

History Mystery



COULD IT BE an alien capture by world famous astronauts or a hazardous materials suit at the former USI chemical plant in Tuscola in 1969. From left are Don Daugherty, Mike Payne, Bill Betsold, Jim Teeters and Gaylord Schweighart. Photo courtesy of Lana Hill.

125 years ago February 6, 1897

• A.W. Wallace was again a notary public and his commission was the first one signed by Gov. Tanner.

• Cross Brothers, Von Lanken and son and James Gardner each had a large force of men busily harvesting the ice crop of the reservoir at Cargargo. The ice was to be sold at \$5 per ton [comparable to \$169.37 today].

• The Knights of Pythias dedicated their new hall.

100 years ago February 9, 1922

• The names of the soldier boys of Douglas County were placed on a bronze tablet in the hall of the court house.

• Ed Hackleman leased the White Front building just east of the Hotel Douglas and was to move his Cash and Carry store there.

• A valuable horse belonging to Purl Bennett was seriously injured stepping on a nail.

• James Hackett of West Ridge had been hauling some of his winter coal from Tuscola, getting it through the Tuscola heating plant.

85 years ago February 11, 1937

• A serious accident occurred when train No. 21 struck the city truck driven by George Seany on the C&E crossing just west of the Journal office.

• Richard Helm, son of Judge and Mrs. Harley Helm, celebrated his fourth birthday.

75 years ago February 6, 1947

• Earlena Davies was the DAR winner in Tuscola.

• George Timm, a Tuscola basketball player, sustained deep cuts on his hands and right arm when his hand went through a window in an Atwood gym dressing room.

• Cliff Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tack Green, took ill with chicken pox.

• Mike Lemna, John Camp-

bell, Barbara Reeder, Eddie Cox, Craig Wyatt, Doug Green and John Burgett were guests at a party celebrating Judy Wright's third birthday.

65 years ago February 7, 1957

• The Kenneth Huber barber shop planned to turn over all receipts for the day to the Match of Dimes campaign on Feb. 11.

60 years ago February 8, 1962

• Mrs. Lyle Lindsey won 140 Silver Dollars at Lamb's Restaurant [comparable to \$1,303.34 today].

55 years ago February 9, 1967

• Clyde Sturgell Sr. and Hurnard Kenner received 59-year pins in the Masons.

• The Royal Arch Degree of the Masons was conferred upon Robert D. Hastings, Elbert Kelsey and William Black.

• Drusilla Taylor was appointed probation officer by Chief Judge Birch Morgan.

50 years ago February 10, 1972

• Craig Chapman of Oak Park has bought The Pharmacy from Patricia Weaver, administrator of the estate of Bob Weaver. Craig is a native of Atwood.

The history of The Pharmacy dates back to 1911. A drug store was established in the same location by Dr. F.W. Eskey, a local physician and surgeon. The store was purchased months later by L.R. "Doc" McNeill, a native of Herrin.

Burl Mills came to Tuscola in 1936 as manager of the Aiken Walgreen store. In 1946, he acquired the McNeill store and combined the two stores

in the McNeill building.

Bobbie Weaver joined the Mills staff in 1952 and bought the store in 1956. He died of an accidental gunshot wound in 1972.

• The Warriors surprised the Paris Tigers 63-59 in a non-conference tilt on Tuesday. Doug Dietrich and Rudy Huber shared the game's high point totals with 18 each.

• The Warriors fattened their season mark to 12-7 as they defeated the Unity Rockets for the third time this season.

• The past master's degree was conferred upon Ralph Lee Proffitt by Tuscola Chapter 66, Royal Arch Masons Feb. 2.

• Joe Sudduth, a senior at

Tuscola High School, lost a finger in a meat grinder mishap at Williams' grocery Feb. 2.

1 year ago Feb. 10, 2021

• A bid for a new computer system at City Hall came in \$7,000 below budget.

• Tuscola High School's drama club was preparing for their spring musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

• Evan Vearil won the East Prairie spelling bee Feb. 4. Second place was Katy Mills.

• Tuscola girls beat Clinton 48-45.

• The boy's basketball team at Tuscola High School improved its record to 4-0 with an 80-32 win over Tri-County.

Plan

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has seldom needed to respond from the north side. Hoel said a place might be found to continue to house a truck on the north side if that was deemed necessary.

Part of the north fire station would be renovated for police department offices.

To make up for the lost fire department storage space, a new building was proposed to be built next to the south fire station. It could be built with drive-through bays and larger

doors to accommodate ever-larger fire trucks. It could also be built with future expansion in mind and to meet current codes. Moody said he thinks Tuscola is the only town in the area that hasn't built a fire station in the past 15 years and evolving regulations create needs not served by the current building.

Hoel said the plan was ambitious and that he doesn't know what it would all cost. He identified potential pools of funds — the \$300,000 already in the budget, up to \$300,000 in remaining federal COVID re-

lief funds, a state grant, insurance proceeds and the city's "rainy day" savings. He said there might also be tax increment financing (TIF) close-out funds available. "We think we can get there if this is what you want to do," he told the Council.

The next steps, he said, would be to complete the state grant application and hire an architect to develop a concept and budget. He said he thinks construction could begin before the end of the year.

Mayor Dan Kleiss said he wants to plan for the future.

City Council

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The county has committed \$1 million toward funding the new line since it will impact about half the residents in the county. On Monday night, the Tuscola City Council committed \$24,300 toward engineering for the project, and the Arcola City Council is expected to do the same. Cabot front the

first \$25,000 for engineering costs, Hoel said. A special meeting was set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, to consider the bid on the water line.

In other news, the Council announced the promotion of Jamey Mauzy to Water/Sewer Operator III, which will reduce the city's reliance on contract help in that department. His pay rate will go from \$21.96 per hour to \$27.04 with the ad-

ditional licensing qualification.

The Council accepted the resignation of Jon Higar from the street department; he has taken a position with the township.

The Council also approved a Community Building lease for Miguel and Sandra Rivera for a Quinceanera celebration Feb. 18-20. A Quinceanera is a Hispanic celebration of a 15th birthday.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you keep looking inward to realize your goals and you're making very good progress in that regard. Communication is a key to success, so keep dialogues open.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Lately you seem to radiate success in all you do, Taurus. Others naturally want to flock to where you are and spend more time with you. Enjoy the spotlight while it lasts.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

If communication with family members has been difficult lately, you may find that things change in the next few days, Gemini. This is a welcome change.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Disagreements are not necessarily a bad thing, Cancer. They can open people up to discussions that can be enlightening. Disagree, but don't let it get heated.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Romance may be on your mind a lot more than usual, Leo. This can be a good thing. Use your free time to foster nuances in your relationship.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may have to take a different route than you initially expected in order to reach a destination. The journey could be very eye-opening and inspirational.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

In order to be the brightest and the best you can be, you may find that you rub certain people the wrong way, Libra. Find ways to make amends.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a challenging week ahead will require some focus and a willingness to accept support. Surround yourself with people who have your back.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

An especially busy social schedule may leave you feeling a little tired for some time. Schedule some time for rest and relaxation to recharge your batteries.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

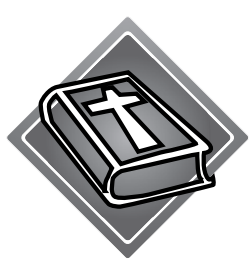
A great deal of unexpected information is coming your way, Capricorn. You may have to sort through it to figure out what is useful and what is not essential.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't neglect the help that people are willing to offer you, Aquarius. Teamwork makes the dream work, and working with others is beneficial to all involved.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Use creativity in any way you can to solve issues that come your way, Pisces. You may be surprised at what you come up with.



Church Directory



Bourbon Baptist Church

626 CR 475 E, Tuscola
Church Sunday 10 a.m.,
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Sunday evenings 6-7:30 p.m.
Email bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

1100 E. Northline Road Tuscola 253-3896
Sunday Morning Sacrament Meeting
9:30 and 10:40 a.m., Wednesday Youth Night 7 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene

1001 Egyptian Trail Tuscola 253-3541
Song & Praise Worship 8:30 a.m.
Traditional/Hymnal Service 10:30 a.m.,
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Eagle Mountain Assembly of God

401 E. Sale Tuscola 253-4444
Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Faith Baptist Church

300 Northline Road Tuscola 253-4231
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Real Teens, King's
Kids 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

300 E. Daggy Tuscola 253-4231
Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.

First Christian Church

100 E. Church Street Tuscola 253-2394
Worship Services 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Sunday Youth Group
(Grades 7-12) 6:30 p.m.
Wed. After School Program (Grades 5-6)

First Church of God

821 E. Barker Tuscola 253-2180
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Time 1:30-2:30 p.m.,
Wednesday Night 6 p.m.
Missionary Women meet
2nd Tuesday of each month 6 p.m.

Forty Martyrs Catholic Church

210 E. Van Allen Tuscola 253-4412
Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra
Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 5 p.m.
Or by appointment by calling the church office.
Weekday Mass Times:
8 a.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday
Weekend Masses: 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday

Immanuel Lutheran Church

600 E. Northline Tuscola 253-4341
Saturday Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.

Tuscola United Methodist Church

901 N. Prairie Tuscola 253-4232
Sunday Morning Worship Services
8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

United Church of Christ

114 E. Pembroke St, Tuscola 253-2532
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Email: dealralph5@aol.com

