



HOOFBEATING

Class of 1963

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Ed North Excels in Equine Competitions



Classmate Ed North has competed in equine competitions such as rodeos and horse shows for 51 years. This interest led to the formation of Northfork Equine. With dual facilities in Brandon and Terry, Mississippi, Northfork Equine specializes in the raising, fitting, training, and exhibiting of world class show horses.

In the past quarter century, Northfork has shown horses to win over 250 National and World Champion titles in 19 events including halter conformation, western and English riding classes, reining, speed, and cattle events. Known for having an eye for a horse that is not only pretty but also possesses athletic ability, the family at Northfork has exhibited 15 National High-point All-around Champions, including the greatest Palomino show horse of all time, Skipa Gold Streak.

For the past 6 years, the central focus at Northfork has been on the Paint and Pinto registered horses. Exhibited by Ed himself and his managing partner, Laurie Watson, the current show string consists of the Pinto National Champion Mare, Clupie Doll; multiple state champion and Pinto Congress Champion, Intimidate That Kid; Paint World Champion, Tee Totally Charmin; Pinto Reserve World Champion, Bit Of Clue; Paint Honor Roll Gelding, Fleetside Cadillac; Paint Congress Champion, Tailored Investments; and Grand Champion, Kidstheladysgotstyle. This show string travels nationwide and competes each week for 11 months of the year in Paint, Pinto and All-breed competitions.

Although there is an occasional world class show horse for sale, the majority of the horses are prepared for careers that result in national titles. Information can be seen at www.northforkequineservices.com.

In addition, Ed, a retired professor of genetics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, has written 9 books on equine genetics and offers genetics consultations online.



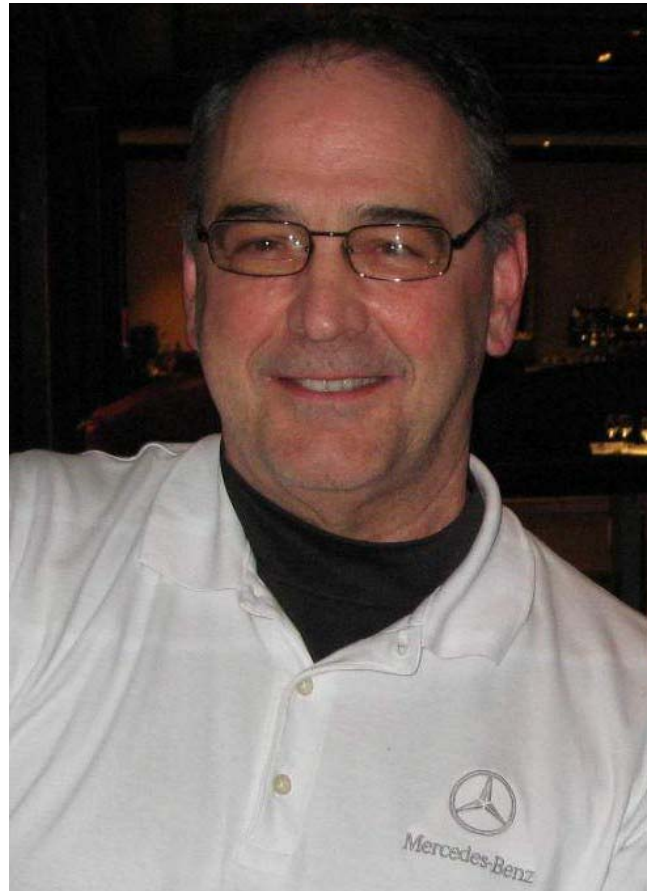
Ed North and his managing partner Laurie Watson exhibit two winning mares

Bio Updates

After a recent email to fellow classmates to help track down email addresses for as many MHS Class of 1963 grads as possible, we received a wonderful update from **John Burke**. Apparently a couple of classmates knew how to reach him. We received the following three-decade update (and photo – John is looking good!)

This is like old home week. After talking with Jimmy Squires, I was then on the telephone with David Gardner. Hope I am around for the 50th reunion, another 5 years???

Mike, I have somewhat kept track of my whereabouts on where I lived corresponding with the years. In the 70s I was in NYC working for Merrill Lynch, then getting involved with some crazy commodity traders. Had a brief marriage, then divorce and no kids. Late 70s moved to San Francisco and became an FX (currency trader) with Bank of America. Left B of A and became a currency broker in London and San Francisco, but in the mid 80s moved to Sydney, Australia, working for National Australia Bank in commodities and currencies. Came back to NYC late 80s as Citibank beckoned me, still currencies. Left Citi early 90's and took off around the world, winding up in Belize, helping a friend run a resort. Finance jungle to the real jungle?? Left Belize, and returned to New York as a Money/Corporate bond broker. 1993 decided to go back to San Francisco doing the same with another company. The dot.com bust changed the picture, and I became part of the bust. Moved to horrible Los Angeles in 2001, and have been here since. Different business now, still finance, but I will finance you in your next car purchase. Cars are big business here in LA (60,000 cars sold a month), but there are too many. (Cars and people). Next is retirement, but not in LA, although I live now in crazy Venice, California where we say "Art meets Crime".



John Burke

... I hope this has been short and sweet for 30+ years of coverage. No wife now, no kids.
John Burke



Betty Charles Baryshev

Elizabeth (**Betty Charles**) Baryshev is an independent wine consultant in Grapevine, Texas. On her website (www.myttv.com/elizabeth11606) she says “After attending a Wine Tasting at my friend's home and watching the Consultant conduct the Tasting Lesson, I thought, I could do that! I've always loved wine, but I didn't know a lot about it. When the Consultant said that training is free, and there's no experience necessary, I signed up! Now I get paid to hold Wine Tastings. I'm always learning something new about wine and tasting new wines, and I create my own schedule! I love my TTV business.”

Sandy Chustz Schreiter's sister Sherry Pace has just released her second coffee table book of photography, *Historic Churches of Mississippi* (University Press of Mississippi, \$40). The 178-page book features color photography of 133 houses of worship. In 2005 Sherry published *Victorian Houses of Mississippi* (University Press of Mississippi, \$40).

Mike Crowell has joined the faculty of the School of Government of UNC at Chapel Hill.

Friday, June 29 was **Lucian Davis'** last day of surgery. He has retired; and when asked what the plans of a fellow Type-A personality were, he said, “Thanks for your interest. The answer to my future is in my past, and I am still waiting for an epiphany. It has been almost 40 years of virtual 24/7 work, so I thought that I would see something of what my more gifted high school classmates have found interesting in the world. I have found that I have been living vicariously through many of my Murrah mates' adventures and achievements, and now I will find out whether all of those many interests, which I have said that I have had, can be pursued. It all may have been false bravado.”

Steve Elson sent the following update on his activities when he emailed to thank us for letting him know about Betty Claire's death: “thanks for the update. [I] am in Ram stein, Germany for my son's wedding next Monday [July 30] before he deploys to Afghanistan for a 6-month tour with the Afghan Navy. Yesterday was cool and beautiful; today cool and rainy. The base is stunning: lots of trees, neat, clean, and nice. [I] got a nice hop on a C-17 from Andrews direct, made friends with the pilots and spent about 90 minutes on the flight deck going through systems. The whole Atlantic crossing there was cloud cover, but it broke coming over the Channel onto the coast of France - great view from the flight deck.”

Steve Elson's post wedding continuation (slightly edited): The trip to Germany was one of the happiest of my life. I got an easy hop right out of Andrews on one of the Jackson Air National Guard C-17s right into Ram stein and spent a few days there in their very nice and very cheap inn. Down to Munich. I got to take the new daughter out for dinner the night before my wife and son showed up. What a sweetheart [the bride]! The wedding was a civil ceremony, required in Germany, and really nice. Then out of Munich to her sister's restaurant. Man did we eat, and did we ever have an eclectic gathering: gal from South Africa, one each from Dominica and Portugal, Germans, Americans, Italians, Greeks, a black and white lesbian couple, a Viet-

nameless fruit basket who wore a seersucker short pants suit with tennis shoes. It was a riot. We ate all day, and I mean all day. Getting back on Milair not possible - too many people and retirees - I have no priority. I was thinking about heading over to the U.K. and trying from there but decided to contact my Delta pilot pal, who put a buddy pass in the system. So, for \$204 I rode seat 1-e in a 767. Business elite is much nicer. I tried to give my seat to a war vet, but due to the stupidity of homeland insecurity dept., was unable to do so. I'll be soon heading down to the #*&%@ in congress and the media. I'm back home to play with my first and new grandson. Life is wonderful. I made a deal with my maker many years ago that all I wanted was to live long enough to see my kids grown and to be good moral, patriotic, and honest adults who could take care of themselves. Anything after that is gravy. And I am swimming in the gravy. I don't think anyone is richer than I - family and friends.

Pat Hatch Palmer is having quite a summer. First, she "decided to pick the 100+ degree days to move to her new place (note the new address in that section of this newsletter). Then she mentions that her son William is engaged to be married December 15, 2007. Naturally, Pat says, "I am having a ball. (I am not wearing beige and keeping my mouth shut as 'Mother of the Groom' tradition would have it.)"

George Hollingsworth and his wife Sharon are the owners/innkeepers of Colonial Capital Bed and Breakfast in Williamsburg, Virginia. Their website (www.ccbb.com) says "Colonial Capital Bed & Breakfast was estab-

lished in 1988. and George are the Bed & in this rich historic Williamsburg, Jamestown. A complete renovation of their Colonial Revival 1926 home retained its elegance, graciousness, and Southern gentility

while providing private baths for each of the four guest rooms and the one two-room suite. A rich blend of warmth, style and comfort enhance the antique furnishings and Oriental rugs, which highlight the decor. Cozy canopied beds, remote control ceiling fans, a full cooked breakfast, delightful innkeepers, charming home, and fascinating area are hallmarks. The College of William and Mary, [as well as] casual and fine dining are within easy walking distance. Busch Gardens, more than 100 Factory Outlet stores, and the Williamsburg Pottery are nearby."

George Pickett and his wife Lynne took their 8-year-old granddaughter to Disneyland and other great tourist spots in southern California this summer.



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Connie Redd Barefield's son-in-law Patrick Powell (married to Connie and Bobby's youngest child, Elizabeth) recently won the Donald T. Imrie award for the senior medical student with the most outstanding performance in the department of orthopedics. He began his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University Medical Center here in Jackson on July 1. The program will last 6 or 7 years. Connie says, "We will probably be in the nursing home by the time he finishes."

Charles Richey, a resident of Pike County, Pennsylvania, lives and works in a log cabin on the



top of a mountain wedged between the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers. He is well known as an actor, using the professional name Jeremy Wind, and has shot several hundred network commercials over a period of thirty years. Charles writes music and has published many works, including *Pop-pies*, which was recorded by Nina Simone. Besides being an actor and a published writer and composer, he is an avid gardener and gourmet cook. Charles now lives in a rural paradise with his two Jack Russell terriers. In addition to his artistic accomplishments, he is an ardent naturalist and a self-educated expert on how to cure acid reflux disease by natural means. Charles has written an extensive report entitled, *Reflux Gone Forever: Natural Acid Reflux Remedies*. . For information on how to heal acid reflux the natural way, go to the following website: <http://www.refluxgoneforever.com>..

Charles Squires emailed us in very large, bold print to update us on his email address and other contact information. For this newsletter, we have changed the font size, but here is what Charles says,

Like a lot of our classmates, I have to have glasses to read. That is why I print large. Here are my contact numbers:

1. Home phone, 423-629-5012 - let ring at least 10 or 11 times. If I am not in the room, I cannot see the lights blinking to tell me the phone is ringing. I am deaf from an accident.
2. E-mail, booatt@netscape.com This is the best way to get me.

I am deaf from falling off of a 747 in Providencialis on Turk island in the Caribbean. My wife died from cancer November 2, 2002. The government says I cannot work, so I stay busy building nice furniture. Jimmy [Squires] builds better things than I do.

Later,
Charles.

Barin von Foregger, son of Bert and **Jan Tumas** Foregger recently took a position at Hinds Community College as the marketing and Web specialist. Previously, he worked at *The Clarion-Ledger* in Jackson, Mississippi, where he was the online content editor. Barin earned his bachelor's degree at Ole Miss.

Theater's Top Award Goes to Murrah Grad

The Odd Couple (Female Version), *The Trip to Bountiful*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Okahoma!* were all staged by Anniston, Alabama's, professionally directed live theater in the 2006-2007 season. To culminate the year, the Community Actors' Studio Theater (or CAST) presented its second annual awards during a ceremony and dinner Saturday, June 23, 2007.

Early vaudeville type productions led the way for true live theater in the city with the birth of the Anniston Little Theater in 1927 under the guidance of Edel Y. Ayers, wife of the publisher of *The Anniston Star* during that period. Appropriately, the highest award given by CAST is the Edel Y. Ayers Award which was presented that night to **Hervey Graham** Folsom and her husband Bob in recognition of their thirty plus years of dedication to and work in all aspects of live theater in Anniston. Currently, they serve as chairmen of the play selection committee as well as coordinators of the theater's box office.

Many of you will remember that Hervey's mother, Margaret Graham, was herself a dedicated worker and accomplished actor with Jackson's own Little Theater company. Once again proving that the apple does not fall far from the tree, Hervey plans to continue her dedicated theater work during the upcoming season which will feature *South Pacific*, *Dearly Beloved*, *The Rainmaker*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. Break a leg, Hervey!



Bob and Hervey Graham Folsom (left) receive Anniston, Alabama's, highest honor in live theater. The lovely silver bowl, which represents the Edel Y. Ayers Award, is presented by Phil Sanguinetti (right), *The Anniston Star* president and son-in-law of Edel Ayers.

In Memoriam

Betty Claire Dees Stockwell died of lung cancer on July 22, 2007, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. The funeral service was held at Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi. (Betty Claire's father helped establish the Central Church of Christ, which was later relocated and renamed the Meadowbrook Church of Christ.) One especially moving portion of the service was the playing of a tape which had been Betty's Mother's Day gift this year: daughter Stacey singing Betty Claire's favorite hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross*. Burial followed at the Dees family plot in Lakewood Memorial Park on Clinton Boulevard. Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Betty Claire was a lifelong Mississippian, who was born in Jackson to Dr. James Gordon and Opal Shake Dees. She was educated in the Jackson Public School System, attending Duling Elementary, Bailey Junior High, and Murrah High Schools. Early on it was evident what a lovely voice Betty had. At Mur-



rector William Herring to be a Ensemble in the tenth grade, and of the Murrah Singers in both grades. In addition to her choral Claire served as a homeroom eleventh grades and was a member three years. She continued her comb College in New Orleans,

While still at Murrah, Betty deon classmate Margaret Stockwell but was not allowed to date him. She did, however, announced that she would marry Paul remained an admirer and a pen pal tary training. True to her prediction, Betty Claire and Paul did marry, and as many people remember, she was known almost universally by his pet name for her: Freddie. Betty desperately wanted children, so much so, that she suffered seven miscarriages and one stillbirth. Deciding on adoption, she threw herself into motherhood and raised two beautiful children: Stacey (also with a beautiful voice) and Jay (named for his grandfather). They were so melded into her family that there were audible sounds of surprise when it was mentioned during the eulogy that they were adopted. Betty loved motherhood, working in her yard and garden, and living in Canton. Most summers the family took time out to enjoy that legendary Mississippi creation, the Neshoba County Fair, a tradition that reflected her Dees family roots (Her father grew up in Philadelphia, Mississippi.). And after 35 years of marriage, when hers to Paul ended in divorce (a divorce that she did not want), she moved back to Jackson and took on life with gusto to begin again. Even her battle with cancer could not diminish her enthusiasm for life and her generosity.

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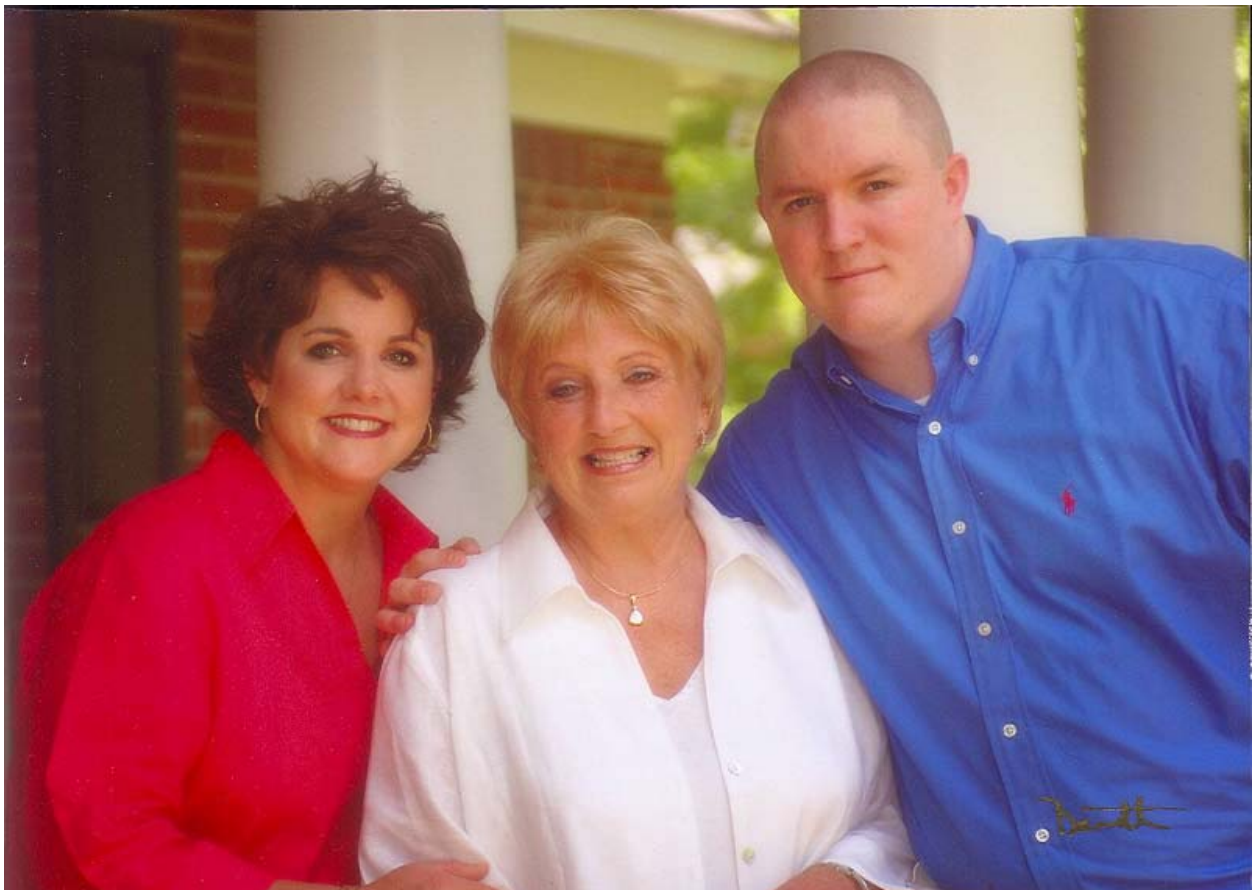
veloped an enormous crush well's older brother, Paul, because of the age difference to her mother that and for the short term re- when he went off for mili-

Daughter Stacey married and began her family with husband Mark Adcock. They have three boys who "ruled" Betty's life. Even when she was diagnosed with lung cancer those boys, espe-

cially the oldest, Hunter, came first. As just one example, she had a pool put in her backyard. At first she said it was part of her exercise therapy when actually it was so that the boys would have a place to play where she could enjoy them with a front row seat.

Betty Claire is survived by her two children, James Gordon (Jay) Stockwell of Denver,

Colorado, and Stacey Stockwell Adcock and husband, Mark, as well as three beloved grandsons: Hunter, Harrison, and Hayes Adcock, all of Madison. She is also survived by her brother, Don Dees of Clarksdale; sister, Laura Dees Mize of Houston, Texas; and her aunt, Eunice Shake Walker of Ridgeland. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother James Gordon (Jim) Dees who passed away in 1985.



In Memoriam



Christmas 2003: Clem Wright holding “his” cat Mit-Nip, granddaughter Brittany holding Lil-Bit, and wife Suzette holding Annie.

Clem V. Wright, Jr., 62, died early Saturday morning, July 7, 2007, at Evergreen La Jolla Health and Rehabilitation Center in La Jolla, California. Clem who had been suffering from multiple sclerosis and diabetes died of an abdominal aneurysm.

At his request he was cremated and his ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean near his home in Alpine,

California, a suburb of San Diego. The Murrah High School Class of 1963 sent a floral wreath, which was floated on the water during the family’s scattering of the ashes. Clem was an organ and tissue donor whose wishes were that he help only those injured soldiers who were currently returning from war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

A Jackson native, Clem was born June 23, 1945, to Flora Mae and Clem V. Wright, Sr. He attended local Catholic schools until tenth grade when he transferred to Murrah High School. After graduation, he served briefly in the army. He and his wife, the former Suzette Slattery settled in Houston, Texas, where he held both the concessions and a distributorship for the *Houston Chronicle*. This was during that time period before the *Chronicle* moved its outside operations in-house. It was in 1978 in Houston that Clem experienced his first myocardial infarction. After his consulting physician, Dr. Denton Cooley, recommended against living in a climate such as that in Houston, Clem and his family moved to San Diego, California, and never looked back.

Clem was a field auditor/investigator for San Diego Gas and Electric under the auspices of Commerce Service Corporation. He worked in this field for many years before he became totally disabled. Clem was an avid San Diego Padres fan, a dedicated fisherman, and a wonderful storyteller, which endeared him to his children and grandchildren. According to his wife Suzette, Clem never met a stranger, and everyone loved him. True to character, he adored **his** personal cat, Mit-Nip, a catnip-loving twenty-five pound black and white cat with mitten-paws. Mit-Nip died several years ago and was cremated. Clem had saved the ashes so that he and Mit-Nip could be scattered together when the time came, as it did in July.

Clem is survived by his wife Suzette, his three children (son, Dustin Wright of Tacoma, Washington, and daughters, Tracey Stout of Buckley, Washington, and Deanna Harris Blakely of Puyallup, Washington), seven grandchildren (Brittany Wright whom Clem and Suzette have raised as a daughter, Joshua Garber, Christopher Garber, Chelsey Stout, Brandon Stout, Breanna Harris, and Jagger Harris), a great granddaughter Garber just born in June, sister Sallie Ann Wright Avalon Morrow of Jackson, and nephew, Lewis Avalon of Dallas.

Suzette said that Clem was her high school sweetheart, husband and lover, great father and grandfather, but most of all her best friend. What a wonderful eulogy that is!



Home invader is suspect in Miss Breland's death. (The Clarion-Ledger, July 13, 2007)

Jackson police believe a man sentenced to 140 years in prison for attacking an elderly woman could be behind the death of a beloved retired Jackson schoolteacher. **Chancellor Christmas** was sentenced Wednesday in the armed robbery and house invasion of 80-year-old Margie Sellers on July 25, 2006.

Detectives investigating the death and robbery of 99-year-old Irene Breland said Christmas is also a suspect in that case. "The two attacks are very similar. They were very close as far as the dates, and the modes of operation were very similar," Jackson Police Department spokesman Sgt. Jeffery Scott said. On July 22, 2006, three days before the Sellers attack, Breland was attempting to enter her Meadowbrook Road home through the garage when the suspect hit her in the head and stole her purse. As a result of the attack, Breland fell and fractured her left femur. She died in October from a blood clot from the injury.

In Memoriam



Ruth J. Davis, 85, died Sunday, August 19, 2007, in Highlands, North Carolina, where she had lived for the past five years with her daughter, Wanda. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 25 in the chapel of Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home, Clinton, Mississippi. Burial was in the Clinton Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis received her Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi Southern University. She lived in Clinton for 40 years after moving there from Meridian in 1961, where she had begun teaching in the public school system. She continued her career as a biology teacher at Murrah High School, taking over for Mr. Wayne Walley after he left to be an instructor at Belhaven College. She also co-sponsored the Medico-Ed club with Mrs. Mary McAllister. Following her period at Murrah, Mrs. Davis was a Guidance Counselor at Calloway High, Enochs Junior High, and Lanier High Schools in Jackson.

Survivors include her only daughter, Wanda Davis Cooper and her husband, Chuck; two grandsons, Ted Rogers of Clinton and Ron Rogers of Brandon; and two great grandsons. Preceding her in death were her husband, Hemby Davis, and their son, Charlie Davis.

Memorials may be made to New Sight Baptist Church Building Fund, 629 Forest Trail, Brookhaven, Mississippi 39601.

Bailey Home Economics Teacher Passes Away

Mildred Hudson Terrell, 90, died Sunday, August 12, 2007, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Funeral services, conducted by the Reverend David Elliott of Jackson's St. James Episcopal Church, were held at the graveside in Greenwood Cemetery, West Point, Mississippi.

Mrs. Terrell was born January 20, 1917, to Hugh and Winnie Sprouse Hudson in Clay County, Mississippi. She married Major Ira Moorman Terrell and moved from West Point to Jackson in the 1940s. She taught home economics at Bailey Junior High School for many years and then transferred to Chastain Junior High School, which opened in the fall of 1959. Major Terrell died May 11, 1954, but she made the decision that Jackson was now her home, and she remained a resident of the Jackson area for the rest of her life. Mrs. Terrell was a charter member of St. James Episcopal Church and remained devoted and active as long as her health permitted.

Mrs. Terrell is survived by cousins, as well as her niece, Anna Carol Tumlinson, and several great nieces and great nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 3921 Oak Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39216.

Classmates' or Teachers' Family-Deaths

Martha Fondren Spisso's sister, Dorothy Evelyn "Skinless" Fondren, 66, died in San Diego, California, on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, following a massive stroke. Evelyn was a graduate of both Murrah High School ('59) and MSCW where she was in the Rogue and Blacklist social clubs She received her RN from St. Dominic's nursing program and was a nurse in the United States Navy, serving in New York City, the Philippines, aboard a hospital ship, and in California. Evelyn retired from the Navy and in the late '80s received her Master's degree in Recreation and Leisure. Using that knowledge, she created a walking tour of San Francisco under the persona, Trevor Hailey. As Trevor Hailey, she became an icon in San Francisco, was twice recognized by a resolution from the city's mayor who named a day in her honor, and was known worldwide on the Internet. Evelyn is survived by her sister, her brother David, and her partner Norma Sue Griffin as well as a niece and two nephews and all of their families. She was buried with full military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Sparky Head's mother, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Head, 84, died on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. A native of Dunlap, Tennessee, she had been a resident of Jackson, Mississippi, for 57 years. Mrs. Head was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She was a loving wife, caring mother, and dedicated homemaker, who also loved to travel. She was preceded in death by her husband Oral S. "Junior" Head who died in 2003. She is survived by sons Oral S. "Sparky" Head III of Robertsdale, Alabama, and Charlie Head of Kemah, Texas, as well as two daughters: Patience Warren of Brandon and Hope Head of Ridgeland. Mrs. Head was blessed with ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Jean Magee Cox's father, Ewell "Mac" Magee, 86, died Tuesday, July 31, 2007. Born in Magee, Mississippi, on May 27, 1921, to Richard Norvat and Carolyne Butler Magee, he was a life-long Mississippian. Affectionately known as Mac, he had a successful career with Greyhound Bus Lines and was recognized on many occasions for his exemplary driving record and unparalleled relations with his fellow drivers and passengers. Mr. Magee was a Master Mason and member of Pearl Lodge Number 23. Mac was perhaps best known to the MHS Class of 1963 for his 10 years as the requested driver for Dr. Howard Cleland's Mississippi Youth Tours. After retiring, Mr. Magee was able to devote more time to his family and friends as well as to his much loved gardening, hunting and fishing. All his loved ones looked forward to the fishing trips and even more so to his wonderful fried fish, hush puppies, and "fishy" tales. Mr. Magee was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary Bond Magee. His survivors include his children, Rev. Beth Williams, Jean Cox, Durwood "Woody" Magee, Maggie Clark, and Evelyn Magee. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

Charles Safley's mother, Louise Mitchim Safley, 94, died Monday, August 20, 2007, in Independence, Missouri. Her funeral services and burial were held at Wright and Ferguson's facilities in Ridgeland, Mississippi, on August 25. Mrs. Safley who had moved from Jackson to be near one of her sons in Biloxi was displaced by Hurricane Katrina and had been living near her oldest son in Independence. Mrs. Safley was born in DeSoto, Missouri, to Charles and Lillian Word Mitchim but was raised by an aunt in Ruleville, Mississippi, after the deaths of both parents. She graduated from Delta State and, while she was an English teacher met a fellow faculty

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member and coach at a nearby school, T.J. Safley, Jr. Mr. Safley went on to Tulane Medical School, and after his graduation, they married. Dr. Safley continued his training, becoming a surgeon, after which they settled in Jackson, Mississippi. He joined the surgical practice of Drs. Shands and O'Ferrall, and Mrs. Safley concentrated on raising their three boys, all of whom became physicians. She was active in the state Medical Auxiliary, First Baptist Church, and Jackson Garden Club. She also continued her activities as a talented needle pointer and artist. Dr. Safley died in 1997. Mrs. Safley is survived by her three sons Dr. Thomas Safley of Independence, Missouri, Dr. Charles Safley of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Dr. William Safley of Gulfport, Mississippi and their wives as well as eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Stephen (**Steve**) **Young's** father, Robert Harold Young, 89, died Monday, July 23, 2007, at Manhattan Health Care Center in Jackson, Mississippi. His services were held on July 27 at St. Columb's Episcopal Church in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Mr. Young was born to Robert Bennie and Vashti Smith Young in Franklin County, Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and then went on to Mississippi College where he served as editor of the yearbook, *Choctaw*. It was during his editorship that he developed a lifelong passion for photography. In 1984 the National Park Service published his *Vicksburg Battlefield Monuments: a Photographic Record*. Then in 1985 his photography career highlight was achieved with the publishing of *The Natchez Trace* (text by historian Patti Carr Black and photography by Harold Young). Following his retirement as manager of the Jackson agency for Home Life Insurance Company, he opened and operated The Darkroom, a custom photo finishing company. He also coached Little League and Pony League baseball. His wife Cary Nell Flinn Young died in 1985. He is survived by his three sons, Robert Stephen Young of Cuiza, France; Wayne Harold Young of Dallas, Texas; and Andrew Cary Young of Jackson, and their wives as well as three grandchildren and two brothers.

We received the following email from Carson Whitsett's brother-in-law, Mark Fields, who is married to Carson's sister, Kit. Because of the "In Memoriam" section that was dedicated to Carson in the Spring 2007 issue of *HOOFBEATING*, we had sent an e-copy of the newsletter to the family via Mark. He had been very generous in emailing us photos of Carson as well as copies of newspaper articles and obituaries. In other words, he was our liaison with the immediate family.

Thank you Estelle & Mike. We'll pass this around the family.
My goodness that is quite a publication you guys put together!
Of course we're all proud of Carson and are thrilled to see him memorialized in such a nice way. Thank you for the kindness and sympathy you have shown over the past several weeks.

Warmest regards,
Kit & Mark
for the entire Whitsett family

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***Doris Blackwell** Smith and her large
mouth bass caught at her home at
Lake Lorman.*



Class Member Websites

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Elizabeth (Betty Charles) Baryshev

www.cedarwoodraymond.com

Bob and Jeannie Johnson Chunn's bed and breakfast in Raymond, Mississippi

www.galejohnson.com

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www.mississippideltabluesinfo.com

Ron and Carol Marble

www.refluxgoneforever.com

Charles Richey

www.docs-spots.com

Bill Ross

www.poorjuliaart.com

Julia Walter Allen's scrap metal art

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Stephen Young

If you have a personal website such as those listed above, that you would like to have included in an upcoming issue of *HOOFBEATING*, please send it to estelle@ongulf.com.

Website Update

Be sure and visit our website to try out the latest link to another group of Murrah grads. The Murrah High School Class of 1957 had their Fifty Year Reunion this spring and as part of their preparations launched their class website. Go to www.OnGulf.com/mhs and under the Menu topic "Other Classes" click on 1957.

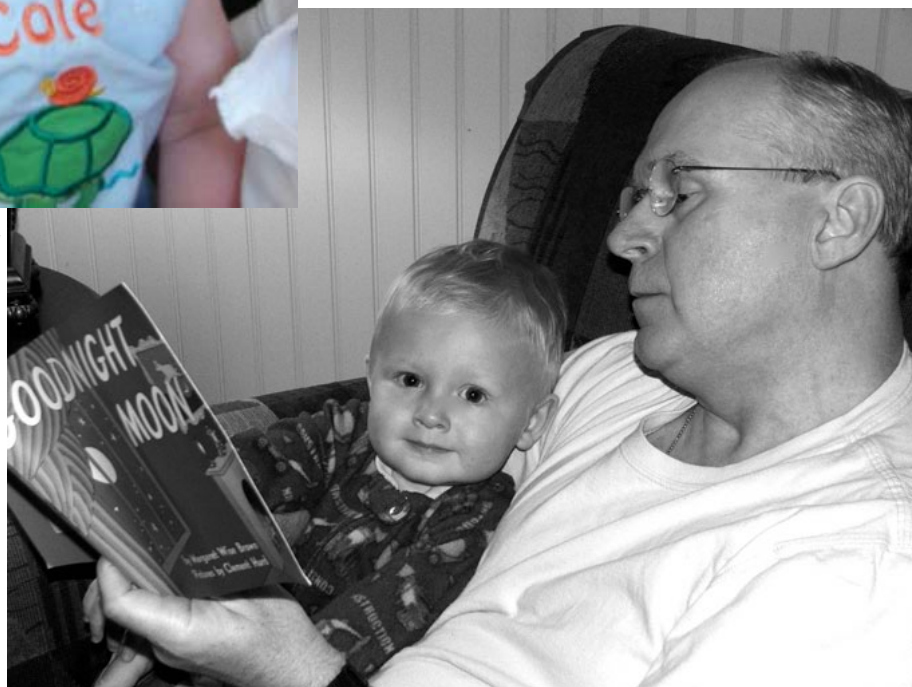
In addition to the 1957 website, we have links to six other classes: 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1969, and 1970.

Class of 1963 Photo Gallery

Barbara Miller Marshall's granddaughter Caylen was born, July 27, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20½ in. long. Caylen had significant health problems initially and underwent one surgery, which went better than expected. The second operation will take place when she is strong enough.



Jackie Ledbetter Cooper's grandson Cole.



Mike Nicholson reads to his grandson Connor.

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Jean Smith Vaughan, chief prosecutor for the Cybercrime Fusion Center, meets with State Attorney General Jim Hood. Mississippi is the first state in the nation to bring together the AG's staff, the FBI, and local agencies "under one roof" for cybercrime investigations

Leslie Bear's son, Matthew (far right in photo), a member of the St. Andrews Episcopal Upper School Band, recently received the award for "all-around bandsman". Matthew is a rising freshman at the Madison County School.



Kathy Butts Hayes who formerly worked professionally with the Mississippi Heritage Trust and who remains an ardent supporter recently attended the unveiling of the Trust's "10 Most Endangered Places in Mississippi". The List was announced at a party, which was held at a certain state office building: a structure that the Class of 1963 knew as the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Lamar Street downtown.

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Pat Hatch Palmer's son William, and his fiancée, Beau (short for Beaumont), enjoy a Low-Country Boil.



Pat Hatch Palmer and her future daughter-in-law, Beau, admire one of Pat's terrific cakes.



*Pat Hatch Palmer sent us photos of a few examples from her cake/mints portfolio. She says, "This has always been a hobby, but now I am a Dentist turned Sweets maker! Well, I am still supporting Dentistry. How does *Dr. Pat's Sweets for the Holidays* sound? The mints for weddings and parties are actually my best sellers, because no one else around here makes old-fashioned butter mints. I will also put my pound cake up against anyone's and that is according to others. Anyway, [this project] is a small part-time deal - just something I love doing."*





Jim and Carole (Chase) Harvey with Anna, a girl they prayed about finding this year. (They met her last year while on a similar mission trip to China.)

Carole and Jim were invited to dinner by this couple in their laundromat. The husband accepted Christ. Carole pointed out that persecution of Christians has increased since their trip last summer. The underground church that Carole and Jim attended while they were there had no Chinese believers. The police would be suspicious, seeing locals with foreigners at the same time and in the same place each week. Carole said, "It made us appreciate our freedom!"



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