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## Feb. 20 deadline for Bateman scholarship

The Douglas County Ag Center committee will once again be accepting applications for the Dale Bateman Memorial Ag scholarship. Applications are due by Feb. 20 to the Farm Business Farm Management office in Tuscola.

Last year, the Ag Center committee voted to also include graduating seniors in high school. So for the 2023 scholarship, county high

school seniors are encouraged to apply as well.

Requirements for the Dale Bateman Memorial scholarship are: 1) resident of Douglas County; 2) course of study is agriculture; and 3) and at least a senior in high school as a student. Advanced degree Ag students are also encouraged to apply.

Previous scholarship recipient, Dr. Will Fombelle, DVM,

encourages all students interested in the field of agriculture to apply. "This scholarship has assisted countless students in their journey to receive a degree in agriculture, including me," he said.

Will grew up on a livestock farm north of Atwood. He is the son of Reed and Joann Fombelle. After attending Atwood-Hammond High School, Fombelle graduated from Illi-

nois State University in Animal Science. He continued his studies at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated in 2015. He is a swine veterinarian for Carthage Veterinary Service and is based out Teutopolis.

His goal is to keep his clients' swine herds healthy and profitable to ensure the lon-

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## BRIEFS

### Daughters of Union veterans

Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) will meet at the Smith House on Feb. 18. A brunch will be served at 10 a.m. followed by a business meeting and program. Reservations are required. Contact Elaine Bryant at 217-369-1537 by Feb. 13. to make reservations, become a member or learn more about DUVCW. To become a member, one must be a direct descendant of a Union Civil War Veteran.

### Rose chief budget negotiator for Senate Republicans

As work begins on the state's next budget, State Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) will be leading the efforts for the Senate Republican Caucus as their chief budget negotiator.

Rose will serve as the ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Rose will also serve on the Appropriations-Education, Insurance, Judiciary, and Transportation Committees. The Appropriations-Education committee includes oversight of state university and community college budgets.

### Weather forecast

Wednesday: Rain likely, mainly after noon. Cloudy, with a high near 48. East wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: Rain. Low around 43. Breezy, with an east wind 15 to 22 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 32 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between three quarters and one inch possible.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of rain before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. Breezy.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 36.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

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## CHOCOLATE & Wine

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- Live music 2 to 4 p.m. with The Halos
- Painting class from noon to 1 p.m. with Jan VonBokel \$10.
- Book signing with Cindy and Kirby Pringle, 1 to 2 p.m.

The Vault Art Gallery  
100 N. Main St.  
Tuscola, IL.  
217-722-2187

