

# CHS Alumni Newsletter

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## News From Our Alumni

### 1938

### 1940's

**Class contact:**  
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### 1951

### 1952

**Class Contact: Don Wilcut**  
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### 1953

The class of '53 had a mini reunion in 2010. They met at the Ruehl building at St. Johns Church on Friday night July 16, 2010. A great crowd of Classmates attended. On Saturday morning,

### 1954

### 1955

several of the classmates met for breakfast at the All Steak. Our classmates from the class of 1953 show great support for each other. They have changed their monthly meetings at the All Steak to a noon meal on the last Tuesday night of each month and usually have a good group show up for this meal. They are so fortunate to have so many of their classmates who live out of state and out of town attend these functions. They have had some classmates who have lost a mate, a parent or a relative and some who have suffered serious illnesses since the last Newsletter was published.

**Lowell Vann** was honored at the Cullman City Foundation Meeting in March 2010. Lowell is still teaching at Sanford University in Birmingham.

### 1957

**Class contact: Joyce Brown**  
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**Gail (Haynes) McCullers**, has lived in Auburn, Alabama since the Fall of 1957. She and Richard E. McCullers (formerly of Homewood, Alabama)

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 10, 2010. Both attended Auburn University. Gail retired from Auburn with 45 years of service. Richard retired from the U. S. Post Office with 30 years of service and was a freshman at Auburn when they won the 1957 Football Championship and, 53 years later, is still living in Auburn, the Tigers are again the #1 football team in the USA. Their son, Mark is married to Leigh Ann Cook from Sylacauga and they live in Waverly. Their daughter, Collie is married to Steve Wells. They have a son, Nate, who is 7 years old. Collie, Steve and Nate live in Prattville, Alabama.

## 1959

**Class contacts: Brenda Horn and J.A. Heitmueller**  
horn8891@bellsouth.net or mberryfarm@aol.com

Recently deceased class members:

**Jerry Lindsey, Jay Mosley, Barbara Almon, Ann Hicks, and Jimmy Blair.**

## 1960

**Virginia (Wilder) Stevens**, class of 1960, and husband, Stiles Stevens, cruised down the Elbe River this summer, visiting Dresden, Melnik, Potsdam, Dessau, Wittenberg and other villages and castles along the river. An extended week in Prague, Czech Republic, and Berlin, Germany, revealed many historic sights, and was most inspiring in demonstrating how these two cities have risen from the war experience and from Communism to become fast-paced, elegant metropolises (or metropolii, for Miss McDonald's purist Latin students). Virginia made a list of German names she could remember from Cullman, and checked them against the phone book in Berlin. The results were about a 95 percent hit in matching our names with names found in the old country!! Very interesting.

## 1961

**Class Contact: Becky Kirk** 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 in Cullman, <http://www.stonebridgewedding.com/> Martha Teague Weaver is in charge of reunion plans.

The CHS Class of 1961 has their own web site,

<http://CHS61.net> and we encourage all 1961 CHS graduates to join. There is no charge.

**We have not been able to locate the following classmates.** If you know how we can contact any of these graduates, please call Eddie Edmondson at 256-736-4682 or Margaret Ann Adderhold at 256-734-2955. Classmates can also go directly to CHS61.NET and join us. For more information about CHS61.net, contact Wendell (Woody) Hamrick at [woody@hamricknet.net](mailto:woody@hamricknet.net)

### Missing 1961 Classmates:

Cathren Bagwell, Merle Baker, Kenneth Bates, Shirley Burnham, Genny Cagle, Katy Campbell, Dorothy Caples, Linda Cheatwood, Anna Faye Coots, Dickie Davenport, Eugene David, Linda Doyle, Jearl Dean Edwards, Shirley Eubanks, Joyce Fulenwider, Bonnie Griffin, Barbara Hall, Hilda Haynes, James Hendrix, Steve Henry, Wallace Huffman, Sue Jacobs, Dale Kanaday, Herbert Kilpatrick, Barbara Laminack, Ray Legg, Barbara Leverett, Ann Lindsey, Mary Helen Martin, Patricia Marty, Sandra Narrell, Eloise Nesmith, Terry Nicklous, Wayne Nicklous, Sandra Sue Phillips, Dorothy Powell, Judy Priest, Kenneth Reeves, Joan Reid, Jimmy Self, Donna Smith, John Mack Smith, Hugh Speakman, Helen Taylor, Bobby Tucker, Faye Walker, Jeanette White, Wayne Williams, Ann Wood, Luther Wooten, Margaret Yates, and Dianne Young.

## 1962

## 1963

## 1964

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

## 1966

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

The CHS Class of 1966 is planning its 45th Reunion. It will be held at Terri Pines Country Club in Cullman on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. An announcement and response letter is in progress and class members should expect to receive it very soon.

We have worked hard to find all our classmates but have been unable to locate the following persons: Allen Ponder, Aaron Parker, James Reese, and Gerry Oden.

If you have any information on these people, please let me know. We look forward to seeing everyone on April 2.

**Kathy Hendrix Maner**  
[manerpandk@aol.com](mailto:manerpandk@aol.com)

**Danny Spears**, Class of 1966. I recently borrowed the All Steak Restaurant's recipe to bake orange rolls for my fellow employees. West Coasters love them just as much as we did back in the 60's.

## 1968

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

## 1969

## 1970

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

Class of '70 had our 40 year class reunion this past June. We had so much fun it was decided to try and have quarterly get-togethers! We met for a Tail Gate the night of CHS Homecoming. We will be meeting again on Saturday, January 15, 2011 for a night of Soup & Salad at the home of Allan Thraikill Pelletier.

## 1971

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

The Class of 1971 will hold their 40 year reunion on Saturday, May 28, 2011...For information call 256-739-4092 (Jan) or 256-734-1900 (Rickey)

CHS 1971 - 40th Class Reunion is planned for Saturday, May 28, 2011.

For more information, visit the Facebook Group: Cullman High School Class of 71

## 1972

## 1973

**Robert (Bob) Smith**

BULLETS OF 2010:

Married to Jan (Dean) Smith, class of '76, for 25 year  
8 kids from one marriage, 4 still at home  
Family Practice Office in Blountsville Al  
4 Mission-trips in 2010  
Cardiac Stent placed in 90% coronary stenosis - no damage

## 1974

**Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield**

estubble@yahoo.com

**Gregory Tubbs**

I survived my first year as a sole proprietor, consulting to the National Intelligence Community and the Department of Defense. Keeps me busy. I plan to spend half my time in 2011 on a small farm outside of Reform Alabama...intent is to raise "stocker" cattle. Bought a tractor over Christmas and joined the volunteer fire department. Have not been a part of a community for the last 30 years or so, all a good experience. Our daughter Katie, graduates from U of A Graduate School in May...anyone need a history teacher, with a concentration in American Studies? Our son Chris is a Junior at U of A Engineering School. Needless to say, they are both trying at times....proof positive of a DNA match. I steer clear of stories from my days at school. They are much better than I was. Now that I am retired from the Army, my wife travels with me....all good. She has taken "retirement" more seriously....and is having more fun than I...right now. Last year, I had business in Hawaii and Paris, and several stateside locations. We just got back from Las Vegas, attending the Computer Electronics Show....government sends me to much better places than when I played Army. Life is good, I am blessed more than I deserve. Time has flown. My mom is still in Cullman, so we are there almost every month....will be looking for your smiling faces. Wish me well in the cattle business.

**Karen Gladney Welford**

WAR EAGLE!!!! Proud graduate of CHS 74 and AU 77 & 78!!!!

## 1975

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

## 1976

December 15, 2010

### **Deborah Reitha Lindsey**

The Cullman Times

CULLMAN — Funeral services for Deborah Reitha Lindsey, 52, of Hanceville will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel, Tommy Graves officiating, with burial in Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Hanceville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lindsey died Monday, Dec. 13, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

## 1977

**Class contact: Teri Hansen**

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**Tim Hermetz, CHS Class of 1977**, requests prayers of support and healing as he battles Stage 4 malignant mesothelioma, a rare, aggressive, incurable cancer. Tim was diagnosed May 2009 in Cullman and has had multiple surgeries and chemo treatments. Tim is being treated at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. While at CHS, Tim was class president, class favorite, student council treasurer, track & cross country team letterman, Key Club officer, Drama Club president, American Field Service (AFS) committee member, state DECA oratorical contest winner, state science fair winner and Hilight editor. He attended Troy University, Wallace State College, UAB and Athens State University. Tim has been employed at UAB, Georgetown University, Wallace State-Hanceville and Cullman Regional Medical Center. Tim is the son of Myrna Hermetz of Cullman and the late Rev. Harold Hermetz of Cullman, and brother of Todd Hermetz, CHS Class of 1980, and twin sisters, Toni Hermetz Treadway, CHS Class of 1978, and Tina Hermetz, CHS Class of 1978.

## 1978

**Wanda Skinner Geisen** class of 1978 recently opened her own hair salon. It's called "Head 2 Toe". Congratulations!

## 1979

## 1980

## 1981

**Class contact: Regina Quick**

[rmqpc@mindspring.com](mailto:rmqpc@mindspring.com)

Planning is ongoing for the **30th Year Class Reunion** to be held May 14, 2011. Time and place will be determined at a later date. For more information you can go to

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120481637979454&v=wall>

## 1982

**Class contact: Jonathan B. Green**

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## 1983

## 1984

**Class contact: Suzanne Harbin**

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

**Karen Mangum Carnes** I graduated in 1984. My sister, **Kristi Mangum Cerice** graduated in 1989, and my sister, **Vickie Mangum Hammond** graduated in 1979. Our father, **Kinney Mangum** passed away on October 19, 2010.

## 1985

**Dorothy Lynn (Cespedes) Dominiack**

Dorothy and Randy welcomed a daughter, Penelope Ruth, into their family September 26, 2010. Penelope joins her brother, Kenneth Dale, who is 2 years old. Dorothy is also making a transition from Honeywell to Medtronic as a Six Sigma Master Black Belt in Tempe, AZ.

## 1986

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

### **Jeffrey Dean**

146 Fain Street  
Nashville, TN 37210  
615-429-0479 (cell)  
Employed at Genco/Dell Refurb Facility in Lebanon,  
TN as Level 3 Desktop Technician.

**Doug Whatley:** September 2010 started Whatley  
Property Preservation L. L. C., December 24<sup>th</sup> cele-  
brated 23 years of marriage to Renita Adams, May 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2007 first grand daughter born.

**Jan Kraft Gaw** and her husband Rodney moved to  
the Jackson, Mississippi area in November, 2010. Her  
son Samuel, who is 11 years old, is currently part of  
the Mississippi '98 ODP (Olympic Development Pool)  
soccer program.

## 1987

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

**Ed Hughes,** Class of '87, Employed by ABF, Married  
to Alicia Hughes 1992, 2 daughters ages 15 and 12,  
resides in Loganville, GA

**Brett Lamont** now employed at Deb's Bookstore in  
Rockville.

## 1988

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

**Trevor Hale** was recently appointed Director of Cor-  
porate Communications for Ford Asia Pacific and Af-  
rica, based in Shanghai. He can be reached at Trevor-  
cookhale@yahoo.com

### **Lynn Gordon Jones-Edmonds**

Hi Everyone What a year this has been! Hope this  
finds you all Doing well! Class of 88 I am Honored to  
be a part of you! There are SO many new and Exciting  
things going on at CHS this year! This year CHS  
Quarterback club has started selling bricks that are go-  
ing to make a path from the locker room to the NEW

STADIUM, (If you haven't seen the NEW Oliver  
Woodard Stadium Your Missing a GORGEOUS part  
of our Alma Mater, it is Second to NONE!) A few of  
us from the class of 88 have got together and pur-  
chased 2 bricks in memory of Danny Ashley, and have  
raised enough money to make a contribution to his  
Scholarship fund also! If there is anyone else that  
would like to contribute before I send the money to the  
scholarship fund please Contact me at [Elmira-  
jones@aol.com](mailto:Elmirajones@aol.com) Any amount is great and appreci-  
ated! Danny was a special part of our class and our  
lives, and we are proud to honor his memory!

On a personal note, I can't believe how time has  
passed so quickly, My son Hagen is a Jr at CHS and it  
seems like yesterday we were there ourselves, time  
flies when your having fun I guess! Well I hope to  
hear from you all soon! Take Care and GOD Bless  
THE CLASS OF 1988!!!!

## 1989

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

## 1990

**Class contact: Shannon Carter Price**  
sprice@gravitypayments.com

**Dana Pettie** Atchison graduated from Valdosta State  
University with a Master's in Special Education.

### **Warren Trimble**

I moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado and I love  
it so far, but only been here since Sept. I am still a Air  
Traffic Controller and currently working on Fort Car-  
son as a DoD employee. I am still in training, the  
same training that caused me to miss the "Class of  
1990" twenty year reunion. I was up set about that,  
but what can you do.

## 1991

Jim & Tonja Henson (**Tonja Perkins**, class of 1991)  
proudly announce the addition of Madison Grace  
Henson to their family! Madi was born February 1,  
2010 and her adoption was final December 6,  
2010. She was with us sporadically from birth and  
then full time since age 3 months. It was an unex-  
pected yet WONDERFUL turn of events!! Our oldest,  
Kayla - age 18 - is in Gainesville at Santa Fe College  
in their Zoo Program. She plans to be zookeeper at

Disney's Animal Kingdom upon graduation. Kara, our 17 year old, is finishing up her senior year (we home school) and will be following in her mom & aunt's footsteps and will be attending Troy University in the fall. Go Trojans!! Mallory is now 14 years old (I can't call her the baby anymore!!) and is currently consumed by all things Japan and anime. They are super excited about the addition of their new baby sister!

## 1992

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

**Ed Hughes**, Class of '87, Employed by ABF, Married to Alicia Hughes 1992, 2 daughters ages 15 and 12, resides in Loganville, GA

## 1993

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

### **Brandi Daniel Wolfe**

On January 17, 2011 our son Drew (9yrs old) will be performing at Disney World with his TARGET (Team Action & Resources for Gifted Education in Tuscaloosa County) class. They are putting on a play about the wonders of the world! We are so very blessed and very excited to go watch their performance at the Magic Kingdom! Emily (6yrs old) is excited about going back to Disney World again in less than 4 months!

## 1994

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

### **Dee Black**

Andrea and I would like to announce the birth of our first child and baby girl. Jordyn Davie Black was born on Dec 1st 2010, 8-12 lbs and 21 long. Andrea, Jordyn and I live in Opelika Alabama. If anyone wants to ever get in touch with me for football games or just passing through the area here is my contact info. Dee Black [sputtermill@yahoo.com](mailto:sputtermill@yahoo.com) and my cell is 256-710-2388

## 1995

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

### **Laura Taylor Ruehl**

My husband and I would like to announce the expected birth of our first child in February. I am married to Nicolaus Ruehl from the Class of 1995.

## 1996

## 1997

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

### **Tanya Laursen Easterwood**

I graduated Nursing school in August 2010 and passed boards in September. I am an RN at a local Assisted Living facility.

## 1998

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

### **Leslie McDade**

Hello Class of 98, things are going well here in Nashville. My brother Nimrod and his wife Erin and my nieces Aubrey and Kailey have now moved here and I am so glad they are closer to us. My cousin Kellye just gave birth to a baby boy on December 20th. Still working my two jobs at the movie theater and Dunkin Donuts. Hope everyone has a Happy New Year.

**Kelly Cooke Brock** and husband Andrew Brock joyfully announce the birth of our first baby, Bryleigh Grace Brock, born July 28th, 2010, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 22 inches long. Parenthood is an exciting adventure so far!

### **Laura Taylor Ruehl**

My husband and I would like to announce the expected birth of our first child in February. I am married to Nicolaus Ruehl from the Class of 1995.

## **1999**

**Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin**

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Beth Windham

Lucy Scott Collins was born on October 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. She was 7 lbs, 11 ozs and 22 inches long.

She was born as Auburn scored their first touchdown against LSU.

War Eagle!

## **2000**

## **2001**

## **2002**

**Class Contact: Austin Hall**

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## **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 January 2011

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.**