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News From Our Alumni

1938

1940's

Class contact:

Joan (Lawrence) Porter, Cullman High School Class of 1948, passed away May 2, 2013 after a long illness. All three of her siblings- Kenneth, June, and Angela - graduated from CHS, as did all five of her children – Greg (77), Perry (79), Jan (81), Gina (83), Heath (89). She went on to graduate from Howard College (now Samford Univ) and taught school in AL and GA, including Cullman County.

1951

1957

Class contact: Joyce Brown
joyceb374@yahoo.com

Joyce Earl Brown

When you get past graduation for as many years as I, life events are few and far between: no new job, no promo-

1952

Class Contact: Don Wilcut
WILCUT@aol.com

1953

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1955

tions in an old job, no relocations, no new children, no new grandchildren. This in no way means that the life of a 1957 graduate is dull! Just the opposite, there is too much to do and too little time. Bobby and I travel a lot and have as one of our goals to visit as many US National Parks as possible. We've been

to 40+, including the less-visited Death Valley and Channel Islands. Hiking up mountains, into canyons, and enjoying the unparalleled beauty are our preferred park activities. Although I no longer play tennis singles, I get in a few doubles matches each week. Add church, reading, a little FB time, puzzles and, of course, those household things that never go away, and I think, "What happened to the day? week? month? year?"

Come on, graduates of '57, write a line or two for Bill to put in the newsletter. I finally did it; you can too.

1959

Class contact: Brenda Horn
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1964

Marye S Tolbert

The class of '64 meets every 3rd Saturday of the month for an informal get together at 6 pm at various restaurants. Anyone that might be interested in being placed on the email list can contact me at 256-355-4200 or email at mtolbert@bellsouth.net.

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell
fconnell1@bellsouth.net

Bill Britton

My wife Jenny retired in June from her college teaching career, and we have now relocated from Florida to North Carolina near Hendersonville. We bought a home on 5 acres up in the mountains with a small stream running through. We have vacationed in western N. Carolina for the past 18-20 years, and have always dreamed of settling here. So, we are now living

our dream! I expect to work about another year and a half, then I will also be retired. Our daughter Sarah is living in Vermont, and daughter Erin has married a Naval officer and they are presently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. I visit Cullman often to see my Dad, brothers and sister.

Michael Whipple has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Evansville Indiana African American Museum. Michael is an avid golfer and recently broke 70 for the first time, shooting a career best 68.

IF YOU ATTENDED CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL FROM 1960 TO 1969 YOU ARE PART OF THIS GROUP.

The CHS Class of 66 is hosting a 60's (1960 -1969) mix class social at the Elks Lodge on Aug 3rd. We would like to have some contact people from each of the 60's classes to notify your classmates of this event. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. This is being done solely by emails, phone calls, Facebook and word of mouth. The price is \$25.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner, band, a bar for those that drink and some good socializing. It starts at 6:30/7:00PM & ends at 12:00. If you know anyone that has kept up with your class members, please contact them that they may send out this invitation. All your help is appreciated!

Joyce Sanders

I am continuously intrigued by the idea of retirement, who retires, when they do it, or who doesn't. As all of us in the Class of 1966 are reaching the old retirement age of 65 during this 12-month period, I would love to see contributions from others on the idea of retirement, especially those who *aren't retiring* just yet (and why?) I know many of my Alabama classmates became teachers (was that because we had such *good role models* at CHS?! Or on the other hand, *such bad role models* so we all thought we could do better?), and all of the teachers amongst us seem to have taken early retirement from teaching (I didn't last too long myself before switching to public libraries and then bookshops). But I think it would be a *given* that you only retire from something you *don't like doing* (teaching), but you *don't retire* from things you do like doing (running a book shop? writing novels?). All of my friends who've retired seem to have taken up travel in a big way, unless they have a particular involvement with grandkids. But if one doesn't have grand-

kids (yet?) and did a lot of travelling when younger, or through work, then those options don't have any attraction, or not enough to be worth retiring for. So, does one just find something one really likes to do, and just keep on doing it until....one keels over?

1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn
ronsdone@bellsouth.net

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1974

Ernest Hauk has been married for 16 years, one daughter age 13 student at CMS. Ernest retired in 2009 from Cullman City Schools and he is beginning his 5th year as Principal of Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Shawn Freeman Mawn is back living and working in Washington, DC for the Office of Management and Budget.

Cathy Calvert is an Account Representative for Random House Publishing, she is living in Birmingham, AL.

Babette Thompson Hoyle lives in Asheville, NC and works for the Boy/Girl Scouts of America.

Susan Basch Watson lives in Mobile with husband Mark and two children, twins, Josh & Sarah. They also have a grandson, Jack. Susan is Director of UCP of Mobile.

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1977

Greg Porter, graduated from Samford School of Pharmacy, resides in San Antonio, Texas with wife Tammy. Son, Thomas, is a Junior at University of Houston. He is President of Marine Medical, Inc. which provides medical supplies and drug testing services to offshore oil rigs and cruise lines.

1978

Mary Alldredge-Nix

Happy 35th Reunion to the Class of 1978. We will not be having a (5) year reunion this year but will see you all at our 40th. Please remember to send Mary McMillan your contact and update information to keep on file. Email Mary at: mary_alldredge @ yahoo.com. Be sure and put the _ between Mary and Alldredge. I need **everyone** to send me an email so I can restore my email contacts. I think I lost some emails at some point. Thanks everyone.

A big "THANKS" to Bill Bagley from the Class of 78' for doing the CHS Alumni Newsletter. We appreciate all your hard work, Bill.

Also, if anyone has any prayer requests do not hesitate to send them to me. We can all use prayer. We love to hear good news as well. It's been quiet for a while from the Class of 1978, so let's hear from you all.

I do have a new cell number: 256-595-3244. Feel free to contact me with information.

Thanks everyone. Have a great summer.

1979

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1982

Class contact: Jonathan B. Green

jgreenesq@gmail.com

Class Reunion... the class of 82 is piggybacking with Class of '83 it will be on July 27, 2013 at the Elks Lodge.

1983

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1984

Class contact: Suzanne Harbin

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1986

Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw

Jangaw@aol.com

1987

1988

Class contact: Lynn Gordon Edmonds

Elmirajones@aol.com

1989

Class contact: Deborah Kraft

deborahmkraft@yahoo.com

Brandy M. Lee

I opened a second law office in Jasper, Alabama and now have two offices one in Birmingham and one in Jasper and my firm Lee Law Firm, LLC is a member of Red Mountain Law Group.

1990

Class contact: Shannon Carter Price

sprice@gravitypayments.com

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1997

Class contact: Laura Barnes

llewis@uniquedigital.com

1998

Leslie McDade

Hello class of 1998, I hope things are going well for everyone. I was recently fired from my job at the movie theater after 5 years for what i call unfair reasons back in Feburary. I have bounced back though and now working at Which Wich 5 days a week and off on weekends. I really love my new job. My new email is lesliemc4@hotmail.com

1999

Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin

csmauldin@hotmail.com

2000

Chandra Shikle... I was Chandra Phillips and I wanted to announce the birth of my 1st child in June. I had a little boy and his name is Christopher Wayne Shikle Jr.

2001

2002

Class Contact: Austin Hall

ahall@gray.com

2004

Tiffany Johnson Ergle

After I graduated from Cullman in 2004 I married Matthew Ergle on May 20, 2005. We have three children Alexis, Ian, and Ava. I returned to Wallace in 2010 and graduated with an Associates in Applied Science Degree in Occupational Therapy (2011 graduate). After I graduated I accepted a job in Fort Walton Beach, FL and I have currently worked my way up to being the Area Manager of the Florida Panhandle for my therapy company. I really enjoy living by the beach, taking the kids when I get off work just to relax and play in the sand.

2005

Russ Arnold graduated in May from Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma with a Master's in Business Administration. Russ and his wife, Amy Ann, traveled with a group from their church in Tulsa for a week long mission trip to Ecuador.

Kyle Morris became a father May 23, when his wife Ashley gave birth to their daughter Avery Ann Morris. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and is doing great.

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From the principal's desk:

Dr. Elton Bouldin

Keep up with news from CHS with the principals weekly newsletter, just logon to: [http://chs.cullmancats.net/pages Cullman High School/News](http://chs.cullmancats.net/pages/Cullman_High_School/News)

From the superintendents desk:

Dr. Doreen Griffeth

Dr. Doreen Griffeth will begin her tenure as the new superintendent of Cullman City Schools on August 1, 2013. Dr. Griffeth steps into the role, replacing Dr. Jan Harris who served for almost nine years before announcing her retirement. Dr. Griffeth has served as area assistant superintendent in Cobb County, Georgia for two years, and prior to that role, she served as a principal for 10 years at Shallowford Falls Elementary and Rocky Mount Elementary in Cobb County. She started her career as a music and special education teacher. Dr. Griffeth and her husband Robert have four children and twelve grandchildren.

From the editor's desk:

Bill Bagley

Class contacts: Over the years many of the class contacts have not kept their email addresses current. I checked all of the contact email addresses in the newsletter and if they were not current I removed those contacts. I will also remove them from their respective class alumni page as time permits. If you are a former contact and want to continue to be class contact just send me your name, year of graduation, and current email address and you will be listed as the class contact once again. If your class does not have a class contact (for the alumni page) and you would like to be class contact just send the information listed above. The purpose of the class contact is to collect information all during the year and send it to me. As soon as I get enough information for a newsletter I will send out an email and let everyone know I am working on one. Since I have over 1000 valid email addresses I have to send multiple emails or they are picked up as spam and will not send. This usually takes around 20 emails spaced a few hours apart, usually a two to three day process.

Bulletin board:

As soon as I finish the newsletter I am going to create a bulletin board for the alumni. It will first appear as a link off of the alumni page and then as a link from the CHS website. This will give alumni a place to post information that can't wait until there is a newsletter. Information you want listed on the bulletin board will need to be sent directly to me at whbagley@bellsouth.net. There are two ways to access the alumni page (1) go directly to the page <http://alumni.cullmancats.net/> or (2) go to the CHS webpage <http://chs.cullmancats.net> then on the toolbar on the top move the curser to About Us and them to Alumni Information. The alumni link is also on the CHS page under News.

June 1st this year I retired from CHS but will continue to do the alumni page and the newsletter. I will be making changes and updates to the page. I will start by going through each class checking email addresses, if the email address is not longer valid it will be removed (this will be a long process). This will let those classmates know that they need to update their email addresses when they look at their class page and they do not have an email address listed.

Computer crash: Some of my email database was lost when my computer crashed in early July. If you submitted and email update after December 28, 2012 I no longer have you in my database. Even if your email address is correct on the alumni page it is missing from my database and needs to be resubmitted. If you are receiving emails from me you are in my database and do not have to resubmit.

Once again a special thanks to all of the class contacts for their help in putting together the July 2013 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.

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.

