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**BRIEFS**

**Check alarm batteries**

Now that the time has changed, it's a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors. According to the Fire Safety Alliance, a new law took effect in January requiring that alarms with 10-year, sealed batteries be installed in all single or multi-family homes moving forward.

For homes with removable batteries in existing alarms, the sealed batteries are required once the alarms have surpassed their manufactured date. Homes built after 1988 that have hardwired alarms are exempt from the new requirement.

In recent years, the National Fire Prevention Association has reported that three of every five home fire deaths in the U.S. have resulted from non-working smoke detectors. In Illinois, of the 97 fire deaths that occurred in 2021, 70% were the result of non-working smoke detectors.

**Weather forecast**

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind 14 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 56. Breezy.

Thursday Night: Rain. Low around 36. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of rain before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Breezy.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Blustery.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35. Breezy.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Blustery.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

**Lake Land graduation**

Lake Land College will celebrate with graduates during a commencement ceremony on Friday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the Field House. The process to sign up for commencement can be completed online. There is no cost to order a cap and gown or to participate in the ceremony. The first step is to file an Intent to graduate in the student portal, the Laker Hub. After filing the intent, Admissions & Records will send the graduate a letter with instructions on how to measure for a cap and gown online in the Laker Hub.

The deadline to file an Intent to Graduate is Friday, March 17. The deadline to measure for a cap and gown is Friday, March 31.

For info, contact Admissions and Records, Luther Student Center, 217-234-5434.

**DAR celebrates centennial**



THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, NSDAR was celebrated on March 1 at the Ironhorse Golf Club in Tuscola with a luncheon for fifty DAR members. Twenty-eight chapter members, two DAR Past Chaplin Generals, two Past Illinois State Regents, six Illinois State Organization officers, District 3 Director Debra Sandercock and three chapter regents from District 3 were present to hear the Illinois DAR State Regent Deborah Coe remind us that DAR is not the same as it was when our grandmothers belonged. Her experiences and personal observations show that DAR is now more diverse in membership, more volunteer-minded, more computer-savvy than ever.



REPRESENTING THE MAYOR of Tuscola Dan Kleiss, City Administrator Drew Hoel (right) brought the city's proclamation that March 1 was declared Stephen A. Douglas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Day.



The Chapter's display, vintage display of 1920's antiques and memorabilia, was a hit with the guests and fun for the members to bring 100-year-old items to show other members.

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STATE SENATOR CHAPIN ROSE brought an Illinois Senate proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, NSDAR. Pictured with the Senator is Deborah Coe, Illinois DAR State Regent; Martha Burris, Chapter Regent; Jane Faust, Chapter Vice Regent; Senator Rose; Chapter member Jackie Joines.

**Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution**