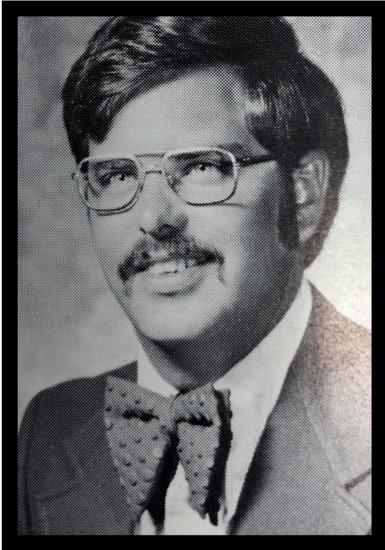


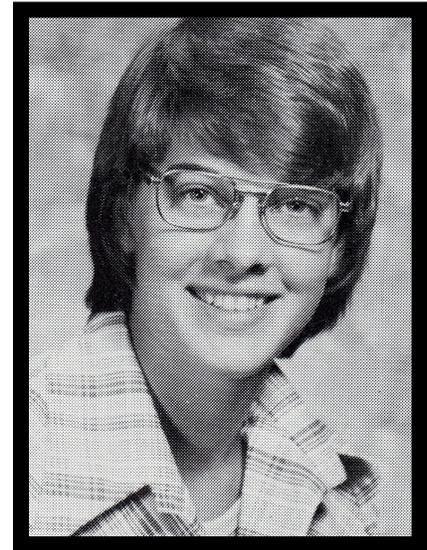
HALL OF FAME

—Kleiss and Heath to be Inducted—



Dan Kleiss

1975



Linda Heath

1977

The TCHS Alumni Association will be inducting two TCHS graduates this Fall. The Alumni Association Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon will be Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Museum. This event will be held during the TCHS Homecoming (#88) to induct Dan Kleiss and Linda Heath.

Dan Kleiss, Class of 1975 was nominated by classmates, Dean Borries and Randy Frye. They nominated Kleiss for his commitment to Tuscola and public service while serving almost thirty years as mayor.

Kim McCarty Judson and Alison Hancock Heiser have nominated their classmate, Linda Heath as she is now the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C.'s current director of inventory, monitoring and assessment research. She's held this position since 2016. Linda also has contributed to intergovernmental panel on climate change receiving a 2007 Nobel Peace Prize as a lead author for the task force.

Read their life stories on the following pages. . .



Linda Heath

TCHS Class of 1977

Growing up in Tuscola on a prairie, it may seem odd to choose forestry for a career. Dad worked at USI, but he was a collector: stamps, coins, butterflies. After my oldest brother needed a tree leaf collection for high school biology, Dad became a collector of tree leaves. My family drove around the state, with Dad stopping to collect leaves when we saw a potential new specimen. Somehow the leaves would end up being pressed temporarily in a catalog or crossword puzzle book in Mom's purse! After drying, he would mount the leaves on pages. He had over a thousand leaves, properly mounted and identified, in multiple volumes.

How valuable trees must be! I majored in forestry (BS and Master's) at the University of Illinois. (U of I no longer has a forestry program, but when it did, dendrology--tree identification--was a required class. I aced all the tree identification tests!) I received a PhD in Quantitative Resources Management at the University of Washington. The world is a system of systems, and I studied ecosystems, quantitative techniques and economics, and wondered and continue to wonder whether models and data help decision makers make better decisions. The future of our planet and all communities, just like Tuscola, depends on healthy lands and forests.

I was hired by the USDA Forest Service, Research & Development branch as a research scientist. In the early 1990's, the US Senate ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which means the US government (through the US Environmental Protection Agency) must submit a report on our greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for all sectors annually. My research assignment included calculating carbon in all the forests of the United States for the US national GHG inventory, and developing approaches so that land owners and managers would know which land management activities help store more carbon. I worked on research approaches based on data from the forest census of the US, conducted by the US Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis program (FIA). Crews visit (with land owner's permission) over 130,000 field plots nationwide (yes, even in Illinois!), measure and identify trees. Scientists use these and other data such as remote sensing observations to estimate forest land area, describe forest conditions. The results are used for making decisions about forest investments and policies.

My work over the years included participation in meetings around the world with scientists from many countries, to develop national GHG inventory guidance. As a result of this effort, I was awarded a certificate of participation for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change receiving the Nobel peace prize in 2007. My general approaches are still used for forest carbon calculations, and the need for calculations continue to grow as states adopt greenhouse gas regulations.

Because of my carbon knowledge, I was chosen for a sabbatical at the World Bank for two years as the first program manager of the forest carbon (Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry) portfolio for the Global Environment Facility. The largest portfolio proposal I worked on in term of dollars was known as the Great Green Wall of Africa, with a cost of over a billion dollars, covering over ten nations. Returning back to the Forest Service, I continued to conduct research and complete studies.

I now serve as a Senior Executive Service Director in the USDA Forest Service, Research & Development branch in the Washington DC office, with oversight over programs on the nation's forest census, projecting forest and rangelands futures, research and development of remote sensing and geospatial analysis, and research and reporting on forest sustainability. These national programs provide objective evidence for policymaking and forest investments at the national, state, and sub-state scales, including for forest carbon and GHGs. The information supports trade in forest products because countries and companies are concerned about sustainability.

I met my husband Eric while we were both working early in our careers as temporary employees on the Klamath National Forest in Happy Camp, California. We eventually made our home in southeastern NH, which Eric is a town administrator. He is very active in conservation efforts locally. Our daughter, Katie, after graduating from college, enjoys hiking and climbing mountains in northern NH. While I work in DC, I am staying with my brother Rick (TCHS 1973). I am enormously grateful to those who have supported the opportunities and responsibilities I continue to have, and to my hometown.

Dan Kleiss

TCHS Class of 1975



If you ask Mayor Dan Kleiss, he will say he has led a blessed life in his hometown that has always been kind to him and his family. However, what he doesn't tell passersby is that his successful tenure at the helm of the city's government and his progression of service through the ranks at Cabot were accomplished through his work ethic and selfless heart. Born and raised in Tuscola, Dan grew up with the support of his parents and grandparents who taught him the value of hard work, being respectful to others, and, of course, discipline.

The Class of 1975 TCHS graduate says encounters with Principal Mr. Butkovich and being pushed to success by algebra teacher Mr. Kidwell and English teacher Mr. Tice were irreplaceable character building experiences that served him well as he entered the workforce.

And, while Kleiss knew he was ready to work upon graduating from TCHS, he wasn't quite sure how that work would look. He was first hired to work for Hoke Construction, and after a few short months, Kleiss teamed up with friend Randy Frye in hopes of starting a fire wood business. However, after working to fell just three trees, they put their entrepreneurship to the side.

On Jan. 12, 1976, Kleiss began a job as a furnace laborer at Cabot Corporation just outside of Tuscola city limits. He was offered the interview at the recommendation of local banker Denny McMillan. It was a job that transitioned into a decades-long career that allowed Kleiss to provide for his family and become an integral role in the future of his city. At his retirement in June 2018 after 42 years of service, Kleiss was serving as the Manager of Human Resources for three manufacturing facilities in Tuscola, Midland, Mich., and Carrollton, Ky. The role is something he worked his way toward, but, ultimately, the job became the career he knew he was built to do.

While continuing his work for Cabot, Kleiss—at the experienced age of 28—was appointed to the Tuscola City Council. After three years, he was appointed mayor, a post he still holds as he has been reelected for eight continuous four-year terms at the helm of the city's government.

As a city leader, Kleiss' accomplishments continue to positively affect the lives of residents each day. His work on economic development efforts over the last three decades have led to the establishment of the Tuscola Outlet Mall, Ironhorse Golf Course, and the redevelopment of Downtown Tuscola. During his tenure, Kleiss has encouraged the establishment of Tuscola Chamber & Economic Development, Inc., the Tuscola TIF districts, Tuscola Tourism, and the Enterprise Zone. However, of all his accomplishments while in office, Kleiss says his proudest hour was securing the Joint Water Agency to direct a water pipeline into the county that continues to provide clean, safe water to thousands of residents of Tuscola, Arcola, and rural Douglas County.

Kleiss also had a hand in the development of the Tuscola Community Foundation and has served as president of the organization that has provided thousands of dollars in grants to area organizations and services.

Through his dedication to the community, Kleiss has been named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, without ever having served as a Rotarian, and in 1997 he was chosen for Wal-Mart's Sam Walton Community Leader Award, without ever having worked with the company on an economic level. In 2018, the East Central Illinois Development Corporation recognized Kleiss with a lifetime achievement award for his "outstanding leadership in community and economic development as Mayor of the City of Tuscola."

From their Tuscola home, Dan and his wife Amy raised two children Cory and Jessie who as adults have returned to the community to raise their families. Cory with his wife Kristin Kleiss with their children Ava and Grayson and Jessie with her husband Bo Hanner have now put down roots in the community, as well.

In a letter nominating Kleiss for the TCHS Alumni Hall of Fame honor it was said that Mayor Kleiss has continued to be a stabilizing influence for the city in uncertain economic times and through his work he's exemplified the term "Service Above Self" for the City of Tuscola.

Alumni Association

Celebrating 11 years!

The TCHS Alumni Association is 11 years old now! We started by accumulating funds from donations, memorials and a 50/50 cash drawing. What do we use these monies for? We have expenses in our Hall of Fame inductees' plaques and mementoes, our reception in the Library after the Homecoming parade, our luncheon at the Museum, and our all-school reunion at the Community Bldg. following the Homecoming football game. The committee wanted to make a difference at the high school and began awarding scholarships to seniors who had relatives who previously graduated from TCHS. We'd like to keep these special scholarships going. Any ideas, suggestions, donations may be sent to TCHS Alumni Assn., 907 Lake Shore Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953. You may also email shoes76@aol.com—Marci Hausman Shoemaker (Class of '74), President, or phone 217-253-9400. This group was formed to make a better Homecoming for all of the alumni and give back to our alma mater and Tuscola. The committee consists of Bob Utterback (Class of '59), Barb Utterback (Class of '62), Bruce Wood (Class of '75), Alan & Marci Shoemaker (Class of '74), Ryan Hornaday (Class of '97), Cheryl Bozarth (Class of '74), Kathy Frye (Class of '77), Sherri Stewart (Class of '85), Lyn Kohlbecker (Class of '74) and Becky Carroll (Class of '66).

TCHS Alumni Association (501c3 organization) does not solicit membership dues. We are wholly funded by your donations and contributions to our fundraising events.

THANK YOU!!



These shirts and huggies are for sale to benefit the Alumni Assn.—scholarships and Homecoming events. Sizes run from S—3XL; long sleeve t's—\$20; short sleeve t's—\$15; huggies—\$2.

Contact Marci or Alan at 253-9400!



TCHS Alumni Association is now accepting Donations through PayPal – the link below takes you directly to the site to donate in any amount that you would like. You can donate with your PayPal account or with a Debit or Credit Card.

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We will also have the option for you to pay for items and upcoming special events through PayPal – be sure and watch the newsletters and flyers that you receive. If you know of someone who would like to be on our mailing list, please have them contact Marci Shoemaker at shoes76@aol.com.



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Tuscola High School
Alumni Association

has over 1580 friends!

Some classes have their own page!

Also check out

Remembering Tuscola

for some great reminiscing. . .

Need a memorial for a classmate?

Make a donation to the TCHS Alumni Association. Just send your check to the TCHS Alumni Assn., 907 Lake Shore Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953 in their memory. What better way to remember them by donating to their alma mater!



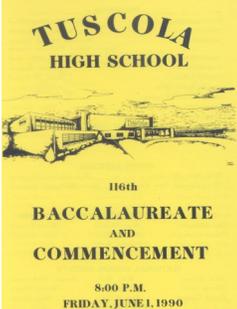
...CLASS OF '74 REUNION SET...



homecoming court: 1973



The TCHS Class of 1974 will be holding its 45th reunion during the Homecoming weekend of Sept. 27 and 28. The official gathering of Classmates will be held Saturday evening at Ironhorse Golfcourse. The caterer has been booked and reservations are rolling in. Please send \$25/person to Cheryl Bozarth, TNB, 900 S. Progress Blvd., Tuscola, IL 61953. Questions—please call Marci or Alan at 217-253-9400 or email at shoes76@aol.com; or Doug Grimm at 217-369-4289 or douglasgrimm@icloud.com. Hope to see all you Classmates then. . . .



2020 TCHS

HOMECOMING #89

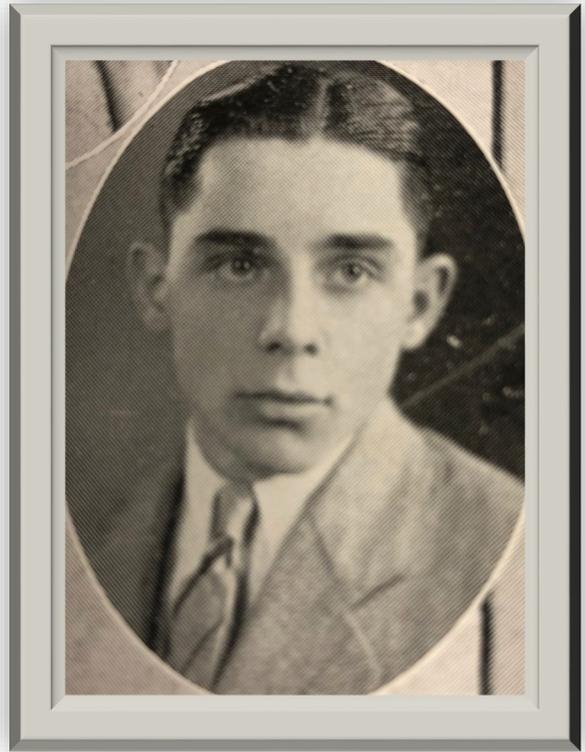
OCTOBER 2 AND 3

Another class ring story...

It all began with this man ⇒



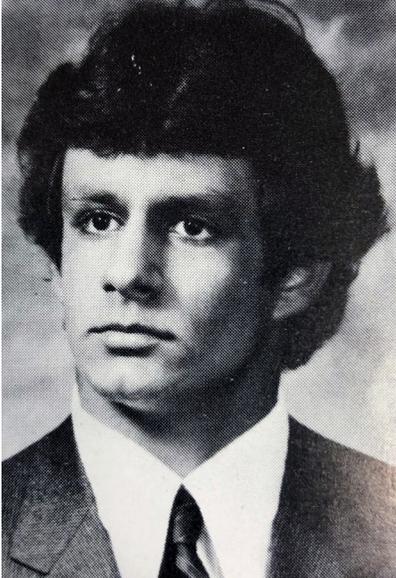
Back in December, the 26th to be exact, Nate Izquierdo posted these three photos on the TCHS Alumni page on Facebook with these comments: "Tuscola 1929 class ring discovered—after all these years I'm not certain how I came to have this item. Looking for some help—I'd like to get it back to the rightful owner's family. Initials seem to be WBW—It's a bit small for me so it's probably a size 10 and may be a man's ring. Reach out or PM me with info." With many comments of guesses who the owner might be, I finally got a chance to research the 1929 yearbook and posted this gentleman's picture that matched the initials...Wendell B. Warren. Then Linda Stark replied that she was his daughter! She wanted Nate to call her at her business and they finally connected. He sent her the ring. Many nice comments about the Warren family and children popped up. We are so happy to report that Linda Warren Stark ('58) is now in possession of her father's 1929 class ring....thanks to Nate Izquierdo ('83).



Wendell B. Warren—TCHS Class of '29

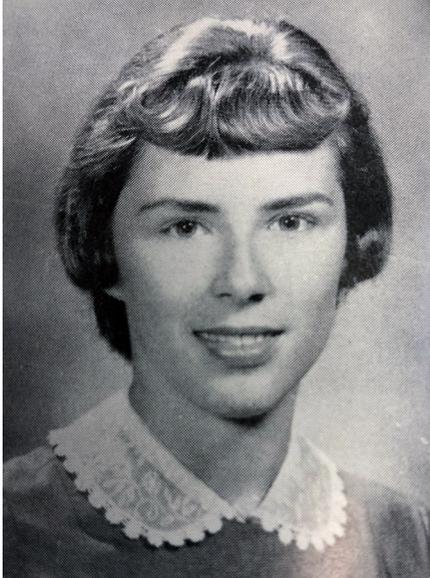


Nate Izquierdo—TCHS Class of '83



Now there's a Part 2: Linda with her appreciation of receiving her father's ring from Nate sent a donation to the Alumni Assn. for a scholarship to use for a graduating senior in Nate's name. Upon hearing this, Nate has decided to match her donation! This is so awesome to see these alum come together. Nate said this scholarship would be to honor his folks, Dr. Ricardo & Merci Izquierdo....who raised him to be this kind of person! Now watch for the fall newsletter to see who their recipient was on Honor's Day 2019.....to be continued!

Linda Warren—TCHS Class of '58



~Marci

FOOTBALL COLA WARS PLATES— VERSION 2019



Thank you for being patient with us as we worked out the FINAL Design for the 2019 Version of the Cola Wars License Plates! Orders continue to flow in - and we appreciate the support!

The game is set for September 6th, 2019 at Arcola and a photo of the artwork is shown below. The Cola Wars License Plates can be displayed on your vehicle from July 9th – September 6th, 2019. A set of plates can again be purchased for \$30.

Your registration **must be valid through September 30, 2019**. If your current registration expires prior to September 30, 2019, you **MUST** renew it. We will need a copy of the valid registration and a copy of the driver's license associated with the vehicle you plan to display the Cola Wars plates on.

We are currently taking orders – you can email Sherri with your plate order, or **click the link below to order and pay through PayPal**. We will be in touch to make sure that we get all outstanding information from you in the coming weeks. You can also **BID for a specific number** – please email: tchsalumni.colarwarsplates@gmail.com if you would like a specific number, and what your bid amount is (it is a sealed bid process – so that will be kept secret until the bid opening—you only PAY if you win that number).

These are first come, first serve. Plates are limited to 200 - so available numbers to bid on will be #1 - 200. Don't miss out - once 200 are sold, no more can be added!

PayPal link to purchase plates: <https://form.jotform.com/80494061092151>

Plates can also be purchased at any Tuscola bank. Feel free to share this with friends who might be interested in purchasing. Email address is tchsalumni.colarwarsplates@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of the TCHS Alumni Association.

Sherri Stewart, TCHS - Class of 1985
217-549-8132 (mobile)



**PLATES WILL BE DELIVERED
AROUND THE 1ST OF JULY....**