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## A Note from the President

### Greetings FHS Alumni:

I want to apologize for my mistake in the January newsletter regarding the alumni reunion date. The new date is Saturday August 1. The Lion's Tractor Pull dates were moved this year to July 24 and 25th; therefore we will move our banquet a week later also. Hope this works out for everyone. We hope to welcome many members of the classes of 1959 and 1984 as our honored guests this year as they celebrate their 50th and 25th reunions. All who attended Forrest are special and we hope you will plan to be with us on Aug. 1. Please read the other reunion articles in this newsletter and make every effort to send in your reservations by July 15. Abraham Lincoln will be present---will you??? I want to thank Sheila Harber for continuing to oversee our project to repair or replace class composite pictures. The class of 1984 who attend the banquet on Aug. 1 will have a new composite picture to view. Historian Beth Chunn and I are going to be working on securing a storage cabinet to house our alumni memorabilia. I'm sure Beth would love to receive some old play programs, pictures, graduation invitations, etc. After our August 1 banquet, the next alumni event will be our second annual Trivia Game Night. This will be held on Saturday, October 17 and the proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. Start getting your teams of six people together now and plan to join us for some great fun and fellowship. Contact Marion Joyce for more information and visit our website [www.forrestalumni.com](http://www.forrestalumni.com) for updates on this and other alumni activities. Many thanks to all who attended our alumni/community basketball games in January. A fun filled and accident free crowd raised over \$1100 for the scholarship fund that night. In conclusion, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the great group of people who serve as officers with me on the alumni council. See you August 1.....

Go Big Blue,  
Katie Harris  
kh14@united.net

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## **A Note from the Forrest Alumni Website**

Wassssssssuuuuuuuppppppppppppp, Forrest Alumni! I trust that all is well in your world and that the Lord has been good to you this year. I want to say a special thanks to all of you that have contributed to the alumni "E-mail roster" that is available at <http://www.forrestalumni.com>. There are 126 of you that have sent in your name and e-mail address to me either personally or via our other alumni officers! I think that's pretty impressive and demonstrates perfectly how quickly we are ALL adapting to living in an information-centric world. Hopefully this tool has been a resource to you in finding other alumni members just like you and keeping you in contact with each other. I always say that the alumni website is an ever-evolving animal and continually changes with regard to look or content (one of these days I'm going to totally redesign its look!). No matter what the season, I hope you make it a habit to check the site often and see what new items have been added or what events are upcoming. Hopefully, the site will help you remember those "precious moments" you have with your fellow alumni members via the posted pictures, help you glean background information about the alumni association if you're interested in learning, and help keep you informed of what's going on in the Forrest alumni world. As always, if you have innovative ideas or things you would like to see on the site, feel free to e-mail me at [jtcurtis1984@msn.com](mailto:jtcurtis1984@msn.com) or [jasoncurtis@forrestalumni.com](mailto:jasoncurtis@forrestalumni.com).

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## **A Note from the Historian**

"The Wizard"

The school newspaper was first published in the fall of 1927 under the name "The Wizard." That name was chosen in honor of Nathan Bedford Forrest, the "The Wizard of the Saddle." Printed on newsprint, the publication not only provided news of the activities of Forrest students, but also recounted community news. Funded primarily through advertisements purchased by businesses in the Marshall County and the surrounding area, yearly subscriptions could also be purchased. Issues of "The Wizard" were periodically mailed to subscribing households. Through this exchange of information, the school provided the glue that bound the families in the surrounding area into a strong, supportive group.

The first editor-in-chief of "The Wizard" was Sara James Allen. Other members of that first staff include Business Manager-John Cooper, Athletic Editor-Bill Isom, Humor Editor-Edith Edwards, Social Editor-Sara Lane, Exchange Editor-Norene Jones, Freshman Reporter-Lois Jones, Sophomore Reporter-Kate Dean, Junior Reporter-Paul Osteen, Senior Reporter-Adrian Jernigan, Lowell Society Reporter-John Cooper, Lanier Society Reporter-Richard Osteen, and Faculty Advisor-E.G. Rogers. In the elementary grades articles were supplied by either the classroom teacher or by a student reporter. Copies of "The Wizard" were regularly exchanged for copies of newspapers from other schools, thus the need for an Exchange Editor.

I have not been able to determine when the original school paper ceased to be printed. The Alumni Association has copies of "The Wizard" dating up to 1948. At some point in time the Beta Club took over the responsibility of publishing the school newspaper. This publication was very different from "The Wizard" as "The Beta Club News" was a mimeographed publication with no advertising and no yearly subscriptions sold. In the 1970's the paper once again had a transformation. In the early 1970's, Mrs. Brenda Bradford's journalism class published the school news and in the late 1970's a student group published a school paper that was once again called "The Wizard." The advisor for the later group was Forrest graduate, Beth Kerr Chunn.

In the last several decades, there has been an inconsistent history for the school paper. As

citizens have had access to both county and state papers, the need for the school paper greatly lessened. During many of those years, the school paper either did not exist or existed in a diminished capacity. Most often only a Senior issue has been published by the yearbook staff. While this de-emphasis on the school paper may be understandable, it is sad to realize that a source of local history has fallen by the wayside.

Beth K. Chunn,  
Historian

P.S. If any of you have copies of either "The Wizard" or "The Beta Club News" or papers published by Mrs. Bradford's or Mrs. Chunn's group, the alumni association would love to have copies.

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## **ALUMNI BANQUET INFORMATION**

Date---Saturday, August 1---Forrest High School Cafeteria.  
Fellowship Will Begin At 3 PM with refreshments provided by Mary Etta Pratt.  
Historian displays by Beth Chunn;  
Decorations by Ann Hill Winningham, Kathy Hill Orr, and Shannon Walls.  
Meal will begin at 6PM and is being catered by Southern Touch Catering of Columbia.  
Menu: marinated sliced pork in sauce, mixed vegetable casserole, twice- baked potato casserole, spinach/iceberg salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing, homemade rolls, assorted iced cake squares, tea and water. FHS Beta Club members will be servers.  
The short business meeting will include the presentation of the 2009 scholarship winners.  
John Rickman has booked "Meet Mr. Lincoln" for our entertainment. Dennis Boggs portrays the beloved president. More information can be found on his website: [meetmrlincoln.com](http://meetmrlincoln.com)  
Cost per person will be \$15. Reservation forms (back page of newsletter).  
**DUE by July 15.**

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## **HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS**

We will recognize these with honorary lifetime memberships during the August 1 banquet:  
Gladys Garrett, James Brown, Kathleen Holton. (Happy 80th birthday to all!)  
If you know of any others who need to be recognized, please let the president know.

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## **KNOWN ALUMNI DEATHS SINCE AUGUST 2008**

Oakley Beech, Eva Doss Allen, Alberta Fagan Edmondson, Milton Blackwell, Doug Rogers, Patsy Ring Crumbley, Roberta (Robert) Mason, Mary Jo Fuller Manier, Paul Hopkins, Jerry Logue, Harvey Allison, Matt Eady, R.C. Paul, Bill Culbertson. Cornelia Harris Lovell.  
Patsy Rogers Tacker died in April &lsquo;08 and was omitted from last year's listing.  
If you know of any additions or corrections, please contact service chair. Sheila Harber.

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## SAVE THE DATE!! ALUMNI TRIVIA GAME NIGHT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009.**

Contact Marion Joyce for more information and visit the alumni website for updates:  
[www.forrestalumni.com](http://www.forrestalumni.com) (proceeds from this event will benefit the alumni scholarship fund)

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### Spotlight on Our Schools

#### *Chapel Hill Elementary School Update 2009*

As all of you aware, Chapel Hill is a very special place-it's home. Our town continues its growth along with our schools. CHES' enrollment is 730 students K-5. Despite our increasing number of students, CHES still works hard in correlation with our community to maintain its unique small town character. Chapel Hill Elementary School has had a very successful school year. According to the Tennessee Department of Education report card, CHES received all A's in Academic Achievement in every subject: math, reading/language, social studies, science, and writing. In addition to Academic Achievement, CHES received all A's for Academic Growth in math, reading/language, social studies, and science. We as Forrest alumni, teachers, students, parents, and members of this community are very proud of this accomplishment. CHES continues to set high expectations and challenge our students to strive for excellence.

In addition to our growth in students, CHES proudly welcomed five new teachers to our CHES family. Mr. Nate Provence, Ms. Ashley Marston, Ms. Dana Bell, Mrs. Mignonne Sawyer, and Mrs. Carrie Gilliam Thrasher, a 1995 Forrest graduate.

As always, Forrest Alumni are cordially invited to stop in for a visit, read a book, eat lunch with us, drop us a note, or visit us online. Our website features grade level news, school menus, a calendar of events, and a message from our principal, and links to various web sites including Forrest School. Our web site is [www.chapel-hill-es.marshall.k12ktn.us](http://www.chapel-hill-es.marshall.k12ktn.us). We would love to hear from you! Events you are cordially invited to attend the upcoming 2009-2010 school year:

- September: Grandparent's Day
- October: Homecoming
- November: Turkey Supper  
Veteran's Day Ceremony
- March: Read Across America

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#### *Forrest School Update*

Forrest Alumni,

My first year as Principal at Forest has been one of many peaks and valleys. Although I arrived on the scene just prior to the start of school, I did have some knowledge of what the job would be like. Having taught social studies at Forrest for the past thirteen years, I was more than aware of the tradition of excellence and the sense of pride in this community for the educational

institution that is Forrest. It has been an enriching learning experience that has also proven to be very rewarding in many different ways.

From our rich historical traditions to our many new and innovative programs, Forrest School and its faculty and staff are working to prepare our students to become tomorrow's leaders in a complex world. Our school population is growing by leaps and bounds. This past school year, our enrollment increased by approximately 100 students. All indications are that this growth trend will continue as more people discover the peace and quiet of our charming small-town lifestyle.

My wish for the future is that as the years go by, the Forrest Alumni Association and Forrest School will continue to grow and to thrive just as our town continues to do the same. Thank you, the alumni of Forrest School, for your continued support of our wide variety of activities and sports programs throughout the years. Because of people like you, we can continue to build on our rich traditions of excellence.

Sincerely,  
Larry S. Miller,  
Principal, Forrest School

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 1959**

President---Mack Davis  
Valedictorian---Wesley Tomlin  
Vice-president---Juanita Beasley  
Adcock Salutatorian---Terry Blalock (dec.)  
Secretary---Nancy Warden Freund (deceased)  
Treasurers---Zelda Townsend Mealer--Bob Kerr  
Sgt. At Arms---Billy Vaughn--John Cook  
Reporter---Ruth Chumbly Sharp  
Class Favorites: Mack Davis --Juanita Beasley Adcock

Sr. Football Attendant---Betty Jo Harrison  
Sr. Football Players---Lynn Neely, Wesley Tomlin, Jackie Cooper, Billy Vaughn, Eugene Griffy,  
Billy Finley, Nelson Chunn, Mack Davis, Bob Kerr.  
Coaches: Tom Sparkman and Norman Henson.

Sr. Basketball Players  
(Girls)---Mary Alice Joyce Wright, Juanita Beasley Adcock, Zelda Townsend Mealer,  
Nancy Lee Kincaid Watson, Virginia Warner Renfro (dec.), Ruth Chumbly Sharp.  
Coach---Tom Sparkman.

Sr. Basketball Players  
(Boys)---Jackie Cooper, Bob Kerr, Billy Vaughn.  
Coach--Tom Sparkman.

Sr. Cheerleaders---Betty Jo Harrison Wright, Bobbie Jean Gault Richardson.

DAR Representative---Virginia Warner Renfro  
Boys' State---Mack Davis  
Girls' State---Juanita Beasley Adcock  
Bachelor of Ugliness---Nelson Chunn  
Miss Forrest---Bobbie Jean Gault Richardson

## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 1984**

President---Greg Whaley  
Valedictorian---Denise Wright  
Vice-president---Tad Hargrove  
Salutatorian---Greg Whaley  
Secretary---Karen Ring  
Treasurer---Charla Johns

Miss Forrest---Karen Ring  
Bachelor of Ugliness---Tad Hargrove

Football Queen---Tammy Turley Senior  
Attendant---Charla Johns

Sr. Football Players---Robert Chumbley, Doug Carrington, Jeff Daughrity, Tim Hill,  
Ken Young.

Sr. Basketball Players (Girls)---Tammy Turley, LeAnn Wray, Melissa Todd (manager)  
Sr. Cheerleader---Bonnie Coleman

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## **Recent in Memory Donations to the FHS Scholarship Fund:**

Jimmy Orr, Gerald Whaley, Larry Leonard, Harry Ring, Lawrence Haynes,  
Stephen Harris, Jean Rozell, Robert Mason, Doug Rogers, Harvey Allison.

## **Recent in Honor Donations to the FHS Scholarship Fund:**

Norman and Mary Margaret Henson on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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## **Special Tribute to Sarah Allen Ferguson Nelson**

Mrs. Sarah Nelson, an FHS alumna (class of 1933), was also a FHS faculty member. She attended school at Rich Creek until transferring to Forrest in the seventh grade. After high school, she enrolled in Peabody College and graduated with a BS degree in 1937. (while at Peabody, she worked in the mailing room and also taught at St. Bernard's School). Schools Mrs. Nelson has taught at through the years

include: Morrison High School (Warren Co.), Belfast, Beech Hill (Giles Co.), Franklin High School and Forrest High School. She is remembered most for teaching home economics; but also taught chemistry, general science and English at points in her teaching career. In 1950 she received her Masters Degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. We hope to be able to have a special moment of recognition for Mrs. Nelson at the Aug. 1 reunion. She would love to hear from former students---her current address is:

Sarah F. Nelson  
c/o Buddy Betts  
20 James Burrow  
Milan, Tennessee 38358

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### Spotlight on the Class of 2009

Ninety-six seniors marched in the Forrest High School graduation ceremony on May 16th. Of those ninety-six, five graduated with Highest Honors, ten graduated with High Honors, and eleven graduated with Honors. In addition to the many individual scholarships awarded to members of the class, fifty-two seniors qualified for the Tennessee Hope Scholarship. Madeline Bell and Dwayne Anderson were Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively. Other departmental and faculty awards included

Faculty Achievement Award: Colin Henson and Katie Freeman  
Faculty Citizenship Award: Branham Jordan and Kara Garafine  
Danforth "I Dare You" Award : Lucas Holton and Haley Mathis

Agriculture Award: Colton Ward  
Athletics Award: Colin Henson and Summer Wagoner  
Rocket Band of Blue Awards: Madeline Bell, Taylor Herron, and Katie Freeman  
Business Award: Jacob Davis  
Cheerleader Award: Kayla Wright and Courtney Herron  
English Award: Madeline Bell  
Family & Consumer Sciences Award: Meagan Gilley  
Mathematics Award: Kitt McCone  
Science Award: Madeline Bell  
Social Studies Award: Jacob Davis  
Student Council Award: Summer Waggoner  
Theatre Arts Award: Josh Golden  
Visual Arts Award: Keisha Sherrill

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**Congratulations to the Lady Rockets Softball Team and Coach Becky Cheatham for another stellar appearance in the TSSAA State Tournament! Losing in the championship game to Trinity Christian, a private school from Jackson, the girls continue to be the number one public school softball team in the state. Way to go, Lady Rockets!!**

## ***Forrest Alumni Scholarship Winners:***

On behalf of the Forrest Alumni Association, Phil Comstock recognized the following scholarship winners at the annual Senior Night Awards Banquet. These graduates will be invited, along with their parents, to attend the Alumni Banquet on August 1 to receive their scholarships checks for \$1,000 each: Colin Henson, Brianda Elmore, Madeline Bell, Preston Pratt, Taylor Herron, and Summer Waggoner.

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## **Forrest Students Selected to Attend the Tennessee Governor's Academy**

Twenty-two students from across the state have earned the privilege of attending the Tennessee Governor's Academy for 2009-2010. Founded by Governor Phil Bredesen, the academy is administered by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Students who are chosen for the academy should have a strong desire to pursue a career in science, mathematics, technology, or engineering. The academy offers the kinds of experiences that encourage "Big Ideas" in laboratories, libraries, and lectures. Students learn well beyond the classroom through field trips, seminars, and other hands-on experiences. The senior trip will be a tour of China! The curriculum exceeds the state standards and provides modules that include the following disciplines: Physics, Calculus, American history, English and language arts, and Humanities, plus instruction in Chinese, martial arts, and fine arts.

Lenzie Howell and Jacob Terry, both rising juniors at Forrest, have been selected to attend the academy in the fall. Lenzie is the daughter of Billy and Lisa Howell. Jacob's parents are Chuck and Susan Terry. Both students have repeatedly ranked in the top ten of their class throughout school. In August, instead of being in a classroom at Forrest with the rest of their peers, Lenzie and Jacob will be living on the UT campus and attending classes with twenty other students from across the state. Forrest School is proud of the accomplishments of these two bright and hardworking students! Congratulations Lenzie and Jacob!!

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Kept in the wallet of Paul William Bryant:

*This is the beginning of a new day.  
God has given me this day to use as I will.  
I can waste it or use it for good.  
What I do today is very important  
Because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.  
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,  
Leaving something in its place I have traded for it.  
I want it to be a gain, not loss - good, not evil.  
Success, not failure, in order that  
I shall not forget the price I paid for it.*