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The 2021-22 TCHS Cross Country team displays their hardware from the Shelbyville Invite last weekend. Top ten individual racers included Josiah Hortin (1st place), Jackson Barrett (3rd place), Lia Patterson (5th place), and Rylie Vanausdoll (7th place).



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Tuscola boys cross country runners who individually met at the Shelbyville Invite included Josiah Hortin, first place (pictured left) and Jackson Barrett, third place.

# Tuscola cross country team shows successful invite appearances

By Lenny Sementi

Cross country coaches Lacey Diaz and Adam Crutchley's group took a big step last week at the Cow Chip Classic in Chrisman and grew even more at the Shelbyville Invite last Saturday. The boys built on their success at Chrisman that earned them a state ranking and will most likely climb even higher up the rankings after collecting some hardware in the 14 team event. It was a youth movement that led the black and gold boys and girls teams through

the forest surrounding Lake Shelbyville on the General Dacey Trail three mile course with three sophomore boys and two freshman girls showing the way. Super soph Josiah Hortin not only was the Warriors top runner, he won the whole darn thing out legging 97 runners from all over central Illinois. Hortin crossed the line in 16 minutes and 27 seconds collecting first place honors. Classmate Jackson Barrett wasn't far behind, capturing a bronze taking third overall with a 16:43. Another sec-

ond year runner Will Foltz was the third to finish for Tuscola taking 15th overall with a personal best 18:15 on the hilly course. Riley Nolan was right on his heels taking 16th covering the three miles in 18:47. Bryce Graves was the final scorer for the Warriors circling the course in 19:18. Andrew Spillman and John Hegarty were alternates while Thomas Brown, Brady Urban and Jacob Middleton to the tour of the Moultrie County hillside as individual entries. "We were missing Logan

Wallace and Mason Veach so I really stressed that everyone needed to help make up those points instead of just one person," stated Coach Diaz. "Josiah and Jackson ran great getting and Riley Nolan really stepped up his game and ran with a faster pack for the entire race. He showed up for this team when we needed him the most and I couldn't be happier." The girls wound in and out of the woods en-route to a fourth place finish led by a pair of newcomers to the program. Freshman Lia

Patterson and Riley Vanausdoll. Both turned in personal records ending their day in the top ten helping the Lady Warriors edge a good E-fingham St Anthony squad by a few points for the top three performance. Patterson broke the tape in 20:17 with Vanausdoll holding off two runners at the finish to take seventh with a 20:58. Skylar Wilkins held down Tuscola's three spot with a 25:09. Makenzie Hersberger and Reggan Smith rounded out the scoring. Lauren Woods wasn't far behind

serving as the alternate. "Lia Patterson PR'd and ran phenomenal and placed fifth overall and Rylie was right to set her PR," Diaz commented. "The girls team placed fourth overall and all ran exceptionally well." Crutchley was extremely happy as well. "Rylie and Lia both broke 21 minutes for the first time and are on their way to a successful career," he stated. "And the boys won a competitive meet without two of their top six runners, big things are coming for both teams."



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The 2021-22 Tuscola High School Warriorettes.



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Scenes from the 2021 Cheer and Pom Clinic at the Tuscola High School football game on Friday.

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Breakfast kicks off Saturday's Events from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Tuscola Community Building. From 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. the Downtown Block Party will be held.

At 11:30 a.m. Dr. Jill Holden, Jane Harris McNeil, and John Huber Dobbs will be inducted into the TCHS Hall of Fame during the Hall of Fame Inductees Luncheon at the Douglas County Museum. Limited seats

are available for the event and reservations must be made to Marci Shoemaker by Sept. 18.

### Class Reunions

1971 - The Class of 1971 will host their 50th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 6 to 10 p.m.

1975 & 1976 - Reunion has been canceled due to COVID-19.

1980 - The Class of 1980 will host their 40th and 41st reunion at the Jarman Center on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m.

2001 - The Class of

2001 will host their 20th reunion at Sol Del Mar at 5 p.m. on Saturday. They will then join festivities at Cast Iron Pub.

### Downtown Tuscola

Cast Iron Pub will be holding an outdoor Downtown Block Party on Saturday, September 25 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sale and Main Streets.

From 11 to 6 p.m. you're invited to shop until you drop at Sweet Soul, Winterberry, The Vault, Shimmer &

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