



Journal Entries

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."
- Lauren Destefano

TCHS Community Blood Drive

Tuscola High School will be hosting a Community Blood Drive from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19 inside the study hall. To donate, please contact Athena LaReau at 217-253-2377 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 70304 to locate the drive. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 8/24/21 are eligible to give at this drive.

Flu Shot Clinic

Douglas County Health Department is hosting Walk-In Flu Shot Clinics on Thurs., October 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the United Church of Atwood, Fri., October 15 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Douglas County Health Department and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Arcola Community Building. Flu shots are \$25 and high dose shots are \$70. Medicare, Medicaid, and some insurances accepted. Please call 217-253-4137 with any questions.

Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt

The Miss Tuscola Pageant has partnered with several local businesses to host our first ever Road Rally Scavenger Hunt on Saturday October 23. Registration is \$20 per vehicle and starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Community Building with the Scavenger Hunt starting at 7:00 p.m. All of the proceeds from this event will be split between RISE Behavioral Health and the Tuscola Fire Department.

TPD Shop With a Cop

Tuscola Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program is accepting donations through December 6, 2021 at City Hall or the Tuscola Police Department. The Tuscola Police Department will be accepting applications through November 19, 2021, for the "Shop with a Cop" program. Applications can be picked up at the Tuscola Police Department or Tuscola City Hall to be returned to the same. A number of applicants to be chosen will be on the donations made to the program. The "Shop with a Cop" event will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Tuscola Police Department at 204 N Parke Street. Please enter in the rear of the Police Department as there is ample parking.

Tuscola Moose Golf Outing

Kenneth L. Moore, President of Tuscola Moose Lodge 729 would like to send a huge thank you on behalf of Tuscola Moose Lodge 729. He said thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and players and a great thank you to the sponsors and those who gave gifts for the silent auction. With your support, the Moose Lodge Golf Outing was a success. A special thank you to Vicki and Tom Harris for providing Fannie Burgers, Jimmy Johns for providing box lunches for players, Iron Horse Golf Course for the use of their course, and the Tuscola Fire Department with their ladder truck for the ball drop. He said that all this was possible with the hard work of Mary Jo Dunn, Ken Fernandes, Jeannette Galey, and JC Sigler.

Taylor Fundraiser at ATI

TCHS graduate Dylan Taylor was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in July and began chemo treatments at Northwestern at the end of August. The treatment and recovery time with rehab will be around a year long, leaving him and his family with a lot of medical and travel costs. ATI Physical Therapy Clinics will be hosting fundraiser through the month of October to benefit the Taylor's. Want to give support, donate, or learn how you can help? Contact or stop into one of the ATI Physical Therapy Clinics through the month of October.

Fall Sports Awards Banquet

The Tuscola High School Fall Sports Awards banquet will be held November 4 at 7 p.m. in the Tuscola High School gymnasium. This is for all members (freshman-senior) of football, golf, cross country, volleyball, and cheer.



Photo: Rachel Ray

Susan Henry, her family, and Duke presenting her book, "The Amazing Chinese Goose" and coloring book to Devin Black at the Tuscola Public Library. Henry said she "was honored to donate my books to the Tuscola Library in my hometown. And to dedicate the book to Kevin Daugherty and his fur baby (support dog) Duke. Their story was similar and our groups helped them both. I'd also like to add that Duke is doing good and loves to go for lots of rides! The coloring book is dedicated to my great-grandsons - Lucas, twins Ethan and Kyler, and my family." Pictured in front from left to right are Lucas Martin, Duke, Susan Henry, and Devin Black. Pictured in back are Breanna Martin, Kyler Martin, Jaclyn Henry, and Ethan Martin.



Submitted Photo

Susan Henry and Dennis Gire presenting her book, "The Amazing Chinese Goose" to the Camargo Township District Library. Henry dedicated the book to Gire for his thirty years of service to the Villa Grove Police Department.

Henry tells the story of "The Amazing Chinese Goose"

By Kendra Hennis

Tuscola's Susan Kelley Henry and the Friends of the Goose tells the story of the Crystal Lake Goose, Goose, in her book, "The Amazing Chinese Goose"

Goose's story began in 1986 when he was left at Crystal Lake Park in Urbana, Illinois. Goose

is a Chinese Goose, rather large and white, tan, and brown with a brown stripe that ran from the tip of his beak to his back. He also had gold colored eyes and bright orange feet. Henry noted that he "caught their attention right away" when she saw him for the first time in 1995.

She said that "because Goose was a Chinese Goose, he was heavy breasted, which prevented him from flying long distances. This made it impossible for him to fly off with his goose family as winter approached. We believe it is why he ended up staying at Crystal Lake Park for so long.

He knew that he had people who would take care of him and that he would have food and friendship throughout the winter season."

Henry began writing the story of Goose in 2008, after his passing and the loss of her mother.

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For Eversoles, "Fight Like a Blue Devil" is personal

By Tony Hooker

For the past several years, Villa Grove schools have held "Fight Like a Blue Devil" activities during breast cancer awareness month, in honor of DeDe Eversole, who fought valiantly against the terrible scourge until the very end, when she ultimately lost the fight. To date, over \$30,000 dollars has been raised and donated to the Mills Breast Cancer clinic in her name, thanks to the herculean efforts of the event's organizers. I recently sat down with Shelby Eversole, who currently leads the way, and talked to her about what the fundraiser means to her, her predecessors, and much more.

Is this your first year of involvement?

Yes, this is the first year I've ever done anything behind the scenes. I've always bought shirts and participated in the assembly and gone to the game, but this is the first time I've ever been in charge of anything.

How did you come to be in charge?

Cassandra (Eversole Gunter) and Betsy (Orwick) have done a great job so when they decided to step back, I didn't want it to not happen, so I decided to, with their guidance, they've been so helpful to me, take it over this year.

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Submitted Photo

Shelby and Jason Eversole distribute "Fight Like a Blue Devil" merchandise at the school.



Photo: Kendra Hennis

The GFWC Tuscola Woman's Club is proud to announce the creation of the GFWC Jet's Club at East Prairie. The Jets goals are community service, leadership, and school interaction. This club is a part of the Tuscola Woman's Club, Tuscola Junior Woman's Club, and the TCHS GFWC Juniorettes. Woman's Club President Darla Gardner said, "The Woman's Club realizes that kids are living through tough times right now. We decided that establishing a club that focuses on kindness, caring, and courtesy toward one another and their community would be beneficial." Pictured in back are EP sponsor Mrs. Hausmann, Jets Treasurer Courtney Cleland, and Woman's Club President and club sponsor Darla Gardner. Pictured in front are Jets President Emma Spillman, Vice President Lainey Brazzell, and Secretary Jaycee Cleland.