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'And the Beat Goes On' — Utley Reunion 2008

Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the **2008 Utley Family Reunion, "And the Beat Goes On,"** on **Saturday, July 26,** at the **Old English Inn** in Jackson, TN.

The World Famous Cajun Cookers will be catering the lunch buffet. They've prepared the food for our last two reunions, and everyone raves about their food.

The rock and roll theme will be great fun this year! We already have a rock 'n' roll sound track, courtesy of **Sue Bates.**

Plan to wear your blue jeans and poodle skirts; tie your hair up in a pony tail or slick it back in a DA. Be sure to wear your rock and roll shoes. Who knows? We may end up with a sock hop or a twist contest.

Please respond by **July 15.** We have to provide the hotel with a firm headcount at least a



week and a half before the reunion. Since the meals will run about \$20 each, if you send in a registration and find that you can't attend, please let us know. We have to pay for every meal we guarantee.

On the flip side of that, please don't expect us to "know" that you're going to attend if you don't send in a reservation. The chefs only prepare a couple of extra meals, so if we guarantee 40 meals and 80 folks show up, someone will go hungry.

As always, our generous anonymous relative will pay for the banquet room rental and the

meal. We ask that you send in your registration form with a \$10.00 fee per family to help cover decorations, name tags, programs, and other reunion expenses.

We were offered a rate of \$65.95 per room when we first signed the contract with the hotel. Even though the hotel is now being used as a dorm for Union University students, the hotel events coordinator will find rooms in other hotels for that same rate for us.

If you need lodging, please contact Jackie Utley at 731-668-5409 or JUtleyMail@aol.com.

The July/August issue of this newsletter will contain more reunion information and schedules.

We always have a great time reconnecting with our far-flung family members.

We'll see **YOU** in July!

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Utley Family Update

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'Mardi Gras in Jackson 2007' Photos



Utley Family News

~Prentyce~

John Utley, son of **Richard** and **Becky Utley**, has been invited to join two honor societies at UT Knoxville. He has joined Phi Eta Sigma and The National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Phi Eta Sigma is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for first-year college and university students in all disciplines. Those elected to membership include students who have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale at the end of their first year, and rank in the upper 20 percent of their class. The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is open to first- or second-year college students who are in the top 20 percent of their class and have a GPA of 3.4 or above. Congratulations, **John!**

Amanda Utley, daughter of **Richard** and **Becky Utley**, has joined Q107.5 Radio in Memphis, doing promotions. **Amanda** is a recent graduate of Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS.

John>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce
Amanda>Richard>J.P.>Prentyce

Lynn Williams, husband of **Jackie Utley**, had facial reconstruction surgery on April 8 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. The eleven-hour surgery removed dying and radiation-damaged skin, bone and muscle from his jaw and neck and replaced them with healthy bone, muscle and tissue from his lower right leg. The technical term for the surgery is a fibula free flap. He's home from the hospital and recovering well, but slowly. Please keep **Lynn** in your thoughts and prayers during this lengthy recuperation period.

Jackie>J.P.>Prentyce

Jack Carver, husband of **Earldine Utley Carver**, emailed, "**Earldine** had eye surgery 4/22/08. She is doing well. The

other eye is to undergo same type of surgery in about two weeks. She has received a beautiful gas range and now I am looking forward to many of her great meals. However, the only thing she has cooked so far is a nice roast with potatoes, onions and carrots. From that I have been able to fix meals from that along with great breakfasts. With the roast I learned how to open a can of green beans on two occasions (with more expected from her). It appears I might start a cooking show with all that experience. Someone at Church during Golden Sounds music practice stated that all should pray for **Earldine** as long as I stay at the stove.

Last evening at our regular Business Meeting I was honored to be elected Commander of the Tennessee Post 198, American Legion, Middleton, Tennessee."

Earldine>Prentyce

~Annie~



James Buck emailed, "On March 30 my church, First Southern Baptist, Northglenn, Colorado, hosted me in concert. I sang 14 of my favorite Southern Gospel songs and those in attendance had a great time praising our Lord. **Patti** and I

closed the concert with the song "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary." As good Baptists do we had a time of food and fellowship after the concert.

His daughter, **Melanie**, shared the photos at left and below.



James>Louise>Annie

Linda Buck, wife of **Mike Buck**, emailed on April 13, "Please pray for **Mike** and I. **Mike** is having more Seizures and it is making him have less short Memory. He is having more seizures than he has in the past. I am asking God to take away the seizure's and make him whole again.

I have faith that God is listening to me but I still need all your prayers."

Please keep **Mike** and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mike>Louise>Annie

~Maudie~

Sue Bates, wife of **Bobby Bates**, emailed on April 20, "**Bobby's** official promotion FINALLY came through this past Monday. After working the position since mid-June (and the lesser rate, natch!), he is now a Counselor 3 AND also working in the capacity of Pre-Release Co-Ordinator. There's currently a hiring and raise freeze for state employees so the fact that this went through when it did is no small miracle!

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My daughter **Nicole** and family recently purchased a huge house in Flushing, MI and are getting settled in. I can't remember how many square feet the place is but it sounds like ours could fit inside of it 2 or 3 times or more.

Nicole's daughter **Erika**, who has been to several of the Utley Reunions, is graduating in June of this year from Carman-Ainsworth High School in Flint, MI."

Bobby>Martha Frances>Maudie

Jill Rainey Spratt reports, "Evansville, Indiana- Did you feel it! We awoke at 4:37 am on April 18, 2008 to a 5.2 earthquake, later in the day we felt a 4.6 and again at 12:35 this morning (April 21) we felt a 4.5 tremor. The epicenter is located in Mt. Carmel, IL, where [husband] **Chris** is the project manager of the Gibson power plant.

Preston Spratt will be graduating on May 10 with a Genetic Biology Degree from Purdue University."

Preston>Julie>Glenn>Maudie

Today's
Family News
will become
Tomorrow's
Family History

Utley Reunion 'To Do' List

We still need updated family information for all families for the **Utley Family Tree Banner** for the reunion in July. We'd like to include births, marriages, divorces, deaths—any changes in your family. We know that there is old information on the banner, and several new members of the family aren't included. Please help us update the banner before the reunion.

We'd also like to update the **Utley PowerPoint DVD**. Some of the family portraits date back to the 1980s, and could really stand to be brought into the 21st century. Everyone who contributes photos for the PowerPoint will receive an updated copy, either as a DVD or a VHS tape—your choice.

Please send your banner updates and your updated photos to me by July 1st. My home address and my email address are both listed on Page 1 of this newsletter.

July/August 2008 'Utley Family Update'

The next issue of the "**Utley Family Update**" will include final details for the **2008 Utley Family Reunion**, including schedule of events.

As always, we need your family news—births, engagements, weddings, divorces, new jobs, new addresses, school and sports honors, civic and social activities, church participation, fun vacations, whatever you'd like to share with your far-flung family members.

Our Cousin Spotlight will focus on the children of **Robert Vernon Utley** and **Mildred Utley Hestand**. If you have stories or memories of **Grady, Larry, Lela**, and/or **George Utley**, please share them. Photos will be most welcome.

We'll honor our **Graduates** in the July/August issue. Please send the graduate's name, school name and location, any honors, and plans for the future. Photos will be great!

Deadline for the next issue is **June 20**. Please send your family information and photos to the address and/or email on Page 1.

Thanks!

Eligibility for DAR, SAR and CAR

Our family lineage has been documented back to Revolutionary War Patriot **William Utley** of Wake County, North Carolina. This makes any of his descendants eligible for membership in Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and Children of the American Revolution (CAR) CAR is open to children from birth through 21 years of age.

If you're interested in applying for membership in any of these lineage societies, please contact Jackie Utley. You may use my DAR National Number and documentation for your application.



Celebrations: Utley Family Birthdays and Anniversaries May and June 2008



- 1 Robert A. Utley
- 3 Andrew Fourreau
- 6 Kate and Titus Toon
- 7 Dillon James Fourreau
- 8 Tom Buck, Jr.
- 9 Lynn and Jim Grenfell
- 10 Christian Utley
- 13 Jack Carver
- 14 Shane Utley
- 15 Jake Mayo
Wesley House
- 17 Jack Utley
Walter Torres
- 18 Jim Grenfell
- 19 Melanie Buck
Becky Utley
- 20 Karen Fourreau
Julia Utley
Jennifer and Bernie Gladden
- 21 Julie and Chris Spratt—25
- 23 Andrew Wilson
Teresa Hatcher
- 24 Maxx Thomas
Joey Montes
Sue Bates—60
- 26 Lachlan Welsh
- 27 Lucy House
- 20 Denis Rainey
- 30 Matthew Fourreau
- 31 Sue and Bobby Bates



- 3 Martha Frances and Dan Bates
Brionna Estes
- 6 Misty Cupples
Linda and Mike Buck
- 7 Jill and Craig Thomas
Geraldine and Glenn Rainey
Brilee Mayo
- 8 Patti and James Buck—40
- 11 Jackie Utley and Lynn Williams
- 14 Carla and Eric Buck
- 15 Stephannie and Eric Welsh
- 16 Mary and Denis Rainey
- 17 Jonathan Torres
James Torres
Padmae Gillmer
Misty and Chris Cupples
Daniel Henderson
- 18 Carol Barrett
- 19 Denaë and Jerome Henderson
Diane Deschenes
- 20 Karen and Charles Fourreau
- 22 Becky and Richard Utley
Stephanie and James Bolin
- 24 James Bolin
Leslie and Steven Truax
- 25 Elizabeth and Don Wilson—25
Jean and Larry House
- 27 Brian Love
- 28 Kathy and Rickey Carver
James Buck
Lara Mangrum
- 29 Kathy and Dennis Fourreau

2008 Utley Family Reunion
Old English Inn, Jackson, TN
Saturday, July 26, 2008
“And The Beat Goes On”

Please make your reservations, before **July 15, 2008**, by filling out the form below, and mailing it to: **Jackie Utley**
590 Wallace Road
Jackson, TN 38305-2839
731-668-5409 E-mail: JUtleyMail@aol.com.

Our generous anonymous relative will pay for the catered meal. Please enclose **\$10.00 per family registration fee**. Please make checks payable to: **Utley Family Reunion**.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER/S: _____ (Home)

_____ (Cell)

_____ (Work)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MILES YOU'LL TRAVEL TO ATTEND THIS REUNION _____

NAME OF SOMEONE WHO'LL ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU, IN CASE YOU MOVE: _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY WHO WILL ATTEND: _____

NAMES FOR NAME TAGS (ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK)

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

____ 8 x 10 Reunion group photos @ \$7 each

____ 5 x 7 Reunion group photos @ \$6 each

____ 8 x 10 Family group photos @ \$7 each

____ 5 x 7 Family group photos @ \$6 each

