

**Homecoming
Sept. 28 &
29th
Honoring the
Class of 1962**

Spring 2012

TCHS Alumni Association Newsletter

TCHS Class of 1962 Celebrates "50th" Reunion



"Moon Glow" shines on this Homecoming Court: (l-r) Janet Charnetzki, Jim Manwaring, Donna Beard, Bob Wetzel, Kathleen Boylson, Queen-Barbara Lecher, King-Paul Donley, Rex Bridges, Jane Rothgeb, Dick Bean, Marsha Graham, and Morris Reece.

The class of '62 will be celebrating their 50th class reunion June 29, 30, July 1, 2012. Classmates and guests are invited to the home of Libby and Steve Fox at Country Club Estates in Arcola on Friday evening for a casual dinner. Saturday lunch will be at Monical's Pizza for those who wish to take part. Saturday afternoon all are invited to an open house at the home of Ken and Judy Landeck from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. The class will gather at the Kaskaskia Country Club Saturday night for dinner, entertainment and memories. Sunday morning, the weekend will be capped off at the Smith House, 400 S. Main, for a brunch and farewells.

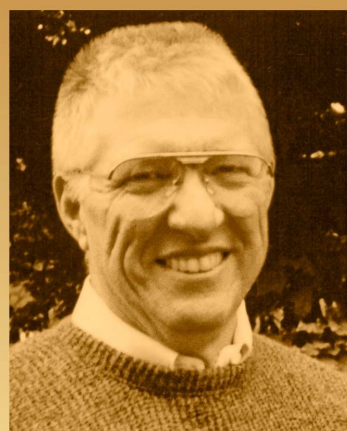
This class will also be honored during Homecoming 2012 for their 50th during the reception in the library following the parade and introduced before the football game Friday night, Sept. 28. Hope classmates will attend the luncheon, too. What a year of celebrations they will have!



*Homecoming 1961—downtown
Tuscola—twirlers*

Coach Murray

Dedication at TCHS



IN MEMORY OF
**"COACH"
GENE MURRAY**
1933-2011

TEACHER, COACH, AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
FOR THE TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS
IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND TRACK

FOR 30 YEARS, FROM 1959 TO 1989
COACH MURRAY WAS GREATLY RESPECTED
AND INFLUENCED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS
OF TCHS STUDENTS AND ATHLETES.
HE WAS ALSO AN UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER.

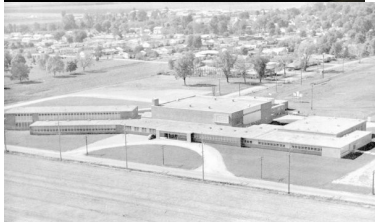
HE WAS LOVED
AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

DEDICATED BY THE TCHS CLASS OF 1975



Many friends and alumni joined the Gene Murray family Dec. 16, 2011 to dedicate this plaque from Chris' Class of '75. It was before the TCHS varsity basketball game. The national anthem was sung by Kim Higgins and Ben

Franklin, both members of the Class of 1975. A sincere and thoughtful speech was given by class rep, Kevin Burke. A reception during half-time was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was great to see Mrs. Murray and her whole family.



Hail to our high school, Cheer our
varsity

To all our standards, We will pledge
our loyalty

RAH, RAH, RAH

There is no other, Better in the land

Fight for our victories, Back her
every man.

Che-Hee, Che-Hah, Che-Ha, Ha, Ha

TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL

RAH, RAH, RAH!

Membership Funds

The TCHS Alumni Assn. is now four years YOUNG. We are a very new club, but we have now accumulated some funds from membership dues, memorials and a 50/50 cash drawing which was held the last two Homecomings. What do we use these monies for? We have costs in our Hall of Fame inductees' plaques and awards, our reception in the Library after the Homecoming parade, and our luncheon at the Museum. The committee would like to see any excess funds be used to make a differ-

ence at the high school and this year we ARE with our first scholarship to be given to a student who is the son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter or sibling of a past graduate of Tuscola High School. We'd like to make sure we can keep this group going and hopefully, GROW. Any ideas or suggestions you may have—our alumni—please, let us know at shoemakerm@tuscola.k12.il.us. This group was formed to make a better Homecoming for the alumni—we feel it has!

COMMITTEE:

Our present group consists of: Patti Waters (Class of 1949), Bob Utterback (Class of 1959), Danny Matthews (Class of 1974), Bruce Wood (Class of 1975), Susie Harbaugh (Class of 1975), Clarice Hausman (Class of 1954), Alan and Marci Shoemaker (Class of 1974), Phil and Carolyn Morris (Class of 1960). If you'd like to join in on the fun, let us know at 217-253-9400 (Shoemaker's).

TCHS HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON

The TCHS Hall of Fame will have an induction at the Douglas County Museum, 700 South Main, Tuscola. This event will take place Saturday, Sept. 29th at 12:30

p.m. The sandwich buffet lunch will be served at \$15/person (you may pay at the lunch). All are welcome to attend. The Alumni Association hopes that past

Hall of Famers will be able to make this event. Special guests will be our past Tuscola Warrior Chiefs, Class of '62 and 1982 football team. More details will be available around August.

-Friday, Sept. 28, 2012-

2:45-4:00

Parade/Pep Rally downtown

4:00-5:00

Tours/Alumni Reception in Library honors Class of '62

5:00-6:00

Tailgate (fee benefits Pow-Wows)

6:32-6:37

Recognition of the Class of '62 - 50th reunion - please report to the football field at 6:30

6:38-6:45

Recognition of 1982 Football Champs and Warriors - please report to the football field at 6:36

7:00

Kick-off of Tuscola/Central A&M football game

9:00

Post Game Social

-Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012-

12:30

Hall of Fame Induction Lunch - Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main St., Tuscola, for reservations call 217-253-2377 (TCHS office), \$15/person

7:00

TCHS Coronation & Dance

1982 Football Team to be Honored

Coach Reinhart states that the football team will honor the 1982 Warrior football team who went on to play in the state playoffs and win their first game. Their record was 9-2, second in the Okaw Conference. Coach Bill Vangel was awarded "Coach of the Year" for the All-Okaw Conference. He was in his 5th year coaching for the Warriors. "Player of the Year" was awarded to Steve Bates. He had an incredible 2,224 yards for 28 touchdowns. At that time, that was more yards gained rushing than any other high school player in state history. Bates also won the "Most Valuable Player" award. The defense was the best in the Okaw with an impressive five shut-outs. "Most Improved Player" was Mike Stahler. Offensive Lineman Award went to Brad Hunt, and Dan Meyer received the Defensive Lineman Award. The Ken Huber Tackle Award went to John Murray. The following were voted onto the All-Okaw Conference Defensive Team: Mike Stahler at end, Richard Rentsch at tackle, Dan Meyer at noseguard, Duff Hoel at cornerback and John Murray at linebacker. There were four members voted onto the All-Okaw Conference Offensive Team. They were John Murray at offensive tackle, Brad Hunt at center, Steve Bates at running back and Dan Meyer at kicker. John Brookins, Chris Conerty, Mike Bergner and Duff Hoel also received special mentions. ~Info from 1983 Tuscolian yearbook~

The team is invited back for an amazing Homecoming weekend!



Front row, l-r: Phil Jacob, Duff Hoel, Gerald Farlow, Rob Spraker, Roger Harris, Troy White, Neal Borries, Tom Peach, Chris Conerty, Lee Grimm. Second row: Scott Day, Jeff Leininger, Mark Stahler, Jeff Young, Todd Ryan, Richard Rentsch, Joe Farlow, Mike Stahler, John Kleiss, Tim Borries, Rob Spence. Back row: Coach Scott, Coach Dietrich, Mark Wigall, Brad Johns, John Brookins, Steve Bates, Bill Fruit, John Murray, Dan Meyer, Brad Hunt, Mike Bergner, Brian Dobson, J. P. Yoars, Coach Vangel.

Just like they all say:
"Join us on Facebook"

Tuscola Alumni
 has over 900 friends!

Join in on the conversations!
 Renew ol' friendships!
 Keep up on the
 Homecoming agendas!

Also check out
Tuscola Remembered
 for some great reminiscing. . .

Alumni artists?
 Would you like to
 come together for
 another art show?
 Last year was the
 first event with Jim
 Gallagher and Jeff
 Little presenting at
 Flesor's on Sunday
 of Homecoming.
 Let Carly McCrory
 know if you are
 interested at
carly.mccrory@tuscola.org

*31st Annual **TUSCOLA OPEN***

Monday, June 4th - 12:00 Shotgun

\$75 / PLAYER

Includes:

GOLF W/ CART, RANGE BALLS, RAFFLE PRIZES,
FREE KEG BEER ALL DAY, AND DINNER

This year's Tuscola Open is going to be a Golf Tournament and Fundraiser to benefit the Tuscola High School Athletic Department.

SIGN UP **ONLY** AT
IRONHORSE GOLF CLUB

ENTRY DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, JUNE 1st, NO EXCEPTIONS

Must be 21 years old, male and LIVE or WORK FULL TIME in the Tuscola school district, be an Ironhorse Season Pass holder, or be a Tuscola H.S. graduate

FIELD IS LIMITED TO FIRST 112 GOLFERS

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

General Hole Sponsorship **\$50.00**

Sponsors may share a sign with other Sponsors

Exclusive Hole Sponsorship **\$150.00**

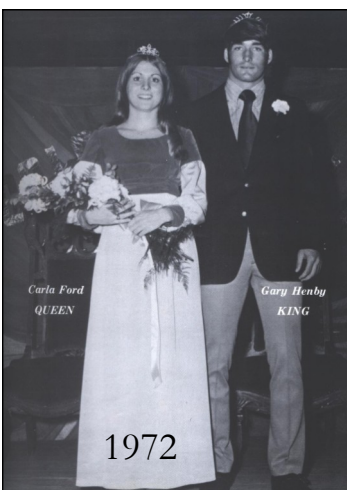
Exclusive signage and choice of Hole to sponsor

Every Hole Sponsor is invited to the Dinner after the Tournament

There will be Raffle Prizes drawn during the awards ceremony.

REUNION PLANS

Sue Otto Elder has informed the Alumni Assn. of their plans to celebrate their 45th reunion of the Class of 1967 during Homecoming weekend. The event will be held at the Ironhorse Golf Course at 6:00 p.m. Sat., Sept. 29th. Class of '72 will be marking their 40th reunion at the Moose Lodge on Saturday evening of Homecoming. Jan Schweighart Hastings is the contact person.



The 1977 class of TCHS will be observing their 35th and the class of 1982 will observe their 30th—all during Homecoming weekend. Be sure and attend ALL events held throughout the fun weekend.



1967 ROYALTY: Marilyn Kleiss, Gary Little, John Coffey, John Rothgeb, King Dana Bishop, Queen Sharon Copeland, Retiring Queen Maureen Deaver, Vickie Vinson, Pat Keen, Kathy Hanners, Kathy Kelsey, and Wendell Warren.

We are on the web:
www.tuscola.k12.il.us

For Hall of Fame
list—click on Hall of
Fame on the left at
the website

Like getting these newsletters?

Keep them coming to your email/ mailing address by sending in your donation today to TCHS Alumni Assn., 500 S. Prairie, Tuscola, IL. Membership forms on the school website above.



TCHS Warrior Chiefs, Where are you??

Remember the day? When TCHS had its very own Tuscola Warrior! As far as records show through the yearbooks, there was a Warrior at games from 1964 to 1992. The Alumni Assn. would like to bring back our Warriors during Homecoming 2012 and have them participate in all of our events. We do know that Paul Peach (TCHS Warrior 1977-1979) has passed on. During the school year 1981-82 there was no reference to the Warrior in the yearbook.

Does anyone recall who that would have been? If any of you know how to reach any of these folks, just email shoemaker@tuscola.k12.il.us with their address or email and we'll send them an invite.

Tuscola Warriors

Lyn Rahn	1964
Carol Teeters	1965-1967
Stephanie Dumas	1968
Bobbi McKinney	1969-70
Ken Ogden	1971
Sue Sargent	1972
Jo Huber	1973-1975
Marianne Romine	1976
Paul Peach	1977-1979

Debbie Murphy	1980-81
?	1982
Scott Hines	1983-1985
Tami Henson	1986-1987
Joy Hack	1988
Jodi Hahn	1989
Rachel Middleton	1990-91
Brent Higgins	1992

