

BRIEFS

ROSC meeting Jan. 25

The Douglas County ROSC (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) will meet from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Douglas County Health Dept. in Tuscola. For more information, email Leanna Morgan at ceadleannam@ceadcouncil.com.

Weather forecast

Wednesday: Rain likely after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Light and variable wind becoming east 6 to 11 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: Rain, mainly before midnight. Low around 39. East wind 9 to 14 mph becoming southwest after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. West southwest wind 9 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Winning ticket sold in Maine

A single winning ticket for a Mega Millions lottery jackpot of at least \$1.35 billion, the second largest jackpot in U.S. history, was sold in Maine, lottery organizers said on Saturday.

The winning numbers for the jackpot were 30, 43, 45, 46 and 61, plus the power ball 14.

Fourteen tickets matched all five numbers to win the game's second-tier prize of \$1 million. Four were sold in New York, two in California, and one each in Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas.



Douglas County Museum reaches fundraising goal for new exhibit

By Dominik Stallings

The Douglas County Museum reached its goal of \$10,000 to fund its new town exhibit.

Museum Director Anna Dvorachek said fundraising for the project started only a few months ago.

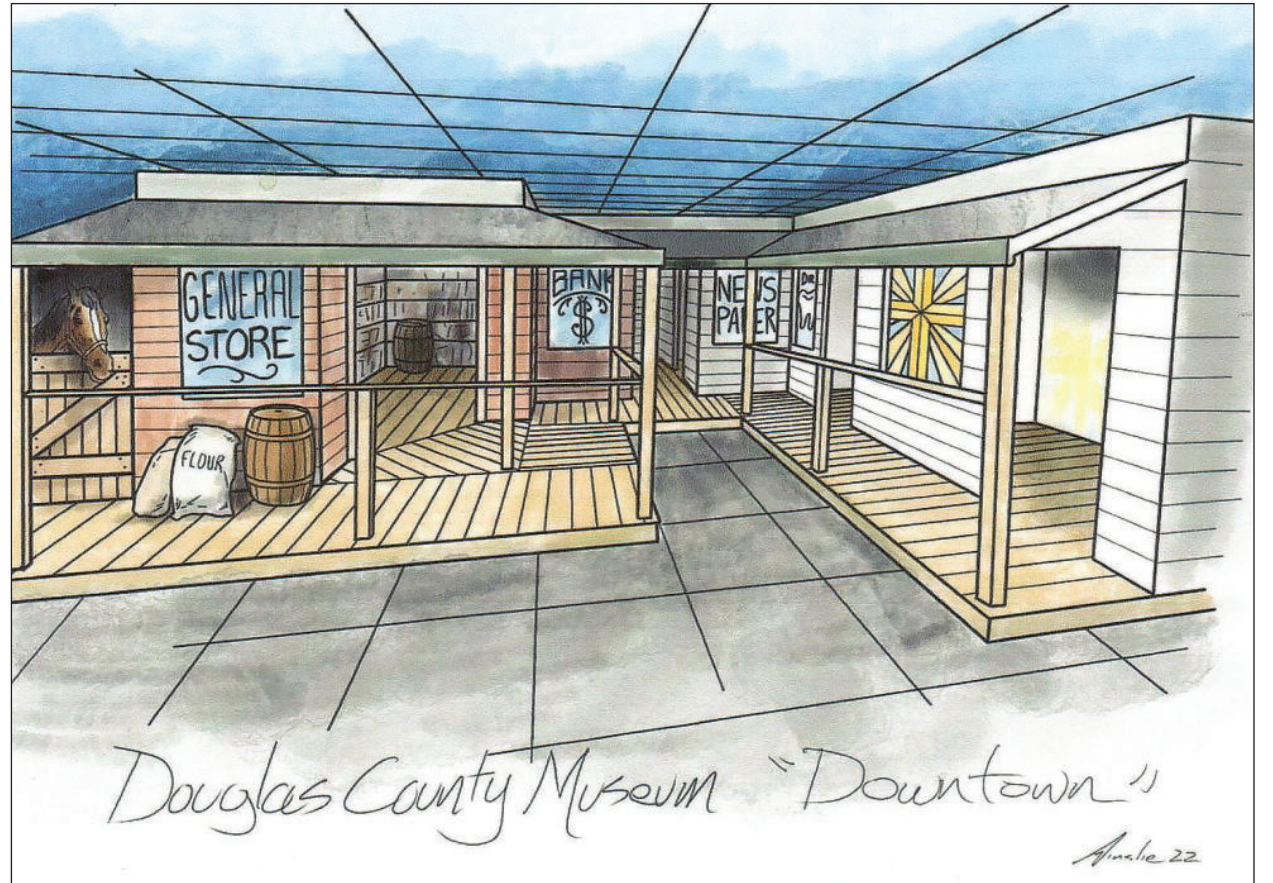
"I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly it got funded and it shows how excited people are for the project," said Dvorachek.

Much of the fundraising came from individual donors. The museum will commemorate larger donors with a brass plaque in the exhibit.

The new exhibit currently has a wooden frame structure in place. Further construction will begin in the spring. Dvorachek is unsure of the completion date due to her pregnancy. However, she said she wants to finish the project this year.

Dvorachek said the fundraiser would stay up for another month and a half. Any donations made now would give the project a rainy day reserve and help with further improvements.

The new exhibit will display a recreation of early 20th-century business districts with local artifacts, such as the bank safe



An artistic rendering of the upcoming town exhibit in the Douglas County Museum. Illustration by Ainslie Heilich.



Museum Director Anna Dvorachek walks alongside display cases in front of the wooden frame structure of the new town exhibit in the Douglas County Museum.

door from the Arcola Drug Store, a blacksmith anvil owned by USS Indianapolis survivor Earl Riggins

and the original Linotype machine from the Journal office.

Visitors will be able to walk through the space and learn more about local history through an immersive and interactive experience. The area would change over time and show different businesses as well.

A potential upgrade for the project could be the ceiling. Dvorachek said she found ceiling tiles that look like tin, giving the installation a more immersive feel while still being compatible with the building's infrastructure. The tiles also have a better rating for fire safety and moisture control, an added benefit to the museum.

Thanks to the Douglas County Museum historic district funding the building operations, they can use donations to improve the museum rather than just pay the bills

to keep the lights on.

Dvorachek said that projects like the town exhibit are something people can look forward to in the future. She said she wants to build a better museum with donations and fundraising.

The museum has experimented with different ways to use its space for events, such as the Santa Stop during Tuscola's Christmas Town event. In 2022, they held the event outdoors.

Dvorachek said that going forward, they can still do events without clearing out the museum.

After the completion of the town exhibit, Dvorachek said the museum wants to work on upgrading the welcome area.

For more information on the museum, visit <http://www.douglascountymuseum.org/store-front-exhibit.html>.

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Tuscola and Arcola residents can save on energy costs through aggregate program

Arcola and Tuscola belong to a consortium (CIMA - Central Illinois Municipal Aggregation) of municipalities, school districts, small businesses and others aggregating more than 60,000 electric accounts to purchase power at a reduced rate. The municipalities do not benefit from this program, which is purely for residents' use and access, according to information provided by Bill Wagoner, Arcola's city administrator.

In March 2022, the group approved Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. to serve as the program supplier for a three-

year term through June 2025. The new agreement is effective July 1, 2022. Constellation NewEnergy, Inc was chosen in a competitive process as it provided the best overall value. The program offers residents served by Ameren to secure pricing for the duration of the contract period (July 2022-June 2025).

Residents with questions about this program can call toll-free 833-358-0518 or visit the Constellation customer service website.

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