

# Community Spotlight

## Tuscola Vault Art Gallery welcomes new artist

Most recently, you might have seen some of Ariana Cherry's works of art at two local art festivals - the First Annual Arthur-Area Spring Art Festival, the Mattoon Artworks Festival or even online via social media or eBay where she regularly sells many of her prints. At the beginning of May, her art began to appear at another place - The Vault Art Gallery in Tuscola.

Last year, Cherry had tried applying to have her work at the Vault, but there wasn't available space-although that changed for her this year. Her work appeared in the Mattoon Cross County Mall after being named "Artist of the Month" during the months of January-March. She was told that an artist from the Vault had seen her art at the mall and suggested that she apply once again- so she did. Around the begin-

ning of April, Cherry was told that her artwork had been accepted. This will be a new exciting endeavor for her as she has always wanted to see her art in a gallery - so starting locally is a great way to begin.

Cherry has had a love for art since she was a little girl. She also loves to write poetry, so sometimes, she also tries to find ways to incorporate lines of poetry into her art too. Her most common niche is creating ATC's (a.k.a: Art Trading Cards). Art Trading Cards are small works of art measuring 2.5 in x 3.5 in. Many people around the world buy, collect, trade and sell art trading cards. It is a more affordable way to have works of art without having to purchase large expensive pieces.

Cherry's favorite medium to use is colored pencils - as she has always been told



Arianna Cherry



ARIANNA CHERRY'S display of work in the Tuscola Vault Art Gallery. Submitted photo.

"she has an eye for color" ever since she was a high

school art student. She has her personal photography, also been known to mix digital art and watercolor

pencils into her art as well. One of her largest inspirations for her to continue her art has been her grandmother June Brandon Cherry- even though she passed on well over 10 years ago. Her simple advice, "Just keep at it," has always echoed in Cherry's ears, and remembering the art competitions the two entered together at the Moultrie-Douglas fairs and the time they spent sharing each others' artworks have been memories that she holds close to her heart.

If you would like to see Cherry's art at the Vault Art Gallery in Tuscola, it is located at 100 North Main Street. She also will be working there one shift a month. Her work is also sold online via her eBay store at: <https://www.ebay.com/str/fullmoonartproductions>

## EMERGENCY Response

**Tuscola Thursday, May 25**  
Tuscola Police performed a welfare check on a resident in the 900 block of Fleetwood Drive. At 5:01 p.m.

Tuscola Police arrested a subject on Route 36 on the corner of Progress Boulevard at 12:24 a.m. for driving under the influence of alcohol.

**Wednesday, May 24**  
Tuscola Police received a request from a subject about confronting another subject regarding spreading rumors. Police advised that they would not help and that the situation should be left alone to avoid escalation.

Tuscola Police attempted to locate a runaway juvenile at 9:47 p.m. who was suspected to be armed with a knife and thought to be suicidal on westbound Route 36. After a brief foot pursuit, police used a taser on the subject. The subject was transported to OSF for a medical and psychological evaluation.

**Monday, May 22**  
Tuscola Police oversaw a child custody exchange in the 800 block of East Overton Street at 3:02 p.m.. The father

became verbally aggressive and allegedly threw the child upon the mother. Police warned the father of possible charges and trespassed him from the address. The father was warned that he would be arrested if he returned.

Tuscola Police were called to the 400 block of North Niles at 10:27 regarding barking dogs. The subject was warned they would receive written citations if the dogs continued barking.

Tuscola Police were called to the 900 block of Fairview Drive at 9:44 a.m. regarding a missing juvenile from Arcola. The subject's girlfriend said she dropped him off in Bloomington on Saturday. Arcola Police Department has not entered the juvenile into LEADS as missing or runaway. Tuscola Police advised the parents of their options and referred them back to Arcola Police Department.

- In addition:**
- Assist DSCO- 1
  - Traffic Stop- 10
  - Juvenile issue- 1
  - Civil standby- 4
  - Phone harassment- 2
  - Suspicious activity- 3
  - Motorist assist- 1
  - Lockout- 1



VILLA GROVE CLASS OF 1973 Front row left to right, Mary Margaret Jaeger Maurer, Debbie Crum Ingram, Judy Russell Smith, Nancy Walker Eisenmenger, Marsha Simmons Klienmeyer, Lela McCumber Duckworth, Sonya Anderson Gehrig, Paula Ezell, Larry Dowler, Joyce Huddleston Johnson, (black shirt) Roger Cler. Second row, Connie Corbin Palmer, Helen Ransone Watson, Judy Ishcomer Schaefer, Connie Schmidt Masters, Jane Holmes Locascio, Cheryl Crossman Carso, Jackie Porter Harbin, Judy Thayer Blair, Becky Bade Trueblood, Debbie Vandeventer Hettinger, Mikki Riddle Stillman, Max Henson. Back row, Allen Taylor, Fred Stewart, Jerry Kleiss, Scott Fields, Dennis Gire, Wes Taylor (cowboy hat), Harry Lamb, Dennis Mitsdarfer, Ken McCrady, Tim Leon, Daryl Vandeventer. Missing in picture is Gaylen Lecher. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



VILLA GROVE CLASS OF 2003 back row, left to right, Steven Tarter, Brian Beccue, Jason Eversole, Rhett Simpson, Chip Durland, Dan Deem, Raven (Hatten) Uptmor, Allison (Lauderback) Reifsteck, David Rollings, Brandy (Perry) Rollings, Jason Martin, Bryce Reifsteck, Joe Cannon, Tyler Harvey. Middle row, left to right, Andrew Waggle, Ryan Parsley, Aaron Hubbard, Jodi (Watson) Schweighart, Jessica Reinhart, Jessica (Koeberlein) Chambers, Heidi (Loos) Lewis, Rachel (Elam) Kleinschmidt, Phillip Gawthorp, William Cook. Front row, left to right, Sabrina Bean, Molly Mitsdarfer, Alisha (Ray) Beringer, Amber Vance, Jessica (Sheppard) Pike, Kiley (Thode) Harrison, Danielle (Helm) Daly, Heather (Bales) Eads, Kiley (McCormack) Wolken, Jeremy Langendorf, Mike Foreman. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



VILLA GROVE CLASS OF 2008, left to right, Caleb Prosser, Elizabeth Nieto, Lesa Brewer, Amy Ray (Randall), Chelsea Williams (Sapenfield), Emily Berry, Dane Jensen, Taylor Smith (Briggs), Marshall Dorsett, Jonn Westray, Travis Albin, Ben Brown, Mat Earl. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



VILLA GROVE CLASS OF 2013. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

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