



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

Homecoming 2011

Friday

- Parade (2:45)
- Pep Rally (3:15) downtown
- TCHS Tour/All Alumni Reception in Library honoring the Black & Golden Class of 1961 & Hall of Fame(4:00)
- Pow Wows Tailgate—small fee (5:45)
- Recognition of Class of '61—report to football field (6:40)
- Introduce 1976 Football team (see pg.3)—first to reach playoffs (6:50)
- Warrior Football (7:00)
- Post-Game Social at Tuscan (9:00)

Saturday

- Hall of Fame Induction Lunch, Douglas County Museum, for reservation call office 217-253-2377 by Sept. 21 (12:30)
- Coronation (7:00)
- Dance (8:00)

Sunday

- Alumni Art Event (3-5:00) works of Jeff Little ('80) & Jim Gallagher ('78) at Flesor's Candy Kitchen



Fred Wakefield
Sr. Pix—1996

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE— FRED WAKEFIELD—1996 GRAD

Frederick D. Wakefield was nominated for induction into the TCHS Hall of Fame by his fellow high school classmate, Josh Leamon. Upon graduation from Tuscola High, Fred continued his education at the University of Illinois from 1996—2000. While there he excelled through his academics and his football greatness with these achievements: 1st team All-Big10(2000)-defensive end; team captain(2000); ranks 3rd on the all-time list for sacks; ranks 3rd on the all-time list for tackles for loss; two time Verizon

Academic All-American; and three-time Academic All-Big 10. He went on to play in the NFL for the Arizona Cardinals (2001-2007) and the Oakland Raiders (2007-2009). Fred's community activities include: assistant coach and camp volunteer at TCHS football; Fighting Illini Alumni; and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Josh boasts: "Fred has remained proud of his background and upbringing, and has made a concerted effort to give back to his community. He has donated equipment, money, and most importantly his time to the TCHS football program since moving back to the area. Fred exemplifies all of the qualities people look for in a hall of fame candidate, both on and off the field. He is a great husband and father, and is a positive example for young people." Fred presently works for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.



Fred Wakefield
NFL Football



~PLAN AHEAD~
2012 TCHS Homecoming will be Sept. 28 & 29 for those planning a class reunion. 1962—we'll be seeing you . . .

HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON

TO HONOR WAKEFIELD

The TCHS Hall of Fame will have an induction for Fred Wakefield (Class of 1996) at the Douglas County Museum, 700 South Main, Tuscola. This event will take place Saturday, Sept. 24th 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. Please, phone 217-253-2377 at the TCHS Office to make your reservation today! The Alumni Association hopes that past Hall of Famers will be able to make this event. Members of the Class of 1941 will also be our special guests...70 years out of TCHS!





Classes Plan Reunions

During Homecoming weekend, quite a few class reunions will be taking place. The Class of 1941 will be celebrating its 70th. During the summer, the Class of 1961 did meet and some will attend our festivities in Sept. 1971's class will be meeting at the Savoy Rec Center on Sat., Sept. 24 and will be in attendance at the high school's celebration. Kaskaskia Country Club will host the Class of 1976 on that Sat. evening. All are welcome back to TCHS for all the fun and festivities beginning with the parade on Friday, Sept. 23.

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

The Alumni Assn. is always open for applications into the Hall of Fame. Is there a truly deserving individual in your class that deserves this recognition? Please see our website: www.tuscola.k12.il.us, Alumni, then Hall of Fame nomination form. Send your suggestion in soon!

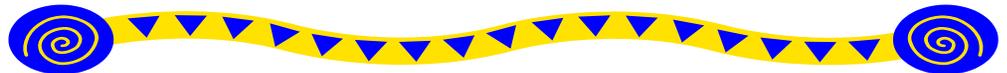
Get your 50/50 ticket!!

The Alumni Assn. will again be selling raffle tickets to win CASH!! You may get your tickets at the local football games or from a committee member. Last year we gave away \$800. Will you be our next winner? Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6. We will notify the winner at our Hall of Fame induction luncheon on Sat., Sept. 24 at the Museum. Need not be present to win!

1961 Homecoming Court



Top: Doug Green, Denny Hackett, Kitty Kish and Juanita Hausmann; Bottom: Bill Kleiss, Tom Mercer, Donna Hausmann, Jim Perry, Carolyn Ross and Jeri Little; Seated: King Rex Bridges and Queen Kathleen Boylson.



Membership Funds

The TCHS Alumni Assn. is now three years YOUNG. We are a very new club, but we have now accumulated some funds from membership dues and a 50/50 cash drawing which was held last Homecoming. 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 difference at the high school. But, we'd like to make sure we can keep this group going and hopefully, GROW. Any ideas or suggestions you—our alumni—may have—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 Shoemaker (Class of 1974) and Marci Shoemaker (Class of 1974). If you'd like to join in on the fun, let us know at 217-253-9400 (Shoemaker's).

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.



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From: HISTORY OF TUSCOLA FOOTBALL 1895 THROUGH 1989 by Rick McGuire and Mike Carroll:

“1974 saw the start of the state play-offs. Never again would there be a perfect season for a Warrior football team unless Tuscola won the State. The ‘76 team had a perfect record up to the State play-offs, with 9 wins, no losses and no ties. However, they lost the first game of the State play-offs to Gibson City in an exciting 29 to 22 game. Gibson City was quarterbacked at the time by Jeff Christenson who later went on to pro-football fame as a quarterback with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Considered one of the most exciting Warrior teams of all times, the team featured the leadership of Quarterback Dave Dietrich, the slashing running of Gordon Cross, and the great blocking and aggressive defense from a host of other stalwarts.

The picture above is the 1976 championship team, the first Warrior team to play in the State High School championship playoffs.

Fourth row: Mark VanSteenhuysen, Mike Kennedy, John Pflum, David Dietrich, Jeff Riley, Pete Porter, Jim Grimm and Paul Kohlbecker. Third row: Coach Lynn Strack, Glen Mick, Jack Moody, Ryk Holden, Robbie Wilson, Tony Hausmann, Eric Foster, Randy Hastings and Coach Bruce Nofftz. Second row: Steve Laley, Gary Campbell, Mark Maxey, Buck Hausmann, Bob Laley, Dave Houser and Doug Dunn. First row: Brad Stout, Steve Rhodes, Rick Miller, Gordon Cross, Phil Rahn and Don Cain.”

The Tradition Continues (on the shirt front) with Warrior helmets from 1976 and 2011. T-shirts can be purchased for this Homecoming event for \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve. Orders will be taken until Mon.(Sept. 19) of Homecoming week. Shirts will be handed out by Becky Lietz at the game or in the library during the reception following the parade. We will have a table set up. lietzbecky@yahoo.com is her e-mail for orders. **Kickin’ It Old School** (on the shirt back) with the 1976 9-1 record. **Tuscola’s First Playoff Team Ever**