

# CHS Alumni Newsletter

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## News From Our Alumni

### 1938

begin at 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. We will eat around noon that will be a buffet.

### 1940's

**Class contact: Albert Sharpton**  
albert@e9usn.com

Because of the expense of the buffet, we must request each person to pay \$25.50 or \$51.00 per couple. We are trying to cut down on the expense of stamps and time so please let this one letter be enough by putting this date on your calendar now.

June 2, 2008

Dear Classmate,

Unbelievable nostalgia will prevail on Saturday, August 16, 2008.

This will be our fourth reunion of the Class of 1945, which will be a combination of Class 44 and 45.

Please send in your money and any information that we need to know. Please send your money in by July 15th so we can be sure to make the correct reservations.

We have reserved the All Steak for a luncheon and it will

Send to:  
"Class of 1945"  
% Bill Buettner  
806 4th Avenue, S.W.  
Cullman, AL 35055

Mary Mitchell Hagan  
And Reunion Committee:  
Thelma Hicks Arnold  
Earnestine Kelly Teichmiller  
Jack Hudson  
Bill Buettner  
Hilda Wood Freeman

Sincerely,

## 1951

## 1952

**Class Contact: Don Wilcut**  
WILCUT@aol.com

## 1953

The Cullman High School class of 1953 will be having a 55th class reunion on July 18th and 19th. Friday July 18th will meet at the Ruehl Building starting at around 6:00 P.M. and Saturday night July 19<sup>th</sup> at the All Steak restaurant beginning around 6:00 P.M.

## 1954

## 1955

## 1957

**Class contact: Joyce Brown**  
joyceb3@hughes.net

Harwell "Pete" Holmes

Though retired, we have been busy since I last submitted to the newsletter. I guess it would be more accurate to say the grandkids have been busy and Sandra and I follow them and support their activities.

One granddaughter is active on the rodeo circuit riding in barrel racing events. She will be traveling to Mississippi this summer to participate in the nationals. Another granddaughter is currently at a nature camp in Tennessee.

Two of the grandsons are currently in baseball summer camp (Tommy Hutton Baseball Academy( <http://www.thuttbaseball.com/> ). This is a local camp conducted at Roger Dean Stadium, just a few miles from where we live. Baseball is our sport .... Florida Marlins fans.

Another grandson is big into soccer, and will be traveling to Hawaii this summer to par-

ticipate in the Region IV tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii, on June 16-20.

( <http://www.regioniv.com/regional.htm> ). One grandson has just been accepted on a full scholarship to Oxford to pursue an advance degree in international studies starting this fall. Another grandson is touring Europe this summer. The two youngest grandsons are eagerly anticipating similar adventures when they are a little older.

I'm still active with gardening, photography, music, and as the sunspot cycle improves, I'm again enjoying amateur (Ham) radio ... Call K4CFQ.

Harwell "Pete" Holmes

[pianopete@comcast.net](mailto:pianopete@comcast.net)

<http://pianopete.com/>

## 1959

The Cullman High School class of 1959 has begun plans for their 50th class reunion. If you were a member of the class of 1959, please email Brenda Nelson Horn [horn8891@bellsouth.net](mailto:horn8891@bellsouth.net) or Jane Ann Merrill Heitmeiller at [mberryfarm@aol.com](mailto:mberryfarm@aol.com) or call 256-747-0327. Tentative date for the reunion is July 10 & 11, 2009.

## 1960

**Class Contact: Virginia Howard**  
vhoward@cox.net

Virginia Howard is busy preparing illustrations for a picture book, Timothy Hubble and the King Cake Party (by Anita Prieto), to be in print in spring 2009 by Pelican Publishing Company.

## 1961

**Class Contact: Becky Kirk**  
kirkbcrafty@aol.com

Bette Sanders:

After graduating from Auburn, I entered an MA program in international relations at Georgetown, and then joined the Peace Corps (Chile). Later I worked for an NGO in Washington, and taught in a high school in Tuskegee. A chance to teach at Auburn as an instructor for three years made me realize that I should return to grad school. After a Ph.D. in American politics at Cornell, I married Richard Bensel, and we moved to Texas. I taught at Rice University, and then at the New School for Social Research in New York (with a sabbatical year at the Woodrow Wilson Center) before we moved back to Ithaca. We both teach in the government department at Cornell, and have a wonderful, brilliant, exhilaratingly funny son, Seth. I just returned from a conference in China (my first trip to Asia --very exciting), and am resuming work on a book entitled "Presidents, War, and Reform." I continue to devote my thoughts, writing, and energies to peace and democratization, at home and abroad. I am grateful to my teachers at CHS, especially Mrs. Gilbert who taught me to write, Mr. Tillman, who stimulated a life-long fascination with science, and Miss McDonald who led me and my siblings into the great wide world with which other languages allowed us to communicate. And to all the friends I still so fondly remember, please get in touch! I've reconnected with Mary Evelyn, Peggy, Janice, Joyce Ann, Christy, and Ann, but where are Billy Diane Young, and Judy Waldrop?

## 1962

## 1963

## 1964

**Class contact: James Roden**  
rodenj@MSN.com

## 1966

**Class contact: Jane Connell**  
fconnell1@bellsouth.net

Jane Ann Frutiger Fields:

Just had our 5th grandbaby. There's Jackson, 8, Emilee, 5, Eli, 5, Brody, 4 and now Cooper 2 months. I have been retired for 10 years now from teaching elementary school here in Hartselle. We are traveling to Alaska in September otherwise staying busy with our grandchildren.

## 1968

**Class contact: Ron Dunn**  
ronsdone@bellsouth.net

CHS Class of 1968 is having their 40th Reunion on Sat July 19th at The Larkwood Club starting at 6PM.  
Class Contact : Ron Dunn  
ronsdone@bellsouth.net

## 1969

## 1970

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

## 1971

**Class contact: Rickey Kreps**  
rickeyk@oecullman.com

## 1972

## 1973

Shelia Shikle Jordan married Rickey Jordan.

## 1974

**Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield**  
estubble@yahoo.com

Carla Hughes Crimm:

I retired from teaching special education this year. After 30 years of teaching I have a new adventure. I have started a new business. Amy McCracking and I have opened a catering business called Truffles. We are having a great time. You can contact us at [trufflescullman@bellsouth.net](mailto:trufflescullman@bellsouth.net) or [carlacrimm@bellsouth.net](mailto:carlacrimm@bellsouth.net)

## 1975

**Class Contact: Ian Frost**  
itfrost@hotmail.com

## 1976

## 1977

**Class contact: Teri Hansen**  
dnthansen@charter.net

Recently deceased class members:  
Craig Smith was killed in a car accident.  
Robert Montgomery  
Ronald Langley died a couple of weeks ago from cancer.  
Jimmy Schaffer's oldest son, Austin, died recently from a virus which attacked his heart.

## 1978

## 1979

Alan Mangum, class of 1979, passed away on July 13 after a battle with glioblastoma. He was an employee of Blue Cross in Birmingham. He is survived by his parents, and his sisters, Cynthia Mangum Daniel, class of 1976 and Phyllis Mangum Thompson, class of 1978. He also has two nephews, Chase, a junior at Cullman High and Keegan, a student

at Cullman Middle School.

## 1980

## 1981

## 1982

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

## 1983

## 1984

**Class contact: Suzanne Harbin**  
sharbin@cullmanhosting.com

The CHS Class of 1984 is preparing for the 25th Class Reunion to be held next year in 2009. Planning is underway for the event.

Please send updated contact information to one of the following:

Suzanne Fuller Harbin -

[sharbin@cullmanhosting.com](mailto:sharbin@cullmanhosting.com)

Gayle Luhmann Ledbetter -

[bubbaled@gmail.com](mailto:bubbaled@gmail.com)

Todd McLeroy - [dtm@knight-griffith.com](mailto:dtm@knight-griffith.com)

You can also visit the Class of 1984 Official Web Site at: [http://www.geocities.com/cullman\\_1984/](http://www.geocities.com/cullman_1984/)

## 1986

**Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw**  
Jangaw@aol.com  
**Class web page:**

## 1987

**Class contact: Angie Grayson Solomon**  
angiedawn87@yahoo.com

Sean Michael got married last year in Key West, Florida. He and his wife embarked on an ongoing "long, long honeymoon" in their Airstream travel trailer, traversing over

15,000 miles throughout North America. They post these adventures on their website (thelonglonghoneymoon.com) and also as "expert bloggers" for RV.net.

Rhett Thompson moved from Atlanta to New York City.

## 1988

**Class contact: Lynn Gordon Edmonds**  
Elmirajones@aol.com

## 1989

**Class contact: Deborah Kraft**  
deborahmkraft@yahoo.com

## 1990

**Class contact: Susan Nielsen Bowen**  
susanandbryan5@aol.com

## 1991

Karen Cook Bailey -I am now living in Michigan. I work as a funeral director at a local owned funeral home, and actually still have my Alabama Director's license. I have been married for almost 8 years, I have a 15 year old daughter, Hope, a 12 year old step son, Jordan, a 6 year old daughter, Elizabeth, and a 5 year old son, David. My husband, Jeff is originally from Michigan and while I was singing with a gospel group and had traveled to Michigan we met and ended up getting married. We have talked about moving back to Alabama often and may do so within the next three years. I still keep in contact with a couple of old friends, but would like to hear of a class reunion.

Tonja Henson:

My husband Jim and I have moved back to Alabama after 7 years in Florida. I'm **\*finally\*** finishing my business degree at Troy University and hope to graduate in the spring

alongside my sister who is a senior Political Science major there. Kayla is now 15, Kara, 14 and Mallory 11. We have two mini-schnauzers – Felix, 3 yrs and Luna, 22 months. Our latest addition just turned a year old on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. His name is Sirius and he's our 75 lb black Lab puppy.

## 1992

**Class contact: Beth Michael Solze**  
ElizabethSolze@aol.com

Wendy Y. Tysinger:

My husband Don and I had a son on 12/06/07 at 10:36 p.m. at UAB Medical Center in Birmingham, AL. His name is Rhett Walker Tysinger he weighed 8lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Rhett has a big sister Rhianna who is 5 years old. All are doing well.

## 1993

**Class contact: Ashley Holt Green**  
ashleyhgreen@adelphia.net

The class of 1993 had a reunion June 14, 2008. Please logon to <http://groups.google.com/group/CHS1993> for more details.

Brad and Catherine (Romine) Murphy proudly announce the birth of their first child, Ava Claire on June 4th, 2008.

Julie White Dutilly:

My husband, Daniel and I are blessed by the arrival of a little boy in to our family. John Paul Connor Dutilly was born on April 3, 2008 weighing 6lbs 4oz and 20 inches.. He is adored by big sisters Anna Catherine (6), and Mary Helen (2). As if that weren't excitement enough, we are now in the process of moving from Melbourne, Florida to Greensboro, North Carolina. It is a new ad-

venture for us and we are looking forward to moving to a new place near family.

## 1994

**Class Contact: Jennifer Huffstuttler Parker**  
gnjayparker@bellsouth.net

Guys and Girls

Friends and Family:

The time has come for me to tie the knot with Andrea. We have been together for 3 years now and I am not getting any younger even though I still look and act 19 YO...

July 26, 2008 is going to be the date for the wedding. It will be a very small wedding with just family in Birmingham. I wish I could invite everyone of my friends, because I am sure I owe you something for taking care of me at one point or another. Everyone should know I literally have hundreds of good friends that I still keep up with over the years of moving around Mississippi and Alabama. We will still live in Opelika after the wedding.

Keep in touch,

Dee Black

256-710-2388

sputtermill@yahoo.com

## 1995

**Class contact: Summer L. (Roberts) Kemp**  
summerlou98@aol.com

Brent and Amy Smith announce the birth of Willa Carol Smith. She was born on July 6, 2007 and is the perfect addition to our family. Brent, Amy and Willa continue to reside in Jacksonville, Alabama where Brent works as a Training Coordinator with Learning Tree, Inc. and Amy is employed as a Senior Supervisor with the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources.

## 1996

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

Stephanie Nolen is expecting her first child in July. It's a little boy and his name will be Lane. Her married name is Stephanie Usher.

## 1997

**Class contact: Laura Barnes**  
lkabarnes@yahoo.com

## 1998

**Class contact: Misty Angle**  
mlynneangle@hotmail.com

Mark Yates, CHS 1998 graduate, passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2008. A Celebration of His Life was held on Friday, June 6, Seventh Street Baptist Church with burial in the Cullman Public Cemetery. A website has been established for friends and family to post their remembrances -

[www.marksmessage.wikispaces.com](http://www.marksmessage.wikispaces.com)

Hello Class of 98,

Well things are going well here, I still have my job at the movie theater and soon to be promoted to Coffee Shop Supervisor. I can't wait till our reunion. Hopefully soon I will be getting a new car, I have already started looking. My family is still growing I have two new cousins on both sides of my family. I feel sad that we won't see Mark Yates at the reunion, I am sorry he has passed away, although I didn't know him real well it's still sad to lose someone.

Leslie McDade

## 1999

**Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin**

csmauldin@hotmail.com

The class of 1999 is in the process of planning our 10 year reunion for next summer/fall. Please send your contact information to Beth Windham Collins at [windhambeth@yahoo.com](mailto:windhambeth@yahoo.com)

## 2000

Caitlin (Alldredge) Bates (class of 2001) and Weston Bates (class of 2000) welcomed a baby boy on November 13, 2007. His name is Wheeler Bryant Bates.

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## 2002

**Class Contact: Austin Hall**  
hallaus@auburn.edu

Rachel Buzbee McPhillips:

John and I have been married almost 3 years. We have a wonderful daughter Addison who will be two in October. We recently found out we have another addition on the way in January 2009! I work part time at the North Alabama Pain Center.

## 2003

Emily Hayes is rocking the airwaves in Mobile on one of the last independent radio stations in the state, 92 WZEW (The Zew).  
<http://92zew.net/>

Stefanie Lee:

I was married March 28<sup>th</sup>, to Andrew Wallburg, my new name is Stefanie Lee Wallburg. I now work for a contractor for NASA as a chemist.

## From the editor's desk:

**Bill Bagley**

Once again a special thanks to all of the class contacts for their help in putting together the July Alumni Newsletter. If your class doesn't have a class contact send the information that you want listed in the newsletter directly to me: [whbagley@bellsouth.net](mailto:whbagley@bellsouth.net)

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

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