

Area Obituaries

Helen Dallas

Helen L. Dallas, 87, of Tuscola, passed away early Sunday morning, June 26, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola. Burial will follow in the Cartwright Cemetery, rural Tuscola.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dallas was born on April 27, 1935, in rural Tuscola, the daughter of Arlia J. and Genievie Rose Hackett Eastin. She married the love of her life, James H. "Jim" Dallas

on February 2, 1951, in Tuscola. He preceded her in death on May 25, 2019.

Survivors include her children, Debbie (Steve) Harris, Rick Dallas and special friend Vicki, Jack (Jane) Dallas and Pam (Mark) Maxey; 12 grandchildren, Josh Harris, Kim Harris Hacker, Cody Dallas, Chelsea Dallas Cravens, Misty Mumma Nelson, Robin Mumma Duitsman, Kristin Mumma Zajicek, Travis Dallas, Austin Dallas, Kylee Dallas, Matt Dean and Wil Maxey; 18 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Elrah (Myrtie) Eastin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and John Mumma; sister, Rose Marie Eastin; and daughter-in-law, Linda Dallas.



Dallas

Mrs. Dallas was a homemaker and she helped her husband farm for 42 years before their retirement. She loved bowling. Mrs. Dallas bowled for over 60 years and was inducted into the Champaign

Area USBC Hall of Fame 2007-2008.

She was a member of the ITPA Tractor Pulling Association, Douglas County Farm Bureau and Tuscola Moose Lodge. Mrs. Dallas attended the Worship and Word Ministry in Tuscola.

Mrs. Dallas was known as "Nena" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was the greatest Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma and Mother-In-Law anyone could hope for. She was very much loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Pow-Wow's or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

School Board

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Included in the first phase are new science labs at the high school. Principal Steve Fiscus said it's "a magical transformation."

Fiscus added that the gym will be closed in July for lighting upgrades and to clean and wax the floor. Sports practices will begin Aug. 8, he said, with orientation scheduled for Aug. 9.

Alexander reminded the Board that, by law, the question of whether to go to an at-large board will be on the November ballot. If the measure is approved, all Board seats will be up for election. It failed at the last election. Anytime a seat is not filled by election and must be appointed, the question must be placed on the next general election ballot.

If the measure fails, Alexander said, there will be two seats open for two-year terms and three seats open for four-year terms. Candidates will have to decide whether to run for a two-year or four-year term, he said.

The Board approved its property and auto insurance at a cost of \$175,295, which

Alexander said was \$43,750 below the next lowest bidder. The district is switching to Loman-Ray, which utilizes the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust.

Besides saving money on the premium, he said the new insurance brings increased coverage in some areas and a convenient online claim system.

The Board approved a contract with Aramark, which provides food service, with an 8 percent increase. Alexander said the Board can bid out the contract next year, which he said is allowed by the state due to the minimum wage increase. Darold Spillman voted no on the contract.

The Board also approved its budget for next year after a public hearing and a 30-day window for public comment.

At the start of the meeting, Ella Mayfield asked the Board to consider establishing a swim team. She said she does expect the district to have a complete swim season, but it would allow her to participate in Illinois High School Association sectional and state meets.

She noted that if she had been able to compete last year, her swim times would have

placed her in the top 10 in three events. She noted that the IHSA does not have class divisions for swimming, so all students compete together.

Donations were accepted as follows: Ian Rominger/TE Connectivity, \$150 and \$750 for TCHS social skills; Wade and Michelle Wilcox, \$500 for softball concessions; Victory Church, \$200 for Help a Child; Mark and Judy Furlong/BMO, \$10,000 for high school basketball; Cast Iron Pub/Kenny Hogue, \$250 for Drama Club; Drew and Christy Hoel, \$179 for high school track; Music Boosters, \$3,600 for band (a tuba); Brad and Terry Hornaday, \$250 for Help a Child; and for TCHS end-of-year party, Ford of Tuscola, \$100, Chris and Kristi Townsend, \$250, John Davis Inc., \$100, Class of 2022 Parent Group, \$100, Ellen Tubbs, \$100, Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, \$100, First Christian Church of Tuscola, \$250, Tuscola Kiwanis, \$1,000, and Kona Ice, \$250.

The following resignations were accepted: Cassie Rennels, guidance counselor; Wendy Wallace, TCHS educator; Adam Carver, TCHS head basketball coach; Josh Shelmadine, TCHS assistant baseball coach;

Emma Silver, paraprofessional; and Natasha Martin, paraprofessional.

New hires were as follows: Jeri Cardiff, TCHS/EP chorus teacher; Bryan Thomas, special ed teacher; Beth Gibson, special ed; Jo Grgurich, special ed; Nicolle Shay, EP phys. ed. and EP athletic director and EP assistant girls basketball coach; Michelle Thurber, paraprofessional; Emily Scribner, paraprofessional; Beth Pugh, TCHS girls cross country coach; and Bart Brewer, EP girls head basketball coach.

First round of property taxes due

The first installment of Douglas County real estate tax is due Friday, July 1.

Treasurer Bobbi Rairden says, "Please read the back of your tax bill. Many questions can be answered there. There is also contact information for each office and the duties of each office in regards to the tax cycle."

You can also go to the county's website at www.douglascountyil.gov and click on Departments and then Treasurer for information, forms and payment options.

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City Council

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and Arcola, and those payments come from the agency's funds.

Also approved was fundraising Oct. 28-29 for Kiwanis Kids Days. Community Building leases were approved for Friends of the NRA July 10-11 and Beth Rutledge for a wedding reception July 22-24. Street closures were approved for a Rally Point Fitness veterans event Aug. 27. Rally Point was selected by Grunt Style for its annual fundraiser in support of a veteran-owned business and will help the fitness center with costs associated with its new building at 123 W. Sale St. The event will include kids activities, raffles, a National Guard obstacle course,


vendors and a Call of Duty character appearance.


Professional service agreements were approved with Milano & Grunloh, \$30,000 for grant administration; Milano & Grunloh, \$100,000 for Meadowview water main engineering; and Clark Dietz for general engineering consulting services, which includes a sidewalk assessment. The Council approved an electric line license agreement with the school district, which is part of renovations taking place at the high school.

The water main project at Meadowview was estimated at \$615,000, but costs are expected to be up 20-30 percent. However, the city was approved for a \$550,000 state grant toward the project.



Church Directory



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| <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Eagle Mountain Assembly of God 401 E. Sale Tuscola 253-4444 Sunday Services 10 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 300 E. Daggy Tuscola 253-4231 Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.</p> <p>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)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church 600 E. Northline Tuscola 253-4341 Saturday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>  |
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Sports Physicals / \$20



8:30 am to noon Friday, July 8

SBL Tuscola Clinic

1100 Tuscola Blvd. • 217 253-4765

Appointments required. Please call to schedule.



Each \$20 fee will be donated to the Tuscola Athletic Booster Club.

Immunizations will not be given.

Cash or check only will be accepted. Insurance will not be billed, nor will insurance co-pays be collected.

Parent must sign medical history form or be in attendance.

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