

Community Spotlight



TUSCOLA ROTARY purchased new benches for the soccer fields with the proceeds of the Daddy/Daughter Dance. Pictured are members of Rotary, Tuscola Soccer Board members and coaches, with youth soccer players. *Submitted photo.*



THE TUSCOM LITTLE LEAGUE major teams honored Mark Maxey on Friday, June 16 for his many years of service and dedication to the program as an umpire. *Submitted photo.*



Mayor Dan Kleiss congratulates Angie Gordon, City Hall employee, on her recent retirement after a 20 year career with the City of Tuscola. *Submitted photo.*

32 local students named to the spring dean's list

To honor their outstanding scholastic achievement, approximately 900 students have been named to the Parkland College Dean's List for Spring 2023.

To make the list, students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0-grade scale for the semester in which they are being honored. Students who earn less than 12 hours in that semester can make the dean's list by achieving a 3.5 cumula-

tive GPA for 12 or more hours during an academic year.

Congratulations to the 25 Tuscola alumni:

- Colton D. Alexander
- Taylor B. Arends
- Caden B. Baer
- Natalie E. Bates
- Kevin Cobin
- Cole D. Cunningham
- Sariah R. Deal
- Hope R. Dietrich

- Renee J. Douglas
- Samuel T. Enright
- Makenna A. Fiscus
- Addisyn M. Fowler
- Madison L. Green
- Caleb T. Haste
- Clayton A. Hausmann
- Zoe M. Hochstetler
- Molly R. Macaulay
- Holly B. Maxwell
- Kendal E. Morgan
- Kendyl A. Ring
- Andrew M. Salmon
- Abigail L. Smith
- Sage C. Stahler

- Michelle M. Thurber
- Natalie M. Veach

Congratulations to the 7 Villa Grove alumni:

- Zachery S. Broeker
- Sarah E. Brown
- JoBeth N. Crafton
- Wayne J. James
- Mokaylee M. Knell
- Lauren A. Sprague
- Brittney R. Trudeau

Villa Grove State Bank earns 5-Star rating

BauerFinancial, Inc., the Nation's Premier Bank Rating Firm, proudly acknowledges that Villa Grove State Bank has earned its highest, 5-Star rating for financial strength and stability. This latest rating was assigned in June 2023 based on March 31, 2023 financial data and not only marks Villa Grove State Bank's 135 consecutive Recommended Rat-

ing (5-Star or 4-Star) from Bauer, it also signifies that Villa Grove State Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

"Bank with an institution that you can trust will be there for you when you need it," suggests Karen Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. "We've all seen what can happen. Banks that are not well-rounded

can run into trouble in a very short time. BauerFinancial's star-ratings take into account a broad range of current and historical data to minimize that risk. That's one way Villa Grove State Bank's 5-Star status differentiates it from other banks you may have heard about in the news... because who you bank with does matter."

That includes banks like Villa Grove State Bank. Since its inception in 1919, Villa Grove State Bank has been a dedicated mainstay in this community. With a solid track record behind it, Villa Grove State Bank has displayed the strength and fortitude to continue pressing forward in the same discerning manner that it has for the past 104 years.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Camargo United Methodist Church

103 E. Main Street
Camargo, IL 61919
Church - 832-9388
e-mail: umccamargo@gmail.com
Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Pastor - Lenny Summar
Traditional Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship 10:30
"Come just as you are to worship"
Open Communion first Sunday
of each month
Prayer Group - Meets after
Sunday Service.

First Baptist Church

300 E Dagg, Tuscola
Pastor: Mike Wilder
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
217-417-6842

First Christian Church

(Non-Denominational)
"Come Rejoice With Us"
701 N. Sycamore St.
Villa Grove, Illinois
Phone (217) 832-5231
Fax (217) 832-9348
Website: www.fccvg.com
E-mail: fccvg@frontier.com
Minister- Mike Zylstra
E-mail: fccvgmin@frontier.com

First Christian Church

Open communion observed weekly
Morning Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
1st & 3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

100 E. Church St., Tuscola
253-2394

Tuscola United Methodist Church

901 N. Prairie Ave.
253-4232
Sunday Worship Services:
9:00 a.m.

First United Pentecostal Church

1 South Pine Street, Villa Grove
Wheelchair Accessible
Where Lives are Changed!
Pastor Jerry L. Conner
Church 832-7071 • Residence 832-8577
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, 1st one of each month
Ladies Auxiliary, 7:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Ladies Prayer Group - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday Youth Service - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
Free Home Bible Study
We welcome you to worship
with us in all of our services

Forty Martyrs Catholic Church

201 E. Van Allen St
Tuscola, IL 61953
Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra
Office Phone: 217.253.4412
Sacrament of Confession:
Saturdays 5:00 pm
Or by appointment by calling the
church office: 217.253.4412
Week-day Mass Times:
8:00 am Monday, Thursday &
Friday
Weekend Masses:
5:30 pm Saturday
8:00 am Sunday

Immanuel Lutheran Church

600 E Lutherland Rd.
Tuscola, IL 61953
217-253-4341
Services: Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am

Sacred Heart

Catholic Church
208 N. Pine Street, Villa Grove
Pastor - Rev. Aloy Ndeanafo
Office: 832-8352
Hours: M-F 8:30am-1:30pm
Email: villagrove.hume@gmail.com
website: sacredheartandstmichael.com
Mass Times: Saturday: 4pm
Sunday 10:00am
Sunday @ St. Michaels in Hume
8:00am
PSR:
Sunday 9:00-9:45 am



TUSCOLA'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE Rookie's games have begun. The Raiders played the Bears on July 18 at Ervin Park. *Photo by Jaclyn Henry.*



THE RAIDERS played the Bears on July 18 at Ervin Park. The Raiders won 30-26. *Photo by Breanna Martin.*

Weavers to celebrate 70th anniversary



Glenn Weaver and Margaret (Long) Romance were married 70 years ago on June 28th, 1953, at the Tuscola United Methodist Church in Tuscola. They were attended by Mrs. Nancy (Long) Romance and Bud Weaver. Glenn retired from the U of I and Margaret retired from the Douglas County Highway Department. They are the parents of Michael (Cathy), Weaver of Freeport, Phillip (Cheryl), Weaver of Champaign, and Gregory Weaver (deceased). They have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They have been residents of Tuscola throughout their married life. A family celebration will be held on Saturday, June 24. *Submitted photos.*

