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Journal Entries

Pancake Breakfast

Tuscola Kiwanis is having its homecoming pancake breakfast 7-10 a.m. on Sept. 23, at the Tuscola Community Building. The induction luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Ironhorse Golf Club. Make reservations by Friday, Sept. 15 to Marci Shoemaker at 217-621-2458.

TCHS Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame will welcome four new members this Homecoming at TCHS. The Induction Luncheon will be held at Ironhorse Golf Club by the TCHS Alumni Assn. on Sept. 23 at 11:30. Make reservations by Friday, Sept. 15 to Marci Shoemaker at 217-621-2458, \$20/person.

Camargo Woolly Worm Festival

The Camargo Woolly Worm festival will be Saturday, Oct. 7. The festival will have lots of fun, free events: Aikman wildlife show, magician, balloon twister, bingo for adults and much more.. All events are held at Opal Thompson Park in Camargo.

The coloring page needs to be submitted by Oct. 2. Anyone home schooled that would like to enter the woolly worm coloring contest please contact Pam Sigler: pamsigler@gmail.com

PrimeTimers

PrimeTimers will be having a fall gathering at Walnut Point at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12. Join for lunch at the Lazy Day Cafe and then some games and fellowship. Please call First Christian Church 217-253-2394 to RSVP by Oct. 9. This is for anyone in the community age 55+.

Blood Drives

Tuscola United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 901 N. Prairie St., inside Fellowship Hall.

Tuscola Moose Lodge 729 will host a community blood drive 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 at 807 E Southline Rd, inside the banquet room.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. To donate, please contact ImpactLife at 800- 747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 71203 to locate the drive.

Family Service zoo tour

Family Service-Tuscola Tours is inviting Douglas County residents age 60 and up to join them Oct. 5 for a fun trip to Scoville Zoo. Zoo train rides and food items will be available for purchase. Van transportation is provided by Family Service. Seating is limited, Call Connie at 217-898-3321 or 217-599-1324 to reserve your spot!

Dine with a Doc

Dine with a Doc will be on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 11:30 a.m. At the First Christian Church in Tuscola. The guest speaker will be Molly Bailey, OT. She will be speaking on occupational therapy. Come enjoy a free lunch and listen to Molly Bailey speak. Please call 217-253-2394 and let Shelley know how many are coming. This is open to the public.

Tuscola Public Library Events

StoryTime with Miss Erin every Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Chess Club Sept. 21 4:00 p.m.
Travel Club: Weekend Getaway Sept. 26 5:00 p.m.
Book Discussion: Song of the Lark

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2023 HOMECOMING COURT. Front row: Addyson Ring, Zoey Thomason, Addisyn Pettry, Sydney Moss, Braidy Stahler, Alyx Gardner. Back row: Ty Thomason, Brayden Gough, Jordan Quinn, Jackson Barrett, Josiah Hortin, Austin Cummings. *Photo by Christy Hoel.*

Investors breathe new life into Meadow Green complex



MEADOW GREEN APARTMENTS from a bird's eye view. *Photo submitted by Jeremy Lamb*

By Dominik Stallings

After five years of neglect, Meadow Green apartments are open again for new leasing.

The 40 apartments are located at 206 Nicholas Drive in Tuscola. Jeremy Lamb, partner and investor, said that 32 newly renovated affordable housing apartments are now available.

The Meadowgreen apartments were first built in 1998 through the low-income housing tax credit program. Lamb said since federal tax credits were used to construct the neighborhood, the property has to be kept as af-

fordable housing for 30 years. A majority of the units are handicapped accessible, but only some are Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant.

The units have some restrictions for applicants. Maximum gross annual income for one person cannot exceed \$28,250; for two people, \$32,250; for three, \$36,300 and four, \$40,300.

Rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$650, a two-bedroom costs \$725. Lamb said that the apartments are rent-restricted,

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Introducing Villa Grove's newest alderman

By Tony Hooker

Growing up on a farm in Nebraska, the thought of moving to central Illinois almost assuredly never crossed the mind of newest Villa Grove alderman Wade Lorenz. I recently sat down with Wade to learn a bit more about him.

As is sometimes the case with farm children, his dad's farm wasn't large enough to support both he and his brother so he decided to uproot and move to Tennessee where his mom had relocated after she had divorced his dad.

"My mom and dad are divorced, so I moved to be where my mom was, in Tennessee and I was there for

20 years. I got my degree in criminal justice. I worked in law enforcement and in nursing. Then, I worked in a union leadership position at the Dana Spicer axle plant in Paris, Tennessee. I started as an operator and worked all the way up to team lead," Lorenz related.

The pandemic changed things however, as Lorenz's daughter decided to move to Manhattan, IL to try and get closer to her mother.

"They tried to establish a relationship, but Jaden's grown up with me her whole life and I had a hard time losing her, really. I met someone, Billy, through friends in Charleston, and I decided to move halfway to where Jaden

was," he said with a smile.

Coming full circle, Lorenz returned to a career in nursing when he moved to Villa Grove, and now works for Carle in Orthopedics.

When asked why he had chosen to serve on the council, he was quick to reply.

"When I was in high school, I enjoyed helping people. Sometimes you have to lead those people by helping them. I was FFA treasurer for four years. I've just always tried to lead. I moved to Villa Grove and met our wonderful mayor, Cassandra, and she said she thought I would be good on the board. I just want to help the community.

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Wade Lorenz

Meet the new Tuscola Hall of Fame inductees

The Hall of Fame will welcome four new members this Homecoming at Tuscola High School. The induction takes place at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 23 at the Iron Horse Golf Club.

Dr. Richard Burns

I was raised by two loving parents, Dale and Martha Burns, who are both graduates of Tuscola High School. I am also blessed to

have a loving sister (I didn't know it at the time) Barb (Burns) Kroening (TCHS '72). I am thankful to be raised in a small community. I mowed yards, worked on farms, detasseled, rogued and bagged corn at DeKalb and worked at Monical's Pizza.

My favorite high school faculty member was Coach Bob Trimble. He taught me weight lifting and I still work out six days a week.

I left for Palmer College of Chiropractic to follow the footsteps of my Grandfather Robert Burns (Palmer 1924) and Uncle Tom Burns (Palmer 1961).

I graduated with my Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College Chiropractic in 1973 and joined the faculty that same year. I married my wife Vickie in 1974. We had three children, Angela, Kelly (Palmer 2009) and Keith.

I taught at Palmer for 40 years being a Professor, Chairman of the Technique Department for 22 years and Special Assistant to the President. I have been a private practice since my graduation and continue to see patients five days a week. I have interns in my practice every day so still get to scratch my teaching itch.

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Greg Hastings and Steve Hilgendorf



Dr. Brian Harris

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