

Arts at PHS: A Tradition of Excellence

ART

Exhibits:

- *Selfportrait Competition*: received First and Third place awards
- *Wood County Youth Art Month Exhibit*: received Best of Show and 10th Grade First and Third place, 11th Grade Third Place
- WV Three-Dimensional Exhibit at Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia. All three artworks sent from Wood County were PHS students
- WV Dept. of Education arts showcase *Arts Alive*: Logo Design and Banner divisions won by PHS students

Community Outreach:

- Empty Bowls Project, creating bowls to raise money for food pantries
- Classes painted PHS library walls, holiday music backdrop scene for stage, and decorations for annual Winter Snowball Dance
- Participation in Craft 2000 Iron Crafter Competition
- Art Institute of Pittsburgh presentation for art classes
- Field trip for art majors to WV Juried Art Exhibit
- Artwork for Wood Whispers and The Journal

BAND

Concerts and performances

- December Concert and Spring Concert
- Participation in All- State Band and Orchestra
- Five students selected for WVU Honors Band
- Student participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Participation in the Oil and Gas Festival, with a First place in Parade
- Participation in Viking Festival in Ripley

Outreach to Community

- Arbor Day Festivities
- Relay for Life
- Car show on front campus with 103 cars participating

CHOIR

Performances and Honors

- Annual Christmas and Spring Concert, featuring A Cappella, Chamber, Men's and Women's Ensembles - Christmas performance with the WV Symphony at the Clay Center in Charleston
- Heritage Festival Choral Competition in Philadelphia, winning Grand prize
- Chamber Choir selected to sing at Governor's Mansion at Christmas

- 13 selected for Ohio University Honor Choir
- 18 selected for All-State Chamber Choir
- Chamber Choir selected as a demonstration group for the American Choral Directors Conference in Louisville, KY
- Participation in All-State Chorus and Solo and Ensemble
- Men's octet and Brent Cox, soloist, selected for Honor's recital at state convention

New for next year

- Music Building completely renovated and redesigned
- Freshman Choir added to the curriculum for 2008-2009

DRAMA, SPEECH AND DEBATE

- Spring show in April: "Check Please, Take Two" and "The Empty Chair"
- Participation at WV Thespian Festival
- New members inducted into National Thespian Society
- Three students representing PHS at National Speech Tournament in Wisconsin
- PHS awarded fifth place in the State Speech Tournament

Big Red Sports ~ "School of Champions"

Parkersburg High School, known as the "School of Champions," captured the best overall athletic program award from the Mountain State Athletic Conference.

Football: It took 103 years, but PHS finally achieved back-to-back state championships with a 22-15 win over St. Albans. The 13-1 Big Reds claimed the school's 11th state title, tying with defunct Ceredo-Kenova for the most state titles.

Five players were named to the all-state team. Coach Bernie Buttrey's team won 27 of 28 games over the last two seasons. The graduating seniors never lost a game at Stadium Field.

Boys' Soccer: Finishing the season 20-3-1, the Big Reds of Coach Don Fosselman lost the regional championship game to Hurricane, 3-1. Three players earned first team all-state honors.

Girls' Soccer: An epic contest saw the Big Red girls lose a heartbreaking state championship match to Hurricane 2-1. After battling through regulation and two

overtimes tied at 1-1, the two teams went into what would be the longest shootout in state history as both teams scored on the first 12 kicks. On attempt number 13, Hurricane scored but the Big Reds were not successful. Six girls were selected first team all-state. Coach Mike Lockney was honored as Coach of the Year.



Boys' Cross Country: Coach Larry Games' team finished 11th at the state meet.

Girls' Cross Country: At the state meet the girls finished in 10th place.

Volleyball: Capturing its 11th state title, Coach Carl Harnish's Big Reds downed Musselman in the title match. One player was named first team all-state.

Wrestling: Repeating as state AAA champions, the Big Reds won their 21st title

with four individual titlists.

Girls' Basketball: First year Coach Kenny DeMoss saw his team finish 6-17, including a sectional loss to South, who went on to win the AAA title.

Boys' Basketball: While Coach Jeff Mennillo's team finished 6-18, one of those wins came against eventual state champion, Beckley's Woodrow Wilson.

Tennis: The girls won their 16th state AAA title. The boys came in 3rd. They are coached by Pam Reeves

Crew: Three boats qualified for the National Championships in Oak Ridge, TN.

Baseball: With a 11-12 record, the Big Reds lost to Parkersburg South in sectional play.

Swimming: Combined teams finished 3rd at state finals. Four individual state records set.

Track: With 27 teams competing, PHS girls finished 6th and boys 13th at AAA state finals.



The Parkersburg High School Foundation

Alumni Journal

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Spring 2008

Welcome to the second PHS Alumni Journal published by the PHS Foundation. Many changes have taken place recently at PHS and I am sure you will enjoy reading about the school and taking a tour of the renovated building. It may look the same on the outside, but it has been greatly updated on the inside.

To support Parkersburg High School in many facets of educational services, the PHS Foundation was created in 1988. The goal was to create an endowment large enough to support an array of projects from the income alone, both now and well into the future. Over \$100,000 has been earmarked for projects over the past 20 years. Those include Teacher Incentive Awards for programs that benefit students, renovations of classrooms, bathrooms and the auditorium, and purchasing of computers, software and security equipment.

To accomplish our goal and to continue our projects, we hope you will help us with a contribution. The PHS Foundation is maintained within the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation. Your contributions, large or small, are clearly the "lifeblood" of our organization and your unselfish gift will be meaningful to the next generation of young students pursuing excellence in education.

If you would like to continue to receive the Alumni Journal, please let us know by email: martin1@suddenlink.net. We sincerely want to hear from you and look forward to seeing you at a reunion.

*Catherine Breckenridge Martin '62
Chairman, PHS Foundation*

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PHS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Standing: Bob Marshall '61, Steve Grimm '69, Dan Wharton '59, Jean Singer '59, principal Ralph Board '73, Cathy Martin '62, John Hushion '75, Jack Stephens '46, Bill Richardson Jr. '70; seated: Barbara Kight '38, Charlotte Potter '56, Dave Nohe '70, Edwin Dils '40, Jeff Thomas '74, Sue Steinbeck '68. Absent: Tom Neale '44

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Alumni,

What a year! It has been one of the fastest I can ever remember since I began as principal five years ago. Although it has been a fast year, it has also been a very rewarding year.

The construction project is coming along very nicely. We have completed approximately 80 percent of the project as of this writing. Both of the wings are completed along with the new office complex and Guidance Center. The music building is almost completed and the auxiliary gymnasium will hopefully be completed by the middle of August. At a Wood County Board of Education meeting, the board adopted a proposal to name the new conference room in honor of Mr. Edwin Dils and the new auxiliary gymnasium in honor of Mr. Jack Stephens. I cannot think of two finer supporters of Parkersburg High School or our community in general. I believe this is a fitting tribute to two men who have done so much for so many.

On Mother's Day the Local School Improvement Council recognized the

179 students who have maintained a 3.75 GPA for the first three nine weeks this school year. This is a tremendous accomplishment. As well, the PHS/DuPont partnership recognized 15 seniors who have maintained a 4.0 GPA or higher for their four years of high school. This is the third year we have had this program and it has become a very special evening.

I want to thank the PHS Foundation for all the support they have given our school over the past year. The Foundation has funded classroom grants, helped with upgrades to the facility, and are helping with the Big Red Camp.

Finally, let me invite each of you to the dedication of our new facilities at an Open House, Oct. 19 from 2-4 p.m. We think you'll be pleased with the improvements and additions. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always,

Ralph S. Board '73

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Students, Faculty in the News

Nine students were selected to the **WV ALL-STATE CHORUS**. Evan Cottle, Natasha Cottrell, Drew Doering, Lauren Games, Holly Gibson, CJ Mowery, Alex Roberts, Lindsey Sinclair, and Carson Smith performed at the State Music Educators Conference in Wheeling. Selected for the state **HONORS RECITAL** were soloist Brent Cox and Men's Ensemble members Cottle, Joshiah Dailey, Doering, Mowery, Ben Noffsinger, Roberts, and Smith.

Chosen as winners in **Wood Whispers**, Wood County Schools' literary magazine, were Daniel Edwards, Anna Hamrick, Kathleen Kafka, Brittany Lilly, Valerie Price, Chelsea Sams, and Kimberly Vogeding.

At the **WOOD COUNTY ART SHOW**,

David Kaltenbecker won best of show. Other winners were Tyler Brown, Amber Bunner, and Emma Romanowski.

At the **WVU HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM COMPETITION**, award winners were Olivia Carroll, Nick Gyongyosi, and Alle Settle.

Achieving **NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST** status were seniors Kathleen Kafka and Carson Smith.

Athletes achieving special recognition were **JOSH JENKINS**, *Parade* All-American football team, U. S. Army All-American Bowl, and first three year all-state selection since the legendary Ross McHenry; **TIM PHILLIPS**, selected for the Junior National Olympic Team that competed in Australia; and **ANDY THOMAS**, the state's second

Alumni in the News

• Drama teacher Connie Brant, '65 returned to the drama classroom after a year off due to two strokes. She retired in the spring.

• Edwin Dils '40 and Jane Dils '40 were featured in the Parkersburg News on Valentine's Day. Ed and Jane have been married for 61 years.

• Michael Shouldis '75 and Jean D'Aquila '75 have opened a new restaurant in the former Windmill Restaurant on Ann Street next to Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital.

• Bobby Pierce '99 is a pastry chef at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Orlando, FL.

• Josh Jenkins '08 will play football for the Mountaineers in Morgantown this fall.

• Dave Nohe '70 will be seeking his fourth term as mayor of Vienna.

• Matt Lindamood '08 has been nominated as an Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year for 2007.

• Nanette Seligman '74, PHS art teacher, was named 2007 West Virginia Secondary Art Educator of the Year.

• Members of the class of '54, "The Golden Girls," continued their annual get together in Marietta and Parkersburg. They have met in New York City, Las Vegas, Orlando, and other places.

• Matt "Doc" Lambert '89 is an ER doctor at Fairmont (WV) General Hospital. He also enjoys writing and playing music. He has recorded several CD's which have been released.

• The class of '42 held its last organized reunion in August 2007 at Lakeview Estates. Although this is their last reunion, they still plan to get together informally.

• Chris Santiago '02, a Marine, returned

from Iraq and has taken a job in Los Angeles, CA. Although he was severely injured, Chris has not been slowed by his recovery. We are very proud of what he has done for his country.

• Charley Richards '73 is the owner of Absolutely Natural Skin Care, a sun protection and tanning product company based in Melbourne, FL.

• Class of '67 celebrated their 40th reunion with a four hour cruise on the Ohio River with 386 class members present.

• Ed Dils '40 was honored as Parkersburg's 2007 Citizen of Year.

• Andrew Lowers '07 is the Marshall University mascot, Marco. Andrew was the Big Red Indian during his three years at PHS.

• Dr. Aloysius "Scoop" Davis III '69 is medical director for Behavioral Health Network in Springfield, MA.

• Dr. Pete Robinson '89 is a cardiologist in Springfield, MA.

• Pam Florence Brandon '71 has written "The Unofficial Guide to Florida" and "The Unofficial Guide to Florida with Kids." She was senior publicist for Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

• Janis Archer McCracken '64 won an award at the 44th National Juried Exhibition for the Sumi-e Society of America in Long Island, NY in September 2007.

• Steve Grimm '69 received the William P. A. Nicely Award for Lifetime Achievement in Public Service in 2007. Steve will retire as the Wood County assessor in January 2009.

• Former PHS Principal Steve Summers (1988-99) died suddenly Dec. 5, 2007.

four time state wrestling champion.

Math teacher **MARY WRIGHT** received the Arch Coal Golden Apple award.

The Siemens Foundation recognized the **PHS ADVANCED PLACEMENT MATH AND SCIENCE** programs as being among the **TOP 50** in the United States. A \$1,000 check was given to the teachers involved.

Science teacher **JOYCE DUVALL** was among 24 teachers selected for the Institute of International Education sponsored by Toyota for starting an Environmental Club at PHS.

Red Wings went to New York City in December to participate in a workshop with the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

What's New at PHS?

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Chinese will be offered as a world language class.
- Ninth graders move into PHS in August.
- Automated phone system lets parents know of upcoming events, child's school absence.
- State-of-the-art science wing and new cafeteria built beside library.
- Administrative offices moved to former cafeteria space.
- New conference room named for Edwin L. Dils.
- Guidance offices moved to former main office area.
- Hallways boast new ceilings, lighting, and lockers.
- New security system installed for entire campus.
- Music building renovated.
- New auxiliary gym built behind Field House, named for Jack Stephens.

PHS Foundation Scholarships

Five scholarships established in honor of alumni are administered by the PHS Foundation and were awarded at the Awards Ceremony on May 22.

• The **Ella Adair Roberts Award** honors Ella Miller Adair, class of 1914, established in 2007 by her late daughter Katherine Adair Roberts. The scholarship is awarded to a promising student in drama and English.

• The **Wade Hampton McLean Football Award** honors the late 1941 graduate and was created by his wife, Joy L. McLean, a 1956 graduate. The award established in 2006 is given annually to an outstanding member of the football team with high qualities of personal character and team leadership.

• The **Jack H. Rector Capital Improvement Fund** honors Gene Rector Rouse, class of 1939, and Jack H. Rector,

class of 1945. The fund may be used for capital improvements at PHS only.

• The **J. Madison Jackson Scholarship-Athletic Award** has been awarded since 1929, although the PHS Foundation didn't assume responsibility for the award until 2003. The prize is presented annually to three students, two boys lettering in a major sport with the highest academic average among male athletes and one girl outstanding in sports and holding the highest academic average among female athletes.

• Established in 1928, the **Blubaugh a Prize** is awarded to three outstanding athletes, two boys and one girl. The fund was conveyed to the PHS Foundation in 2003.

All five scholarships are administered and invested with the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation.

Teachers Awarded Foundation Grants

Seven teachers have been awarded **\$7000 in PHS Foundation Grants** for classroom projects that are curricular, co-curricular, or extra curricular in nature.

Receiving money this year are:

• **Millicent Stoneking** for the purchase of an interwrite school pad and computer projector to enhance math lessons and actively engage students in the learning process.

• **Linda Nulter** for materials and supplies for a "scarecrow" class project in craft classes. Funds will pay for a demonstration by an area crafter.

• **Chris Henry** for a LCD projector and cordless optical air mouse and keyboard to

enable history students to better view class power presentations. The equipment will especially benefit learning disabled students.

• **Dan White** for replacement of dated and out-of-tune Herald trumpets for the Big Red Band.

• **Debra File** for purchase of abridged reading texts and materials that will benefit special education students.

• **Gayla Hickle** for Wii console for special education students to improve dexterity and balance and promote adult independence.

• **Heather Gates-Rusher** for a laptop computer and license for journalism and yearbook classes.

PHS Class Reunion Information

Class reunions are an excellent opportunity for alumni to learn about the PHS Foundation. Last summer the classes of '40, '47, '57, '62, '67, and '72 heard from the Foundation reunion committee members Jean Singer, John Hushion, Steve Grimm, Cathy Martin, Dan Wharton and Charlotte Potter. As a result, several classes chose to give the Foundation a gift while others chose to give individually. The donations provide funding for the important needs of PHS students, teachers, and facilities.

If your class is interested in learning more about the PHS Foundation, please contact the school, 420-9595 or the **Reunion Chairman, Jean Singer**, 295-8798 to arrange for a speaker to visit your reunion or reunion committee or to arrange a tour of the building.

Donations may be made payable to PHS Foundation Inc. and mailed to Parkersburg High School Foundation, Parkersburg High School, 2101 Dudley Ave., Parkersburg, WV 26101.

PHS Reunions for Summer of 2008
1948 - May 30-31 (Joe Howard 422-7947)
1958 - July 18-19 (Jean Curry 295-4890)
1963 - Sept 5-6 (Ann Winger 485-4116)
1968 - Aug 30-31 (Debbie Foley 485-3000)
1973 - July 18-19 (Greg Huffman 704-564-7380, Jackie Walters 863-3479)
1978 - July 11-12 (Marta Bailey 295-8778)
1983 - July 26 (Jon Davis 428-3000, Mike Azinger 295-6711)
1988 - July 4-5 (Kim Griffey 422-7262, Kristen Minnite 295-6841)

PHS Dedication & Open House • Oct. 19, 2008 • 2 - 4 p.m.

2nd Edition of Alumni Directory Completed

The second edition of the Parkersburg High School Alumni Directory has been completed and the purchased copies are currently being mailed. The first ever edition was published and circulated in 2003. The current directory contains information on 33,245 graduates. The PHS Foundation continues to support the directory solely to provide another source of communication for alumni who might wish to stay in contact. Sales have concluded and the window of opportunity to purchase a 2008 Directory has now closed. It is anticipated that information will begin to be assimilated for the 2012 directory in the fall of 2010 and sales for that directory should begin the following year. The most recent edition was marketed in both hard and soft bound copies and a CD-ROM was also available.

The Directory sales have become a source of income for the Foundation as Harris Connect pays \$2 to the Foundation for each book sold. However, funds do not begin until sales have exceeded a minimum of 4.99 percent of the number of graduates listed in the directory. The current directory yielded \$622 as 1,970 units were sold. This exceeded the minimum by 311. Should you find that you have not been included in the current directory, or that your information is incorrect, please call Foundation member Bob Marshall at 304-295-8575.

Big Red Camp

Now in its fourth summer, the **Big Red Camp** assists identified "at risk" incoming students in need of help in the areas of academic, attendance, or discipline. Funded by the PHS Foundation and **alumnus John Badger**, the one day camp provides 25 students with an opportunity to get a head start on their high school careers. This summer, both incoming ninth and tenth graders will be selected as PHS prepares for the inclusion of ninth graders in the fall.

During camp students meet with administrators, counselors, and selected students to learn about school activities, facilities, and rules. Students also receive their schedules and visit their respective classrooms to become more familiar with their expected daily routine. In addition each receives a book bag, school supplies, and tee-shirt. During the year the students meet periodically with Mrs. Jean Wilson, English teacher and camp originator.