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**A Note From The President**

Greetings!

I hope all of you have marked your calendars and plan to attend the annual alumni banquet on August 7. The classes of 1960 and 1985 will be our honored guests as we celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries since graduation. The day will kick off with a golf tournament organized by Bob Kerr and friends. An entry form can be found in this newsletter along with all the details you need to know. Sad to report we ran into a conflict that caused the planned June 5 alumni softball and baseball event to be cancelled, but the association does plan to revisit this event in the future---so stay tuned. Many thanks to all who took part in any way in the alumni/community basketball event in January. A Big Shout out to the Channel 2 WKRN personalities who helped us raise \$1900 for the scholarship fund. They were great sports. Other stuff we have been up to: work continues to produce new composite pictures for the classes of 1986 and 1979. We have purchased a storage cabinet that will hold our alumni memorabilia. I'm sure historian Beth Chunn would love to receive some new treasures that we can all share and appreciate. As I complete the final year of serving as alumni president, I want to thank everyone who has been so supportive. I hope many of you will become more involved by serving on committees, etc. and support our new president John Rickman. He will make us all proud as he leads the association during the next two years. Enjoy the rest of the newsletter. Send in your registrations for golf and/or dinner for August 7 and continue to show that "volunteer spirit" when John Rickman or a council member calls on you!!

GO BIG BLUE!!!

Katie Harris, President

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2010 Annual Banquet Information

Reservation form on the last page of this newsletter. Don't Delay-Send It In Now!!!

DATE: Saturday August 7, 2010----	Classes of 1960 and 1985 will
be the honored guests.	
TIME: 3 pm.---FHS doors will open	for fellowship, historian
displays and refreshments.	
6 pm.---Dinner will be served	in the cafeteria. Catering
by "Granny's"	
MENU: sliced roast beef, grilled	chicken breast, mashed potatoes,
gravy, green beans, rolls,	tea, water and dessert (banana
pudding and assorted cakes)	Yum.....

A short business meeting will immediately follow our meal.

ENTERTAINMENT: "Mark Twain At Large" (Ron Jewell - in the theater)

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**MEET RON JEWELL**

"Mark Twain At-Large" is a full-length one-man theatrical tour de force that seemingly channels the seventy-plus year old Samuel Clemens one stormy night from his home in Connecticut called Stormfield. Racing in from the thunderous rains, Clemens (a.k.a.Twain) invites the audience, his imaginary captured guests, into his private study for an intimate face-to-face conversation filled with stories and anecdotes taken directly from the literary pages. Ron Jewell's portrayal of Twain is personable and touching, and delivered as if the humorist is telling the tall tales and yarns for the very first time. Then as quickly as they came the rains stop, his guests are finally given an opportunity to escape and the charismatic philosopher sends them out into the night. You'll believe that you've actually spent the evening with the real McCoy.

Ron is a graduate of Belmont University with degree work in Theatre, Business and English. As an actor, Jewell has worked in dinner theatre, summer stock and film, and has regularly performed in trade and industrial shows with and without the Twain persona. Additionally, he enjoyed several teaching opportunities in various theatre and communication programs. Ron is now the Director of the Bartlett Performing Arts and Conference Center, a wonderfully intimate 350-seat theatre in Barlett, TN, that hosts a regular season of music and touring theatrical shows.

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**NEWS FROM FORREST**

Forrest Alumni,

As the second year of my principalship comes to an end, I am proud to say that the students of Forrest School are continuing the tradition of Excellence and Pride in the classroom and extra-curricular activities. During the school

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year just ending, our students and teachers worked very hard to meet the new state standards required of them in all the areas of academic pursuits offered at Forrest. Additionally, our athletic teams had very successful seasons in which they captured three district championships and were runners-up in three others.

During the year just completed, the faculty and staff worked diligently to meet the challenge of higher academic standards and to foster student growth in all of the courses offered at Forrest. Last year was the first year of the Tennessee Diploma Project with increased academic standards and requirements for graduation for the Class of 2013 and those classes that will follow. We are proud to say that our students responded to the challenge and worked hard to maintain their high level of academic success. In addition, we established a new Distance Learning Lab to be used for course offerings and virtual field trips from other educational sites such as Columbia State, MTSU, the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt. It is our belief that this new lab will enable our students to explore new programs of study as well as experience exciting new people, places, and things that will enrich their lives and their learning experiences. Although this lab is not fully operational, several teachers have used this valuable resource to enhance the knowledge and content of the courses that they provide to their students. As we continue to make improvements in curriculum and educational standards, the faculty also realizes that communication must also improve. Beginning in the fall of 2010, the faculty will be implements another new program called ICU. The purpose of the new initiative is to change the culture of the school into a place where the emphasis will be on preparing our students for the real world of work and life-long learning. Part of this process is the development of an open website where parents can check to see exactly how their students are doing in their everyday class work. This website will also show the parents what assignments their students are missing or have failed to turn in to their teachers. It is our goal this program will not only improve the educational success of our students but will also provide parents with another tool of communication to better serve the community and school.

As stated earlier, the athletic teams at Forrest had very successful seasons also. The Rocket football team finished their regular season with a record of nine wins and one loss before their first round loss to Marion County in the state play-offs. Several Rockets made the all-region team and others made honorable mention. The men and women's basketball teams had championship seasons in which both won district championships in regular or post-season play. Again, several players were selected to all-district and other post-season honors. Perhaps the biggest honor went to Beth Hawn, the highly talented senior post player for the Lady Rockets. Beth was named Miss Basketball in Class A for the entire state of Tennessee. Cross-country, golf, and women's soccer also had successful seasons with several players gaining recognition. As I write this article, the baseball, softball, and men's soccer teams are still finishing up their regular seasons and are looking to make a run at post-season honors and championships. Those of us at Forrest wish them the best of luck and success.

From our rich historical traditions to our many new and innovative programs, the faculty and staff of Forrest School 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 made Forrest School the largest in the Marshall County School System. 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,

Dr. Larry S. Miller  
Principal, Forrest School

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#### News from Chapel Hill Elementary School

A special hello Forrest Alumni from Chapel Hill Elementary School! As always looking back, this year has flown by, but has been filled with many exciting events. The school year began with 753 students Kindergarten through fifth grade, and six new faculty and staff positions. For the first time in school history, CHES welcomed an assistant principal to our school. Mrs. Lori Cheatham is a 1992 graduate of Marshall County High School and has an M.Ed from Middle Tennessee State University. Mrs. Cheatham is no stranger to the CHES faculty, staff, and students. She taught fifth grade for seven years and was the Instructional Facilitator at CHES prior to her new position as assistant principal. Filling Mrs. Cheatham's position as Instructional Facilitator is Mrs. Dawn Kirby. Mrs. Dawn Kirby returned to CHES after taking a few years to stay at home. Mrs. Kirby previously taught second grade, and also is graduate of Marshall County High School. She has a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision. Dawn, and her husband Todd, are the proud parents of Max, 7, and Macyn 5. Mr. Luke Massey joined our staff from Mississippi and is a Special Education teacher for grades 3-5. Mr. Massey is a 1993 graduate of Vardaman High School and a 1998 graduate of Mississippi State. He loves football, outdoors, and the Middle Tennessee area. Mrs. Mallorie Layne is a 2008 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and joined our faculty teaching third grade. Mrs. Layne recently married Christopher Layne. She says, "I hope to spend many, many more years here at CHES." Mrs. Georgia Butt returned to our staff as a reading assistant. Originally from Alabama, she and her husband Stan have lived in Chapel Hill for ten years with their two daughters Emma and Gracie. Filling the interim librarian position is, Mrs. Kelly Jo Fuller. Kelly Jo taught at CHES for 4 years before taking a leave. She attended Marshall County Schools and is a graduate of Martin Methodist College. Congratulations to all of you!

Not only did we welcome several new faculty and staff members, but we also said "Congratulations!" to a very special and beloved member of our faculty, Mrs. Becky Scott Delk. Mrs. Delk announced her retirement in December of 2009 after 40+ years of teaching. Mrs. Delk is a 1966 graduate of

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Forrest School and known by all for her dedication, hard work, and love for children. Mrs. Delk is known for being a beloved fifth grade teacher before becoming our school librarian. Mrs. Delk is keeping busy after her retirement spending more time with her grandchildren, but we still have the privilege of seeing her in the CHES hallways substituting and volunteering. We miss you Mrs. Delk and wish you much happiness!

This school year was also filled with many new educational events/programs. Chapel Hill Elementary School began the school year with a new Title I program. Miss Nicole Rotchford and Mrs. Carrie Thrasher taught K-4 reading and 4th and 5th grade math. This program served over 100 students a day by helping them reach benchmarks at their individual grade level.

The fifth grade students participated in the Watershed Project sponsored by the Friends of Henry Horton State Park. Mr. John McFadden, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Environmental Council was the leader of this project. The mission of the study is to educate and advocate for the protection and improvement of Tennessee's environment, communities, and public health. The students were involved in water testing of the Duck River as well as the study of diverse plant and animal life that call the Duck River home. The year-end project was the planting of 200 trees on the river bank of the Duck River. This project will hopefully be a continued event at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

A tree was also planted on the grounds of Chapel Hill Elementary School in front of the second grade wing in honor of a sweet and special 2nd grade student named Miss Samantha Abbott. She lost her battle with cancer this school year. This tree is a symbol of the love that our CHES faculty, staff, and students have forever in their hearts for Samantha.

The Tennessee Titans 2010 caravan headlined by starting quarterback Vince Young and team mascot T-Rac kicked off TCAP testing with an important message to students about developing efficient work habits, making good decisions, and setting goals for themselves.

We had several events this school year that involved our family, friends, and the community of Chapel Hill. We began our school year celebrating Grandparent's Day with over 100 grandparents touring the halls and classrooms. In October, we celebrated our annual Homecoming week. As Forrest Alumni know, Chapel Hill has Homecoming like no other with special week long events and our town parade. In November, Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Mazie Perryman, World War II veterans, led our Veteran's Day program honoring over 100 veterans on the "Wall of Honor" and approximately 55 additional Veteran's attending this special patriotic program. The 2009 year wound down with the faculty and staff serving over 1,000 traditional Thanksgiving plates at our annual Turkey Supper. In January, members of the Chapel Hill Lions Club visited our school to conduct their annual vision screening of many kindergarten students. This screening detects various diseases that can affect the health of our children's eyes. A special thanks to all the

volunteers that participated in this free service to our CHES kindergarten students. In March, various volunteers participated in Read Across America to help students celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The year has come to an end with 111 Kindergarten students graduating, and 117 5th grade graduates preparing for their journey to Forrest School. The CHES faculty and staff would love for you to stop in to visit, volunteer, or participate anytime in any of these events.

Please check out our website at [www.ches.marshall.k12tn.net](http://www.ches.marshall.k12tn.net) to keep updated and keep in touch. August 4th will be here before we know it, and we will begin the new 2010-2011 school year.

Dawn Kirksey, First Grade Teacher  
Chapel Hill Elementary School

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 1960

Valedictorian---Carol Brannon  
Salutatorian---Wanda Holland

Class officers: Carol Brannon, Wanda Holland, Marie Adgent,  
Earl Harris.

Miss Forrest--Wanda Holland Bachelor Of Ugliness--Larry Hargrove

Sr. Football---Earl Harris, Johnny Curtis, Tommy Hill,  
Phil Dowdy. DRVC Champs!!!

Sr. Cheerleaders---Betty Warner, Charma Holton, Shirley Darnell,  
Carolyn Spencer and Wanda Holland

Girl Basketball Players---Faye Brown, Carol Brannon,  
Wanda Holland, Carolyn Spencer and  
Evaline Kincaid.

Boy Basketball Players---Earl Harris, Tom Brown and Tommy Hill.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 1985

Valedictorian---Rhonda Barnes  
Salutatorian---Sherry Harber

President---Jackie McClain  
V-pres.-----Jerry McCord  
Sec.-----Kristi Daugherty  
Treas.-----Tammy Hazlewood

Miss Forrest--Sherry Harber Bachelor Of Ugliness--Patrick Jordan

Sr. Football Players---Jimmy Darnell, Terry Trout, Jeff Harber,  
Michael Cooper, Patrick Jordan and Shannon  
Walls.

Sr. Cheerleaders---Tammy Gillespie and Cindy Haines.

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Girl Basketball Players---Angela Beech, Lori Haynes  
and Sherry Harber.  
Boy Basketball Players---Jerry McCord and Patrick Jordan.

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**2010 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The Alumni association is proud to be able to help further the education of these FHS graduates who will be recognized at the August 7 alumni banquet:

Allison Scott-----daughter of Rory and Telisa Scott  
Parker Holton-----son of Tony and Sheila Holton  
Taylour Allen-----daughter of Randall and Shari Allen  
Sara Lubieski-----daughter of Gary and June Lubieski  
Caleb Whaley-----son of Calvin and Mitzi Whaley  
Chandler Rosenbalm---son of Eddie and Valerie Rosenbalm  
Justin Vagts-----son of Johnny and Jana Vagts

**C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!!**

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**DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
SINCE AUGUST 2009**

**Gifts In Memory:**

Charlie Frank Perry by Joan Perry  
Frank "Buddy" Sweeney by Katie Harris  
Jon E. Morgan by Sarah Walls Morgan  
Rachel and Ezell Scott by Becky Scott Delk  
Charles "Butch" Hill by Nancy and Oliver Brown  
Martha Sheffield Cook by Judy Daughtrity  
Estate of Dr. William "Bill" Gabard to establish the Gabard Memorial Fund

**Gifts In Honor:**

Eddie and Coy Kilpatrick (50th wedding anniversary) by Joe and Betty Allen

Please consider recognizing "loved ones" with gifts to the alumni scholarship fund. A donation form is on the last page of the newsletter and can be downloaded from the alumni website [www.forrestalumni.com](http://www.forrestalumni.com) throughout the year.

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**Gabard Gift**

The close of 2009 brought a wonderful and generous gift to the FHS scholarship fund. At the passing of William M. Gabard ('41), his widow and

executor Lougenia Gabard, following his wishes, forwarded a bequest of \$110,000 to establish the Gabard Memorial Fund. The gift is in memory of Bill's siblings, John Gabard, Joe Gabard, Eleanor Gabard, Jean, and Sara Gabard Medford. She stated in an accompanying letter that the purpose of the fund would be to provide scholarships annually to one or more deserving college-bound FHS graduates.

Mrs. Gabard mentioned that her husband always expressed pride and appreciation for his own high school education at FHS and said he felt it had provided him an excellent foundation, enabling him to further his own academic career. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree from Northwestern University, and a doctorate from Tulane University. Continuing his academic career, he served as Professor of History and International Studies, and as Chairman of the History Department at Valdosta State University. Over the course of forty-years, he enjoyed teaching students and encouraging their educational pursuits. He maintained an interest in the FHS Alumni Association and Mrs. Gabard expressed the hope that this gift would serve to further enhance the quality of FHS Alumni Association work and the high school.

We are very grateful to the Gabards for the spirit of "giving back" so graciously evidenced in this generous gift. Generations to come may benefit from this gift as they do from each and every donation made to the scholarship fund.

Jimmie Lou Lee  
Treasurer, Scholarship Fund

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Copies of Composite Pictures

I have received copies of several graduation composite pictures to go into the Forrest Alumni files. Since several people had expressed an interest in having their composite picture, I contacted Chromatics in Nashville and had one 8 X 10 matte finish copy made of each of the following classes: 52-53; 53-54; 54-55; 57-58; 58-59; and 63-64. If any of you would like to purchase a copy of one of these pictures, you can send your order and money (\$20.00 plus \$1.00 shipping) to me at 403 South Horton Parkway, Chapel Hill, TN. 37034. If you wish, you can pick up your order at the Alumni Banquet this summer. I will also be taking orders at that meeting. Hope to see all of you in August.

Beth K. Chunn  
Historian

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Dr. Larry Miller, Principal  
Danny Morgan, Asst. Principal

First Forrest Alumni Golf Tournament

WHEN: August 7, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: Henry Horton State Park

COST: \$65.00 per person  
If you want one Red Toe and one mulligan= \$5.00 each

PURPOSE: 1. ENJOY FELLOWSHIP!  
2. RAISE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Fill out form and return by July 24, 2010  
with registration money

QUESTIONS: Call Bob Kerr @ 615-776-1660 (home)  
615-714-6117 (cell)

Email: [bob-kerr@scottforesman.com](mailto:bob-kerr@scottforesman.com)

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ENTRY FORM FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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