



Putnam City High School 2025 Alumni Newsletter

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Meet your classmates, create new memories at PCHS All-Classes Reunion October 25-26

*by Kim Stockstill
Class of 1974*

Last year's Sunday afternoon All-Classes Reunion may have started as just a date circled on my calendar, but now I realize what I would have missed if I hadn't attended! It has been, and continues to be, the heartbeat of the past echoing into the present.

When our 1974 classmates met at Putnam City High School, old hallways whispered familiar stories and remembered laughter leapt across the decades. I felt like I'd never left.

Almost a year ago, we reunited — not just as 1974 Pirates but as people who had lived the shared memories that made up the unique pages and chapters of our PCHS stories. Other alumni had their own stories, equally unique, except for having been created in those same hallways, by members of classes who came before and after us. But all of us were there to get together with classmates and share those one-of-a-kind connections. Many faces had changed; some names had even escaped me; but the *spirit*?

Oh, the Spirit. It has been renewed by heartbeats, love, memories and more.



Of course, I must mention, I am of "The Class of 74," where we live up to our Class Motto "Spirit is More!" I think this generation says it as, "Go Big or Go Home!"

I found myself standing and chatting in the same turquoise-tiled halls, where many of us had dreamed, and where some big, wide-eyed dreams had begun.

I walked paths, where many of my friendships bloomed, and found that those roots still run solid and deep. We gave hugs that healed time. We told jokes, that had aged like fine wine or maybe not, if Boones Farm was involved. We snapped photos taken among mid-laughes. There was so much pride. A few of us admitted we had creaking bones from the previous days and nights of reminiscing.

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Alum President welcomes Pirates home

*by David Apgar
Class of 1976*
Ahoy, Pirates!

Hope you all have had a great year!

Alumni Weekend will be Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th of October. Activities begin Saturday with the Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Catch up with friends and family as you sit down to breakfast together and enjoy visiting. On Sunday, you can meet up with more old friends at the All-Classes Reunion at 1 p.m. *Details for both are inside this newsletter.*

This year we will be honoring the Class of 1975 with their 50th Anniversary. Those members of the class of 1975 who attend the

All-Classes Reunion will receive one of the 50th Medallions.

The school has just completed a new kitchen on the east side of the building by the other cafeteria seating area. This will require you to enter the doors east of the gym to get to the Pancake Breakfast. We will have a sign showing where to enter.



Please come out and join us for the Pancake Breakfast and All-Classes Reunion. These activities are our fundraisers for the year to help pay for the newsletter as well as alumni scholarships. If you are interested in helping with the Alumni Association, we meet on the last Monday of the month in the

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Sunday Reunion

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Sunday's All-Classes Reunion was where the *treasure* was found. Where the *memories* came flooding back.

We saw it in the lockers, inhabiting the lunchroom with our famous cinnamon rolls, remembering ditching study hall, enduring our first crushes and sharing that glorious feeling of belonging and of becoming.

Sunday was not just a date, It was where I found the treasure. It was the proof that we are *still* an intricate part of this magnificent Putnam City High School story, all shaped by experiences in those hallways and heartbeats, in which, thankfully, the halls are still creating new memories for old and new souls.

As I exited into the parking lot, expecting to see Officer Buck, no one said goodbye. They just said, "See you next time," knowing that whenever they return, the doors — and hearts — will always be open.

Once a Pirate, Always A Pirate!

Please do not **miss** the Sunday All-Classes Reunion! It's more than a "Save the Date!"

It's time for adding some new memories to your own personal Treasure Chest!

President's Welcome

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Library at PCHS at 7 p.m. Hope to see some new faces in the future.

Next year the Honored Class is the Class of 1976.

If your class has a reunion planned, please let us know so we can post it on our website and Facebook page.

Look forward to seeing you all in October and at an upcoming alumni meeting.

David Apgar, President

Class of 1976

Putnam City High School

Alumni Association



PCHS medals will be presented to 1975 classmembers during Sunday's reunion. Next year the honored class will be the Class of 1976, and they too, will be presented the PCHS medals at the All-Classes Reunion.

Special! Just for Pirates! Fourth Thursday of Every Month

All Johnnie's

Dine-in only

Tell the person who takes your order you're from Putnam City and Johnnie's will donate 20% to the alumni association for scholarships!

Putnam City Schools Alumni Association Officers

President David Apgar

Class of 1976

Vice-President Teresa Bourn

Class of 1977

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Class of 1977

Treasurer Sheron Rodgers

Class of 1964

Webmaster Jackie Simpson

Class of 1961

Newsletter Editor Gloria Quaid

Class of 1963

**Visit your Putnam City Museum
where you'll find memorabilia from your own school days!**



**N.W. 40th and Grove
(formerly Waggoner's Store)
Open Special Hours Reunion Weekend
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Saturday, October 25
or by appointment only.**



Contact David Stinchcomb, putnamcitymuseum@att.net
or Kent Mathers, kentmathers@gmail.com.

Three receive Alumni Association scholarships



Bali Botkin received the Class of 1969 Scholarship and is the daughter of Steven Botkin and Jill Botkin. She is attending Oklahoma State University majoring in Architecture. Steven Botkin is a 1980 PCHS graduate.



Hayden Chyong received the Leo Mayfield Scholarship and is the son of La Chyong and Ha Tran. He is attending the University of Oklahoma majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has relatives who graduated from PCHS.



Ryan Wall received the Ralph Downs Scholarship and is the son of Edward and Thuong Wall. He is attending the University of Oklahoma majoring in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. His brother, Jacob, is a 2023 PCHS graduate.

Attention PCHS alumni are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles who want to help a graduating senior receive a scholarship

by Teresa Bourn
Class of 1977

Do you have a senior at PCHS who is going to college next year? Do you know that the Alumni Association gives out at least two scholarships per year? Each scholarship is worth \$1,000.

Any senior is eligible to apply for a scholarship, but we do give priority to a student who has a family member who graduated from PCHS. This is a great way to help pay for college expenses –

no matter what they are.

To apply for our scholarships, your senior needs to see Ms. Melissa Scott for the application. Once a student receives the scholarship application, he or she will need to follow the instructions and complete the form. It should be returned to Ms. Scott no later than April 1, unless students are told differently, with the required additional papers mentioned on the application.

At least two scholarships are awarded

per year. They are the Leo C. Mayfield and Ralph Downs scholarships. For 2026, at least, more are available. Extra scholarships are given out by alumni in honor of their graduating classes.

These classes collect money during their reunions and donate their funds for a scholarship. Anyone may also donate by sending in a check, marked for scholarships, to the Alumni Association which is a tax-free donation.

This is a great way to help send your senior to college for the following year.

Meet old friends at Alumni Association's **\$10**
Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday Morning, October 25, PCHS Cafeteria
8 a.m.-11a.m.

Thanks to those who helped

A huge thank you goes to alums who helped produce this newsletter. These include Kim Stockstill, David Apgar, Teresa Bourn, Jackie Simpson, Sheron Rodgers, Fred Rhodes and Gloria Quaid.



Superintendent greets Pirates, introduces Centennial Center

by Dr. Fred Rhodes
Putnam City Schools Superintendent

Welcome Fellow Pirates! I feel very honored to be invited to write a welcome for the PC High Alumni Newsletter. I am also honored that I can refer to you as “Fellow” Pirates,” because while I did not graduate from PC High, I was granted an honorary high school diploma from PC High in 2014, our Centennial year.

This fall the Putnam City Centennial Center opens as a landmark to help celebrate the rich history of our District. It will be home to several centers and serve as the hub, the Town Center for Putnam City!

The Centennial Center is unique. It is a History Center where visitors will be able to see current exhibits displaying artifacts from our 100-year history. Near the entrance, you will experience the Rotunda, a perfect place for the Putnam City Museum to have exhibits that

periodically change.

It will also house a Professional Development Center, providing ongoing, high quality professional development for our employees as well as even more educational opportunities for our parents, families and community members.



It will also serve as a central gathering place. What better place could there be for this space than the birthplace of the District, centrally located where it all began over 100 years ago?

It will be a School Board Center, as well, and will include a 3-tiered room that can be expanded to accommodate large groups for professional development, celebrations and largely attended events.

There’s a Performing Arts Center and an Administrative Center. For complete details, see the Alumni Association website, pchs4allyears.com.

Save the date!

Make new memories for your own personal treasure chest! Meet your friends at the Sunday All-Classes Reunion at the PCHS auditorium. You can pay your \$20 alumni membership dues, and there is no charge for spouses and guests! And, if you are already a lifetime member, there is no charge. And don’t forget to bring cash for the 50-50 drawing if you want to participate. Be sure to stay afterward and enjoy refreshments, again at no charge, at the reception following the program.

Pictures with Santa!
Saturday, Dec. 6 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Putnam City Museum
4101 N. Grove Ave.

Bring your own cameras
along with kids, grandkids & pets
Unlimited pictures with Santa.

Donations welcome
Proceeds to be split between
museum and alumni association

In Memoriam

Remembering those we've lost in the past year

Faculty and Staff
Humberto Cortes

Class of 1943
Roberta Frances Smith Maxey

Class of 1945
Lillie Ann Vrana Whittaker

Class of 1949
Betty Beckett Reed

Class of 1951
Becky King Bailey
Jimmie D. Merritt
Larry White

Class of 1953
Neal McCaleb

Class of 1955
Phyliss Jean Brown Henderson

Class of 1956
Harry Linnell Deupree
John William Guilliams
Darryl J. Henthorn

Class of 1957
Ruth Marie Lee Hibbler
Barbara Lewis

Class of 1958
Susan Rose Distler Durkee
Paula Douglass
Dale Marshall Klopfenstein
Barbara Sue Williams Jones

Class of 1959
Mervin L. Hamman
David Padgett

Class of 1961
Bruce Darrow
Gary Dean Harris

Class of 1962
Donna Jean Bond Greve
Linda Lou LeGrange Pitts
Jane Ellen Stone Gibson
Robert "Bob" Watts

Class of 1963
Sandra Neuwenschwander
Betty Scrivner Smith
Stephanie Whatoff

Class of 1964
Sharon Jeanne Absure
Doris Louise Godwin Bradway
Marilee Mayfield Hattendorf

Class of 1965
Leon Davis
David Duncan
Terry Giager
James Loy Jones, Jr.
Don Ray Richardson
Lynn Horton Starkey

Class of 1966
Sherry Elwood Feagans
Bennie Chris Henninger
Barry Smith
David Taylor
Dennis Thurman
Terri Wilson Hunt

Class of 1967
Toni Catherine Barber
Sherri Jane Bottger Sparks
Ralph Whittet
Michael Dean Wooden

Class 1968
Tom Sheddon

Class of 1969
G. Robert Carpenter
Jeannette Marguerite Hernandez
Robert W. Howard
Peggy Lee Langford Schwarz
Kyle Finley Lowe

Class of 1970
Virginia Ray DeFrees
Jan Shelton

Class of 1971
Johnny B. Graham
David Hall

Class of 1972
Jarilyn Conner Harris
Karen Sue Wilson Hartronft
Michael Scott

Class of 1974
David William Cost
Mina Louise Nail Grabbe

Class of 1975
Regina Radtke Haynes
Anita Sue Locke Haftek
William Carl "Bill" Webb

Class of 1976
Ron Hood
James Allen LaBar

Class of 1977
Sheryl Bowlware
Lyndon Brady
David Brundage
Donna Clark
Alan Dags
Mark Donnell
Michael Engel
Cindy Gilbert
Elizabeth Graham
Patty Green
Mike Hagen
Jim Hammer
Vickie McDaniel
John Nickens
Deidre Smitherman Nixon
Cathy Pinion Roetker
Mike Shadid
Sharon Smith
Pam Taylor

Class of 1978
Kevin Kookan
Michael David Lewis
Chris Speegle

Class of 1980
Pamela Determan Snellings
David Porter

Class of 1981
Chris Campbell

Class of 1984
Brent Thomas Holley

Class of 1986
Diana Lea Henderson Dawkins

Class of 1987
Frankie Lovell Brooks

Class of 1989
Lorra Ohmann

Class of 1999
James Cyrus

Class of 2005
Robert Joseph Pearson

This list of names includes alumni whose deaths were reported to us between Sept. 1, 2024, and Aug. 31, 2025.

The Alumni Association exists to help former classmates reunite, and, more significantly, to raise money for PCHS scholarships to help students who will use your contributions to make a difference in our society.

Please check whichever statements reflect your wishes. Thank you for assisting your alumni association to continue its important work!

I want to pay my annual association dues of \$20 which also pays the entrance fee for the All-Classes Reunion on Sunday, October 26 .

I want to contribute \$_____for scholarships and newsletter

I want to become a lifetime member of the Alumni Association for \$100.

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