laws they have created.

We allow people to celebrate their culture and what built them, not bury all connections to faith, family, and tradition to become a global citizen. Unity is the goal, not uniformity; we don't all have to agree on everything to like each other and our country.

People literally died watching their own blood soak into American soil to give future generations the right to have a voice and a vote. Unless you decide to run for office someday, there is no perfect politician that exactly reflects every opinion and value you hold dear, and there never will be. Educate yourself about the candidates, the one that causes you the least internal conflict or paves the way for something you believe in is your candidate. And then vote; check the box or write them in, the only wasted vote is the one that is never cast.

Patriotism has no party affiliation and belongs to us collectively. We welcome all peoples and their traditions as long as they truly want to participate in our national identity. Our culture is defined by our living documents, and it is these ideas, not any particular brand of politics, that deserve our loyalty.

George Washington, in his farewell address as he was leaving the office of the newly minted position of President of the United States, said these words, "This government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberation, completely free in its principles, in the distribution of its powers, uniting security with energy, and containing within itself a provision for its own amendment, has a just claim to your confidence and your support. Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, acquiescence in its measures, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of true liberty. The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government. But the Constitution which at any time exists, till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all."

Our fidelity is not to a party or a person. Our commitment is to the ideals of the constitution of the United States of America. We adhere to the peaceful transfer of power because of this shared allegiance, not because we agree on who was elected. Our fullest expression of individual liberty comes within the collective respect for our sacred principles. Loving our country is good, and does not exclude loving other countries and peoples.

There is a reason that so many global residents seek to enter and make a life in our scrappy, independent, patriotic, proud, imperfect, young upstart of a nation. Most people throughout history have lived without freedom. They understand the message our youngest citizens should also be hearing; every new generation of Americans must be taught that we are The UNITED States of America, and we stand together, for life, liberty, and the pursuit.

my **Personal side** By Craig Hastings



Remember me telling you that I have been searching for just the right project car? It's difficult because the car I'm after is a 60's or 70's era Detroit manufactured sports car. I'm looking for something manufactured by one of the Big Three American auto manufacturers. Since I have nothing else to do with my life after I leave my present occupation of Police Officer, I think maybe this would give me something to do. The search is difficult because the cars of the 60's and 70's were prone to rust and corrosion either by quality of metal at the time or by plan. By plan I mean, so we would all be forced to replace our cars because they rusted apart as we drove them. Anyway, finding one that won't require metal work has been a challenge. The mechanical

problems I should be able to figure out myself, but the most expensive part of any restoration is usually the metal and paint work which I can not do either.

So why am I telling all of you this again? Because my oldest son told me a couple of weeks ago he wanted to purchase a "project car." I knew this would be "our" project car whether I was all in or not. But, why wouldn't I just do one with him and not one of my own? So I asked him what he was looking for, old Camaro, old Mustang, Chevelle, Challenger, what was he thinking? "BMW 335," he replied. I took a deep breath before I asked him why, but I was sure I already knew. The gear head Fast and Furious crowd he hangs with in Champaign drive these 335 cars, Nissan 350 and 370Zs, Porsche, about any-

thing foreign. Understand that these older 335 BMWs are reasonably cheap to buy. He told me he had located a 2008 335 that was near Tuscola, and it was priced at \$6,500. Had I found what I wanted, that car would have been at least twice that if not more and; wouldn't even be drivable. Not only this, in order for him to buy the BMW the Yamaha 650 crazy dangerous sport bike had to be sold. Something I really wanted to happen.

So began my problem. I know nothing about these German made cars! The first day Payton owned the car it set two repair codes. Ok, easy enough I thought, just plug in a diagnostic scanner into the service port and we will know exactly where to look. Nope. Payton has a close friend that has one of these 335 cars and also has the scanner we needed to see what was up with the "project car." Unfortunately for me anyway, when the codes translated to two service parts I had never heard of I was reminded I knew nothing about these cars. Remember the German Sergeant on the old "Hogan's Heroes" sitcom? When-

ever this Sergeant was in a bind he would continually repeat: "I know nothing, I know nothing!" Well, this is exactly what I was thinking but too embarrassed to say. For several nights now I've sat in a quiet room and Googled many, many videos and repair articles on old BMWs. Every other night Payton and I are in my garage figuring out a new repair or replacing parts to avoid another.

I've gotten to know my 40-year-old tools again and had to purchase a few more because of course the BMWs use metric measurement tools and most all of mine are SAE standard tools. Forever I could pretty much look at an SAE fastener and tell you what wrench I needed without having to size it up by grabbing two or three different size wrenches. I'm learning this all over again, but this time in metric scale. I can't say I'm not enjoying it, but I will also tell you I'm very intimidated working on something so foreign to me. Each repair is unlike anything my old friend and mentor Kenny Nelson tutored me with back in the

70's. I admit I'm a rookie today.

It could be Payton will tire of the repair after repair of his "project car" and put it on the internet for sale. It will then become someone else's project car. Or... maybe, he will abandon his project car in my driveway and leave it there for me to carry on with his project as my own or; I'll call a wrecker and have the driver meet me at my house at 2 a.m. some early morning and quietly tow it to his mom's and drop it off in her driveway!!!! Then it could be her "project car"!

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Letter to the Editor

Editor,
I would like to thank Darrell McCumber for the letter he has written to the Editor. This is an excellent summary addressing many of the events that have transpired in the most

recent months. He makes it very clear that the constituents of Newman and Murdock Townships have been ignored. In doing so, he is informing the rest of the county to be aware! Darrell, along with many other

Newman and Murdock residents, have been attending Douglas County Meetings and subcommittee meetings for over a year, to no avail! Pay attention, folks! Our county's future and safety is at stake. Reread the letter

and look where these 600 foot turbines are proposed to be. We, as a community, thank you Darrell McCumber for this informative letter.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Pritchard