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Built for the Future

BY BARBARA PARKINS, SUPERINTENDENT

The recent school board election resulted in two new members, Tom Dadey and Dan Tomak, and the re-election of three current members, Raymond 'Archie' Arcurio, Eugene 'Gene' Pentz, and Kimberly Murray. I would like to welcome the new members to the board and congratulate the re-elected members. I look forward to working with you all.

Our board, led by President Richard Unger, has provided the vision and support to enable our students, parents, teachers, and administration to work together to continually improve our district.

As you know from past issues of Trojan Times and other media reports, the results have been nothing short of dramatic. Our student achievement scores at the

high school increased 23% in math and 21% in reading on this year's test and we met AYP.

In addition, our 8th grade scores were in the highest quartile in the state of Pennsylvania. In other words, our 8th graders scored in the highest 20% of all students tested!

Our goal as a team—board, students, parents, teachers and administration—should be to build upon these remarkable successes to make Greater Johnstown School District the best it can be now and into the future.

I challenge you all to continue your fine efforts in creating a true learning environment throughout the district. Your work ensures that we 'leave no child behind' and provide our students with the tools they need to succeed in the future.

East Side Stories

Veterans Salute: The sixth annual Greater Johnstown School District Veterans Day Breakfast was a huge success on Nov. 8 at East Side. More than 140 members of the Cambria County Veterans Association attended the event.

Johnstown students and student-athletes served breakfast to the veterans, and then entertained the large group that included Rep. Edward Wojnarowski of Johnstown.

Miss Thiele's high-achieving reading classes in grades 3, 4 and 5 read historical reports associated with Veterans Day and paid tribute to the men and women who served our country.

Hunter Dryzal recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sadie Critz and Zoe Betts performed the National Anthem.

Kyle DeFrehn, Shiann Malcolm and Shyheim Smith were narrators for the Salute to Armed Forces that included tributes to each branch of the services.

Essence Gunby and Joey Critz wore U.S. Army attire during their presentation. Following suit were Jessica Kinley and Kohl Henry in U.S. Navy garb, Hannah Fleck and Kane Stiffey in U.S. Marines attire, and Kassidi Kabler and Joseph Pannone in U.S. Air Force uniforms. Shyheim Smith remembered veterans during a special reading.

Students Michael Stiffler and Laura Stibich played Taps.

Statewide Ride: East Side fourth grader Kyle Custer placed 15th in Pennsylvania during a statewide BMX dirt bike championship held in South Park. To advance to the state event, Kyle had to perform well at qualifiers in Johnstown and Erie. Kyle's home track is Highland Park, where he ranks fourth in his age group.



GJSD was presented an award by the Conemaugh Valley Veterans for their continued support through the Veterans Day Breakfast. Pictured are Cambria County Veterans Association member Tom Caufield, state Representative Edward Wojnarowski, board President Richard Unger and Superintendent Barbara Parkins.

Bowling Along: East Side fourth grader LesPaul Buchko received a national honor for his performance in the annual Greek Catholic Union Bowling Tournament. LesPaul won the age 8-9 age group with a 189, the highest score in all ages, including high school students. His scores in the district competition also won the national tournament.

Halloween March: East Side's annual Halloween parade was held on sunny Halloween afternoon on Oct. 31. From the preschool to kindergarten

through fifth grade, students dressed as ghosts, ghouls and goblins walked around the block with princesses, Steelers and super heroes as parents, friends and family cheered them on.



East Side students walk in the annual Halloween parade on Oct. 31.

West Side Stories

Photo Courtesy of Kathy Legat



Gianna Granville, Danielle Boyer, and Jeremy Dennison showcase some of the bats students had an opportunity to learn about during a presentation by Cambria County Conservation District representative.

Nothing Bat the Facts:

West Side students went batty – literally – during an educational presentation by a Cambria County Conservation District representative. Students learned about both common myths and facts about bats. They also had the opportunity to view a bat skeleton and a bat that had been preserved by a taxidermist.

Success for All: Both West Side and East Side utilize the "Success for All" Curriculum, which is an evidenced-based model aligned to PSSA test standards. Lynne Williams is West Side's Reading Facilitator, and Laurie Slacum is among the "Success for All" consultants who visit West Side classrooms and meet with teachers several times a year.

Newsworthy Endeavor: Many West Side teachers have incorporated the Newspaper in Education (NIE) program into their classrooms. NIE is a cooperative effort between newspapers and local schools. The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat partnered with area businesses to provide newspapers to local schools. Mrs. Kobal's third grade class uses the newspaper as a "living history textbook" that not only is useful as a social studies supplement but as literacy and math tools as well. Mrs. Kobal's students completed scavenger hunts and other basic activities while becoming familiar with newspapers.

Halloween March: West Side students and faculty enjoyed the sunshine and nice weather during the annual school Halloween

Parade on Oct. 31. Parents, grand parents and friends and neighbors lined the outdoor parade route, watching children in a variety of costumes including princesses, cheerleaders, firemen and superheroes such as Spider-Man, Batman and Superman. A post-parade party was held in students' respective homerooms.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



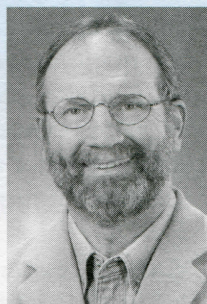
Kimberly Murray

Greater Johnstown School District's Board welcomes recently elected board members Dan Tomak, Tom Dadey, Kimberly Murray, Raymond "Archie" Arcurio and Gene Pentz. Mr. Tomak and Mr. Dadey are new additions to the Board, while Murray, Arcurio and Pentz retained their seats on the board during the Nov. 6 election for the four-year terms.

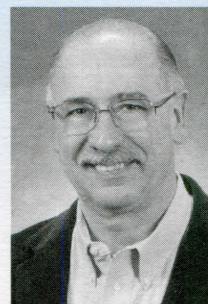
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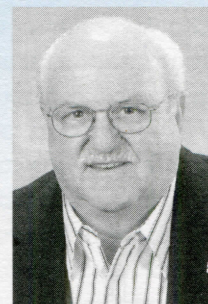
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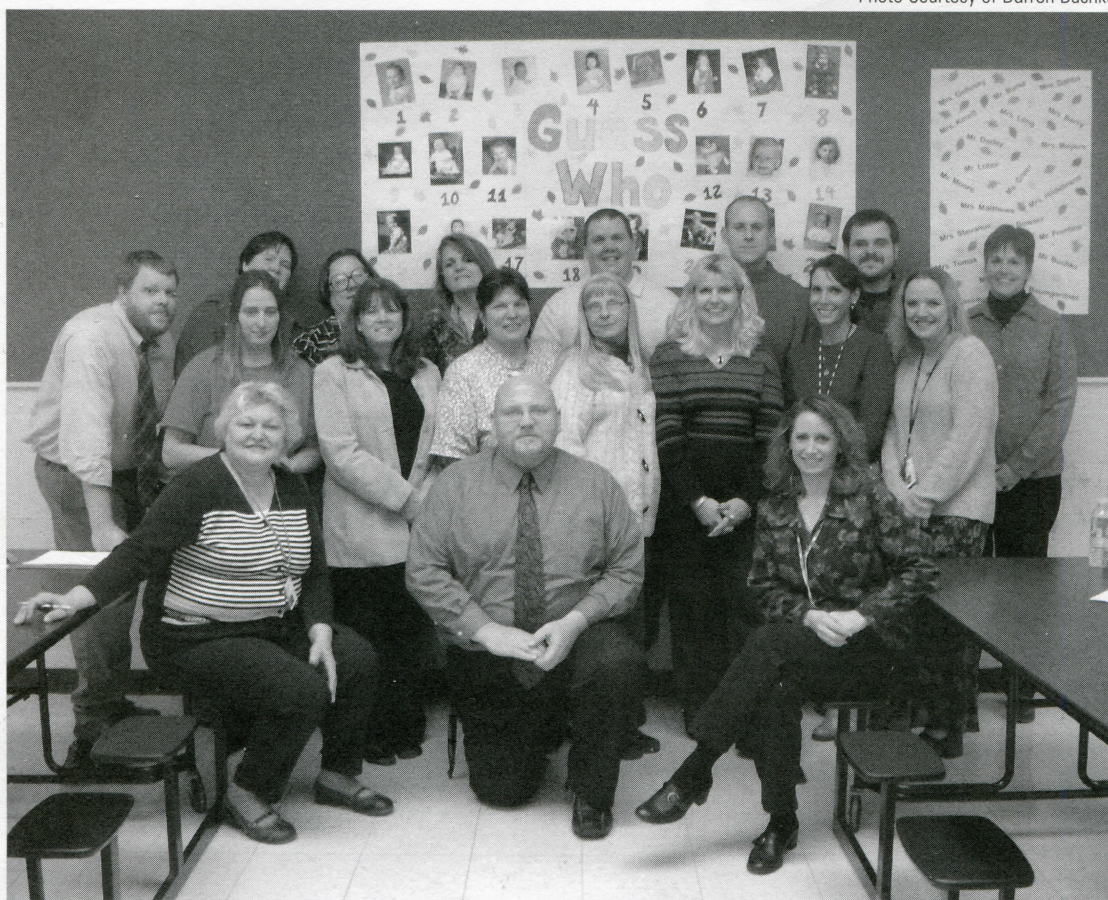
Dan Tomak



Archie Arcurio

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONES

Photo Courtesy of Darren Buchko



Twenty-two Johnstown Middle School Teachers volunteered to enter their baby pictures in a contest to raise money for security cameras for the Middle School.

Only Young Once: Johnstown Middle School teachers reached back into their past to help raise money for additional security cameras to be installed at the school.

Playing off the theme of the "oldies" hit song "You've Got the Cutest Little Baby Face," a total of 22 JMS teachers entered "baby" photographs taken during their respective formative years.

Students and faculty guessed the identities of the toddlers who now are teachers or administrators. Prizes were awarded to the top three correct guesses from both students and adults.

Journey of Leadership: Johnstown Middle School seventh grader Maggie McClintock participated in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC). The six-day leadership conference for high-achieving sixth and seventh graders took place in Washington, D.C.

Maggie participated in many experiential activities, site explorations and meetings with established leaders. She was assigned to a Leadership Focus Group (LFG) led by a faculty advisor who worked with the scholars throughout the conference.

Making Wishes Come True: Johnstown Middle School Student Council annually participates in a

fundraiser to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year, the goal was set at \$1,500. Through mid-October, the Student Council had closed within about \$800 of the goal. If successful in reaching the \$1,500 mark, Johnstown Middle School will have raised a combined \$10,000 in the past 10 years. A faculty versus students flag football game raised \$675. Two scarves made by art teacher Carrie Andraychak will be chanced off to raise money.

Library Visit: Ms. Christine Goch, head of the Cambria County Public Library Reference Department, visited Mrs. Baumgardner's Library classes on

Oct. 1 at the middle school. Students learned about services, online resources and programs that would help them in the classroom. Ms. Goch also explained how the public library might help students with school assignments and reading competition.

The students received a packet that included bookmarks and a brochure on library services.

Ballet Road Trip: The Johnstown Concert Ballet planned to take 25 to 50 Johnstown Middle School students to the Dec. 1 performance of the Nutcracker at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown campus. The trip included lunch and a backstage tour for the students.

IT'S GAME TIME

Photo Courtesy of Burns Photography by Roger Kerekes



First Commonwealth Bank presented a check to sponsor the installation of 25 second clocks at Trojan Stadium on Sept. 20.

Timely Presentation: First Commonwealth Bank presented a check to sponsor the installation of 25-second clocks at Trojan Stadium during Johnstown's 42-21 win over visiting Richland on Sept. 20.

First Commonwealth Public Services Development Officer Mark Miller, Corporate Banking Officer Gary Platt and Government and Community Relations Manager Carson Green were instrumental in the effort to upgrade the stadium with the clocks.

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ANTWUAN REED CAREER STATS

RUSHING	Attempts	Yards	Average	TD's
2004	16	36	2.25	1
2005	128	864	7.21	8
2006	142	1461	10.29	14
2007	220	1915	8.70	25
Totals	506	4276	8.45	48

RECEIVING	Attempts	Yards	Average	TD's
2005	15	185	12.33	1
2006	7	81	11.16	
2007	7	257	36.71	4
Totals	29	523	18.03	5

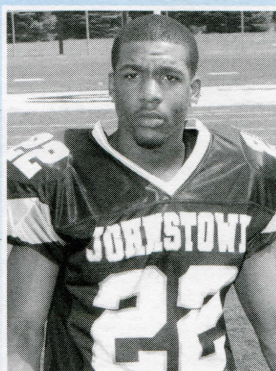
DEFENSE	Tackles	Assists	Int.	Fmb. Rec.	TD's
2005	37	22	3	1	1
2006	48	18	1	2	1
2007	44	11	1		
Totals	129	51	5	3	2

PUNT RETURNS	Attempts	Yards	Avg
2005	8	137	14.14
2006	3	90	30

KICK RETURNS	Attempts	Yards	Avg
2005	6	121	20.16
2006	3	46	15.33

SCORING TOUCHDOWNS

Rushing	48
Receiving	5
Defense	2
Totals	55



Antwuan Reed



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TROJAN TRIUMPHS

Photo Courtesy of Burns Photography by Roger Kerekes

Homecoming Celebration: Homecoming was celebrated during the Trojans' Oct. 12 football game against Bishop McCort at Trojan Stadium. Emily Cernic and James Baigmoradi were crowned queen and king.

The homecoming court also included Vanessa Bolton, Randi Fetzer, Sara George, Samantha Hanzek, Lacie Hody, Desiree McKinley and Courtney Piro, as well as Mackenzie Curcija, Will Harris, Rex Hoffman, Shawn Lehman, Mark Nash, Antwuan Reed and Tom Terek.

It's In Their Blood: An American Red Cross blood drive was held at Johnstown High School on Oct. 10. Student coordinators Shana Smith, Sonya Livingston and Alyse Holliday coordinated distribution and collection of permission slips, making and placing advertising throughout the school, scheduling times for volunteer workers, encouraging students and faculty members to participate and contacting local businesses for snack donations. Greater Johnstown students donated 52 pints of blood, surpassing the goal of 45 pints set prior to the blood drive. Mrs. Jami Nanassy was the faculty advisor for the drive.

Where in the World?: The Pennsylvania Geographical Society's 2007 meeting had a local theme, with the annual event being held in downtown Johnstown. Several Greater Johnstown teachers and administrators earned special recognition. Superintendent Barbara Parkins and Johnstown Middle School Assistant Principal Frank Frontino each received the Rand McNally Distinguished Administrator Award. Teachers receiving the Holt, Rinehart and Winston Teacher Recognition Award were: Carrie Andraychak; Helen Thiele; Raymond Arcurio; Michael Vuckovich; and Sandy Zambotti. The award recognizes teachers' development of exemplary classroom materials and activities.

Do the Right Thing: Greater Johnstown was represented during the



Emily Cernic and James Baigmoradi were crowned queen and king on October 12 at Trojan Stadium.

Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking/Students Against Destructive Behavior (SADD) 7th annual Youth Rally & Training Day. Several students participated in the "Bagging Underage Drinking" rally on Oct. 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg. The rally addressed underage drinking issues during a five-part agenda conducted by trainer Nigel Wrangham.

Poster Power: Greater Johnstown had a banner showing in the PA CareerLink's health-career poster contest. Trojans juniors Brittany Sellers (first place), Ashley Gwinn (second place) and Karli Tavalisky (third place) swept the top honors with their posters. The contest, in conjunction with a statewide essay contest, kicked off Pennsylvania's Health Careers Awareness Week. The contests were geared toward getting

students interested in pursuing health careers.

Lights On: Greater Johnstown School District has established itself as one of the state's leaders in afterschool activities, a fact evident as the district participated in the Nationwide Celebration of Lights On For Afterschool Activities program for an eighth consecutive year. Lights On provides students the opportunity to recognize the importance of being involved in activities and making smart choices. Greater Johnstown provides quality afterschool programming such as AfterSchool, Live! for high school students, the Trojan Learning Center at the middle school and the Child Care Activities at both elementary schools. All of the district's schools offer a variety of educational activities and tutorial services for students.

Peering to the Future: The Trojan College Access Program was initiated to help Johnstown students recognize the advantages of post-secondary education and to encourage and enable these students to pursue such education.

The program will assist students in researching colleges and their corresponding entrance requirements. TCAP also will provide preparation classes for ACT and SAT college entrance examinations. The non-profit program also will assist students and their parents with matters regarding financial aid and, when possible, will provide financial assistance to targeted low-income and potential first-generation college students.

Among the region's colleges and universities assisting in the program are Pitt-Johnstown, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, St. Francis University, Mount Aloysius College, IUP and Cambria-Rowe Business College.

Fund-raisers to provide financial assistance to students are under way.

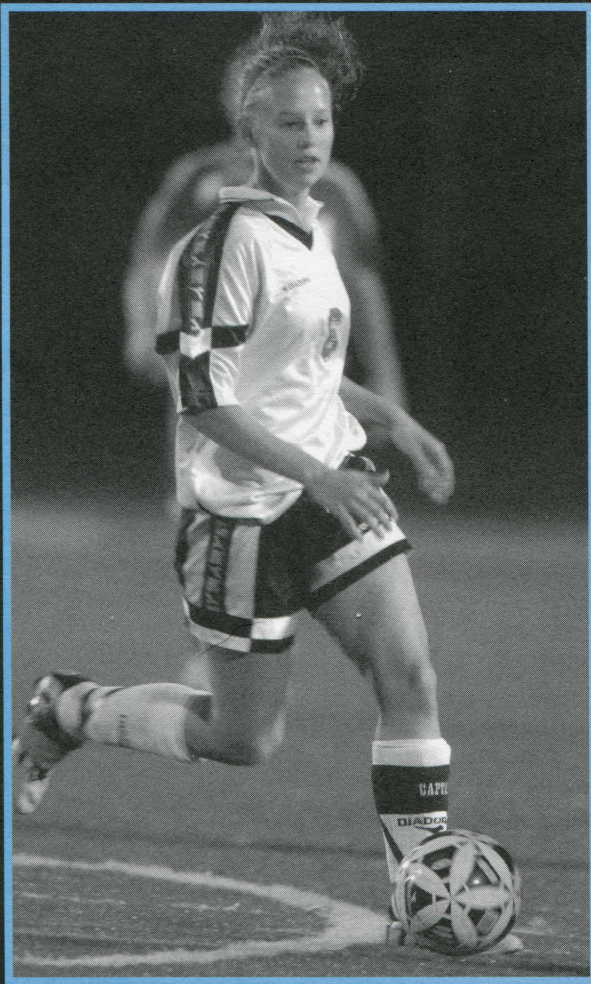
Donations may be made to Trojan College Access Fund through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, 116 Market Street, Second Floor, Suite 4, Johnstown, Pa. 15901, or at 814 536-7741.

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POINTS OF LIGHT

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Vicki Hammer

This edition of The Trojan Times' 1,000 Points of Light honors a mother who inspires her daughter even though she is thousands of miles away while serving in the United States military in the Middle East.

Sgt. 1st Class Marie Hammer serves a support role for military personnel moving about the Middle East. She had been based in Kuwait as her daughter Vicki Hammer and the Lady Trojans soccer team advanced to the District 6 playoffs in October.

"She was my biggest fan," Vicki, a senior at JHS, said of her mother during an interview that appeared in The Tribune-Democrat. "I miss her a lot. I know she feels that it's her job and she wants to fight for our country, and I understand that. But, it's really hard. I come home and I want to tell her all my stories about what happened. So, I really rely on my friends now."

Those friends on the soccer team helped Johnstown finish 9-9 in the regular season. The Lady Trojans fell in the district playoff game at Hollidaysburg, but coach Alyssa Arcurio's program is poised in the right direction because of players such as Vicki, a four-year starter and team co-captain.

"I just pray for the troops, and I thank them all," Vicki said in The Tribune-Democrat article. "I thank all my soccer girls and coaches for a great season."

IT'S GAME TIME

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Te e It Up: Sophomore Ben Mayer qualified for the District 6 golf tournament, a significant step for a program that appears to have a solid future. Johnstown posted a 7-8 regular-season record under coach Tim Helsel.

Traveling Hoops Show: Trojans junior boys basketball player Paul Weatherly enters the upcoming season after receiving some impressive recognition during the off-season. Weatherly was part of the AAU Pittsburgh Team Adidas. Weatherly's team played in the Reebok Classic in New Jersey and went to a national event in Florida.

Getting Their Kicks: The Trojans girls soccer team had a banner season under coach Alyssa Arcurio. Johnstown took a 9-9 regular-season record into a District 6 playoff game against Hollidaysburg. The Trojans lost that post-season contest but made huge strides in the school's first playoff appearance in years. Junior Stephanie Szczur led the team in point scoring, and junior Katelin Lindrose was the goal keeper. Seniors Vicki Hammer and Anna Svirsko were senior captains. Junior Megan McMillen also was among the leaders.

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Junior Stephanie Szczur led the girls' soccer team to a 9-9 record and into the playoffs for the first time in years.

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Gridiron Glory: Greater Johnstown's new football coach Kevin Marabito had a successful debut season as the Trojans finished 7-3 and represented the district well in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference.

Versatile Leader: Johnstown senior quarterback Shawn Lehman is not a one-dimensional student-athlete. In addition to passing for 884 yards and 11 touchdowns on a winning Trojans football team, Lehman is an honor student who recently earned status as an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Lehman will take his talents to the wrestling mat for the upcoming season.

Building Blocks: Boys soccer coach Nick Constantino saw progress as his team competed in the tough Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference this fall.

Net Action: Coach Joe Ramirez led the Trojans girls tennis team in his 31st season. Alisha Boerstler and Katy Landis reached the quarterfinals of the District 6 Class AA Doubles Tournament. The team MVP was senior Lindsay Matolyak.

Serves and Spikes: The Trojans' girls volleyball team continued to build under coach Melana Pavic. Katie Kovalchik was named the team MVP.