

Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation Alumni Association

Memories

I have fond memories of the many, many bus trips we took, with Angelo or Dale in the driver's seat. We were off on the rooters' buses, band trips, GAA and CSF trips to San Francisco. Senior Sneak to Hoberg's..... We sang, we talked, we laughed.... they were good times!!!!

Betsy Westfall Harris
Class of 1962

Arts should make us aware of whom and what we are. Agriculture should keep evolving as a science and integrating in our environment.

Guadalupe Chavaria
Class of 1975

I remember everyone throwing our typing books out of the second story in Mr. Tracy's typing class; how important did that skill (typing) become.

Frank Briceno
Class of 1967

Mrs. Pence was a ruthless dictator who demanded excellence in her English class. Thank you!!!

Rick Libby
Class of 1961

In memory of all the 1960 graduates that have died so young.

Phyllis Lucchesi Winkler
Class of 1960

I remember an "early morning robbery" at Chef Colus. But I can't remember why they didn't take Diane "Bugsy" Fusaro into custody.

Linda Torres Bumgarner
Class of 1977

Alumni Anniversary Issue

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the Colusa High School Alumni Association. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the alumni who have supported this newsletter. Without you, this would not exist.

Five years of communication have opened a treasure chest of memories that have been shared by many. Every year, an expression or story in the newsletter, prompts us to remember the past. We have heard stories about sports, education and fun at Colusa High School. Please keep them coming!

All alumni get together over the years, through class reunions. Usually in five year increments, they sneak up on us, and prompt us to remember. A group of people in each class usually do a great deal of planning to put on a reunion. Dinners and dances or even an afternoon in the park are common reunion parties. Then once again, we are off to our busy lives for another five years. This newsletter will fill in all the non reunion years for you. Year after year we will try to stay in touch.

Hopefully this newsletter brings all the classes of Colusa High School a little closer together. We know that time and travel expense play a big part in the ability to attend a reunion. Let us know you're out there, support us all you can, and hopefully we can keep you informed.

The students at Colusa High School know that you are there. Please keep in contact with them through your financial efforts. You are really making a difference in their lives. Soon they will be joining us as alumni and we need to teach them how to give back to their school.

Our 5th anniversary is like a reunion and we're inviting you to attend! A good memory to share and a small financial donation is all we need for your R.S.V.P. We would really like to see you on the list next year!

Ron Myers and I played ball against each other in High School, went to Boy's State together, and went to Chico State the same year. This Willows Honker is honored to have had Ron as a long-time friend.

Bob Bush
Willows High School Graduate

Agriculture protection has been my career for the past 39 plus years.

Fred F. Sandridge
Class of 1947

Band trips were a lot of fun!! Our class was great!

Sandra Mross Hitchcock
Class of 1962

In 1946, I ran for student body secretary. With the help of my ventriloquist, fellow student manager, I was elected for the year '46-'47 but unfortunately, we moved. I believe a Farnsworth girl served in my place. Does anyone remember the ventriloquist name? That was 60 years ago and my memory isn't that great. You are putting out an interesting Alumni Newsletter. Congratulations.

Georgeen Roberson Pierre
Class of 1947

Dear Alumni Association,
Thanks again for the great newsletter. All six of us including our "kids", pour over the information enjoying the opportunity to learn about classmates, teams and Colusa High history. We feel the chronicles are especially important for those living out of the area, allowing them to feel connected to good ol' Colusa. Our pleasant memories abound. Thanks again!

The Bransford Family
Don, Diane, Darcie, Scott, Nathan and Beth

1933
Woodie Humburg

1934
Calvin Locher

1935
Jack Critchfield

1937
Lucius F. Fitch

1938
Wanda Fitch Capalbo

1940
Louie Grob Sr.

1942
Kenneth Keller
Gerald (Joe) Livermore
Bill Preece

1943
James Riley
Marjorie Sellman Klar
Harold Wilsey Jr.
Wanda Woolery Grob

1944
Jack Staple
Joyce Braly-Keller
Yoneko Kasai-Shintani
George Tyrrell
Dolores Humburg-Preece

1945
Joan Flint Putman
Kirk Messick
Charles Tuttle Jr.
Roy G. Triplett Sr.

1946
Betsy Davison Darrow
Mary Keller Huff
Alma Baker Triplett
Alfred Gomes
Merrill Newman

1947
Janet Allen Staple
Barbara Betterton Messick
Dorothy Locke Bauer
Earl J. Whatcott
Georgeen Roberson Pierre
Fred F. Sandrige

1948
Bill Collins
Marily F. Farnsworth Johnson
Staci Baker Ross
Kenneth Bruggman
Glendell G. Golden
Melba P. Woolery Golden

1949
Bertha Nelson Westcamp Fontes
Vincent Walker
Hattie Baker McKinnely

1950
Donald L. Michener
Barbara Comfort Conner

1951
Koe B. Ishigaki
Tom W. Schwartz
Bobby Jo Allen Seaver
John P. Danford

1952
Andrew J. Ponta Jr.
Elizabeth Phillips Berry
Jim Davison
Janita Allen Smith

1953
Pat Capehart Totman
George Chan

1955
Dr. and Mrs. George T. Egling
Jerd Ferraiuolo

1956
Scott Clare
Marie Forney Clare
Donna Brown-Critchfield

1957
Jim Lucchesi
Gary Moore
Frank Nicoletti
Walter and Susan Ramazzini
Peter Steidlmayer

1958
Judy Smith Geyer
Mary Lou Vedo
Juana Buonomo Juvenal
Jerry Hulbert

1959
Nancy Tennant-Potts
Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin
Ralphine Waterman-Boggan
Tom Tucker
Shirley Melis Bessey

1960
Julie Weisbrod-Stiedlmayer
Sally Heitman-Martn
Nancy Paletta-Chelini
Phyllis Lucchesi-Winkler

1961
Mary Kay Devine Hutchison
Nancy Heitman Borge
Louise Grob Bridges
Rick Libby

1962
Jean Clarke Campbell
Betty Jo Marano Benson
Matie Ann Spurgeon
Dorothy Baggett Butler
Sandra Diggs Richey

Mission Statement

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is an organization of graduates of Colusa High School. All Colusa High School graduates are eligible to participate in the Alumni Association. The amount of the contribution is an amount equal to their year of graduation, such as \$10.00 for the Class of 1960. Donations received will be accounted for and directed to the area of school improvement. These donations will be used to enhance the quality of education for the Colusa High School Alumni. The success of the Colusa High School Alumni Association is dependent upon the support of its members.

Stan Goodin
Ralph Stegall
Susan Tennant Rohles
Sandra Mross Hitchcock
Betsy Westfall Harris

1963
Bill and Beckey Dolstra
Leo Steidlmayer

1964
Linda Ferraro Howard
Jerry Myers
Mike Prime
Kirk Swim
Lani Yoshimura
Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel
Diane Foster Bransford
Barbara Grob Genera
Jim Devine

1965
Fred Nelson
Darrell Pogue
Don Bransford
Jeannie Allen Kessinger
Ray Peterson

1966
Linda Lambirth Cravens
Edee Westfall-Silva
Bonnie Peterson

1967
Gene Beauchamp
Debbie Dalshrud Murow
Dolores Grob Biesecker
Frank Briceno

1968
Jerry Abreu
Joyce Candito
Roy G. Triplett Jr.
Wayne Zoller
Wayne Oliver

1969
Sue Hiegel Oliver
Louie Grob Jr.

1970
Terry Miller-White
Janice Staple-Lauppe
Tom Golden
Suzanne Bowser

1971
Lynne Galentine Weber
Julie Hubbard Tully
Richard Forney
Kathy Lambirth Arnold
Cathy Schulback
Walter Seaver
Rod Triplett
Lenore Peterson Rico

1972
Arlene Okikawa Oji
Terry Bressler
Robert E. Golden

1973
Greg Weber
Jerry Foster
Jerry Seaver
Linda D. Golden

1974
Shawn Regier
Lori Farnsworth Foster
Jim Seaver
Connie Smith
Jeri Willloh
Vickie Pogue Marchio

1975
Paul Fisher
Kenneth Seaver
Gerald Davies
Guadalupe Chavarria

1976
Peter Niles
Sandy Seaver Cabral
Mary Cook Cap
Earl Stegall

1977
Ben King
George Hulbert
Marta Gibbens Stegall
David Brian Whitesell

1978
Polly Seaver Cordorniz
D'Ann Miller Bressler
Chuck Hulbert

1980
Renee Rasussen
Demetre Goudas

Statement

under the direction of the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation.

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uch as 1963=\$19.63, 1942=\$19.42, and so on.

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e education of current Colusa High School students

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

Darsel Woodring Forney
Joy Dana Breuning
Robert J. Davies
Linda Crawshaw Bowers

1981

Kelley Tucker Molitor
Denise Billups Slone

1982

Lisa Rasmussen Hancock
Tim Kelley

1983

Marilyn Messick McGowan
Donna Sherbeck Phelan
Emma Valdez Wall

1984

Greg Vafis
Monty Lee
Pat Lopez
Laurie Townsend Costa

1985

Sherri Pina Tanferani

1986

Kim Myers Zwald
Toni Carbajal List

1987

Leslie Clark Pingrey

1988

Lindee Myers Hulbert
Joddie Vossler Gleason

1989

Amy Rasmussen
Erica Spurgeon Pearson
William Wallace

1991

Wendy Kieth Duck
Scottie Tyler Marvel

1992

Ryan Myers
Darcie Bransford
Eric Steidlmayer

1993

Marisa Apaseo Prado
Arnold Navarro

1994

Scott Bransford

1996

Mike Gwinnup
Devin Anania Kelley
Pat Townzen

1997

Kelly Ryan

1998

Nathan Bransford

1999

Erik Ingebretsen

2000

Beth Bransford
Patrick Foster

2001

Molly Weber
Haley Foster

2003

Nicholas Weber
Brian Davies

2005

Rikki Forney
Katelyn Davies

2007

JadaForney

2010

Meghan Foster

2012

Madison Forney

2018

Braden Kelly

Family Donations

Allen

Janet Allen Staple 1947
Bobby Jo Allen Seaver 1951
Janita Allen Smith 1952

Baker

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

Bransford

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

Davies

Gerald P. Davies 1975
Robert J. Davies 1980
Brian M. Davies 2003
Katelyn A. Davies 2005

Forney

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

Foster

Diane Foster Bransford 1964
Jerry Foster 1973
Lori Farnsworth Foster 1974
Haley Foster 2001
Patrick Foster 2000
Meghan Foster 2010

Golden

Glendell G. Golden 1948
Melba P. Woolery Golden 1948
Tom Golden 1970
Linda D. Golden 1973
Robert E. Golden 1972

Grob

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

Jerry Hulbert 1958
George Hulbert 1977
Lindee Myers Hulbert 1988

Kelley

Tim Kelley 1982
Devin Anania Kelley 1996
Braden Kelley 2018

Marvel

Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel
1964
Scott Marvel 1991
Jo Nicoletti Lanouette

Messick

Kirk Messick 1945
Barbara Betterton Messick 1947
Marilyn Messick McGowan 1983

Myers

Jerry Myers 1964
Ryan Myers 1992
Kim Myers Zwald 1986
Lindee Myers Hulbert 1988

Peterson

Ray Peterson 1965
Bonnie Peterson 1966
Lenore Peterson Rico 1971

Rasmussen

Renee Rasmussen 1980
Lisa Rasmussen 1982
Amy Rasmussen 1989

Seaver

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

Staple

Jack Staple 1944
Janet Allen Staple 1947
Janice Staple Lauppe 1970

Stegall

Ralph Stegall 1962
Earl Stegall 1976
Marta Gibbens Stegall 1977

Steidlmayer

Peter Steidlmayer 1957
Leo Steidlmayer 1963
Eric Steidlmayer 1992
Julie Weisbrod Steidlmayer 1960

Triplett

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

Weber

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

In Memory

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

Arvella Melis
 Mrs. Pence
 Ray Peterson
 Ron Myers
 Jimmy Walker
 Ralph D. Westfall
 Betty Heitman
 Millard Totman
 Erik Ingebretsen
 Michael A. Pogue
 Larry J. Pogue
 Marjorie Locke Freeman
 David Freeman
 Jim Walker
 Jo Nicoletti Lanouette
 Glendell G. Golden
 Robert E. Golden
 Linda D. Golden
 Melba P. Woolery
 Golden
 Michael Ross
 Roy G. Triplett Jr.
 Elizabeth Phillips Berry
 Shirley Melis Bessey
 Gerald (Joe) Livermore
 Louie Grob Sr.



Alumni Donations Financial Report

Annual Totals		Donations by Curriculum Department		
2003	\$8,203.34	2003	\$8,203.34	Athletics
2004	\$12,060.76	2004	\$12,060.76	Athletics
2005	\$10,127.48	2005	\$5,362.90	Athletics
			\$904.57	Business
			\$675.50	Science
			\$465.50	Art
			\$1,257.70	Music
			\$960.82	Agriculture
			\$500.00	English/Library
2006	\$14,637.36	2006	\$5,839.19	Athletics
			\$908.56	Business
			\$5,058.27	Science
			\$186.17	Art
			\$1,322.30	Music
			\$764.39	Agriculture
			\$486.48	English/Library
Total	\$45,028.94	Total	\$45,028.94	

Awards News – Recognizing Our Alumni in 2007

Daniel Kiely - Class of 1981

This year, Dan Kiely received the “Model Coach of the Year Award” from the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Dan was one of only 15 coaches’ statewide that was selected for this honor. He has coached the Colusa High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team for 11 years.

Bobbi Jo Allen Seaver – Class of 1951

Bobbi Jo Seaver was one of only 6 women in the State of California recognized at UC Davis with a “Common Threads Award” for leadership among women in agriculture.

Bobbi Jo said she was very surprised and honored for the award, and contributes her success to the “Crop of Kids” that came through her home. “They always knew there was food on the table and a bed to sleep in”, she said.

Daniel Mata – Class of 1993

On March 31st, 2007, Daniel Mata was the recipient of the California Hero Award by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.). Daniel is an officer for the Williams police department. He received the award in Sacramento at a ceremony honoring California Police Officers. Mata led the Williams Police Department with 27 DUI arrests in 2006.

Patty Hickel – Class of 1971

In April 2007, Patty Hickel was recognized for her 30 years of work and service to the City of Colusa. For many years, Patty managed the Parks and Recreation Department. Her many hours of hard work provided Colusa with a beautiful park system and various recreation programs for the citizens. She is currently Public Works Administrator for the City of Colusa.

Robert Hulbert – Class of 1963

Robert Hulbert received the 2007 Association of California School Administrators – Colusa-Sutter-Yuba Charter’s Central Office Administrator of the Year Award. He was honored for his dedication this past year for the service to the Colusa Unified School District and other districts in the county through his role as Colusa County Math Grant Coordinator and administrator on special assignment in our district. For CUSD, Bob was noted for initiating the After School Programs at Egling Middle School and Burchfield Primary, as well as securing several other grants that supported career exploration for migrant students.

Do you know someone we should recognize..... Please contact us.

Memories Cont.

The football team went by bus to Ukiah in 1945, which I was a member of the team. Most all players got car sick!!! We lost 45-0.

Alfred Gomes
Class of 1946

When our bus was leaving Colusa to go to Pierce for a basketball game, someone was blocking the gate and the bus couldn't get through. Tom Snider, one of our players yelled, "_____" or get off the pot. Our coach, B.Glasgow made Snider walk home.

Earl J. Whatcott
Class of 1947

Listening to "Heard it through the grapevine" every lunch.

Arlene Okikawa Oji
Class of 1972

I thank Mrs. Pence for making us learn 100 spelling words a week as seniors.

Nancy Paletta Chelini
Class of 1960

Going to Friday night football games, watching my dad coach, playing basketball, high jumping, floating down the river, Mr. Rablin's bad jokes, Mrs. Racznik's never ending support..... So many wonderful memories!!! Colusa will always be home in my heart. What a great place to grow up and to be from. The people make Colusa special.

Joy Dana Bruening
Class of 1980

I remember my years in the band.

Kenneth Bruggman
Class of 1948

Great fundraiser idea. Too bad it took so many years to be established. The newsletter revives many wonderful memories.

The Baker Girls
Alma '46, Staci '48, Hattie '49

I had four wonderful years and recall them all of the time. Great principle, George Pence, great teachers, a solid education and then on to the University of California Berkley. Was very active at CUHS and loved every minute of it. Keep up the good work and keep all of us posted.

Woodie Humburg
Class of 1933

I enjoyed your newsletter, although there weren't any from my year. I did like to read of the other classes. I enjoyed my four years in the high school in Colusa.

Wanda Fitch Capalbo
Class of 1938

Give Delbert Fulmer more credit for keeping things together. What about the coaches Eaton and Pelligrini?

William S. Collins
Class of 1948

I missed the California Gold Rush by 100 years. Really enjoyed my senior year of 1949 at Colusa High. I have lived in Colusa ever since.

Vincent E. Walker
Class of 1949

I'll always remember Mrs. Shoemaker's class, if you smiled a lot you got an "A".

Julie Weisbrod Steidlmayer
Class of 1960

My family moved to Colusa in my fifth grade year. I am writing memories of growing up in an uncluttered lifestyle. Someday my children and grandchildren may want to know what life was like before computers and cellphones.

Mary Kay Devine Hutchinson
Class of 1961

I remember riding the team bus to Truckee High School for football, basketball and baseball.

Mike Prime
Class of 1964

My junior year was one of the best years of my life.

Frank Nicoletti
Class of 1957

I remember falling down and breaking my new eyeglasses, a misplaced-ill tossed snowball, the "Gym" dances, etc...

Tom W. Schwartz
Class of 1951

I was in the same class as Wilsey, Bisho, Abrue and Uyesugi.

Jim Riley
Class of 1943

Mr. Rankin's lectures which included his own phrases such as "baked budado" and his "screaming like a bunch of banches" in referring unsympathetically to accusers and complainers.

Paul D. Fisher
Class of 1975

In June of 1955 we arrived in Colusa. I retired Dec. 18, 1977. Great schools!!

George T. Egling

The Vintage Alumni Reunions

It's great to get together with old classmates and see what happened in their lives since high school.

Some come from far away and some are still here in Colusa. They are now coming with walkers, canes, bald heads, gray hair, dyed hair and some look darn good! Still they come with a sense of humor and a young heart.

We relive all our old times and laugh about our experiences and our goofs such as our senior sneak, our school plays, football games and everything else we tried to do or did.

We learned that we have lawyers, nurses, pharmacists, CPA's, contractors, business people, teachers, farmers etc. Just think they all started from our school here in Colusa. Some of our classmates, that we thought would never succeed, proved us wrong.

Our group, the Vintage Alumni, usually meet once a year at the Sankey-Elmwood Park here in Colusa. This year, we had another "Vintage Picnic Reunion" in May.

Every year, another graduating class becomes eligible for the Vintage Alumni reunions.

When a class reaches its 50th reunion mark, it is included in the reunions. This year, the class of 1957, became Vintage Graduates. Classes from the 1930's to 1957 were included in the reunion this year.

Watch for more information, or contact us about the reunion next year. Come and join us. See you there!!!

Vintage Alumni Group
The Classes of 1930 - 1957



We know you can remember.....

Taking Driving Lessons with Mr. Marvel.

Your school locker and how you decorated it.

Your gym locker and the gym clothes you wore.

Being hung by your belt loop from a locker.

Walking home after school with your friends.

Your first car.

An experiment you did in science class.

Football games in the rain.

Hot weather in Colusa and no air conditioning in class.

School being canceled because of snow!!!

Dances after home football games.

Your favorite coach.

Your favorite teachers and administrators.

Going on a float in the Sacramento River with your classmates.

Senior Sneaks.

The best cheerleading and song leading teams at Colusa High School.

Champion tennis teams for Colusa.

The old High School gym and the upstairs seats.

Rallies in the gym.

School plays.

*Mrs. Pence, Georgia Razniack, Mrs. Donnelly, Pat Tucker, Mrs. Rasmussen,
Mrs. Ponciano, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Kohler.*

Riding home on the bus.

Bus trips with sports teams.

Taking the rooters bus to the games.

The nicest and the meanest janitors.

Hard football practices at the beginning of the season.

Conditioning drills in basketball practice.

The Colusa Bridge

Almost everyone who has lived in Colusa is familiar with our bridge that crosses the Sacramento River connecting downtown Colusa to the farmlands on the other side.

The design of the bridge has changed over the years. Where once stood a steel, single lane, Turnstile Bridge, is now a gently sloping two lane cement bridge. Generations of people from Colusa, would remember the rope swing near the bridge, floating under it with tubes, fishing for stripers on the bank or watching the floodwaters rise in the winter. The connection is still there, one side of the river to the other, and used by many people.

Like a bridge, the Colusa High School Alumni Association spans many years of students. The classes from the 1930's to the present have successfully engineered a financial footing for their school. The design of this bridge can be developed and shaped by your own imagination, but the substance of the structure is made of solid support.

Bridges allow people or things to move safely from one place to another. They must carry the load over the difficult situations people face along the way. The road from a freshman to a senior at Colusa High School runs right through the middle of our bridge. From the entrance to the exit is only four years, but if the road is not maintained properly, there will be a heavy toll to pay at the end.

Financial currents and rising costs can flood the peaceful road to a good education. The alumni of Colusa High School have risen above these dangers with generous donations to various curriculums. The following pylons of support have been established by the alumni association. Athletics, Business, Science, Music, Art, Agriculture and Library, have anchored themselves at the base of the structure.

Every year, the alumni must take the time to evaluate the strength of the pylons supporting the bridge. They may be stressed by heavy financial overloads on the road above. Bridges must be maintained by a good budget every year or there will be a slow erosion of the structure. The alumni know this and dig deep to shore up the footings of the pylons.

Many of the recent alumni, just exiting school, are welcome to become part of the bridge. Using the road to success always has some hidden trolls lurking at the edges or a bridge keeper asking "What is your quest?". Higher education, work or marriage lure many of the new alumni in different directions, but the road always seems to lead back to this bridge.

We will always need busy students accessing the roadway and alumni digging in to support. Remember, this bridge is shaped by your own imagination. Your donations to this structure can be big or small, but they are real.....We need your support to maintain the bridge!!! Thank you.

Colusa Alumni Gives Back to Biology

To me, one of the most pleasant parts of the human experience are the unanticipated surprises we stumble into during the course of our work and daily lives. In response to the last alumni newsletter, Merrill Newman, class of "46" contacted me and said he was interested in helping the science department and would like to meet in order to discuss my autoclave purchase. We met in my classroom and Merrill shared with me his family's history in Colusa and the fact that his father, Artie Newman, was a Colusa High science teacher from 1924 to 1955. We also discussed his very fascinating life which includes work as an educator as well as South Bay entrepreneurial and industry positions in high tech before the silicon came to Silicon Valley. Merrill is also an avid outdoorsman and sailing enthusiast with many open ocean trips to his credit. After sharing numerous stories of our families and lives, we ended that first meeting with Merrill pledging to purchase the autoclave.

To make a long story short, Colusa High Biology now has a new autoclave thanks to the generosity of Merrill Newman and his wife Lee. Better yet, Colusa High and my family have a new friend. Merrill came to Colusa again during duck season and we had a great shoot as the fog cleared mid morning, with sprig and teal buzzing the decoys. My wife Joyce and I look forward to future visits with the Newmans. Many thanks are due to this family for their generosity and also thanks to the many other alumni who made contributions towards this purchase. Since the Newmans donated the entire purchase price of the autoclave, previous and future donations will be used towards the purchase of a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) thermal cycler. This device mimics the cell's nucleus by copying DNA in order to make much larger quantities suitable for gel electrophoresis (DNA fragment separation) as well as other biotechnology procedures. Colusa High biology currently has a fair share of basic biotech equipment, but would be able to expand the breadth of laboratory investigations in DNA science with a PCR machine.

Thank you alumni for your support of Colusa High science and please consider donating towards the purchase of a PCR machine.

Craig Richards
CHS Biology



Sophmores from the class of 2009 prepare for the California State Standards Biology Test



Merrill Newman, class of "46"

Alums Helping Music

Thanks to your generous donations to the Music Department in the past two years we have increased our ability to purchase new music and instruments, repair older instruments, and add uniforms to our inventory.

Our program is very expensive to maintain, especially with an inventory of nearly 200 band instruments (and growing). Spring trips continue to be a major expense, and approximately 50 band and choir students will be making trips to Los Angeles and the Bay Area this spring for competitions.

We remain very active, both in the community, and around the state, with 8 concert bands, 5 choirs, 2 jazz bands and one drum corps. This current year, we have had kids qualify for state and regional honor bands, receive superior ratings at solo competition, and are preparing for Music Week, the spring Cabaret Show, and many other local performances.

CHS Football Stadium Update

If you go to www.colusaathleticfoundation.com, you will find early photos and additional information on the launching of the first ever Colusa High School Football Stadium. What you will not see is the tremendous progress that has been accomplished since we first launched this project. This past football season we played under “real” stadium lighting as we completed the \$250,000 permanent lighting and power upgrade phase of the project. Also completed were the permanent Donor Wall, Corporate/Memorial Walkway and a fully-functional concession building. We were extremely fortunate to receive a generous donation of \$50,000 to build the concession building from Premier Mushroom, LTD of Colusa. Currently, we are finalizing the contract for permanent bleachers and press box for the home side and temporary bleachers for the visitor side. If all goes well, we will have the bleacher/press box phase completed for the upcoming football season. Through the efforts of Athletic Director Mike West, we have received an \$80,000 grant to install an all-weather track; but have put that on hold until we are able to raise approximately \$300,000 through Donor Wall/Walkway and other donations to cover our financial responsibility of this phase.

Colusa High School has received tremendous support from alumni through Donor Wall/Walkway sponsorship, corporate support and volunteer time. I have served in four different school districts as a school administrator and have yet to see the level of support that CHS gets from their alumni. Thank you for making a major difference in all aspects of school life through your annual donations and memories. The memories are great to read and serve as a constant reminder to us just how important the high school years are. Congratulations CHS Alumni Association on your 5th Year Anniversary!
Larry Yeghoian
CUSD Superintendent

Memories Cont.

My house was destroyed in a fire in 1986. After I rebuilt, I contacted Mrs. Georgia Raczniak and she was able to find yearbooks of my freshman and senior years. There was no charge and I truly appreciated her effort.

Judith Smith Geyer
Class of 1958

All four years were a great memory. If I had to pick one, it would be playing basketball for Coach Vossler. What a great leader and role model. Thanks Coach!!!

Michael Gwinnup
Class of 1996

EEks..... I remember when retiring principal Robert Hulbert was a lower classman. Yes, memories of Colusa High.... Colusa, Classmates, Friends the greatest. I live at the beach now. Come by and visit. The Redwoods, ocean and it's cool!!!!

Nancy Heitman Borge
Class of 1961

I remember losing only one basketball game in the 1962 – 1963 season to Live Oak in a triple overtime game.

Jerry Myers
Class of 1964

Dear Colusa High Alumni:
Thank you for your great publication. I enjoyed every word. Now our Alma Mater goes like this:
“Hail to our dear school
Our Alma Mater”
Colusa Highs the one we love the best.... etc, etc.

I know the rest, it sneaks into my memory every football season. Keep up the good work.

Betsy Davison Darrow
Class of 1946

I will always remember the great times I had in high school.

Matie Ann Spurgeon
Class of 1962

Thank you Mrs. Pence for all those spelling tests.

Jean Clarke Campbell
Class of 1962

The Class of 1977 was a great class. I wish all the best.

Ben King
Class of 1977

Mr. Huer's biology class directed me to a career as a clinical laboratory scientist (blood bank specialist). All of my memories of Colusa High School are good ones- some of the happiest days of my life.

Mary Vedo
Class of 1958

Playing the "Juke Box" at lunch time. Also having our miniskirts measured above the knee.

Julie Hubbard Tully
Class of 1971

I think this is a wonderful program. It keeps alumni connected and also gives us an opportunity to help Colusa High School in a small way. Heaven knows that schools need all the support from friends and alumni in helping educate future generations.

Colusa High School played a large part of my formative years. I am most thankful for the education and the dedicated teachers that guided me and provided back up for my parents as roll models. I have fond memories of my years in the "old" building and then moving to the current campus site for my senior year. I do remember basketball games against Del Oro in the "Old Gym", Football against Wheatland, but most of all I remember the friendships formed at Colusa High School.

I read with interest of the retirement of Bob Hulbert. He was a couple of classes ahead of me in school but I remember him as one who was most helpful. I later had occasion to renew acquaintance with him at Chico State. I join with you in wishing him the best as a "retired grandparent". I look forward to that myself.

Fred Nielson
Class of 1965

I remember Adam Zamaripa scoring double figures against Westwood in Section Semi Finals.

Eric Steidlmayer
Class of 1992

I'm now enjoying what is called the "Golden Years". The actual "Golden Years", were the four years at Colusa High School.

Ron "Fuzzy" Jarniagin
Class of 1959

I have fond memories of cruising with my friends in my junker car, cheerleading for the Redskins and all of the kind and heartfelt words from my teachers. I learned so much from John McKalip, Barbara Donnelly and Pat Tucker; they were not only my teachers and mentors but also my friends. I truly cherished my time spent with each of them.

Laurie Townsend Costa
Class of 1984

I am 62 years old this year and graduated in 1962, so I thought that \$62.00 as a donation was appropriate. Many schools in the Pacific Northwest could use a program like this. Many are even closing.

Business Department/Future Business Leaders of America

Susan Barrett

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a nationwide organization with a goal to prepare students for success in college and "real world" professional careers. Through conferences and business related competitions, FBLA members are given the opportunity to excel on local, state and national levels while at the same time developing skills such as public speaking, accounting, and parliamentary procedure.

Colusa High School's FBLA members continue the longstanding tradition established by Susan Rasmussen and John Vafis as being a top ranking chapter in the state of California. This year the parliamentary procedure team placed 2nd at the State Leadership Conference and during the 2007-2008 school year three members will represent Colusa at the regional and state levels as officers. The chapter was recently awarded first in the nation for the largest professional membership. In addition, the chapter continues to be recognized as a Gold Seal chapter. This is an elite award given to the top 15% of the chapters in the state of California. Besides success in competition and leadership, chapter members also enjoy successes in community and school service projects and education.

Members earn the privilege to compete at the state and national levels. Although fundraising efforts are ongoing, conference fees and travel expenses are cost prohibitive to many members. FBLA conferences are a key factor to a members' success and the experiences they gain from attendance last a lifetime.

In addition, because technology changes rapidly, it is a constant struggle to stay current in the classroom in terms of upgrading equipment, text books and software programs. Hence, we are seeking financial support of the FBLA program and classroom curriculum needs. Any financial assistance would be wisely spent and greatly appreciated.



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Dorothy Baggett Butler
Class of 1962

I was visiting my sister, Kathy Lambirth Arnold, from Yuba City and saw the Alumni Association Newsletter, so I wanted to send a donation to athletics. I remember the good basketball games.

Linda Lambirth Cravens
Class of 1966

I remember eating lunch at Jenkies with Mattie Ann Spurgeon.

Sandra Richey
Class of 1962

Go Redskins !!!!

Ralphene Watermann Boggan
Class of 1959

I remember cheerleading for the 1987 Basketball Team... All the way to Arco Arena and the Oakland Coliseum for the State Finals!!!

Lindee Myers Hulbert
Class of 1988

In their last year, the seniors could climb to the bell tower in the "Old Brick High School".

Barbara Betterton Messick
Class of 1947

I have wonderful memories of girls' P.E. with Frances White, a great roll model and teacher!

Donna Brown Critchfield
Class of 1956

I have wonderful memories of students and staff. 1946-1950 Spanish, Latin, Chemistry, Band, sport games and the spirit of it all. Cheers for High School.

Barbara Comfor Conner
Class of 1950

Thanks to George McCarthy, Mike Schmidt and the Lee Family for shaping my future.

Pat Lopez
Class of 1984

Im memory of our brother Ray Peterson, Class of 1965.

Bonnie Peterson – Class of 1966
Lenore Peterson Rico – Class of 1971

In memory of Ralph D. Westfall – he always called Colusa "The Garden Spot of the Valley".

Edee Westfall Silva
Class of 1966

The Foundation is doing a wonderful job for the school and also in publishing the newsletter. I look forward to reading it each year. Happy to see you can still call yourselves the "Redskins".

Pat Capehart Totman
Class of 1953

My boy Erik (EI99) played hard out at Colusa High School!!!!

Erik's Mom
Valorie Vedo Engebretsen
Class of 1970

In fond memory of my departed classmates of the Class of 1942.

Kenneth A. Keller
Class of 1942



Senior David Basett during the 2006 Georgia Raczniak Tournament

The Redskins finished in 4th place

2005 Redskin baseball team beats Central Valley 7-6 in an exhibition game at Raley Field in Sacramento



It's "Cool" to be an Alumni

The Alumni Association is another way for the Colusa High School to stay connected to its graduates, and benefit from their generous donations. From books to autoclaves, Colusa High's staff and students have benefited from the Alumni Association's donations. Most Colusa High's teenagers think the Alumni Association consists of "cool people" who have graduated previously and donate money towards the school's departments; the amount of the money however varies depending on the year they graduate. The donors are allowed to choose between seven different Colusa High departments they want to contribute to; these departments being Athletics, Business, Science, Agriculture, Music, Art, or the Library.

The rather small school of Colusa was able to upgrade its computer classes when Mrs. Barrett used her Alumni donations to buy flat screen monitors for her computer classes. The business department receives roughly \$700 a year and that has proven to be very worthwhile and beneficial. Mrs. Barrett said the Alumni have helped her keep technology current, cut down electricity use for the school, and cool her room down after disposing of those overheated computers!

While Mrs. Barrett uses her contributions to better her classroom, Mr. Specchierla, the school's librarian, uses his donations to fill his beloved library. In Mr. Specchierla's point of view, Colusa High is a "blessed school with a decent library". He feels gracious towards the Alumni because the cost of books tends to be pricey, most costing around \$21 per book. Colusa High School's library has thousands of books and needs more. You do the math!

The Alumni Association is an exciting subject for science teacher Mr. Richards. He made a new friend in the process of receiving enough money to buy a much needed autoclave for his science room. This gadget costs up to \$4,000 and with the school's current budget, Mr. Richards' biotechnology class would not in their wildest dreams be able to afford such a nice tool for their science class. An alumni member, Mr. Merrill Newman, bought the whole doodad for him. As a true Colusa County resident, Mr. Richards took Mr. Newman out hunting as a thank you, and they have remained good friends ever since.

Colusa is agriculture, which is probably why the agriculture department of Colusa High School receives around \$800 - \$1000 a year. This money is used to send FFA students to National, State, COLC, leadership training, etc. Mr. Crabtree, the Ag Teacher at Colusa High School, appreciates the Alumni Association because it's an easy way to generate money. People aren't hassled to donate, and students aren't hassled to hold another fundraising event. Mr. Crabtree has confidence that the Alumni Association will become more effective each year.

There you have it; the Alumni Association does consist of "cool people who help", but as Colusa High students, we recognize exactly how much Alumni members help Colusa High. Their donations only benefit the school, and it goes without saying that CHS is open to any help it can get. So, long live the Redskins and its Alumni members!!!!

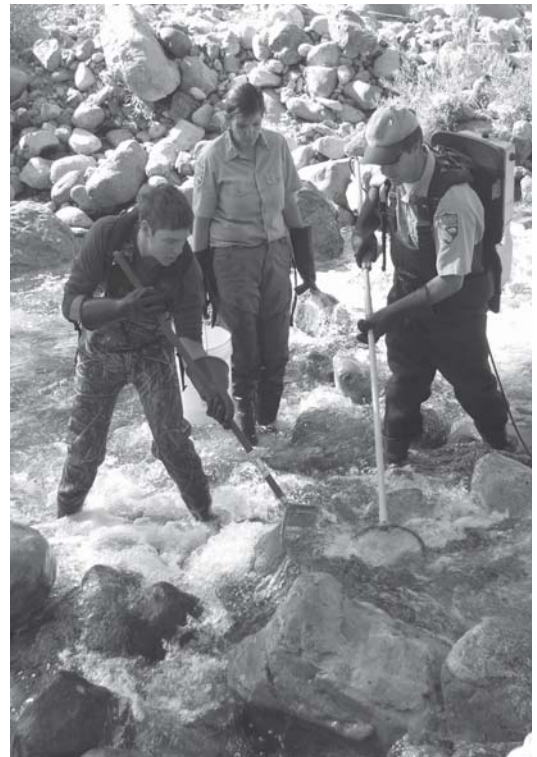
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Exploring California on the Pacific Crest Trail

Craig Richards, the Biology teacher at Colusa High School, and his daughter Teal, a 2002 graduate of Colusa High, are hiking the California leg of the Pacific Crest Trail this summer. The Pacific Crest Trail runs from Mexico to Canada and they are hiking a 1,750 mile stretch of the trail from Mexico to Ashland, Oregon. They will be averaging 18 miles a day with their longest day being 24 miles. Many days during the trip they will be averaging 20 miles. Anywhere from 200 - 300 people attempt this trip each year. There is a website: pcta.org if you want to learn more about the Pacific Crest Trail. Good luck to Craig and Teal!!!!



Senior Mitchell Yerxa assists California Department of Fish & Game survey the Upper Sacramento River as part of the CHS Environmental Science Academy

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