

# Putnam City High School

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2016

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Darla Dies Clouse



Jackie Cole Simpson



Iva Gilliland



Jeannette Horton Hepp



Charles Kimbrough

### *Five receive Putnam City award*

The four individuals pictured above were given the Lifetime Service Award at a presentation ceremony and reception hosted by Putnam City Schools last January. *Story on Page 2*

### **From the President . . . .**

Ahoy, Pirates!

Just had my 40th class reunion this summer. It was a great time seeing classmates who I hadn't seen in years. If you have a reunion coming up and haven't been to one, go. It will be a lot of fun! I would like to welcome Brett Bradley, the new principal to Putnam City High School.

We have some good news coming to Pirate Land. We should, in the near future, see "Pirate Stadium" on the front of our stadium. The directional schools are getting stadiums built so they can play home games in their own stadiums.

I would like to ask for help from my fellow Pirates who would like to donate some time to our Alma Mater. With the increasing testing that students are required to do, the school needs test monitors. If you are interested, please contact the high school.

I would also like to invite fellow Pirate alumni to attend alumni association meetings; they are held on the last Monday of the month in the PCHS library at 7 p.m. We need your input and your help. Come and get involved with your alumni Association.

This year we are honoring members of the Class of 1966 on their 50th reunion on October 30 at the All-Classes Reunion. Don't forget the Pancake Breakfast on the 29th. Both the Class of 1976 and the reunion itself will be hosted by the class of 1976. There are always members of every class in attendance. Time is passing. Old friends are the best! Our All-Classes Reunion is the best kind of get-together!

David Apgar  
Class of '76

### *All-Classes Reunion set for October 29-30*

**Friday, Oct. 28**—Football game, 7 p.m., Pirate Stadium. Pirates take on Stillwater.

**Saturday, Oct. 29**—Alumni Pancake Breakfast, PCHS cafeteria, 7-11 a.m., \$5. Proceeds benefit Alumni Association and Scholarship Fund. **Sunday, Oct. 30**—All-Classes Reunion Registration—12:30 p.m., Program—1 p.m. PCHS Auditorium, \$10 association dues.

### *Museum to be open*

The PC Schools Museum will be open extended hours with a display honoring the Class of 1966.

Hours are 9-4 on Saturday and 2-5 on Sunday. Volunteers will be at the Saturday morning pancake breakfast selling copies of the PC Centennial history book. Books will also be available at the museum and at the PCHS Reunion.

# Putnam City volunteerism celebrated

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Volunteer contributions made by Jeannette Caufield Horton Hepp, Iva Gilliland, Darla Clouse, Jackie Cole Simpson and Charles Kimbrough were celebrated in January at a district administration office ceremony and reception.

Previous Lifetime Service Award recipients included Lois Thomas, Dick Click, Barbara Anderson and Paul Long.

Jeannette Hepp and Iva Gilliland volunteered at the Putnam City Museum from its beginnings in 1984. Both were dedicated to alum association activities and were enthusiastic unofficial PC ambassadors. Mrs. Hepp contribut-

ed a great amount of material and mementoes from her school years which she had kept in scrapbooks and file cabinets. For years, Mrs. Gilliland hosted annual picnics at her home for alumni. She also handmade quilts and afghans — in Pirate orange and black — that were auctioned off at All-Classes Reunions to benefit the alumni association scholarship fund.

Darla Dies Clouse has worked in countless alumni and classroom district activities and has spearheaded the annual Pancake Breakfast since its inception. She is a past alum association president and has also headed up numerous committees.

Jackie Cole Simpson maintains the list of PCHS alums and it is primarily due to her that you receive your annual newsletter. She keeps both museum and alum association websites operating and also records the accessions of the museum.

Charles Kimbrough came to Putnam City West in 1968 as a biology teacher. He was a district administrator. While a principal, he helped to establish A Chance to Change Foundation, the first Oklahoma program designed to help adolescents with chemical dependency and related health disorders. Upon retirement, he volunteered coaching children on youth teams.

————— **Nominate a Putnam City volunteer you know!** —————

## **Nomination form for Lifetime Service to Putnam City Award**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Years of volunteer service to district \_\_\_\_\_. How did nominee become involved in volunteer service to Putnam City? Please list volunteer service, being as specific as possible. Please consult others if you need help with specific dates and specific types of service.

Contact information for nominee. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

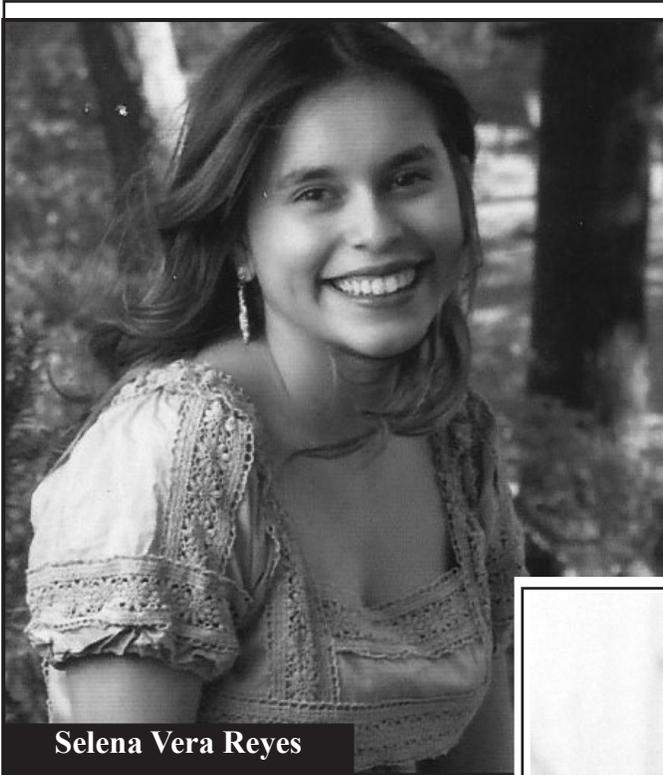
Address of home or office \_\_\_\_\_

If nominee is deceased, please list appropriate family member or close friend who can provide additional information.

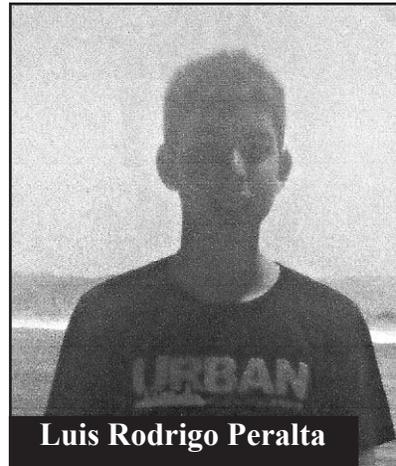
Brief biography of other aspects of nominee's life. Family, occupation, interests, education, etc., and/or anything else that provides an overall description of the nominee.

*Please submit nominations no later than October 15 to Gloria Quaid, gloriajquaid@yahoo.com, or mail to Gloria Quaid, 10 Cosmos Ct., Santa Fe, NM 87508. Nominations must be received by that date so that all members of the committee can receive the forms and have an opportunity to fairly evaluate each nomination.*

**(The nomination form sections above are a facsimile of the actual form which is available at the PC Museum and on the museum website.)**



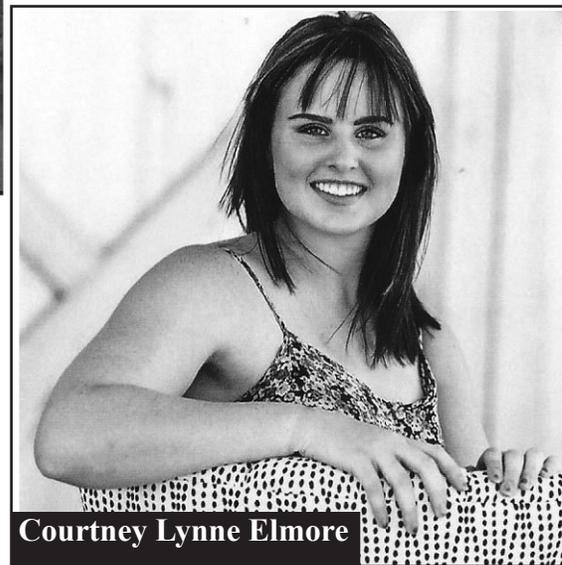
**Selena Vera Reyes**



**Luis Rodrigo Peralta**



**Kelsey Lynn Burdrick**



**Courtney Lynne Elmore**

## *Association announces scholarship winners*

This year the Putnam City High School Alumni Association awarded four scholarships with the help of the Class of 1965 and the Class of 2005.

The Ralph Downs Scholarship was awarded to Luis Rodrigo Peralta who is attending the University of Oklahoma to study mechanical engineering.

The Class of 1965 gave two scholarships. The first, was awarded to Kelsey Lynn Burdrick,

who is attending the University of Central Oklahoma to study speech pathology. The second was awarded to Selena Vera Reyes who is attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University to study radiologic technology.

The Class of 2005 Windham Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Courtney Lynne Elmore who is attending Southwestern Christian University to study Christian leadership.

We want to congratulate recipients and let alums know that if PCHS alums have family members attending Putnam City High School, those students may apply for an alumni scholarship their senior year. We also ask classes — as they plan their next reunion — to consider raising funds to donate to the alumni scholarship fund. This may help support the existing fund or they may establish scholarships in the names of their classes.



1966 - 2016

The 50th Reunion of the 1966 Class of Putnam City High School

October 27 - October 30, 2016

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July 2016

Dear 1966 Pirate Classmate

So here it is! The Invitation / Registration Form for the 50th Reunion of the Putnam City High School Class of 1966. This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Reunion that the nucleus of the PCHS 66 Reunion Committee has planned and we want it to be spectacular while we gather to renew old friendships, make new friendships and remember the glorious times of our experiences.

We are now requesting a **1/2 Registration per person deposit (\$50), payable immediately**, in order to aid the reunion planning with "head counts" and ensure the financial commitments for the events that we're all so very proud of in providing for the Class of 1966. The remaining \$50 per person registration fee will be due no later than August 15, 2016.

The "50th on the 50th" Reunion will be our "Last Hurrah," as far as planning a large event for the 66 Pirates. We have planned several activities covering four days with the highlight being Saturday night at one of downtown Oklahoma City's newest and finest venues. The V2/Vast, located on the 50th floor of the Devon Tower, will offer you a breathtaking view of all of Oklahoma City and beyond. Expect great food and an unforgettable program of music and memories featuring several of our own class members. A detailed Itinerary and additional information, including Host Hotel information, is enclosed along with the Registration Form.

In the past, we have asked for at least a \$20 check from each classmate to go toward a legacy gift for PCHS. This legacy gift will go towards the landscaping project of the new Putnam City Park. The response was good and we are continuing to ask for a donation towards a legacy gift to enhance the Class of 1966 contribution to the Putnam City School effort for this project.

We hope to send out attendance updates, via email and through a Facebook Group, entitled "Putnam City High School - Class of 1966." If we don't have your email address, please contact Paul Lekawski at [pdlekawski@att.net](mailto:pdlekawski@att.net) or 405-820-5681 with your information.

Please complete the attached form and return to us as soon as possible. We are also asking for all remaining registration payments to be received by August 15<sup>th</sup> in order that we can plan effectively and ensure our commitments to those places where we will hold our venues.

If you plan on attending the All School Reunion, please indicate this on the Registration Form, in order that the Alumni Association can plan accordingly. This is a great honor for the school, our class and the Alumni Association.

Warmest Regards

PCHS 66 Reunion Committee

*Information provided by Kent Mathers, Class of 1966*

# PCHS Weight Training Room Fundraiser

As a friend or alumni of Putnam City High School, we like to keep you informed about what's going on with the current Putnam City Athletic Department, and we'd also ask that you help support our fundraising campaign. Our students/athletes benefit greatly from the various programs in athletics, and your financial support is integral to the continued success Putnam City Pirate Athletics.

Putnam City High School is conducting a fundraiser to upgrade our school's weight training room facilities. Currently, out of our student body population of over 1700, there are more than 200 student-athletes, male and female, who use the weight room on a daily basis to train for 16 different team sports year around. The weight training facility at Putnam City has not been updated in more than a decade. Most of the equipment currently in the weight room is over 20 years old. In addition,

there is not enough equipment or efficiency to serve the needs of our growing number of athletes at this time. Currently, it is difficult to have an efficient workout while ensuring the safety of our student athletes.

Putnam City High School athletes compete in Oklahoma's largest class against the elite high schools in the state. Most of these schools have modern, safe and effective weight training facilities that better prepare their athletes for the high school level of competition. In order for our athletes to be prepared to compete at this level, it is crucial that they are able to train in a facility that is safe and contains the most up to date equipment. We need to replace equipment, add additional pieces of equipment, install safety flooring, add monitors and training technology, and update the appearance of the walls with modern, inspiring colors and graphics.

The expense to provide safe and updated equipment is enormous. Our goal is \$50,000. School sourced funding is not adequate to meet all of the needs we have, so the PCHS Athletic Department is reaching out to our friends and alumni in the community for support to meet our goal. Putnam City High School is committed to providing the best for our student-athletes and our entire student body. Please help us reach our goal of providing a top notch weight training facility for our student-athletes.

Thanks again for your continuous support of Putnam City's commitment to excellence in athletics as part of a larger commitment to excellence in education.

Please mail you generous donation to PCHS Athletics 5300 NW 50th, Warr Acres, OK 73122 or make an online payment at <https://www.signmeup.com/115389>

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## It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it!

Actually, it isn't tough at all, but it does take a little bit of commitment. Every year, we find people to help with the All-Classes Reunions. We seek kids who could use a little scholarship aid for college. We help classes with their individual projects. We work at Pancake Breakfasts. We sell raffle tickets. We just generally find somebody, or somebodies, to represent the PCHS Alumni Association whenever we are asked. You can spend an hour a month or more if you want to. Something always needs doing. Nobody does everything. We are asking you to contribute only the time you are able to contribute. One hour a month, during the school year, is all you're committing to. That's nine hours a year. And it's fun! You get to find out things other people don't know and maybe see somebody you went to school with!

**PCHS Alumni Association needs YOU!**

# *Different PC groups seek donations*

Three distinct groups solicit volunteers and donations to support Putnam City Schools. Alumni and patrons have a history of stepping up to the plate whenever they are asked. Their financial donations, not to mention time and effort spent in classrooms, benefit our district.

However, many supporters may not realize that each organization has a different mission. These groups are the Putnam City High School Alumni Association, the Putnam City Public Schools Foundation and the Putnam City Schools Museum. While all operate

to enhance experiences for students, each works independently.

The Putnam City Public Schools Foundation raises funds used to supplement ongoing programs.

Putnam City High School Alumni Association solicits money to fund the annual Putnam City High School All-Classes Reunion as well as to present scholarships to Putnam City graduates and print and distribute the annual newsletter which goes to about 12,000 people on the alumni mailing list.

The Putnam City Museum

Committee is working to expand museum services and preserve the history of the PC district. Committee members seek out former students and encourage them to donate to the museum old yearbooks, scrapbooks, pictures and memorabilia connected with the district.

All three organizations are worthy of financial support. But keep in mind that when you are approached for a donation, only the group soliciting your donation will benefit from what you contribute.

It's always a good idea to know where your money is going.

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**Donations are appreciated. Please indicate how you can help by checking all the boxes that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues (\$10) and/or donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter-mailing donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship fund donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Membership (\$100)

**and return this page with your donation to the PCHS Alumni Association, Box 34, Bethany, OK 73008.**

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