

BRIEFS

Donnelley gathering

Former Donnelley employees are invited to a get-together at 3 p.m. July 23 at the Mattoon Moose Lodge 803, 1212 Broadway in Mattoon. Snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a covered dish to share.

Blood drives

D&M Woodcrafts will host a blood drive from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at 421 E. County Road 200N, inside D&M Woodcrafts. To donate, contact Marlin Schrock at 217-268-3266.

Central Wood to host a blood drive from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at 220 E County Road 200 N. To donate, contact Willard Miller at 217-543-2662.

Tech graduate

Lake Land College celebrated the John Deere Tech program graduates at an annual John Deere Tech banquet in May. Graduates honored included Kolby Schable of Atwood.

Dean's List

Owen Knoebel of Oakland has been named to the Carthage College Dean's List for the Spring 2023 term.

Food Truck Fair Thursday

The July Food Truck Fair will be this Thursday, July 20 in the parking lot of the Douglas County Health Department office at Tuscola Outlet Mall. Six food vendors will be offering lunch options starting at 11 a.m.

Forecast

Tuesday Night: Showers likely, with thunderstorms also possible after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind 6 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 10am, then a chance of showers between 10am and 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind around 11 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

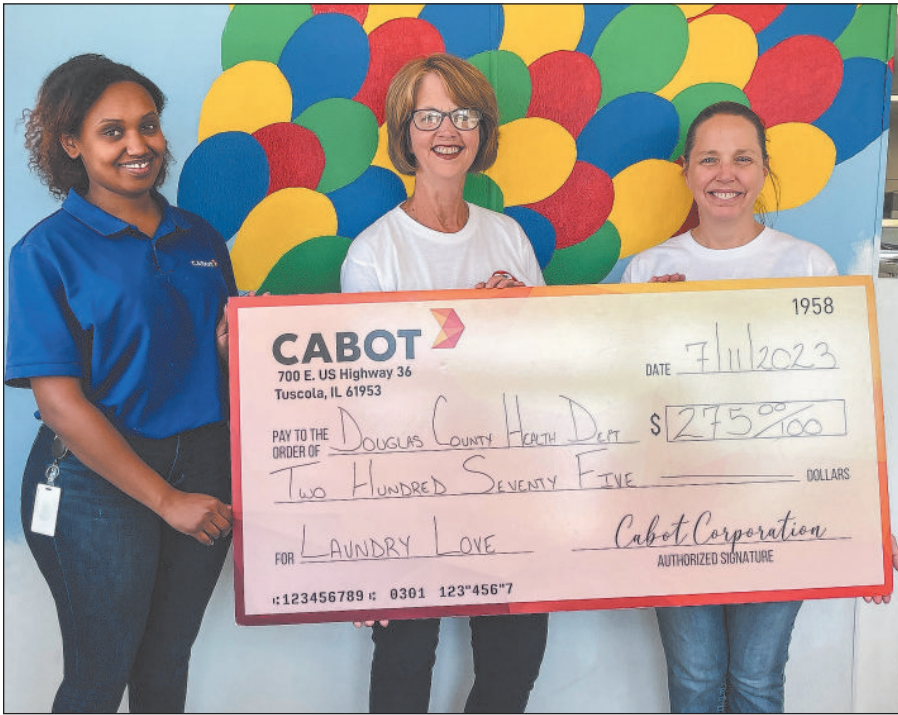
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

Hochstettler reunion

One of the largest family reunions in the United States is coming to Arthur July 28-29. Anywhere from 300 to 500 descendants of Jacob Hochstettler are expected to descend on the city; the reunion, held every five years, changes locations each time. For more information, call 217-721-9266 or 217-520-8891. The family also maintains a website at <https://www.jhfa.net/> with lots of history.



MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BABY PAGEANT. The 2023 baby pageant was held on Saturday morning July 8 at the fairgrounds in Arthur. Winners included Peyton Gingerich of Lovington (Under 1 year-old girl division); Myla White from Tuscola (1 year-old girl division); James Allen of Tuscola (1 year-old boy division); Everleigh Allen from Tuscola (2 year-old girl division); Watson Grimsley of Arthur (2 year-old boy division); Alayna Guadiana from Arcola (3 year-old girl division); Myla Oye of Arthur (4 year-old girl division), 2023 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Reggan Smith, 2023 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Lydia Cummings, and 2023 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas Adyson Hopkins.



CABOT TUSCOLA donated \$275 to the Laundry Love Outreach for operating the washers and dryers. Pictured from left are Abi Legesse, Cabot project engineer; Colleen Lehmann, Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) public health liaison; and Julie Kennedy, laundromat owner.

(DCHD) and Lighten Your Load Laundromat teamed up to periodically offer free laundry events for individuals and families who lack the resources for this chore. DCHD partnered with Laundry Love, <https://laundrylove.org/>, an organization who mission is to offer love, dignity, and detergent outreach events. DCHD plans to have free laundry event every month.

The first event was held on July 7. Eight households were helped and 42 loads of laundry were completed.

If you are an Individual and/or a family who needs this event, reach out to DCHD at 217-253-4137 ext. 1225 to sign up for the upcoming events. To donate to DCHD, contact Colleen Lehmann or stop by the DCHD main office on Route 36 or the office at the Outlet Mall in Tuscola. Feel free to drop off coins that you may have sitting in a jar. Coins do add up and can make a difference.



MARKET LAMB SHOW. The Grand Champion Wether Dam and Breed Champion White Faced Wether Dam at the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair was shown by Ryker Beckmier of Atwood. Over 100 entries were on the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 8. Beckmier was also named Reserve Intermediate Champion Showman. He is pictured with 2023 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Reggan Smith and Junior Miss Adyson Hopkins.

Tuscola youth wins awards at National Junior Shorthorn Show & Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (June 26, 2023)– Junior Shorthorn enthusiasts gathering from 28 states competed in the 2023 National Junior Shorthorn Show & Youth Conference in Des Moines, IA, June 17- June 24. Not only did the juniors compete with their animals, but had the opportunity to compete in multiple individual, team, or state contests.

Convincing prospective buyers (the judges) to purchase their animal is a glimpse of what the Team Salesmanship Contest looks like. Teams consisting of two individuals competed from 28 states in four age divisions. In the senior division, the exhibitors were given a scenario to present a business plan for a bank loan. The Intermediate division was to sell the Shorthorn Beef Program to a panel of judges. Prospector I and II divisions had the objective to sell an animal they had brought to the show. Judging was based on speaking participation of both team members, poise/skill in the presentation, teamwork, appearance of the animal and overall impact of the sell.

Tuscola's Maddox Reedy, along with Jackson Bunting (also from Illinois) took first

place in the Prospector I age division (10 to 12 years old). Teams placing below them were from Kansas, Iowa, Alabama and South Dakota.

Reedy also placed fifth in the Showmanship division.

Executive Secretary/CEO of the American Shorthorn Association, Montie Soules, explained in an interview that, "The National Junior Shorthorn Show and Youth Conference is every bit as much about the contests and the educational aspect from that as it is the cattle show. The youth of this breed pride themselves in participating in a number of contests. This provides leadership and communication skills for those junior exhibitors that will advance them in their life-long goals. One of the things that I am most proud of about this event is the high participation percentage that we have in our contests. Our junior board and staff have made it a point to try and provide new and updated contests that challenge the junior members with the technology available in today's world. This prepares Shorthorn youth for their future."

For more information and a complete list of activities, sponsors, contests, and winners, visit

www.shorthorn.org or contact the ASA at 816-599-7777 or shelby@shorthorn.org.

The American Shorthorn Association provides quality service and support to its members by promoting the

value of Shorthorn Cattle in all aspects of the beef industry, while maintaining the integrity of the herd book and performance database. The American Junior Shorthorn Association promotes personal develop-

ment through youth activities and educational events, while being dedicated to the betterment of its members. To learn more, contact the ASA office or visit www.shorthorn.org or www.juniorshorthorn.com.

Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World

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Saturday, August 26 @9am
Tuscola Community Building

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

For additional information or to register by phone please call Immanuel Lutheran Church 217-253-4341 or Register at: <https://bit.ly/notashamed2023>