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Spring preschool program

Let's Not Talk About Bruno...at TCHS Preschool. Applications are being accepted to attend this fun, Encanto-themed preschool program hosted by the Early Childhood Education students. Registration forms are available at the Tuscola High School school office. Registration must be completed by 3:30 p.m. April 20.

Dates will be April 25, 27, 29 and May 2, 4, 6. Please drop off/pick up your child by 12:50 p.m. at East Prairie Middle School. Students will be at the door to greet you and deliver your child back to you. The preschool will end by 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, email franklind@cusd301.org.

Spot risky behavior

The Douglas County ROSC, Be Brave, Shalynn's Hope, Chestnut Health Systems, Hour House Prevention, and the Arcola Jr. Sr. High School have partnered to bring a resource event to parents and caregivers. Hidden in Plain Sight Event at a glance is an initiative to help parents spot signs of risky behavior. The focus is on identifying signs of substance use and being aware of the locations. Parents can learn how to spot the warning signs, prevent easy access to alcohol and other drugs, what to do when you find a substance, and get tips for communicating with your teens.

Please note the walk-through itself is designed for parents or caregivers. However, don't worry because Shalynn's Hope will have great activities to engage the kiddos while the parents participate.

The Hidden in Plain Sight event is 2-6 p.m. May 2 at Arcola Jr. Sr. High School, 351 W. Washington St., Arcola.

CEO trade show

The annual CEO trade show will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26. It will be at the Tuscola Community Building. The student entrepreneurs will be showing off their businesses. Come support the business leaders of tomorrow. Skip supper; a food truck will be on-site serving burgers, wraps and more.

History tour

The Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main St., Tuscola, is holding a mural tour at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Tuscola High School drama students will be bringing to life people from the county's history.

Democrats meet

The Douglas County Democrats will hold a dinner at 6 p.m. May 5 at The Smith House. Call The Smith House for a reservation, 253-2819.

Blood drive

Arcola High School will host a blood drive Thursday, April 28, sponsored by the Student Council. It runs from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. inside the jr. high gym. To donate, contact John Craig at (217) 268-4962 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 70644 to locate the drive. You may also call ImpactLife to schedule at 800-747-5401. Masks and appointments are required.

Library activities

StoryTime every Tuesday 10:00 a.m. in the library basement-stories and crafts
 April 21, 6 p.m., Cooking with Marla on Facebook live
 April 26, 5 p.m., Travel Club
 April 27, 6 p.m., Book Discussion—Poetry



LYDIA KOCH CHALLENGES a Villa Grove U12 player April 9 in Tuscola. Photo by Margie Carter.

Budget details proposed changes for firefighter pay

The following is a breakdown of proposed changes to the way Tuscola firefighters are paid as presented at the last City Council meeting. The Council has not yet voted on the changes.

- Objectives:**
1. eliminate pay for calls not attended
 2. minor increase in pay
 3. compensate officers for duties performed between calls
 4. create vertical pay scale to encourage desire for promotion
 5. change payroll frequency to help avoid IMRF and payroll tax issues
 6. Keep overall budget in same range as last few years (will obviously vary with call volume)
 7. Continue status as "volunteer"

according to Department of Labor interpretations.

- Proposal:**
1. Begin paying firefighter payroll monthly vs. annually
 2. Eliminate pay for any calls NOT attended
 3. Set per call and per meeting pay at the same rate
 4. Set Stipends for officers as follows:
 - a. Chief- \$750 per month (up from \$683.33)
 - b. Assistant Chief- \$500 per month (up from \$400)
 - c. 10 additional officers - \$200 per month stipend
 - d. All officers also get per call pay at the same rate as SR fire-
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JOE WILLS, left, of Tuscola, was presented a certificate commemorating 75 years in the American Legion by Arleigh Jones, also of Tuscola, on Saturday, April 16. Wills is a WWII U.S. Naval veteran who flew in torpedo bombers and was an aircraft radar operator and gunner. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Legion. Submitted photo.

Illinois Amish Heritage Center to host 'Sheep to Clothing May 14

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center will host its third annual Sheep to Clothing to Quilts event on Saturday, May 14 (with a rain date of May 21) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a small admission fee.

The event will again feature activities to show how clothing and quilts were made in 19th century and before. Even though woolen mills were making wool cloth by the 1860s, many families still spun their own thread and wove their own cloth. Worn out clothing was turned into quilts.

The Amish first began to make quilts about 1870. Before that they relied on blue and white "overshot" woven coverlets for bed coverings. Their early quilts were made from plain, dark colors. Although colors lightened up in the 20th century, plain fabrics were still used.

Early Amish clothing, quilts, and coverlets will be on display in the Schrock House during the event including a blue and white coverlet that was woven by the Diener family before they came to America. Also on display will be the 1870s-style suit worn by Daniel Schrock at the time of his death in 1892. Daniel Schrock built the house about 1882.

Also, the 1840's era Campbell family quilt, made entirely from locally produced fabric, dyed from

plants grown in the area, and then spun, woven, and assembled into a quilt by hand will be on display for visitors to see.

The event will feature demonstrations of all the crafts used from the pioneer times to produce fabric and clothing for the early pioneers. Visitors will be invited to try their hand at many of the activities being demonstrated.

Shearing of sheep will be demonstrated periodically during the day. Hand shearing along with more modern technology will be demonstrated for comparisons. Washing and dyeing of the wool will follow. Dyeing of wool was done with natural dyes before chemical dyes were introduced in the 1860s.

The actual spinning wheel brought by Moses Yoder to the area in 1865 will be on display. Spinning on both the smaller "flax" or "Saxony" wheel and the large "great" or "walking wheel" will be demonstrated.

Weaving will be demonstrated, and various examples of hand-woven wool cloth will be available for visitors to examine. "Over-shot," "double-weave," and "Jacquard" coverlets will be on display along with the Diener coverlet.

A quilting demonstration will be offered throughout the day, along with the cutting and piecing of the fabric that comprises the quilts.



Visitors will have the opportunity to examine early Amish quilts and the Campbell quilt.

Also front and center will be the historic Amish houses that are being preserved at the Amish Heritage Center along with the historic Miller school that was moved to the site in 2021. Most of the event activities will be held in and around the 1882 Daniel Schrock house. In addition, tours of the house will be conducted by Owen Schrock, great grandson of Daniel Schrock. Having grown up in the house, Owen has many stories and memories to share. Most of the exterior of the 1865

Moses Yoder has been restored and restoration of the interior is currently on-going. The house will be open for tours and visitors can learn first-hand what the structural research has told us about the house and how it will be restored. The 1860s Moses Yoder workshop and the ca 1900 Miller school will also be open for tours.

Other activities will include chair caning and period crafts, rope-making, activities, and games for the kids, pony rides, and the ever popular petting zoo.

The Center is located 9 miles west of Arcola on Rt. 133 past Chesterville.