Damaging storm sweeps across Douglas County

THE STORM RIPPED the roof off a building at The Equity in Galton. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*

ERVIN PARK in Tuscola suffered heavy damage to trees and facilities. *Photo by David Porter.*

SEVERAL TREES IN VILLA GROVE were uprooted or broken off at ground level. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*

FRIDAY MORNING, June 30, North Sheldon Street, between East Jefferson and East Main streets, Arcola. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*

FIREFIGHTERS IN TUSCOLA assess tree damage. *Photo by David Porter.*

THIS HOUSE IN PARKVIEW in Tuscola suffered a double whammy with tree branches. *Photo by David Porter.*

Canadian wildfire smoke, fist-sized hail and hurricane-force winds converged on Douglas County last week bringing with it irritation, astonishment and severe wind damage to trees and homes. No injuries were reported.

One of the worst storms in the area's recent history arrived Thursday afternoon. The same morning, hail, almost the size of baseballs, hit parts of Tuscola with northside residents reporting the largest ice balls. That was followed up by heavy rain and winds reaching 80 MPH. The derecho winds (a line of intense, widespread, and fast-moving windstorms and sometimes thunderstorms that moves across a great distance and is characterized by damaging winds) blew over several semi trucks on Interstate 57, downed powerlines and damaged trees.

— Dominik Stallings

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Please join us for a one-day conference entitled Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World, held Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00am to 1:30pm (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Tuscola Community Building.
Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America.
Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.

Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz

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