



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.

Pancake breakfast

The American Legion Post #27 Tuscola is having a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7-10 a.m. July 9 at the Community Building. Donations will be accepted.

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 fireworks at Ervin Park. See back page for schedule.

DAR awards

For 45 years the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter has awarded an American History medal to an eighth grade student in each of the county schools. The Grace Jared Award is given to the student who is outstanding in awareness of American history and current events as well as leadership and citizenship skills. This year's winners are Braxton Moody, Tuscola; Dylan Boozer, Villa Grove, Dawson McMillan, Arcola; Lilly Vanda, Arthur; Savannah Butcher, Atwood.

Nursing graduates

Lakeview College of Nursing recognizes students who recently received their academic degrees. From Douglas County; Mackenzie Melton of Arcola earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree. She is the daughter of Jon Walton and Brandi Melton of Arcola.

Hannah Morfey of Atwood earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree. The 2018 graduate of Arthur-Lovington Atwood-Hammond High School, is the daughter of Tyler Birkey of Livermore, Calif., and Nicole Wallen of Atwood. She is married to Keegan Morfey of Bement.

Library events

- StoryTime every Tuesday 10 a.m.
- June 29, 6 p.m., Book Discussion—1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Collapsed
- June 30, Scavenger Hunt all day
- July 4, Library closed
- July 6, 4 p.m., Lego Club
- July 7, 6:30 p.m., GoodNight StoryTime
- July 11, 2 p.m., Popsicle Party
- July 12, 4 p.m., Science Fun: Liquids
- July 13, 10:30 a.m., Water Fun
- July 14, 4 p.m., Chess Club
- July 15, 7 p.m., Block Party & outdoor movie at dusk: Sing 2 *There is also a "Touch A Truck" event from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- July 18, 5 p.m., Crafter's Corner
- July 25, 10 a.m., Toddler Dance
- July 26, 5 p.m., Travel Club
- July 27, 6 p.m., Music Discussion



MISS MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS CONTESTANTS — Front row, left to right: Andrea Dehart, Atwood; Logan Streible, Atwood; Miss Moultrie-Douglas Karis Hortin, Tuscola; Mikayla Dunn, Tuscola. Middle row: Kendall Burdick, Arthur; Layna Kapp, Lovington; Reggan Smith, Tuscola; Meadow Picazo, Tuscola; Julia Kerkhoff, Tuscola. Back row: Addisyn Wilson, Villa Grove (photo inserted); Ella Chupp, Arcola; Regann Bowles, Atwood; Claire Meyer, Tuscola; Jade Garza, Arcola. Group photos by David Porter. Insets submitted.



JUNIOR MISS Moultrie-Douglas Contestants — Front row, left to right: Alyssa Adkins, Villa Grove; Emmalee Nall, Arthur; Wren Wall, Sullivan; Kimberly Krutsinger, Arthur. Middle row: Paislee Lorenzen, Paris; Ava Whitson, Tuscola; Shelby Grimsley, Arthur; Aymara Leal, Arcola. Back row: Bekka Bloom, Villa Grove; Jr Miss Moultrie-Douglas Molly Appleby, Atwood; Jorga Ledbeter, Arthur; Lily-Lynn Davis, Villa Grove.



LITTLE MISS Moultrie-Douglas Contestants — Front row left to right: Zamara Leal, Arcola; Maelee Stirrett, Atwood; Logan McCumber, Villa Grove; Charlotte Duzan, Sullivan; Paisley Yoder, Arthur; Charlee Lenz, Gays; Emery Hill, Sullivan; Brynley Liles-French, Bethany. Middle row: Evelyn Kenton, Villa Grove (photo inserted); Rylan Lake, Villa Grove; Isla Harriss, Tuscola; Whitley Fryman, Sullivan; Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Quinn Chapman, Villa Grove; Nataleigh Doty, Bethany; Hope Whitlow, Lovington; Paisley Milleer, Villa Grove. Back row: Madison Dunn, Arcola; Harper Riley, Newman; Charlotte Franklin, Tuscola; Ember Ely, Atwood; Tatum Faust, Pesotum.

Review to merge with the Journal

David and Jennie Porter, owners of the Tuscola Review, Arcola Record-Herald and Lebanon Advertiser, have announced they have sold their three newspapers effective July 1 to Better Newspapers, Inc., in Mascoutah. David Porter will continue to work for the new owners in an editorial capacity. This week marks the final editions for the Tuscola Review and Lebanon Advertiser. The current subscribers to those newspapers will receive another local paper covering those communities. Review subscribers will receive The Journal and Lebanon subscribers will receive The Herald. They will still be receiving local news coverage plus coverage of a wider geographic area. The Arcola Record-Herald will continue its publications. It is the oldest continuously published newspaper in Douglas County founded in 1866. Porter said the sale assures that the communities served by the newspapers will continue to have local news coverage and advertising opportunities. "As most people know, it has become increasingly more difficult to maintain newspapers large and small

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Mayor praises Baird's response

Mayor Dan Kleiss gave a shout out Monday to Jordon Baird of Tuscola. Baird, an ICU nurse, is credited with saving the life of David Connour June 17 when Connour collapsed while building a house next door to Baird. Baird told WCIA-TV that he was running late as he left his home when he saw Connour on the ground next door. He recognized him as one of the workers who had built his house earlier this year at North Ward Square. He performed CPR until emergency responders showed up. Baird has started a GoFundMe account online to help Connour with his expenses. The link is <https://gofund.me/cf10a60e>. Mayor Kleiss said the story was "good news." The City Council on Monday approved several pay requests: \$12,624 to Donohue & Associates for engineering work on the Joint Water Agency new line to Cabot; \$46,578 to Beniach. Construction for work on Progress Boulevard; \$81,214 to B&T Drainage for work on the Joint Water Agency water main; and \$34,290 to B&T for valve installation for the Joint Water Agency. The Joint Water Agency is owned by Tuscola

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Sales tax for schools nearly \$900,000

Tuscola school Superintendent Gary Alexander delivered some good news to the School Board Monday night. Sales tax receipts for the year totaled \$899,144.82, up from about \$682,000 last year. He said the funds will help with building renovations and bond abatement. In more good news, he reported that Johnson Controls has agreed to honor the warranty on three HVAC pumps at North Ward. One pump failed causing problems for the other two, and there was some question as to whether the secondary problems would be covered by the warranty. While there are no students in school, all three buildings are buzzing with activity as renovations are underway. Representatives of Omni Energy Partners gave an update on building projects with the expectation that the first phase of renovations will be complete before school starts in the fall. Joe Sutherland, project manager, said there may be a few technology items that may not arrive in time due to supply chain issues, but so far all construction materials needed have been delivered or are expected to be delivered on time. Alexander said an open house will be scheduled after the work is completed. See SCHOOL BOARD on page 2



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