

Area Obituaries

Deanna Rahn

Deanna D. Rahn, 78, of Tuscola, passed away at 3:01 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, at the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Joseph Carter officiating. Burial followed at the Cartwright Cemetery, rural Tuscola. Visitation was held prior to services at the church on Saturday.

In honor of Mrs. Rahn, visitors were asked to wear pink and purple and lots of jewelry

or their best "bling" to the service.

Mrs. Rahn was born July 7, 1943, West Frankfort, the daughter of Earl W. and Mary Ruth Jeter Watson. She married Gary Rahn August 26, 1990, in Mattoon. He survives.

Other survivors include daughters, Dendi Gould (Bill Noble) and Sue (Guy) Harper; sons, Shane (Lindsey) Gould, Gary Rahn, Jr. and Anthony Rahn; sister, Brenda Kay (Tim) Weaver; grandson, Travis Gould; and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nephews, Trevor and Tyler Weaver.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Rahn was a Merle Norman representative in Tuscola for several years. Later she was the license title manager at HPR Automotive in Springfield for many years. She loved animals and was an avid jewelry collector.

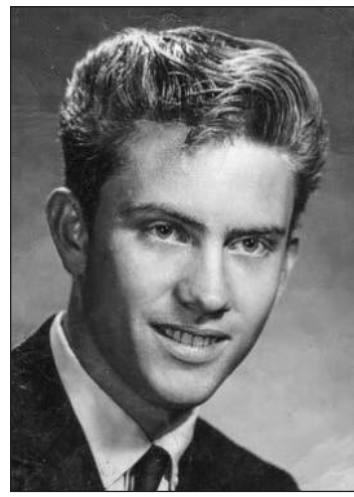
Memorial contributions may be made to the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene or the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

Hillgoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be



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shared via hillgossshraderfh.com.



Hardwick

Wayne Hardwick

Wayne Hardwick, 76, of Tuscola, passed away at 5:38 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 12, at the Hillgoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, with the Rev. Ralph Deal officiating. Burial followed in the Lewis Cemetery, rural Tuscola. Visitation was held Wednesday, May 11, at the funeral home.

Mr. Hardwick was born on

May 7, 1946, in Tuscola, the son of Allen and Ruby Davis Hardwick. He married Wanda L. Amick on April 27, 1968, in Atwood. She survives.

Also surviving is his daughter, Rhonda (Joseph) Mills of Atwood; granddaughter, Ashley Mills of Tolono; brothers, Rick Hardwick and Joe Hardwick, both of Tuscola.

Mr. Hardwick worked as a diesel mechanic for Ecoff Trucking and Ron Smith Trucking for many years.

Upon his retirement, he worked as a janitor at the North Ward School in Tuscola. He served his country in the U.S. Army. Mr. Hardwick enjoyed fishing and playing bluegrass music. He was a member of the Tuscola United Church of Christ.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tuscola United Church of Christ or Hands-4-Paws.

Online condolences may be sent via hillgossshraderfh.com.

Tim Dieffenbach

Timmy L. "Tim" Dieffenbach, 68, of Arcola, passed away at 6 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2022, at his residence.

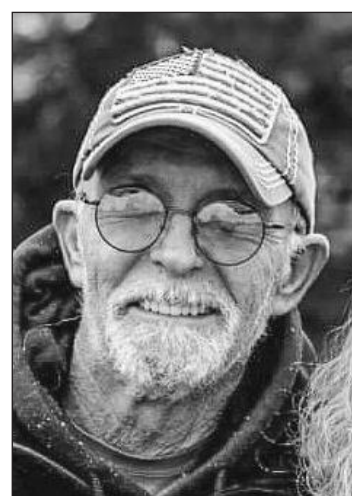
Mr. Dieffenbach was born on November 29, 1953, in Towanda, Pa. He was a son of Budd Joseph and Dorothy (Weaver) Dieffenbach. He married Debbie Brock on June 4, 1988, in Trilla.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, of Arcola; four children, Jeremy Dieffenbach of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jacob Dieffenbach of Litchfield, Kristen Petrie of Tuscola, and Chad Petrie and his wife Melissa of Arcola; five grandchildren, Damion Dieffenbach, Trinity Simpson, Keyton Lance and Kolten and Maycie Petrie; 10 siblings, Donnie Dieffenbach and his wife Annie of Hughesville, Pa., Tommy Dieffenbach of Millmont, Pa., Barbara Neff

and her husband Paul of Dushore, Pa., Louie Dieffenbach of Carlisle, Pa., Kathy Fillyaw of LaPorte, Pa., Linda Hatton and her husband Larry of Dushore, Pa., Patty Browning and her husband Mike of Dushore, Pa., Larry Dieffenbach and his wife Patty of Lancaster, Pa., Roger Dieffenbach of Dushore, Pa., and Lisa Dieffenbach and Doug Dinsdale of Birdsboro, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Sgt. Sonny Simpson; one grandson, Skylin Simpson; one granddaughter, Makenzie Petrie; and one nephew, Bud Dieffenbach.

Mr. Dieffenbach was born and raised in Pennsylvania. He had worked for a Seismographic and Civil Engineering Company for several years and in construction, installing ceramic tile for over 20 years. Mr. Dieffenbach had most recently



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been a truck driver for Oye's Trucking of Galton since 2003.

He enjoyed tinkering in his garage and watching NASCAR; his favorite driver was Tony Stewart. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

To honor Mr. Dieffenbach's wishes no formal services will be held.

Generate income with your woodlands

Woodlands are a valuable resource that many forest owners use to make income by selling timber. But landowners may have more opportunities to make money from their property than they realize.

Landowners can explore income generating specialty products and recreational services in a free webinar at 6 p.m. on July 12.

In "Generate Income from Private Woodlands," Purdue University Extension Forester Lenny Farlee will cover topics such as sourcing medicinal herbs, fruits, nuts, and craft items from woodlands. He will also explore how owners can provide services by leasing land to the public for hunting, camping, and other recreational opportunities.

Sign up in advance for the program at go.illinois.edu/WoodlandIncome. For more information, contact Taryn Bieri at tbieri@illinois.edu. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Taryn. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

COVID risk moves up to medium

By Colleen Lehmann, public health liaison
Douglas County Health Department

The Douglas County Health Department remains strongly committed to vaccination efforts as COVID cases rise in the state and across the country. Douglas County recently went from low to medium transmission status with Omicron subvariants BA.2 and now BA.2.12.1 (not-so-affectionately known as "Son of BA.2") continuing to spread. We are one of 14 Illinois counties now in this higher category. Champaign, McLean, Logan and Sangamon join Douglas in the central part of the state, with the remainder in the Chicagoland area.

What does this category change mean in practical terms? CDC recommendations—in addition to staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and getting tested if symptomatic—include those at high risk for severe illness talking to their healthcare provider about whether to wear a mask and take other precautions. Consideration of implementing enhanced prevention measures in high-risk congregating settings is also suggested.

The good news remains that being fully vaccinated greatly reduces the chance of hospitalization or death should you contract COVID. The next vaccine clinic at DCHD will be this Thursday, May 12, and appointments can be made by logging onto www.dchealthdept.org. Please note the FDA recommends mRNA vaccines Moderna and Pfizer over the Janssen (J&J) vaccine in most situations, due to a very rare but reported blood clot condition risk.

In other vaccine news, on April 28 Moderna formally submitted a request to the FDA to authorize two small-dose shots for children age 6 months to 6 years, and a similar request from Pfizer is anticipated soon.

Where does Douglas County stand in vaccination numbers? Recent IDPH figures show



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51.76% have at least one dose, 48.26% are fully vaccinated (primary series completed), and 4,620 boosters have been administered.

I'd like to let you know about

a recent outreach event in which DCHD participated. A substance abuse prevention/education outreach effort called "Hidden In Plain Sight" was held on the Arcola Schools grounds during the JHOC track meet May 2. Also in attendance were several agencies and organizations tied to substance abuse prevention, including two Douglas County residents who have lost children to overdose and independently established outreach efforts to help prevent other families from having to suffer a similar loss. DCHD had 37 interactions, including nine Narcan trainings (a substance that can be used to help reverse overdose effects) and distribution of 22 Narcan kits. It was a fun and really rewarding afternoon. **Colleen Lehmann is public health liaison for the Douglas County Health Department.**

Elks sponsor free clinic to assess children's health

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Program, Champaign-Urbana Elks Lodge #2497 and Danville Elks Lodge #332, are sponsoring a free clinic. The Elk's program provides orthopedic assessments and necessitated prescription financial assistance for children and young adults' ages newborn to 18. The clinic focuses on addressing pediatric issues such as; scoliosis, ambulatory impingements due to the feet, ankles or legs, upper and lower body pain, as well as other various tendon, joint, muscle and bone related hindrances.

The clinic is held four times a year at the OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois multi-specialty clinic at the OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center, 1405 West Park Street, Suite 306, Urbana. Dr. James McKe-

nie examines and assesses children's physical health, then provides a prescription when necessary.

The Elks assist with treatment costs if the family cannot meet the expenses. There is no charge for the exam.

Appointments are necessary for the clinical exams and can be scheduled by calling the Elks Children's Care Program at 1-800-272-0074 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next clinic date will be held Wednesday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Elks clinic is funded by contributions from members of the lodges of the Illinois Elks Association. The organization offers free clinics in 15 Illinois locations on a rotating basis.

For more information, visit online: www.illinoiselksccc.org.



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

