



# Putnam City High School 2019 **Alumni Newsletter**

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## *Pirates to gather for 2019 All-Classes Reunion*

Hello Pirates!

My name is Teresa Crump Bourn and I am the current President of the PCHS Alumni Association. I graduated in the Class of 1977.



Exciting things are happening around PC and the district. All three high schools now have their own football stadiums. Yes, no more sitting on the “away” side bleachers. If you are a Facebook member

and have the Putnam City High School Alumni page as a favorite, you have seen that the PCHS stadium has had the Panthers and Patriots removed from the front of the press box.

Football season is just around the corner, and we are excited to have Pirate Stadium to ourselves. Home games include: Sept. 20, Bixby; Oct. 4, Choctaw; Oct. 11, Midwest City; Oct. 23, Deer Creek; and, finally, Nov. 1, Stillwater. Hopefully many of you can attend a game or two to support the football team. Were you aware that if you are a Lifetime Member of the PCHS Alumni Association, you can attend athletic events at

## **Come to the museum!**

The Putnam City Schools Museum will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday as part of the All-Classes Reunion Weekend. The museum, the largest and most complete for any school district in Oklahoma, will also have special displays for the classes holding reunions that weekend — 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969.

Visit the Museum anytime that weekend. It is located at N.W. 40th and Grove and holds the most complete archival collection for any school district in the state.

no charge? You also are admitted to the All-Classes Reunion at no charge. You will find a donation form in this newsletter.

As you may be aware, we give at least two scholarships each school year to a PC graduating senior. We also suggest that as you have class reunions, please collect money to set up a scholarship in your class name. Please reach out to the committee for assistance.

Speaking of the All-Classes Reunion, it will be on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium at PCHS. This year’s reunion will honor the Class of 1969 which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Class of 1979 will host the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Cost is \$5 per person.

There are three class reunions during All-Classes Reunion weekend, so you will want to come and see all your old school friends.

Next year, the Pancake Breakfast and All-Classes Reunion will be Oct. 24-25. It will honor the Class of 1970 and will be hosted by the Class of 1980. Please

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### *Reunion Activities Schedule*

**Pancake Breakfast— \$5**  
**Saturday, October 26,**  
**7 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
**Putnam City High School Cafeteria**

**All-Classes Reunion— \$10**  
**Sunday, October 27**  
**12:30 registration**  
**1 p.m. program**  
**followed by time to visit with old friends in**  
**the Putnam City Cafeteria**



Mike Brake



Sally Duffy Akin



Leo C. Mayfield



Gloria Porter Quaid

## *Four presented Lifetime Service Awards*

Last January, four long-time volunteers were presented with Lifetime Service Awards for their contributions of time, talent and dedication to benefit Putnam City school children. Those selected for 2019 awards include Mike Brake, Sally Duffy Akin, Leo C. Mayfield and Gloria Quaid.

Mike Brake chaired the museum committee for several years and continues his involvement by keeping museum doors open every Saturday.

He welcomes visitors, conducts tours and sets up memorabilia displays appropriate for reunion groups when they visit.

He is a professional journalist who was key in producing the Putnam City Centennial history book.

The late Sally Duffy Akin was a homeroom mom, field trip sponsor, fundraiser chairperson and PTA and booster club board member and president.

Her dedicated involvement began at Will Rogers Elementary and continued through her four sons' activities at Putnam City North. No task was too menial; no task was impossible for her.

She was also the much loved

leader of her Class of 1963's reunion activities from her high school graduation until her death.

The late Leo C. Mayfield was a true legend for thousands of students whose lives he touched during his 50-year career at Putnam City. He was a teacher, a coach, a principal and a superintendent.

After retirement, he continued his dedication on a volunteer basis. He was an unpaid, unofficial lobbyist at the Oklahoma State Legislature. He remained determined to give all students in Oklahoma the best educations possible.

He attended alumni meetings, visited schools to talk to kids, spoke to civic groups and was always available to help.

Gloria Quaid was a 1963 graduate. Among numerous volunteer activities, she served on the district cancer committee for 26 years and was a PC school board member for 15 years.

In 1985, she conceived the idea for the district Preservation Committee to solicit and maintain district archives which eventually morphed into the PC Museum Committee. When the group produced the Putnam City Centen-

nial history book, she coordinated and edited everybody's individual efforts into the finished product. For the past several years, she has edited the alumni newsletter.

Each year, the Putnam City Schools Museum solicits nominations of individuals whose dedicated volunteerism to the Putnam City school district has been outstanding. Those chosen are honored for their service over a long period of time — at least 10 years.

They can be former educators whose volunteerism began when their professional status ended, or parents who stayed to help out when their children graduated, and/or, people who created projects or activities that continued beyond the lifetimes of those who initiated them. The common thread is volunteer activities that have benefitted the PC district and its students.

Nomination forms are available from the Putnam City Museum or are available at the registration table during the All-Classes Reunion at the Putnam City High School auditorium, on Sunday, October 27, at 12:30 p.m. The program will be followed by a visiting time in the PCHS cafeteria.

## President's message

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attend alumni association meetings in 2020 to begin preparing for next year. The alumni association meetings are held the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. We do not meet every month during the beginning of the year. If school is in session, we meet in the library at PC. If school is out, we meet at the PC Museum.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Pancake Breakfast and the All-Classes Reunion in October or at an alumni association meeting.

Teresa Crump Bourn  
Class of '77  
President,  
PCHS Alumni Association

### New Alumni Association Officers

President  
Teresa Crump Bourn  
Class of 1977

Vice President  
David Apgar  
Class of 1976

Secretary  
Terri Welker Headrick  
Class of 1977

Treasurer  
Robin Butler Lancaster  
Class of 1977

## Scholarship winners named



*Sarah Altamimi, left, was awarded the Leo C. Mayfield Scholarship. She will attend UCO majoring in microbiology, followed by post-grad medical school. Parents are Majid Altamimi and Zainob Kohdum.*

*Liam Neel, below, is shown receiving his Ralph Downs Scholarship from Alumni President Teresa Bourn. Liam will attend East Central State University majoring in music education. Parents are Rym Neel and Jil Neel.*



### PCHS Alums-Johnnie's special

**Please make a note! On the fourth Thursday each month, visit any Johnnie's location and mention the PCHS Alumni Association. When you do, the alumni group will receive 20 percent of all sales from open to close. Please open whatever calendar you keep and make a note on the fourth Thursday of every month! Proceeds will finance scholarships! It couldn't be easier!**

## Let's give what we can to celebrate a place we love!

We need your help!

- Can you donate six hours yearly to help make decisions about the PCHS Alumni Association by attending a few meetings? You don't have to come to all of them.
- Can you donate four hours yearly to help make the Pancake Breakfast a success?
- Can you donate any amount of money — \$5? \$10? \$25? 50? — to support the scholarship fund, and, maybe, help make a difference in

a graduate's life by helping make it possible for that student to attend college?

- Would you be willing to take on an alumni association committee or officer's position to help keep alive the spirit of Putnam City?
- Could you buy an ad (\$50) in the Pancake Breakfast placemat? Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.
- Can you call a few high school friends and ask them to meet you at the All-Classes Reunion at the

PCHS cafeteria on Sunday, October 27 or the Pancake Breakfast on October 26? You will be so glad you did! It may be that your phone call will encourage somebody who hasn't been in the building since graduation!

PCHS isn't the same for everybody. We lived through different times and created different memories. It is uniquely part of us. Let's celebrate our "Piratehood" together October 28!

**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)

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