

# CHS Alumni Newsletter

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## News From Our Alumni

### 1938

### 1940's

**Class contact:**

**Albert Sharpton**  
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**Edward Almon Wright**, 84, of Jensen Beach, FL, passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Mr. Wright was the son of William Arthur and Elma Juliet Holmes Wright. He was born in Morgan County, AL. He resided in Jensen Beach, FL for the past 10 years, moving from Oak Ridge, TN. Mr. Wright was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and

two sons, William Edward Wright of West Palm Beach, FL and Robert Wade Wright of Stuart, FL; sister, Mary Wright Roberts of Decatur, AL; and grandchildren, Laura Elizabeth and Michael MacGregor Haythorn

he was a graduate of Auburn University. He was a licensed Professional Engineer. Before retirement, he worked for the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, TN. Mr. Wright was a member of the Auburn Alumni Association, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Friends of the Smokies. He was an avid hiker and hiked to Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park over 1300 times. Survivors include his wife Patricia W. Wright of Jensen Beach; daughter, Peggy Wright Haythorn of Chapel Hill, NC;

and Austin Robert and Charles Edward Wright. Memorial contributions in Mr. Wright's memory may be made to Friends of the Smokies, PO Box 1660, Kodak, TN 37764-7660. A memorial service was held on May 30th in the

chapel at Flint Creek Baptist Church in Vine-  
mont. A marker was placed in the church  
cemetery.

A guestbook may be found here:

[http://www.heavencalled.com/guestbook.php?  
id=797#comments](http://www.heavencalled.com/guestbook.php?id=797#comments)

## 1951

## 1952

**Class Contact: Don Wilcut**

WILCUT@aol.com

## 1953

The class of '53 is having a mini reunion on  
July 16, 2010, at the Ruehl Building across  
from St. Johns church. We lost two of our  
classmates this year, Joann Hyatt and Aubrey  
Smith. Another classmate lost her husband,  
Mary Emma Gray Perdue lost Max a few  
weeks ago.

We are still a pretty active group. We keep in  
touch by telephone, email and we get together  
each month on the last Tuesday of the month  
at the All Steak café at 11:00 for lunch.

Lowell Vann, who comes from Birmingham  
each month, received an award at the Cullman  
Foundation meeting. He is still teaching at  
Samford University and planning trips abroad.

**Dottie Henke**

dothenke@hiwaay.net

## 1954

## 1955

## 1957

**Class contact: Joyce Brown**

joyceb3@hughes.net

## 1959

## 1960

There have been a number of inquiries about  
information on a reunion for this class. As of  
the sending of this newsletter I have not re-  
ceived anything. If anyone has information  
please contact me [whbagley@bellsouth.net](mailto:whbagley@bellsouth.net)  
and I will post that information on the 1960  
Alumni Page.

## 1961

**Class Contact: Becky Kirk** [kirkbcrafty@aol.com](mailto:kirkbcrafty@aol.com)

The CHS Class of 1961 has scheduled their  
50th class reunion for October 21st and 22nd,  
2011. The event will be held at Stone Bridge  
Farm,

<http://www.stonebridgewedding.com/>. **Martha  
Teague Weaver** is in charge of reunion plans.

The CHS Class of 1961 now has a web site,  
<http://CHS61.net> and we encourage all 1961  
graduates to join our group. Despite searching  
diligently for almost two years, we still have  
classmates who have not been located. If you  
know how we can contact any of these gradu-  
ates, please call **Eddie Edmondson** at (256)  
736-4682 or email **Wendell Hamrick** at  
[woody@hamricknet.net](mailto:woody@hamricknet.net). The classmates can  
also go directly to CHS61.NET and join us on  
the web site.

### **Missing 1961 Classmates:**

Jackie Allred, Cathren Bagwell, Merle Baker,  
Shirley Burnham, Genny Cagle,  
Katy Campbell, Linda Cheatwood,  
Bill Clements, Pat Cook, Anna Faye Coots,  
Dickie Davenport, Eugene David, Jearl  
Dean Edwards, Shirley Eubanks,  
Jeraldine Gammon, Bonnie Griffin, Bar-  
bara Hall, Brenda Hames, James Hendrix,  
Steve Henry, Linda Holmes, Betty Hudson,  
Wallace Huffman, Sue Jacobs, Dale Kanaday,  
Herbert Kilpatrick, Barbara Laminack, Ray

Legg, Barbara Leverett, Ann Lindsey, Mary Helen Martin, Patricia Marty, Perry Measel, Elaine Murphree, Bobby Nail, Sandra Narrell, Terry Nicklous, Wayne Nicklous, Sandra Sue Phillips, Dorothy Powell, Judy Priest, Joan Reid, Judy Rogers, Jimmy Self, Donna Smith, John Mack Smith, Janie Taylor, Bobby Tucker, Faye Walker, Barbara Ward, Jeanette White, Walter Williams, Wayne Williams, Ann Wood, Ramond Woodard, Luther Wooten, Margaret Yates, and Dianne Young.

The Cullman High School Class of 1961 is planning their 50th class reunion for October 21st and 22nd, 2011. Classmates may access the Class of 1961 web site for details: <http://chs61.net>

**Woody Hamrick**

## 1962

**Randall Freeman**, former math teacher at CHS passed away Friday Jan. 15th.

**Jerry & Sandy Cole** [cole7937@bellsouth.net](mailto:cole7937@bellsouth.net)

## Bob Prater

In May 2010, I portrayed President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly. On June 8, 2010, I was recognized with a proclamation from the House of Representative of the Tennessee General Assembly. On Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, I portrayed Mr. Roosevelt in the Chapel of World War II Street at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

## 1963

## 1964

**Class contact: James Roden**  
[rodenj@MSN.com](mailto:rodenj@MSN.com)

## 1966

**Class contact: Jane Connell** [fconnell1@bellsouth.net](mailto:fconnell1@bellsouth.net)

The Class of 1966 will have a mini Dutch Luncheon Saturday, August 21st at 12:00-2:00 at the All Steak in Cullman. We need an RSVP to make sure that we have the correct room size and the All Steak wants to know a count. Contact either **Jane Ann Frutiger Fields** at [ldjaf@charter.net](mailto:ldjaf@charter.net) or **Sonya Wiloughby Cabri** at [scabri@bellsouth.net](mailto:scabri@bellsouth.net).

Cullman High School Class of 1966 have had two mini-reunion lunches at the All Steak in Cullman. It was so much fun to catch up on old friendships. Another reunion luncheon is planned for August, and we would love to see everyone attend. Please check your facebook announcement pages and RSVP if you can come. See you there!

[keenumlinda@yahoo.com](mailto:keenumlinda@yahoo.com)

**Linda Keenum**

Class of 1966 - **Fremon "Ray" Whatley** passed away on July 14th, 2009. Ray was a life-long resident of Cullman, Alabama. Ray also served in the United States Air Force for 15 years. Ray was a Vietnam Veteran. Ray is buried at Emeus Cemetery in Logan, Alabama. Ray's son Paul is requesting any photos from yearbooks and friends that they may be able to share. You can e-mail Paul at [paul-whatley@kc.rr.com](mailto:paul-whatley@kc.rr.com).

## 1968

**Class contact: Ron Dunn**  
[ronsdone@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronsdone@bellsouth.net)

## 1969

## 1970

**Class contact: Connie Booher**  
[booherc@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us](mailto:booherc@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us)

## 1971

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

Class of 1971's upcoming 40th reunion (next year). We have started a Facebook Group, which is open to not only 1971 graduates but any other interested parties. Planning and future details will be posted there. The Group name is: Cullman High School Class of 71.

**Loretta J. Dotson Valdez**

I have had a real adventure this Fall and Winter. At the end of September I had a knee replacement done. I had put it off for almost 3 years and knew I had to do something. The surgery went well, but then I woke up from the anesthesia. What the (string of really awful expletives) have I done? The first month I was convinced I had made a horrible mistake. The physical therapists kept making me do things that the human body was never intended to do - things like walking and such. However I was stubborn and just showed them I COULD do it. I am now walking much better than I have for several years and am glad I had the procedure done.

Hope everyone else is feeling pretty good.

**Nancy Reasonover Stretcher '71**

## 1972

## 1973

**Rose Boike Smith**, just had our second grand child- a girl, this time! This gives us a boy and girl, being a grannie is GREAT!

## 1974

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

## 1975

**Class Contact: Ann Hamrick Culpepper**  
[annhculpepper@bellsouth.net](mailto:annhculpepper@bellsouth.net)

**Lisa Whisenhunt**

Trying to locate Jim Zuber from class of 1976. Anybody know how to reach? Ian Frost; you are still my "dude" from 1975.... Hats off to you! Go England and Canada!! All good here.

**Brenda Evans Yarbrough**

New granddaughters. My youngest daughter (Halie Yarbrough Jones) gave birth to twin girls on April 28, 2010. Cadence Victoria Jones - born at 4:37 p.m., 5 lbs, 15 oz and was 18" long. Kye Tamsyn Jones - born at 4:38 p.m., 5 lbs, 10 oz and was 19" long.

Class of 1975 will be having their 35th Class Reunion on June 26th from 6:00pm until ? at Culpepper's Party Barn.

## 1976

## 1977

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

**Patty Lyons**

"I am interested in knowing how Paul Mitchell Lackey is doing and where he is living now. He lived and worked in the Atlanta/ Woodstock, Ga area for many years and has friends in the area. We lost contact with him when he moved back to Alabama. You can contact me at [pattylyons@bellsouth.net](mailto:pattylyons@bellsouth.net). Any information will be appreciated."

## 1978

## 1979

## 1980

Class of 1980 is having its 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. and 24<sup>th</sup>. Friday night July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 6:30 p.m. at Rumors Deli a casual reunion, and the main reunion event Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 p.m. at the Rotunda (across from Rumor's Deli). Contact **Terry Harbin** for information [th@firstfederalcullman.com](mailto:th@firstfederalcullman.com)

## 1981

**Class contact: Regina Quick**  
rmqpc@mindspring.com

## 1982

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

## 1983

My son, Jasef Kyle Wisener, graduated from CHS in May 2010, he was the Salutatorian for his class. His dad and I, Mark Sr., are so proud of him and I just wanted to put it in the newsletter. He will be attending Auburn University in fall of 2010 and will have a double major. He received the Presidential Scholarship from Auburn University and also won the Robert C. Bryd Scholarship as well. I wanted to share this with all my fellow classmates.

**Sandy Kritner Wisener**

## 1984

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

1984, **Tony Brock** died on March 20, 2010, of heart failure.

Dear classmates,  
As most of you are aware one of our classmates, **John Snowden**, suffered a life-altering

injury a few months ago. John fell approximately 20 feet from a ladder while climbing into a hunting stand and sustained some very serious injuries. His injuries included several broken ribs, a broken wrist, two punctured lungs, and worst of all a cracked vertebrae. John has spent a considerable amount of time in the hospital in Michigan (where he lives) recovering from his injuries. The broken bones and punctured lungs have healed, but John is unfortunately paralyzed from the waist down. To further complicate matters John is still undergoing intense medical treatment due to a pre-existing condition (Crohn's Disease) that has only been exacerbated by this injury. John is employed by Chrysler and fortunately insurance has picked up a considerable amount of the bills associated with this type of injury. However, John and his wife Terri are still having a difficult time with the considerable amount of bills and costs that go along with this. To be honest, I never realized the costs incurred when something like this happens. From building ramps, putting in rails, constructing a special bedroom downstairs, buying medical equipment, purchasing a special bed, a lift for the automobile, physical therapy and the myriad of other costs, it is overwhelming.

When I first approached John with this idea he was vehemently against it. However, now that he is home and the bills have starting arriving he now realizes that he is facing an uphill battle financially. A contribution account has been established in John's name. Please consider giving to one of our own only if you are able.

On a positive note, John is starting to get back to his smart-aleck self that we all know. He is regaining strength and endurance day by day and is working hard in his physical therapy. As

you may remember, John does not give up easily and this situation is no different; he fully expects to recover from this injury and return to work at Chrysler and to once again go hunting and fishing like he's always done. Please feel free to drop John a card or a note to say hello (or register a complaint about your Chrysler vehicle-just don't tell him I said so). He has told me on numerous occasions that the cards, letters, and well-wishes have helped him more than anything. Thank you in advance!

### **Mitch Hanson**

Contributions can be sent to:  
Michigan Catholic Credit Union  
c/o John Snowden Support Fund  
845 South Lapeer Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

If you would like to drop John a note, his address is:

John Snowden  
6881 Vail Court  
Clarkston, MI 48348

### **1985**

#### **Dorothy Cespedes Dominiack**

Dorothy and her husband, Randy, are expecting their second child, a girl, in September. She will be joining big brother, Kenny.

#### **Michael Hansen**

Our oldest daughter (Kristen Hansen) graduated from High School a few weeks ago and was accepted into Georgia Tech's Polymer & Fiber Engineering School. She starts this Fall... Hope to see you at the 25th...any word on when and where???

### **1986**

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

Class of 1986 - Anthony Whatley, son of **Paul and Donna Whatley**, graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School located in Overland Park, KS. Anthony was on the high schools debate team (lettered), track & field team, and participated in other various activities. Anthony is an Eagle Scout and currently works for the Boy Scouts of America in Kansas City, MO. Anthony will be attending Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS pursuing an Associates Degree in Automotive Technology.

Paul Ray Whatley  
[paulwhatley@kc.rr.com](mailto:paulwhatley@kc.rr.com)

### **1987**

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

### **1988**

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

### **1989**

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

#### **Brandy Murphy Lee**

I have recently opened my own law firm associated with a group Red Mountain Law in Birmingham. My new email is  
[brandy@leelawfirmllc.com](mailto:brandy@leelawfirmllc.com)

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Lee Law Firm, LLC  
15 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N  
Third Floor  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
205-328-9445 P

800-856-9028 F  
205-531-7140 M

## 1990

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

Class of 1990 Reunion  
Saturday, October 30, 2010  
Location TBD

We need to find our classmates. If you have contact info for someone (not on facebook) from the class of 1990, please send it to [sprice77@gmail.com](mailto:sprice77@gmail.com).

Thanks,

**Shannon Carter Price**

## 1991

## 1992

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

## 1993

**Brian Cespedes**

My wife and I welcomed a baby girl on Feb 1st, Evelyn Ann Cespedes.

## 1994

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

## 1995

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

## 1996

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

## 1997

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

**Jason Veigl** class of 1997. I was remarried August 8, 2009 to Sandy Renee Watkins of Shreveport, LA. We have a 9 year old from my first marriage Haley Nicole Veigl. A 5 year old from my wife's first marriage Oliver Ragon Carver and a 4 month old son Jacob Alexander Veigl, born March 3rd 2010. I am currently employed by Morris & Dickson Pharmaceutical Wholesale computer division, New Tech Computer Systems. We develop/install nursing home software for the southeastern United States. I am a 2006 graduate of Louisiana Tech of Ruston with a Bachelor of Science in Networking and my wife is a 2001 graduate of LSU of Shreveport with a Bachelor of Science in Programming. She also graduated in 2005 from LSUS with a Bachelors in Education. She is currently a 9th grade Algebra 1 teacher at Byrd High School in Shreveport.

## 1998

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

**Leslie McDade**

Hello Class of 98, things are going well here. Last month we had to deal with the massive historic flood. My moms brother Howard passed away on June 14 from lung cancer and several other things. My brother graduated from college in Portland. I recently got a new second job after I lost the Ruby Tuesdays job back in March. I now work at Dunkin Donuts-Baskin Robbins in addition to my movie theater job. Hope everyone else is doing well.

## 1999

**Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin**  
csmauldin@hotmail.com

## 2000

**Wesley Harding and Jennifer Easterwood** were married in July.

**Leslie Dellinger Mertz** and her husband, Wayne, welcomed their first child, Jackson Wayne, on March 5, 2010.

## 2001

## 2002

**Class Contact: Austin Hall**  
ahall@gray.com

### **From the superintendents desk:** **Dr. Jan Harris**

Inspiring students for lifelong success  
Jan Harris  
July 6, 2010

Education builds good citizens, an equipped workforce, and overall, a better community. Our future is entrusted to the youth of today. It is our responsibility to prepare them for tomorrow. Our mission, in Cullman City Schools, is to *inspire students for lifelong success through character, citizenship and scholarship.*

We strive to promote outstanding character and citizenship through challenging curriculum and instruction, and a system-wide character education plan. Faculty and staff support our mission through students' daily academic work, leadership opportunities, and extracurricular activities. Our plan is reinforced by sharing "the word of the week" and "the theme of the month" in the superintendent's weekly digital newsletter. Our Boys' Tennis Team exemplifies outstanding character. The team was

awarded the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Sportsmanship Award for the 5-A State Tennis Tournament. This award was voted on by all of the athletes who competed.

As we reflect on the ending of the 2009-2010 school year, I am reminded of the stellar accomplishments of our students displayed through the Class of 2010. These students are the reflection of our school district's mission. This class is filled with 202 talented young men and women with an eclectic array of interests and abilities. For example, in this diverse class we find Warren M. who received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. We find Daphne K. who is a National Merit Scholar, and Jim C. who earned the prestigious Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, in the Class of 2010 is Cameron B., the first student, to my knowledge, to be named Cullman County United Way Volunteer of the Year. We also find two-time Alabama State Champion Pole Vaulter Michael A. and Jordan J., Cullman County Junior Miss.

This exemplary class is filled with talented students like Class Vocalist Paige H., Class Musician Yurika C., and Alabama State Champion Actor Corey B. We have students like Valedictorian Caroline H. who set the highest standards for their academic performance. Yes, Class President Bailey H. or Student Council President Chelsea N. will tell you that this class is diverse and smart. This outstanding class earned a total of \$4,611,400 in scholarships.

Because we value service to others and wish to communicate its importance to our students, the Cullman City Board of Education approved a Community Service Seal for students in 2007. The purpose of this service learning

initiative is to reach out to our community and instill in our students a lifelong dedication to service to others. Forty-four (44) seniors each completed 100 hours of community service and received this prestigious community service seal on their diploma and transcript.

These young men and women could be seen cleaning up the cemetery, working in nursing homes, volunteering at the hospital or Good Samaritan Clinic, working at the Cullman County fair, Kiwanis pancake breakfast or Lions Club fish fry, or tutoring students at the Primary School, for example. Because of this innovative program, the Cullman area has benefitted from over 7600 hours of community service since its inception.

Our students are smart, talented, hard-working young people who truly care about others and the world in which they live. I am proud of our seniors' myriad accomplishments, and I applaud their leadership, service, scholarship, and character. It is a blessing for me to work with our outstanding students each day. On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, I want to deliver heartfelt appreciation to the Cullman community for loving and supporting our deserving students.

## **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 2010 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.

**As always if you do not want to receive**

**alumni information send an email to [whbagley@bellsouth.net](mailto:whbagley@bellsouth.net) with remove in the subject line, include your name, year of graduation, and email address in the body of the message.**