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Congratulations

Andrew Ferguson of Tuscola was named to the President's List at Lake Land College in Mattoon. Kacee Bailey of Tuscola was named to the Dean's List. Part-time Tuscola students Abigail Duzan and Haley Kramer also made the President's List. The President's List requires a GPA of 3.8 to 4 while the Dean's List requires a GPA of 3.65-3.79.

Rotary auction

The Tuscola Rotary's annual auction is Wednesday, March 23 at Ironhorse Golf Club. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with a meal for bidders at 6 p.m. There is no cost for the meal and the public is welcome to participate in the auction.

Meet and greet

The Board of Directors of East Central Illinois Christian School will hold a "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m., at Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola. The board of directors will be there to introduce themselves, answer questions and garner support from the area as they begin renovations on their building in downtown Newman. Join them for coffee, cinnamon rolls, and discussion on how you can enroll your child for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

Pre-K screenings, Kindergarten sign up

There will be a free screening for kids ages 2-5 as well as Kindergarten registration March 28-30 at Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N. Prairie Ave. For an appointment, call Terra Waldrop at 253-2712. The screening is provided by the Tuscola school district to give parents the opportunity to see how their children are developing in the areas of speech, language, concepts and motor skills. Vision and hearing screenings are also provided free of charge. The screening times are 12:30-7 p.m. March 28 and 29 and 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. March 30.

Save the date

The Tuscola Kiwanis' annual Fish Fry is 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 25 at 40 Martyrs School, 109 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola.

Spring musical

The TCHS Drama Club will present Descendants the Musical March 17, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale March 3.

Blood drives

Tuscola High School's honors choir is sponsoring a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the study hall at the high school, 500 S. Prairie St. To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or use this link online: https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/103410. Masks and appointments are required.

The Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N. Prairie St., is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Thursday, March 31. To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or register online at www.bloodcenter.org using code 71203. Masks and appointments are required.

Library activities

StoryTime every Tuesday 10 a.m. on Facebook

Every Saturday is Tech Drop-In from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Come get help with your devices.

March 17, 6 p.m., Cooking with Marla on facebook



TUSCOLA CUB SCOUTS held their annual Pinewood Derby over the weekend. Pictured with their winning cars are, back row, left to right, Garrison Chalfont, Bowen Mendoza, Jack Dueker, Grayson Price, Kasen Mauzy, Vincent Talbott. Front row: Jaxson Smith, Ezra Francis, Nathaniel Quinn, Owen Taylor. Garrison, Kasen, Jaxson, Grayson, Vincent and Ezra won prizes for fastest car; Owen, Kasen, Grayson, Vincent, Nathaniel and Jack were prize winners in the best in show category. Submitted photo.

Olney bank buys TNB Bank

TNB Bank in Tuscola is now TrustBank, an Olney-based company with 8 locations in Illinois and Arizona. The sale of the bank was finalized Friday, and the facility re-opened Monday under its new name.

Gina Kocher, director of marketing and business development for TrustBank said the company is "very excited" to extend its reach into Douglas County. "It fits our culture," she said; "it has a

family feel and similar values."

Noting the Tuscola bank's long history, she said, "We survived world wars, the stock market crash. We've weathered the same storms."

TrustBank started in Olney in 1912. It has three locations in Olney and one in Cisne as well as three locations in Arizona (Phoenix, Scottsdale and Chandler). The acquisition of the Tuscola bank has grown TrustBank's

assets by about a third, she said.

The local management of the bank will stay in place, she said, with Lloyd Murphy as president. She said under the terms of the sale, Murphy would continue in that role for one year.

The facility will also remain in the same place on Progress Boulevard. "It's a beautiful, well-built building," Kocher said. "We will be adding people and services."

TNB Bank was founded in 1890 as Tuscola State Bank. It became Tuscola National Bank in 1940 when it became part of the Federal Reserve System (FRS). It moved to its distinctive football-shaped bank in 1964; that building now serves as City Hall. The bank moved to its current location in the mid-1990s when the outlet mall was built. In 2017, the name was changed to TNB Bank when it became a state bank again.

City honors firefighters for service anniversaries

Several Tuscola firefighters were recognized by the City Council Monday night for their years of service. Mayor Dan Kleiss presented certificates to them saying the city was playing "catch up" since the pandemic and other events had pushed back the recognition.

Honored were Chief Brian Moody with 25 years of service, Gary Kidwell with 20 years, Nick Kidwell with 15 years, and Travis Gould and Todd Ray, assistant chief, with 10 years each.

Also Monday, the Council approved a street closure for the Kiwanis Club's annual Easter egg hunt April 9. The hunt will be held at North Ward this year with prizes distributed at the Tuscola Methodist Church. Kiwanis Presi-

dent Carol Burwell asked that a small section off Forest Glen be closed to allow safe walking between the school and the church.

Both entrances to the school's parking area and parking to the church would remain accessible, she said, with just the section of road in between the entrances blocked off.

Also approved was use of Ervin Park July 23 for a car show sponsored by the Tuscola Moose Lodge and overnight use of Wimple Park July 15-16 for the boy scouts.

An expenditure of \$9,981.18 was approved for chart recorder replacement for the sewer department. Drew Hoel, city administrator, said the recorders "are required devices that measure and record flows within the system on

large, circular graphs." The company providing the recorders is Gasvoda & Associates of Calumet City.

A payment of \$17,507.75 was approved by Donohue & Associates, Inc., of Champaign for engineering on the Joint Water Agency's water main project.

Most of the pipe and other materials have been secured for the project, Hoel said. The Joint Water Agency is still waiting for railroad approval for one end of the project and that "all but one landowner has indicated general agreement with our proposed terms." He said construction can begin on part of the project.

The Council also authorized Hoel to sign a service agreement with the "lowest responsible bid-

der" for the supply of electricity to residents and business who do not opt out of the program. Property owners may choose their own electricity provider; the city program locks in a rate for two years.

Kleiss said all indications are the price will be going up significantly. Hoel said most forecasters think the price will continue to rise even higher in a year, so the city's program may provide people with some stability on pricing. The rates that are bid are good for only one day, he said, so he asked the Council to authorize him to approve the bid when it comes in March 24.

Hoel reiterated that the city's program, which is provided through a large group of municipalities, is optional and residents may opt out of it.



MAYOR DAN KLEISS PRESENTED certificates Monday night to several Tuscola firefighters for their years of service. From left are Chief Brian Moody (25 years), Nick Kidwell (15 years), Gary Kidwell (20 years), Assistant Chief Todd Ray (10 years), Mayor Kleiss, Travis Gould (10 years). Photo by David Porter.