

City pool delay affects Tuscola Torpedoes swim team practice

By Margie Carter

The Tuscola Torpedoes summer swim season had a start date of May 30, however, the Tuscola City Pool's pump troubles not only affect public pool goers but also the recreational swim team that counts on the 30 meter, 8-lane pool for practice and meets.

The Torpedoes Admin Board jumped into action when rumors started circulating of mechanical delays. The city's communication with the team helped the board and coaches with rumor control within the team and in making decisions ahead of their first meet.

On May 31 the city updated the team and public with an ETA of two to three weeks before the pool would be fully operational. Reaching out to other conference teams, the Torpedoes found support from Indian Acres Swimming Club, Sholem



THE TORPEDOES quickly got back in sync when they held their first practices of the season at Sholem Aquatic Center in Champaign as they wait for the Tuscola Pool repairs. *Photo by Margie Carter.*

Aquatic Center, and the Stephen's YMCA, all offering lane/pool rentals.

The Admin Board made the difficult decision to offer refunds to swimmers who could not make the travel schedule work, they also canceled the Trial Period program, which allows swimmers to participate in practices for one week before committing to the team.

"Due to the added cost of renting lanes to hold practices and the limited space, we cannot support trial period swimmers."

The Torpedoes are one of the smaller summer swim teams in their conference. 58 swimmers registered for the team during open registration in spring. Of the 46 remaining swimmers, 36 make up the main competitive team and 10 are in the Pre-Team group designed to operate like semi-private swim lessons to

develop 4-6 year-old's into athletes.

The board had a particularly difficult time securing a location for Pre-Team due to the size and nature of the practices. Private pool owners did not want to take on the liability and the local hotels no longer allow pool time to non-guests. The impact of the city pool delay is being felt strongest on this group; their season has been cut in half, four weeks instead of eight. Refunds are being issued for half the original registration fee.

The main team practiced a Sholem on Thursday and Friday, having rented an hour before opening hours. The team has rented a lane at the Stephen's YMCA in Champaign starting next week for two and a half hour slots and will travel to Effingham for their first meet on June 10.

Gym

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call or text her at (217) 621-3988.

The Jarman Plaza now also offers yoga through Andrea Boley and Emma Rhoades.

Boley said they are the first certified trainers who practice and teach yoga in Tuscola. Other fitness programs have incorporated yoga-like practices but don't incorporate the more mental aspects of the practice.

"Tuscola is a nice community and we found a lot of people who wanted to do yoga but didn't know where to start," said Boley.

Boley said she and Rhoades started teaching yoga after re-

ceiving certification last year in April.

Boley said she wants to include everyone in yoga practice. She makes sure her classes are adaptable for people with mobility difficulties. She teaches at the Stephens YMCA in Champaign. Her instruction at YMCA includes a Parkinson's exercise class and aqua fitness.

"Even if you can't get up and down from the floor easily, you can still do the class," said Boley.

The yoga class includes the mental aspects of yoga as well, including mindfulness, meditation and spirituality.

"The whole point is the mind and body connection. The goal is peace of mind," said Boley.

For more information on yoga classes, you can visit

<https://lifethroughyoga.com>.

Robinson said that the Jarman Plaza will include a sauna, which is included with the Relentless Gym membership. However, the sauna won't be

open for another two weeks, said Robinson. They are still finishing up the men's side of the sauna.

Robinson has also converted the other floors of the Jarman

Plaza into apartments with one and two-bedroom apartments on the third floor and studios on the second floor. He has people waiting to rent from him, but the spaces aren't quite

available as he is still waiting on materials for the electrical installation. The parts were supposed to come in April but the shipping date was pushed back to late June.



CHRIS ROBINSON, owner of the Jarman Plaza, cuts the ribbon for the new Relentless Gym in the building on June 3. Left to right, Deanne Hutchison, Julia Kerkhoff, John Davis, Stuart Wolf, Cam Fry, Chris Robinson, Missy Shunk, Cory Kleiss, Miss Tuscola 2022 Reggan Smith, Chad Hausmann, Jr. Miss Tuscola 2022 Emma Spillman and Dana Clark. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*

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LOANCARE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FRED L. METHENY;
Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC13

Property Address: 303 N. Main Street Tuscola, IL 61953

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Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on March 30, 2023, I, Sheriff Nate Chaplin of Douglas County, Illinois, will hold a sale on July 11, 2023, commencing at 11 AM, at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 South Center Street, Tuscola, IL 61953, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

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Stone

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called The Country Network, and they have a TV show called "The Next Big Twang", and it's a competition. I sent out a music video for "Bury these Burdens" and I got selected to be on the show. It started out with almost 1000 artists, and then it got down to 34. Those 34 got put on the Country Network's YouTube

channel and then the top ten got put on the show. I was one of the top ten and I got second place. The top ten was determined by whoever got the most views and likes on the YouTube channel, and I got second place. They ran that for about a month and then the Country Network staff actually determined who the winner was, and they selected me. So I won that, and my video is now on a constant rota-

tion on the country network. "

So what's next for the "Next Big Twang"? First, he's set to retire from the National Guard in about a month after serving for 20 years, and for now, he'll continue to work his fulltime job in his hometown and continue making and recording music. The dream, of course, is to make it so big that he and his wife can move to Nashville and make music full time, but for now that's just a dream,

one that he's been thinking of for a long time. "I've always wanted to perform on the Grand Ole' Opry stage. That's always been a dream of mine, ever since I was little. That's where all the greats have performed, and that's where I want to be," he exclaimed.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's number is 1-800-273-8255. Crisis Text Line can be reached by texting HOME to 741741.

Flesor's

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The grant requires the funds to be used to repair the building exterior, somewhere the public can see.

"We're going to replace rotten wood, and displace a few generations of pigeons," said Flesor.

She added that the front entrance will be the focus of the work, noting that it's not the most "sexy" project, but it is still important to do.

"It'll look cleaner and not like it's falling apart ... and more welcoming!" said Flesor.

Flesor said she spent around

\$20,000 to do repairs and re-sealing of the roof, which has used up extra funds this year.

Flesor was approached by Tim Oravec, community development manager for Visit Champaign County, and told her about the grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The hardest part of receiving the grant was getting the application finished in time. Flesor said that they didn't have much time left before the deadline. Employee Sarah McCrory helped Flesor with the process.

"She is another reason we got the grant. She did the computer work and helped put it together," said Flesor.

She also received help from

her sister Ann Flesor Beck and former co-owner of the restaurant. Ann provided some more details about the historic business. Flesor's said the business was also nominated by Mayor Dan Kleiss, Brian Moody, executive director for the Tuscola Chamber & Economic Development and David Butler.

"We are historically significant to our town and when you live in a small town of 4,500 people, it's hard to survive," said Flesor.

The recognition of receiving a national award is also good for the community as it's great publicity for the town, she said.

What is now Flesors Candy Kitchen was originally the family confectionary. Devon and Ann Flesor worked together

with their brother Scott Flesor in the business until it shut down in the late 1970s. The three siblings went on to pursue their own careers afterward.

Ann convinced Devon to come back to Tuscola to reopen the old family business. They both worked together to renovate the building and opened in 2005 as Flesor's Candy Kitchen.

Ann Flesor's book "Sweet Greeks" details the history of the original confectionary and the entrepreneurial perspective of the family of greek immigrants in the 20th century.

Ann Flesor retired in 2022 and Devon took over the business with her husband Robert Story.

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COUNTRY LEARNING CENTER'S PRESCHOOL recently celebrated their graduation. Back left, Teacher Assistant Harley Woodard, Teacher and Owner Elizabeth Ingram, Bailey Macku, Scarlett Baird, Grant Hawkins, Oaklee Stenger, Philip Titus. Front row, left to right, Layla Macku, Tucker Jamison-Britton, Knox Foreman, Kyndal VonLanken-Bolt, Rowa Payne. *Submitted photo.*