

Photo: Douglas Cottle
Below: National Honor Society 2017 inductees back row from left are Matthew Reese, Will Little, Cameron Ochs, Sara Kremitzki, Turner Hastings, Sabrina Alcorn, and J.D. Barrett. Middle Row From left are Sidney Watson, Jackie Watson, Lexie Russo, Faith Hardwick, and Grace Dietrich. Front row from left are Halie Pfeiffer, McKinlee Miller, Caroline Rominger, Emily Kemp, Natalie Bates, and Whitney Root.



Photo: Douglas Cottle
National Honor Society President Grace Snider speaks during the 2017 TCHS induction ceremony. Friend to the school district Danny Powell served as keynote speaker.



Photo: Crystal Davis
Have you seen this majestic bird flying around Tuscola and the Douglas County area? This bald eagle has been spotted in several neighborhoods over the last few days. We're convinced he's searching for his Thanksgiving feast.

Tuberculosis (TB) remains severe health issue that could lead to death

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Many people today have never heard of TB or think that it is one of those diseases that has been eliminated. However, unfortunately, tuberculosis is still going strong and is a severe health issue in many countries.

TB is a disease that is caused by bacteria called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* that is spread from person to person through the air. The lungs are usually affected but can also be found in the brain, spine, lymphatic system, or other parts of the body. Tuberculosis can cause death if not

treated.

Symptoms of TB of the lungs can be coughing, sometimes with blood, and chest pain. Other symptoms of TB in general include fatigue, unintentional weight loss, fever, and night sweats. TB disease in other parts of the body depends on the body area that is diseased.

Tuberculosis of the lungs is spread when the infected person coughs, talks, sings, or sneezes into the air. The bacteria that are put into the air when this happens can stay there for several hours. People can become infected when they breathe in the air with the bacteria. When infected with

these bacteria, a person is said to have latent TB infection.

People with latent TB infection are not sick although they have the TB bacteria in their body because the bacteria are not active. The person cannot spread TB disease. But people can develop TB disease later, especially if they become chronically ill with another disease or immunocompromised. Latent TB is sometimes treated with one or two drugs for three to nine months to help prevent the person from developing TB disease in the future.

People with active TB disease are sick. In fact, in times past, TB was also

referred to as 'consumption,' with good reason. A person's body could almost be consumed with disease. The TB bacteria are active which means they are multiplying and destroying healthy tissue. People usually have symptoms, such as coughing if the TB is in the lungs, and they can spread the disease to others. TB disease is treated by taking several drugs for six to 12 months. It is very important to take the medicine correctly for the prescribed amount of time. If not, the person can become

more seriously ill, and the TB bacteria can become resistant to the drugs. This can turn into TB that is harder and more expensive to treat.

There are two ways to be tested for exposure to TB. One is a skin test and the other is a blood test. If either test is positive it does not mean that a person has active TB disease. It means that one has been exposed to TB at some point in their life. Other tests such as a chest x-ray and sputum cultures are needed to positively determine TB disease.

If you are told or know that you have been exposed to a person with active TB disease you need to be tested. Even if the test is negative you will probably need to be retested again in a few months to see if you are positive or 'converted.' If positive, your doctor will have you get an x-ray and determine what medication, if any you will need to take. But do not delay. TB is still a killer if not treated appropriately.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov or call your local health department.



Tuscola

Christmastown

December 1, 2, & 3

For more information visit: tuscola.org

<p>Friday</p> <p>4pm-8pm</p> <p>4pm-8pm</p> <p>5pm-6pm</p> <p>6pm-8pm</p> <p>6pm</p>	<p>Vendor Fair - Community Building</p> <p>Food Served</p> <p>Santa Shop- Community Building</p> <p>*NEW* Kids shop for their families!</p> <p>Pictures with Santa - Community Building</p> <p>Bring your own camera</p> <p>Carriage Rides - Downtown Tuscola</p> <p>Performance by Susie, Doris & Sam Pickett</p> <p>Community Building</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>7:15am-7:45am</p> <p>8am</p> <p>8am-11am</p> <p>8am-2pm</p> <p>9am-3pm</p> <p>10am-5pm</p> <p>11am</p> <p>11am-2pm</p> <p>1pm</p> <p>2pm</p>	<p>Santa Chase 5K Run/Walk</p> <p>Registration at Community Building</p> <p>Santa Chase Race begins</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa- Douglas County Museum</p> <p>Vendor Fair - Community Building</p> <p>Food served all day</p> <p>Santa Paws- Jarman Center</p> <p>Downtown Shopping</p> <p>Christmas Parade (Line up 10:30 at Ervin Park)</p> <p>Santa Shop - Community Building</p> <p>Kids shop for their families!</p> <p>Performance by the Kitchen Band - Community Building</p> <p>Cookie Decorating and Crafts - Tuscola Public Library</p> <p>Free to attend</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>1pm-5pm</p> <p>4:30pm-6:30pm</p>	<p>Woman's Club Holiday House Walk</p> <p>Live Nativity - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 E. Northline</p>



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and friends to our*

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Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 a.m. to Noon

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