

# Black & Gold



**WARRIOR PARENTS POSE** with their daughters at Tuscola High School on Monday night. The Warriors honored three players and one manager. All four seniors will graduate in the spring. From left to right are Erica Kremitzki, Sophie Kremitzki, Mike Kremitzki, Amanda Musgrave, Taylor Musgrave, Scott Musgrave, Sharon Stahler, Maddie Stahler, Mike Stahler, Alyssa Williams and Lisa Williams. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

## Tuscola Lady Warriors down Arthur Christian Boys earn spot in CIC tournament title game

**By Daniel L. Chamness**  
The Tuscola Lady Warriors are one game from the end of the regular season. On Monday night, they honored the seniors, who were playing on the Warrior hardwood for the last time. Or are they? While it is the last scheduled home game, with a couple of wins in the post season, the Lady Warriors could find themselves back at the friendly confines, in front of a largely friendly crowd with a regional title as they pursue a sectional championship. But, on Monday night, it was a time for celebrating the careers of Maddie Stahler, Sophie Kremitzki and Taylor Musgrave. In addition, they also celebrated manager Alyssa Williams, who plays football in the fall and runs track in the

spring months. But, what followed the brief introductions of the athletes that will be graduating in May was a 67-28 victory over the Arthur Christian Conquering Riders. With the non-conference win, the Lady Warriors improved to 21-7 overall. They have won seven in a row. In the Central Illinois Conference, they are now 5-1 overall with their only loss being to the Clinton Maroons. Kremitzki led the way on senior night, scoring 20 points. The senior hit three regulation field goals, but did most of her scoring from beyond the arc. She hit four treys and her only two free throw opportunities. She had 15 of her points by the end of the first half. The senior guard got double digit backup from two juniors, namely Harley Woodard and

Ella Boyer. Woodard finished with 14 points as she hit six field goals and two free throws. Boyer struck from three-point land three times and hit two regulation shots to finish with 13 points. The Tuscola scoring was rounded out by Sydney Moss (six points), Musgrave (five points), Molly Macauley (five points), Stahler (two points) and Ava Boyer (two points). Arthur Christian was led in scoring by Addi Erwin, who scored 15 of their 28 points. The Lady Warriors have only one regular season game left. On Wednesday night, they will suit up and travel to Macon Meridian to play the Lady Hawks. The junior varsity game, which will be the Lady Warriors last of the season, will start at 6 p.m. The varsity

game will immediately follow. On Tuesday, February 15, they will open Illinois High School Association Sub-Sectional, which will be hosted by Meridian, against Okaw Valley. The two teams are scheduled to play at 7:30 p.m. at Meridian. At this time last week, the Tuscola Warriors were only one game and three days away from claiming the Central Illinois Conference Tournament Title. Or so they thought. Mother Nature, God or if you prefer, the weather, proved themselves the most formidable opponent of all, postponing/canceling all athletic activities for 48-72 hours. But on Tuesday it was announced the game between two state ranked teams, the Tuscola Warriors and the Meridian Hawks for the CIC

Tournament Title will indeed be played on Wednesday, January 16 at Meridian. Two things that will accompany that game. First, by the time that game is over, the Tuscola fans, players and coaches will be very familiar with how to travel to Meridian. They will be even more familiar with their respective teams. Secondly, the postponement has only served to intensify the hype, especially since the two teams will meet twice in a span of five days. The two teams could possibly meet for a third time as both are part of the Effingham St. Anthony Sectional. The regional sites in Class 1A have been deemed as Arcola and Stewardson-Strasburg. The IHSA has yet to post where Tuscola will be heading. To earn the right to play Meridian in the title game, the

Warriors dumped Clinton 73-44 in the semifinal on February 1. The Warriors have not lost since January 17, when they were topped by Cerro-Gordo/Bement. They have since won six in a row and have not played since the win over Clinton. They will play tonight against the St. Teresa Bulldogs. They will host Meridian on Friday and barring any changes to the schedule, that will be the final time the Warriors are at home. The Warriors are 20-4 overall and a perfect 4-0 in the CIC. They are ranked sixth in the IHSA Class 1A poll. Ranked as the number five team in the state is the Meridian Hawks. They are 20-5 overall and 3-1 in the CIC. Meridian's lone loss in the CIC was to St. Teresa.

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