

CHS Alumni Newsletter

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News From Our Alumni

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1952

Class Contact: Don Wilcut
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1955

1959

Class contact: Brenda Horn
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The class of 1959 will hold their 55th class reunion on June 28, 2014 at Terri Pines County Club – 6:00 – 9:00 pm

1956

Rondal Mize

I'm a '56 graduate of CHS, live in Cullman and have been helped with all of our class reunions. We had one every four years after we graduated until we reached the 50 year mark, and then started having them every 5 years. Our next reunion is scheduled for 2016. We had 166 in our class and have approximately 40+ who are deceased.

1957

Class contact: Joyce Brown
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Any class member who has not been notified, please contact Brenda Nelson Horn at horn8891@gmail.com

1960

Virginia Howard is still working part-time for the LSU Medical Alumni Association, putting together their alumni

magazine and drawing tigers, as needed (holiday card, LSU Gala). She is editor/publisher of THEMA Literary Journal

(<http://themaliterarysociety.com>), which is now entering its 26th year in print. Two murder mysteries, which she co-authored with Gail Howard, wife of Fredric T. Howard (CHS Class of 1957), are available at Amazon for download to Kindle. Look for *Cross-words Can Be Lethal* and *Death by the Reel*, both written under the pen name "H.O. Ward."

1961

1962

Sandra and I (**Jerry Cole**), class of 1962, have become Texans since the last newsletter. We moved to Flower Mound, TX to be near our two kids and seven of our grandchildren.

1963

1964

CHS Class of 1964 will have our 50 Year Reunion on Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th, this year.

Please contact **Courtney McKoy** for more information.

courtney@mindspring.com, 256-572-6132.

Yvonne Edmondson Sharpton,

ybsharp@bellsouth.net is helping with getting ready for the 50th Reunion! We meet the 3rd Sat. night monthly for dinner @ 6pm. We go to different restaurants, so if someone would like to come, please check the email Courtney McKoy sends out on where we will be meeting.

Bob Prater

In November, I was elected, without opposition, to the position of Mayor of Warm Springs, Georgia. Warm Springs, located 60 miles south of Atlanta and 30 miles north of Columbus, is home to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Little White House, a State Historic Site, as well as the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation which Mr. Roosevelt founded in 1927.

1965

I am **Shirley (Leigeber) Vigil**, Class of 1965. I cur-

rently reside in Huntsville, Alabama with my husband, Robert. I am retired from BellSouth (now AT&T), but teach online at American Public University. I currently teach College Algebra, Math for Liberal Arts Majors, and College Trigonometry. I received my PhD from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2008. I have eight grandchildren who live in Louisiana, Texas, and Georgia. My husband and I love to travel and recently completed a trip to the Galapagos and to Machu Picchu, Peru. We are planning a trip to the Baltic this summer. It is always great to hear about the lives of fellow classmates

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell

jconnell1@bellsouth.net

Maybe I haven't left anyone out, but these were the classmates at our luncheon. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed each memory. I hope each of you will be able to attend the next planned meeting on June 7th. Mark your calendars for 11:30 at A J's Steak House on Hwy 31. See you there! (Your spouse or friend are invited too.) I will send a couple of reminders between now and then.

Bert & Brenda Mackentepe, Rhonda P. Jackson, Kathy H. Maner, Charles & Lauren Pichelmay-er, Fred & Jan Scott, Buddy Blalock, Paulette L. Trimble, Peggy H. Ambrose, Steve Singleton, Bill Schaffer, Marcella C. Manning, Johanna H. Johnson, Roy Williams, Jane Ann & Larry Fields, Mike & Shelia Murphree, Wade King, James Laminack, & Linda Hunter.

Rodney D. Reeves, FSU Phd, EdS

Appalachian State Univ., MA, Charleston Southern U. (no surprise as I am a SC Native Son, that was born in Charleston) BS.

Now a Real estate Property Management after retirement from FSU.

Class of 66: Riley, Charlotte, Angie, Bill, Bill, Bill, and all the others who likely don't want to remember me, as per Bama's instructions after I moved.

Barron Fred Scott

I graduated from West Point in 1966 due to family re-locating to that area. I attended CHS up to 10th grade and have attended several of the quarterly reunions. I look forward to the newsletter.

Marcella (Marcy) Calvert Manning - 1966 CHS
Instructor at Wallace State Community College
(Business-Accounting)
Married to Paul Manning (1965 – Hanceville High
School)

Aaron Parker

aarondparker@outlook.com

After CHS and attending Calhoun in Decatur I decided to join the Air Force, thinking I'd be drafted if I didn't do something. With VietNam still going-on I wanted to have some sort of say about the matter. AF took me to San Antonio TX, Denver CO, AFVN Radio & TV on Monkey Mtn. DaNang Vietnam, Colorado Springs CO. After the Air Force I lived in Denver, CO for several years. Then moved to Louisville, KY where I retired on March 31, 2013, from the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce. Many educational experiences ... Several wonderful and challenging work experiences ... Many, many life experiences ... So, after retiring with 40 years under my belt (with a AF time) I decided to moved back to Cullman and slow-down life's pace just a bit. And That It Did. Yes, I'm still going strong, but the pace is much, much slower. What A Ride it's been and is still ... and I've enjoyed each and every minute of it.

1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn

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Eddie Bedard (Class of 1968) and Sara Gasser Bedard (Sara Gasser class of 1969) have been married 42 years last December. We just recently had our 3rd grandbaby. It's a boy !! We currently have 2 granddaughters ages 9 and 5. We have 3 children ages 36, 35, and 29 all doing well. We have been blessed to have been able to live and raise our kids in Cullman all these years. Sara is a retired school teacher (retired in 2005 from Cullman Primary school) and I am currently City President of Premier Bank of the South in Cullman. The years have gone by quickly and hard to believe. Hello to all those out there who see this message and hope you are doing OK. The late sixties sure were fun !! Good old memories of CHS.

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Class contact: Rickey Kreps

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

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1984

Class contact: Suzanne Harbin
harbin.suzanne@gmail.com

Class of 84 – 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of the CHS Class of 1984 graduation. If you are interested in coordinating a 30-year reunion, please email Harbin.suzanne@gmail.com. All contact information for class members and information from prior reunions can be provided to assist in the reunion coordination/preparation. The Tony Brock Music Enhancement Fund, in partnership with the Cullman City Schools Foundation, held the 2nd Annual Piano Concert on February 27, 2014. To date, the fund honoring our classmate has funded over \$1,500 in music equipment, piano lab, and computers to support music education in Cullman City Schools. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please visit: www.cullmancityschoolsfoundation.org for more information.

1985

Suzi Rooker

I have been living in Atlanta since 1991. I have been divorced since 2005. I work from home for a staffing firm that specializes in placing people in advertising and marketing jobs. Most of my classmates are friends of mine on Facebook and we keep in touch.

1986

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Jangaw@aol.com
Class web page:

1987

1988

Class contact: Lynn Gordon Edmonds
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1989

Class contact: Deborah Kraft
deborahmkraft@yahoo.com

1990

Class contact: Shannon Carter Price
sprice@gravitypayments.com

1991

1992

Class contact: Beth Michael Solze
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1993

Class contact: Ashley Holt Green
ashleyhgreen@adelphia.net

1994

Class Contact: Jennifer Huffstuttler Parker
jayparker.jp@gmail.com

Gang it looks like this summer is our 20 year reunion. Me and Andrea are really looking forward to seeing everyone. If the Class Committee needs help I don't mind helping out and getting ready for the big event. Just call me anytime!

If anyone is in the Auburn area please give me a call. If you are just driving through or in town to tailgate please call me. We have a bunch of classmates that still live in the area and I hope to do a better job communicating with them in the future. Andrea and Jordyn are doing just fine. Jordyn is now 3 years old and I'm paying for my raising. She is wide open and we are looking forward to the spring time!
Thanks **Dee Black** 256-710-2388

Jennifer Parker

We are planning a 20 year reunion for August 2 at the Elks Lodge.

1995

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

1996

1997

Class contact: Laura Barnes
llewis@uniquedigital.com

1998

Kelly Brock and her husband have a three-year-old daughter and are expecting their second little girl this May.

Hello class of "98" my new job at Which Wich is going great, it's so much better than the theater. I have made so many friends there. I am so ready for warm weather. Have a great year.

Leslie McDade

1999

Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin
csmauldin@hotmail.com

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2004

Josh Stancil and his wife, **Lacy Stancil** (graduate of CHS in 2004) have a beautiful daughter, Brooklyn. Josh graduated from the University of Alabama in December of 2008 and Lacy in December of 2007. Josh serves as the Children's Pastor at Temple Baptist Church, and Lacy is the owner/ coach of Victory Cheer Academy.

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

From the superintendents desk:

Dr. Doreen Griffeth

It is great being a Cullman City Bearcat! I have so appreciated the warm welcome to Cullman and marvel at the amazing support our schools receive from this

community. I am so grateful for the dedication of our talented staff and hope you are able to see the impact you made and are making on the future through your teaching of Cullman City students. Again, thanks for your service to Cullman City Schools and I wish you the best in all of your pursuits. We cannot wait to invite you to see our new high school this August! Stay tuned for the big announcement. So you can get to know me a little bit better, I am attaching my bio. Dr. Doreen Griffeth was born in Freeport, Illinois, but was raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education/Elementary Education from Brigham Young University and earned her Master's and Educational Specialist Degrees from Georgia State University. Samford University awarded her a Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2004. Dr. Griffeth has worked as a music specialist; a special education teacher; an elementary teacher and instructional leader; an assistant principal; principal; and was an Assistant Superintendent in Cobb County Schools in Marietta, Georgia prior to coming to Cullman City Schools in August 2013. She is married to Robert Griffeth, a general contractor, has four grown children, and fourteen amazing grandchildren.

From the editor's desk:

Bill Bagley

A special thanks goes out to Dr. Doreen Griffeth for taking time to contribute to the March 2014 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. If you see anything that needs to be corrected let me know and I will fix it on the newsletter that I post to the CHS webpage.

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.