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## Patriot parade

Tuscola VFW Patriot Walk Parade will be July 4 at 1 p.m. Line up will begin at 12 noon at Ervin Park. All are welcome to participate, no registration required.

## Sparks in the park

Tuscola's Spark's in the Park is July 9. The events include 5K Run/Walk, cake walk, community band, mud volleyball tournament and more. Fair Food vendors will be there all day. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display at Ervin Park. More at [www.tuscola.org](http://www.tuscola.org).

## Blood drive

The Tuscola United Methodist Church will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, at 901 N. Prairie St., inside the Fellowship Hall, 901 N. Prairie St., Tuscola.

To donate, contact ImpactLife Urbana at 800-747-5401 or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) and use code 71203 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

## New COVID testing hours

This week starts the new COVID testing schedule at the Douglas County Health Department's Tuscola Outlet Mall location. Testing takes place by appointment Tuesdays-Fridays 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-4 p.m. To make an appointment, log onto [www.dchealthil.org](http://www.dchealthil.org).

## Soccer tourney July 9

The Tuscola Soccer Club is hosting a 3-on-3 tournament at 11 a.m. July 9. Registration for Tuscola residents age 10 and up is open now through June 11. Registration for all is open June 12-15. For questions, rules and registration, email [tuscolasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:tuscolasoccer@gmail.com) or visit the club's Facebook page.

## Pride run/walk June 18

The Tuscola GSA Booster Club is hosting their 2nd annual Pound the Pavement for Pride 5k Color Run/Walk on June 18.

Registration is at 6:30 a.m. and the race begins at 7:30 a.m. There is a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8-10 a.m. There is also a 1-mile fun run for children up to 12 years old.

## Odd Market June 18

The Tuscola Odd Fellows' Lodge fundraiser Odd Market event is June 18 at the Community Building from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Drag show June 18

Also on June 18, the Tuscola GSA Booster Club is having a drag show. Entitled Queens in the Corn, the event will be at the Community Building at 7 p.m.

## Library events

StoryTime every Tuesday 10 a.m.  
 June 14, 4 p.m., Flag Day Craft  
 June 15, 10:30 a.m., Nature Walk and craft at Wimple Park; 4 p.m. Chess Club  
 June 16, 6 p.m., Cooking with Marla-cheesy zucchini and chicken enchiladas  
 June 17 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Movie-Enchanto and Block Party  
 June 20, 10 a.m., Toddler Dance; 5 p.m., Crafter's Corner; Teddy Bear Sleepover drop-off all day  
 June 22, 4 p.m., Science Fun-Forces  
 June 24, 4 p.m., Teddy Bear Sleepover presentation  
 June 27, 4 p.m., Science Fun-Colors  
 June 28, 5 p.m., Travel Club-Door County, Wisconsin  
 June 29, 6 p.m., Book Discussion, 1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Collapsed  
 June 30, Scavenger Hunt all day



THE FIRST MONARCH BUTTERFLY of the year was released June 6 at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. The Rev. Terri Haas, pictured, released the first monarch, a male, in front of several congregation members. The pollinator garden was planted in 2018 with a grant from Faith in Place, an environmental non-profit with an office in Champaign. A number of monarch caterpillars have been found at the pollinator gardens over the last four years and the plants have benefitted other pollinators as well. So far this year, a total of six monarch caterpillars have been found on milkweed growing at the church pollinator garden. The caterpillars have been on display in an aquarium in the sanctuary in recent weeks. *Photo by Kirby Pringle.*

# City approves rules for new dog park

The Tuscola City Council on Monday adopted rules for the new dog park at Ervin Park adding that the facility is for use by dogs and their owners only.

It was reported that kids were playing in the dog park one day and the dog owners were reluctant to shoo them out.

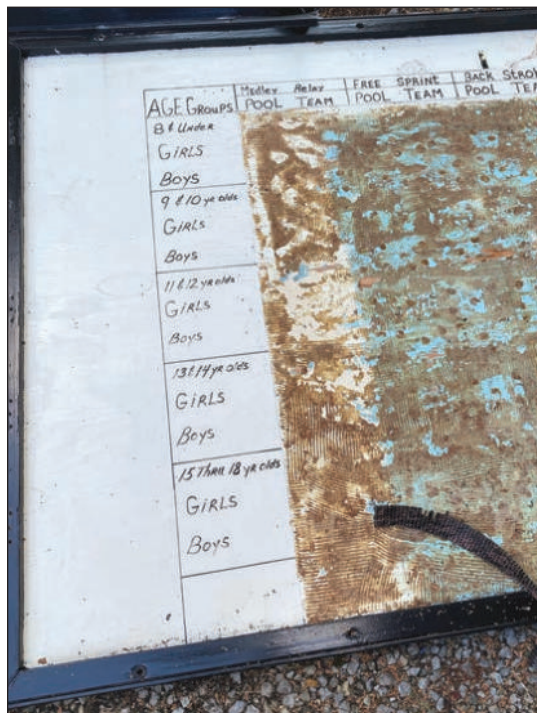
Drew Hoel, city administrator, said the rules will be posted at the dog park and will now have "the weight of the Council" behind them to help with enforcement. Among the rules: dogs must have current vaccinations and tags, owners must be 16 or older, dogs cannot be left unattended, owners must pick up

after their dogs and children must be 8 or older and accompanied by an adult.

Aggressive behavior by dogs will not be allowed. Dogs must be at least 4 months old, and dogs in heat are not allowed. People food, dog food and dog treats are not allowed in the park.

Also Monday, the Council heard from Owen Tucker, who has a tax increment finance (TIF) agreement to build three houses a year on the city's northeast side. Currently, the houses must be at least 1,400 square feet, and Tucker asked the

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TUSCOLA TORPEDOES SWIMMING															
GIRLS 6 & UNDER				BOYS 6 & UNDER				GIRLS 9-10 YEAR OLDS				BOYS 9-10 YEAR OLDS			
GIRLS 11-12 year olds				BOYS 11-12 year olds				GIRLS 13-14 year olds				BOYS 13-14 year olds			
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## For the record

MEMBERS OF THE TUSCOLA TORPEDOES swim team pose with a photo of a \$250 check Cabot Corp. donated toward the purchase of a new record board (at left). The oldest records are from 2011 when the pool was renovated, which changed the length of the lanes. When removing the old record board, and older, hand-written record was found (top left). Mayor Dan Kleiss, who's granddaughter, Ana Kleiss, holds a current record, is pictured in the yellow shirt. *Submitted photos.*