

CHS Alumni Newsletter

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News From Our Alumni

1938

1940's

Class contact:
Albert Sharpton
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Freddie Harold Freeman (class of 1948), who was still living in Cullman, died in August, 2011.

1951

1952

Class Contact: Don Wilcut
WILCUT@aol.com
Nov. 15, 2011
The class of '52 had a quite

1954

1955

luncheon at the All Steak cafe in Cullman in late August. We had 40+ classmates in attendance. From all indications it appeared that everyone had a good time discussing different things that has happened over the past 59 years. I'm not sure when the next event is scheduled and it could be the 60th reunion in late August next year. Hope to see all of you at the reunion. I will post something as soon as I find out the time and place.

Don Wilcut

1953

1957

Class contact: Joyce Brown
joyceb374@yahoo.com

Gail Haynes McCullers had an article printed in the August issue of *Lee Magazine*. It was her ex-

periences as a college freshman at Auburn (Fall, 1957). The title was: Mell Hall, Room 200. Gail and her husband, Richard have lived in the Auburn Community for 50+ years.

1959

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

1960

1961

Class Contact: Becky Kirk kirkbcrafty@aol.com

1962

I think some people in the class of 1962 are planning a 50th reunion this coming summer. Do you think you could put out some feelers to find out the details (where, when, etc) and publish the results in your next newsletter so we could get a good turnout.

Ken Kishishita (Class of 1962)
901-550-0227

1963

1964

Class contact: James Roden
rodenj@MSN.com

After almost 39 years of being in private practice in large law firms, I'm starting my own law firm: Sutton, McAughan, Deaver, PLLC. We specialize in Intellectual Property (patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets) litigation. We will be located in Suite 900 of Three Riverway Houston, Texas 77056; phone number 713 800 5700.

You can find me on Facebook.

Mike Sutton

Carolyn and I are the proud grandparents of another granddaughter born Nov. 02, 2011 in

Columbia Falls, MT to William and Angela Branch. Her name is Aven Meleigh Branch. She is the younger sister of Lillian Adele Branch who is 2 yrs. old.

Mike and Carolyn Branch

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell
fconnell1@bellsouth.net

We are having another mini-class luncheon at **AJ's Steak House**, 917 2nd Ave NW, Cullman, AL (this is on Hwy 31, just one block north of Cullman Shopping Center) on **Saturday, February 4th at 11:30**. Sonya has reserved us a room and we need to **let Jane Ann know** if we can expect you. Email her at ldjaf@charter.net
Hope to see you all there!

Rhonda Phillips Jackson and Peggy Harrison Ambrose will be cruising in January. Bon Voyage as we cruise to Mexico, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands.

The class of '66 meets every three months for a lunch get together. We are meeting at 11:30 on February 4th at A.J.'s in Cullman. (next to the old Pasquale's) Would love all of the class of '66 that can to come and let's eat lunch together.

Lost 60 pounds since last August ... feeling great and I can see my feet now!

Mike Murphree

Bill Britton

We are still here in Central Florida, working toward retirement in 2-3 years. We visit Cullman several times each year and stay in touch with my Dad and brothers Mark and Tom, and sister Jennifer.

2011 was a bittersweet year - In early April, we had a great 45-year reunion celebration for

the CHS class of 1966. Later that month, the awful tornadoes came and changed the face of Cullman forever. I visited again in June and saw the damage firsthand, then again in September to admire the progress of the cleanup and rebuilding. The citizens of Cullman are very resilient, and I am not surprised at the rapid recovery.

In July, my wife Jenny and I made our annual trek to the Smoky Mountains to do some hiking and relaxation. I'm happy to say my knee held up (was scoped in February) just fine. We saw several bears on the trail and it was a wonderful vacation. In November, Jen & I visited our youngest daughter Sarah in Vermont, and we were blessed with a 10 inch snowfall. We romped like children in the white stuff!

1967

John Thompson, CHS class of 1967, passed away on December 12, 2011 from pancreatic cancer.

1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn
ronsdone@bellsouth.net

From Don Hale:

New address: Don and Connie Hale
1870 Indian Crest Drive
Indian Springs, Alabama 35124

Children: Matthew Heath Hale (Jennifer)
Grands: Allie (3), Emaleigh (1)

Children: Justin Isaac Hale (Jessica)
Grands: Isaac (6mo)

Connie and I still have the farm in Centreville but wanted to move closer to our boys and extended family. We are having a ball with the

grands. Connie still teaches and finds time to volunteer with children's choirs at Oak Mtn. Presbyterian. I have moved into a specialist job with Alfa and work only with large loss injury claims so I am in the office all the time now. Heath is a sports medicine doctor and has a practice in Pelham. Justin is a defense attorney in Vestavia. I am looking forward to retirement (Connie will never retire) but we both are enjoying being near our family and playing with the grandchildren. Life is good.

From Steve Tucker:

I'm still in Palm Harbor, Fl. Retired and living the good life. Growing organic vegetables and playing in a golf league, and taking care of the acts of daily living. My daughter graduated from FSU this year and is focused on entering Nurse anesthesia school. My son graduate from FSU in May and anticipates entering med school in the Fall. My wife still works part time as an MD and full time keeping me in line, sometimes successfully, sometimes not. LOL

It is with sadness that I report that James Wolfe has passed away. Those who knew him remember a unique individual with an off-beat life style and sense of humor. Although it has been many years since I lived in C town I still keep up with local news and gossip and always look forward to an occasional visit to family and old friends.

Best wishes to all former classmates.
Roll Tide Roll

From Glenna Webb Lambert:

Glenna Webb Lambert & her hubby are now grandparents of Hayden Joseph Lambert. He is truly GRAND! My husband, John, and I are both retired; but busier than we ever thought we'd be! We think we're cool 'cause we bought a wireless computer mouse, are

both on Facebook and did Face Time with Hayden 'til he threw the iPod into the toilet!!!

From **Eddie Bedard**:

Sara and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this past December 26th. Our son, Heath (age 27) is working at Red Stone Arsenal as an intern for the U.S. Army Material Command and currently on a rotation at the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command. He and Leanna Skipper (Daughter of Danny and Robin Skipper) got engaged on 23rd December. Their wedding is set for September 29th 2012.

My oldest daughter Maria (age 34) is a Nurse Anesthetist at Trinity Hospital in Birmingham and my other daughter Chrissie (age 33) works for a Cardiovascular Group in the Nuclear Medicine Area at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. She has given us 2 granddaughters age 7 and 3.

Sara retired from teaching 6 years ago and I am still City President at Premier Bank of the South and I guess I will work forever. We are enjoying time with grand babies and stay busy doing yard work although we are looking to downsize and find a house in Cullman where I could be lazy and have little or no yard work. Ha. If anyone knows of a house please send me an e-mail. My e-mail is ebedard@premierbankofthesouth.com.

I would like to say Hello to everyone. The older I get, it seems like I miss classmates more and more. When I drive by CHS it is scary. Where have the years all gone. We have been blessed and had some really good times and memories. I hope to be around for awhile for some more memories.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of James Wolfe and Donald Hacker who passed away recently. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

1969

1970

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

Class of 1970 had a tailgate cookout the night of the CHS Homecoming game on October 7, 2011. It was in the parking lot across the street from the stadium. It was very well attended. After eating and socializing those present decided to pack up and head as a group to the Octoberfest Beer Garden across from the Festhalle. Everyone enjoyed the evening immensely.

Our next social is scheduled for January 21, 2012.

We lost two classmates this past year, **Susan Rutledge Michael and Ricci Williams**.

Bill Griffin and Lyn Billington have a new baby grand daughter. Tylyn Jayde Billington was born on November 21, 2011.

1971

Class contact: Rickey Kreps
rickeyk@oeccullman.com

1972

1973

1974

Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield
estubble@yahoo.com

Shawn Freeman (class of 1974) accepted a position with the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt that led her and husband Russ Mawn to move back to Washington, DC. Shawn will be the Federal Reserve Liaison officer for the Bureau, and she and Russ bought a townhouse on Capitol Hill within walking distance of the church where they married 27 years ago. Their daughter Allyson will be living with them while she completes her master's degree in public relations at American University. Son Rusty will be graduating from Washington University in St. Louis in May.

1975

Class Contact: Ann Hamrick Culpepper
annhculpepper@bellsouth.net

My name is **Fran Schwaiger**, I am currently "living the dream" in Seattle, WA. I have been in the great Northwest for 12 years now. I plan on retiring from Fedex in July after being an industrial engineer for 30 years and am engaged to be married on 11/23/12 to a retired Navy pilot who now flies 747's for Atlas Cargo Airline. I would love to hear from my classmates as I have lost touch with almost everyone since I left Cullman in 1975 when I left to attend Vanderbilt University and have rarely gotten back to Alabama.

My current email address is
free2bfran@comcast.net.

1976

Last fall around 35 members of the CHS Class of '76 got together in Cullman for dinner and a look at the Oktoberfest celebration. We fear we missed notifying many members of the class because we have outdated contact information. Class members are asked to go to www.chsalumni.com to see Ray Helman's reunion photos, and to click on your name at

<http://www.chsalumni.com/ListMbr.asp> to update your contact information. Please pass this request along to other members of our class who may not see this newsletter. Hope to see everyone in a few years at our 40th reunion!

Pat Clem Kobor, VP, Class of '76

1977

Class contact: Teri Hansen
dnthansen@charter.net

1978

1979

1980

1981

Class contact: Regina Quick
rmqpc@mindspring.com

1982

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

Class of 82 thirty year reunion details:
Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30, 2012.
Reunion details at www.cullman82.com
or contact Rodney Gaw at
rodneymfgaw@aol.com

1983

1984

Class contact: Suzanne Harbin
sharbin@cullmanhosting.com

1986

Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw
Jangaw@aol.com

If you have lost your CHS 1986 YEARBOOK and would like a replacement, one is available (first come-first serve). To arrange for pick-up

you may call Patti Freeman at (256) 734-4040, (her work number) and leave a message or email me (jangaw@aol.com) and I will forward it to Patti.

Jan Gaw

1987

Class contact: Angie Grayson Solomon
angiedawn87@yahoo.com

Angie Grayson Solomon completed 20 years in the Air Force and is reenlisting for 6 more years next month. Looking forward to a 25 year HS reunion if the class is up to it.

1988

Class contact: Lynn Gordon Edmonds
Elmirajones@aol.com

Darren Pettie has had a recurring role on the shows Ringer as a detective and Pan Am as a pilot. He also had a lead guest star role in the show Castle as a bank robber.

Three class of 1988 alumni currently undergoing treatment for cancer:

Marshall Alexander

Shane McMeans

Blake Tolbert

1989

Class contact: Deborah Kraft
deborahmkraft@yahoo.com

1990

Class contact: Shannon Carter Price
sprice@gravitypayments.com

1991

Karen D. Cook

Employed - Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Funeral Director and Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, pre-need family service. Assistant Team Leader of S-MORT and Dep-

uty Coroner of Blount County.

I am a proud single mom of three great children - Hope, 19 - a graduate of The Fast Track Academy at WSCC with her high school diploma & an associates degree; Elizabeth, 10 who is in the 4th grade & David, 9 who is in 3rd grade & is a childhood cancer survivor.

1992

Class contact: Beth Michael Solze
ElizabethSolze@aol.com

Wendy Walker Tysinger

Don and I welcomed our 3rd child on July 6th 2011 our son Tate Knox Tysinger was born. Tate has an older sister Rhianna (9) and an older brother Rhett (4).

1993

Class contact: Ashley Holt Green
ashleyhgreen@adelphia.net

1994

Class Contact: Jennifer Huffstuttler Parker
gnjayparker@bellsouth.net

1995

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

Michael and I celebrated the birth of our son, Luke Thomas Lytle, on December 15, 2011. We also have a four-year-old son, Kaleb, and live in Birmingham.

Karmin Arnold Lytle

1996

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

Jamie Luker Troutman is running for Circuit Clerk of Cullman County. She is running as a Republican. The primary is March 13, 2012 and the general election will be November 6,

2012.

1997

Class contact: Laura Barnes
lkabarnes@yahoo.com

1998

Class contact: Misty Angle
mlynnneangle@hotmail.com

Lindsay (Metcalf) Rhodes and Brent Rhodes would like to announce the addition of their son, Lucas Preston Rhodes (born July 10, 2011).

Hello everyone, Hope your holidays went well. I really enjoyed mine, we had a lot of family fun. Same here with my two jobs at the Movie theater and Dunkin Donuts. I really hope sometime in the near future to be able to find a new job and quit the Movie Theater after all I have been there for 4 years (wow). Hope everyone has a Happy New Year!!!!
Leslie McDade "98"

1999

Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin
csmauldin@hotmail.com

2000

2001

2002

Class Contact: Austin Hall
ahall@gray.com

Jason Harbison

Just thought I would let you know I'm getting married to Tara Light (from Oxford, AL) in Birmingham on April 21st. We will live in Auburn. Also the Class of 2002 10 year reun-

ion will be on May 5th. Individuals will be able to sign up in the coming months at <http://www.cullmanhs2002.com/>

2004

My husband, Nathan, and I had our first child, Graham, in July.

Anna (Howell) Anderson

2005

Currently- Finishing my Masters in the Art of Teaching through the University of Southern California, graduating in March 2012.

Completed- B.S. University of Alabama in Management

Coaching- I have coached football at Hanceville High School the past 3 years.

Kyle M. Morris

From the superintendent's desk:

A Day in the Life of Cullman City Schools

Dr. Jan Harris
Superintendent

We have another busy week ahead of us. Tonight we have the **Cullman County Spelling Bee**. A **BIG THANK YOU** is extended to Mrs. Janice Cook for serving as a judge in tonight's event at Fairview High School Auditorium at **7:00 p.m.**

We have **basketball games at home Tuesday and Thursday night**. And, the **First Grade Choral Concert will be Thursday night at Cullman High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.**

The legislative session will begin next week in Montgomery. Our quarterly superintendents' meeting will be held at that time, and I will participate in the Best Practices Superintendents Leadership Network (SLN).

I attended the Town Hall Meeting last Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Cullman. Our legislative delegation, Senator Paul Bussman, Representative Mac Buttram and Representative Jeremy Oden, shared information about the upcoming session. In particular, some of the topics discussed include:

There is hope to restore the stipend for National Board Certified Teachers back to \$5000 this year. *I addressed our delegation and told them I applauded their efforts to do so!*

Governor Bentley has stated he is in favor of a UNIFIED BUDGET. *I cannot support taking money from the Education Trust Fund to help take care of the deficit in the General Fund.*

Charter School conversation is taking place again this year. *Last year, this bill failed because of the details. It is not wise for charter schools to be formed without accountability and financial controls for the local board of education.*

There is talk of linking TEACHER EVALUATIONS with student performance. *I spoke to the delegation and voiced my non-support of this item.*

We are in the beginning stages for a new, improved Cullman High School. Soon, we will have renderings of the new main building that will house 22 classrooms, administrative and guidance offices and restrooms. It is our hope to remodel the auditorium and cafeteria as well.

CONGRATULATIONS, CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS!

One of FIVE school districts in Alabama to

earn 100% Proficiency on Level IV ARMT scores!

Cullman City Schools was in FIRST PLACE along with Arab City Schools, Guntersville City Schools, Mountain Brook City Schools and Muscle Shoals City Schools, according to the PARCA FALL 2011 Report. Check it out at <http://parca.samford.edu/parca2/newsletters/fall2011.pdf>

From the principal's desk:

Dr. Elton Bouldin

Keep up with news from CHS with the principals weekly newsletter, just logon to: http://www.chs.cullmancats.net/Cullman_High_School/Home_files/2012%2001%2023%20CHS%20Principal%27s%20Newsletter.pdf

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 2012 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 If your class isn't listed in the newsletter it is because that class has never submitted information to be included in the newsletter.

Also a big thank you goes out to Dr. Jan Harris and Dr. Elton Bouldin for their contributions to the newsletter.

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