

# Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation Alumni Association

## *Education Encourages Change*

With the advance of our lives, comes constant change. History records these changes and education encourages new. Sometimes we can see and feel the obvious changes happening around us. Yet there are also those subtle changes that blend with the passing years.

Recently, rising energy prices, mortgage problems and work related budget cuts have demanded a change in our lives and every day we are adjusting. We drive a little less or invest in fuel efficient vehicles. Families work extra hard to pay for their homes and businesses trim their expenses to improve the bottom line.

These kinds of changes are obvious because they forcefully move us out of a comfort zone. That easy feeling of security is tested. Our once stable surroundings are delicate to balance and we look to the next day wondering how it will all work out.

Looking back at change is easier. The once uncomfortable times, are now history and only a time to remember. This alumni newsletter is here to remind you of those subtle changes that are part of your past. Somehow it has all worked out.

Many of you left our small town in search of change. Your employment, education, dedication to our nation's armed services or your families offered you the opportunity of adventure away from Colusa. Please take some time to pause and reflect on the subtle changes in your life since you attended Colusa High School. We are sure there are many.

The City of Colusa has changed. Thank you to the many graduates of Colusa High School who have lived and worked here their entire lives. They are the gatekeepers of this city that is part of our past. Their children are our alumni that are changing the world.

As mentioned above, education encourages change. We are encouraging you to support us with a little "change" for education at Colusa High School..... Please reach into your pockets and search for any "change" that you might find. We know that these changing times have made it economically challenging and we appreciate any support you might afford. Is the amount in your pocket \$19.56, \$19.46, \$19.75? Never before has change been so reasonable.

Thank you for your support. You help us remember our past and we hope to hear from you in the future.

## **MEMORIES**

I am looking forward to your 2008 newsletter mailing. My thanks go to George Spence the principal and Arch Davison for re-directing my life by getting me to go to Cal Berkley. I was blackmailed by my History and Math teachers ( Baker and McCormish), to take part in my Junior Play. The English teacher put them up to it. What could I do but take part in the play...

### **Woodie Humburg - Class of 1933**

All my memories are flashbacks. At my age, that's all you have left.

### **Robert G. Fitch - Class of 1946**

I loved floating down the river at the end of school.

### **Carrie Pryor Mandarino -Class of 1981**

Mrs. Westfall's – Food Class, "It wasn't me".

### **Christine Steidlmayer Rodriguez - Class of 1976**

I often reflect on how hard Burch Glasgow worked. He taught classes in the morning, P.E. in the afternoon. He coached football, basketball, baseball, and track. He was the commandant of cadets and also drove bus to the games. WOW!!!!!!

### **Merrill Newman - Class of 1946**

Most of the boys in my class and the classes before me were in the service when we graduated. We were all so proud of them.

### **Alma Baker Triplett – Class of 1946**

In response to Georgeen Roberson Pierre's question, the ventriloquist was Raymond Castenade. He came into school with the Sycamore boys. He was pretty good! I thought he might end up on television. We have never been able to locate him after he

graduated. We would like to put him on our class list for reunions and picnics.

### **Roy G. Triplett Sr. – Class of 1945**

Great newsletter!! Hey classmates, I know there are more than six of us.....

### **Marta Sachudy Keith – Class of 1959**

Mr. Costen told a lot of funny stories in Spanish class.

### **Edee Westfall Silva – Class of 1966**

I remember playing Jeopardy in Mr. Lott's classes before tests.

### **Bessie Harbison – Class of 1992**

**1933**  
Woodie Humburg

**1934**  
Calvin Locher

**1937**  
Lucius F. Fitch  
Kathryn Leoni Gibson  
Sanders

**1938**  
Mary Grob Gobel  
Wanda Fitch Capalbo

**1940**  
Jack Hamahashi  
Louie Grob Sr.

**1941**  
Carroll R. Doty

**1942**  
Peggy Davison Graham  
Gerald (Joe) Livermore  
Kenneth Keller  
Bill Preece

**1943**  
Dallas Graham  
Marjorie Sellman Klar  
James Riley  
Wanda Woolery Grob  
John Abreu

**1944**  
Yoneko Kasai-Shintani  
Jack Staple  
Charles Seaver

**1945**  
Joyce Braly-Keller  
Joan Flint Putman  
Roy G. Triplett Sr.

**1946**  
Mary Keller Huff  
Alfred Gomes  
Alma Baker Triplett  
Merrill Newman  
Robert Fitch

**1947**  
Barbara Betterton Messick  
Bill Collins  
Janet Allen Staple  
Fred F. Sandrige  
Lloyd Westphal  
Lorraine Farnsworth Samons  
Georgeen Roberson Pierre

**1948**  
Marily F. Farnsworth Johnson  
Glendell G. Golden  
James Heryford  
Melba P. Woolery Golden  
Staci Baker Ross  
Carolyn Crane Henry

**1949**  
Bertha Nelson Westcamp  
Fontes  
Vincent Walker  
Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey  
Hattie Baker McKinley

**1950**  
Donald L. Michener  
Bonnie Farnsworth  
Grussenmeyer  
Millard Totman

**1951**  
Koe B. Ishigaki  
Tom W. Schwartz  
Harold B. Tennant  
Jack Elkins  
John P. Danford  
Bobby Jo Allen Seaver  
Annette Lee Park

**1952**  
Andrew J. Ponta Jr.  
Jim Davison  
Nancy Greer Lohman  
Elizabeth Phillips Berry  
Shirleen Wood Dean

**1953**  
Ray Moore  
Carleen Yungling Leise  
Pat Capehart Totman  
George Chan

**1954**  
Jimmie Lee  
Vince Sargentini

**Mission S**

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is an organization  
All Colusa High School graduates are eligible to participate in the Alum  
amount equal to their year of graduation, su  
Donations received will be accounted for and directed to the area of sch  
Alumni. These donations will be used to enhance the  
The success of the Colusa High School Alumni Association is deper

**1955**  
Dr. and Mrs. George T. Egling  
Jerd Ferraiuolo  
Fred Main

**1956**  
Donna Brown-Critchfield  
Jim Ernst

**1957**  
Jim Lucchesi  
Walter and Susan Ramazzini  
Peter Steidlmayer  
Gary Moore

**1958**  
Judy Smith Geyer  
Mary Lou Vedo  
Jerold E. Hulbert  
Pat Skinner Cull

**1959**  
Roy Lee  
Betty Jo Summerbell  
Fitzgerald  
Ralphine Waterman-Boggan  
Beverly Yopp-Gabbert  
Robert Quick  
Dorothy H. Quick Murphy  
Gerald and Violet Sartain  
Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin  
Tom Tucker  
Lee Boyes  
Marta Sachudy-Keith  
Nancy Tennant-Potts  
Shirley Melis Bessey

**1960**  
Linda Garr Morrison  
Julie Weisbrod-Stiedlmayer  
Josephine Helen Arce-  
Trentham  
Phyllis Lucchesi Winkler  
Nancy Paletta-Chelini

**1961**  
Louise Grob Bridges  
Rick Libby

**1962**  
Sandra Diggs Richey  
Betty Jo Marano Benson  
Matie Ann Spurgeon  
Ralph Stegall  
Susan Tennant Rohles  
Jean Clarke Campbell  
Sandra Mross Hitchcock  
Diana Clark Herman  
Gordon Wylie

**1963**  
Jean Drane  
Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert  
Robert Hulbert  
Bill and Beckey Dolstra

**1964**  
Kathy Harrison Revak  
Mike Prime  
Jim Devine  
Barbara Grob Genera  
John Dolstra  
Diane Foster Bransford  
Wayne Ramazzini  
Lani Yoshimura

**1965**  
Gay Huffman Evans  
William A. Baggett  
Don Bransford  
Pam Forney Ernst  
Fred Neilson  
Jeannie Allen Kessinger

**1966**  
Edee Westfall-Silva

**1967**  
Gene Beauchamp  
Bruce Merrill  
Jay Staple Flagor  
Dolores Grob Biesecker

**Statement**

under the direction of the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation.

Alumni Association. Annual newsletters will encourage alumni to donate an amount such as 1963=\$19.63, 1942=\$19.42, and so on.

Academic and scholastic interest at Colusa High School, so designated by the donating organization for the education of current Colusa High School students

Dependent upon the ideas, volunteer work and donations of the Alumni.

**1968**

Jerry Abreu  
Greg Boyes  
Joyce Candito  
Don Sterk  
Roy G. Triplett Jr.

**1969**

Debbie James Merrill  
Jim Rogers  
Louie Grob Jr.

**1970**

Tom Heliker  
Jane Moore Winters  
Jerry Winters  
Leroy Shuman  
Janice Staple Lauppe

**1972**

Robert E. Golden  
Helen Wright Fink

**1973**

Linda D. Golden  
Jerry Foster  
Kay Steidlmayer Schoder  
Greg Weber  
Jerry Seaver

**1974**

Connie Smith  
Lori Farnsworth Foster  
Diane Locvich Shuman  
George Sandridge  
Jim Seaver  
Paul Sankey

**1975**

Paul Fisher  
Guadalupe Chavarria  
Gerald Davies  
Kenneth Seaver  
Debbie Whitsell Martial

**1976**

Peter Niles  
Ed Hulbert  
Paul Hurni  
Sandy Seaver Cabral  
Kirk Wilsey  
Brady Myers  
Christine Steidlmayer  
Rodriquez

**1977**

Diane Fusaro Mabry  
Ben King  
David Brian Whitesell  
Jamie Wheeler Myers

**1978**

Polly Seaver Codorniz  
Jeff Moresco  
Bill Manville

**1979**

Nita Zaragoza Lang

**1980**

Robert J. Davies  
Craig Hill  
Renee Rasmussen  
Darsel Woodring Forney  
Gina Calcagno Moresco  
Demetre Goudas

**1981**

Sidonie Roach Usher  
Andy Smith  
Kelley Tucker Molitor  
Mary Davies O'Connor  
Carrie Pryor Mandarino

**1982**

Devonna Byrd Smith  
Lisa Rasmussen Hancock  
John Torres

**1983**

Marilyn Messick McGowan  
Frank Davison  
Emma Valdez Wall  
Wendy Word McGrew

**1984**

Denny Stilwell  
Laurie Townsend Costa

**1985**

Sherri Pina Tanferani  
Alice Davison Paulson  
Michi Vennery Petrik

**1986**

Toni Carbajal List  
Paul Davison

**1988**

Duffy and Tiffany Bailey  
Ty Ernst  
Amy Hess Manville

**1989**

Jennifer Hulbert Shimabukuro  
Amy Rasmussen  
Jennifer Lyttle Wells

**1990**

Jamie Ernst Edmondson

**1991**

Scott Hulbert  
Wendy Kieth Duck  
Lydia Navarro Medina

**1992**

Darcie Bransford  
Bessie Harbison

**1993**

Arnold Navarro

**1994**

Scott Bransford

**1995**

Geoff Hulbert

**1997**

Kelly Ryan Henning

**1998**

Nathan Bransford

**1999**

Stephanie Shuman D'Arcy  
Matt Forster

**2000**

Patrick Foster  
Beth Bransford

**2001**

Haley Foster  
Ryan Shuman  
Molly Weber  
Mike Forster  
Mark Andreotti

**2002**

Austin Buist  
Tara Forster

**2003**

Rebecca Buist  
Nicholas Weber  
Brian Davies  
Vincent Andreotti  
Brett Sankey

**2005**

Rikki Forney  
Emily James  
Charles Rinzler  
Katelyn Davies

**2007**

Jada Forney  
Kristen Buist  
Melissa Buist  
Dominic Galea  
Taylor Gross

**2009**

Alyssa Sankey

**2010**

Meghan Foster

**2012**

Madison Forney

**2013**

Mattison Myers

**Class Donations**

1942-1950  
1987-1988

# In Memory

*Donations were made in the loving memory of these proud Colusa Alums*

**Lavern ( Bones ) Allen**  
**Glennell G. Golden**  
**Melba P. Woolery Golden**  
**Robert E. Golden**  
**Linda D. Golden**  
**Louie Grob Sr.**  
**Elizabeth Stegall Koch**  
**Mrs. Kam Lee**  
**Gerald "Joe" Livermore**  
**Dale Lucchesi**  
**Mary Lucchesi**  
**Ron Myers**  
**Wayne Ramazzini**  
**Charles Seaver**  
**Millard Totman**  
**Roy G. Triplett Jr.**  
**Richard Tyler**

## FAMILY DONATIONS

### Baker

Alma Baker Triplett 1946  
 Staci Baker Ross 1948  
 Hattie Baker McKinley 1949

### Bransford

Don Bransford 1965  
 Diane Foster Bransford 1964  
 Darcie Bransford 1992  
 Scott Bransford 1994  
 Nathan Bransford 1998  
 Beth Bransford 2000

### Buist

Danny Buist 1970  
 Austin Buist 2002  
 Rebecca Buist 2003  
 Kristen Buist 2007  
 Melissa Buist 2007

### Chavarria

Guadalupe Chavarria 1975  
 Christina Chavarria 1981  
 John Chavarria 1984  
 Paula Chavarria 1988

### Davies

Gerald Davies 1975  
 Robert J. Davies 1980  
 Mary Davies O'Connor 1981  
 Brian Davies 2003  
 Katelyn Davies 2005

### Davison

Jim Davison 1952  
 Frank Davison 1983  
 Alice Davison Paulson 1985  
 Paul Davison 1986

### Ernst

Jim Ernst 1956  
 Pam Forney Ernst 1965  
 Ty Ernst 1988  
 Jamie Ernst Edmondson 1990

### Forney

Richard Forney 1971  
 Darcel Woodring Forney 1980  
 Rikki Forney 2005  
 Jada Forney 2007  
 Madison Forney 2012

### Forster

Matt Forster 1999  
 Mike Forster 2001  
 Tara Forster 2002

### Foster

Jerry Foster 1973  
 Lori Farnsworth Foster 1974  
 Patrick Foster 2000  
 Haley Foster 2001  
 Meghan Foster 2010

### Grob

Mary Grob Gobel 1938  
 Louie Grob Sr. 1940  
 Wanda Woolery Grob 1943  
 Louise Grob Bridges 1961  
 Barbara Grob Genera 1964  
 Delores Grob Biesecker 1967  
 Louie Grob Jr. 1969

### Hulbert

Jerold E. Hulbert 1958  
 Robert Hulbert 1963  
 Georganne Feroah Hulbert 1963  
 Jennifer HulbertShimabukero 1989  
 Scott Hulbert 1991  
 Geoff Hulbert 1995

### Myers

Brady Myers 1976  
 Jamie Wheeler Myers 1977  
 Mattison Myers 2013

### Rasmussen

Renee Rasmussen 1980  
 Lisa Rasmussen Hancock 1982  
 Amy Rasmussen 1989

### Sankey

Paul Sankey 1974  
 Kathy Sankey  
 Brett Sankey 2003  
 Alyssa Sankey 2009

### Seaver

Charles Seaver 1944  
 Bobby Jo Allen Seaver 1951  
 Walter Seaver 1971  
 Jerry Seaver 1973  
 Jim Seaver 1974  
 Kenneth Seaver 1975  
 Sandy Cabral Seaver 1976  
 Polly Seaver Codorniz 1978

## Alumni Donations Financial Report

### Annual Totals

### Donations by Curriculum

Year	Total	Year	Total	Curriculum
2003	\$8,203.34	2003	\$8203.34	Athletics
2004	\$12,060.76	2004	\$12060.76	Athletics
2005	\$10,127.48	2005	\$5362.90	Athletics
			\$904.57	Business
			\$675.50	Science
			\$465.99	Art
			\$1257.70	Music
			\$960.82	Agriculture
			\$500.00	English/Lib
2006	\$14,637.36	2006	\$5839.19	Athletics
			\$980.56	Business
			\$5058.27	Science
			\$186.17	Art
			\$1322.30	Music
			\$764.39	Agriculture
			\$486.48	English/Lib
2007	\$16,802.99	2007	\$6558.65	Athletics
			\$1456.84	Business
			\$1284.91	Science
			\$1243.21	Art
			\$2701.62	Music
			\$2125.40	Agriculture
			\$1432.36	English/Lib
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,831.93</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,831.93</b>	

### Shuman

Leroy Shuman 1970  
 Diane Locvich Shuman 1974  
 Stephanie Shuman D'Arcy 1999  
 Ryan Shuman 2001

### Smith

Connie Smith 1974  
 Andy Smith 1981  
 Devonna Byrd Smith 1982

### Steidlmayer

Peter Steidlmayer 1957  
 Kay Steidlmayer Schoder 1973  
 Christine Steidlmayer Rodriguez 1976

### Staple

Jack Staple 1944  
 Janet Allen Staple 1947  
 Jay Staple Flagor 1967  
 Janice Staple Lauppe 1970

### Triplett

Roy G. Triplett Sr. 1945  
 Alma Baker Triplett 1946  
 Roy G. Triplett Jr. 1968  
 Rod Triplett 1971

### Weber

Greg Weber 1973  
 Lynne Galentine Weber 1971  
 Molly Weber 2001  
 Nicholas Weber 2003

**Spend some time with your alumni association.....**

**New jerseys for the soccer team**

**\$ 800.00**

**Flat screen monitors for the classrooms**

**\$ 2500.00**

**New books for the library**

**\$ 600.00**

**Replace one bent tuba for music dept.**

**\$ 700.00**

**Your alumni association after a year of donating to the curriculums at Colusa High School.... "Priceless, but Penniless"**

**Get into the donating mood for your alumni association, we can't do it without you.....**

It is hard to believe that 2008 will mark our 50 year class reunion. My vivid memories of four wonderful years at Colusa High include lasting friendships, fine faculty and staff, great fun at music and athletic events, dances, riotous field trips ( how about that CSF excursion to the Ford assembly plant in Milpitas!!!!), our Senior Sneak to Hobergs and the many student government activities. I was very fortunate to be a part of such an outstanding high school and the mighty Class of '58.

**Jerry Hulbert – Class of 1958**

My four years of high school were the best years of my life. There was great music, neat cars, and the high school spirit. More important were the values that we learned which have lasted a lifetime.

**Rick Libby – Class of 1961**

This donation is being made in memory of Richard Tyler. He made a difference on and off the baseball field. Cody had a great season under his leadership.

**Duffy and Tiffany Bailey – Class of 1988**

I really enjoyed playing trombone in a marching band under the direction of Mr. Heliker at the Cal Berkley Stadium during a football halftime.

**Lee Boyes – Class of 1959**

In memory of Wayne Ramazzini 1945 to 2006. Class of 1964. Wayne loved working on the “Chain Gang”.

Thank you Colusa High School for all the memories.....

**Jim, Pam, Ty and Jamie Ernst – Classes of 1956, 1965, 1988, 1990**

With the passing of my parents this year, I have had many occasions to think back and reflect on my years in the Colusa schools. Both mom and dad worked for many years in these schools. These reflections have made me realize how fortunate I was to have attended Colusa High School. In math I remember Mr. Lindquist’s individualized instructions. In basketball, I remember Coach Nelson’s encouragement, Don Bransford’s lightning quick passes and Bill Baggett’s good hands. I remember band with Mr. Heliker, especially band day at Cal Berkley.

**Fred Nielson – Class of 1965**

Go Redskins !!!

**Michi Vennery Petric – Class of 1985**

Attending GAA weekend above Chico. What a joy to see girls from Arbuckle and also GAA members that I went to school with from first grade through my freshman year.

**Georgen Roberson Pierre – Class of 1947**

Thank you to Mrs. Shoemaker for the knowledge to pass the S.A.T. and earn a “B” in English 1-A.

**Gordon Wylie – Class of 1962**

In memory of my parents, Dale and Mary Lucchesi.

**Phyllis Lucchesi Winkler – Class of 1960**

In memory of Mrs. Kam Lee and fellow classmate Ron Meyers.

**George Chan – Class of 1953**

Football 10-0 1973 Season and beating the “mighty” Corning Cardinals on their home field in the fall of 1973.

**Paul D. Fisher – Class of 1975**

Congratulations to the Alumni Association crew for another successful year. They are to be appreciated for their unlimited hard work on this project. I also want to publicly recognize Mr. Del Fulmer, Class of 1945, for the relentless work putting together the Colusa Vintage Alumni reunions. What fun we have getting together reliving old times at Colusa High.

**Pat Capehart Totman – Class of 1953**

Many fond memories as a student and teacher.

**Nancy Greer Lohman – Class of 1952**

Good athletics and very active happy days.....

**Jack Elkins – Class of 1951**

I would like to say hello to all those who attended our 45 year reunion! It was great seeing you. We missed those who couldn’t attend. Hope to see you in 2012.

**Sandra Mross Hitchcock – Class of 1962**

Beating Durham at home and being 2007 Division Champions in Girl’s Varsity Basketball.

**Taylor Gross – Class of 2007**

What a surprise or “Shock” to see my name in the “In Memory” column of last year’s newsletter. I’m very much alive and well and want everyone to know!!!!

**Elizabeth Phillips Berry – Class of 1952**

Woodshop with John Sterk.

**Fred E. Main – Class of 1955**

Have the P.E. uniforms gotten any better?

**Jean Clarke Campbell – Class of 1962**



# FLOATING ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN COLUSA

The Sacramento River glides around the City of Colusa on its journey down the valley and out to the Pacific Ocean. The quiet strong current swirls along the levee that is dotted with willows, cottonwood trees and various bushes and grasses common to the river habitat.

The Sacramento River primarily provides an abundant water supply to northern California. Both agriculture and urban growth depend on this resource for survival. The source of this river is the water stored behind Shasta Dam in Redding, CA, about 100 miles north of Colusa.

These cool waters provide many recreational activities to enjoy such as fishing, hunting, boating and sightseeing. A quick stop at the local sporting goods stores in Colusa will provide you with abundant information.

During the hot summer days of Colusa, floating down the Sacramento River in tubes is the activity that has remained popular for many decades. Alumni of Colusa High School will remember the floating days on the river. Beginning at Boggs Pump a little over seven miles up river from Colusa and floating to the Colusa Weir beach was popular for many years. Some floated in pairs or small groups. Others organized large class floats to celebrate important events. Arms and legs swirling in the cool water and an ice chest occupying its own tube was a common sight.

Remember the cutoff Levi pants with the frayed ends that were so popular during the 60' and 70's for floating. Shorts, a bathing suit and some old sneakers suited most floaters. Superior Tire usually had an abundant supply of used tire tubes to fit both the large and small floaters. Some would get the giant tractor tubes that two or three could balance on easily. If it would hold air, you were in business.

Most floats ended at the weir beach as small groups that had drifted apart from each other congregated for one last time. Some diehard floaters would bypass the weir beach and float all the way to the State Park in Colusa adding another 45 minutes or so to their trip.

All rivers meander a little, and over the years, the weir beach has changed. It is no longer a favorite stopping point for floaters to gather, but the floating continues. Today, some floaters start from the State Park, near Main Street in Colusa, and go downstream to the Steidlmayer sand bar, about a five mile trip. On a typical summer weekend, there are many families with ski boats relaxing on that sandbar. At the end of your float you might get a chance to ski or wake board to round out your day.

The resident floaters, who like the peace and quiet, still go up river to the Boggs pump to start their float. There are a few more trees or snags in the river than there were 20 or 30 years ago, but they are easily negotiable. Kayaks and canoes are also becoming a favorite means of floating. You can rent them for an afternoon right here in Colusa.

So make plans to come back and float down the Sacramento River in Colusa. It will bring back many memories.

## Class of 1958 to celebrate 50 year reunion

The members of the Colusa High Class of 1958 will hold our 50 year reunion on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Indian Casino Community Council facility. We have had a class reunion every 5 years since graduation and many of us plan to come together for this very special celebration. Of the 48 members in our graduating class, nine of our classmates have passed away. In honor of those listed below who have died, we would like to make a \$58 donation to the Colusa Redskin Foundation:

**Richard Calcagno**  
**Ken Mitchell**  
**Bill Doherty**  
**Judy (Moore) Brown**  
**Clare Grenfell**  
**Leo Nishioka**  
**Marjorie (Light)**  
**Matthews**  
**Ed Spurgeon**  
**Bill Lunsford**

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## Alumni Achievements

### Lani Yoshimura – Class of 1964

Community Librarian, Lani Yoshimura, received the Rosa Parks Award at the 2008 Mover of Mountains Awards Breakfast, sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley. She was honored for demonstrating “courage and commitment to the vulnerable members of the community that want the opportunity to be accepted as equal citizens.” The award pointed to the variety of programs and services she has implemented to promote the understanding and appreciation of the contributions of the diverse members of the South County community.

### Colleen Davies Ronan – Class of 1976

Colleen Davies Ronan, a partner at the law office of Reed Smith in Oakland, was recently named the head of the firm's litigation department. Colleen was selected to lead the firm's 825 lawyer litigation department and is also the first woman to rise to Reed Smith's seven member senior management committee.

# Tell us when you remember changing.....

Your hair style during high school

Your first High School girlfriend or boyfriend for another

To the style of clothes that made you look “cool”

From hanging out with friends to needing a job

Your academic interests and wanting to go to college

Your interest in music

Your desire to either stay in Colusa or see the world

Your circle of friends you liked to hang with

To not wanting mom and dad to control your life

Your attitude about sharing your high school turf with a sibling

Your confidence from your freshman year to your senior year

From riding to school with mom to driving yourself

From a student at Colusa High, to a graduate and an alumni

Let us know how you have changed..... or changed the world!

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**Leo Steidlmayer – Class of 1963**

**Pat McGowan – Class of 1973**

Leo Steidlmayer and Pat McGowan, both alumni of Colusa High School, were inducted into the Colusa County Sports Hall of Fame. Leo Steidlmayer was honored for his contributions to the basketball program at Colusa High and Pat McGowan was recognized for his outstanding golf achievements.

# What's New at CHS?

## Mascot Theme Change

After 78 years of Redskin Pride, the school board voted recently to change the Native American mascot theme used in the district. The process for selecting a new mascot for CHS will begin next fall, with nominations and voting to be completed by December 2008. Alumni are encouraged to be part of the process by logging in on our website at [www.colusa.k12.ca.us](http://www.colusa.k12.ca.us) and becoming part of the change. This was a difficult decision by the Board, but after years of National, State and local concerns over the use of Redskins the Board decided to move away from the controversial mascot.

## Change in Leadership

Change was definitely in the air for CHS during the 2007-08 school year. Along with the mascot change; this year saw the changing of the guard in three of the top administrative positions. Principal Robert Hulbert (Class of 1963) retired after 16 years of administrative leadership at CHS, Counselor Kathy Hayes retired after leading the Counseling Center for the past 20 years and Assistant Principal Paul Johnson relocated to the same position at Yuba City High School. New Principal Dave McGrath, Assistant Principal Bob Miller and Counselor Lori Kley have taken on the responsibility to carry on the wonderful traditions at CHS and develop programs for future students. We will miss the years of dedicated service by our retirees and look forward to future developments.

## Football Stadium Update

The new football stadium on the CHS campus continues to go through scheduled building phases. By the time alumni receive this newsletter, home side seating for approximately 1600 and visitor side for approximately 600 will be completed. Landscaping and sidewalks continue to be added has the opportunity presents itself. Donor Wall and Sidewalk Squares are still available for alumni to remember their time at CHS or honor the memory of someone special. For more information go to our website and select Donor Wall link.

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**Don Bransford – Class of 1965**

**Terry Bressler – Class of 1972**

**Charles Yerxa – Class of 1975**

These three Colusa High School alums are currently on the school board of the Colusa Unified School District. Don Bransford has served as a school board member for 20 years, Terry Bressler has 8 years of service and Charles Yerxa is beginning his 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Thank you for your service to our schools and community.

On behalf of the Classes of 1987 and 1988, we proudly make this \$500 donation with part of the remaining funds from our combined class reunion this year. Also, one of our best sports memories of all time was when we went to the Division 3 Boys Basketball State Championship in Oakland.

**Reunion Chairs:**

**Leslie Clark Pingrey – Class of 1987**

**Lindee Myers Hulbert – Class of 1988**

Playing basketball my junior year and running into the gym wall and dislocating my right shoulder.

**J. Helen Arce Trentham – Class of 1960**

I always remember my happiest years were enjoying Colusa High School sports with all my school friends. Tennis, drum majorette and swimming.

**Shirleen Wood Dean – Class of 1952**

I remember the day some of us girls skipped school, jumped into my 1927 Model T and drove to Arbuckle to watch our team play baseball. Don't remember if they won, but we got in trouble. But who cared? We had fun!!!!

**Joan Flint Putman – Class of 1945**

As I look back on my years in high school, the teachers who had impressed me the most and had the greatest effect on me after graduation were Charles Lindquist, Claire Pence and Jack Nolan. To them I am grateful.

**Gerald Sartain – Class of 1959**

Would you believe that I still have the box of utensils that were used to dissect Herman the Frog in Mr. Huer's biology class.... Useless. But what I also still have are the English Language skills that Mrs. Pence hammered into me.... Priceless.

**Susan Tennant Rohles – Class of 1962**

Here is the remaining balance of \$679.21 we are donating to the alumni association, from the class reunion on Oct. 20, 2006, for the classes of 1942- 1950.

**Elsie Westfall Abrue – Class of 1946**

I have fond memories of being in Blanch Westcamp's Spanish Class, and all the field trips we went on.

**Mary Grob Gobel – Class of 1938**

Jobs for high school kids (besides Ag work) was at: The two movie theatres, the "Colusa and the Gem". Osteleys Candy Shop next to the Colusa Theatre (I ushered). Ushers with flashlights to show you to your seat. Davison Drugs, across the street, had a lunch fountain counter. I also worked there.

**Barbara Betterton Messick – Class of 1947**

Basketball A –Team 1949-1950. Our league record was Won – 1 Lost – 11. We played basketball as rough as we played football. At least the other team knew it had been a game.

**Vincent E. Walker – Class of 1949**

FUN - FUN - FUN 1956 - 1959

**Ralphene Watermann Boggan – Class of 1959**

You have me in the wrong year!!!! I graduated in 1947.

**William S. ( Bill ) Collins – Class of 1947**

I remember skateboarding in front of the old high school, the first basketball game against Williams in the old gym, "Surfer Joe" during lunch in the old gym, the old skating rink and teen dances at Atwood Hall.

**Bruce Merrill – Class of 1967**

The foundation newsletter always reminds me of three of my closest friends – Gino Caletti, Jim Middaugh and Johnny Ramos – all class of 1941 and all who left us much too early.

**Carroll R. Doty – Class of 1941**

I am aghast so many great stories start with, "25 years ago I played high school volleyball" etc... Mom says wait until they start with "50 years ago I played"..... Oh well, at least they will still be great stories about Colusa High.

**Sidonie Roach Usher – Class of 1981**

I remember an art trip to San Francisco to portfolio day. We enjoyed art, food and the company of fellow students with Mr. Kirkman.

**Emily James – Class of 2005**

The memories of my brief stay in Colusa: "Very sweet" comes to mind. Thanks Colusa!

**Donald L. Michener – Class of 1950**

Math / History teacher Charles Lindquist and Agriculture teacher Jack Nolan had a large impact on my life. I will be forever grateful.

**Ray Moore – Class of 1953**

I had a great time in GAA. We had many good athletes which made it really fun and challenging.

**Mary Vedo – Class of 1958**

Playing football at Truckee in the snow. The FFA trips with Mr. Drain ( Dadgumit)

**Jim Rogers – Class of 1969**



Sharon Richardson and I getting caught smoking on the Senior Sneak at Hobergs. I think it was Mrs. White that caught us. She chose to ignore us.

**Beverley Yopp Gabbert – Class of 1959**

I remember in 1963-1964 watching and cheering the basketball team from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the old gymnasium, plus the football team from the County Stadium where we graduated. I also remember reading Beowulf in Mrs. Pence's class. We had 87 in our class.

**Kathleen Harrison Revak – Class of 1964**

Mrs. Pence's English classes prepared me for college and grad school. Mr. Huer's Biology class sparked my interest in science. I went on to teach Botany at Seattle University. A career change to art has kept me busy painting and teaching.

**Betty Jo Summerbell Fitzgerald – Class of 1959**

This is a donation in memory of Wayne Ramazzini. 1945 - 2006

**Walt Ramazzini – Class of 1957**

Just finished reading the current alumni newsletter. What a pleasure!!!! Always had to learn of those who are no longer with us. My name will be in that list someday too. Keep up the good work. I, and my family, have many fond memories of the five years we lived in Colusa and operated "Ed's Drive In" across the street from the high school.

**Carleen Yungling Leise – Class of 1953**

Charlie Nelson – Good Coach – Good Educator – Great Human!!!

**Greg Boyes – Class of 1968**

I loved it when Mr. Heliker took us to the Cal Berkley Band Day at the University of California at Berkley.

**Mattie Ann Spurgeon – Class of 1962**

In memory of Joe Livermore – Class of 1942.

**Dorothy Livermore**

I remember sneaking out of the parking lot during closed campus lunch to indulge at A&W and Rick's.

**Marilyn Messick McGowan – Class of 1983**

I remember teacher and tennis instructor Mr. Newan and our out of town tennis matches. Also being in the band with ( Music ) 1<sup>st</sup> ( and Best ) T. horn player, Mrs. Towne.

**Tom Schwartz – Class of 1951**

Late night trips in David Dow's convertible to Stan's Drive In down in Sacramento for food and radio song requests.

**Jim Lucchesi – Class of 1957**

Mrs. Barrett's FBLA was key to my success.

**Charles Cooper Rinzler – Class of 2005**

Memories built during my school years, are all the more fun when I read this newsletter. Thank you!!!

**Diana Clark Herman – Class of 1962**

No one from the classes of 1957 and 1958 can forget Sylvia Sargentini's rendition of "Give 'em the ax " !!!

**Nancy Paletta Chelini – Class of 1960**

Mrs. White holding her clipboard in the girls' shower after P.E. !!! Ugh!

**Kay Steidlmayer Schoder – Class of 1973**

Thanks for the great newsletter. Glad to hear you can still call yourselves the Redskins.

**Wanda Woolery Grob – Class of 1943**

Proud to be "Redskins" and graduates of Colusa High School.

**Bill Manville - Class of 1978**

**Amy Hess Manville - Class of 1988**

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## Alumni Achievements

### Coach Jim Vossler

Jim Vossler was honored for his 35 years of coaching at Colusa High School by being inducted into the Northern California Sports Association Hall of Fame. He led the boy's basketball teams to 12 championships, four Northern Section Titles, two Northern California crowns and a state Division V championship in 21 seasons.

# SENIORS



**Welding Class  
- 1968**

# CLASS OF 1985

**Colusa vs. Lincoln - 1972**



**Cheerleaders & Pep  
Squads - 1983**



**Class of 1953  
Girls of 1972**







**Junior  
Play - 1954**

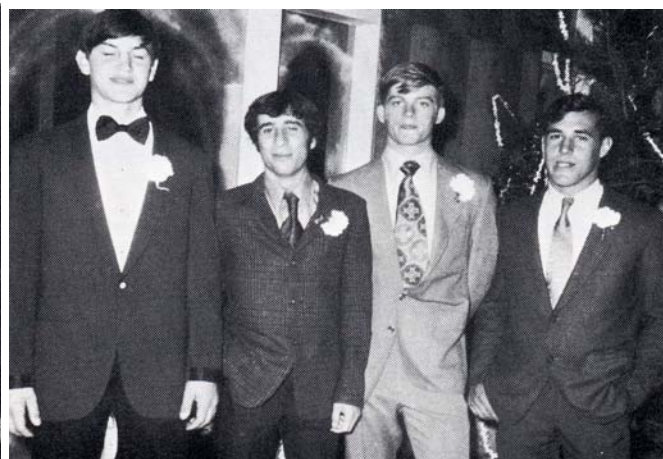


**Cadets - 1954**

**1983 Football**



**Snowball Royalty - 1973**



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