

CHS Alumni Newsletter

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News from our Alumni

1940's

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Elsie Grafton McCoy, Class of '44

Hi,
There just might be a few that would be interested in the fact that my husband Leldon W. McCoy passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital on August 19th after suffering a head injury from a fall at home during the early morning hours of August 7th. We had celebrated his 80th birthday on June 3rd with an open house. We had our 56th wedding anniversary March 15th of this year. Wasn't I blessed to have him this long.

1951

Class contact: Bill Rasco
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BY: BILL RASCO

Forty-two members of the Class of 1951 attended the 50th Class Reunion August 31 and September 1, 2001. Festivities started with a barbecue dinner in the



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Fellowship Hall of St. John's Church on Friday night. Local alums did an outstanding job arranging this casual event with Margaret (Kinney) Richter receiving much praise for her efforts.

Many of the alumni were up for a Dutch treat breakfast at the All Steak on Saturday morning. The main event was a dinner at the All Steak Banquet Room on Saturday night. The 25 deceased members were honored with a class picture for each displayed. Joe Sanders who was class president was among the deceased. Charles Eidson, who had been vice president, presided at the dinner. Carol Dean (Bailey) Price, secretary, and Neil Glasscock, treasurer, also attended.

A complete set of the Cullman HIGHLIGHT for 1950-51, and a number of copies from two earlier years have been donated the Cullman County Public Library.

1952

Class Contact: Don Wilcut
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By: DON WILCUT

After hanging around Cullman for a few years, I went in the Army, had a few all expense paid tours, (Japan, Korea, Panama and Viet Nam) I stayed 22 years and retired as a Major. I visited and worked in several States and finally settled in Collierville, TN.

A town located east of Memphis, about 15 miles. I married a wonderful Lady; I met in Florida.

Along the way I acquired two sons, one living in MA and one in Maryland. Both doing well and they have their own families.

I'm enjoying retirement and my hobby is woodturning. I make bowls, goblets, plates and other round stuff out of wood. (I used to make square stuff but I much more enjoy making round stuff.) It's still just a hobby and I don't sell my stuff because if I started selling, it would become a job and I've worked enough. Plus, I give all my stuff to Laura and she will not part with any of the exquisite Art

My wife, Laura is employed by IBM and really makes enough money for us both.
Don Wilcut

Glenn Bibb attended Howard College and Clark College and did his electrical training at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in East Peoria, Ill. He is a retired industrial electrician.

WANDA HOLCOMBE (HODGE)

Ellis and I were married in November, 1956, after he had served 4 years in the Air Force, which included a tour in Korea. We have a daughter, a son, and 5 grandchildren.

I retired 5 years ago from the Alabama Unified Judicial System. I worked 27 years as the Circuit Court Criminal Clerk, in Cullman.

Except for a brief 9-month period, I have lived in Cullman, all these years.

Ellis and I love to travel and we have been fortunate to travel thru 48 of our 50 States. We hope to see those two, Washington and Alaska, next summer.

I love to work in my yard! For me, it's therapeutic and a joy, as I sit on my porch, read a good book and enjoy the flowers!

Of course, I have a lot of "Grandmother" duties! We have twin grandsons (2 years old) they have taken up a great deal of my time the past two years--but what a joy!

ROBERT TIDWELL

The past 50 years have been very rewarding to me. I married a sweet little girl in 1956, the year I finished pharmacy at Auburn. I spent 13 years in pharmacy before I went into trucking business with my Dad at Cullman Banana Supply Trucking Corp. After 28 years in trucking I went back to pharmacy and have spent the last 6 years filling in for other pharmacists at Aubury Lowry's pharmacies.

During the time between my pharmacy beginning and my pharmacy ending I spent 10 years working 2 nights a week as a reserve deputy sheriff. And after that tour of duty I was elected for 2 terms (8 years) on the Cullman City Council.

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During the last 15 years or so we have done a lot of travelling. All the U.S. except for 3 or 4 states, 18 European countries, 1 in South America as well as 3 or 4 islands between here and there.

We have 2 children, a daughter who has 2 children and a son who has 3 children. So, we have at least 11 people and sometime an extra 1 or 2 for Sunday dinner each week. Of course we are involved in all the ballgames, ballet and cheer leading that the grandkids participate in. Needless to say we stay busy. But, we have enjoyed life with good health and love for the past 50 years.

1953

CLASSMATE UPDATES:

The class of '53 stays very active, that is the ones who live in Cullman. We meet once a month on the last Tuesday in each month. At the present time we are meeting at Ryan's Steak house in Cullman. The active members that attend are Jackie Culver Melton, Wanda Baker Walker, Donald Burnham, Doris Burnham Wolff, Donald Green, Cora Sue Huffman Griffin, Louis Price, Shirley Faye Hamilton Stephenson, Nancy Moore Kelley, Max Kelley, Jerry McClendon, Esther Davis Sparks Bradford, Doris Schafer Henke, and their spouses. We invite anyone from the Class of '53 to join us on the last Tues. in each month.

Doris S. Henke
Class of '53
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1954

1955

1957

Class contact: Joyce Brown

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The Class of '57 needs people to register in the CHS registry at <http://www.cneti.com/~chs/alumni.htm>. Encourage members who have an email address to get this done.

RETIREMENT

By: **GLENDA HOLMES NEAL**

Yes, I retired in the summer of 1999. BUT, I'm working longer hours with a longer commute for less pay. Hey, what can I say! The job has many benefits. I'm building muscles in my upper body and in fact, lost a little weight on the job. I have complete autonomy and can even listen to a bit of Elvis's Blue Suede Shoes, if I'm in the mood. When the weather is bad, I keep my work inside. If it is a perfect day, I can spend almost the entire day outside enjoying the sun and breeze in my face.

Not only am I taking time to smell the roses, listen to the crows caw, and marvel at the beautiful butterflies, I have a new appreciation for the garbage trucks. Yes, I said garbage trucks. In fact, they are so important that I plan my day around their arrival.

The boss is very happy with my work about 95% of the time. The remainder of the time, I'm still in charge even if he is not happy with me.

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Some of you will know immediately what my new job is and agree that it is lots of fun. Some who don't get it, just don't get it.

Happy retirement!!

JOYCE EARL BROWN:

My thoughts of the last four years are probably echoed many times from those of you from the Class of '57. Although I've been retired since 1997, I've cleared few of those projects that I put aside for "when I have more time." I've been too busy with every new day's discoveries. I still play tennis several times a week, but only doubles competitively. Art is a new passion and I love having more time to spend with family, read, dig in the yard, and play on the computer. Bobby and I enjoy all kinds of travel, especially adventure travel. Highlights the last few years are a hike to the floor of Grand Canyon with a stay at Phantom Ranch, hiking beside a glacier in Alaska, rafting down the Colorado through Grand Canyon, and a stay at a dude ranch in Arizona. Add work with the church TV broadcast and four grandchildren and you have proof that senior years can be the busiest and best. I'm always interested in others' travels and would like to know about your most adventurous and/or interesting vacations.

HARWELL "PETE" HOLMES:

I'm in the process of updating my website, and one of the first pages I added was dedicated to the CHS Moonlighters.

<http://pianopete.com/moonlighters.html>

I'm looking for info to add/correct, and especially, if anyone knows where the other fellows are located. I plan to add several other pages dedicated to music and bands I've played in over the years.

Employed at: Pratt & Whitney, Liquid Space Propulsion, West Palm Beach, FL department: Structures and Dynamics; title: Design Project Engineer; duties: structural contact for the Space Shuttle Main Engine, Liquid Oxygen, High Pressure Turbopump, plus, responsible for oversight of department on-line (web based) documentation, procedures, and databases. College: Auburn, and University of Alabama (graduated Jan 62, BS Aerospace Eng. went to Pratt). Hobbies and after hours fun stuff: Music... for years played solo piano and/or organ, and in 6 piece and duo bands gigging around town playing parties, weddings, Elks clubs, etc.... You can download some of our tunes (MP3 format) at: <http://pianopete.com>. There is a short music clip (WAV format) at <http://www.geocities.com/pianopete.geo> Also, I enjoy working with computers, designing web pages, programming (Perl, HTML, VBA for Excel and Word.... etc). In addition to my personal web pages, I maintain the web site for the Town of Palm Beach Shores, FL at: <http://townhall.ci.palm-beach-shores.fl.us/>. For fitness, I ride my bike along the beach about 15 miles a week. Retirement Plans: Plans to retire in about 3 years.... unless we get a package offer... !! Wife: Sandra Turner Holmes ; Children: Harwell (Navar) Holmes, Age: 38; Cinde Bull Wiita, Age: 37; Elizabeth (Eli) Holmes Zikan, Age: 35; Chad Bull, Age: 34. Photos are on our continually changing family and friends photo viewer (and sometimes video) at:

http://home.adelphia.net/~pianopete/smcpphotos/index_frame.htm

Well... guess that is enough of my ramblings from South Florida for now.....

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1961

Class Contact: Becky Kirk kirkbcrafty@aol.com

BY: WOODY HAMRICK

In early July I spent 10 days riding Harleys in the Colorado Rockies with up to 13 friends. What a great trip! Then in late August three friends and I rode Harleys to Milwaukee for the annual HOG (Harley Owners Group) Rally. Like everyone else, I've been glued to the TV for many days and haven't posted the pictures to my Internet site. Hopefully by the time the newsletter comes out I'll have them at <http://\whamrick.home.att.net>

BY: ANN CHAPMAN
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Just retired from teaching first grade this year. Mack and I moved to B'ham. I have lived across N. Alabama, as Mack has served United Methodist churches. We have travelled some, and I love to play tennis. This year I will probably do volunteer work tutoring in schools. I love tennis and have joined a team in Vestavia. Our two sons are in Boston and Washington, D. C. I would love to have a class reunion and I would help organize it.

1963

Class contact: Walter Wheeler
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1964

Class contact: James Roden
rodenj@MSN.com

BOB PRATER:

I retired from service with the State of Georgia in 1998. I am now the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in Meriwether County, Georgia. Gloria and I celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary in March with a cruise to Nassau. We are living in Warm Springs, Georgia.

My email address is rprater@Gnat.net
Would love to hear from old classmates and friends.

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell
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By: Jane Connell

Danny Spears is living in Del Ray, CA.

Earny Handley is married to Ruby Farmer from Trussville, AL since 1970. They have two grown daughters, Cindi 27 and Kimberly 23 and one grandson, Michael. Earny still works as a computer analyst for First Union National Bank, soon to be Wachovia. He does woodworking as a hobby and teaches a Bible class at his church. Earny is the same lovable guy as in high school, just not quite as shy and he says 70 pounds heavier.

Jerry League and his wife live in Flushing, Michigan. They have 3 children, two boys and a girl. Their youngest child is still in high school and one daughter has just started college this year. They also have one beautiful granddaughter.

Linda Frye Keenum and her husband live in Gadsden, AL. She has two grown sons, Dax-26 and Whit-23. She rarely gets back to Cullman but does

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keep in touch with a few classmates. She would love to hear from everyone.

Jane Ann Frutiger Fields and her husband live in Alabama and are retired from teaching. They are enjoying their retirement!

Cindy Tucker Hawthorne is widowed and living in Memphis, TN. She works for FedEx. Cindy has one daughter who is married and living in Georgia and Cindy's son is in college in AL.

Sandy Hamner Preston is widowed and living in Vermont. She has one daughter who lives in Boston and Sandy gets over to see her often. Sandy is enjoying travelling and taking care of her farm. She says Vermont is beautiful!

Floyd and Jane McKoy Connell are still married and live in Roswell, GA. They have three children, Anna-29, John-25 and Tom-12. Floyd works for Arthur Andersen as a consultant and Jane is the data clerk at a local elementary school. They spend a good deal of their spare time preparing for teaching Sunday school using computers. They have taught third – sixth graders in the computer center at their local church for five years and have now moved on “up” to two-year-olds to see how the computer generated lessons appeal to them. Jane is the co-author of From BC to PC (which did not make it to any “best-sellers” list).

1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn
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1970

Class contact: Connie Booher

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1971

Class contact: Rickey Kreps
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By: Jan Tekulve Alldredge

C.H.S. Class of 71 held their 30th reunion on September 1st at St. Bernard. We all had a blast and enjoyed visiting with everyone. Classmates attending were: Lynne Preher Sticher, Joyce Springer Sullins, Dale Buchanan, Don Hardeman, Jan Tekulve Alldredge, Mark Poole, Allen Bowling, Scrappy Folsom, Steve Morris, Mike & Wanda Cook Edge, Rickey Kreps, Judy Smith Connell, Sue May Anderson, Allen Aldridge, Ricky Gilliland, Pam Richter Henderson, Joe Culpepper, Leonard Romine, Michael Pruitt, Nan Holmes Slaven, Randy Daniel, Sandra England Watts, Dan Keim, Dianne Hale Fuller, Nancy Burney Tyree, Lydia Webb Smith, Vicki Keel Lynn, Dennis Ratliff, James Buettner, Pam Hancock Bryant, Dennis Johnson, Steve Maxcy, Donna Jennings Swofford, Stella Johnson Couch, Ricci Hudson, Sharon Cole Waddell, Jeanne Churchill McAnelly, Gail Mackentepe Sparks, Pat Basch Brock, Helen Taylor Basinger, June Sapp Brooks, Robert Richard, Janis Alverson Sorrell, Catherine Apel, Carol Evans Mead, Al Engel, Janie Harris Easterwood, David Gamble, Janice Pruett, Debbie Partain. Raymond Williams, Debbie Bates Cunningham, Lionel Powell, Terry Chamblee, Larry Whisenant. Hope I didn't miss anybody. We will be having a reunion every year on the 3rd Saturday of June at Heritage Park (June 22, 2002). More info will follow.

1972

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By: James E "Jiggs" Haynes

After living in South Alabama for 3 years, my family is relocating to:

705 Starlight Dr.
Christiansburg, VA.

1973

By: Daniel Williams

Currently practicing family medicine at Family Medical Clinic POB 1 CRMC.

When are we going to have a reunion? 2003???????

1974

Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield
estubble@yahoo.com

Wayne Goggins lives in Morgan County and works as a mechanical designer in the aerospace industry. He would like to find a missing classmate named Lee Morgan. Wayne's home phone number is 256-739-9354.

Greg Tubbs and his family have recently moved from Washington, D.C. to Germantown, Tennessee. He is a professor of military science at the University of Memphis. He and his wife Kay have 2 children. Katie is 16 and Chris is 11.

1975

Class Contact: Ian Frost
ifrost@hotmail.com

CLASSMATE UPDATES:

Ronnie McCarson 1975

Just wanted to let you know that Cindy and I have moved and are in Mobile, Alabama now. I am the Minister to Adults 55+ at the Cottage Hill Baptist Church here in Mobile. My new phone number at work is (251) 660-2422 and home is currently 251-665-0045. My e-mail address at home is rmccarson@aol.com and at work is ronniem@cottagehill.org

I married the former Cindy Northcutt of Cullman so all of this info applies to her as well except for the work numbers. Cindy is enjoying being at home and raising a 14 year old. We have two girls, Meredith 14 in the 8th and Natalie 18 in her first year at Troy State.

1976

Class reunion?

If anyone has any information on a class reunion for the class of 1976 please contact Sharon League at interdbird@yahoo.com

1977

Class contact: Phil Harbison
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1979

Subject:Kevin Veigl

CLASSMATE UPDATES:

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As many of you may have read in the papers, Alumni Kevin Veigl, Class of 1979 passed away on July 16 of a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife Debbie, sons Patrick Veigl, age 13, Andrew Veigl age 12 and daughter Ashley Veigl age 16. Also, by his mother and father Robert and Shirley Veigl and brothers (also alumni), Bobby Veigl class of 1976 and Joey Veigl class of 1986. He will surely be missed by all, he was a 20 year veteran of the United States Air Force and recently retired and was working in Birmingham at Pemco.

PROUD FATHER

Alumni Airman 1st Class Jason Veigl, married to Jennifer Nelson of Shreveport LA, is the proud father of Haley Nicole Veigl born April 5, 2001. They are stationed at Barksdale AFB in Bossier City LA and all are doing well.

Gladys Veigl gveigl@aol.com

1980

William Willis and his wife, Rochelle, just had their third child, Amy Caroline, on August 29th, 2001. Everyone is doing very well.

1981

IN HARMS WAY

Jonathan Scott is a LTC in the PA National Guard. Since their governor is in charge of the Homeland Defence, please remember Jonathan in your prayers.

By: Lianne Hollingsworth Brown

Twenty Year Class Reunion

The class of 1981 just had their 20th year class reunion and it was an overwhelming success. Among the highlights of the night was a video made from old photographs sent in from classmates and taken from annuals. This was very graciously produced by Mark Harper and Susan Burroughs Trent. I would urge anyone planning a reunion to consider this. It brought back so many memories and I have to think had a great deal to do with our incredible sense of togetherness felt by all who attended.

Two of our former teachers attended, Mrs. Mary McConatha and Mr. Ray "Sweet Ray" Heitmueller. Mrs. McConatha said that this one was "the best one she had ever attended" because the people "were genuinely and sincerely happy to see each other". I echo her sentiments exactly. Mrs. McConatha was having such a good time that she borrowed someone's cell phone to call Larry (her husband) and tell him she was going to stay longer!

Awards issued include:

Best videographer in the universe: Mark Harper

Least changed: Susan Burroughs Trent, Ricky Williams

Most changed: Tara Godwin, Philip Dunlap

Best Dancer: Leanna Bennett McRae, Philip Dunlap

Traveled Farthest: Jon Thomas (Boulder, CO)

second place: Barry Creel (Dallas, TX)

Most Distinguished (i.e.-Grayest Hair): Glen Freeman

Most Responsible: Gary Johnson (Gary was at the Civic Center the day after our prom and saw our backdrop still hanging. Not only did he go to the trouble of taking it down but has kept up with it for 20 years!!) Cindy Calvert Klopfer made a frame for it and we hung it up at the reunion. It made great photo op.

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Best Spouse: Mrs. Jon (Sheryl) Thomas (She stayed home in Boulder with their 4 sons, ages 4 months-6 years so that Jon could come to the reunion!)

Ugliest Pants: Cindy Calvert Klopfer **This was her idea as she really wanted win some kind of award...and they really were very ugly!

Afterwards we realized that we forgot to give an award to two of our classmates and would like to do that now....It was the **Married Up Award. This goes to Derek Rakestraw and Jeff Crider. These two guys somehow persuaded two of the most beautiful women around (inside and out) to marry them--- Tracy and Cheryl. Good going guys!

One last thing--this reunion was so great, that there has been a suggestion that we not wait 10 years to do another. It is very likely that we will celebrate our 25th year as well. Thanks to all who contributed to it's success.

Sincerely, Lisanne Hollingsworth Brown

By: Tomesa Smith

The Class of 1981 held our 20th class reunion September 7 and 8. We had a ball! We attended the Cullman-Hanceville football game, took a tour and planted a tree at CHS, and had a party at Terri Pines with a live band. 120 attended the party as well as retired teachers Ray Heitmueller and Mary McConatha. Class of 1981 remember to update your email address on the alumni page and contact us with address changes at P.O. Box 1981, Cullman, AL 35056. Tomesa Smith

1982

Class contact: Jonathan B. Green
jonathan.green@redstone.army.mil

CLASS REUNION

A note to the class of 1982, we need to start planning our 20-year reunion. Anyone that would like to help in the planning needs to contact Jonathan Green at jonathan.green@redstone.army.mil Please include ideas on things to do, places, etc.

IN HARMS WAY

Please include LTC **Chip Knighten** in your prayer Chip is in the US Army and is stationed in Belgium with NATO.

1984

Todd McLeroy and his wife Kathryn have three children, Meghan 7, is a second-grader at West Elementary School. Molly 4, and Myles 3, attends playschool at First Baptist Church.

They recently bought a farm at Trimble, where Todd grew up, and moved back there last year. When he is not busy practicing law with his partners at the firm of Knight & Griffith or spending time with his family, he relaxes on the farm tending to the cattle. He also enjoys getting together occasionally with some of his old classmates to play Rook. Being a lawyer/farmer reminds him of Oliver Douglas on "Green Acres." He is now living the life he always looked forward to while he was in high school.

1986

Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw
Jangaw@aol.com

Great Idea from Jan Gaw Jangaw@aol.com

I have an idea for an article for all the alumni year classes "The funniest thing (clean) someone wrote in your yearbook (whatever year)." I had to get mine out the other day to look someone up and had the best time reading the things people wrote.

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David Hayward and wife Becky live in Highland Home, Alabama. He has a 13-year-old daughter Ashley and a stepdaughter Kyra.

1987

Class contact: Angie Grayson Solomon
angiedawn87@yahoo.com

CLASSMATE UPDATES:

Kristi Walker Gibson is now living in Houston, Texas with her daughter Kaylie and new husband Houston.
ltglntx@att.net

Leigh Moore Edge is about to have her 4th child. She and Robert have 3 boys and are hoping this is a girl but truly doesn't mind if it is another boy. Needless to say Leigh is very excited.

Brenda Kusz Parrish 1987 married to Wade Parrish'84 have 2 children, Corey 6 years and John-David 6 months. Brenda-graduated from Auburn University in 1991 with B.S in elementary education and received a Master's degree from University of Montevallo in 1998. She teaches first grade at Welti Elementary in Cullman County. Wade graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1991 and is employed at Bellsouth in Birmingham as a computer systems tech, they live in Cullman
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1988

CLASSMATE UPDATES:

Tara McMinn has joined the 908th Aero medical Staging Squadron at Maxwell Air Force Base. She is giving shots!

1989

Class contact: Deborah Kraft
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Scott Fuller 89', we are having another baby. This will make two for us.

My name was **Leah Abbott** and I graduated in 1989. I was married this spring to Randy Emens and completed graduate school last year and I am now the Clinical Therapist at the Child Advocacy Center here in Cullman.

BY: JASON WRIGHT

Kevin Smith and his wife have a new baby girl who was born three months ago. Kevin is teaching at Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City, and is also a varsity football coach.

I have a new job this year as well. I am currently an assistant principal at Auburn High School. This is my first year in administration at this school, my third year overall. (The previous two were at Smiths Station High School)

1990

Class contact: Susan Nielsen Bowen
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1991

Class contact: Carrie Cabri Witt
CBCWITT@aol.com

CLASS REUNION

Attention Class of '91!!!! We will be hosting our 10 year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001 at Terri Pines. Mark your calendars! Information about the weekend will be mailed to you very soon. We are still missing addresses for around 30 - 40 people. Please contact Jonathan Haynes at 334-702-3899 to make sure he has your address! If you have any other questions please contact Jonathan Haynes, Natalie York at 256 461 6321, or Carrie Cabri Witt at 256 351 1546 or at CBCWITT@aol.com
Thanks! We look forward to seeing you in October!

1992

Class contact: Beth Michael Solze
ElizabethSolze@aol.com

Greetings classmates! Can you believe that almost ten years have gone by already? Soon it will be time for our class reunion, and I hope everyone can attend. Molly, Emily, Zac and Kevin have already begun planning next year's events. Currently, you should mark your calendar for the weekend of June 15th. There will be a reception on Friday night at Larkwood, and a picnic on Saturday afternoon at a location to be determined soon. Molly has requested that everyone register with the CHS web site, and also contact classmates that you know to make sure they get involved. In addition, please send your current mailing address, email address, phone number, spouses and children's names, and birthdays to Molly at mknigh@bcbe.org. For those of you who have already contacted me, don't worry about sending your information again. I will forward that to Molly. In

the future, I will continue to serve as class contact for the newsletter, so any announcements can be sent to me.

Where are some of our classmates now? Here are a few highlights for you to enjoy.

Kevin Arnold-- Kevin attended The University of Alabama after high school, completing prepharmacy and then graduating from Samford School of Pharmacy in May 1998 earning his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree. He married Leah Johnson, Class of 94, and moved to Huntsville to work for Propst Drugs. During the fall of 2000, he and Leah moved to Muscle Shoals to purchase his own pharmacy, Village Discount Drugs. Leah teaches science at Muscle Shoals High School, and they have no kids. Kevin and Leah return to Cullman on the weekends quite often to visit their cabin on Smith Lake.

Rebecca Moore Braun-- is married to a wonderful man, Bill. They have a son and two daughters. Devin is eight, and he's in the second grade. The girls, Morgan and Rose, are four and two. Rebecca stays home with the girls and takes care of the home front.

Sheri Cook Davenport-- Sheri married in the summer of 2000 to Patrick "Pat" Davenport. They have a son, Tucker Grayson Davenport, and Sheri is a stay-at-home Mom. That will change October 1st when Sheri and a friend open a gymnastics business in Brewton.

Melanie Milligan Lambert-- has been married for 6 1/2 years to Jerome Lambert. He is from Holly Pond and works at Apel Steel in the drafting department as a structural detailer. They have 2 children. Aaron is 4

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years old, and Blake is now 9 months old. She is an RN in labor and delivery at Decatur General Hospital.

Stephanie Moore Maner-- graduated with a BS in Biology-Ecological/Environmental Concentration in 1997. She is currently employed at Cone Jacquards as Laboratory Manager. She married Jason Maner of Anniston, Alabama in 1995. In July of 2001, Stephanie gave birth to their first child, Jordan Mackenzie. She was 5 weeks premature, but weighed an impressive 5lbs 2.75oz. She is almost 3 months old and now weighs 12lbs.

Beth Michael Solze-- attended the University of Alabama, where she earned a BS as chemistry major. In July of 1997, she married Wes Solze of Montgomery. She was fortunate to be granted a NAVY scholarship to attend medical school at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. This is her last year, and she is planning a career in Pathology upon completion of medical school. Her husband is an intern in Radiology at the University of South Alabama Medical Center. Beth will fulfil her commitment as a naval officer following her civilian residency. Beth and Wes have three dogs and no children.

MOLLY KNIGHT/CLASS REUNION

Hey Class of 1992!! Kevin, Emily, Zac and I have been playing phone tag trying to get the reunion set up for next summer. So far, it is the weekend of June 15th with a reception/gathering on Friday at Larkwood and a picnic for families that Saturday... somewhere? I can't wait to see all the little guys!! Does it crack you up (or make you nervous?) to think that some of us are in charge of little people? AAAHHHH!!

Here's your job: get in touch with everyone you can think of and make sure they get registered at the CHS website: <http://www.cneti.com/~chs/alumni.htm>
We want everyone's mailing address, e-mail address, phone #'s, spouses' name, kids names, and birthdays. Also start checking-in there every month or so for vital info.

Letter to follow soon...

1993

Class contact: Ashley Holt Eddleman
todd@net-3.net

We are planning our **TEN-YEAR CLASS REUNION** for sometime in 2003. In order to make this a success, we want to find each person in our class. If you have not already done so, please send Ashley your name, address, phone number, and/or email. Please do the same of anyone else in our class that you may have contact with. You can contact her by email at todd@net-3.net or by phone at (256) 734-1542.

Thank you,
Joey Robertson
Ashley Holt Eddleman

Where Are They Now

Congratulations to **Jennifer Aby Archer** who was married in May to Stuart. She is a first grade teacher in Louisiana.

Jennifer Arnold Boyd is married to Trent Boyd. They have one son. She graduated from Athens State College and is currently employed with the Cullman City Schools.

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Bethany Blanton Simmons is married to Jamey Simmons. She is a nurse practitioner at Cullman Internal Medicine.

Douglas Butts is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Mobile, AL.

Congratulations to **Brian Cespedes** who was married in June to Sunshine Crosby. He currently works as a HRIS Senior Technical Analyst in Corporate HR for Regions Financial Corporation. He lives in Birmingham.

Charlie Chandler is married to Jennifer. He has just separated from the Air Force after eight years of service. He is currently living in Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to **Marla Echols Woods** who was married to Wes Woods (Class of 1994) in June. Marla is employed with First Federal of Cullman.

Congratulations to **Casey Grier** who graduated from the Masters degree program at the University of Georgia in Historic Preservation in August.

Class of 1993 **Sweethearts Jason Connell and Suzanne Weathers** Connell live in Huntsville, Alabama. Suzanne is an Interior designer with the firm of JH Partners Architecture-Interiors. Jason is an attorney with the law firm of Sirote & Permutt, P.C.

Ashley Holt Eddleman is married to Todd. They have two daughters (Mary-Ashley and Anna-Cole). They live in Cullman and she works part-time at First Federal. She attended Auburn University and graduated from Athens State with a degree in Business Administration.

Carla Hunter Stricklin is married to Danny. They have two sons (Noah and Austin). She works for Eidson and Associates doing Drafting and Secretarial work.

DeAnn Jones is a Pharmacist in Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated college from Samford University.

Darren Kennemer is married to Leah. He works for the State of Missouri as a Child Support Enforcement Investigator. He received his degree in Political Science/History from the University of North Alabama.

High School Sweethearts **Brad Murphy and Catherine Romine** are happily married and living in Pelham, Alabama. Catherine is Doctor of Optometry and is working at Target Optical and Michaelson Laser Vision at the Summit in Inverness, Alabama. Catherine graduated from UAB. Brad is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and is working at Vestavia Animal Clinic and North Shelby County Animal Clinic. He graduated from Auburn.

Karen Reed Guthrie is married to Brad Guthrie and they have one son (Karson). She is a full-time mom. She graduated from Athens State College with a degree in Business Administration.

Karen Smith works for the University of Tennessee in the Agricultural Extension Service Farm Management Area. She is engaged.

Shawn Woodard is a Self Employed Wellness Consultant.

1994

Class contact: Katrina Kilgo Goldman
kkandjay@bellsouth.net

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New address for **Zack Hightower**:
2731 Riverbend Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

1996

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

1998

Class contact: Misty Angle
mlynneangle@hotmail.com

Josh Ray and **Amy Parrish** were engaged 7/21/01

Brannon Buettner is in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently aboard the USS Bataan heading to the Persian Gulf. He is scheduled to be at sea from mid September 2001, to mid March 2002. He would love hearing from his friends. His address is:

Brannon Buettner
3/6 India Co.
26th MEU Det. A
Unit 74070
FPO AE 09502-4070

April White passed her nursing boards and is now employed as a Registered Nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

1999

Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin
csmauldin@hotmail.com

2000

Brittney Anne James of the class of 2000, passed away on September 14th, 2001. Her father and oldest brother have started a foundation called the Brittney Anne James-Newton Child Fund, in honor of her love and compassion for the homeless and anyone in need of anything. Donations can be made at Southtrust Bank or through her parents, Steve and Greta James. I guess I just figured being her best friend it is my duty to inform people, not necessarily of her death, but of the organization. She supported a child in Kenya, named Newton, for three years now and he will still be taken care of, thanks to the donations received.

Thank You,
Leslie Wynn

Amy Lynn Donnell was married to Matt Harden July 11, 2001.

Lost and Found

1985 Jane Marshall was a close friend of mine and I haven't known where she was in years, if anyone knows where she is please contact Stephanie Ponder Searcy at: ohsearcy@mindspring.com

1986

Lost

I'm looking for Wally Kemp, CAN YOU HELP? --
Doug Whatley

Found

Elizabeth Shaddix (AKA Betsy Krout)
Graduated from Univ. of North Alabama 1989 and attended UA Grad School. Married to Tim Shaddix,

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Florence Police Captain and Business Owner. Two children, Bailey (daughter) age 6 and Jackson age 1 three stepchildren ages 13, 15, and 17. Former Assisted Living Administrator now a full-time Mom (and loving it). We now live in the Florence area.

1990 "Patrick W. Thornton" [pathornton@na.ko.com](mailto:pthornton@na.ko.com)
Can you please tell me whether or not a student by the name of Ann Cleghorn attended Cullman High in **1990**??? I am an old friend of hers from JSU and would like to see how she is. Please feel free to email me at jsualumnus1@aol.com

**A message from the editor Bill Bagley
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**Thanks again to all the class contacts that sent
information in on their classes!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**I am sure many of you have already seen this but I
thought it was worth sending out again.**

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

America: The Good Neighbor.

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record: This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When France

was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times and safely home again. You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here. When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke. I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I

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don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake. Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, America!

From the superintendents desk:

Dr. Suzanne Freeman



Dear Faculty and Staff,

The events of the past few weeks have made each of us realize how proud we are to be Americans and how thankful we are for our freedom. These events have also made us appreciate the many blessings that we take for granted in addition to our freedom, like our friends and family. I think we all hugged our children a little tighter in the nights that followed the attacks on the United States.

This is a challenging time for our country. Through this tragedy, however, we have learned to appreciate and celebrate our freedom. In recent days, I have been "touched" to see such displays of patriotism through the display of American flags and numerous symbols. Through this tragedy, our children have learned about patriotism and heroism. Through brave, caring and courageous people, America will remain strong. God Bless America!

Sincerely,
Suzanne Freeman

CONGRATULATIONS to . . .

Sara Bedard for receiving an Operation Round-Up Grant for \$375.00

THANK YOU to . . .

Mayor Green, Councilman Jacobs, Councilman Morrow, Councilman Hauk, Councilman Walker, and Councilman Maddox for working so hard to assist us with our financial situation. We appreciate their leadership and commitment to the children of Cullman City Schools!

* Principals, teachers and staff for helping us SAVE \$\$\$ on utilities this summer! Mike Manning shared the good news with us. When comparing electricity costs from last summer to this past summer, we reduced our cost by the following percentages:

- CHS (May 14%, June 24%, and July 36%)
- CMS (May 16%, June 35%, and July 37%)
- EES (May 22%, June 35%, and July 65%)
- WES (May 16%, June 38%, and July 19%)
- CCPS (May 26%, June 22%, and July 19%)

Update on "Old Post Office":

We anticipate the Federal Government sending us the deed on August 31st. Therefore, we will take possession of the property on September 1st. We are anticipating moving either late September or early October. We will have to do some minor renovations for the Alternative School. However, this will be paid for by State monies that are earmarked for the Alternative School (cannot be used for any other purpose). We are so excited to have this FREE building. In the near future, we will be accepting proposals from individuals or businesses for purchasing or renting our current building.

Update on "Old Post Office" (Cullman Community Learning Center):

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We had originally planned on moving our Central Office during the Fall Trimester Break, but we will not make this timeline. Now, we plan on moving our Central Office in December (most likely the week before and during Christmas Break). We plan on renovating the middle section (what was the old postal area) for Alternative School. Cullman County Schools is working with us on this project. Each of us has designated funds (approximately \$100,000 total) of "Children's First" monies that are earmarked by the State for Alternative School. We hope to begin renovating this area within the next few months and thus will move the Alternative School in February. The City Police will occupy upstairs. They will most likely move some time after Christmas.

Update on Band Room at CHS:

As of September 17th, our band room project was given approval and released from the Building Commission. We are FINALLY ready to break ground. The Band Room will be built with PSCA (State Bond Monies). The anticipated completion date will be May 2002; we will finally have a new band room by the start of the 2002 school year! Thank you to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Key for your patience!

Congratulations to:

ALL the employees of Cullman City Schools for earning the Pacesetter 2001 Award from United Way! Way to go! Let us continue to be generous contributors. United Way provides many services to families and children in our community. Please help United Way to make a difference for many others in our community who need assistance. Bill Bagley for having an article published in *The Journal of Technical and Teacher Education*. Congratulations!

Linda McPhillips was awarded a Wal-Mart Grant (Focus on Education) for \$602.95. Congratulations! The following teachers for being awarded Operation Round-Up Grants: Fran Burks (\$262.45), Kristy White (\$262.45), Deena Carden (two grants for \$262.45), Judy Self (\$262.45), Melony Edwards (\$262.45), Tina Weldon (\$1,453.92) and Marci Hutto (\$1,045.28).

Thank You to . . .

- * Cullman Shopping Center for hosting the Labor Day Extravaganza for Cullman City Schools! We appreciate their support! Thank you!
- * Fess St. John for SEVERAL HOURS of FREE legal work for Cullman City Schools! Mr. St. John does extensive legal work for the Board (drafting deeds, drafting policies, reviewing contracts, attending meetings, advising the Board and Superintendent on legal issues, etc.). Thank you to Mr. St. John for sharing his time and expertise to benefit Cullman City Schools!
- * Alan and Amy Walker (Owners of Walker Brothers Building Supply Company) and Woody Jacobs and Eidson and Associates for helping with many facility projects at Cullman Middle School (especially the "Turbo toilet"). Thank you! WARNING: Do not stand too close as you flush - - you could take an unexpected trip!
- * Wal-Mart Distribution Center for donating bottled water and an air conditioner for the athletic program. Thank you!
- * Peoples Bank for donating three cases of file folders to Central Office and supply boxes for students. Thank you!
- * **Our wonderful Adopt-A-School Partners: Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District, First Federal, SouthTrust Bank, Compass Bank, First Commercial Bank, and Regions Bank. Thank you for ALL that you do!**

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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.