



HARLAN GILMORE, back row, far right, was among 12 members of the UA Local 149 Plumbers and Pipefitters who recently advanced from apprentice to journeyman after five years of schooling and training. With the promotion, journeymen have a greater voice in the union, better job security and, through a collective bargaining agreement, a starting compensation package of more than \$70 per hour. The graduates completed 1,700 hours on the job and 240 hours in the classroom. Gilmore, a plumber, was one of only two graduates to earn the Meislahn Award for outstanding achievement. Front row, left to right, Sean Good (Clinton), Jeff Mathis (Ogden), James Stone (Rankin), Joe Medbery (Paxton), Jesse Wassom (Gibson City). Back Row: Jacob Barnes (Gibson City), Tyler Hinshaw (Gibson City), Tyler Walden (Champaign), Jordan Park (Gifford), Scott Etting (Bloomington), Brennan Kelm (Mahomet), Harlan Gilmore (Tuscola). *Submitted photo.*

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Nearly half of Illinois counties seeing higher COVID numbers, but not here

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This week's IDPH statistics show 50 Illinois counties in the medium or high transmission category regarding COVID cases, but happily, Douglas isn't one of them. In Region 6, 100 of the 153 ICU beds are currently occupied and 29 of the region's 306 available ventilators are being utilized by COVID patients. IDPH reports that, since the pandemic's start, total cases in the state number 3,332,780 and there have been 33,865 confirmed deaths. By their figures, Douglas County accounts for 6,667 of these cases and 55 of the deaths.

DCHD continues to offer appointment-based COVID vaccination clinics at our Tuscola Outlet Mall the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Approximately 52.07% of county residents have received at least one dose, with 48.59% fully vaccinated. The number of boosters administered to Douglas County residents is 4,775.

Keeping current on COVID vaccination—including boosters as they are approved—remains a key component in reducing the likelihood of severe illness or death should you contract COVID. Go online to www.dchealthil.org (this is a new address!) to make an appointment, and to find updated information. This is also where

you can make a COVID test appointment. COVID testing hours have changed slightly, starting this week. Appointment-based testing is available Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.- noon and 12:30-4 p.m. There is no testing on Mondays. The week of May 30-June 3 DCHD conducted 55 COVID tests.

A recent IDPH webinar noted COVID-related updated operational guidelines for grades K-12 and early childhood education centers to support in-person learning. Included below is a link to the guidelines.

Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning | CDC

Douglas County Summer Meals program for children up to age 18 got underway last week and will continue through July 29. Lunch is served Monday-Friday at seven locations throughout the county, and bus service to and from several of the sites is available. More specifics are available by following the link below.

Douglas County Summer Fun & Meals 2022 (google.com)

As summer festivals and events get underway, DCHD is making an effort to have a presence at many of these gatherings in our communities. We look forward to seeing you and sharing information about DCHD programs and services!

City Council

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Council to reduce that to 400 square feet.

He said there is a trend toward smaller, more efficient homes. The pandemic has also driven up construction costs. Tucker said houses that would cost \$175,000 when the TIF agreement was created now cost about \$250,000.

Mayor Dan Kleiss noted that there seem to be a lot of television shows about small houses. He suggested discussing the issue at a later meeting so the Council members can think about the proposal.

Hoel said the minimum size was set to ensure that the new homes would generate enough property tax to make the TIF agreement feasible. There was discussion as to whether smaller homes would impact the city's payback through taxes.

Alderman Troy Rund asked if there had been any feedback from neighbors in the area

who may have concerns about smaller houses affecting their property values. Others suggested that there may be ways to modify the TIF agreement.

Hoel said perhaps the pace of construction could be reduced. If the houses are smaller, he wondered whether it would require more of them to meet the needs of the TIF agreement.

Alderman Alan Shoemaker said he thinks small houses are "a fad" and that houses selling well in Tuscola tend to have three bedrooms and two bathrooms. He asked whether cheaper modular homes might be more feasible than smaller, stick-built homes.

Following the meeting, Mike Salmon, building inspector, said there is no minimum square footage under the building code, but there are minimums on the usage of various rooms. About the smallest house that could be built under current codes is 220 square feet, he said.

He and Hoel said the area where Tucker is building could

include duplexes or triplexes as another possible alternative to the TIF agreement.

In other business, the Council

- approved a payment to B&T Drainage of \$189,933.40 for water line work; the funds will come out of the Joint Water Agency owned by Tuscola and Arcola;

- approved the Patriot Walk Parade route for July 4 and the Sparks in the Park 5k route along with street closures for Sparks in the Park;

- discussed changing the start time of Council meetings to 7 p.m. from 7:30 p.m. to be voted on at the next meeting;

- approved an annual wind turbine service and monitoring agreement with Power Grid Partners for \$7,200 for the city's turbine at its north sewer plant;

- approved a contract with Earl Walker Co. for \$51,780 for annual oil and chipping roads with the city furnishing materials (there was only one bid);

- approved the part-time appointment of Ryan Wash-

burn as a patrolman at \$25 per hour; he currently works for the Paris police department and already has been trained;

- approved a revised summer employment list

- approved allowing the Douglas County Health Department to connect to city water and sewer pending an engineering study at the department's expense;

- announced that the appropriation budget is available for public inspection.

In his written report, Hoel noted that the city's application for a \$550,000 grant to replace water mains in Meadowview has been approved.

Hoel said Ameren has updated its default electricity rates, which are now 10.385 cents per kilowatt hour and will go to 12.487 cents in October. The city participates in cooperative program that offers a rate of 7.859 cents locked in for three years. Anyone with questions may call City Hall or visit the city's website, www.tuscola.org.

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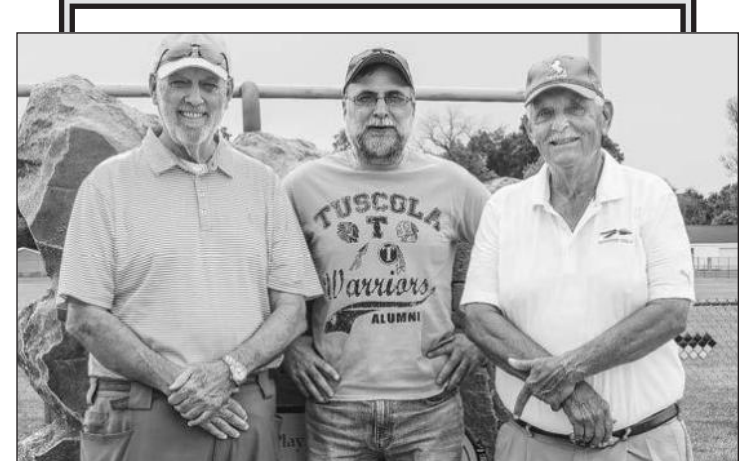
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