

Marshall County  
School District

# SAVVY

Great Schools, Great People

Faculty & Support Staff Newsletter

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*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
From Everyone at  
Central Office*

Steve Knight

Ruth Etta Buchanan

Shawn Bengtzen     Patty Blevins

Mike Casteel     Beth Cunningham

Karen Frizzell     Sandy Hall

Holly Higgins     Lisa Jarrett

Judy Jones     Jill Morris

Brenda Morris     Lucas Phelps

Paula Powell     Jane Roberts

John David Son     Sandy Swann

Teddy Thompson

## Mid-Year Retirement

**Jane Roberts (Central Office)** will retire December 31 with 36 years of service. She has served as Food Service Director and Title I coordinator in Marshall County for the past 15 ½ years. She began her career teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Hardin Elementary in 1969. She then taught at Sharpe Elementary before moving to Danville and Atlanta. She moved back to Marshall County where she taught at Calvert Elementary and South Elementary before moving to Central Office.



Her family includes her husband Mark, her daughter Deborah Glover who lives in Los Angeles, her step-children Jason Roberts and Lauren (Roberts)

Dowell, and 3 grandchildren, Annie, Joseph, and Victoria. Her daughter-in-law is Annessa Roberts (Sharpe Elementary counselor).

Her retirement plans include obtaining her real estate license, hopefully in January, then going to work for a local realtor.

Thank you, Jane, for all that you have done for the students, faculty, and staff of all Marshall County schools! You will be dearly missed! Enjoy your retirement and may God bless you...

# Holiday Greetings from Your Boss



"To the Faculty and Staff of Jonathan Elementary, I wish you every happiness during this Holiday Season. You give so much of yourselves to the students at Jonathan, and it is my wish for you that you find Joy, Peace, and Contentment during the holidays and throughout the New Year.

Because of you, great things are happening for the students at Jonathan Elementary, and I am truly thankful and honored to be a part of such a caring group of people. I feel blessed to have you as colleagues and friends."

Merry Christmas,

**Pat Gold**

Jonathan Elementary Principal



"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire faculty, staff and students at Marshall County High School for helping to make my transition from North Marshall very painless. I have had the opportunity to work at many of the schools in Marshall County and I can say the employees from all over this district are fantastic! I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season."

God Bless each of you,

**Trent Lovett**

MCHS Principal



"The Technology Department would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the School Technology Coordinators in our district. You always go above and beyond the call of duty, and are a joy to work with. Thank you for all you do and have a great break!"

**John David Son, Teddy Thompson,  
Shawn Bengtzen and Lucas Phelps**  
District Technology Department



**(Tune of Santa Claus is Coming To Town):**

"Oh Sharpe Faculty and Staff  
I think you're really great  
You mean a lot to me  
In fact you're definitely first rate.....  
Oh I'm the luckiest principal.....there is!

I'm doing walk-throughs  
Checking lesson plans,  
Your open response questions  
Have you throwing up your hands.....  
Oh I'm the luckiest principal.....there is!

I see you when you're teaching  
I know when you're irate  
I applaud all the things you do  
Just to see those kids make grades!

Oh Sharpe Faculty and Staff  
I think you're really great  
You mean a lot to me  
In fact you're definitely first rate.....  
Oh I'm the luckiest principal.....there is!

I LOVE YOU GUYS! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Angie Kerrick**

Sharpe Elementary Principal



A Holiday Greeting to all the cooks & cashiers: "Both of us join in saying "Thank You" and wishing you a happy holiday. May peace, joy, hope and happiness be yours during this holiday season and throughout the New Year."

**Jane Roberts**

**Beth Cunningham**

Food Services, Central Office



"My sincere wish for a happy holiday and a safe New Year for all those who work to transport our students safely. We've had a good year! Keep up the good work. Enjoy your Christmas break!"

**John Ward**

Transportation Director



"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the maintenance department staff for a "Job Well Done." You truly make my job easy with the outstanding work ethic that you provide for the schools, their faculty, staff, and most importantly their students. One of my main goals is to provide an environment that will promote academic success to the students enrolled in the Marshall County School System. You are to be commended for the time and continued effort that you put forth in accomplishing that goal. May you and your families have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season."

***Danny Davis***

Maintenance Director



"I am in the middle of my fifth year at MCHS and I still love this job! Why? It is because of the faculty and staff that I have the opportunity to spend time with each day. The character, work ethic, and compassion for teenagers that I witness each day makes this a very special place. I cannot express how much I appreciate the job that you do each day. If I were making a list of wishes for Santa, I would include health and happiness for each of you and your families. May all of you have a wonderful holiday and a fabulously prosperous 2005!"

***Ledonia Williamson***

MCHS Assistant Principal

### ***Funny Bone***

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher replied and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."—submitted by ***Ledonia Williamson (MCHS)***



"Christmas is a time when I think of the special people in my life, of my family, friends, and co-workers with whom I share the holiday season. From the moment I came to Central Elementary, I believed that the real strength of the school was its remarkably talented faculty and staff. That belief is now a conviction. I wish I were able to find the right words to express gratitude for your extraordinary performance and support throughout the year. Thank you to the faculty and staff for your caring and dedicated approach to educating our children. Without this, Central Elementary would not be the special place it is. We do make a difference in the lives of our students, and through them I believe we are making the world a better place for everyone. It is a blessing to work with such an awesome group. I thank God for each of you and for the positive influence you have on our children. I wish for you a joyous holiday with your family and friends. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"

***Cindy Barlow***

Central Elementary Principal

## **O Christmas Tree**

This Christmas tree was donated to MCHS by the Calvert City Methodist Church with the assistance of Holly Nursery. It is believed to be the largest tree ever displayed in the school. It was decorated by art teacher ***Sharon Brown (MCHS)*** and her students.



## Christmas Gifts to Remember

Several employees were asked to describe their best, worst, or most humorous Christmas gift

"My best Christmas present ever arrived two days after Christmas in 1994--my youngest daughter Alexa Jordan, better known as Lexie!--submitted by **Janet McCrory (South Middle)**

"The wooden desk with the little pegs that you hammered in the holes on the inside and drew with chalk on the outside was pretty great. I remember waking my parents hammering those pegs on Christmas morning. My Cabbage Patch Kid and Atari (I especially liked the game, Pitfall.) were pretty great, too."—submitted by **Annessa Roberts (Sharpe Elementary counselor)**

"My husband always purchases a book for me for Christmas. One year, I thought he had forgotten to get me a book, so I said to him that after Christmas I would like for us to get a bible with our names on it. Just after I said that to him, he handed me a package – what was it? A bible! I had no idea he knew that I wanted one for us."—submitted by **Kim Anderson (Benton Elementary)**

\*\* Kim's husband is **Todd Anderson (Benton Middle)**

"The best Christmas gift I've received would have to be my engagement ring. With that came a wonderful husband and son."—submitted by **Kim Morgan (MCHS)**

"The first year that I taught first grade, a little boy gave me a gift that he had obviously wrapped himself. When I opened the gift, I found a pair of earrings inside. I could tell that they were a used pair of earrings. Of course I went on and on about how beautiful they were and put them on. At the end of the day as the children were leaving for Christmas break, the little boy told me he'd have to have the earrings back. It turned out that he had to have them back as they belonged to his mother. That was a gift that lasted the least amount of time, but one that I remember the most."—submitted by **Chris Sutt (Calvert Elementary)**



"My husband usually waits until the very last minute to get my Christmas present. One year he waited until the night before and went to Paducah shopping for me. He ran into a store and found a salesperson and asked her to show him some sweaters. She picked out a couple and he wanted to know which one she liked the best. She picked the pink one. That's the one he decided to buy. He got it wrapped, brought it home, and put it under the tree. We opened presents and as I opened mine, he watched to see if I liked what he picked out. He kept saying, "You don't like it, do you? If you don't like it, you can take it back." I told him that I liked it, but he really didn't believe me, so I got up and went to my closet. I came back and in my hand was the same sweater he had picked out. I told him that I really did like the sweater, but I liked paying around ten dollars for it, not the forty dollars he paid. Since then he has gotten a little better about not waiting until the last minute to do his Christmas shopping."—submitted by **Janet Dietsch (Calvert Elementary)**

"*Christmas in July* is a phrase we're all quite familiar with, but I had *Christmas in January* last year. As many of you know, my younger daughter, Beth, got married in May of 2003 and she and her husband, Josh, left in August of that year to spend the next ten months in Wuhan, China as missionaries. As Christmas neared, Beth told me, very apologetically, that they had failed to get the Christmas packages coming to the States in the mail in time for them to get here before Christmas. She was sure though, the packages would arrive by mid-January. She went on to tell me that their university would have a month of semester break near the end of January and first part of February and that she and Josh were going to take advantage of the time off to travel around Southeast Asia. She sent me an itinerary the night before they were to depart. They were going to Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand...I was thrilled that they were going to get to see more of the world. Even though the itinerary was a bit vague, I was comfortable knowing they

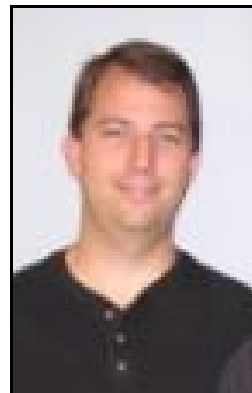
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would be traveling with other American friends. This was on Sunday night before their departure on Monday. I knew that I probably wouldn't hear from them for several days, so I settled in and made myself be okay with this. I had basically forgotten about the Christmas package that was to arrive sometime during the month of January. After all, Christmas is for kids, isn't it? However, three days later, at church, as I waited to begin my Wednesday night Bible class my Christmas package did arrive unexpectedly. A young lady walked around the hallway corner as I stood waiting at my classroom door. It didn't register at all, and my first thought was, "Oh, my, that girl looks a lot like Beth," and then "Oh, that can't be Beth" , to "Oh, my goodness, that IS Beth!" I was absolutely speechless....just stunned. She was supposed to be in a jungle or pagoda or rice paddy in Southeast Asia, but she was in a church building with me in Calvert City! When my confusion cleared, the tears began to flow and the squeals and hugs began, too. She and Josh had made travel plans in November to come home and had kept it a secret from all the parents and family all that time. It was one wonderful late Christmas package in January!"—submitted by **Nancy Irwin (Sharpe Elementary)**

### ***Funny Bone***

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.'" A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."—submitted by **Ledonia Williamson (MCHS)**

## ***Spotlight***



### ***Shawn Bengtzen*** ***District Computer Technician***

**Wife:** Lisa (11 years)

**Son:** T.C. (9)

**Daughters:** Lauren (7), Emily (5)

**High School:** Fontana, CA (1989)

**Hometown:** Salt Lake City, UT

**College:** Brigham Young University

**Church:** Mormon

**Years experience:** 2 years in current job; 7+ years in other computer-related work

**Hobbies and Interests:** Computers, extremely amateur woodworking, motorcycles (sport bikes)

**Favorite book:** anything written by Isaac Asimov

**Favorite soft drink:** Red cream soda

**Favorite movie:** The Day the Earth Stood Still

**Favorite band:** Def Leppard

**Favorite food:** pizza (with NO vegetables)

**Favorite restaurant:** Los Amigos

**Favorite superhero:** Zorro

**Favorite cartoon:** Johnny Bravo

**Favorite vacation spot:** San Francisco

**Favorite childhood memory:** Getting up early on a Saturday to ride up the canyon on my motorcycle and have breakfast overlooking the lake.

**What do I love most about my job?** I love finally having a job that relates to my hobbies and doesn't require a lot of late nights and weekends that take me away from my family.

# MC-bay

NOTE: MC-bay is for district employees only! The item will appear in two consecutive newsletters. Only home phone numbers may be submitted.

Include your name, school/site, home phone number, description of item and price.

To submit an item, send an email to [ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us](mailto:ljarratt@marshall.k12.ky.us) or call 527-8628.

- ☆ 10" Sub Punch Box & speakers (2), \$50. 4 new 295/50 – 16 BF Goodrich Radial tires & 4- NewStyle fivestar Ultra wheels (fits '97 to current year F150's), \$ 500. Contact **Laura Powell (Benton Elementary lunch cashier)** at 527-3006.
- ☆ 1999 Dodge Intrepid, excellent condition, 105,xxx miles. \$3,500. Contact **Esther Ford (retired MCHS---actually, just tired!!!)** at 527-3386 after 5:00 pm.
- ☆ 1999 Nissan truck, loaded, 1-owner, 4WD, 83,xxx miles, gray/silver, \$8,000. Contact **Jill Morris (Central Office)** at 251-0747.

## Extra Mile Nomination

**"Ashli Gore (Benton Middle), Marti Walsh (Benton Middle), and Michelle Edmonds (Benton Elementary cook)**--All three went above and beyond the call of duty as they helped me host the Kentucky Colonel's 6th Grade Academic Showcase at Benton Middle on Dec. 4. Marti served as contest manager and was very sick during the competition yet drove in from Paducah where she lives to fulfill her duty as Showcase manager. Ashli Gore, with 2 small kids at home, chose to give up her time tending to them to come to run the concession stand during the Showcase. The fact she chose to help out the academic team when she didn't have to speaks volumes about her character and sense of teamwork.



Finally, Michelle Edmonds worked very hard to coordinate the hospitality room at our Showcase. She, with the help of some of our other parents, contacted various businesses to get them to donate barbecue, pizza, etc. I will never forget the hard work that these three individuals put in on Dec. 4th. These three are the epitome of teamwork."—submitted by **Chris Harvey (Benton Middle)**

## Correction to Baby Name

Last week's SAVVY included the new granddaughter of one of our employees, but the name was submitted incorrectly. Her name is Brooke Ashton Larimer. Mike Casteel is going to need a Rolodex, I mean his PDA (let's get with the new technology here), just to keep up with all these new names. And, he is over 50 so the memory is fading somewhat anyway... Can you imagine him and Burneda having to play Santa this year? Oh my goodness...

## Funny Bone

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that the whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."—submitted by **Ledonia Williamson (MCHS)**

## *Kenneth Shadowen Performing Arts Center Schedule of Events*

Date	Event	Time
Dec 16	MCHS Band concert (Mike Colvett, Ronnie Payton)	7:00 pm
Dec 18	Handel's Messiah—Marshall County Commission for the Arts (George Milam)	7:00 pm

### Marshall County Teachers' Federal Credit Union ARE YOU A MEMBER ??????????



Many people come in the credit union office and say *I didn't know you were here or I didn't know that the credit union even existed.*

Established in 1972, it is available to all full-time MCBOE employees, their spouses, and school-age children. Savings accounts, personal loans, and lines of credit are offered.

Savings accounts can be opened for as little as \$5. All savings deposits and loan payments are payroll deducted. Dividends are paid quarterly on all savings accounts with at least a \$200 balance. Three loan specials are offered each year: Spring, Back-to-school, and holiday. Up to \$5000 may be borrowed @ 8% during these loan specials. The membership is currently slightly over 300 (about half of the employees). All accounts are NCUA insured.

Your credit union is open three afternoons a week. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 till 5:00. The office is located across from the high school campus entrance on 641. Board of directors include: John Ward, Jill Morris, Karen Frizzell, Bill Kunnecke, Evelyn Lane and Barbara Sloan.

***Come see us and let us help you with your savings and personal loan needs.***

#### Holiday Hours

**The Credit Union will be open  
on December 20, 22, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Regular office hours will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# Job Opportunities

<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Post Date</i>
Director, Performing Arts Center	District	5/28/04
Program Specialist, Performing Arts Center Part-time	District	5/28/04
Middle School Girls Head Soccer Coach	District	6/1/04
Bus Driver	District	7/26/04
Bus Monitor	District	8/3/04
Tennis Coach	MCHS	8/19/04
Assistant Tennis Coach	MCHS	8/19/04
Chess Coach	One per Elementary School	8/30/04
Principal	North Marshall Middle School	10/19/04
Writing Coach (2 hrs/wk for 10 weeks) January-March	1-2 per school	11/22/04
Pre-school teacher Beginning January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2005	Benton Elementary	11/23/04
Secretary	Calvert Elementary	12/3/04
Instructional Assistant, 3.5 hrs/day, Pre-school Beginning January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2005	Benton Elementary	12/3/04
English teacher, ½ day Spring semester	MCHS	12/10/04
ESS Teacher, Part-time 4 half days, 1 full day per week	Benton Elementary	12/10/04

Applicants within the district should submit a letter of interest, resume, and two letters of reference.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

Marshall County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services