

Community Spotlight



TUSCOLA PEP BAND celebrated Senior Night Feb. 15. Seniors kneeling Left to right, Kaleb Jeffers, Alexis Shinn, Amelia Reed, Ethan Bialeschki, Spencer Elder, Hailee Groves, Grant Kauffman, Jack Kelly, Thomas Spillman, Cameron Mills. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



TUSCOLA CHEERLEADERS celebrated their Senior Night Feb. 15 during the basketball halftime. Left to right, Mary Jo Dunn, Mikayla Dunn, Dwight Dunn, Chrissy Herschberger, Makenzie Herschberger, Alicia Keown, Nick Shields, Mindi Shields, Miranda Long, Randy Long, Alta Long, Brogan Rennert, Jason Rennert, Amanda Rennert. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

Villa Grove takes home third place at Academic Challenge

By Tony Hooker
For more than 40 years, students from across Illinois have matched wits during the annual Academic Challenge. For many years, it was

known as the WYSE outreach competition and was sponsored by the University of Illinois College of Engineering. However, that affiliation has ended and Eastern Illinois

University has gladly taken over the role. This year, Villa Grove High School was one of the regional sites within the EIU sectional. When the final

answers were tallied, Villa Grove had taken home third place, good enough to qualify for Sectional finals, to be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.



VILLA GROVE STUDENTS took home 3rd place in the ACES 2023 Regionals competition. From left to right, Jesse Bessent, second place in Biology, Emma Buesing, third place in physics, Will Jones, third place in biology and Luke Zimmerman, first place in physics. Photo by Tony Hooker.



CAMERON MCGILL from Arthur won the Douglas County Spelling Bee, Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur. Margot Howard from Villa Grove was the runner-up of the competition. McGill and Howard will continue on the regional spelling bee on March 11 in Decatur. Twelve students from Arthur, Arcola, Tuscola and Villa Grove participated in the competition. Lydia Koch from Tuscola made third place, Josiah Hout from Arcola made fourth, and Ella Oye from Arthur and Emma Price from Villa Grove both shared fifth place. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

Dance

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programs. In 2018, for example, all profits were donated to the Summer Meals Program through DCHD. Last year, Rotary donated to Tuscola Soccer in support of new jerseys.

Black says she loves how much families look forward to the dance. She said she recognizes that there is space for an event aimed towards Sons and Mothers, though she is unsure what that would look like, having

only a daughter herself. She said she is open to ideas for a spin off event and would share how she started off if someone else wanted to organize it.

Although, she wanted to be sure that families were aware that all who purchase a ticket for admission are welcome. Children are required to have a caregiver adult with them for the dance but there is no limitation based on sex/gender.

One thing is for sure, everyone will come away with lasting memories.



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