



Sept. 23 & 24, 2011  
Homecoming  
Honoring the  
Class of 1961

## SECOND ANNUAL BASH FOR CASH

### Looking for our next Hall of Fame Inductees.....

The Alumni Assn. is always open for applications into the Hall of Fame. Please see our website: [www.tuscola.k12.il.us](http://www.tuscola.k12.il.us), Alumni, then Hall of Fame nomination form. Send your suggestion in soon!

### Class of '61

50 Years

### Golden Celebration

For our third annual TCHS Alumni Assn. Homecoming, we will be honoring the Class of 1961—fifty years reunion. Festivities will be announced in the fall, but will be similar to the past with the parade, high school tour, alumni reception, tailgate, recognition before the football game with Warrensburg-Latham, post-game party, Hall of Fame induction luncheon, TCHS coronation, dance, and usually many class reunions in the area. Now—doesn't this sound like a blast from the past? It truly is a great time and we welcome the Class of '61 and ALL alumni to join us in the fun.

The Tuscola football team is having a fund raiser like no other. Last year it was a big success. I feel that it will be bigger and better this year. Our primary goal is to purchase new home and away game jerseys. The cost of home and away jerseys will be about \$7000. We all know about the plight of our school district financially. The first \$7000 raised will go towards jerseys. If we exceed more than \$7000, it will go into the football fund. Any money taken out of the football fund will be approved by the football coach and the administration. This money goes toward keeping Tuscola as one of the elite football programs in the state. Our facilities and record speak for themselves. We want to keep it that way.

Here is how it works: This year we will sell 135 tickets. Your ticket will have a number on it between 1 and 135. The ticket you purchase will have your "lucky" number on it. We will draw numbers out until all the numbers have been drawn. The first ticket drawn will be worth \$500. Every 10<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn after that is also a winner! The 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>... up to 130<sup>th</sup> will be worth \$100! (THAT IS EVERY 10<sup>TH</sup> TICKET!) The 135<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn is worth \$3000! Total cash given away is over \$5000! The drawing will start at 7:00 p.m. You need not be present to win.

Included with the purchase of the ticket is an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner. Soda, tea, coffee, beer and wine also is included from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. The fun does not stop there! While the drawing is going on, we will also have a "Vegas Night" and a "silent auction" on Sat., May 14 at Tuscola Moose.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Tuscola Football team. The cost is \$100 per ticket (2 people), and you must be at least 21 years old to attend. **TICKET HOLDERS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

This promises to be an exciting fundraiser you do not want to miss. Call today and RESERVE your ticket. At this moment, 25 tickets remain unsold.

It is really simple. You send me the money, and I will send you your ticket. I will send you a receipt. We will also have tickets available at TCHS. You can stop by and see me or Rhonda McCumber.

Please make your check payable to: Tuscola High School. Mail to: Tuscola High School, 500 S. Prairie, Tuscola, IL 61953

QUESTIONS?? Call Rick Reinhart, 253-2377 or e-mail [reinhart@tuscola.k12.il.us](mailto:reinhart@tuscola.k12.il.us)

Final Note:

Ping pong balls with numbers on them will be drawn out of a container until all the balls are gone. The first ball is worth \$500. The 10<sup>th</sup> ball is worth \$100 and so on until all the balls have been pulled out. When you buy a ticket, you will get a number. That number will be on a ball. That ball will be one of the 135 balls in the barrel. We will draw the balls out of the barrel one at a time. After the 130<sup>th</sup> number/ ball has been drawn, the remaining 5 players have the option to divide the \$3000 or continue. All 5 must agree to stop. If one person wants to continue they will continue.

Good Luck!



CLASS OF 1961 FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Join **your** TCHS Alumni Assn. at [www.tuscola.k12.il.us](http://www.tuscola.k12.il.us), Click High School, then Alumni—JOIN TODAY! Send us your stories...

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## Class of '71 Plans Reunion

We are currently in the planning stages of our reunion. This will be our 40th reunion and will be held at Tuscola's Homecoming celebration, Sept. 23 and 24. We plan to watch the parade on Friday and attend the festivities that will be planned, and will be at the football game that evening. Saturday evening, we are having our reunion dinner at the Savoy Recreation Center in Savoy, IL. Our website is completed and will go online at the same time invitations will be sent out to our class. We are also hoping we'll be able to find everyone! We would certainly like for anyone who was ever in our class, whether they completed high school with us or not, to be invited and to attend our celebration.

~Sharon Armstrong~

### Super FFA Member

Congratulations to Elise Hackett, junior at TCHS, (daughter of Dave—Class of 1970—and Marcia Hackett) for being named one of the top 20 FFA members in Central IL. She was awarded this honor by WIXY Classic radio. Elise will be honored at WIXY's award banquet in May.

## REQUEST FROM HORNADAY...

I am working to discover the names of TCHS graduates that went on to play at least one season of college football. To say that there is a great deal of pride in the rich tradition that is Tuscola Football would be an understatement. The successes of our program have been well documented and publicized. This little project is just one more feather in our program's cap.

My intention is to post this list in the building for our students to view. Seeing how many alumni have gone on to the next level hopefully will inspire our current population to greater things. My long-term hope is to create a website for all to view this list, as well as, the many other great accomplishments of Tuscola's proud past.

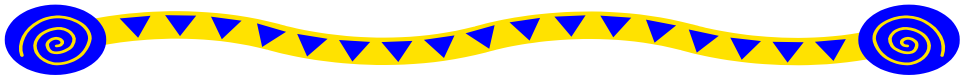
I have thoroughly enjoyed the research involved in compiling this list. All the phone calls and emails from alumni and community members were much appreciated. Sifting through yearbooks and files (including former coaches' handwritten notes) was a very satisfying process. On a side note, I am wondering if by chance there are any guys still around that played for Coach Al Kish because I would love a chance to speak with them.

Many thanks,

Ryan Hornaday Class of 1997 Teacher/coach at TCHS

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To view the present list, visit [www.tuscola.k12.il.us](http://www.tuscola.k12.il.us), high school, alumni, college football list.



## 1961 CLASS WILL MEET FOR REUNION

Our class reunion will be at the Kaskaskia Country Club in Arcola on July 30th, 2011. Times are tentative at this time. Anyone interested can contact me at [njchaplin@yahoo.com](mailto:njchaplin@yahoo.com) or 206 Ellis Ave., Normal, IL 61761. 309-452-5366.

~Roy Chaplin~

### Need a memorial

### for a classmate?

Make a donation to the TCHS Alumni Association. Just send your check to the TCHS Office, Alumni Association, 500 S. Prairie, Tuscola, IL 61953.

