

What's Happening... VG Community Spotlight

Side Tracks

your
express
route to
upcoming
VG events

Rural Grace Food Pantry

The Rural Grace Food Pantry will continue to be open on Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. Clients who have been vaccinated may enter the pantry individually to shop their products. Boxed groceries will be available for those who have not been vaccinated. In emergencies, call Ted at 217-841-3405.

VG COC Fish Fry

The Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Chamber's Annual Jonah Fish Fry at the Villa Grove Senior Center on Wednesday, October 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will get you one fish dinner and an entry into a drawing for a \$500 shopping spree at Rick's County Market sponsored by Villa Grove State Bank. The winner will be drawn on October 12, so be sure to buy your ticket in advance. Tickets can be purchased at Villa Grove State Bank, Longview Bank, Bud's, Social Oasis or through any chamber member. Drive up service is also available.

Sacred Heart Spaghetti Supper

Sacred Heart Church in Villa Grove is having their Spaghetti Supper on October 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

Camargo Glow Cart Parade

Meet us at the Camargo Community Building in Opal Thompson Park at 7:15 pm and we'll head out at 7:30 pm to make our way through the streets of Camargo. Feel free to bring packaged, store bought, "Halloween" candy to throw. As always, we welcome any golf cart, ATV, UTV, etc. Have fun decorating your carts!

CTDL Library Events

Trick or Treat Story Book Walk
- The Camargo Township District Library will host a trick or treat story book walk on Sat Oct 23 at Richman Park in Villa Grove from 3 to 5. The staff will be dressed up and handing out treats and trinkets. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served. There will be a fun new Halloween story for the kids to enjoy on the 3/4 of a mile walk.
Glow in the Dark Story Time
- The Camargo Township District Library will host a glow in the dark story time at the library on Sat. Oct 30 at 1 p.m.
Ghost Story Time - CTDL has a fun ghost hunt story time planned for Thursday Oct. 28 from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

Contact

If you have any information you would like included in Sidetracks please send an email to kendra@thetuscotajournal.com



Submitted Photo

The Korner Beehive presented Bruce Allen, president of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce, with a \$550 check raised from donations from the Silent Auction held on October 2. Pictured from left to right are Villa Grove Mayor Cassandra Eversole-Gunter, Bruce Allen, and Korner Beehive owners Beth Floyd-Jenks and Mary Hite.



Submitted Photos

Villa Grove students enjoyed FFA Ag Field Day on October 7 at the school.



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Villa Grove Elementary School's Students of the Month for September. Pictured from left to right are Rylan Lake, Lynnon Ellis, Tatum Faust, Andrew Ray, Jake Jensen, Trinity Linstead, and EJ Brown.



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The voting has finished and results are in. Grover is the new name for the Villa Grove Blue Devil mascot.

Hook, Line and Sinker

With Tony Hooker

Potpourri

2021 Cardinals season ends

The Cardinals found an extra gear in September and their seventeen-game winning streak was the longest in team history. It was really something to rally around and it made for must-see tv for those few weeks. That's the good news. The bad news is that their reward for such a gallant run was a one-day playoff game against the Dodgers, which they lost in the bottom of the ninth. I did find one thing about the matchup that was interesting, however. The Dodgers used five pitchers in the game. Max Scherzer (34,000,000/year) Joe Kelly (8,830,000) Brusdar Graterol (590,000) Blake Teinen (8,000,000), Corey Knebel (5,250,000) and Kenlee Jansen (20,000,000). They paid 76 million dollars in total for the pitchers who pitched against the redbirds. The Cardinals, on the other hand, countered with Adam Wainwright (8,000,000), Luis Garcia (380,000) Giovanny Gallegos (582,000) TJ McFarland (525,000) and Alex Reyes (507,500). That's a total of \$9,994,500, which is nothing to sneeze at, but it's also paltry in comparison to the amount of dough their opponents were kneading to spend. The position players salary comparison was even worse. All told, the Dodgers spent 200,000,000 more on salaries for 2021

than the redbirds. And we still had our chances to win. Let's hope that the injury bug stays away in 2022 and we play most of the year like we played the last month of this season. That should help us avoid having to play a 106 win juggernaut in a one game playoff, thus greatly enhancing our playoff appearance.

Gridiron gossip

Villa Grove's football team won their fifth game on Friday, and that gets them one step closer to the playoffs, but there is still plenty of work to do. Because of COVID-related forfeits, they won't earn as many playoff points as they would have liked, so there's a chance that a five-win Devil team might be left out of the party. A win in either this week's game at Arcola or next week's game at Arthur would guarantee a playoff berth. Winning this one and next week's game vs. ALAH could find them in the running to host a playoff game for the first time in six years. They seem to be finding their stride, so here's hoping.

Breaking up is hard to do

Even the most amicable of breakups have their moments of tension, and I'm hearing that there have been ruffled feathers on both sides of one particular recent split and the seeds of rivalry have been planted. Rivalries are good for sports, as long as they aren't carried too far.

DCHD's Gold and Silver Spoon Awards

By Aaron Patrick

Congratulations to the following food establishments which received the Gold Spoon Award. This is awarded for no priority violations, no more than 1 priority foundation violation, and excellence in training of Certified Food Protection Managers and Food Handler Staff at the required levels at all times. The awardees for the months of July, August & September 2021: Aikman Wildlife, Arthur United Methodist church, Best Western Plus, Big Buford's, Blondie's Bar, Brookstone Estates of Tuscola, Burger King, C & C's One Stop, Carriage Crossing Senior Living, Atwood Casey's General Store, Arcola Casey's General Store, Villa Grove Casey's General Store, Cast Iron Pub, Arcola Dairy Queen, Double A Saloon, Douglas County Jail, Dutch Valley Meats, D's Tasty Treats, Arcola El Toro, ERBA Head Start, Flesor's Candy Kitchen, Hardee's, Holiday Inn Express, Arthur Jack Flash, Jarman Center, Jimmy John's, Jo's Country Diner, Kaskaskia Country Club, Love's Travel Stop, Tuscola McDonald's, Mi Veracruz, Arcola Monical's Pizza, Villa Grove Monical's Pizza, Tuscola Moose Lodge, Newman Rehabilitation & Health Center, Pauly's BBQ, Tuscola Pizza Hut, Pizza

Man of Newman, Quality Inn, Roselen's 25, Stumble Inn, Sister's Coffee, Tuscola Subway, Teresa's Too, The Korner Beehive, The Pantry, Tuscola IGA Deli, Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola Peace Meals, Tuscola United Methodist Church, Two Reds BBQ, Villa Grove Peace Meals and Villa Grove School District.

A Gold Spoon Award is awarded to retail establishments with no food preparation which had no violations observed at the time of their annual inspection, and the recipients are: Baymont, Meadowview Herbs, Plank's Apple Butter, Arthur Dollar General, Newman Dollar General, Schwan's Home Service, P.A.S.S., The Wood Loft and Yoder's Homestead.

A Silver Spoon Award is awarded to retail establishments with no food preparation which had no priority level violations observed at the time of their annual inspection, and the recipient is: Super 8, Arcola Dollar General, Atwood Dollar General, and Villa Grove Dollar General.

I would welcome conversation about this program and other topics concerning the food program. I can be reached at 217-253-4137 or by email through our website, www.dchealthdept.org.

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