

CHS Alumni Newsletter

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News From Our Alumni

1938

questions, call Elsie at 256 734-5881.

We were saddened with the passing of Tom Hagan on May 7th.

1951

1952

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Please visit Edna Griffith's picture website, www.picturetrail.com/gri_globetrotter/htm. It's the pictures for the article "Discover Puerto Rico" which appeared in the last newsletter.

1953

The class of 1953 will be having a reunion on July 29th and 30th. The meeting on July 29th will be at the

1940's

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Albert Sharpton
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1944

The Cullman County High Class of 1944 will hold their 61st class reunion August 20, 2005, at the All-Steak. Come for visiting at 10:00 a.m. The All Steak is not sure of the cost at this time, but we are again asking that a registration and \$20.00 for each person attending be sent in at least a week before the event. Marie will be mailing more information to all members whose address she has. Any

Ruehl Building across from St. John's Church, on the corner of 3rd Ave. and 6th Street and will start at 6:30 P.M. The meeting on July 30th will be at the All Steak Restaurant. A get together will start at 6:30 P.M. and the meal will be served at 7:00 P.M. The cost for Saturday night is \$30.00 per per-

son. If you are interested contact Dottie Henke, 1821Oakmont Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055 or Jackie Melton At 1808 Oakmont Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055. You may also email Dottie Henke at dothenke@hiwaay.net The class still meets every month at the All Steak on the last Tuesday night of

the month at 6:30 P.M. We would like to invite any of the Class of 1953 to join us.

We lost three more classmates this year, Harvey Jordan (Junior), Bill Marty, and Harold Hill.

1954

The Class of '54 had a great time at the 51st get together at Jack and Janie (Paris-Denney) Quattlebaums home on April 29th. There were 50+ members/spouses/friends gathered for fun and fellowship in Jack and Janie's motor home building. Then on the evening of the 30th we had a dinner reunion at the Colonel Cullman Room at CRMC. We have now found and contacted all of our school mates except for Elwin Widner and Syliva Dean Sloan. On June 23 the mini class get together will be at The Angler Restaurant at Trimble. Classmates before/after '54 are welcome to come fellowship and eat (Dutch treat) with us.

Submitted by **Carolyn Peinhardt Johnson**.

1955

1957

Class contact: Joyce Brown
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Bill Cole has just welcomed grandbaby #7, Nathan Thomas Freeman, born to his daughter Kendra and husband Rodney on April 27 in New Jersey. Bill and wife Rae were present for the occasion. Nathan will be spoiled by twin sister (age 3) and big sister (age 5). Bill & Rae reside in Sebring, FL where he serves as Associate Pastor for Education at First Baptist Church. Rae teaches geometry at Avon Park High.

Harwell "Pete" Holmes

Here in Palm Beach Gardens Florida June 1st begins another hurricane season. Let's hope that this year the hurricanes all stay out at sea avoiding south Florida or any other land mass. Though we were hammered rather hard last fall with two hurricanes rolling directly over us, we did not sustain any significant damage to the house. We did lose vegetation (which needed a good trim anyway), and one of our tall avocado trees. Avocado trees have a very shallow root system that doesn't hold up well in high winds. Fortunately, our

other tall avocado tree broke in half before it was up ended, thus it was saved. We did lose electrical power for about a week after each hurricane, and that is when one really experiences how nice cold A/C is during the hot humid late summer months. We shuttered the house and stayed with our daughter who lives a few miles inland from here.... she had electricity and cold A/C.

This past winter we had our usual visitors from the "nawth" as they escaped the cold ice and snow for a week or so. Now it is pay back time as we prepare for our annual summer road trip(s). First stop... Asheville, NC and the Richmond Hill Inn for some of that scenic and cool mountain air, then on to Indiana for family visits.

Since the 1st of the year Sandra and I have been involved in a new project.... butterflies. Or more specific, raising monarch butterflies and creating a butterfly garden habitat that caters to the needs of butterflies. Not only has this become a fascinating hobby for us, the grandkids have picked up on it and have started planting butterfly gardens and raising butterflies also. A great learning experience for the kids... highly recommended. If you would like some FREE seeds for the milkweed plant, the monarch's only food for reproduction, then go to:<http://www.livemonarch.org/free-milkweed-seeds.htm> The monarchs need their habitat restored. Please help.

The life of a retiree is AOK

Pete Holmes

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On-Line Photo Albums: <http://pianopete.com/photos.html>

1959

Gwenda Moore Measel

My husband's class is 1959. My class was 1962. I never graduated, but later took a test here in San Diego. I then went to College and took Drama. I did really well in that area. I have been nominated for Best Actress in The Glass Menagerie (I was Amanda) I have some commercials under my belt, some small parts in movies and a lot of stage work. I have also served as president of an acting club and Vice President to the Scottish Club here in San Diego. I have raised four children, two sons in the medical field and two daughters in acting. I own and train Arabian

Horses (when I have the time), I also take care of my mother. She lives here in San Diego with my husband and me. I have been married 43 years this July 8, 2005. My husband Marty works for a company named Digital Wizards. They have just been bought out by a company based in Huntsville. Marty also teaches Sunday school class at College Ave. Baptist church here in San Diego. I get back to Cullman every year since I have a lot of family there. I love the people and the town is very dear to my heart.

I am leaving for Israel in February. I will be going with Rob Glickman. Rob is my oldest daughter's high school boyfriend. He is Jewish but became a Christian through our family. He is now a Pastor at a church here in San Diego.

I have finally joined SAG (Screen Actors Guild) which makes me a professional actor. If anyone is in San Diego between July 14 and August 13 and would like to see Steel Magnolias, I am playing the part of Ouiser. It will be at the "On Stage Play House", in Chula Vista.

I have just returned from Israel, it was very interesting and a wonder to walk in the steps that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am headed to Italy in November. Hope to see my sweet home town Cullman in August. I am presently headed to Atlanta where I will attend my grandchild's first birthday party, she is my eighth grandchild.

1960

Virginia (Wilder) Stevens and her husband, Stiles, will spend the summer in Cullman with her mother, and in the Boston area enjoying New England and visiting friends there.

Virginia Howard and her sister-in-law Gail Howard (wife of Fred Howard, CHS Class of 1957), under the collaborative pseudonym "H. O. Ward," have written a second murder mystery, *Death by the Reel*, which takes place at a Scottish festival in north Georgia. The book, published by Hilliard and Harris, is scheduled to be in print in June 2005. Their first book, *Death by Unches* (Hilliard and Harris, 2003), involved the same sleuth, Dr. Galimatias, in a crossword-puzzle mystery in New Orleans.

1961

Class Contact: Becky Kirk
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1962

1963

1964

Class contact: James Roden
rodenj@MSN.com

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell
fconnell@bellsouth.net

Peggy Harrison Ambrose:

I have returned to my roots. After 31 years in Huntsville, I retired from Madison County Schools and moved to our beautiful Smith Lake. I work part time in the English Department and Educational Talent Search Department at WSC. I would love to hear from any or all of my former classmates. Email me at: pa123@bellsouth.net

1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn
RONSDONE@aol.com

1969

1970

Class contact: Connie Booher
booherc@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us

1971

Class contact: Rickey Kreps
rickeyk@oecullman.com

1972

Karen Cole Hartzog:

I still live in Cullman. Both of my boys were married in Oct. 2004. Scott and Shannon Mayfield live in Newport News, VA where he is stationed in the Navy. They are expecting their first baby August 7, 2005. I

can't wait to be a grandma. John and Fallon Mayfield live in Corinth, MS. He is the store manager for Captain D's restaurant in Corinth.

1973

1974

Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield
estubble@yahoo.com

Carol (Hallaway) Nichols and James Nichols celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary September 17th.

1975

Class Contact: Ian Frost
itfrost@hotmail.com

Brenda Evans Yarbrough:

Class of 1975 "30" Year Class Reunion...
Had a Great Time!!!! It was so good to see everyone that attended. Wish others would have been there. We need to get together more often than just at Reunions. Life is too short to wait.

1976

Class Of 1976: Reunion

Thirty Years coming up. Anyone from the class of 1976 that would like to plan a reunion for 2006, or would like to be at a reunion in 2006, please contact **Tim Phillips** at: Classof76reunion@juno.com
Look forward to hearing from each of you.

Dawn Lee Bennett Schmeisser died in January, 2005, of pneumonia. She had lived in Germany for the past several years with her husband, Thilo, whom she met when they were both working at the Rehau plant in Cullman. Although she felt a little isolated in Germany, she kept in touch with several old friends through email. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, and visited Egypt, Tunisia, and several other countries. Lee had two terrific sons, Eli and Gabriel Heatherly, who sang at her funeral. Vocal and instrumental music were big parts of her life, and it was nice to see that her talent lives on in her children.

Pat Clem Kobor
Great Falls, Virginia

1977

Class contact: Teri Hansen
dnthansen@smyrnacable.net

1978

Jane Ann Owens

Funeral services for Jane Ann Owens, 45, of Cullman were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman, James Roberts, Terry Tingle, and Bob Kurtz officiating, with burial in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Owens died Monday, Jan. 24, at her residence. She was born Nov. 19, 1959, in Cullman County. She was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Cullman. She was also a Girl Scout leader and a youth director and taught Sunday school at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman. She was preceded in death by her father, "Buck" Shear. Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Owens; her mother, Shirley Ann Smith Shear; two sons, Kyle Caleb Owens and David Collins Owens; a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Owens; and a brother, Buddy (Debbie) Shear.

1979

1980

1981

1982

Class contact: Jonathan B. Green
green-jb@ieee.org

1983

1984

Class contact: Suzanne Harbin
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Class web page:

http://www.geocities.com/cullman_1984/

1985

The **Class of 1985 reunion** committee needs old photos from classmates. If scanned, they can be sent to

mschoenbachler@una.edu, or if not, they can be sent (with return address clearly marked) to:

Matt Schoenbachler
213 Oakview St.
Florence, AL 35633

Wesley P. Hudson (Contact information)
Home address: 1648 Brookhaven Close, Atlanta, GA 30319
Home phone : 404-816-9861
Wife: Cathalyn
Kid : Grayton Patrick, Age 4
Work:
Partner Reznick Group
Certified Public Accountants
2002 Summit Boulevard, Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30319
404-847-7776
wesley.hudson@reznickgroup.com

1986

Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw
Jangaw@aol.com

Where in the world is . . . **Trey Jones**? Trey is married to Cathy McVeigh, who he met in Atlanta. They have a daughter (3 yrs. 10 mos. old) and are expecting a son in October 2005. Trey has been the Director of Golf Operations at Florida State University since 2003. He says "Go Noles!" Previously, 1996 - 2003, he was the Director of Gold at Georgia State University.

If you haven't already sent me some information about yourself please send it soon! (Jangaw@aol.com) I think everyone is interested in where our classmates are as we approach the 20 year mark. A brief bio will do. When you send it, please indicate in the subject line CHS Class of 1986, this will prevent your information from getting lost in my SPAM folder. Also, if you know of someone who is not signed up on the Alumni Web-site pass this information along to them.

1987

Class contact: Angie Grayson Solomon
angiedawn87@yahoo.com

Heather Stiefelmeyer-Mills

We have a new addition to our family, Carly Rose Mills; she was born October 19, 2004. She weighed 9lbs. and 11 oz., her big brother Jacob is eight and big sister Reilly is five. We are very blessed parents! I am working strictly from home now and I love it! Please visit these sites and check it out: www.loseit4ever.net and www.happiernow.com. There are a small group of us that try to get together once a month or so to go out and eat. If anyone would like to join us email me and I will let you know when we are going next. hfsmills@hotmail.com.

Kristen Hogue married Jeremy Clute in Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, May 14th. After a honeymoon to Las Vegas, they will reside in Huntsville.

1988

Devin Hedge has moved back to Washington D.C. to assist a telecommunications company with the launch of an international mobile telephone service. Updated contact information:
Devin and Jennifer Hedge
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Sterling, VA 20165
email: devin@devinhedge.com

1989

Class contact: Deborah Kraft
dmkraft@yahoo.com

1990

Class contact: Susan Nielsen Bowen
susanandbryan5@aol.com

Warren Trimble has moved back to the states and is stationed @ Fort Polk, LA

1991

Class contact: Carrie Cabri Witt
CBCWITT@aol.com

Dusty (Schuman) Townson and her husband Scott welcomed a new little girl last September. Camie Kurt Townson was born on September 1, 2004. They live in Marietta, GA ... along with big sister Madison Kate, who is 2½.

1992

Class contact: Beth Michael Solze
ElizabethSolze@aol.com

Beth Michael Solze:

I will soon finish residency in Internal Medicine at the University of South Alabama. The next stop is Bremerton, Washington to fulfill my Navy duties for 3 years. My husband, Wes, will join me there after he finishes his residency in radiology. Please keep in touch with me via email: DrSolze@aol.com. I would love to hear from all of you. I'll let you know if I go to Iraq!

1993

Chad Shannnon (1993) and wife Misty had a daughter Haley Elizabeth Shannon on April 1, 2005. Chad now teaches and coaches at Tuscaloosa County High School and wife Misty works at Alumni Affairs at the University.

1994

1995

Class contact: Summer L. (Roberts) Kemp
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Joy McAfee Howard

The Class of 1995 is planning our 10 year reunion. The date of the reunion is August 20th and it will be at Terri Pines. More details to follow. I would like to ask everyone to update their info on the CHS Alumni website. We will be sending out a newsletter soon.

My updated info is:

Joy McAfee Howard

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Montgomery, AL 36106
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jhoward@hughesscalise.com
jmcafee@hughesscalise.com

1996

Class contact: Joe Lambert
lambe012@bama.ua.edu

Jason Lynn (class of 96) was killed in a car accident May 05, 2005.

1997

Class contact: Laura Barnes
lkabarnes@yahoo.com

Brandea Burks, is married to Franklin McKee and graduated from University of Alabama with a B.S. degree in International Finance. She is branch manager at a Finance Company in Houston, TX.

Tanya Laursen Easterwood:

I married Todd Easterwood of Hanceville on November 9, 2002. On January 18, 2004, I gave birth to our son, Andrew "Drew" Todd. On March 11, 2005, I delivered a girl--Raigan Clare. Kristin is now almost 10. We plan to have 2 more children, provided God allows.

I received an AAS in Business Management in 2001. I am currently pursuing my AAS in Pharmacy Technology. I will graduate in 2006. After that I plan to get my PharmD at Samford. You may e-mail me at big311fans@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Graham

I am currently a senior at Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA. I live in Meadville, PA which is 25 miles south of the university. My major is Preschool Education and I love the classes I have taken so far. When I am finished with my degree, I am planning on moving closer to my family in Toledo, OH; where my sister, Sheila Graham is currently living. She just bought her first house with her current boyfriend. She is currently Shopgoodwill.com Manager shopgw@goodwillnwohio.org (email address) www.shopgoodwill.com (website) in Toledo for the past 3 years. She would love to hear from you novemberdragonfly@yahoo.com

I hope to make it back someday to Cullman for a visit,

but it may not be until our 10 year reunion. I am so excited to hear all the wonderful things our class has become. I feel honored to be a part of the class of '97.

1998

Class contact: Misty Angle
mlynneangle@hotmail.com

Jennifer Hoover graduated from the University of Alabama law school in May and will be working in litigation at Balch and Bingham beginning in fall 2005.

Leslie McDade:

Hey classmates of 1998, my family and I are still in Nashville and doing quite well. Just a couple months ago we sold our house on Holt road and moved into a brand new subdivision called Chestnut Springs, I love it a lot. I'm studying to get my learners permit and soon drivers license, I know what some of you may be thinking it's about time I learned to drive, I used to be afraid but not anymore. My family has grown, with new nieces and cousins. I'm working now full time for my dad as his secretary. Some of you may remember we had a dog named Miss Vickie, she passed away in October 2001 and now our cat Wally lives with my Grandmother. I would love to hear from my fellow classmates and know how you guys are doing, you can email me at LeslieMc8@Hotmail.com, or you can send me a letter with our address, 9790 Jupiter Forest Drive, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. I check my emails a lot so I can't wait to hear from you.

1999

Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin
csmauldin@hotmail.com

Brook Huffman Thompson
Still happily married (going on 5 years), I now have my 3rd son due in August: Eastlin "Zion" Thompson. His big brothers, Elijah and Judah are now almost 3 and 1. We are excitedly moving June 24th into a bigger house in Birmingham to accommodate our growing family. Although I am currently on bed rest due to pregnancy complications and this will regrettably be our last child, I still love being a stay-at-home mom and watching my family-grow. I have been so blessed by God and wish the same for all of you.

Ashley Lamar is now working with Cullman Savings Bank as the Public Relations Director. She will marry Derek Loggins from St. Clair County on August 27, 2005. They have recently bought a house in Cullman.

Brandi Mallard is engaged to Brian Steorts of Florida and will be married on August 20, 2005.

Rusty Walker is engaged to be married in September of 2005 to Nell Allen from Cookeville, Tn.

Blakely Reese is engaged to be married.

2000

2001

Abby Willoughby Doyle:

I graduated from Wallace (2004) with a degree in Marketing, Business Management and Supervision, and Distribution. On September 18, 2004 I married Trey Doyle, a 1999 graduate of Cullman. Trey also has his degree from Wallace in Business Management and Supervision. We currently reside in Good Hope.

2003

Brian Chandler:

I am finished at Wallace State and will proceed to the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa instead of Auburn. I am majoring in Aerospace Engineering and will be a part of the Million Dollar Band. My new email address is bgchandler@bama.ua.edu.

From the superintendent's desk:

Dr. Jan Harris

School's Out!

Five Tips for a Fun and Productive Summer
Vacation

Jan Harris, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Cullman City Schools

It has been a couple of weeks since the last day of the 2004-05 school year. Parents and students alike are starting to relax and enjoy summer's slower pace. Following the hectic schedule required during the school year, one may now look for creative ways to fill the long, hot summer days that are upon us. I offer

five suggestions for parents who are seeking activities to enjoy with their children.

1. Allow time for relaxation. Some experts call this needed time - Rest Play Reflection (RPR). During this REST time, students “catch up” on needed sleep. Some doctors say that the amount of sleep required is unique for each individual. When sleep is deprived, it must be regained at some point in time. Adolescents require more sleep than adults because they are developing physically and mentally; some young people will sleep 10-12 hours each night.

Keep PLAY activities simple. Some simple, free ideas for PLAY time include having a picnic lunch in the park or on Smith Lake, throwing/catching a ball, and/or feeding the ducks. Be sure to provide physical activity each day for your student. Sixty-three percent of Alabama adults are overweight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Twenty-eight percent of Alabama students were classified as at risk for overweight or as overweight. Don't fall into the trap of allowing the hours to pass by each day with your student glued to the TV or computer. Studies report the average child watches five hours of TV each day! I encourage you to turn off the television or at least minimize the amount of time in front of the TV. Studies have also shown that students who suffer with Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD, ADHS) and Alzheimer's patients have one thing in common – they watched a great deal of TV.

Examine last year's accomplishments as well as areas of needed improvement through time for REFLECTION. Create a scrapbook to capture the memories of the 2004-05 school year. Attach photographs, news clippings, ribbons, notes from teachers and other sentimental artifacts and encourage your student to write his/her thoughts in the scrapbook. This is a great opportunity for creativity and individual expression. This scrapbook will become a priceless treasure in years to come.

2. In addition to student camps and trips, plan family activities that become rituals. Some suggestions include:

- Eat dinner together at the table without television. Change locations for dinner. Have dinner in the dining room one night. The next night, dine in the kitchen or on the porch or have an old-fashioned pic-

nic with quilts on the ground in the backyard. Use your best china at least once. Talk about current events or personal interests. Listen. Celebrate this special time together!

- Attend community events together such as the free “Concerts in the Park.”
- Read a book aloud each evening for 30 minutes. Take turns reading.
- Turn off the television and play games together such as Monopoly or checkers.
- Volunteer at a favorite local charity or simply pick up trash, visit a nursing home, and/or take home baked goods to police officers, firemen and/or clergy.
- Plan a day trip to see areas of interest nearby such as the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament or the Ave Maria Grotto. Also, it is fun to create a theme day where your family visits all the local parks or churches, for example. When my family lived in Richmond, VA, my mother and father planned trips quite often on Sundays after church. We traveled to Jamestown, Williamsburg, and other tourist spots. Because my mother packed a picnic lunch, we were able to drive for about an hour, have a nice picnic, and learn about the historic spot we were visiting all in one day. Most importantly, we shared time together and created a happy memory.

3. Read for fun. Visit the local library and allow your student to choose books to read for enjoyment. Also, it is fun to select old movies and watch them together. Model reading by allowing your children to observe you reading for fun as well. Create a book club for you and your child. Record the names of books you have read together in a shared journal; write comments about each book. Research a topic of interest together and discuss what has been learned.

4. Allow time for creativity. Plan a special event such as a tea party or special project. Girls love to dress up and be silly. Wear old hats and gloves and make special tea party treats such as cucumber sandwiches and cheese straws along with miniature cookies. Enjoy tea in the most beautiful china your family china cabinet houses. Boys might enjoy a building project with Dad such as improving the doghouse or building a birdhouse. Capture the moment with photographs or video. Additionally, learn something new with your child such as painting, sewing or gardening. Time is needed in order for creativity to blossom. Encourage your student to think, dream, and imagine!

5. Create happy memories to be enjoyed for a lifetime. Give children what they want the most – time with YOU. My sister and her daughter created a special day entitled “Mom and Me Day.” Each year, my niece plans this special day where she and her mom spend the entire day just having fun from the time they awaken until bedtime. They look forward to this day each year and talk about it from time to time.

As parents plan for summer activities, remember to supervise children at all times. From experience I have seen some of the sad memories that are created when children suffer an injury due to a careless accident or poor judgment because of lack of supervision. Have fun and enjoy every minute of summer vacation!

From the editor’s desk:

Bill Bagley

Once again a special thanks to all of the alumni and class contacts for their help in putting together the June 05 Alumni Newsletter. I would also like to thank our new superintendent Dr. Jan Harris for her article, *Five Tips for a Fun and Productive Summer Vacation*.

If your class doesn’t have a class contact send the information that you want listed in the newsletter directly to me: wbagley@mindspring.com

If your class isn’t listed in the newsletter it is because that class has never submitted information to be included in the newsletter.

If anything that you sent was left out of the newsletter resend it to me and I will add it to the newsletter on the webpage. Any information that was sent in after the June 12th deadline will be included in the next newsletter.

As always if you do not want to receive alumni information send an email to wbagley@mindspring.com with remove in the subject line, include your name, year of graduation, and email address in the body of the message.