

CHS Alumni Newsletter

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News From Our Alumni

1938

1940's

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1943

Our class is having a reunion June 8 at All Steak Restaurant starting at 10:30 in the Little Room 4th Floor. Contact Marjorie Kreps or Lorene Bailey. There are 39 of us so hope all can come. **Jean Bright Forester**

1951

1952

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1957

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Gail (Haynes) McCullers has recently been selected as President of AURA (Auburn University Retirees Association) and will serve 2012 -2013. She is also serving as Vice-

1953

The class of '53 is still quite active. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at the All Steak at 11:30 A.M. for lunch. We have several classmates from out of town who drive in and have lunch with us. We have recently lost three of our classmates, Lorraine Thomas, Pete Taylor and Dorothy Burmester. We are in the process of thinking about the 60th reunion in 2013. My how time flies.

Dot Henke

1954

1955

President of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Auburn University, better known as the OLLI program and has twice been its President. Staying in touch with education, she serves as Secretary to the Lee County Education Retirees Association (LCERA).

1959

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1960

Virginia Howard is editor of THEMA Literary Journal, which will have its 25th anniversary next year. For more information, visit <http://themaliterarysociety.com/>

After our 50th reunion in 2010, (CHS Class of 1960), we decided that since we are getting no younger, that we would try to meet quarterly. Our last meet, greet, and eat was held at AJ's Steak House. We enjoyed just being with our long time friends. Those attending were: Delean (Mobley) Williams; David Moss, William Durell Thornton; David O. McKoy; Larry Ragsdale and wife, Barbara; Glenda (King) Jones, Sandy (Griffin) Knighten; David Knight; James D. Bussey; Vic(tor) Mayo; Dwight Crider and his wife Brenda, and newly adopted daughter, Mia, Esther (Hankey) Turner; Joann (McElroy) Jones; Pat (Lay) Wright and husband, Bill, and Linda Priest Schgier. Since the outing we have lost 2 more of our classmates - Mary Dudley (Call) Poole, and Mary Lou (Rasco) Sheone. We look forward to our next outing,

Linda Priest Schgier

1961

Class Contact: Becky Kirk kirkbcrafty@aol.com



This is a photo of classmate **Ron DuBose** taken in 1978 while working at the controls of his company's Compressor Research Facility. Ron's company was testing the compressor for the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird" aircraft; an advanced, long-range, Mach 3+ strategic reconnaissance aircraft. Ron is President of Emprise Corporation, which engineers custom test equipment, test stands, and test facilities for clients in the aerospace, automotive, industrial and power industries. <http://www.emprise-usa.com>

Ron's comment: "Wasn't that red beard the best! I wish I still had red hair, Heck, I just wish I had hair!"

Classmates may remember that Ron started his engineering career by building a car in his basement while in high school.

Woody Hamrick

The Class of 1961 has a web site; CHS61.NET. Check it out.

1962

1963

1964

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The class of '64 had a barbeque at Judy Peinhardt Butler's house on the 9th of June. We had about 35 people attend. Judy's son in law, Cason, cooked and we all pitched in with desserts and side dishes...had a wonderful time. Our class meets every 3rd Saturday of the month for dinner.. we meet at different restaurants...anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Marye Stiefelmeyer Tolbert
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Michael Sutton has once again been named to the prestigious lists of The Best Lawyers in America for the fourteenth straight year, Top Rated Lawyers in America, and Best Lawyers in Texas. He is a founding member of the Intellectual Property boutique firm, Sutton McLaughan Deaver, PLLC in Houston Texas. Smd-iplaw.com

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell fconnell@bellsouth.net

We had our annual Britton reunion the first week of June over in Belgreen. My dad turned 90 last November, and is the patriarch of the Britton's who reside mostly in North Alabama, although there are a few black sheep who have drifted on up into Tennessee. It was nice to get back to Cullman - I will probably be back in the fall to catch another football game. I spent the rest of June in Vermont, staying with my daughter Sarah, enjoying the cool temperatures. In August, we will make our annual trek to the Smokies to do some hiking, then in September, we will be traveling to Hawaii for the wedding of our daughter Erin. My wife Jenny is looking at retiring next June - I will be working another couple of years or so. I hope all the class of '66 is doing well, and hope to see everyone again soon.

Bill Britton

John Zeigler has started a new job. He is the Communications Director for Alabama Lieutenant Governor, Kay Ivey. Congratulations are in order!

We had our quarterly Class of '66 mini-class reunion luncheon on June 2nd at A J's Steakhouse in Cullman. Those in attendance were Julia Edwards Brock, Rhonda Phillips Jackson, Paulette Lackey Trimble, Sonya Willoughby Cabri, Roy Williams, Charles and Laurie Pichelmayr, Peggy Harrison Ambrose, and Linda Tyree Hunter. The next presumed luncheon is to be September 8 at A J's (to be determined at a later date when football schedules are reviewed)

Jayne Wooten Barnett (previous CMS principal) stopped by to visit with us. She was soliciting for donations for the Cullman City School Foundation. Teachers don't receive enough grant monies for their rooms, supplies, etc. each year. This would help

if each alumni would volunteer to donate \$100.00-/+ per year. See link www.cullmancats.net if you could help with this.

Linda T. Hunter

To Retire or Not to Retire

When I made contact with a number of high school friends around the time of the tornado, I was surprised that all of them were retired, and had been for quite a few years, especially the teachers among them. *THAT* I can understand, having gone into teaching myself. Beyond the obvious burn-out, I decided to give it up when I found it so hard to remember the names of new classrooms of students, with the discipline problems that result from that kind of forgetfulness.

But I had been aiming for a preferred occupation anyway: Secondhand & Antiquarian Bookselling. The memory of books and their authors is an easier one....it stays with me more readily. So I can't see myself *ever* retiring from this one.

But why *do* people retire? I suppose if they were doing something they really liked, they wouldn't want to stop doing it if it were possible to keep going. So if most of us do retire, does that mean that few if any of us *like our work*?

And economically how does it work? In Australia there is a basic state pension that kicks in at 65, and a lot of people do choose to live on it (if they can live in their own home without a mortgage). But the government now tries to encourage baby boomers to keep on working after 65 because there are simply *so many of us*.

I will probably make the government happy and keep selling books until there is some physical (or mental) deterrent to doing so. I think I have organized everything: I *almost* completely own the shop c. 1870. I've set myself up in the main street opposite the post office, theatre and library (the things I need most in life), so I can walk to everything and can sell my car, with good Italian coffee being made in the shops on either side of mine. I've built a tiny cottage in the garden at the rear of the shop, so I have cut out all traveling time, especially with being two blocks from the train station in a world where train travel is being re-discovered. So why should I retire? Actually, maybe this *IS* my retirement. (*Joyce Sanders of the Class of 66 runs the Soldier & Scholar Bookshop in Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia, after emigrating from California in 1973 to take up a French teaching post in rural Australia. She has two Australian daughters, but no grandchildren, yet. She would love to know other classmates feelings about retirement.*)

1967

The class of 1967 is having a reunion August 18th at the Rotunda/Warehouse district in downtown Cullman. To register go to <http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/cullman/chs/1967/>. \$60.00 couple \$30.00 single. Checks should be made to 'class of 1967 reunion' and mailed to Windell Wood 1299 10th St SE, Cullman AL 35055. <http://www.classreport.org/usa/al/cullman/chs/1967/>

Danny McAfee

1968

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Larry A. Daniel

Graduated from CHS in 1968, and Jacksonville State in 1972. Retired from US Army in July 1992 and now from the State of Florida in July 2012. Post-retirement plans include some road trips on my 2010 Harley Ultra Classic, getting to know the grandchildren, and work part-time for Christmas money. I'm not ready to sit on the couch, eat bon-bons, and watch Oprah. Still a lot left on my bucket list.

From Ron Dunn:

My wife, Ann, and I have been blessed with a third grandchild. Daughter, Stacie Carter (Husband, Steve), gave us our precious Libby (Elizabeth Eloise Carter) on May 9th (7 LBS 6 OZ). Libby joins our two other grand-daughters, Lily and Sophie. They are both 4 years old and born on the same day at Cullman Regional. Their parents are: our daughter, Leah Belser and husband, Griff and our son, Todd Abbott, wife, Holly). Who said getting old was terrible. I'm loving every minute of it, mostly gardening, working at Johnny's BBQ every other week and praying that Social Security is still around when I get ready to hang it up for good. Best to everyone.

From Martha Williams:

I am sending a huge "Thank You" to everyone for all the encouragement and support I received from my classmates during my successful campaign for Circuit Judge of Cullman County. Even the many folks, who have moved away, were great in contacting family and friends still living in Cullman County. Y'all make me so proud of the Class of '68. I will do my best to deserve your support when I'm sworn in January, 2013. Thanks to everyone!!!

From Susan McMeans McPhillips:

My husband, Warren, and I have a new granddaughter: Alyssa Ann McLay (Born March 14, 6 LBS 15 OZ). Her parents are our daughter, Sarah McLay (Husband, Scott) She joins her big sister, Ashlyn Janette who is 3 years old. I Love babysitting.

In January Susan was inducted into the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution. She taught history for 30 years in Atlanta, and has always been interested in her family history. With the help of her brother, John Porter, they worked and researched for over a year to trace their family history to Scotland and then the US where their Patriot, James McCracken, fought in the Revolutionary War. DAR is a patriotic organization very active in supporting our military and veterans. If anyone would like assistance in joining or tracing family history send her an email. Congratulations on Libby! Yes, that is one of Warren's sisters name and it is one of my favorite names. Being a grandparent is more fun than I ever imagined! We are blessed.

I taught 15 years at Mabry Middle School and 15 years at Lassiter High School. Alyssa Ann McLay (our daughter Sarah and son in law Scotts daughter) was born March 14 weighing 6 lbs. 15 ounces. She joins big sister Ashlyn Janette who is 3 years old. James McCracken is my Great, Great, Great Grandfather on my Mother Janettes side. He came over from Scotland and

fought for South Carolina in the Revolutionary War against the British. He actually fought with the Swamp Fox a very famous Revolutionary War fighter.

From **Emma Thornton:**

Wanted to let everyone know that I am very excited about going on my first Mission trip to Zamaro, Mexico June 25 for a week.

1969

1970

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1971

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1972

1973

1974

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Greg Tubbs

How time flies. Hope this note finds all of you healthy and happy. We have sold our home in Virginia and moved full time outside of Reform, Alabama. Small farm is keeping me busy. 15 cows now....just had my first baby bull first week of June.

Daughter graduated from Grad School at U of A and moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan. Never would have figured that. Son is senior at U of A Engineering School, studying Computer Science. Wife is busy getting house and farm like she likes it. We travel too much and I continue to consult in DC. Goal is to be on farm more than 50% of my time. We are blessed with good health. I look forward to the day that I cross paths with one of you while visiting my mother in Cullman. God Bless all of you. Greg

1975

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1977

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1979

1980

1981

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Class of 1981 had 30th Reunion May, 2011 at Culpepper Farm and had a great time reuniting with one another. Class President Regina Quick (now lives in Georgia) was there as well as many members of the class and their spouses. Contact information for future reunions and activities can be sent to Lisanne Brown at lisanne.brown@yahoo.com

1982

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1983

"Class of 83 is approaching our 30th class anniversary. Anyone interested in participating in setting the event up or interested in attending please email Mike Simmons or Tom Calligaris at the following email addresses:

Mike

Aurorabluedevil@yahoo.com

Tom

tandlcalligaris@bellsouth.net

The Class of 1983 will hold their 30 year reunion July 26-27, 2013. Please contact Debra Tuggle Huser at dth256@yahoo.com for more information and to be added to the email mailing list.

1984

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Todd McLeroy has been elected chairman of the board of directors at Cullman Regional Medical Center.

Todd McLeroy would like to announce the opening of his new law firm, McLeroy Law Firm, LLC, 1626 First Avenue SW, Cullman. (256) 734-6994. www.mcleroyfirm.com

1986

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1987

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The Class of 1987 is having its 25th Class Reunion on July 21, 2012 from 7:00pm-11:30pm at the Cullman Elk's Lodge in Cullman, Alabama. \$20 single \$40 couple, dress is casual. Please RSVP to **Stacie Wren** @: swren@cullmancats.net

Beth Manning Collicott

Cullman High Class of 1987 - 25th Reunion

Date: July 21, 2012

Place: The Elk's Lodge

Cost: \$20.00 Single \$40.00 Couples

Dress: Casual

Food: Slider's and Finger Foods.

Beverages: No BYOB

Bartender is available

MUST have photo I.D. to purchase alcohol.

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Building must be closed by 12 midnight due to city law.

Deadline for payment: July 1, 2012

Please send payments to Stacie James Wren.

P.O. Box 2395

Cullman, Al 35056-2395

When sending by check, please be sure to include the name of the classmate (and maiden name, if applicable)

Lori Connors

Our daughter, Jaelyn, just graduated from Auburn High School.

She will be attending Auburn University in the Fall on a full academic scholarship. WAR EAGLE!

1988

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1989

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1990

Class contact: Shannon Carter Price

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1991

1992

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Class of 1992 is having our reunion in August. Please see link: <http://chs1992reunion.eventbrite.com/>

Brad Lynn

Karen Evans is marrying Lee Walton on July 19, 2012. Karen works at Wallace State Community College on the nursing faculty and lives in Hanceville, AL.

1993

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1994

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1999

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2000

Chandra Phillips now Chandra Shikle graduated in May (18th) from Samford University the McWhorter School of Pharmacy with her Pharmacy degree.

2001

2002

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2005

Daniel Allison graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy on May 8, 2012, earning his doctorate in pharmacy. Fellow CHS classmate, **Jared Rice**, also graduated pharmacy school with Daniel this year. Daniel is pursuing a career as a pharmacist with Target starting in July, and will be residing in Madison, AL.

William "Will" Smith and Joan Reichwein Smith have a beautiful daughter named Kayleigh. They graduated from University of AL with Engineering degrees in May 2008. They work in Huntsville, Joan as a Metallurgical Engineer and Will as a Chemical Engineer.

2008

Cade Ann Smith was the class President of Class of 2008, she graduated from University of AL in May 2011 with a double major in Criminal Justice and Political Science. She lives and works in Washington DC for Congressman Robert Aderholt. Class contact information can be sent to her email at cadeann@gmail.com

The VP of the class of 2008 was **Megan St. John** she is completing her BSRN from University of AL this coming May.

From the principal's desk:

Dr. Elton Bouldin

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[http://www.chs.cullmancats.net/
Cullman_High_School/Home_files/2012%2001%
2023%20CHS%20Principal%27s%20Newsletter.pdf](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 and alumni for their help in putting together the July 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.

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with remove in the subject line, include your name, year of graduation, and email address in the body of the message.