



Journal Entries

"Enjoy the journey and try to get better every day. And don't lose the passion and love for what you do."
- Nadia Comaneci

Real Estate Tax Information

The first installment of Douglas County Real Estate Tax is due Friday, July 1, 2022. Please read the back of your tax bill. Many questions can be answered there. There is also contact information for each office and the duties of each office in regards to the tax cycle. More information can also be found www.douglascountytill.gov and click on Departments and then Treasurer for information, forms, and payment options.

VFW Patriot Parade

The Tuscola VFW Patriot Walk Parade will be held on July 4 at 1 p.m. Line up begins at noon at Ervin Park. All are welcome to participate. No registration is required. Decorating and patriotism is encouraged.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lesson registration is now open! The first session begins July 11-15. All information is available on the City of Tuscola's website, tuscola.org. Class sizes are limited and registration must be completed online.

Chancellor's List

Congratulations to Jessie Martin of Tuscola for being named to the Chancellor's List at Olney Central College for the spring semester.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to Logan Tabeling of Tuscola for being named to the Honor Roll at Wright State University for the spring semester.

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Congratulations to Brynn Tabeling of Tuscola for being named to the Honor Roll at Limestone University for the spring semester.

Sparks in the Park

Sparks in the Park will be held at Ervin Park in Tuscola on July 9.

Events include:

- 7:30 a.m. - Firecracker 5k run/walk
- 7 to 10 a.m. - American Legion Pancake Breakfast
- 9 a.m. - 3 on 3 basketball tournament
- 12 p.m. TWC Cake Walk
- 2 p.m. mud volleyball tournament
- 2 p.m. Kitchen Band performance at South Pavilion
- 4 p.m. Tuscola Community Band Performance at South Pavilion
- Dusk - fireworks display!

Additional information about events and registration information can be found on the back of this week's newspaper, on the City of Tuscola's website or Facebook page.

Tuscola Public Library Events

- * Summer Reading signups began May 16!
- * StoryTime with Miss Marta every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- * Crafter's Corner on the first and third Mondays at 5 p.m.
- * Tech Drop-In Saturdays, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- * Book Discussion - 1177 BC... on June 29 at 6 p.m.
- * Scavenger Hunt on June 30 all day.
- * Lego Club on July 6 at 4 p.m.
- * Exploring Cinema - Son of Saul on July 6 at 6 pm.
- * Goodnight StoryTime on July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- * Popsicle Party on July 11 at 2 p.m.
- * Notice: More information about events can be found on the Tuscola Public Library Facebook page.



Submitted Photo

Vying for the title of 2022 Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen to be held on Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. are (front row) Andrea Dehart, Atwood; Logan Streible, Atwood; reigning 2021 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Karis Hortin, Tuscola; and Mikayla Dunn, Tuscola; and Addisyn Wilson, Villa Grove. (Middle row) Kendall Burdick, Arthur; Layna Kapp, Lovington; Reggan Smith, Tuscola; Meadow Picazo, Tuscola; and Julia Kerkhoff, Tuscola. (Back row) Ella Chupp, Arcola; Regann Bowles, Atwood; Claire Meyer, Tuscola; and Jade Garza, Arcola.

Tuscola Review announces merger with The Journal

David and Jennie Porter, owners of the Tuscola Review, Arcola Record-Herald and Lebanon Advertiser, have announced they have sold their three newspapers effective July 1 to Better Newspapers, Inc., in Mascoutah. David Porter will continue to work for the new owners in an editorial capacity.

This week marks the final editions for the Tuscola Review and Lebanon Advertiser. The current subscribers to those newspapers will receive another local paper covering those communities.

Review subscribers will receive The Journal and Lebanon subscribers will receive The Herald. They will still be receiving local news coverage plus coverage of a wider geographic area.

The Arcola Record-Herald will continue its publications. It is the oldest continuously published newspaper in Douglas County founded in 1866.

Porter said the sale assures that the communities served by the newspapers will continue to have local news coverage and advertising.

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City approves Meadowview Water Main agreements

By Kendra Hennis

The meeting of the Tuscola City Council was called to order on Monday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Following approval of the consent agenda, Mayor Dan Kleiss gave his report to the board. He sent a big thank you to Jordan Baird, Tuscola resident and former ICU nurse, who was recently in a situation in which he helped save a man's life.

Baird responded to a man who was having cardiac arrest outside of his home last week. Baird assisted with providing him with CPR until paramedics arrived and revived him. Kleiss noted that it was a miracle that Baird was in the right place at the right time and responded, and said that he was thankful all involved are now okay.

City Administrator Drew

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Tuscola Board of Education approves 2021-22 budget

By Kendra Hennis

The meeting of the Tuscola Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 27. The meeting began with a budget hearing to discuss the final 2021-22 budget. The budget was placed on display for the last 30 days at the school. There was no public comment on the budget and the hearing was adjourned at 7:02 p.m., and the board moved to an open session. During later

open session of the meeting, the board approved the final amended budget for the 2021-22 school year.

Upon return to open session, the board heard an update on construction at the school from OMNI. They stated that things have been going well at the schools. They were able to begin construction the last week of school, and are currently wrapping up.

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Patriotic Bicycle Parade is bigger than ever this year

By Tony Hooker

As she was growing up, the Fourth of July was always a big day for Jamie Morse. Turns out that it still is! I recently caught up with my friend and co-worker at the Southern Champaign County Today and Journal Newspaper to talk about her involvement with the patriotic bike parade, which will be held on July 1 before the fireworks at Richman Park in Villa Grove.

Where did the idea for the Patriotic Bicycle Parade come from?

Before the very first Freedom Celebration, Jody Eversole and I were kicking around ideas for things to add in besides the fireworks, and I came up with it after seeing it in another small town. I immediately cornered Elizabeth Hamilton into being a co-organizer of the event and we started out small the first year, which was good as we were learning how to make everything go smoothly. The event has grown larger over the years.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a small town north of Champaign Urbana in Thomasboro and went to High School in Rantoul.

Did you consider yourself a patriotic person growing up? Did you like that sort of thing, the parades and fireworks and

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File Photo

A shot from the 2020 Villa Grove Patriotic Bicycle Parade.

TCHS alumni Day ends college softball career pitching for the Oklahoma Cowgirls at NCAA College World Series

By Lenny Sementi

Warrior Softball Alum Morgan Day ended her college softball career on the biggest stage the sport has to offer. The former Tuscola ace transferred from Illinois State to Oklahoma State University in pursuit of a final season and a graduate degree in Mass Communications. And what a year it was for her and the Cowgirls ending it at the NCAA College World Series just one game short of a finals berth.

The Cowgirls advanced to the semi-finals through the winners bracket but came up short falling to eventual runner-up Texas. Day pitched the first of two games in the semis in a hard fought loss to the Longhorns and then entered with the bases jammed in the top of the seventh with two gone in game two. It took her five pitches to end the threat with that one final K as the Cowgirls rally fell short.

She had a 16-strikeout game early in the year in a two-hit, seven-inning gem over DePaul but was without a doubt at her best in the postseason. She started her late season assault, giving up one run in seven innings of work in a semifinal win over Texas at the Big 12 Tournament

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Photo: Oklahoma State University Athletics

Morgan Day, a Tuscola High School alumna, pitching for the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls. Day finished her college softball career at the NCAA College World Series, just one game short of the championship.