

# CHS Alumni Newsletter

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## News from our Alumni

### 1938

#### **Dorothy Burgess (Pate)**

Celebrated her 81st birthday, Dec. 17, 2001 and will celebrate her 60th wedding anniversary November 1, 2002.

### 1940's

#### **Class contact:**

**Albert Sharpton**

[albert@e9usn.com](mailto:albert@e9usn.com)

### 1951

#### **Class contact: Bill Rasco**

[verasco@home.com](mailto:verasco@home.com)

### 1952

#### **Class Contact: Don Wilcut**

[WILCUT@aol.com](mailto:WILCUT@aol.com)

### 1953

#### **Dottie Henke**

The class of "53" is still meeting at the All Steak on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. We lost



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another classmate in November, W.C. "Bill" Martin died.

### 1954

### 1955

### 1957

#### **Class contact: Joyce Brown**

[joyceb3@hiwaay.net](mailto:joyceb3@hiwaay.net)

**The CHS Class of 1957 is planning its 45th Class Reunion**, with August 17th set as the **tentative date**. Jim Hudson [DSJBHudson@aol.com](mailto:DSJBHudson@aol.com) is chairman of the reunion committee. You may also contact Dot Stansell Fowler [dorothysfowler@webtv.net](mailto:dorothysfowler@webtv.net), or Joyce Earl Brown [joyceb3@hiwaay.net](mailto:joyceb3@hiwaay.net). It's important to get everyone signed onto the CHS registry <http://www.cneti.com/~chs/alumni.htm> so a firm date and other information can be shared via email. Tell all

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our classmates about this event and encourage them to get their names and email addresses on the registry.

## RETIREMENT II

### Glenda Holmes Neal

I've been retired for 912 days. The closets still need to be cleaned and the old drapes are still hanging. What does that say about plans? They can always be postponed until tomorrow - no matter how many tomorrows come and go. My life is much more exciting than closets and drapes could ever provide. You see, the garbage man, or to be more exact the recycle trucks are still high on our priority list of each weeks events. Would you believe that two trucks actually come down the street at the same time? My grandson and I wave to everyone and sometimes a driver will toot his horn for an extra bit of excitement as they leave the neighborhood. Just recently the moon has acquired a new level of importance. Have YOU really looked at it lately? In addition to the real thing, the moon appears in many of the books that we read and read and read and read and read together. Maybe it is time for a change, maybe some music. Well now, was that a good plan? The "Wheels on The Bus" go round and round too many times to count and every time it is just as exciting as the last. Before it is finished I hear "more, more, more, more.

Where does grandmotherhood end and personhood begin? I leave at approximately 6:00 PM for the twenty-minute drive home, I talk to myself over and over about the need to stop at the gym to get fit and fight those extra pounds. Get exercise? Hey, I'm already tired. Haven't I been exercising all day? Now you cannot believe how much self discipline is required to make that required left turn. And the thought of putting on cold clothes that have been left in the car all day is a mite chilly. Recently I had a flash back to first period phys ed class with Miss Boaz insisting on clean gym clothes and promptness.

Now I realize that the Miss Boazes of life are forever in my head. I still need clean clothes and hear "rush, rush, rush" wherever I happen to be.

## 1961

**Class Contact: Becky Kirk** [kirkbcrafty@aol.com](mailto:kirkbcrafty@aol.com)

## 1962

Class of 1962 will have a reunion at Saint Bernard's dining room on July 27, 2002. Contact Diane Nelson Brown [dianeken@earthlink.net](mailto:dianeken@earthlink.net)

## 1963

**Class contact: Walter Wheeler**  
[TripleW@linkfast.net](mailto:TripleW@linkfast.net)

## 1964

**Class contact: James Roden**  
[rodenj@MSN.com](mailto:rodenj@MSN.com)

### James Roden

I have retired, due to heart by pass surgery (I had 5 by passes done), from the Department of Public Safety in Montgomery, Alabama. I worked in the fingerprint area as a Fingerprint Classifier for over 22 years. For the last 5 or 6 years I have been a Supervisor. My first wife died in 1999 and I married again in 2000. I live in Montgomery, Alabama at 7017 N Copperfield Court and my phone Number is (334) 270-0253. My e-mail address is [rodenj@msn.com](mailto:rodenj@msn.com). I would like to hear from anyone of my classmate since I have plenty of time now.

### Courtney McKoy

1964 classmates that have not talked with me or heard from me in the last 3 months please email your address to Courtney McKoy, [courtney@mindspring.com](mailto:courtney@mindspring.com) or call 256-586-7683, or

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256-673-4915. No reunion is planned at this point but by spring of 2002 we will need to start planning for a future class reunion.

## 1966

Class contact: Jane Connell  
[fconnell@mindspring.com](mailto:fconnell@mindspring.com)

### Joyce Sanders

I am a graduate of 1966 and always appreciate communication about the past or present. My email address is [joycesanders98@hotmail.com](mailto:joycesanders98@hotmail.com). I have been in Australia (schools and libraries and bookshops) for almost 30 years, though I spent the past 3 years in the UK starting up a bookshop. I am presently renovating a Victorian shop/house for a possible bookshop in Melbourne. The most amusing thing written in my last yearbook, and the ONLY thing I remember, was "I hope you make it to Moscow", as I had somehow gotten a reputation for being very "left", even in 12th grade. I never did make it to Moscow though.

### Jane Ann Frutiger Fields

My husband, Larry and I are retired from teaching but are working part time for Calhoun College in Decatur. We are enjoying our 20-month-old grandson, Jackson. We would love to know any plans for a '66 class reunion.

## 1968

Class contact: Ron Dunn  
[RONSDONE@aol.com](mailto:RONSDONE@aol.com)

## 1969

I'm **David J. Sandlin** (class of 1969) and my son, PFC Joshua A. Sandlin, has just finished basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina (January 11).

He is now at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in the Marine Corps School of Infantry.

## 1970

Class contact: Connie Booher  
[booherc@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us](mailto:booherc@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us)

## 1971

Class contact: Rickey Kreps  
[rickeyk@oecullman.com](mailto:rickeyk@oecullman.com)

## 1972

### James E. "Jiggs" Haynes '72

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Web site <http://www.themewsmessenger.com>

I have a new address; live in a new state, where I see lots of wind and lots of snow. I walk onto my patio each day and gaze at the Blue Ridge Mountains. I can see lots of unusual and historical sites within an afternoon's drive. Virginia Tech is 15 miles away, but they are still learning to play big time football.

## 1973

## 1974

Class contact: Ellen Stubblefield  
[estubble@yahoo.com](mailto:estubble@yahoo.com)

### Sue Ellen Tucker Stubblefield

After a rigorous performance based assessment, I recently became a National Board Certified Teacher. The National Board Certification process was

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developed by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. The process measures a teacher's subject matter knowledge, fluency in that subject, and the teacher's ability to teach and measure student learning. Involvement in the school community and in the professional community is also assessed.

## 1975

**Class Contact: Ian Frost**  
[itfrost@hotmail.com](mailto:itfrost@hotmail.com)

Jane (B.J.) Morgan is living in Spokane, Washington where she is involved in a great number of outdoor activities including; downhill and cross-country skiing, mountain climbing, canoeing and hiking. Sounds like she is having a blast. BJ can be emailed at [bjmorgan@excite.com](mailto:bjmorgan@excite.com)

Gary Frost is living in Smyrna, TN, with his wife Peggy and daughter Amber (13). Gary is employed by Thompson Machinery, the Caterpillar distributor for Central and Western Tennessee and Northern Mississippi. After graduating from CHS, Gary served 4 years in the Navy. Gary can be reached by e-mail at [gap\\_frost@hotmail.com](mailto:gap_frost@hotmail.com)

Ian Frost is now living in Eagan, MN with his wife of 20 years Theresea. Ian works in the Distribution group for Woods Equipment Company. Ian and Theresea have two children, Chris (18) who is a freshman in college and Jeremy (15) who is a sophomore in High School. He attended the University of Montevallo, where he received a Bachelors Degree in Management in 1980. After moving to Tennessee, he attended Middle Tennessee State University, receiving an MBA in 1992. Ian's e-mail address is [itfrost@hotmail.com](mailto:itfrost@hotmail.com)

## 1976

## 1977

**Class contact: Phil Harbison**  
[alvitar@xavax.com](mailto:alvitar@xavax.com)

## 1979

## 1980

## 1981

## 1982

**Class contact: Jonathan B. Green**  
[green-jb@ieee.org](mailto:green-jb@ieee.org)

**Angie Solomon** [angiedawn87@yahoo.com](mailto:angiedawn87@yahoo.com)

Our class is having its 20-year reunion on August 31, 2002, at Terri Pines. We have set up an email address for inquiries/responses about the reunion [chs1982reunion@golfsupply.com](mailto:chs1982reunion@golfsupply.com).

## 1984

## 1986

**Class contact: Jan Kraft Gaw**  
[Jangaw@aol.com](mailto:Jangaw@aol.com)

Hey class of '86 get those old yearbooks out and send humorous things that were written to Jan Kraft Gaw [Jangaw@aol.com](mailto:Jangaw@aol.com) and we will include them in the next newsletter.

**Michelle Slovak**

Email: [shellsslovak@yahoo.com](mailto:shellsslovak@yahoo.com)

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Schools Attended: University of Nebraska, San Francisco State

University, San Francisco, CA

Degrees Earned: B.A., 1993, Multiple Subject Credential, 2001.

Occupation: First Grade Teacher

## **Shane McMinn**

Schools Attended: The University of Alabama 1991 (in Marketing) Occupation: currently the Senior V.P. and Head of Retail Banking for National Bank of Commerce of Birmingham Married to Renee' Kampakis (from Gadsden) and has a 20 month little girl named Katherine Grace

## New information on **Jeff Dean**:

Occupation: Researcher and Program Coordinator, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Clinical Trials Office, Nashville, TN

Address: 255 Old Hickory Blvd., Apt 137  
Nashville, TN 37221

Email: [j.dean@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:j.dean@vanderbilt.edu)

Phone: 615-662-7911, ext 137 (home)  
615-936-5811 (work)

Marital Status: Divorced

Children: 1 son, Chandler Austin Davis Dean, age 2 ½.

## **1987**

**Class contact: Angie Grayson Solomon**  
[angiedawn87@yahoo.com](mailto:angiedawn87@yahoo.com)

**Destry McFearin** married Tracey King of Denham Springs, La. They are currently living in Denham Springs where he is a Minister of Music and Youth at Hebron Baptist Church (8 years). Destry and Tracey are adopting a baby girl from China in February. Her name will be Courtlyn.

## **1988**

## **1989**

**Class contact: Deborah Kraft**  
[dmkraft@yahoo.com](mailto:dmkraft@yahoo.com)

## **1990**

**Class contact: Susan Nielsen Bowen**  
[susanandbryan5@aol.com](mailto:susanandbryan5@aol.com)

## **1991**

**Class contact: Carrie Cabri Witt**  
[CBCWITT@aol.com](mailto:CBCWITT@aol.com)

Shea Butler is a Cullman High School graduate class of 1991. Her maiden name was Shea Spradlin (Margaret O'Shea Spradlin). She is married and has one daughter- Megan, age 5. Her husband's name is William (Sam) Butler. They live in Cullman, Alabama. Shea is a registered nurse and her husband is an Electronic Technician.

## **1992**

**Class contact: Beth Michael Solze**  
[ElizabethSolze@aol.com](mailto:ElizabethSolze@aol.com)

## **Molly Knight**

Please, please register your info at the CHS website if you have not already done so. It is our communication hub. Please, please get out your address books and call your friends. Get their current info and if they won't/can't do it, YOU can enter it into the website

<http://www.cneti.com/~chs/alumni.htm>. We are still missing many, many folks and we need your help. Beth Micheal Solze has been awesome at updating

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info off the web. The officers are getting together in early February to work on the details for the reunion.

The date is June 15, 2002 at Terri Pines Country Club. We may be having a picnic earlier that day, as well. We will be getting information out about the cost and the details. You may want to begin putting in your requests for leave from work if necessary. I am getting pumped up !!!!!!! I read my yearbook this week.....SCARRRYYY!!!!!! Get yours out and call your friends and even people who aren't your friends, but who you know and let them know about the reunion. We need to contact as many members of our class as possible. We will try to go out a "missing in action" list by the end of February.

## 1993

**Class contact: Ashley Holt Eddleman**  
[todd@net-3.net](mailto:todd@net-3.net)

**Brandi Daniel Wolfe** [jjwolfe@netzero.net](mailto:jjwolfe@netzero.net) would like to announce the birth of her son Andrew John Wolfe. He was born on October 3, 2001. Brandi has been married to Jeremy Wolfe for three years. Jeremy is a Mechanical Engineer and works in Tuscaloosa. They live in Birmingham, Alabama and Brandi taught at Pleasant Grove Elementary until the birth of her son. She is going to stay at home for a year and then continue her teaching career.

## Douglas Butts

Thought I'd let you guys know that I received a promotion in December and am now a meteorologist (forecaster) with the National Weather Service in Jackson, MS. URL is [www.srh.noaa.gov/jan/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/jan/)

## 1994

**Class contact: Katrina Kilgo Goldman**  
[kkandjay@bellsouth.net](mailto:kkandjay@bellsouth.net)

### Class of 1994 Updates:

When one describes the class of Cullman High School's seniors from 1994, the one word, which comes to mind the most, is usually "individuals." These young men and women still express that word in the varying lives they are leading:

**BEN HARRISON** continues his love of the sport of bicycle racing by working on and racing them for a living. He eloped with Cheryl Gable (CHS class of 1997) in September and resides in Cullman. Ben spent last summer racing in Europe and plans to race until his body says, "no more."

**LAURA (MESSERSMITH) JENKINS** is currently living in Cullman with her husband of more than five years, Jimmy (her high school sweetheart). Laura is a Customer Service Representative with Alfa Insurance and Jimmy works for Hired Hand Manufacturing, a company which produces numerous items for chicken houses and has travelled as far away as South Africa!

**LESLIE (LEATHERS) DUNN** is pursuing her master's degree in nursing and will graduate in May of this year! She is presently employed as a registered nurse at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's hospital. In August she married a Fairview native, Rocky Dunn.

**ROSS TEKULVE** will graduate from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in May! After graduation, he plans to start a residency program in General Surgery, but will not know where until March!

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He's not our only doctor, though! After completing her bachelor's studies at Birmingham Southern College, **CLANCY JOHNSON** will complete med school at the University of Alabama in Birmingham this May. She plans to specialize dermatology.

**PATRICK RAY** is planning a June wedding with Emily Satterfield (CHS class of 1998, sister of our own Andrea Satterfield). He lives in Cullman.

**JENNIFER (HUFFSTUTLER) PARKER** recently purchased a home in Gardendale, Alabama, with her husband, Gary Parker, from Good Hope, which they share with their fourteen-month old son, Justin Allen. With a degree from Athens University in psychology, Jennifer is currently employed at Regions bank in Gardendale.

With a park and recreation degree from the University of North Alabama, **DEE BLACK** graduated in December of 2000 and has been working for the City of Killen, near Florence, where he continues to officiate sports – including basketball, baseball, and volleyball on the high school level. He mentioned that he's still the object of yelling at many of the games.

**ROB MOSS** married Katie Brock of Birmingham last spring after his graduation from Cumberland School of Law. He will begin working with Wolfe, Jones, & Boswell in Huntsville. He and Katie plan to move to Huntsville from their current home in Vestavia later this year. Katie teaches elementary school in Birmingham.

**HEATHER (ALLRED) MANLEY** is working part-time with the Sonya Hembree Agency, an insurance brokerage specializing in employee benefits. She is also the mother of Hunter, 14 months, and wife of

Roy Manley (of Huntsville). She and Roy were married in August 1998. She splits her time between Hunter and volunteering with the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPs); she is also involved with the local Chamber of Commerce.

Teachers/Coaches? Yes, we have at least two and one at our old alma mater: **JONATHAN ROMINE** is teaching science at CHS and is an assistant football/baseball coach. His room is across from Ross's mom!

At Bethel College, **JEFF BURGESS** finished his playing career and is now an assistant baseball coach while finishing his grad school. He will graduate with his MA/ED in April. Bethel College is a small private school in McKenzie, Tennessee.

**TOBY EVANS** has been living large in Saipan, a small tropical island in the South Pacific, while working on a resort (the Pacific Islands Club) in the sports and recreation department. There he met and married a wonderful young woman, Satoko Ono. They are currently living in Cullman while planning their next adventure together; they are considering moving to either Florida or back to the Pacific.

As for me, my husband, Jayson (a Baltimore, MD native), and I will celebrate our second anniversary this March at our home in Birmingham. I attended the University of Montevallo, and then began working for various companies (including a non-profit agency, a modelling agency, and a cabinet company) before settling down and working for an executive at Compass Bank's corporate headquarters in the finance division.

I've have enjoyed learning where some of our classmates have gone and what they've done with

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their lives. I am interested in learning more about all of the others! I would guess that each of us is still in touch with at least one person from high school. With that thought, my challenge to the classmates listed is to ask at least one other person from our class to submit information for the next newsletter.

Furthermore, if any of you are interested in working on a class reunion or party, please touch base with me at [kkandjay@bellsouth.net](mailto:kkandjay@bellsouth.net).

**Katrina Kilgo Goldman**

## 1995

**Class contact: Summer L. (Roberts) Kemp**  
[summerlou98@aol.com](mailto:summerlou98@aol.com)

### Greetings, Class of '95!

I am excited to be our class contact for the alumni newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you about the happenings in your life. Please email me any information that you would like to share at [summerlou98@aol.com](mailto:summerlou98@aol.com).

After graduation from CHS I attended Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, where I met my wonderful husband, David. We married in May of 1998. I graduated in May 1999 with a BS in Communication Studies. The two years following Trevecca I worked in the music business at a copyright administration company called Integrated Copyright Group. It was very interesting work, and I met some really neat people.

In July 2001, I left the full-time work force to become a stay-at-home mom. Our son, Samuel David, was born on July 16, 2001. He is such a joy and a blessing, and I'm finding that being a mom is a very fulfilling and rewarding "career". I still do some part-time work for ICG from home, however, so we stay pretty busy!

David is a youth pastor at Grace Church of the Nazarene, which is across the highway from what used to be Opryland and is now Opry Mills. I enjoy living in Nashville, but I also welcome the occasional trip to Cullman to spend time with my family and old friends.

**Hope to hear from you soon,  
Summer (Roberts) Kemp**

### Janice Long

Cary and Janice Sandlin- Long would like to announce the birth of their new son, Michael Alexander Long. Alex was born on November 19, 2001 at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville, Al. He weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 20 in long. Alex has a head full of hair and the most beautiful blue eyes!!! About 20 people (family and friends) travelled to help celebrate the arrival of Alex with a special birthday party. The new family resides in Hazel Green, Al.

## 1996

**Class contact: Joe Lambert**  
[lambe012@bama.ua.edu](mailto:lambe012@bama.ua.edu)

### Joe Lambert

I have recently accepted the position of Lab Tech for the new Alabama Stable Isotope Laboratory located on The University of Alabama campus. This will allow me to start my Ph.D. work as soon as I finish my master's degree this December.

## 1997

**Tanya Laursen Farley** has finished her Associate's in Business Management degree at Wallace State and is now pursuing a Pharmacy degree. She is engaged to Todd Easterwood of Hanceville and will be

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married in the next year or so. Her daughter Kristin is 6 1/2 years old and is doing well.

## 1998

**Class contact: Misty Angle**  
[mlynnangle@hotmail.com](mailto:mlynnangle@hotmail.com)

**Misty Angle and John-David Patterson** will be united in marriage on September 7, 2002!!!

Howdy Folks,

My Name is **Robert H. Johnston III**. I graduated from CHS in 1998. I attended the band program at CHS under the direction of Gary Taylor and Randal Key, and was a member of the art club. After graduating, I attended Wallace State, and later Montevallo and TSU in Troy. Since the summer of 2000, I have worked in France with the artist Nall during the summer. I have written several books over the past three years, a handbook on Nall's technique of art, a guide to music theory, and a treatise on logic and metaphysics, all, which I hope will be published some day. I am presently attending school in Florence, Italy, where I am studying old-master techniques of drawing and painting at the Florence Academy of Art. You may contact me at my e-mail address, [Rob62780@aol.com](mailto:Rob62780@aol.com).

Best regards to all of my friends from Cullman High,  
**Rob Johnston III**

## 1999

**Class contact: Schenaye Mauldin**  
[csmauldin@hotmail.com](mailto:csmauldin@hotmail.com)

**Brook Huffman Thompson** has been married since October of 2000 and is expecting a baby in July. She

is still at UAB, and works at an Anti-aging Clinic doing microderm abrasion.

## 2000

**Skylar Ray** was married to Lyndsey Whisenhunt on November 23, 2001.

## From the superintendents desk: Dr. Suzanne Freeman

Cullman City Schools is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the State on college ACT scores. I want to congratulate principals, teachers and staff on this achievement. This was published a few weeks ago in *The Montgomery Advertiser* and will be published in *The Cullman Times* soon. This is quite an accomplishment and I am honored to commend you. We have smart and capable students and through your dedication, skilled teaching and hard work, our students are achieving at high levels.

## CONGRATULATIONS to . . .

### November Grants:

The following CCPS teachers for receiving Round-Up Grants: Carol Clemmons (\$350.75), Sara Bedard (\$375.00), Malinda Yarbrough (\$407.00 and \$77.30), Emily Price (\$200.00), Pamela Parks (\$100.00), Lucinda Harding (\$207.50), Kathryn Brandon (\$208.78), Susan Kraft (\$318.73, \$62.90 and \$139.96), Jennifer Sparkman (\$309.87), and Patti Britton (\$159.95). Dana Chambers EES (\$1,444.00), Linda Earnest CMS (\$350.00). The following WES teachers for receiving Round-Up Grants: Kristy White (\$267.86), Marci Hutto (\$258.00 and \$118.50), and Anne Farley (\$233.66).

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Mary Yates CMS for receiving two grants from Wal-Mart Distribution for a \$300 digital camera, a camcorder and videocassettes.

## **December Grants:**

The following teachers for receiving Operation Round-Up grants: Tina Weldon (\$684.42, \$1,745.10 and \$499.13) at WES, Kristy White (\$188.00) at WES, Melony Edwards (\$188.00) at WES, and Kim Hall (\$468.64) at WES.

## **January Grants:**

Bill Bagley for receiving two grants in January, one from Cullman Jefferson Gas for \$2,185.00 for a multimedia projector and one from Cullman Electric Coop for \$197.00 for a 17" computer monitor for one of the student workstations.

## **February Grants:**

Operation Round-Up Grants: Holli Quick at CCPS (\$159.65), Anita Moore at CCPS (\$160.00), Emily Price at CCPS (\$420.00), Kim Bussey at WES (\$149.95 and \$250.00), and Rebecca Reeves at CHS (\$240.00)

## **CONGRATULATIONS to . . .**

Dr. Donna Bryant, Janice Cook, Pat Knight, Nina Megginson, Johnny Tekulve, and Jim Wright for receiving a \$125,000 grant for Alternative School/Remediation. This is enabling us to purchase a portable lab (20 lap tops) for CHS, computers and software for Alternative School, etc.

## **Way to go!**

Pete Eschrig and his students for winning first place in the State in the German Competition.

The following teachers for being selected as Cullman City Schools' Teachers of the Year: Mikki Lewis

(CCPS), Sherry Calvert (EES), Marcia Hutto (WES) Alana Burks (CMS), and Janice Cook (CHS).

Mike Wilhite for receiving a multi-million dollar software program from Auburn University Development Office. CHS was one of only two high schools in the State to receive this software. War Eagle!

Marcia Hutto for being selected as Cullman City Schools' Teacher of the Year Elementary Nominee to the State and Janice Cook for being selected as Cullman City Schools' Teacher of the year Secondary Nominee to the State.

Maureen Chaney (CHS) and "Cullman Kids in Transition" (a vocational work program at CHS) for being awarded \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.

## **THANK YOU to . . .**

Representative Zeb Little for a donation that will allow us to purchase textbooks for EES and WES. Thanks so much!

U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt for giving Cullman City Schools \$30,000 for technology.

Al and Wayne Pass for giving up five vacation days during Christmas to help install data and telephone cable at the new central office. To have this work done by a contractor would have cost the school system hundreds of dollars. Thanks to Al and Wayne, we did this at a minimal cost. Thanks so much for your time and saving us money!

State Farm Insurance for donating \$1,000 to Cullman City Primary School for being a Reading Initiative Demonstration Site.

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Bill Bagley for publishing an article in *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*. Cindy Pass and her talented drama students for an outstanding performance of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Well done!  
Fran Burks at WES for receiving a donation of \$525.00 from Martha Burchell Nationwide Insurance Agency. A special thanks to Martha Burchell for this donation!

Coach Dean, Coach Dunn, Coach Ponder, Coach Bowen, Coach Patterson, Coach Parris, Coach William Calvert, and Coach Beth Calvert for their time and dedication in coaching our basketball teams. We are fortunate to have such dedicated coaches who bring out the talent in our athletes! Way to go!

**Possible New Direction for Alternative School:**  
Our student numbers in Alternative School (short term and long term) have been somewhat low. (YEA!) Therefore, this is an opportunity to redirect our efforts to be more proactive with students who have special needs. We are VERY fortunate to have Johnny Tekulve and Charlie Montgomery who run this program. They are talented educators who have a heart for students. At Parent Advisory, Teacher Advisory and Administrators' Meetings, we discussed the idea of having Mr. Tekulve and Mr. Montgomery mentor students who need encouragement or special assistance. We will start slow to develop this capacity. Students will be referred through principals and counselors. If student numbers increase in Alternative School, then we will have to slow our efforts in mentoring. However, we want to take "baby steps" in developing proactive solutions to assist students. In addition, Donna Bryant, Nina Megginson, Johnny Tekulve, Charlie Montgomery and several others are pursuing grants that would enable us to expand our Alternative School services. We want to continue to "think outside of the box" and be proactive with assisting students with special needs.

Please think creatively with us and share your input with your principal, Dr. Bryant, Mr. Tekulve, or Mr. Montgomery. We want to continuously improve our services for students.

## **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 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](mailto: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.

We all still need to remember the financial difficulties faced by our school system, and most other school systems in our state. Everyone is still looking for solutions as the clock continues to tick. The bottom line is that no one wins when education is not properly funded. We can only do so much with so little for so long.

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