

Homecoming

October 9 & 10

Honoring

The Class of 1965

Fall 2015

ALUMNI ASSN. NEWSLETTER



**50th Reunion to be celebrated  
By Class of 1965**



Homecoming Court: Back row—Gayle Reeder, Mary Toomey, Mike Carroll, Rosemary Dunn, Allen Hall, Anne Ferguson, Carolyn Schultz, Roger Ingram, Sharon Rose, Mike Pangburn, Carol Schrodt, and Jim Wright. Front row—Clayton Harriss ('64 King), Lonnie VonLanken (King), Ann Cearley (Queen), and Patricia Jenks ('64 Queen).

**Marking its 50th class reunion will be the Class of 1965. Max Albritton says they will be meeting for lunch on Sat. at the Candy Kitchen for those who aren't attending the Hall of Fame luncheon where fellow classmates, Mike Carroll, Doug Carnine and Linda Metheny Mulvihill will be inducted. The reunion will be held at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at the I-Hotel in Champaign.**



# *Linda Metheny Mulvihill to become 5th to enter Hall of Fame this Homecoming!!!!*



Linda Metheny was born in Olney, Illinois, the eldest of 5 children of Gail Hopson Metheny and Loran Metheny. The family moved to Tuscola the summer before Linda's 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. This move was life-changing for Linda, as it made it possible for her to begin her life's journey in her chosen field. Linda began dance and tumbling classes in the basement of the only teacher in town, Mrs. Pettit. She started Linda on her path to competitive gymnastics and a career in the sporting world that has lasted 43 years and still continues to this day.

By Linda's senior year at TCHS she had made the 1964 US Olympic Team and competed or performed in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, Japan; also London, England; Montreal, Canada; Paris, France and Vienna, Austria. What amazing experiences for a small town high school girl.

While attending the University of Illinois as a James scholar and Dean's list student she graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor degree in Fine and Applied Arts and a minor in Anatomy and Physiology. In 1971 she earned her Masters degree, all the while training 6 hours a day and competing in major gymnastic competitions. Time management was the key. The University didn't have a gymnastic team at that time, but Linda paid her own way to compete for the University of Illinois in the Collegiate National Championships (AIAW - now NCAA Championships). She was the All-around Champion in 1968 and 1969 and became a 6-time All American.

She made the 1968 Olympic Team competing in Mexico City and made US gymnastic history by becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> American woman to qualify for the event finals. Linda was also the United States Elite All-around Champion for 5 years, Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and United States Gymnastic Federation (USGF). She holds many National Championship event titles and was on the National Team for 9 years.

Linda competed in two Pan American Games, "67" and "71", where she captured an unprecedented seven gold medals. In 1967 she was nominated for the Sullivan Award which was a rare honor for a female gymnast. An outstanding moment for Linda was being chosen to be the "Flag Bearer" for the United States Delegation at the opening ceremonies for the 1971 Pan American Games, also the first and only gymnast to receive this honor.

In 1972 Linda made the Munich Olympic Team, making this her 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Games competition. To date only 3 American women have accomplished this in the sport of gymnastics (Muriel Grossfeld, Linda Metheny and Dominique Dawes). At the age of 25 Linda retired from gymnastic competition. She then served on the US Gymnastics Federation Board of Directors as the athlete representative ("72" - "76"), and she was a sports commentator for CBS for 5 years, subsequently she was appointed to the President's Council of Physical fitness. After competitive retirement she moved to Eugene, Oregon to live with her aunt Edna Glines and to open a gymnastics school. Later she was joined by Richard Mulvihill, who became her husband of over 40 years; together they co-founded the "National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics." The Academy is still chartered as a not for profit educational institution. It has been extremely successful producing many American and foreign athletes who have competed in numerous World Championships, Pan American Games and the "76", "80", "84" and "92" Olympic Games. These include World Championship and Olympic medalists Tracee Talavera and Julianne McNamara. As a coach Linda was the assistant coach for the 1976 Olympic Team and the Head Coach for the 1979 World Championship Team. Linda led the Academy, USGF and USA Gymnastic teams to competitions all over the world including her favorite trips to Costa Rica, Russia, Latvia, Spain, China and Egypt. The Academy has also produced over 60 National Champions and over 1,500 State Champions. The Academy looks to nurture the whole child in its many recreational and fitness programs, boasting over 40,000 happier, healthier children, all of whom have been a part of this nationally recognized program. With its policy of education first the Academy has trained over 200 gymnasts who have received full athletic scholarships for college. Beginning in 1975 Richard and Linda started a program to benefit low income, foster, abused, special education and autistic children. This program thrives today and has benefited thousands of children. The National Academy also donates \$30,000 - \$35,000 per year to allow children of all incomes and abilities to benefit from athletic training. After 40 years that is over \$1,250,000 to help the children of the Eugene - Springfield community. In 1989 Linda was invited to become an FIG, (Federation of International Gymnastics) Brevet Judge. She has judged 5 World Championship and World Cup competitions, as well as the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. She has also judged the Elite USA Gymnastics Championships from 1992 through 2015. Linda serves on the USAG National Women's Technical Committee and is the Region 2 Technical Committee Chairman. (Elected 1994 - present) She was inducted into the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Hall of Fame in 1982 and the United States Gymnastics Federation Hall of Fame in 1985. In 1998 she was named a lifetime member of the Pan American Gymnastics Union (PAGU). She is the only person inducted into the World Acro Society Gallery of Legends twice, once in 2005 as an individual and in 2009 as a World Team member. In 2011 the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky inducted Linda into the Region 5 USAG Hall of Fame. Most recently Linda has been awarded USA Gymnastics "Master of Sport." Linda and Richard (now deceased) have three children, Doni-Jo (Jojo), David and Matthew. All three did gymnastics when they were younger and then went into diving, baseball and soccer, respectively. All three now help with coaching and the running on the National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics in Eugene, Oregon. They are carrying on the legacy begun 43 years ago by their parents of "keeping fitness fun and building the confidence, health and happiness of their students." Nothing can replace the joy we feel helping to enrich the lives of children.

Linda's other interests include oil painting. She was asked to have some of her paintings displayed in the Fort Meyer, Florida, "Art of the Olympians" Museum. She also enjoys attending church regularly at Eugene Faith Center. Other hobbies are hiking, reading, gardening, and cooking for family and special occasions. Babysitting and playing with granddaughter Aliyah is always a treat as are the yearly visits back to Tuscola to visit her sister Sara, brothers Bob, Fred, Jim, her 9 nieces and nephews and 7 grand nieces and nephews.

# HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON

The five Hall of Fame inductees—Sharon Lake, Johnny Reed, Mike Carroll, Doug Carnine and Linda Metheny Mulvihill—will be honored at the Alumni Association’s luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main, Tuscola. The event will take place during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 10th. There will be a catered dinner served at \$15/person. You won’t want to miss this memorable event when you get the chance to hear from the inductees and those folks who nominated them. Doug Carnine was nominated by Mike Carroll; Sharon Lake by Barb Utterback; Johnny Reed by Susie Harbaugh; Mike Carroll by William F. McCarty and Linda Metheny Mulvihill by her 1965 Classmates. Please call the TCHS office at 217-253-2377 to make your reservation by the 1st of Oct. All are welcome to attend but there are a limited number of seats available. The Alumni Association hopes that past Hall of Famers will be able to attend this event. Special guests will be our Class of ‘65.

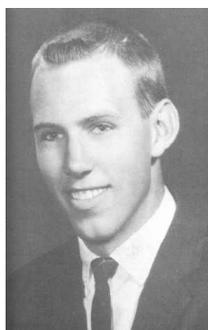
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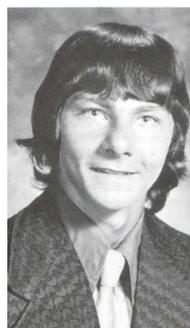
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# ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNNEY

This year’s alumni tourney saw 40 men and 13 women participate in reliving their glory days. The winners of the men’s tourney were: (below left) Wade Hoey (‘05), Jordan Bozarth (‘03), Justin Bozarth (‘04), Austin Hogue (‘03), Brad Opperman (‘03), Cole Clapper (‘04), and Ryan Bonner (‘03). The annual fundraiser for the TCHS girls basketball team was once again a huge hit.

This year’s event partnered with the Reach the Goal for Joel that evening. A majority of the players attended the fundraiser that evening. The whole day was a great success.

The highlight of the tournament was Joel Hilgendorf and his classmates appearing in their old high school student section outfits and heckling a few of the players! (Below right) Stephen Bosch, Joel, Zach Bosch, Joel Lee, and Rory Lamkin.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**-Friday, Oct. 9, 2015-**

- 10:00-11:00 am Pep Rally in TCHS gym: Hall of Fame Inductees, Homecoming Court, Football, Chorus, Band, Cheer, Poms**
- 11:00 Dismissal of schools**
- 2:30 pm Parade line-up at Ervin Park**
- 3:45-5:00 Parade down Main to Daggy to TCHS**
- 5:00-6:00 Alumni Reception in Library honors Class of '65-All welcome!**
- 6:00-7:00 Tailgate with sandwiches/drinks (fee benefits Pow-Wows)**
- 6:32-6:37 Recognition of the Class of '65 - 50<sup>th</sup> reunion - please report to the football field by 6:30**
- 7:00 Kick-off of Tuscola/St. Teresa football game at Memorial Field**
- 9:00 All TCHS Homecoming Reunion—Community Building—21 and over welcome—donation at the door—videos of the past—music—drinks—see ol' friends from all TCHS graduating classes**

**-Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015-**

- 7:00-10:00 am Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast—Community Building**
- 11:30 am Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon - Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main St., Tuscola, for reservations call 217-253-2377 (TCHS office) by Oct. 1, \$15/person**
- 7:00 pm TCHS Coronation—\$3/person—complementary ticket from alumni lunch for free admission for alum**
- 8:00 Homecoming Dance for the high school**

Just like they all say:  
"Join us on Facebook"  
[Tuscola High School](#)  
[Alumni Association](#)  
has 1,269 friends!  
Join in on the conversations!  
Renew ol' friendships!  
Keep up on the  
Homecoming agendas!  
Also check out  
"Tuscola Remembered"  
for some great reminiscing. . .



*Homecoming*

**2016**

*Oct. 7th*

*& 8th*

# 1980 celebrates 35th!



Mark Murray and Tammi Travis

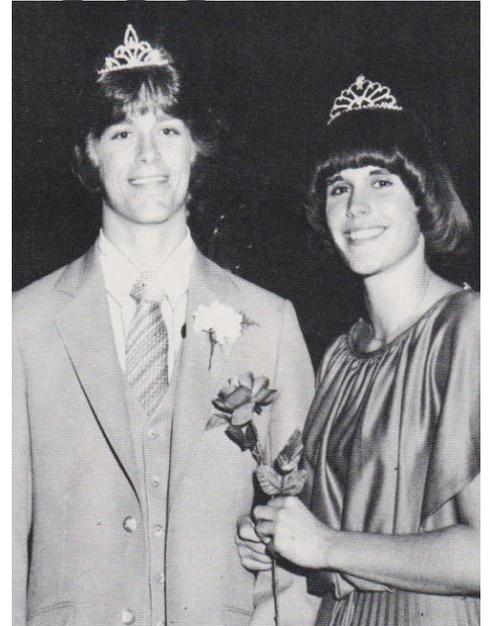
Dick Laley and Laurie Cross



Greg Campbell and Chris Waugh

Dirk Dietrich and Shari Hausmann

The Class of 1980 will be celebrating all weekend with TCHS Homecoming activities and their own events. 5:30—6:30 p.m. Friday there will be a buffet at the Candy Kitchen with required reservations. Saturday's big official reunion will be at the Tuscola Moose beginning at 6 p.m. Your spot needs to be reserved by contacting Todd Hausman at [tdhcr@aol.com](mailto:tdhcr@aol.com). King & Queen (right) is Mark Oakley and Tami Fortney.



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***Class of 1985's Homecoming Court: (bottom row l-r) Carmen Meyer, Janet Hill, Kris Baird, Marc Korte, Sharon Lake, and Amy Utterback. (top row l-r) Jeff Leininger, Brad Johns, Dena Pickett, Justin Walker, Roger Harris and Jeff Young.***

Sherri Hausman Stewart says their class reunion will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 10th at the Ironhorse Club House with dinner and drinks. Their gathering will begin at 6 p.m. Fundraising by the Class of '85 was very successful—and the reunion dinner will be free for all classmates! More info can be found at [TCHS1985@weebly.com](mailto:TCHS1985@weebly.com). Contact Sherri at her email address: [shri1967@gmail.com](mailto:shri1967@gmail.com) if you have any further questions.

# 1975



Gail Seaney and Scott Bechtel

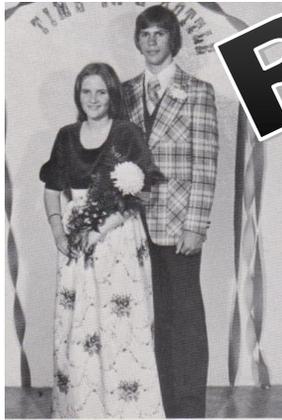


Terry Hausman and Steve Shoemaker

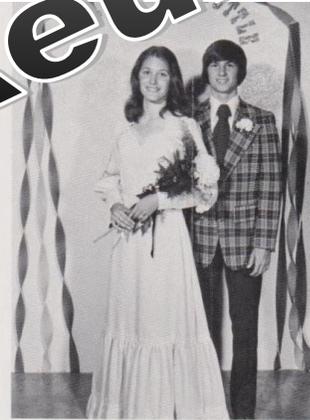
# Class Reunion



K&Q: Jeff Ochs & Brenda Rogers



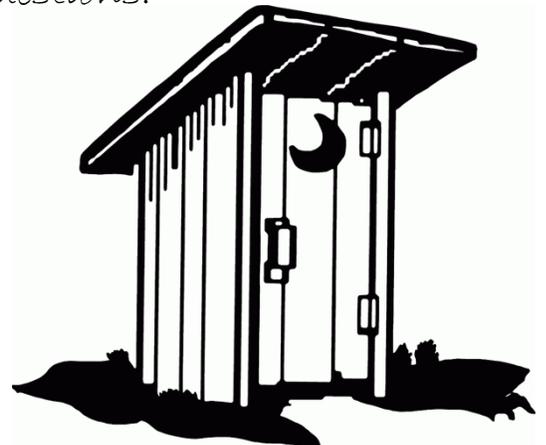
Susan Gibson and William McCarty



Barbara Sargent and Christopher Townsend

Terry Hausman Galloway States their 40th reunion will be held at the Tuscola Community Bldg.—where nostalgia will bring back those ol' memories of Prom in that building. The Class of '75's theme is "Turn Back Time." Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 10 at \$50/couple and \$30/single. A photo booth will help make some more fun memories.

Contact Terry at [hobbes148@aol.com](mailto:hobbes148@aol.com) with any questions.



# TCHS Class of '70 Reunites



Front row l-r: Judy Kleiss, Janice Kleiss and Marsha Green. Back row l-r: Tom Harriss, Rick Welborn, Susan Nunn, Joyce Ochs, Vicki Runyan, Eric Seip, Steve Leonard, Bill Anderson and Fred Hausmann.

**The 45th reunion of the Class of 1970 will be held at J&J's outside of Tuscola on Route 36 on Sat., Oct. 10, 2015. Cocktails and social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with the class photo being taken at 6:30. A taco bar/potato bar will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Earlier in the day, a brunch will be served at the Candy Kitchen at 9:30 a.m. This class will also be participating in all other Homecoming events with TCHS Alumni Association. Email Richard Willoughby at [r.willow@frontier.com](mailto:r.willow@frontier.com) if you have any questions.**

## 2015 TUSCOLA OPEN RESULTS

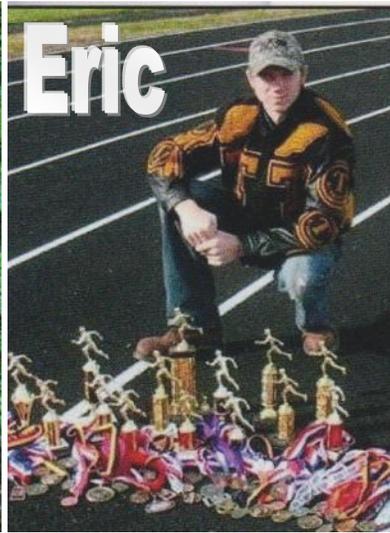
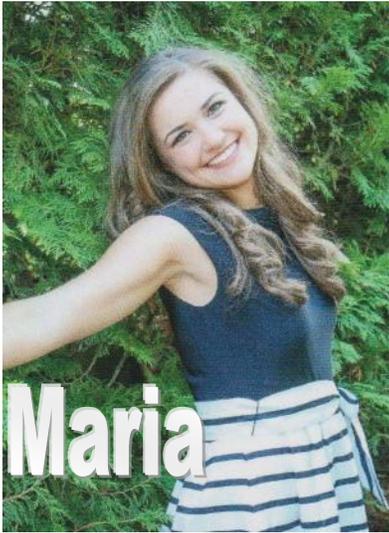


John Coats, Toby Ring, Duff Hoel, Doug Murphy, Jack Corum and Rick Dallas (winner of what used to be called the Wild Turkey award, but basically it's the "special" prize for last place

The Tuscola Open golf outing had 47 participants this past summer. The overall winner was John Coats. He shot a 74. Toby Ring came in second with a 75. Duff Hoel and Jack Corum were flight winners. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners. Raffle prizes included Cubs-Cardinals tickets, Illini football tickets, and Iron-horse memberships.

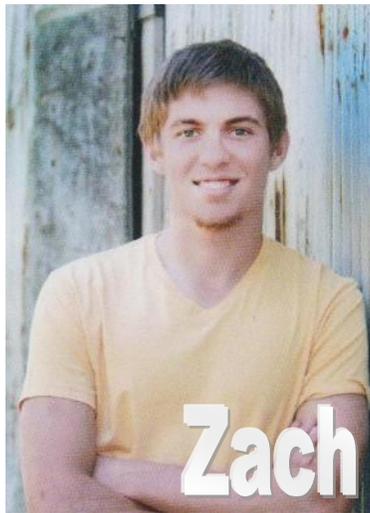
A stormy morning started the day, but skies cleared for a nice afternoon of golf. The TCHS Pow-Wows sponsored and organized this year's event.

## Scholarships awarded to three deserving 2015 seniors



The TCHS Alumni Association had the pleasure of awarding three seniors each a \$500 scholarship in May during the Honors Day event. The scholarship total in 2015 was \$51,000 awarded to our seniors.

Maria Meyer, Eric Ponder and Zachary Bates won the scholarships given by the alumni. There is a scholarship committee and each student must fill out an application. There were around 10 applications sent in this spring.



Since 2012 the Alumni Assn. has given out \$3,500 in scholarships to deserving seniors: Robert Lopez '12—\$250; Ashley Hunt '13—\$250; Macie Edwards, Jacob Stuart, Hannah Scribner '14—\$500 each....not bad for our 7-yr-old Alumni Assn. The alum's donations to this worthwhile group will take us far in rewarding the appreciative seniors as they move on to their college days—and realize that we assisted them in a small way to achieve their goals.

The Alumni Assn. is able to do this with our donations from our alum. If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation, please use the form below and mail in or drop off when you are back for Homecoming! THANK YOU!!!



### *Donation*

#### Scholarships for TCHS Seniors

Donations may be sent to TCHS Alumni Association, 907 Lake Shore Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953. These are a tax write-off. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



As I attempted to find more info about the “new” TCHS football field—I came across a few dead ends, but kept trying to conjure up some more info to share with you. The present Memorial Field was a Civilian Conservation Corps camp back in the 1930’s. The entrance was at the east end of Houghton St. on land owned by the William Iles Estate. He died in 1928. The camp was moved to Charleston in 1939. I found these photos in the 1951 yearbook which would be football season 1950. From that yearbook: “Remember our first football game? Our first game on the new football field. It was the 15th of September—really a big crowd, too. There was a Student Council dance in the gym afterwards. It was a big success, and partly due to the score of the game, I bet, 18-0 in the Warriors favor.” When I recognized Bill Dietrich on that team, I requested Denise Deffenbaugh (his niece) to send him a message to share with us his account: “The first game was played September of 1950. I don’t know the date but according to my yearbook we beat Paris 18-0. Some memories I have of that time . . . Many of the football players helped Coach Paul Doolittle with pouring the concrete curbing around the field during the summer before that fall game. Since there was no locker rooms out there (there was nothing but stands and ticket booths), we would get into our uniforms at the old high school, get on a school bus, and ride to the new field. At halftime, we would gather at one end of the field with the coaches and as the temperature got colder, we would get back on the bus and have our halftime meeting on the bus. My brother Dennis (Denise’s dad) played in the last game at the old high school field on November 11, 1949. And I played in the first game at the new field. And so it goes. Glad to help. - Bill”

*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-  
Hta, Hta, Hta*

*Tuscola High School*

*Rah, Rah, Rah!*

In the picture above on the left—there is no description in the yearbook, but it sure looks like a commemoration maybe for the opening of the new field? There is a goal post in the background and I do recognize Father Casey from the 40 Martyrs Catholic Church. If you alumni have any more info you’d like to share about our present Memorial Field—let me know at shoes76@aol.com—and we’ll add some more stories to our research. No matter what—this awesome field has carried all of its students and players to a fantastic level of elite football in the State of Illinois in the past and WILL continue to do just that in the future! GO WARRIORS!!!!

~Marci Hausman Shoemaker (Class of ‘74)~

