

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPRECIATION BANQUET HONORS TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

By Ron Barry

Twenty-four individuals were saluted for outstanding achievements as the Crockett County Board of Education celebrated its annual Appreciation Banquet Thursday night with a dinner at the Old Country Store in Jackson.

The Board honored the Teacher of the Year recipients from the Crockett County School District's five schools, with three of them also gaining recognition as System-Wide Teachers of the Year for their respective age groups; 12 additional teachers who were awarded tenure; and five teachers who are retiring at the end of the school year. The Principal of the Year and the Supervisor of the Year were also celebrated.

The Teachers of the Year were Lori Shelton, who instructs English 4 at Crockett County High School; Jennifer Baker, a seventh-grade ELA teacher at Crockett County Middle School; Teresa Craig, a fourth/fifth grade teacher at Friendship Elementary School; Lindsey Massey, a fourth/fifth grade math/science instructor at Maury City Elementary School; and Chelsea Denton, who teaches first grade at Gadsden Elementary School. Denton (Pre-K through 4), Massey (5-8), and Shelton (9-12) were additionally selected as System-Wide Teachers of the Year.

Recipients of tenure were Ellary Brewster, Beth Crider, Ashley Moore, Josh Holt, Gayla Mayfield, Susie Randall, Carl Branson, Ali Butner, Marsha White, Laura Ann Nanney, Kellie Haywood, and Cindy Nolen.

The five new retirees honored were Kelvin Bain, Wayne Carroll, Beth Crider, Deborah Kelso, and Tammy Womack.

Crockett County Middle School's Becky Winegardner was feted as Principal of the Year, and Assistant Director of Schools Jared Foust was honored as Supervisor of the Year.

Director of Schools P. A. Pratt welcomed all the honorees and presented the awards for Principal and Supervisor of the Year, while school principals handled the presentations for Teachers of the Year, tenure recipients, and retiring personnel. The Appreciation Banquet was organized by Judy Hoover, the CCSD Director of Instruction, Curriculum, and Assessment.



Above: Jennifer Baker: CCMS Teacher of the Year. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Chelsea Denton: Gadsden Elementary & System-Wide PreK-4 Teacher of the Year. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Teresa Craig: Friendship Elementary Teacher of the Year. (Photo by Ron Barry)



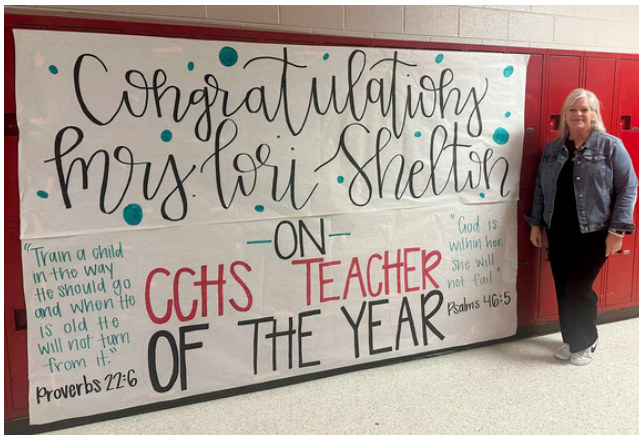
Left: Lindsey Massey: Maury City Elementary & System-Wide 5-8 Teacher of the Year. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Becky Winegardner: Principal of the Year, from CCMS. (photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Jared Foust: Supervisor of the Year. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Lori Shelton: CCHS & System-Wide 9-12 Teacher of the Year.