

*FORREST HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2014*

RICKMAN REFLECTIONS

TOM WIGINGTON

I headed out Greenwood Road at Holt's Corner to interview retired Forrest teacher and coach Tom Wigington. Tom was assistant coach in football to Coach Henson starting my sophomore year of high school. He and I connected when I learned that he loved music and that he owned a "real" peddle steel guitar. Whether he could play it, I'm not sure, but he had my attention.

Coach Wigington taught eighth grade math and coached at Forrest for twenty-seven years, starting with Principal Earl Barnes and ending with Dean Delk. He was a coaching success with many winning teams. He had an exceptional middle school football record. His high school girls' basketball teams won regional and sub-state titles and made two trips to play in the state tournament. He was twice named TSSAA Coach of the Year. He regrets that he was not able to coach in the "new gym" because it was built two years after he retired.

Coach Wigington took pride in helping design the FHS insignia: the shield with the large old English "F" in blue and "Chapel Hill" in red letters on a white background. The three stars enclosed in a circle, a replica of the Tennessee state flag, are placed on a red background. The insignia is bordered in blue and the overall appearance of red, white and blue stirs emotion, just as the colors are reminiscent of our nation's flag.

Coach Wigington grew up in Oklahoma and is married to Frances Chrisman Wigington. Shorty Warnick told Tom about her, but it was Larry, her brother, who introduced them at the annual Turkey Supper

at Forrest. They have been married for fifty-one years! Congratulations!

Tom Wigington is eighty-eight years old and is a Navy WWII veteran. He was drafted out of high school. He and Frances have two children, Tommy and Jacque, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Forrest Alumni Association wishes all the Wigington family well!

President John Rickman

FORREST COACH MURREY HOLTON

The Chapel Hill community was saddened upon hearing the news that Murrey Holton died April 15, 2014 at the age of sixty-six. Murrey is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Kris Ezell Holton; three daughters, Elizabeth (Michael) McClaran; Sara (Jerry) Rzemieniewski; Mary (Josh) Williams; sister Charma (Hank) Woosley; brother Tony (Shelia) Holton; and grandchildren, Eliza, Kate, Brigham, Drake, Lillie, and Miller.

Murrey and I were in the same class and we were teammates in football. I recall playing an outstanding Moore County team in the fall of '64 when Murrey, playing linebacker, scooped up a fumbled Moore County pitch out and ran the ball back fifty yards for a Rocket touchdown. We won 14-12 and went on to win the DRVC Championship that year. That play was no doubt significant to our team's conference success.

Murrey will be missed for certain. Hopefully, some of his former players and students will share their favorite memories of Coach Holton in future alumni newsletters.

Johnny

**A SPECIAL INVITATION
FROM PRESIDENT JOHN**

I want to extend an invitation to you to come to our 2014 Forrest Alumni Reunion weekend in Chapel Hill: August 1st and 2nd.

EVENT SCHEDULE

**Alumni Golf Tournament (for scholarships)
Friday 8/1: 1:00 p.m. Horton Park**

**Saturday 8/2: 3:00-6:00 p.m. FHS
Historian Displays, Fellowship, Refreshments**

**Saturday 8/2: 6:00 p.m.
Reunion Dinner FHS cafeteria
(Catfish/barbecue provided by Russell
catering) with a little music on the side!**

Talented organ/keyboards player, Wendell Hartman of Hendersonville, will be providing music prior to and during the reunion this year. Wendell is an experienced entertainer and has a vast repertoire of songs covering yesteryear to the present.

Send in your reservations NOW! Please don't put it off!!!

DAVID COOPER (CLASS OF '77)

We are happy that David Cooper will be our featured speaker at this summer's FHS Alumni Reunion. David received his BS in 1980 from MTSU with a degree in psychology and criminal justice. He graduated from the Nashville School of Law in 1985.

He was an assistant district attorney for Davidson County from 1985 - 1989, an associate with Howell, Fisher and Branham from 1989-1993, a partner in the office of Cannon, Cannon, & Cooper from 1993 - 1999 and has since been sole practitioner in the Law Office of David L. Cooper, PC.

David is a certified trial specialist, has appeared three times before the TN Supreme Court, and numerous times before the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court. Recent awards include Panel Attorney of the Year Criminal Justice Act 2011 and Civil Pretrial Practice Advocacy 2012.

David enjoys reading, backpacking, and running. He climbed Mt. Rainier in 1996 and has completed thirteen marathons, which included the 2006 Boston Marathon.

David and his wife Carolyn have two children: daughter, Hannah; son, Sam; and a granddaughter, Chali. David's proud parents are Carl (Class of '50) and Beverly (Class of '53). We look forward to welcoming David back to Forrest as he shares his memories and experiences with us.

**RALPH OSTEEN (CLASS OF '48)
FHS ALUMNI LEADER**

Ralph Odell Osteen died January 17, 2014. He lived in Brentwood and had worked in the Travelers Insurance Company for thirty-two years before he opened his own agency. Maxine, his wife of fifty-nine years, preceded him in death in 2013. Ralph and Maxine had three children and six grandchildren.

After graduating from Forrest, Ralph attended M.T.S.C. in Murfreesboro where he was captain of the baseball team. Many remember how Ralph and brothers Billy, Don, and Bobby were standouts in baseball, inspiring their younger cousin, major league and World Series pitcher Claude "Mudcat" Osteen.

Ralph is a former president of the FHS Alumni Association. Our condolences go to the Osteen Family and especially to Ralph's sister Betty Jane Osteen Hallum, a member of our association.

FHS ALUMNI DUES

Paying our alumni association dues contributes in so many ways. It defrays the cost of publishing and mailing two newsletters and also pays for our website. Dues money in the general account also pays for these projects of the association: library donations in memory of deceased alumni, updating and replacing class composite pictures, sponsoring the reception at football homecoming recognizing the class celebrating their 25th reunion, and offsetting the costs of our annual alumni banquet. The list is longer of what we have done in the past as alumni---but you get the idea that our dues go a long way. If any monies ever accumulate, they are deposited into the scholarship fund. Please help us continue providing all of the above and more by paying your dues if you are a bit behind. A membership form is in the back of this newsletter. Also, please update any contact information using this form. Let's all "give back" to this school that we love so much---that's why I am a dues paying member. Go Big Blue.

Katie Harris, 931-364-7330

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Sara Elizabeth Burke

Savannah Oliver

Lucas Pruitt

Jason Randolph

Megan Watley

We look forward to meeting these outstanding graduates at the banquet and hearing about their future plans!

SPOTLIGHT SURPRISE!!

It was the year of "let your fingers do the walking" and "please don't squeeze the Charmin". It was the year that Lyndon B. Johnson won the presidency by a landslide and the year that the 'Fab Four' made an appearance on the Ed Sullivan show. A gallon of gas cost 25 cents; a gallon of milk \$1.06, and a 1st class postage stamp was a nickel. The Dixie Cups sang about a "Chapel of Love", Roy Orbison was all about a "Pretty Woman", and the Beach Boys declared "I Get Around". At the movies Goldfinger, Mary Poppins, and the Pink Panther burst on the screen; while at home Bonanza, Bewitched, and Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C. were the three most popular television shows. Have you guessed the year? It was 1964--the year that twenty-one of my classmates and I graduated from Forrest High School.

Nationally, the school year of 1963-64 was a tumultuous one. Troops were sent to Vietnam, the bodies of three young civil rights workers were found in Mississippi, and a million people marched on Washington to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In Chapel Hill, however, these events seemed very far away as we began the fall of our senior year. The football team boasted a record of 5-3-1 behind the leadership of Seniors Jerry Simpson, Steve Perryman, Johnny Chunn, and David Riggs. Nancy Jo Allen, Carol Warnack, Judy Logue, Sue Carolyn Lawrence, and I were football cheerleaders. Homecoming was just a big then as it is now. Classes spent nights working on floats for the big parade on Friday. The Senior Class float was a jeep with cardboard signs displaying our theme, "FHS Safari". I think we spent less than \$2.00 on the float as we were saving money for the Senior Trip to Florida in the spring. In fact, we spent so little money on our float that it ran out of gas in the middle of town. I was honored to be selected as Homecoming Queen by the football team, and Ann Hill was chosen by our class to be the senior attendant.

In November of 1963, national events did touch our town with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas. I will never forget our principal, Mr. Barnes, coming to our typing class to tell us that President Kennedy had been shot. That announcement began a period of mourning not only for the country, but also for the students of Forrest and the Chapel Hill community. We learned, however, that life moves on and we did too.

As basketball season approached ten seniors led the Rockets and Lady Rockets. They were Johnny Chunn, David Riggs, Janis Dowdy, Martha Sheffield, Louise Kincaid, Ann Hill, Sue Carolyn Lawrence, Judy Logue, Ann Collins, and I. Nancy Jo Allen and Carol Warnack were on the basketball cheerleader squad.

In the Who's Who voting, Judy Logue and Johnny Chunn took top honors as Miss Forrest and Bachelor of Ugliness, respectively.

The Senior Trip was always a big event and the 1964 trip was no exception. Along with our sponsors, Mrs. Nancy Powell and Mr. Don Smith, as well as Mr. Howard Scott we set off for five wonderful days in Daytona Beach, Florida. Although it rained during much of that time, memories were made that have lasted these 50 years.

We began 1963-64 as a small class and as we come together again after 50 years, our numbers are even smaller. For those of us who remain, we treasure the time we spend together and the memories that we have shared.

Beth Kerr Chunn
Class of 1964

In the next newsletter, the association wants to honor all those Forrest graduates who have died in the service of the country. If you know of someone who should be included, please call 364-7688 or email ronbrown@united.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The association will once again sponsor the popular alumni basketball game this year. The proposed date is October 25. President Rickman is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee to plan the event. If you are interested in helping out, please call Brenda Brown at 364-7688 and get in on the fun.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FORREST CLASS OF 1989

When I opened the 1989 FORRESTER – "Puttin' on the Hits," I was surprised to realize who was in the Class of '89. Has it REALLY been twenty-five years since you walked the halls of Forrest as students? The pictures on the senior pages of the yearbook show girls with big hair and boys with mullets. Those smiling faces bring back some great memories!

Valedictorian: Gina Edmonson

Salutatorian: Becky Holton

Miss Forrest: Shelly Hill

Bachelor of Ugliness: Tony Whaley

Senior Cheerleaders: Becky Holton, Aleshia Mosely, Gina Edmonson,

Senior Basketball Girls: Carla Coble, Shelly Hill, Dana Petersen, Cindy Todd, Wendy Todd

Senior Basketball Boys: Earl Pitts and Terry York

Senior Wrestlers: Jeff Raymond

Senior Baseball: Kenny Eady, Wade Chumbley, Terry York, Kevin Patin, Dan Sweeney, Jimmy Wayne Walls

Senior Football: Wade Chumbley, Rod Crutcher, Kevin Patin, Jeff Raymond, Jimmy Wayne Walls, Todd Warner, Terry York

Most interesting fact: **THREE SETS OF TWINS!**

Carla and Marla Coble

Melissa and Melinda Hargrove

Cindy and Wendy Todd

My favorite memory: The day Bubba Helmick fell over like a big tree while reciting Marc Anthony's funeral speech from Julius Caesar. It's an all-time favorite story!

I guess it's true: twenty-five years have somehow slipped by, and this year, the Forrest

Alumni Association will be honoring your class at the banquet and again at homecoming. Please come out and join us at both events. I can hardly wait to see what wonderful things you have been doing in the last twenty-five years.

B. Brown

CHAPEL HILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Orion will start construction on the new Intermediate School on or around the 1st of June, 2014. Completion is scheduled for the end of June, 2015 with occupancy occurring the 1st of August, 2015. The school will consist of approximately 59,000 square feet and will include twenty-four (24) classrooms and a full core of support areas. The core size is such that it will accommodate up to fourteen (14) additional classrooms in the future. The school will be the new home for grades 4 thru 6. The footprint of CHIS will be very similar to the Cornersville Elementary School and Oak Grove Elementary School. CHIS will be the first Marshall County school with a sloped metal roof and a geothermal heating and cooling system. CHIS will be built just south of CHES and the two schools will share the same entrance off of 31A.

MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI BOARD:

AS A GRADUATE OF FORREST SCHOOL, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO "PAY IT FORWARD"?

**Jennifer Lynch: Class of 1992
Scholarship Committee Chair**

After teaching 3rd grade for 14 years, I am currently the librarian at Chapel Hill Elementary School. How do I plan to pay it forward? I have grown up and lived all of my life in the small town of Chapel Hill, TN. I always say to my students that I can't think of anywhere I else I would want to be! I truly have considered it a privilege to come back to Chapel Hill after college and begin my

teaching career. My high school principal is now my administrator, and I have even gotten to see my former students graduate and come back to teach by my side at CHES. With that being said, I plan to pay it forward by striving to make a difference in the lives of my students each and every day. How lucky I have been to live in that small town called Chapel Hill and to be a Forrest graduate!

**Mary Etta Whitehead Pratt: Class of '63
Corresponding Secretary**

I am retired from the William County Transportation Department as a bus driver for special education students. Forest High School holds a very special place on my heart. When I reflect upon Forrest School and what it means to me, I am reminded of heritage and deep tradition. As a Forrest High School graduate, I have a sense of pride in both the school and community of Chapel Hill. Pride, heritage and traditions are the three factors that come to mind when I think of Forrest High School.

**David Ghee: Class of '73
Vice-president**

I am presently the project manager for Cabinet Makeovers and serve with the Freedom Ministry -"Helping people with painful pasts." I feel that I've paid it forward by choosing to serve on FHS Alumni council, by attending FHS Alumni events, by reaching out to other alumni, and encouraging increased participation in the organization.

*******Most us feel fortunate to have graduated from Forrest. As a Forrest alumnus, how do you plan to "pay it forward"?**

CHES UPDATE

If you haven't seen Mr. Delk's truck around town lately, you don't want to miss it! The red, white, and blue colors with two

quotes on the truck sums up our year perfectly. “ Mr. Delk is an All-Star Principal! CHES is an All-Star School since 1996!” Chapel Hill Elementary School has had another wonderful school year despite facing the challenges with the implementation of many changes in the state guidelines. CHES had the privilege of awarding 127 Kindergarten students and 117 fifth grade students their graduation diplomas. This has been one of the largest Kindergarten classes to receive diplomas since CHES opened in 1996. In addition to our graduates being honored, Mr. Drew Piper, a fifth grader at CHES in Mrs. Tara Stacey’s class, was named the first ever County Wide Spelling Bee Champion. Drew went on to represent Marshall County and compete in the State Spelling Bee Competition. He tied for fourth place, being the youngest competitor left in the competition. He placed the highest that any Marshall County student has ever placed in the state. Way to go Drew! CHES is proud of all their students and their accomplishments this past school year.

Chapel Hill Elementary School has also welcomed several new faculty and staff members. Mrs. Jennifer Brown Gillespie, a 1996 Forrest Graduate, teaches first grade. She is married to Jonas Gillespie, also a 1996 Forrest Graduate, and they have two sons. Justin and Jacob will be attending Forrest School next year. Miss Lauren Sweeney, a Forrest graduate, joined our staff as a Special Education assistant. Mrs. Angie Rollins teaches Kindergarten. She is married to Shawn Rollins and they have two little girls. Bren is an upcoming first grader at CHES and Bailee is a future Rocketeer. Mrs. Nikki Tuten teaches second grade and comes to us from Coffee County. She is married to Brandon and has two sons, Baylan and Jayron, who both attend CHES. Not only has our CHES faculty and staff grown, but our CHES family also continues to grow. Mrs. Amanda Chilton and her husband, TJ, along with big sisters Ella and Marley are anxiously awaiting the arrival of baby Lincoln. He is expected to arrive in early

June. They are all wonderful additions to our CHES family.

CHES would like to recognize their wonderful parent organization, KIDSS First for assisting and supporting the faculty, staff, and students at CHES. We are very blessed to have such dedicated parents that volunteer their time and hard work to assist CHES in anyway. KIDSS First spent over \$18,000 in their funds to purchase 30 laptops to be used as a COW -Computer on Wheels. These computers have been invaluable in classroom instruction and testing for all the children in the school.

As we look toward the next school year, it will be bittersweet for the faculty, staff, students, and administration. Our once small CHES will begin its last year as a K-5 school. Using every inch of space in the school to house the faculty, staff, and students will be a thing of the past. The groundbreaking for our new Intermediate School begins that will house grades 4-6 has already begun. However, it will be comforting to know that our big brothers and sisters will be right next door. I know that the strong bond that exists between Forrest and CHES will carry over to the new Intermediate School. Mr. Ricky Daugherty, a 1970 Forrest Graduate, heads the project for Orion Construction as the projected date of opening this new school is August 2015.

As always, CHES cordially invites all Forrest Alumni 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 links to various web sites such as Forrest School. Our web site is www.chapel-hill-es.marshall.k12tn.us. We would love to hear from you! Please keep in mind that we have several events for the upcoming school year that you are welcome to attend.

September: Grandparent’s Day

October: Homecoming

November: Veteran’s Day Program and Annual Turkey Supper

March: Read Across America Week

**KNOWN FHS DEATHS:
AUGUST 2013 - APRIL 2014**

Ricky Howell	Tommy Brown
Eddie Blackwell	Lillian C. Leonard
Nora B. Carlton	Mary Sheffield
Anna Ruth Orr London	Ralph Osteen
Sara Ferguson Nelson	Cathy Morgan
Sadie Harber Adgent	Joshua Woody
Reda Davis Ferguson	Darlene Johns
Winfred Perryman	Joy Potts McCall
Donald "Bubba" Joyce	Murrey E. Holton
Jennie Jo McKnight Crane	
Elinor Clay Holman	

**FORREST ALUMNI
ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

When: Saturday - January 31, 2015
Where: Forrest School
Time: Event opens at 6:00 P.M.
 Light meal before game
 Game starts at 7:00 P.M.
What: There will be ten rounds of ten questions. There is no minimum number on a team but there is a maximum of six on each team. A ticket will be given for each dollar donated to the scholarship fund and drawings for door prizes will take place between rounds.
Why: Scholarship Fund
 Call Marion Joyce, Brenda Brown, Beth Chunn, or Johnny Rickman if you would like to donate a door prize or sponsor a team. PLEASE encourage friends and family to participate. You can access an entry form at the following site.
<http://www.forrestalumni.com/upcoming-events.html>
 Or you can fill out the following form and mail it to Marion.

Team# _____

Team Number will be filled in by committee.

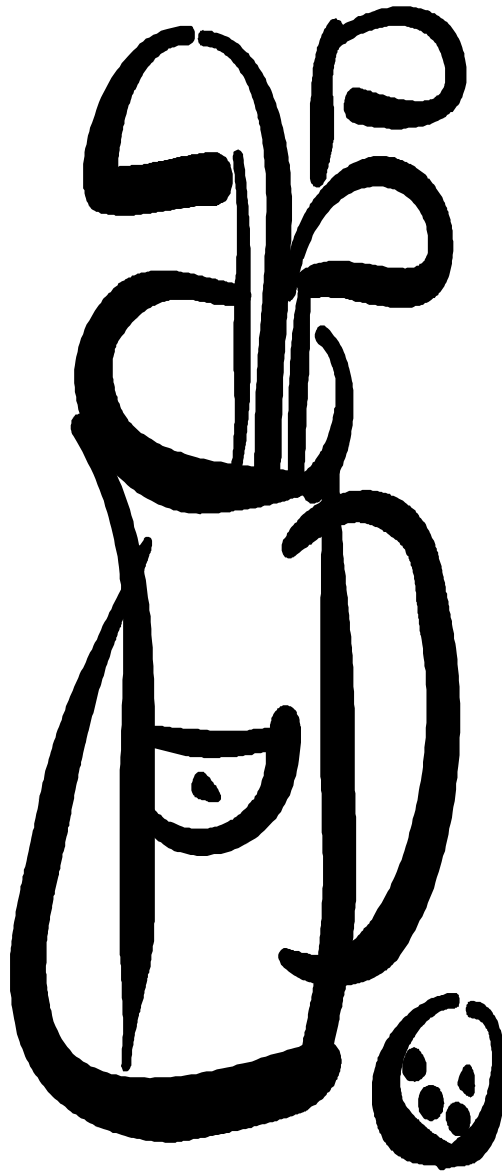
January 31, 2014 Forrest School
Game begins at 7:00 P.M.
Team Members: Maximum of six (6)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Team Contact: Please include phone number. The cost for each team is sixty dollars. There is a maximum of six members per team, but there is no minimum number per team.

Please mail entry form to: Marion Joyce
506 Depot St.
Chapel Hill, TN 37034

Congratulations to Team Smith for winning the 4th Annual Trivia Night. Sam Smith sponsored the team headed by EW and Debbie Hill, Alex and Steffi Frederick, Dottie Morton and her son Bert Morton. They are challenging all comers on January 31, 2105.



**Forrest Alumni
Association**

Johnny Rickman, *President*
jandBRickman@aol.com

Annual
**Forrest
Alumni
Scholarship
Fund**
*Golf
Tournament*



Friday, August 1, 2014

Ellington Golf Course

at

Henry Horton State Park

Friday, August 1, 2014

Shotgun Tee-off: 1:00 P.M.

*Reception for
players, sponsors, and guests
following tournament.*

Please mail entries to: Stacey Cothran, 3577 Coble Road, Lewisburg, TN 37091

Yes, I would like to help the Forrest Alumni Scholarship Fund. Please reserve the following:

Sponsorship:

1 Team Sponsor	\$300
1 Hole Sponsor	\$100
Individual Player	\$75
Mulligan	\$5 each (2 per person)

For more information, contact:

Stacey Cothran
Home: 931-364-7227
Mobile: 615-202-3585
Email: scothran@wm.com

Make Checks Payable To:

Forrest Alumni

Bob Kerr
Home: 615-776-1660
Mobile: 615-714-6117

(Team Contact) Player #1: Total Enclosed \$ _____

Person: _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Player #2:

Person: _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Player #3:

Person: _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Print #4:

Person: _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____