$2,630 WAS DONATED to the Douglas County Animal Shelter in Tuscola as a memorial gift for Linda Burris. Family and friends gathered donations from over 100 individuals. From left to right: Spencer Hall, Bob Burris, Philip Burris, Shirley Doherty, Sue Kremitzki and Mike Jones. Tony Burris is not pictured. ***Photo by Dominik Stallings.***

State Fair judge recounts heirloom recipes at free Douglas County Museum program

The Douglas County Museum will host an Illinois Humanities Road Scholars speakers bureau presentation by Catherine Lambrecht entitled, "Family Heirloom Recipes from the Illinois State Fair." The program starts at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

Since 2009, Lambrecht has judged Family Heirloom Recipes contests on behalf of Greater Midwest Foodways in Illinois as well as Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Contestants would enter their best scratch family heirloom recipe suitable for a family or community dinner. The recipe should have originated 50 years ago or earlier. Contestants would bring to the fair a prepared dish along with a history of who passed the recipe down to them.

This presentation offers an opportunity to follow the judging experience by providing the histories and recipes presented as submitted at the Illinois State Fair (2009-2019) with pictures of the food as presented at the fair. The foods were sometimes submitted simply in their transport container, or more elaborately on the family's china with relevant props of family pictures, kitchen paraphernalia and their loved one's handwritten recipe.

Lambrecht will highlight the stories she has collected over the years as an expert culinary judge.

Some examples include:

• How a contestant wanted a judge to settle a long-held family argument about which is better, green or white asparagus soup?

• A right of passage as young boy's pet pig may be his breakfast.

• Dueling pasta salads from the church and community dinner circuit.

• An Italian-American family circling a cutting board mounded with polenta and meat sauce ready to dig in.

• A family of mushroom collectors preserve their old, country traditions.

The event is made possible through Illinois Humanities and is free and open to the public.

CABOT TUSCOLA became a bronze sponsor for S.A.B.L.E., Inc., Saving Animals by Lasting Encounters, https://aikmanwildlife.com/sable/. S.A.B.L.E is the nonprofit partner of Aikman Wildlife Adventure, https://aikmanwildlife.com. The mission of S.A.B.L.E, Inc. is to take part in conserving wildlife and endangered species, to educate people about the importance of wildlife and the environment, and to support in providing food, homes, and care for wildlife in need. S.A.B.L.E will hold their annual Salute to Wildlife Banquet on Nov. 10, to raise funds to care and house the animals at Aikman Wildlife Adventure. S.A.B.L.E, Inc. has several ways to donate to their programs, which include adopting a species, 50/50 raffle, purchase of banquet tickets, as well as a general donation to the S.A.B.L.E, Inc. Dylan Walker, sr. plant engineer/PCS lead, left, presented the donation on behalf of Cabot to James Aikman, owner/president of Aikman Wildlife Adventure.

BRIEFS

Flag Football Sign Up

Arthur Park District is offering Flag Football for the first time this year and is open to any boys or girls in first through sixth grades. There is no contact and the season runs the month of October only. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, Sept. 11. For more information or a sign-up form, contact Jeremy Hale at (217) 402-3351.

Senior trip to Pumpkin Patch

Family Service Senior Resource Center — Tuscola Tours is inviting Douglas County residents age 60 and up to join them Sept. 20 for an outing to The Great Pumpkin Patch and Homestead Bakery. The trip is at no cost which includes transportation, but there is a small senior fee to enter The Pumpkin Patch, and lunch is on your own. Seating is limited. Call Connie to reserve your spot at 217-898-3321 or 217-599-1324.

Weather forecast

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. West wind 9 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 83.

DAR prepares for Constitution Week

The Stephen A. Douglas Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is preparing for the 68th Constitution Week. When DAR President General Carraway proposed in 1955 that an annual commemoration of the United States Constitution should be observed, President Eisenhower and the Congress agreed. The goals of this observance are threefold: to encourage the study of the history leading to the framing of the Constitution; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of our great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize the American citizen's responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution.

The DAR notes that the observance is the prime opportunity to remind ourselves of our country's early attempts and challenges that culminated in the U.S. Constitution: The Articles of Confederation, the writing of the Constitution that ultimately was approved by 13 different colonies, the extraordinary people who came to the forefront to lead our ancestors! And of course, our Ancestors! who recognized and acknowledged that freedom was most important to their (and our) way of life.

How lucky we are, says the local DAR chapter. Douglas County history teachers and school administrators have recently received several helpful documents and ideas for observing 2023 Constitution Week from the chapter chairman.

— Marlene Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas Chapter NSDAR

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