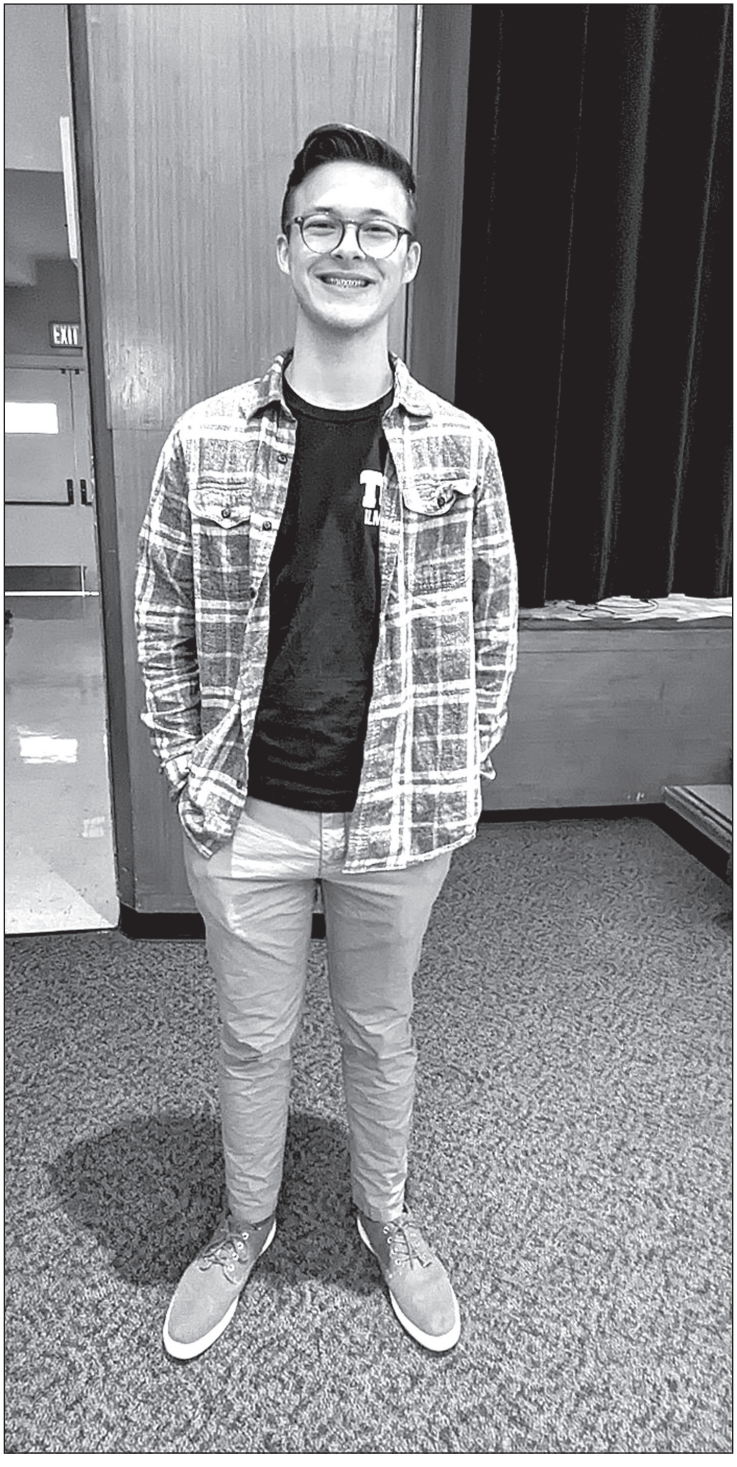


# Community Spotlight — Tuscola

## EMERGENCY Response



TUSCOLA EAST PRAIRIE and Tuscola High School sent several students to ILMEA District 5 Honors ensembles in November. The students were chosen from hundreds of students auditioning for the ensembles throughout the District. They spent the day practicing with a guest director and guest accompanist and performed in the afternoon for a packed house! Raeanna Boyer and Elle Jones were selected for Sr. Vocal Jazz, Emma Spillman and Celia Dandy performed with Jr. Vocal Jazz, Elle Jones, Delanie Yantis, and Alaina Smith were chosen for the Sr Treble Choir, McKenna Lacine was chosen for Jr. Concert Choir, and Kaleb Jeffers was chosen for Sr. Concert Choir. Submitted photos.



**Jan. 9**  
Tuscola emergency medical services transported an elderly person from the 600 block of East Ficklin at 4:30 a.m.

**Jan. 8**  
Tuscola Police assisted Douglas County Sheriff's Office with a traffic stop at Fuel Mart at 12:28 a.m. The driver was arrested and a minor was transported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and later transported home after consent was given by a parent.

Tuscola Police called emergency medical services for a person staying at the Cooper Hotel at 6:05 a.m.

**Jan. 7**  
Tuscola Police performed a welfare check in the 700 block of East Houghton at 3:37 p.m. regarding an individual who left the hospital, possibly with an IV still in the arm. The subject advised that everything was OK and just had to leave in a hurry.

Tuscola Police were called to the Cooper Motel at 8 p.m. regarding an intoxicated individual. The subject received a call from Sarah Bush Hospital which advised the subject to stop drinking and go to bed.

Tuscola Police received a call from the 300 block of East Newkirk at 1:34 a.m. The caller called in a noise complaint for their own apartment because they wanted their friends to leave. Police informed the subject that they could ask their friends to leave. The friends left the residence shortly after.

**Jan. 6**  
Tuscola Police and emergency medical services were called to the 700 block of East Barker regarding a suicidal subject at 11 p.m. The subject voluntarily went with the emergency medical services to Carle Hospital.

Tuscola Police received a call from Love's Travel Stop at 8:19 p.m. regarding a regular customer harassing a worker. The subject is no longer allowed on the property.

**Jan. 4**  
Tuscola Police spoke with a parent at 3:30 p.m. at the police department after an incident revolving around a student being allegedly battered inside a Tuscola High School bathroom. The parent did not want to pursue charges and only wanted the incident noted. The parent noted that he and Superintendent Gary Alexander spoke about how the incident was handled by Alexander. The parent stated that this involved yelling and profanities from both sides. The parent was advised they could return to speak with Chief Hastings in an effort to resolve the issue.

Tuscola Police were called to the 400 block of South Embarras at 4:49 p.m. regarding an elderly person accidentally overdosing on prescription medication.

**Jan. 3**  
Tuscola police were called to a two-vehicle crash on northbound Egyptian Trail at U.S. Hwy. 36 at 3:26 p.m. There were no injuries and only minor damage. Report on file.

Tuscola Police called an ambulance for an intoxicated subject in the 200 block of Nicholas Drive. The subject believed himself to be William H. Bonney, "Billy the Kid." The subject was transported to Sarah Bush hospital.

**Jan. 1**  
Tuscola Police assisted Illinois State Police at 1:04 p.m. regarding an allegedly stolen vehicle at southbound Interstate 57. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was taken into custody.

Tuscola Police received an emergency radio broadcast from Illinois State Police regarding a child abduction with the subject possibly armed with a knife at 5:37 p.m. The Red Toyota 4-door, IL license plate 152751, was traveling northbound.

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TUSCOLA CROSS COUNTRY COACH DREW STERKEL was awarded 1A coach of the year by the ITCCCA over the weekend. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.

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