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Photo: Stephanie Wierman

The 2021 Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Baby Pageant was held on Saturday, July 17 at the fairgrounds in Arthur. Winners included Endsley Scribner, daughter of Josh and Emily Scribner of Tuscola (Under 1 year-old girl division); Watson Grimsley, son of Justin and Tiffany Grimsley of Arthur (Under 1 year-old boy division); Everleigh Allen, daughter of James Allen and Danielle Carter from Tuscola (1 year-old girl division); Theodore Nieto, son of Gilbert and Sabrina Nieto of Villa Grove (1 year-old boy division); Tinsley Eads, daughter of Treston and Brianne Eads from Arthur (2 year-old girl division); Colson Harlin, son of Madison Murphy (2 year-old boy division); Gwen Lake, daughter of Patrick and Heather Lake from Villa Grove (3 year-old girl division); Pryce Partenheimer, son of Isaac and Lily Partenheimer from Newman (3 year-old boy division); Paisley Partenheimer, daughter of Isaac and Lily Partenheimer of Newman (4 year-old girl division); 2021 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Kali Pierce, 2021 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Quinn Chapman, and 2021 Jr. Miss Moultrie-Douglas Molly Appleby.

Transporting back to simpler times at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center

By Ariana Cherry

A few weeks ago, I received the privilege of getting a tour of the historic buildings on the present Illinois Amish Heritage Center site located outside of Arthur on Route 133. Inside these homes, I was transported back in time that day, and the warm humid weather only intensified the experience - as there was no central air or air conditioning during the years of Moses Yoder's or Daniel Schrock's lives when they lived in their homes.

Bruce Weiman, being an avid story-teller and one of the members who have been busy making this project come to life, was the one on site who provided the tour. IAHC (Illinois Amish Heritage Center) currently is home to the 1865 Moses Yo-



der House, the 1860s Moses Yoder Workshop, the 1882 Daniel Schrock House, the Miller German School and a picnic shelter. The picnic shelter is an ideal spot for school, tour groups and organizations to gather for rest, discussion and eating when they come to experience the tour and what life was like in the earlier days of the Amish.

"The Heritage Center wants to act as a "buffer" between the English and the Amish. They want to help teach others factual information about the Amish, debunk myths about the Amish and also be a place where tourists can go to learn more about the Amish without invading their privacy by driving out by the country-sides and asking them for photos,

etc or stopping outside their homes and taking pictures. They (the Amish) need to be able to have their privacy so they can live their lives just as we live our lives," explained Weiman. The mission of the IAHC is "to enhance the preservation, understanding, and appreciation of all aspects of the culture and heritage of the Amish people in Illinois from 1865 to the present."

During the walkthrough of the 1882 Daniel Schrock House tour, you are taken to a much simpler and slowed-down time... something we as English don't experience on a daily basis in our fast-paced lives. Inside the home, you will see many museum-like exhibits to help educate

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Re/Max Choice Tuscola is now opened for business on US Route 36

By Kendra Hennis

Re/Max Choice Tuscola, along with the Neal Wood Land and Residential Team, has now opened at 204 E Southline Road in Suite A next to A Bloom Above and Beyond in Tuscola. The team specializes in the buying and selling needs for land, residential, and commercial property, and is licensed to do so in all of Illinois.

The team is led by Newman's Neal Wood who brings over forty years of experience in the agriculture industry as well as twenty-two years as a licensed real estate agent. Wood said that he is "excited to work with the amazing, young talent on his team."

Neal is joined by Tuscola alumni Cody Coile.

Coile brings a love of real estate with over seven years of pre-licensed private industry experience of buying, renovating, and managing his own properties. He said that he is "excited to use his experience to help others navigate the real estate world." The team will also include realtor Jenna Monolankes from Savoy, and folks will notice a familiar face managing the office and doing the team's marketing.

The Neal Wood Land and Residential Team is looking forward to opening shop in Tuscola and bringing all of the perks of Re/Max to the community. They noted that they are "super excited to be in Tuscola and part of the community and look forward to giving back as

well as getting part of the market share." Their first promotion is a 90/\$90 deal with sellers. This means that for any buyer or seller transaction the Neal Wood Land and Residential Team closes on in the next 90 days, they will donate \$90 to that county's Sheriff's Department. The team is very excited about this promotion, and looks forward to the other ways they can help the community.

The Neal Wood Land and Residential Team with Re/Max Choice Tuscola can be found on Facebook at Neal Wood Land and Residential, emailed at nealwood6@gmail.com or called at 217-253-6879.



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