

HOOFBEATiNG

Class of 1963

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Summer, 2006

Pat Hatch Palmer Assists with Katrina Recovery on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

In March of this year, I had the privilege of going to Camp Coast Care, the Lutheran and Episcopal Disaster Outreach facility established in Long Beach, Mississippi, following the Katrina disaster. After investigating various possibilities for volunteering in the area, I discovered this Christian Community on the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi website. The website for Camp Coast Care (www.campcoastcare.com) provided information about the facility, the people, and the mission, as well as what was needed to volunteer. After communicating by phone and e-mail with the Director of Volunteers, Dianne Livingston, I determined that this was the easiest way to volunteer that I had found.



“Aunt Pat” with home owner, Mission Cook

I actually had to make my reservation for a couple of months later than my original request, because they stay so booked up with volunteers from across the nation. The facility housed at Coast Episcopal School can handle 200 volunteers at a time. This welcoming and hospitable community operates as a recovery and reconstruction mission for those in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. At its inception the facility provided food, clothing, a medical clinic, immediate and long term need assessment, and clean up, as well as food and housing for its volunteers. It has evolved now into a facility providing renovation and construction work, clean up, need assessment, food



Christ Episcopal Church Before and After Hurricane Katrina, Bay St. Louis



Camp Coast Care's "Mash" Signage

distribution if requested, and food and housing for volunteers. They are also beginning the process of building a permanent facility in order to give Coast Episcopal School its gymnasium and properties back, after using them for the last year. Encompassing all of this work are staff members who are soliciting donations, grants, volunteers, etc. to keep the facility in continued operation.

Upon my arrival on the Coast, I was met at the airport by a staff member driving a van which had been the property of a now destroyed resort hotel. I first received a tour of the facility which consisted of the gymnasium that was used for a dining area with tables and chairs, walled areas for cots, upper bleachers as dormitory area, other bleachers and an altar for meetings and prayer and church service, a full kitchen, women's and men's bathroom and shower facilities, a computer center with e-mail access, and a phone area with free long distance

available and assorted cell phone chargers. There was a supply loading dock outside the gym, as well as assorted tents, temporary buildings and trailers which were used for an office, a central sign-in area, food storage and packing, tool sheds for the equipment and supplies needed for cleanup, renovation and repair of damaged homes and yards. There were designated areas for parking automobiles and trailers and for setting up tents. I laid claim to a cot in the gym, registered at the intake desk, and went to work packing food boxes the rest of the day. That evening at the meeting and prayer service, prior to dinner, new people were welcomed, those leaving were applauded, and assignments were made for the next day.

Since I have had a good bit of experience over the years renovating and building with my family, I volunteered to work with sheet rock, mudding, sanding and painting. I joined a group from Maryland and Michigan the following day after breakfast and the morning prayer. We proceeded to a neighborhood in Pass Christian in which all of the houses had been flooded above the roofs. There were two houses that we were working on. The one where I spent the rest of my week belonged to a young couple with 3 children, whose last name was Cook. I knew I was where I was



Camp Coast Care's Tool Sheds

supposed to be, because coincidentally my Mother's maiden name was Cook. This couple had lost their casino jobs and all of their possessions. They had their lot, the framing of their 3-bedroom-2-bath home, and new vinyl roof, which had held up pretty well. During this week, we were able to sheet rock, tape and mud, sand, paint, install windows and fans, and clean their yard. We used supplies on hand at the camp as well as Lowe's, Walmart, and Home Depot gift cards sent by our churches and friends for further purchases. By the end, I had been able to work with new friends from Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Wisconsin, California, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. I had become the "Job Foreman", and the Cook family members were calling me "Aunt Pat".



Broken Brick and Stone in the Front of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis

I share this information with all of you because for me it has been heartbreaking but fulfilling and somewhat life-changing, and because the need is still so great that it is just unimaginable. With a rental car for a couple of days, I was able to see so much for myself and still can't really



Sign Spotted on Highway in Long Beach

comprehend the devastation to people's property and people's lives as well as the celebration of the human spirit seen every day in both locals and volunteers. . . I do plan to go back when the weather is cooler; but for now I encourage all of you to continue your prayers, volunteering, and donations to one of the myriad organizations helping our beloved Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Bio Updates

Mike Crowell was in town over the Easter holidays to visit with his mother. He and Wallace enjoyed lunch and “catching up” at Walker’s on Good Friday, April 14, 2006

We received the following health update from **Betty Claire Dees** Stockwell On April 25:

I had tests and blood work done last week....My doctor returned my call this afternoon to give me the reports....He said MRI of brain was unchanged from last December and that was fantastic. Also showed that infection in right sinus was finally gone. He saw two small "somethings" in the frontal lobes of my brain, but they were symmetrical, so that indicated to him it was not cancer....He guessed it was scar tissue from radiation. Lung x-rays showed clearer lungs than in the one in December of last year and no tumors. Liver function is good, blood work good, except I need to increase one medication. All other blood work was perfectly normal for anyone with or without cancer. There was no problem with digestive system, and he could not find anything to go after now. He said to get my strength back. (When he called, I was in my back yard pruning my camellia bush.) I cleaned my swimming pool this weekend and I am planning to get in there and swim like crazy. That helped me more than anything last year. The aquatic exercise was great!!! I told him that I wanted to travel to Italy for 2 weeks. He said he had nothing on paper or film that would indicate I should not go, but he would let me and the kids make that decision....I asked him if he would go and he strongly said yes, if it was him. He told me from the very first to rest when I needed to, but live my life. I have been doing that and enjoying my grands. Now I know that all of you who have grands think yours are the cutest, smartest, ... etc., but that is just because you haven't seen mine yet. I KNOW MINE ARE THE CUTEST, SMARTEST, MOST BEAUTIFUL, ...ETC!!!!!!!!!!!!

I want to thank each of you for all of your prayers. Obviously, they have worked, and God is not quite ready for me to come home. I believe with all my heart that prayer is the answer....I ask that you please keep me and my family on your list and continue to pray for me. I am a fighter...I am convinced that He hears our prayers and answers them. Thank each of you for being so special to me.

An addendum to **Betty Claire's** report above: she and one of her friends (someone whom B.C. has known for thirty years; who has gone back to school and is now halfway through the curriculum for an RN degree) left May 30 headed for Italy. Their plans included stays in Rome, Venice, and Florence, as well as a drive through Tuscany. They would then depart Milan for their return flight home on June 13. All went as planned and Betty Claire promises an article about her travels as well as pictures for the next issue of *HOOFBEATING!*

Dr. William J. (Bill) Herring, head of the Choral Music Department and director of the Murrah Singers during our tenth and eleventh grade years, has had a stroke. He is doing well and working very seriously on his physical therapy but would love to hear from his former students: 163 Bridgewater Drive, Madison MS 39110, 601-6059325.

Saturday, April 22, 2006, **Tony Monk** and Mary Gilmore were married in a small family ceremony at the home of the pastor of the Noxapater United Methodist Church. They welcomed family and friends at the Lake Tiak-O'Khata Restaurant in Louisville, Mississippi, for a seated luncheon before departing for their honeymoon at the Inn on Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. Mary grew up in Columbus, Mississippi, and graduated from Mississippi State University. She is an accountant in Mobile, Alabama. On a sad note, Mary who had a cerebral hemorrhage last summer has had some recurring problems this spring/summer with periods in and out of the hospital. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Mike Nicholson and his wife Marilyn traveled to Florida the first week in June to visit their daughter, April, and her family, who recently moved into their new home in Orlando's Summerport/Windemere development. Their grandson, Connor, was "dedicated" into the church on Sunday, June 3, 2006. He and Marilyn were present for the same ceremony when children, Andrea and April, and grandchildren, Abby and Thomas, were infants. Mike says that Connor is a "happy little fellow", who started walking on his first birthday, March 19. Mike and Marilyn celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on June 5, 2006! Congratulations!

When **Jerry Odom** Fowler sent us a thank you for the last MHS update that was emailed, she mentioned that she now works for FEMA. Her travels for the Federal agency take her to 41 of the 82 counties in Mississippi.

Mike Powers' (Note: Mike died April 5, 1993 at the age of 47) son Jason and his wife Bethany announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Marie Powers. She was born May 10, 2006, at River Oaks Hospital.

Doug Priester and his wife, the former Frances Brown, live in the mountains of North Carolina at Lake Junaluska. They are the proud "parents" of Bailey, the Australian Shepherd.

Big changes have been occurring for **Suzanne Riley** Brown and her husband Jim (MHS '62). Suzy retired as executive secretary for the Mississippi Youth Soccer Association in January 2005, and Jim retired from Vickers on Friday, May 12, 2006. But he won't really retire as Suzy points out. Their first priority is to complete the "clean-out" of their long-time home on Concord Drive in Jackson, do a little "spiffing up", and plant the For Sale sign in the yard. They now live on beautiful Lake Caroline in Madison. Their older son Riley is a Baptist minister in Macon, Georgia. He and his wife, Carrie Amanda, are the parents of three children. Second son Matt is married to Paula Michelle. They live in Clinton (just a quick jaunt down the newly completed Natchez Trace) with their daughter Peyton Elise. Jim and Suzy just returned from a grandparenting experience in Macon: third grade class day, kindergarten graduation, ballet recital, and baseball game.

Bert and **Jan Tumasz** Foregger have decided to retire in Madison, Mississippi. This move is certainly "bucking a trend". It has seemed recently that "everyone" from the MHS Classes "of a certain age" were retiring **to** Oxford, not **from** Oxford. In addition to Jan's great "coming home" news, she tells us they have a beautiful new grandson, John Gavin vonForegger.

Classmates' or Teachers' Family-Deaths

Mike Crowell's mother, Anna Omerzu Crowell, 91, died Friday, June 2, 2006, in Jackson at Baptist Medical Center. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Slovenian immigrants and the middle child of eleven. Anna was raised in Fly Creek, New York, near Cooperstown. She was a teaching nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and it was there that she met and married a young doctor, Robert W. (Bob) Crowell. They moved to Jackson following World War II when the Army transferred Bob to Foster General Hospital. Anna volunteered in many civic, charitable, and educational activities, serving at one time as the state president of the PTA. She is survived by her four children: Barbara, Robert, Mike, and Nancy.

Jackie Kynard Allen's son, Jeffrey Bryan Allen, 40, of Sherwood, Arkansas, died from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) on Friday, May 12, 2006. An Arkansas native, he was born in Helena but lived most of his childhood in Blytheville. He graduated in 1984 from Sylvan Hills High School. Prior to his illness, Jeff was an avid fisherman, hunter, and Chicago Cubs fan. He is survived by his son, Jordan Drew Allen; his parents, Jackie and Danny; brother, Michael; and maternal grandmother, Mary Jane Kynard, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, George and Hazel Allen of Oklahoma City.

Roy Lawrence's father, Roy Wilson Lawrence, 89, died Saturday, April 29, 2006, in Jackson at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. He was a native of Madison County and longtime resident of Jackson. who graduated from Holmes Junior College, Mississippi State, and Mississippi College. Mr. Lawrence was a retired educator who taught at Enochs, Chastain, Lanier, and Central and served as the director of the Madison County Vocation Center. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a founding member of North Park Presbyterian Church. His first wife, Dorothy Brewer, preceded him in death, and his son, Roy II; daughter, Delaine Griffin; and second wife, Fannie, survive him.

Joe Purvis' mother, Lena Rai Holloway Purvis, 95, died Sunday June 4, 2006, at her son's home in Byram, where she had lived for the past five years under the care of her daughter-in-law Betty. Mrs. Purvis was born in D'Lo, Mississippi. She was a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, where she was not only the oldest member but she also held the distinction of having been a member the longest. Her husband Rufus E. Purvis preceded her in death. She is survived by her children: Diane Purvis Loyd (MHS '61) of Hattiesburg and Joe Purvis of Jackson as well as four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Jean Smith Vaughan's paternal aunt, Emma Jean Smith Gipson, 79, died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at her home in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Jean sang at her aunt's funeral in the chapel at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Emma Jean was a native of the Liberty community in Winston County. A homemaker, she had been a resident of Philadelphia since 1983. Mrs. Gipson was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Philadelphia. She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her brother, L.H. Smith. Mrs. Gipson is survived by her husband of 58 years, Andrew Norman Gipson, Sr.; son, Andrew Norman, Jr., and daughter, Sandra Mardoum,

both of Memphis; three grandchildren; brother, Jerome Smith (Jean's father); and sisters, Lois Counoyer and Maudine Nolan.

Jan Tumasz Foregger's father, Edward J. (Eddie) Tumasz, 89, died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at the G. V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson. A native of Everett, Massachusetts, Mr. Tumasz was a long-time resident of Jackson, Mississippi, working for over 30 years as a draftsman for the Mississippi State Highway Department. Prior to serving in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, he played pro baseball for several years with the Boston Red Sox. He was also an avid golfer and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mr. Tumasz was preceded in death by his wife Bobbie M. Tumasz, who passed away in 1991. He is survived by his three children, Jan Foregger, Mary Lackey (MHS '65), and Johnny Tumasz as well as two grandsons and two great grandchildren.

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Chunn Restoration Receives Prestigious Award

THE PORTER HOUSE RECEIVES MISSISSIPPI HERITAGE TRUST
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Bob and Jeannie Chunn with Michael Collins, who oversaw the moving and restoration of the Porter House, proudly display The Heritage Award of Excellence

The Porter House, which now stands at 233 N. Oak Street in Raymond, Mississippi, recently received an Award of Excellence from the Mississippi Heritage Trust for its restoration expertly done by Michael Collins of M.K. Collins and Sons, Building Contractors. Owned by **Bob and Jeannie Chunn**, it has been known as the Porter House, the Spann House, and the Buie-Morris House at different times in the past. Mr. Collins, who lived in Raymond while a student at Hinds Community College, also restored Mamie's Cottage at the Dupree House, owned by Charles and Brenda Davis, which received a Mississippi Heritage Trust Award in 1999. His current projects in the Raymond area are the homes of Bobby and Peggy DeLaughter and Jim and Sharon Bridges.

Brenda Crook, Chief Preservation Specialist at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, nominated the Porter House for the Award with the following description:

“The Porter House is a one-half story, vernacular Greek Revival, galleried planter's cottage

with a detached rear ell. During rehabilitation, the contractor, Michael Collins, determined that the house was built in sections, with the earlier structure being the rear ell, which probably originated as a pioneer's one-room cabin in the late 1820's or early 1830's. This cabin was significantly enlarged into a classic 'dogtrot' arrangement, with full-width front porch and rear porch flanked by cabinet rooms. It is likely that soon after the property sold in 1850, the one and one-half story front house was constructed in the then-popular Greek Revival style. The earlier, less fashionable structure then became the rear ell, connected to the main house by its porch.

“At project initiation, the house was located on a 300-acre rural tract near Raymond, and it had not been occupied as a full-time residence since 1947. By 2003, the house was in an advanced stage of deterioration and would undoubtedly have fallen into ruin if left on its original site. In order to save the house, Bob and Jeannie Chunn purchased and moved it about three miles to a 1.8 acre parcel in Raymond, where it was placed on a small ridge surrounded by mature trees. To prepare the two sections for moving, the roofs, porches, and the second floor walls of the c.1850 house were removed, and structural members were numbered to aid in reassembly. An additional challenge was presented by the original site's 1.25-mile dirt 'driveway,' which had to be extensively reworked before the move could take place in October, 2004. The project is summarized below:

‘Front (c.1850) Section:

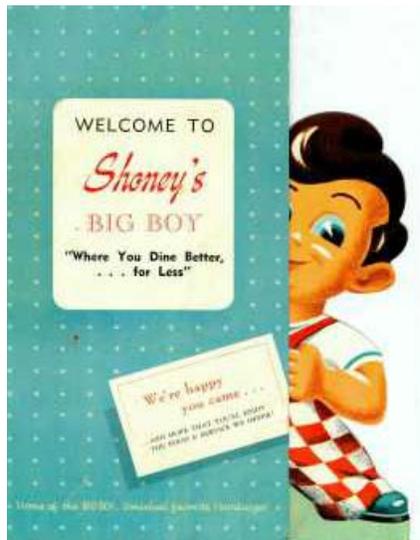
About half of the sills of the 1850s house were rotten, causing the walls above to sag. These sills were replaced, as were missing or deteriorated beams and joists. Brick foundation piers were reconstructed, and weatherboard siding was repaired or replaced with matching, where necessary. The non-historic brick chimneys were replaced with new chimneys constructed of wood mold bricks. Restoration of the front porch was accomplished by replicating two missing columns, reinstalling the ceiling boards, replacing the rotten decking with tongue-and-groove wood flooring, and constructing a balustrade based on the ghost marks found on the original columns. Windows, shutters, and jib doors were repaired, and the non-historic windows on the upper half story were replaced with historically accurate six-over-six wood sash. The partially-infilled rear entrance, which originally held paired doors and sidelights, was re-opened, with the transom retained but the opening cased to allow easier access to the stairway, which is set extremely close to the rear wall. The rear porch was repaired, with the missing box columns replicated based on an existing pilaster, and the National Park Service approved replacing the porch's screen with glass. To accommodate bathrooms upstairs while retaining the historic configuration and scale of the rooms, a shed-roofed dormer, which is not visible from the street and reads as new construction, was added to the rear. On the interior the heart pine floors were refinished and all millwork was repaired. On the first floor, the sheetrock on the walls was replaced and the Celotex ceiling tiles were removed. On the upper half story, the original hand-planed, board-and-batten walls and ceiling were cleaned and stained.

Rear (c. 1830) Section:

Sills, beams, and joists were replaced in the rear ell as necessary. The original native-stone foundation piers and chimney were dismantled for the move and painstakingly rebuilt to the same configuration. A second chimney was in ruins at project initiation, but was rebuilt of wood mold bricks on the reconstructed stone foundation. Asbestos siding was removed from

the side and rear elevations to expose the weatherboards, which were repaired or replaced, as necessary. The extremely deteriorated front porch was restored by replacing the decking with tongue-and-groove wood flooring and repairing the ceiling and columns. The rear cabinet rooms suffered from severe water damage, with one floor collapsed and the other severely compromised. The porch and flanking cabinet rooms were rebuilt to their original configuration, except for the rear walls of the cabinet rooms, which were “bumped out” about two feet to provide additional floor space. The additions were offset by about two feet from each side of the house so as to read as new additions. A small closet addition was made to the side elevation, with a window opening converted into a door for access. On the interior, bead board walls and ceilings, which date to an 1880s remodeling, were refinished or repainted, except in the bedroom, where they suffered extensive water damage. Here replacement wide board wood walls and a new board-and-batten ceiling were installed. The wood floors throughout were repaired and refinished.

The restoration was completed in September, 2005, and the National Park Service designated the project a “certified rehabilitation.” The front c. 1850 portion of the house now serves as a bed-and-breakfast inn, while the c. 1830 rear ell is used as the owners’ home. Mr. and Mrs. Chunn, along with their contractor, Michael Collins, performed an exemplary rehabilitation of these two important historic structures which undoubtedly would have been lost within a few years due to neglect and advanced deterioration. The Porter House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places due to its architectural significance.



Murrah Trivia

What year did Shoney's open in Westland Plaza Shopping Center?

(Answer located elsewhere in this newsletter.)

In Memoriam

Katie McPhearson

Mrs. Katie McPhearson, 89, died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at Jackson's Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. A Morton native, she lived at Lake Cavalier in Madison until a fairly recent move to Cascades in Clinton, Mississippi. Many Boyd Elementary School alumni will remember Mrs. McPhearson as one of the two fourth grade teachers there. She was a graduate of both Hillman and Mississippi Colleges. After retiring from teaching, she worked with her husband Eldon, who predeceased her, in their hardware business. She was an avid fisherman and loved growing flowers

Kenneth Wann



Kenneth E. (Ken) Wann, 61, passed away Saturday, May 12, 2006, at the Admiral Retirement Center in Jackson, Mississippi. His family moved to Jackson in 1951 and were members of St. Luke's Methodist Church on Duling Street. Kenneth lived across the street from classmate John Johnson's uncle on Lenox Drive just off Ridgewood Road, a bit south of its intersection with Briarwood. John remembers that he and Kenneth were childhood playmates, attending Watkins Elementary School until the time that McWillie was built. After elementary school both went first to Bailey and then Chastain when it opened for our ninth grade year. They went to Murrah, and Ken was a classmate with us through the eleventh grade year. He transferred to Riverside Military Academy after that year and, according to his brother Bert, graduated from Madison-Ridgeland High School in 1964. He was in the Air Force for four years, serving in Okinawa and Korea. Following his service he returned to Jackson and attended Hinds Junior College. He worked as an electrician. Kenneth was disabled for approximately 8 to 10 years, during which time he developed cancer in his mouth. A resident of the Admiral Retirement Center (the former Admiral Benbow Motel on North State Street) for almost six years, he fought his battle with cancer the last two of those years. Ken was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Wann. Survivors include daughters, Christy Wann and Peige McCollum; five grandchildren; mother, Wanda; brothers Ronnie, Larry, and Bert; and first cousin, our fellow classmate, Eugene Wann, as well as several other cousins.

Helen and Pat Meet in the Hill Country of Texas



Helen Garrison Ridgway and Pat Hatch Palmer

I had a wonderful trip to Hill Country around San Antonio, Texas, in May, visiting family. They live in Kerrville. Something in the depths of my brain told me that Helen (Garrison) Ridgway might live somewhere in that area. I tried to go on the MHS website but, of course, couldn't remember its address. I e-mailed Mike Mockbee, and that very efficient classmate sent me Helen's address and phone number. Well, guess what? She lives in Kerrville and (small world) has been president of the Quilting Guild to which my sister-in-law, Nancy, belongs. (Most of you don't know or wouldn't remember that I have a half-brother, Elliott) Anyway, I called Helen on Wednesday and found out that she was leaving for Jackson on Friday. She had a new grandbaby due as well as a grandchild graduating from high school. We made plans to meet for lunch on Thursday at the ROADKILL GRILL. Believe it or not, this was a colorful place and one with delicious food. We talked constantly for several hours (gossiping about many of you). I also got to visit her home/ranch, which is perfectly gorgeous. We joined her husband, Louis, and looked at family pictures and at her sewing room with her beautiful quilts. Yep, Helen is as talented in quilting as she is in all of her other

endeavors. I took a few pictures; we hugged and hugged and vowed to get together again when we have longer to visit. This get together was a highlight of a great trip as well as a surprise treat...I think for both of us.

Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

CINCO DE MAYO?!?



This picture sent in by Jim Ford was taken at Watkins School but is made up of Boyd third graders who were bussed there. A new wing was being added to Boyd to take care of the overcrowding. Watkins had a new wing and enough room to accommodate Boyd's overflow.

First row: Bryan Barry, Jim Ford, Doug Priester, Judy Cato, Sally Knowles, Fay Kent Wirth, Jackie Kynard, Johnny Morgan, and Don Holder

Second row: Barney Phillips, Martha Frances Rice, Cealia Price, Carolyn Botta, Priscilla Rogers, Kathy Morris, Jacqueline Johnson, Beth Cleland, Julia Ward, Suzanne McRae, Charlotte Sellers, and Charlie Cole

Third row: Cleve Roby, Billy Greene, Jimmy Thompson, Larry Kerr, Eddie Harper, Joe Hale, and Donkey (Radford Reed)

Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

Grandchildren



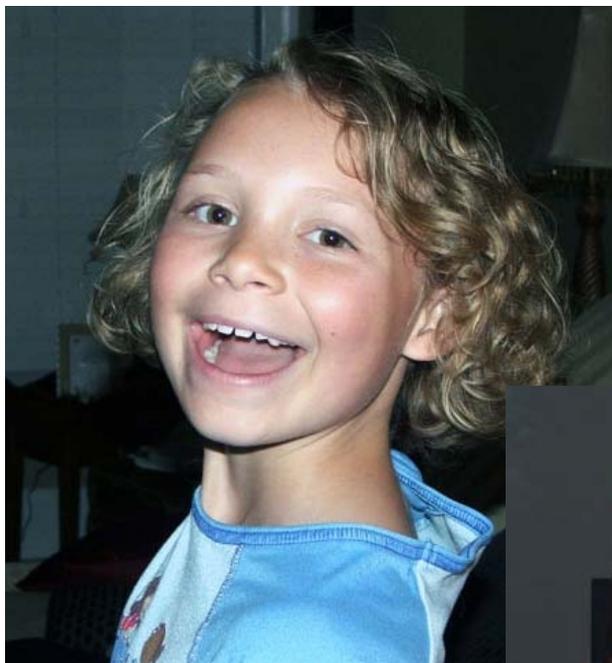
**Jan Tumas Foregger's grandson,
John Gavin vonForegger**



**Kit Davis Barksdale's granddaughter,
Ellen Eliza Gibson,
pictured right and below**



Class of 1963 Photo Gallery (more) Grandchildren



Mike Nicholson's granddaughter, Abby, after she had her hair straightened (left), and Abby when she was baptized in mid April (Note: the curls below)



Steve Waldron's grandson, Jude

Steve says that the feet prove whether or not a person is a Waldron. Hence , he presents grandson Jude ("Otter") feet first!

Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

Weddings



Tony and Mary (Gilmore) Monk at their wedding luncheon at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, Mississippi



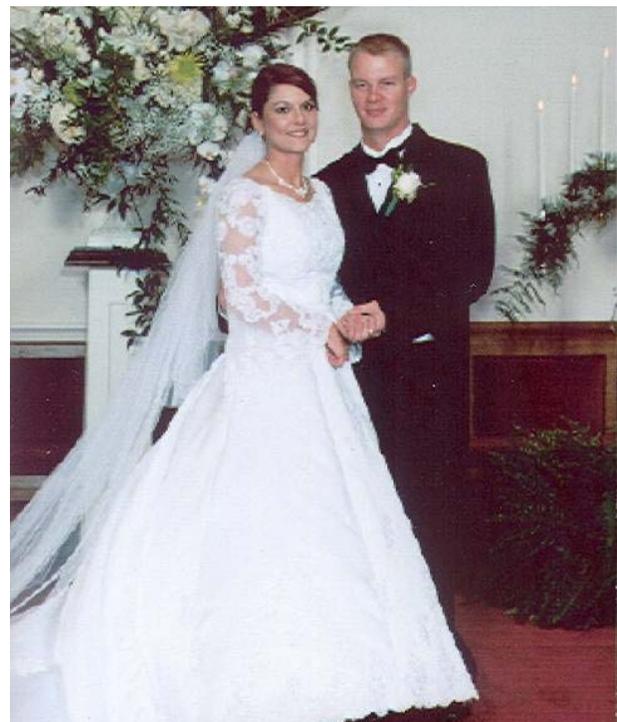
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Weddings



Hervey Graham Folsom's daughter, Margaret, married James Michael Humphreys on October 15, 2005, in Anniston, Alabama

Pictured from left to right are Hervey, her husband Bob, daughter Margaret, and new son-in-law James



Get Well Soon, Ben

Classmate Ben Duckworth has been a motorcycle enthusiast for approximately forty years now and had promised to write us an article for this newsletter about his love of biking and some of his trips. He and his running and biker buddy, local realtor Henry LaRose had already sent pictures for the article. Last Saturday morning (June 24) Ben and Henry, whose real estate office is located in the former Shady Nook Filling Station in Belhaven, were on their way to the HOG rally in Natchez, Mississippi. They were enjoying the ride down the Old Port Gibson Road when a car turned left across oncoming traffic right in front of Ben, who was able to “lay the bike down” but still crashed into the side of the Ford. Ben has two badly broken ankles (two bones in one ankle and one bone in the other) as well as his right wrist. There are, of course, lacerations, but the broken bones mean 8 to 12 weeks of total bed rest along with physical therapy. He is hospitalized at River Regional Hospital in Vicksburg, Room 416, telephone number 601-883-5000. He is scheduled to remain at River Regional until Wednesday, July 5. At that time, the plan is to transfer Ben to Select Specialty Hospital in Jackson. This special care facility is located at Ridgewood and Plantation (5903 Ridgewood Road, 39211, telephone number 601-899-3800).



Ben Duckworth (left) and Henry LaRose at the Wyoming state line last August

“Lunch Bunch” July Gathering Rescheduled

The regular first Thursday gathering of the “Lunch Bunch” will be on the **SECOND THURSDAY (July 13, 2006)** this month.

Walker’s closes the first week in July and in January for vacation. We have been meeting at the Western Sizzlin’ on I-55N at those times. However, the Western Sizzlin’ has been closed. Kroger is expanding and will tear down the Baskin Robbins and the Western Sizzlin’ to put in a fuel center. I guess you can make more money selling gas than steaks and ice cream. Who knew?

We looked at some alternative sites for the July 6 gathering. What we found out was how lucky we are to have Walker’s and how easy they make this meeting for us. They provide a private room at no extra charge, a nice menu with a generous number of choices (not just three, for example), and separate checks.

Therefore, for July the best choice seems to be to delay for one week and meet at Walker’s.

So you regulars change the date on your calendars. Any other Mustangs, who might be in town on July 13, please drop by and join us.

For additional information about the meeting at Walker’s Drive In each month, go to the link below:

http://www.ongulf.com/mhs/lunch_bunch.htm



Answer to Murrah Trivia

The Westland Plaza Shoney's opened its doors in 1962, according to the recent obituary for Louis Augusta McCurley.

“Mac” McCurley, 84, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006. He was a Jackson native who was a deacon of First Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II.

After a successful career with Sears, Roebuck & Company, he entered the franchise business, opening Shoney's Restaurants of Mississippi in 1962.



If you remember Hagan Thompson and *Teen Tempos* or *The Hour of the Fifties* with Johnny Jolly and Jackie Thompson, you might want to tune in WLEZ radio via the Internet.

Go to www.wlezfm.com

and click on the word-link (not the icon link) on Friday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (CDT) and hear Jackie Thompson and Hepcat Harry (Brown) play the music of our youth.

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