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News From Our Alumni

1938

1940's

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1944

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Since our last class reunion August of 2005 we have lost two classmates. Faye Bland died October 12, 2005 and Tommy Horton died sometime last month. Mark your calendars for the class reunion for August 19, 2006. Gee these years are passing fast. We will try to have it at the All Steak again this year. Marie will notify you later.

1951

1952

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GLOBETROTTING

A frequent question is "what is your favorite place of all those you've visited?". There is no one answer as each city or country is unique unto itself. The scenery in Austria, Monaco, Norway and Peru is spectacular. The chateaus in France and castles in Germany are massive and just beautiful. There is nothing like the 240-mile

France Champagne Trail. Around every corner you'll find another place to stop for a tour and samples. It was wonderful! Lisboa, Portugal offers a wide variety of interesting medieval historical sites and things to see and do with public transportation fast and efficient. The cork trees and how cork is harvested throughout southern Portugal was something we'd never before seen. In Lima, Peru, we have

dined at Las Treces Monedas, one of the top 10 restaurants of the world.

If you've never taken a cultural exchange trip to another country, try one sometime. Ours was to Italy in 1997 as a SERVAS Traveler. We were guests in homes of six Italian hosts where we, in essence, became a part of their family. This type of experience in a new and different culture really does "bridge the gap" between countries and offers a better understanding of each which promotes harmony and peaceful co-existence. In April, we will host one of those Italian families for an exchange visit. They are physicians from Roma who spoke no English.

My husband had always wanted to know more about his maternal grandmother's Scottish heritage (Clan MacKintosh). Before we started doing our family genealogy, in the early 80's on a trip to Scotland, we decided to stop in Tomatin, Inverness-shire, before going to Isle of Sky. We did not know this was the MacKintosh Clan territory. The owners of the B&B told us and promptly arranged a meeting with Lachlan R.D. MacKintosh of MacKintosh, President of the Clan Chattan Association. He took us on a tour of the museum and grounds at Moy Hall (near Inverness) and presented Capers with a signed and approved application to join the association. That was exciting and certainly the highlight of that trip.

An absolutely wonderful place to visit is San Miguel de Allende, Gto., Mexico. Located in the State of Guanajuato, it is about 180 NW of Mexico City. It's the only place we've ever been where the entire city is designated as a National Historic Site. Capers and I rented a furnished apartment and stayed three months. While there, we both served on the staff of the ATENCION SAN MIGUEL (newspaper) and did a lot of sightseeing. This is a great place for bridge players who come here for the winter from many parts of the world. Needless to say, we enjoyed the twice a week duplicate bridge games consisting of 13-16 tables.

There are several places we return to more frequently than others. Those include London and other parts of the British Isles, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Guadalajara, Mexico, Hilton Head Island, SC and New Braunfels, TX, home of the famous "Wurstfest". I continue to travel with a bridge club from Winter Park one or more times a year. We go to

resorts in many different places to play bridge for 1-2 weeks at a time.

Since adopting our dog, Brownie, we try to find places that are pet friendly. If that's not possible, we often take him anyway and board him at our destination. Brownie is a standard Chihuahua, slightly spoiled, who thinks he should go wherever we go and certainly knows when you start packing his bag. He is a lap dog and is sitting on mine as I compose this article.

See Brownie and more of our travel albums at www.picturetrail.com/gri_globetrotter/htm. We invite you to view, post comments and sign our guest book. Bookmark or add our website to your favorites for return visits as we change the albums about every four months.

Enjoy! Edna (Perkins) Griffith

1953

The Class of '53 had a reunion last year with about 50 people in attendance on Friday night at the St. John's Ruehl building and Saturday night at the All Steak. In Jan '06, several classmates attended the 50th anniversary of Max & Nancy Moore Kelley at Foundation Hall at Athens College.

The faithful of class'53 are still meeting at the All Steak on the last Tuesday night of the month at 6:30 PM. It is always with sadness that we announce the death of a classmate and immediately following our reunion last year, we got the word that Jerry McClendon has suffered a fatal heart attack. He had attended the reunion and was in rare form as we all knew him to be.

Dottie Henke

1954

1955

1957

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Harwell "Pete" Holmes

Since the last newsletter we retirees down here in

south Florida have been rather busy. Sandra and I weathered the hurricanes this past fall AOK and came thru with no more than some damaged vegetation. However, we were without power for 1+ weeks and had to rely on our generator to keep the frig and lights up and running. Fortunately, unlike the previous year the weather was cool and dry (lo humidity), thus the A/C was not required. Our generator will not run the A/C.

This has been another mild winter and spring like weather is already upon us. Skies are clear and blue, flowers are blooming, birds are getting ready to nest, and outdoor activities are pleasant. Already the vegetation has almost totally recovered from the big winds..... except of course for the large trees that went down and the broken limbs.

Since last fall I've been taking a Master Gardener training course offered by the Palm Beach County extension service (and the Univ of Fl). This should be completed by March 1st. Mainly this is volunteer servicei.e., they train you, and you repay by volunteering your time to assist others with their gardens and plants.

We have also had another wedding. Daughter Cinde married Kevin Topper this past December. They flew to San Francisco for their wedding. Later in January their wedding celebration was held at their home here in town (Abacoa, Jupiter FL). A big affair with family coming in from all over. Between them they have 6 children... 5 boys and 1 girl.

Sandra and I are still very much into raising monarch butterflies. Since last summer we have released 250+ back into the wild. Last fall we participated in the monarch tagging program (yes.... actually putting tags on the monarch's wings). This program is designed to gather data on the monarch's migration to central Mexico to spend the winter months before returning in the spring to populate the US with monarchs. However, there is some question as to whether the Florida monarchs are a local population and do not migrate. Maybe they like the Florida winter months and just hang around.

I'm still into music and play daily. In fact for a Christmas present Sandra upgraded my piano keyboard to a new Roland RD700SX stage piano. If you are consid-

ering an electronic piano, check out the RD700SX.... awesome. It duplicates the sound of a big concert grand piano (plus other tones including Hammond organ), and it is portable.

For more on our activities visit our online photo albums and butterfly Blog. I'm an avid amateur photographer and take photos almost daily using a Nikon D70. Sandra uses a little Nikon 2100 which continually amazes me with it's clarity and perfectly focused shots.

Photo Albums: <http://pianopete.com/photos.html>

Butterfly Blog: <http://pianopete.blogspot.com>

Wanna check out our beautiful beach... go the the CAM at:http://pianopete.com/jupiter_inlet_beach.html

1959

Marty and I are expecting our number nine Grand baby in March. It is another girl!!!! That makes eight girls and ONE boy!!! I am in another play .DEARLY DEPARTED. It is a gas, reminds me of the Choen brothers work.

Happy New Year from California,
Gwenda (Moore) Measel

1960

Virginia Howard (Class of '60), along with her sister-in-law Gail Howard, wife of Ted Howard (Class of '57) have written their second murder mystery under the pen name H. O. Ward. DEATH BY THE REEL (Hilliard & Harris, October 2005) is available on the Internet at many locations, including www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, www.bordersstores.com, and www.booksamillion.com, or by order through your favorite bookstore. H. O. Ward's first mystery was DEATH BY UNCHES (Hilliard & Harris, October 2003).

1961

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Woody Hamrick

Last summer a friend and I took a 17,500 mile motorcycle trip to the four corners of the continental United

States. The objective was to ride as far as we could go in every direction in the 49 states. We departed Orlando for Key West on July 2nd, traveling to Key West, Florida; San Diego, California; Homer, Alaska; and Lubec, Maine; before arriving back in Orlando on August 22nd. Our trip took us through thirty-two states and five Canadian provinces, across the Rocky Mountains, up the California and Oregon coast, and over the Alaska Highway through some of the most desolate and beautiful country you can imagine.

The Four Corners Trip was the highlight of a great year of riding. The year kicked off with the "Spring Fling", a 6,500 mile trip to Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming and Nebraska. I picked up a brand new Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic on March 1st and the speedometer clicked over to 32,000 miles in my last ride before Christmas!

1962

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Gwenda (Moore) Measel

1963

1964

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James Roden jroden1@knology.net the class of 1964 has a regular monthly meeting at Baxters in Cullman.

1966

Class contact: Jane Connell fconnell1@bellsouth.net

Can you believe that it has been 40 years since we graduated from Cullman High School? I've had several calls from classmates asking if we were going to have a reunion this year. Is anyone making plans? Please email me if you know of any plans or if you live in Cullman and are willing to work on a committee to organize a reunion. Please send me your email

address (living in Cullman or elsewhere) and I will contact you with any information that I receive.

Jane Connell

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1968

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1969

1970

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1971

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1972

1973

Jack King was promoted to a Captain at Southwest Airlines this past summer.

1974

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2005 was an interesting year for the Tubbs Clan. I spent time in Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq and Iran....not to mention friendlier places in Europe. I continue to enjoy myself most of the time and am making a difference. My wife teaches school in Virginia and it is a daily challenge. Seems students have more rights than we did long ago. My son Chris is on the School Rowing Team....8 man rowing... The Regattas are something to see....lot like canoes, but not. He is a sophomore in high school. Doing well. My daughter Katie, is a Junior in college...spending a year abroad at the

University of Manheim, in Germany. She lives in the middle of the town of Manheim. She wanted the full emersion German experience and she is getting it. She will return this summer for her Senior year at the University of Alabama.

COL Gregory Tubbs

Director Rapid Equipping Force
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Please note that at least two members of the class of 1974 died in 2005: Vanessa Kyte Walsh and Craig Henry.

Shawn Freeman

1975

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1976

Is the plan for a 1976 reunion going well? June is close by, just wondering what kind of plans I should make.

Sharon Warfield

1977

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1978

1979

1980

1981

Bobby DeForest, Class of 1981, retired from the US Air Force on 1 Nov 2005 after 22 1/2 years of active duty service, retiring at the rank of Major. His final assignment was at the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation in Orlando, FL. He celebrated at a ceremony officiated by his commander, Col David Votipka, and about 45 friends, family members, and co-workers. He now works as a Systems Engineer for Northrop Grumman in Melbourne, FL.

Funeral services for **Thomas Yancy "Ty" Talley**, 42, of Cullman were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at Moss-Service Chapel, Pastor Eric Lones officiating, with burial in Hopewell Cemetery.

Moss-Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Talley died Sunday, Nov. 13 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born July 28, 1963. He was a systems engineer with Colsa Corporation, a contractor for N.A.S.A.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelby (Joseph) Ensminger and Paige Talley; his parents, Rayford and Jerry Talley; a sister, Donna Talley; a brother-in-law, Michael Christopher Orbon; three nephews, Dillion Ray Orbon, Benjamin Nils Orbon and Elias Max Orbon; a niece, Mikaela Talley Orbon; and close special companion, Gwen Parker.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Talley Scholarship Fund designated for his daughter, Paige Talley. These donations may be made to any People's Bank location.

Pallbearers were Dale Moyer, Pat Weissend, Larry Gambriel, Tim Schiehl, Glen Freeman, Phillip Dunlap, Marshal Roberts and Gary Austin.

1982

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After watching "Freaks and Geeks," the complete series, on DVD last weekend, I feel compelled to send an update of my whereabouts and doings and to offer a shout out to all my band homeys.

My wife, Abby, and I added another daughter to our family -- Bailey was joined by Avery last June. I have been Assistant Professor of Music at Miles College, where I have served as the Department of Music's founding Director. I was recently the recipient of an Alabama State Council on the Arts Individual Artists Fellowship to complete my opera, "Sky Sash, So Blue," which was premiered last year and which will be represented next year at the Birmingham Museum of Art. I am currently collaborating on a children's

theater piece with Australian author Libby Hathorn, to be premiered in 2008.

Phillip Ratliff

1983

1984

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1986

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Class web page:

http://www.geocities.com/cullman_1984/

Class of 1986 -20 Year- Reunion Information: Currently we have no news on the reunion. If you *haven't* already emailed me please send your name (include maiden name) address and phone # along with your email address to Christie Bright at Dale2224@bellsouth.net or you may still send it to me and I will forward it. Also please **reference** it "Class Reunion". Begin gathering old photos to send in. As soon as I have some information I will add it to the Alumni Newsletter or if I have your email address – I'll send you some information directly. Pass this information on to those you know aren't on the Newsletter mailing list.

Some of our classmates have sent in updates; don't forget to send me yours at Jangaw@bellsouth.net

Bonnie Clark Morris is married to Roy Morris and lives in Jemison, AL. She's been married for 13 years. They have one daughter Sara Jo Morris age 8 (9 in May). She still works for the same company, different name Meridian Rail in Birmingham, AL and has been with this company for 18 years.

Beth Earwood has recently moved back to Cullman from Birmingham. She is employed at Accredo Therapeutics, Inc. in Birmingham and is the Client Care Coordinator for pharmaceuticals. She has a dog and 2 cats.

Tonya Gracey is married to Allen Gracey and has 2 children; Katie is 10 years old and a very active tennis player. Cameron is 6 yrs. old and loves Karate and

plans to follow in his sister's footsteps in the world of tennis. They live in Franklin, TN and are very involved in our church. Allen is a Financial Planner for Northwestern Mutual and Tonya has been employed with VF Imagewear for the last 8 years as an Area HR Manager where she stays busy with recruiting, employee relations and communications for our corporate office.

Hello to the Cullman High Class of 1986. It has been awhile since I have spoken to you. This is **Paul Whatley** and I currently live in Overland Park, Kansas. I am married with two boys (Anthony 13 and Aaron 11). I currently work for Andersen Windows until November 11th, and then I will be the Account Manager for a company in Overland Park called KCBusinesses.com. I have been in the Overland Park area since the summer of 1986. I am attending Friends University completing my B.S. in Business Administration with plans to continue to receive my Masters in Business Administration. I would enjoy hearing from all, especially Chris Sims. Please send me a note to Paul@KCBusinesses.com

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1987

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Stephen Craft passed away on December 14th. His funeral was held in Cullman at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Shonn Walker, class of 1987, passed away on May 12, 2001 leaving behind a wife, Brandi and son S.J. Since that time The Shonn Walker, Charity Golf Tournament has taken place and is on its 5th year. The tournament benefits Brook's Place in Cullman, AL, which helps abused children. We appreciate all of the help with this tournament as well as all of the prayers from friends since Shonn's passing. We also appreciate the video we received when the class of '87 had there 15 year reunion. We all knew how much Shonn was loved and with that memory, so will S.J.

1988

1989

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1990

Class contact: Susan Nielsen Bowen
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Amanda Shavers, class of 1990, will wed Anthony Davis of Athens, Saturday, July 22, 2006 at St. John's Church in Cullman. Amanda is the photographer for The Cullman Times; Anthony is an Account Executive for the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville. They will reside in Cullman.

1991

Class contact: Carrie Cabri Witt
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1992

Class contact: Beth Michael Solze
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Nikki Thompson Kremblas and her husband Michael are expecting their second child March 23, 2006. His name will be Thomas Knox. Anna Kate will be two in July.

1993

Class contact: Ashley Holt Eddleman
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1994

Dee Black

I have started a new business.

www.northalabamabaseball.com

I provide baseball tournaments for competitive youth baseball teams through out the summer. I've gone to Phoenix Arizona, Oklahoma City and Memphis over the past couple of months with baseball tournaments.

I have a new email address for all my friends: Sputtermill@yahoo

If you are ever around Muscle Shoals, give me a call.

1995

Class contact: Summer L. (Roberts) Kemp
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Cindy Hayden (Barnes maiden name), attended Huntingdon College and University of Alabama Law School. She works as Deputy Chief Counsel for Senator Jeff Sessions. Her email address is cindyleehayden@yahoo.com
Spouse's Name = William Matthew Hayden

1996

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Jennifer (Braun)Biegler

I am still living in Seattle Washington. I was married July 17, 2004. My husband Andrew and I are expecting our first child, a baby boy November 16, 2005. I am working in Retail management as well as working as a financial analyst and currently working on my securities license. We love living out here, but I hope to make it back to Alabama for the 10 year reunion. I would love to hear from anyone I've lost touch with, you can e-mail me, Jennienetmail@netscape.net

1997

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Sheila Graham...

The last week in August 2005, I became engaged. The date is set for Sept. 9, 2006. I am so excited. Plans are underway. I will be getting married to Brett, of Toledo, OH. We will be getting married in Toledo, where we are currently living in our new home.

1998

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Along with getting my drivers license back in October, I have since learned a lot about my car. We had a wonderful Christmas Holiday, my brother, his wife and two girls flew here to Nashville all the way from Washington State to visit us. We had a lot fun while they were here. Our family has continued to grow my

cousin Kelly married last July. I can't wait till we have our 98 class reunion. **Leslie McDade**

1999

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Rusty Walker

The wedding ended up being a lot of fun. We got married outside at the Aldridge Gardens in Birmingham. My wife's maiden name is Rosemary Nell Allen and now she goes by Nell Walker. We live in Panama City Beach, Fl. and we are closing on our house this Tuesday and really excited about it. I am the Assistant Tennis Pro at Seaside Swim and Tennis Club and Nell works for an accounting firm.

Brandi Mallard married Brian Steorts in August 2005.

Beth Windham is engaged to Richard Collins and will be married this July.

Wes Walker is engaged and will be married on March 16, 2006.

Chris Darling is engaged and will be married this August.

Kristie Law is engaged to Jonathan Maxwell and will be married in August.

Brook Huffman Thompson now has 3 kids (wow! can anyone top that?), Elijah, Judah, and Zion who she and Blake welcomed August 4, 2005. She is still a stay-at-home mom and also in ministry in Birmingham. We are blessed beyond all we could ask or imagine!

Tommy Todd.

I am now serving (as of July 2004) as the Assoc. Pastor and Youth Minister at First Baptist Church of Dadeville, AL. I am also the Field events coach for the Track team at Dadeville High School a 3A school.

I was married in July of 04 so I had a busy month. I married a beautiful girl from Warrior her name is Amy Ruth "Gunter" Todd. God has truly blessed us. I have also been doing some traveling with my music. I was in a Christian Praise/rock band called Alliance. We

were able to go all over the southeast and play at camps and churches and other venues. I have done some mission work with the North American Mission Board, including Praise Leader for Mission Camps in Philly, PA, Savannah, GA, and Ft. Pierce, FL. Please pray for Amy and I as I press forward with my ministry.

2000

2001

Desiree (Aaron) Washburn married Aaron Washburn (Class of 2000) in December 2004. She is a registered nurse in the surgery department at CRMC. Aaron Washburn is a certified crane operator at G&R Plant maintenance in Irondale, AL. They live in Cullman and their email address is adwashburn@netscape.com

Matt Harden, just wanted to say that he is doing well and hopes to see everyone at the class reunion if there is one this year.

2002

Amy Pope Jeffrey graduated from Wallace state with a degree in Health Care Information in May of 2005. She works as an optical assistant in Cullman. She was married July 16, 2005 to Jeremiah Jeffrey from Good Hope, they reside in Cullman.

From the superintendents desk:

Dr. Jan Harris

I am happy to share a technology update with the alumni of Cullman City Schools. This year we began a laptop initiative. I am providing an outline of the specifics of our plan.

1:1 Initiative

An initiative to propel students
into the 21st Century

Purpose of Initiative: *to improve teaching and learning by providing all students in Grades 7-12 with a laptop computer*

Phase I: 2005-2006

1. During the 2005-2006 school year, teachers at Cullman Middle School will be trained to work in this new learning environment.

"I graduated from Cullman High School and have taught here for eight years. This is the most exciting initiative ever undertaken in Cullman City Schools."
Phil Parris, Teacher, CMS

"As a teacher in the Cullman City Schools for over 30 years, I am so excited! This is just one example that shows that Cullman City Schools are NUMBER ONE!" Mary Yates, Teacher, CMS

2. The facilities at CMS will be improved to support the initiative.

3. Two laptop carts will be purchased for EES and WES to support the 5th and 6th Grade students.

Phase II - 2006-2007

1. In August of 2006, all 7th and 8th Grade students will be issued a laptop for their use in the classroom and at home.

2. Ninth Grade teachers will be trained to teach in this new learning environment and 9th Grade classrooms will be improved.

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 March 06 Alumni Newsletter. If your class doesn't have a class contact send the information that you want listed in the newsletter directly to me: wbagley@mindspring.com 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 wbagley@mindspring.com with remove in the subject line, include your name, year of graduation, and email address in the body of the message.