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The Official Newsletter of the Bald Eagle Area School District

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Superintendent's Message

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It is hard to believe that we are already getting close to the 2007-08 school year. In the school business, once we pass the 4th of July, it seems as though the summer just flies by and school begins before you know it. There are a number of topics I want to touch on from the last school year, and then I'll briefly discuss a few of the initiatives we are planning for next year.

Let's start with the past year. We have recently received notification that our district has met the requirements of No Child Left Behind for the 2006-07 school year. Our students have performed extremely well, academically, and their different sports programs and activities continue to be a source of pride to all of us, also. The front page photo of our State Championship Baseball Team adds one more storied chapter to Bald Eagle Area history.

Bald Eagle Area was one of the few school districts in Pennsylvania that approved the Act 1 referendum, essentially raising the earned income tax to fund approved homestead exemptions. Two things should have happened by this time. First, if you have an approved homestead exemption, you should have seen a \$338.00 deduction from your school property tax. Secondly, if you reside in the BEA school district, your local earned income tax rate should have increased by one percent, making it 2.55 percent, effective July 1, 2007. If this increase in your earned income tax withholding has not yet occurred, please notify your employer in order to avoid owing what should have been withheld when you file your local tax return for this year.

Our facilities review committee is presently sorting through numerous proposals from architectural firms that have an interest in designing the planned renovations to the Bald Eagle Middle/Senior High School and the Wingate Elementary School. While we do not expect these renovations to begin before the 2009-10 school year, we are initiating the process now to allow time to consider all options and alternatives. We also need to develop a consensus of what we want our facilities to be and to look like through 2030 and beyond. We are establishing a citizen's advisory committee to help the Board of Education and staff to work through this process to maximize the results of both of these renovation projects. If you would like to discuss serving on our advisory committee, please call me or any of our nine Board members.

Curriculum-wise, our rigorous testing program provides individual roadmaps for nearly every student, and groups of students, to assist us in fine-tuning our educational programs to address students' strengths and deficiencies. We are in the process of transitioning to Everyday Math at the elementary level, expanding our hands-on elementary Science FOSS program, and further refining both our Reading and Math initiatives. In addition, for the first time, we are offering a cyber school experience as an option for district students. Our Bald Eagle Area Cyber Academy will combine distance learning with a district teacher/mentor who will meet personally with our cyber students as often as necessary.

I think it will be an exciting year. It will be a full, challenging schedule for everybody – for students, for staff, for parents and for our Bald Eagle Area community. I look forward to working cooperatively with everybody to make it one of the best educational experiences possible. Thank you so very much for your support and for the wonderful, talented and hard working young men and ladies that you send to us.

Free and reduced price meal program

Our district receives funds for educational programs based on the number of students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program. We need your help to increase the numbers of students participating in the free and reduced lunch program, as BEA receives more government payment for a free or reduced meal than from a full paid regular one.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issues the eligibility guidelines annually. Please take the time to review the table below to see if you may qualify for this program. With your help, the district will receive greater federal and state funding and we could make our already excellent meal program even better.

Children need healthy meals to learn, and the Bald Eagle Area School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$.90; lunch costs \$1.85 (elementary) and \$2.00 (high school). However, your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals, if your household income falls within the limits on this chart. Reduced prices are \$.30 for Breakfast and \$.40 for Lunch.

Eligibility Guidelines 2007-08

Household Size	Yearly Income/Reduced	Yearly Income/Free
1	18,889	13,273
2	25,327	17,797
3	31,765	22,321
4	38,203	26,845
5	44,641	31,369
6	51,079	35,893
7	57,517	40,417
8	63,955	44,941
For each additional member add	+6,438	+4,524

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, complete the application mailed home by the school to the parents, sign the application and return it to the school. All information obtained in the screening process is totally confidential and is accessible only to those who administer the free and reduced meal program in the district. The computerized meal system maintains account information in privacy. There are no separate free and reduced lines or any other way to visibly identify participants.

If you have other questions or need help, call 814-355-5721.

6th Grade Spelling Bee

On May 23, 2007, Wingate Elementary School hosted Bald Eagle Area's 6th Grade Spelling Bee. Dylan Surovec, a classroom representative from Wingate Elementary, was the winner of this year's Spelling Bee. Aaron Varner from Mountaintop Elementary was the runner-up. Each year classroom representatives from each of the 6th grade classes attend and participate in the Spelling Bee. Representing each of the schools were: Wingate Elementary - Doug Rogers, Dylan Surovec, Taylor Felker, and Jacob Taylor; Mountaintop Elementary - Katelyn Cramer and Aaron Varner; Howard Elementary - Dennis Fisher; Port Matilda Elementary - Dion Barnard and Jacob Marquardt.



Row 1: Dion Barnard, Doug Rogers, Dylan Surovec, Aaron Varner, Katelyn Cramer, Taylor Felker
Row 2: Jacob Marquardt, Dennis Fisher, Jacob Taylor



Spelling Bee Winner - Dylan Surovec

The Web of Reading

Our district has recently purchased Renaissance Learning, an updated version of the Accelerated Reader software. This means that BEA students now have access to more than 100,000 Accelerated Reader Quizzes for books, including all the Reading Practice, Recorded Voice, Vocabulary Practice, and Literacy Skills Quizzes. Parents will be able to track the library books their children read, via the Internet, and see how they did on the AR tests.

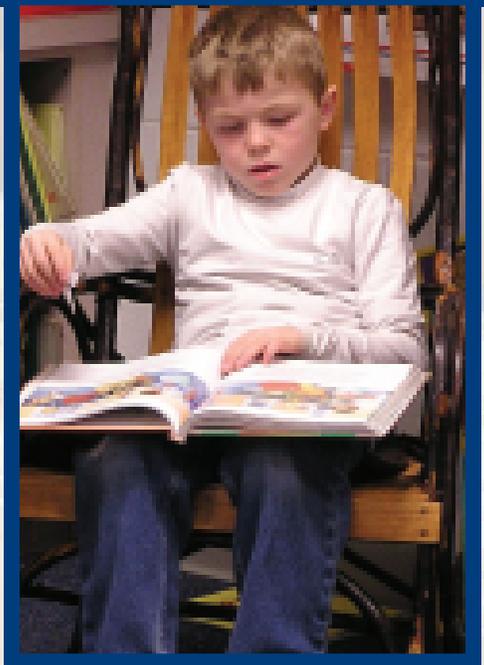
Renaissance Learning creates new quizzes for additional books at a rate of 100 new quizzes per week. So, students continuously will have more opportunity to read new books to receive the AR points, which are required from every student in grades 1 - 8.

Students, teachers, and parents will have access to this new web-based service. Individuals can apply to have parent or guardian access to view the progress reports generated by their children via a link on the website. Booklists for each student's level can be obtained at the Renaissance Learning website at the following Internet address: <http://www.renlearn.com/store/> (Click on Quiz Search and you may search the quiz database for book and quiz information.)

In addition to making reading practice fun and exciting for each student, AR gives the students continuous feedback to personalize instruction so everyone achieves maximum success. The Accelerated Reader program provides the means for our district to implement reading competitions locally, which students and staff enjoy so much. Also, this system contains the books on the booklist used by students who participate in the Central Intermediate Unit Reading Competition.

High School and elementary librarians and assistants have spent considerable time labeling the additional books in the school libraries that can now be part of the Accelerated Reader Program.

Parent trainings for this new service will be scheduled during the 2007-08 school year. Watch for details, and if you need further information, please email Mr. Bill Corkill, Technology Specialist - bcorkill@beasd.org.



This second grade Howard Elementary student is enjoying reading his AR book.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader - Renaissance Learning is a curriculum-based assessment tool, first used at Bald Eagle Area in 1999, which provides a summary and analysis of results to enable teachers to monitor both the quantity and quality of reading practices engaged in by their students. A student who uses the program selects a book from the titles on the AR list. Each book is assigned a point value based on the number of words it contains and its reading difficulty. After reading, the student goes to the computer and takes a multiple-choice comprehension test on the book's content. Tests may have 5, 10, or 20 items to answer, depending on the length and difficulty of the book. The computer scores the test, awards the student points based on the results, and keeps a complete record of the results.

Accelerated Reader Enterprise runs as an enterprise-wide, web-based information system. Data and software are in one location, accessible to everyone throughout the district, anytime, anywhere. The Internet website address of the new service is: <https://hosted86.renlearn.com/25530>.



Spotlight on BEA FAMILY

Jack and Sonia Myers – BEA Super Fans

Two familiar faces at any Bald Eagle Area High School event belong to BEA supporters, Jack and Sonia Myers. They freeze at BEA soccer and football games, sweat at softball and baseball games, and cheer at track meets. They climb up the bleachers to watch basketball and volleyball games, and to root for the Eagles on the mats at wrestling meets. They sit in the front section of the high school auditorium to applaud loudly at drama productions and concerts. For the past 25 years, they have worked in the Booster Club booth each Friday night for home football games, Sonia making the pizzas and Jack working the window.

They were at The Curve in Altoona to cheer the boy's baseball team onto the State Championship. They are at most every district, regional, and state competition that BEA is involved in, whether it be Shippensburg, St. Francis University, Harrisburg, or Hershey. During the summer months, they are also familiar faces at Hess Field, Lewistown, Philipsburg, or wherever one of the four Central PA Eagles summer softball teams is playing. Jack and Sonia especially enjoyed the run to the 2005 State Championship softball title, saying, "That whole season was a dream season."

Their love of BEA sports/events began over 35 years ago, in 1971, when BEA defeated State College in wrestling. Since Jack and Sonia have been coming to BEA events for so many years, they "know the kids, the parents, and even some of the grandparents, now."

Sitting on the sidelines at an Eagles softball game, Sonia says, "Another good thing about attending all these sporting events is eating out – the only decision is where to eat. I haven't found my kitchen for weeks."

Sonia and Jack both graduated from Lock Haven High School and live in Bellefonte. They are the parents of two sons, Robert and Jack, Jr., and are also the "parents" of Winnie, an eight-year old rat terrier that they rescued from PAWS two years ago. Winnie is also an Eagles fan and sometimes accompanies them to the BEA events.



...at the Spring Band and Choir Concert.

...at the Quentin Wright State Champion wrestling celebration.



...at the Indoor Multi-Sports Complex at Penn State for the annual Geri Ryan Track Meet sponsored by Special Olympics of Centre County.



Sonia retired from BEA as the dental hygienist, where she was known as the “Tooth Fairy.” She had also previously instructed the Dental Hygienist class at CPI for twenty-four years. Most recently, she has been substituting in the Multi-Handicapped Special Education room at the high school. Jack says, “She is just crazy about those kids – it’s all she talks about when she comes home.” And Sonia agrees that if she had to do it over again, special education would be her professional field of choice.

Sonia is a short bundle of energy. But although she is bubbly and happy, she has been known to throw a caustic comment out to the refs when she feels that one of “her students” has gotten a bad call at a sporting event.

Jack is tall, standing silently with hands on hips, as he watches the game. He laughs and cheers loudly when things go BEA’s way at an athletic event. Jack says, although he enjoys them all, softball and wrestling are probably his favorite sports to watch.

“They support us totally.” “You can always look out and see their faces in the crowd.” “I like them, they are nice.” “They are always friendly and say hello to me.” Those are just some of the quotes that BEA students gave when asked about Jack and Sonia.

And a parent is quoted as saying about them, “They give up their free time to come and see all the kids play. They are like a second set of grandparents for the kids, and they treat each one of them like their own.”

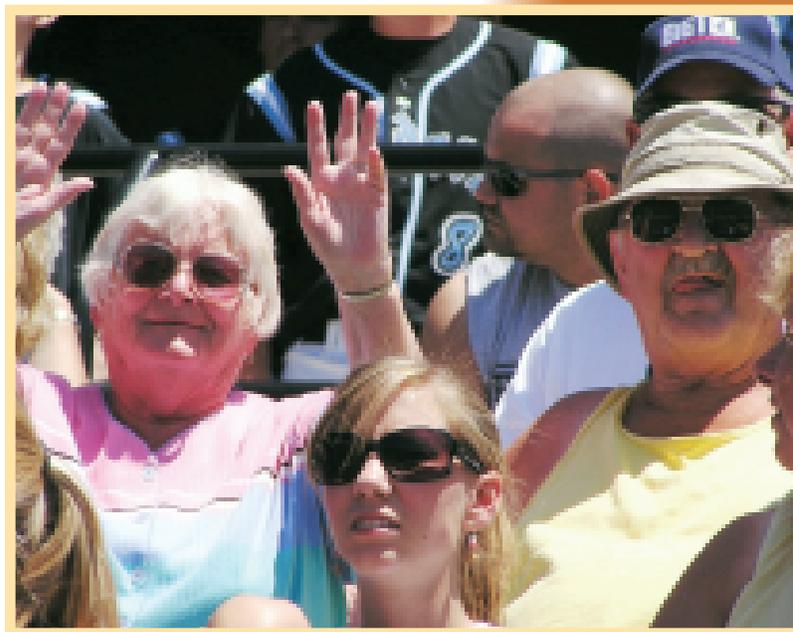
BEA Special Education teacher, Erica Milliron, said it all when referring to Sonia in a recent tribute. “There aren’t enough words to properly thank you for all that you do for us all year long. Thank you for supporting our students and our staff. Thank you for coming with us, thank you for cheering, thank you for all of the laughs. We all love you.”

Although Jack and Sonia Myers may live in Bellefonte, their hearts are set firmly in Wingate, cheering and clapping for their 1,000 adopted kids at the Bald Eagle High School. And, in return, all the hearts at BEA are with them.

Thank you, Jack and Sonia, for being BEA Super Fans!



...on the sidelines of an Eagles Varsity Softball game.



...at the Curve, cheering on the Eagles baseball team to victory.



The BEA Envirothon team and advisors (Pictured left to right): Trevor Cohen-Dodge, Max Besong, Mike Jewell (advisor), Bob Burris, Ben Carlson, Jade Thompson (advisor), and Shane Robinson.

Envirothon Winners

For the eighth consecutive year, the Envirothon Team from the Bald Eagle Area School District has won the annual Centre County Envirothon, an outdoor environmental education competition, with teams from all Centre County school districts. The event is held at the Bald Eagle State Park.

The 5-member team also represented Centre County at the 24th Pennsylvania State Envirothon, which took place on May 21-22 at Penn State University. They traveled to the Rock Springs Ag Progress Days site for the state competition, competing at five testing stations and one non-testing station. Teams had 35 minutes to complete a written exam developed by environmental professionals relating to each of their respective topics – aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and the current environmental issue, alternative and renewable energy. The BEA team placed 11th overall in the State, out of 64 other county champion teams, and won the Soils and Land Use State Title with a score of a 92 out of a possible 100.

Jade Thompson, assisted by Mike Jewell, is the advisor for the group.

BEA Baseball Shines



(Left) BEA defeated Kutztown 6-1 to capture the PIAA Class AA championship title. The Eagles will be recognized at a halftime ceremony to be held on Friday, September 7th, during the first BEA home football game against Penns Valley.



Seniors Brian Kochik and Tyler Quick raise the flag over Doc Etters Field during a dedication ceremony held in May. Doc Etters, BEA's first baseball coach, was at the helm from 1957 to 1978. The flag used in the dedication ceremony flew over the base in Iraq where Chris Showers, brother to BEA baseball player Luke Showers, had been stationed.



(Left) Members of the 1982 Eagles' baseball team were honored during the May 10th field dedication. The 1982 team took third place in the State. Current BEA coach, Jim Gardner, was a member of the team, as well as three fathers of current Eagles' baseball players.

Wingate

5th Grade Pioneer Unit



Mitchell Snyder

Ms. Marsha Fisk's 5th grade students at Wingate were busy near the end of the school year working on their Pioneer Unit. All the students in her classroom were assigned to one of three wagon trains that were traveling to Oregon. Each wagon train was given 1000 credits to purchase items they would need to complete their journey. Along the trail they encountered the same hardships the early wagon train travelers did. The students were required to make the best decisions possible so their wagon train would survive the trip.

Each student was required to make a contribution to the project. As his contribution, Mitchell Snyder constructed a Conestoga Wagon. Mitchell searched the Internet to find the exact wagon he needed. The construction of the wagon became a family project that took three weeks to complete. Each piece had to be individually cut and put together. The final product has working parts and is very similar to what a full size Conestoga Wagon would have looked like.

Ms. Fisk's said the students really enjoyed the unit and they learned what it was like to travel with a wagon train.



Bald Eagle Orchard Planting Crew



An apple a day

The next time you are driving past the High School and Wingate Elementary, take a glance at the back fields between the two complexes to see BEA's newest "Wellness" adventure – The Bald Eagle Orchard Project. The orchard made its appearance this past May. The project, spearheaded by Chef Mark Ott and food service worker Sally Sayers, had the helping hands and green thumbs from many energetic BEA staff and student volunteers.

Because of the efforts of Representative Mike Hanna, the PA Department of Agriculture, through the Adams County Nursery, donated 30 good-sized fruit trees. There were 10 apple; 10 peach, 5 plum, and 5 cherry trees. The fruit from the trees that ripens during the school year will be handed out free to the students in the lunch lines. Some fruit may also be used for apple cobblers, peach cobblers, and other types of fruit-based desserts to be served in the cafeterias.

Tentative plans for the fruit that ripens in the summer, before school opens, is to sell it to raise funds to support the garden project, expand the variety of fruit trees in the orchard, and to support future Student Food Committee projects.

BEA Class of 1957 celebrates 50th reunion

They were the first class to officially graduate from the Bald Eagle High School building. Fifty years ago, they were thrown together by the formation of the Bald Eagle Area School District and forced reluctantly, in their eleventh school year, to leave their small hometown high schools at Howard, Port Matilda, and Snow Shoe (with some classmates transferring from the Bellefonte High School). In fact, many students would not make the switch to the combined BEA high school, choosing to drop out of school instead.

Fifty years later, in July 2007, approximately 40 of those 106 graduates, the proud BEA Class of 1957, along with their guests, came together very willingly for a weekend of fun. Together, they shared laughs, memories, and life stories from the past fifty years.

Class of '57 member, Donna (Calderwood) Vozniak, left for the D.C. – Maryland area to work for the FBI right after her high school graduation. Twenty-five years later, she retired from the FBI, but remained living in that area. Vozniak was proud to bring along her mint condition 1957 blue and gold high school jacket to the reunion. She also brought her red gym uniform (that needed to be freshly washed and pressed before each gym class).

The 50th reunion committee consisted of Mary Beth (Snyder) Hall, Norm “Bones” Fisher, Richard “Lefty” Noll, Bud McCartney, Ed Skripek, Audrey (Hall) Butler, Betty (Swancer) Walker, George Walker, and Jack Teaman. They began sending out invitations in October 2006. Telephone calls were placed to those classmates who did not respond. The result of their hard

Betty (Swancer) Walker holds up a high school jacket and a gym uniform from 1957.



For the past 20 years, Pat (Wolf) Dixon of New York (formerly of Howard) has had a license plate that reads, “WOLF 57.”



A familiar face at BEA, Carl Nochtan, senior class advisor for the Class of 1957, attended the reunion.

work was a fantastic weekend for their classmates that began with a PowerPoint presentation and a two-hour afternoon tour of the Bald Eagle High School, complete with fifties music playing in the halls. An evening at the Skripek Lodge in Moshannon followed on Friday night, and the capstone event was a banquet at the Nittany Country Club on Saturday night.

It was fitting that classmates had to drive past the old Hecla Park Skating Rink to get to the banquet at the Country Club, giving them a chance to remember roller skating dates there in bygone days.

At the banquet, hugs abounded, camera flashes popped, and classmates looked wistfully at the memorabilia on the tables. Class President Bud McCartney gave a short talk in memory of those classmates who had passed on: Burl Flick, Nancy Jane Walker, Dorothy (Sipes) Lyons, Kay McCloskey, Larry Confer, Barbara Halaycik, Thomas Dyke, Norman “Cork” Woome, Ronald Reichenbaugh, Leamar Jodon, Charles Shaffer, Russel Confer, Martin Simcisko, Joel Smoyer, Ed Kistner, Shirley (Coble) Confer, Jim Park, Donald Leathers, Kay

Hironimus, Dianna (Oswalt) Sampsell, and Josephine (Koleno) Chambers. A mat with all of their names was at each place at the tables.

Carl Nochtan, the well-known senior class advisor for that first 1957 class and for many senior classes after that, was on hand to join in the celebration. Mr. Nochtan, 81, now lives in Ashland, Pennsylvania and continues to keep busy doing much volunteer work for his church. As the night ended, slowly these fun-loving, close-to-being-septuagenarians got up from their tables to return to their lives and families in Texas, Maryland, Florida, New York, and other places unknown. Each classmate left with a Fiftieth Reunion Remembrance Booklet, promises to keep in touch, and great memories of the whirlwind reunion weekend.

And in these memories, their classmates will still probably be 18 years old, wearing bobby socks and saddle shoes, with hair in ducktails and ponytails. They will be yakking and laughing in the hot June afternoon sun, with their '55 Ford waiting down in the high school's lower parking lot – yellow and black dice hanging from the mirror.

(Right) After their tour of the high school, the BEA Class of 1957 poses for a group picture on Alumni Field.



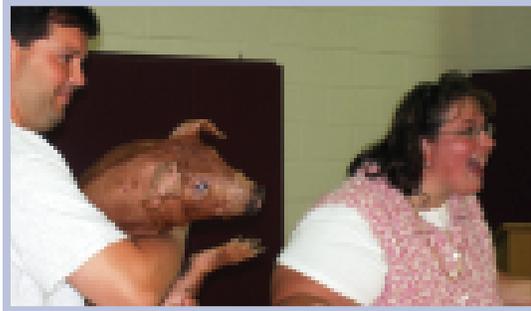
May Reading Madness Winners

Congratulations to Port Matilda Elementary and to the Heverly GOLD Team at the Middle School for being the winners of BEA's latest reading challenge, the May Reading Madness.

Assistant high school principal, John Tobias, presents the Reading Challenge trophy to Danielle Heverly, the language arts teacher for the winning middle school team.



Port Matilda elementary students hoist the trophy high during the victory celebration.



Principal Betsy Dickey asks the students, "Do you really want me to kiss this pig?" (That was part of the deal – if Port Matilda Elementary won the competition. By the way, the children got their way and Mrs. Dickey did kiss the pig.)



Bookworms, Principal Betsy Dickey (left) and Diane Weaver, building assistant, get ready to receive some "pie in the eye" from students who accumulated a high number of AR points during the competition.

Students have fun at the 2007 Vacationing with Reading and Math Program

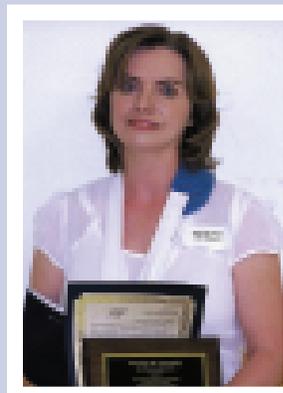


The Bald Eagle Area School District held the Vacationing with Reading and Math Program for grades K-6 students this summer. This five-week program, held at the Mountaintop, Port Matilda, and Wingate Elementary schools, began on July 9 and ended on August 9. Students from Howard attended this program at

Wingate Elementary, and transportation to all schools was provided by the district.

Approximately 135 students participated in the program, enthusiastically participating in many fun reading, writing, and math activities. Attending this program helps students to maintain or improve their academic skills.

Shawnee Morgan honored with Carolyn Connelly award



Port Matilda first grade elementary teacher, Shawnee Morgan, received the Carolyn D. Connelly Devotion to Students Award at the 11th Annual Recognition and Retirement Banquet. Carolyn Connelly was a longtime BEA language arts teacher who was committed to her vocation as a teacher and, despite an ongoing battle with cancer, continued to serve her students. This award is given to staff members who emulate Connelly's dedication.

A letter presented to Shawnee at the banquet included these comments about her,

"Her dedication to the school, staff and the students is beyond comparison. Her ideas and work ethic are both to be desired. Her commitment and love for each one of her students is felt and carried beyond their brief stay in the first grade."

Congratulations, Shawnee.



TOP: Staff members honored at the festivities were (left to right): Mary Beth Hall, Jean Miller, Marylen Dreibelbis, John Noonan, Christine Miller, and Linda Confer.

BEA retirees honored at Annual Banquet



LEFT: Board of Education members, Terry Alexander (pictured) and Penny Thompson, whose terms will be expiring this fall, were both honored for their years of service to the District.

The 11th Annual Recognition and Retirement Banquet was held at the Yearick Center in Howard on May 24. 2006-07 retirees from the district were honored, and several district employees were recognized for their service. Retiring from the district during the 2006-07 year were Guy Anderson, Linda Confer, Marylen Dreibelbis, Mary Beth Hall, Clyde Long, Christine Miller, Jean Miller, John Noonan, and Sandra Rhoades.

The BEA Jazz Band provided entertainment prior to the buffet dinner, and retirees received a framed certificate and gifts. A letter of commendation detailing the highlights of each honoree's career was also read during the evening.



ETHAN CLEAVER- Eagle Scout

Ethan F. W. Cleaver, son of Larry and Kristina Cleaver, has earned his Eagle Scout award. He is a 2007 graduate of Bald Eagle Area High School and a member of Milesburg Troop 45. As his project, Ethan built a pavilion at the Milesburg Little League Fields. He also served as Senior Patrol Leader for his troop as a Life Scout. Congratulations to Ethan on obtaining this great honor.



BRITTANY SIMPSON Crowned Miss BEA

Brittany Simpson was selected as Miss BEA for the 2007-08 school year. Brittany is the daughter of Jim and Michelle Simpson of Port Matilda. First runner-up was Terra Haines. Carly Kristofik was second runner-up. Brittany will represent Bald Eagle Area at the Flaming Foliage Festival and at other parades and events during the upcoming school year.

Future Business Leaders of America

2006-07 A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Bald Eagle was pleased to advance nine students to the State Leadership Conference, where they competed in their selected area, attended workshops and interacted with over 3,500 other students from across the state. This year's conference was held at the Hershey Convention Center from April 30 – May 2. Emily Brooks placed 8th in Word Processing and Whitney Geidroc placed 11th in Public Speaking

This year's FBLA President and three year member was Nicole Sharkey. Like most FBLA students, Nicole was academically successful, involved in extra-curricular activities and worked after school. Her High School resume includes: FBLA State qualifier 2005, Yearbook (3), Director of Yearbook Services (2), Jr. Class Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary, Attendance Office Assistant (3), Varsity Club (2), SADD, Student Government, Cheerleading (3), Captain (2), Volleyball (2), Softball (1), Baseball Manager (1).

Other FBLA Members are: Janel Catherman, Hulzie Estep, Kasey Fishburn, Brock Fisher, Bre Greenaway, Tyler Hoffman, Whitney Josefik and Drew Wetzel.

"Your Ticket to the Future" was the theme for the Pennsylvania FBLA this year. FBLA can help shape the future of students by providing valuable experience in a wide variety of Business topics.

Front Row: Cara Becker, Accounting; Lindsay Confer, Desk Top Publishing; Emily Brooks, Word Processing; Samantha Weaver, Business Ethics; Whitney Giedroc, Public Speaking; Kylie Masters, Business Ethics

Back Row: Cory Sprankle, Desk Top Publishing; Jake Shirk, Accounting; Matt Kader, Economics



Nicole Sharkey, FBLA President



READING RECOVERY *Teachers Trained*

Reading Recovery Teachers (left to right) Jen Gilbert, Debra Houtz, Marcy Henninger, and Cortney Schall earned six graduate credits from Shippensburg University, during their year long Reading Recovery training this past year. During the training, these teachers developed a broader understanding of the reading process and learned effective strategies to use with struggling readers to help them become successful readers.

Approximately fifty teachers, almost all of BEA's K-3 elementary teachers, have been trained in the Reading Recovery method.



Are there any Questions?

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SCHOOLS DURING THE SUMMER?

The 2007 graduation ceremony is over. The rain held off last night, and everything went off without a hitch. Summer vacation from school is finally here. BUT WAIT! Many BEA staff people are still getting up and going to work. **Gees, what IS there to do during the summer in a school district?** The following is just a small sampling of all that needs to be accomplished before September rolls around again.

Maintenance Department keeps things Humming

It is 7:00 a.m., the day AFTER graduation. The birds are singing and the morning sun is shining down on Alumni Stadium, where the BEA maintenance crew already has most of the graduation stage equipment removed from the field. The 250-odd folding chairs are being put on a forklift to be taken to the high school, loaded onto trucks, and then transported back to the surrounding elementary schools, where they came from. This is just the very first official job of the summer maintenance duties. Immediately next on the roster for them is the dismantling of the exact same stage and seating arrangement from the High School gym. This double set-up was prepared "just in case" because the weather looked awfully threatening last night.

Summer maintenance projects looming on the horizon are installing the electric and data wiring for new projectors and screens in 27 elementary classrooms, renovating three computer rooms at the high school, refinishing gym floors and the stage, repairing or replacing soundproofing, installing door locking systems, and the usual relining of all parking lots, maintenance and mulching of all elementary playgrounds, cleaning roof condensers, grass cutting and spraying for weeds, painting, repairing, etc., etc., etc.



Cynthia Fayman, guidance secretary, files report cards in each student's permanent files.

High School offices prepare for new school year

At the high school, there are student schedules to prepare, home rooms to assign, student fines to collect, and work permits to issue for those students ages 14-18 who decide to get a job during the summer. Paperwork for new staff interviews needs completed and voice mail and phone directories need updated. The attendance office works on inputting the 7th grade student information into system files and purging the files for the now-gone seniors. Each student is assigned a combination lock for their locker, and records are kept of assignments and combinations, which will be referenced in the coming school year as problems and questions occur.

Cynthia Fayman in the Guidance Office prepares the transcripts and sends them to colleges for seniors. She also does this for any past graduates who request it in writing.

There are many different state and local reports to be completed, all report cards are filed in each student's permanent file, supplies need to be distributed for the counselors, and the permanent student files must be moved from one counselor's office to another.

There are updated student handbooks to be copied and bound by the AV department. New students need to be registered at the attendance office. Inventories are taken of the books in the high school library, checking the books on the shelves against computer records. In the Receiving Room, all of the equipment, pens, paper, books, etc. that make the school-go-round are arriving. This myriad of supplies must be checked in, crossed off, and then delivered to each school, office, or department.

Although the high school halls are quiet and empty now with no bustling students to be seen, behind the high school office doors the work quietly goes on in preparation for their imminent return.

Janitorial Staff – Clean, Polish, and Shine



This is a familiar scene in all the BEA school halls during the summer months, as each classroom is completely emptied during cleaning.

tables and chairs, heating/cooling uni-vents, and over 35 bathrooms are cleaned.

Maybe you know what it is like to clean up after two or three children or teenagers. Imagine cleaning up after 2,000 of them! That's the challenge for the fabulous BEA custodial team.

Personnel busy maintaining and updating BEA technology



This high school computer lab was completely remodeled this year, rewired, with new computers added.

and three computer labs at the high school are being remodeled with new computer desks. The rooms will be rewired, and new computers added. The computer lab at Port Matilda Elementary School is getting 20 new computers installed (at least one computer lab in the school district is replaced every summer). An expansion of computers, because of an equalization program to assure that all elementary classrooms, in grades 4, 5, and 6 have the same amount of computers, was on tap this summer.

Much needs to be completed before September, and the pressure to get it all done before the students return, ratchets up closer to the first day of school. "There's always a big crunch at the end of summer," says John Urbanik, Computer Network Administrator. Not to worry – it will all get finished again this year and the computers will be in tiptop shape for the returning staff and students, just as they have been, year after year.

Administrative offices are full of activity



At the BEA Business Office, Bookkeeper Carol Alexander matches invoices to supply purchase orders that have been received, before making payment.

their tax filing. The district newsletter you are reading is being completed and prepared for mailing. The district staff directory is being updated. Elementary class lists are being formulated and curriculum revisions typed.

There are staff positions to be filled for those who have retired or left the district, which means placing advertisements, reviewing resumes, scheduling interviews, and then there's all the new hire paperwork to complete for the new staff members. The Summer Reading and Math Program is in full swing at the elementary schools, and the Special Education Extended School Year is taking place at Wingate Elementary and at the high school. These five-week programs involved preparing class lists, securing teachers, obtaining supplies, and resolving the usual transportation questions.

End of fiscal year grant reports need completed and new grant proposals need to be researched and submitted. There are conferences to attend to learn about new federal and state educational regulations. Student testing data results from the 2006-07 school year needs to be input and analyzed. There are monthly Board agendas to prepare, Board meetings to attend, and minutes to complete. Federal and state reports need to be completed online. There are agreements to finalize, staff development classes to organize, and the annual employee family picnic to arrange.

Presentations need refined, in-service and induction programs for staff completed. This year, the school's web site (www.beasd.org) is undergoing a total makeover and design work needs completed, along with the transfer of all copy and photos. And if all the above wasn't enough, BEA is beginning a yet another initiative this year, our very own BEA Cyber Academy, to ensure all students desiring a "cyber experience" in our district receive a good education.

So you see – there is plenty to do in the summer months, and September 4th is right around the corner! But when those yellow school buses begin traveling again in September, we'll be completely ready. That's why we're working so hard now.

Bald Eagle Area

CLASS OF 2007 SENIOR AWARDS

Valedictorian

Robert Burris

Salutatorian

Kelsie Noel

Highest Honors

Cara Becker
Megan Chiston
Lindsay Confer
Benjamin Gardner
Ashton Hahn
Jessica Hall
Julie Rote
Jacob Shirk

Honors Awards

Kimberly Burris
Whitney Giedroc
Christopher Gingrich
Stacy Hartzell
Kristen Hinton
Danielle Moyer
Arden Packer
Mattie Reese
Katelyn Weaver

**LT. Col. Robert and Lois Barraclough
Scholarship**

Ethan Cleaver

Boggs Township SAT Award

Megan Chiston

Milesburg Borough SAT Award

Heather Davidson

Unionville/Union Township Award**Unionville Boro**

Stacy Hartzell

Union Township

Jacob Shirk

**Howard Area Museum & Historical Society
Award**

Ethan Cleaver

Art Award

Catherine Lilledahl

Julian-Unionville Area Lions Club Award

Arden Packer & Rodney Solt

Union Grange #325 Achievement Award

Jeremiah Hargenrader & Debra Waite

**Port Matilda, Worth, or Huston Township
Award**

Cara Becker & Kelsie Noel

The Richard M. Sharp Memorial Award

Deanalis Resto

Good Citizen Award

Cara Becker & Whitney Giedroc

Wingate Community Service Award

Kelli Jo Lucas & Shayne Lucas

Howard Area Scholastic Award

Benjamin Gardner

Howard Civic Club Award

Whitney Giedroc

**Howard School and Community Service
Award**

Kylie Gardner & Zane Gardner

Homemaking Proficiency Award

Debra Waite

Mays Korman Memorial Homemaking Award

Courtney Brungard

**The Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-
1956**

Karley Riser & Kelsie Noel

Snow Shoe Lions Club Award**Regular Curriculum:**

Ashton Hahn & Jessica Hall

CPI Curriculum:

Deneen Lucas & Mary Royer

Snow Shoe Lions Club Nursing Scholarship

Ashton Hahn

The Dennis L. Hanscom Memorial Award

Khyle McCloskey

The Military Appreciation Award**Army:** Kylie Masters**Air Force:** Ryan Snyder
Steve Watson**Marines:** Troy Barndt
David Weiss**U. S. National Guard Certificate**

Matthew Mosser

**Andrew R. (Andy) Jodon Memorial
Scholarship**

Brian Kochik

**Our Lady of the Mountain-Knights of
Columbus Council Award**

Ashton Hahn & Brian Kochik

The American Legion Auxiliary Award

Natasha Dudish

The Thom Shultz Memorial Award

Jerry Hockenberry

Mountaintop Scholastic Award

Ashton Hahn

English Award

Lindsey Kiehl

Social Studies Award

Jessica Hall

American History Award

Christopher Gingrich

Woodmen of the World Award

Christopher Gingrich

United States Air Force Award

Robert Burris

Leeman Hilner Memorial Award

Robert Burris

Omega Bank Business Education Award

Kimberly Burris

**Bald Eagle Area Class of 1964 Memorial
Scholarship**

Anthony Lacivita

**Bellefonte Lodge #268 of the Free and
Accepted Masons**

Hilary Henderson

Becky Irvin Memorial Award

Adam Miller

**Howard Area Lions Club Memorial
Scholarship**

Robert Burris

Howard Area Lions Club 2007 Leo Award

Elysia Fetzer

**Milesburg Lions Club Industrial Technology
Award**

Christopher Gingrich

Milesburg Lions Club LEO Club Award

Whitney Giedroc

Gerald R. Wisner Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Lilledahl

**Clare Dahlia Snetsinger Art Award of
Excellence in Performance**

Deanalis Resto

Hall's Market Award

Sara Warner

**Mountaintop True Value Hardware Store
Award**

Deneen Lucas

**The Snow Shoe VFW Post 5644 Ladies
Auxiliary Award**

Natasha Dudish

**American Red Cross Making a Difference
Educational Scholarship**

Cara Becker

Bald Eagle Area High School Service Award

Elysia Fetzer

Student Government Activities Scholarship

Catherine Lilledahl & Christopher Gingrich

The Etters/Shope Award

Marissa Mayes & Duane Blatt

**The Connelly/McCloskey Education
Scholarship Award**

Danielle Moyer

Ethel L. Meckes Memorial Award

Lauryn Weaver

**Betty J. Alexander-Norfolk Memorial
Scholarship**

Mattie Reese

**The William J. McCamley, Sr. Scholarship
Fund**

Stephanie Raybuck

Attendance Award

Female: Kristen Hinton

Male: Brian Beals

Delta Kappa Gamma Award

Natasha Dudish

Carolyn Connelly Memorial Scholarship

Natasha Dudish

Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Scholarship

Megan Chiston

The Reverend A. John Perna Memorial Award

Debra Waite

The Jan Janusz Boguslawski Award

Heidi Mann

Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Award

Julie Rote

Centre Association of School Retirees

Elysia Fetzer

Senior High Service Award

Katelyn Weaver

Phi Delta Kappa Award

Brian Kochik

David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship

Robert Burris & Kelsie Noel

Elks Academic Service Award

Brian Kochik

Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber Of

Commerce Business Award

Robert Burris

Mount Nittany Medical Center Scholarship

Kelsie Noel

Joanne Stover Feroletto Memorial Scholarship

Whitney Giedroc

Eagle Cheer Scholarship

Whitney Giedroc

Tiffany Bratton Memorial Scholarship

Lindsay Confer

Bald Eagle Area Football Alumni Club Annual

Christopher Gingrich

2006-2007 BEA Football Scholar Athlete

Brian Kochik

BEA Baseball Coaches Award

Tyler Quick & Brad Kling

United States Marine Corps Award:

Scholastic Excellence Award:

Robert Burris & Kelsie Noel

Semper Fidelis Award:

Adam Miller & Kristen Hinton

Athletic Awards:

Male: Jacob Shirk

Female: Cara Becker

James H. Snyder Memorial Award

Letterman:

Christopher Gingrich

Letterwoman:

Cara Becker

Gary Spain Coaches Award

Male: Brian Kochik

Female: Brittany Doran

Walter L. McClincy Memorial Award

Brian Kochik & Katelyn Quick

Dennis Spotts Memorial Award

Adam Bittinger

Leo T. Bomboy, Sr. Memorial Award

Kylie Gardner & Kyle Hoffman

Norman "Cork" Womer Award

Male: Ryan MacNamara

Female: Lindsay Confer

Scholar/Athlete

Kelsie Noel

2007 United States Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award

Male: Jacob Shirk

Female: Cara Becker

Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award

Brian Kochik

Robert G. Millward Memorial Award

Kylie Masters

Gary Confer Memorial Award

Karley Riser & Robert Newman

Lady Eagle Soccer Coaches Award

Karley Riser

Bald Eagle Soccer Award

Jeremy Foust

Bald Eagle Boys Basketball Booster Club Scholarship

Brock Fisher

Soaring Eagle Award

Samantha Weaver

BEA Wrestling Club Award

Jacob Shirk

Lady Eagle Booster Club Award:

Basketball Samantha Weaver

Volleyball Lindsay Confer

Softball Lauryn Weaver

Cross Country Katelyn Quick

Track & Field Samantha Weaver

Soccer Samantha Weaver

Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award

Football Brian Kochik

Girls Basketball Samantha Weaver

Boys Basketball Drew Wetzel



Girls Track Brittany Doran

Boys Track Christopher Gingrich

Baseball Brian Kochik & Ryan MacNamara

Softball Lauryn Weaver

Girls Soccer Samantha Weaver

Boys Soccer Jeremy Foust

Wrestling Jacob Shirk

Volleyball Lindsay Confer

Girls Cross Country Katelyn Quick &

Alexis Passarelli

Boys Cross Country

Juan Veruete

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award

Cara Becker

Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Choral Award

Adam Miller & Deanalis Resto

The Rex G. McCloskey Drama Award

Deanalis Resto & Stacy Hartzell

The John Philip Sousa Award

Travis McClain

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Adam Miller

Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Band Award

Robert Burris & Kristen Hinton

Music Department Scholastic Achievement Award

Band: Robert Burris

Choral: Megan Chiston

BPW Student of the Year Award

Cara Becker

Workforce Development Scholarship

Marissa Mayes

Allen T. Weaver Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Lilledahl

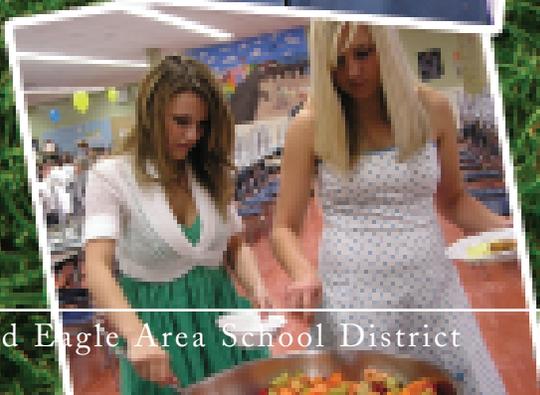
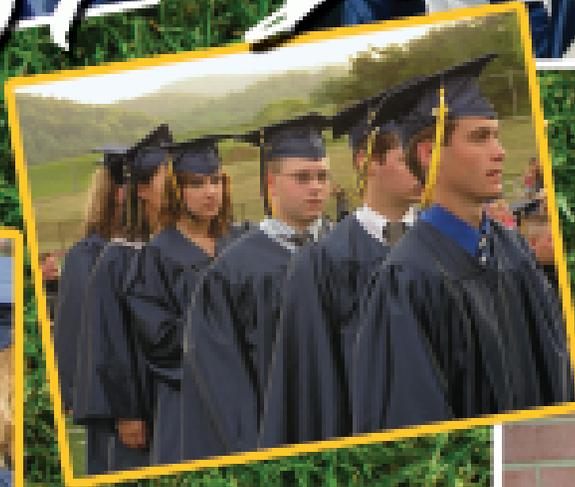
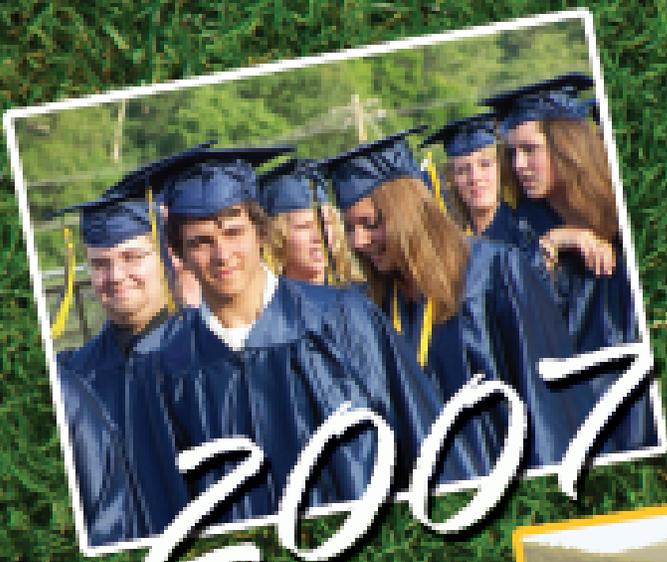
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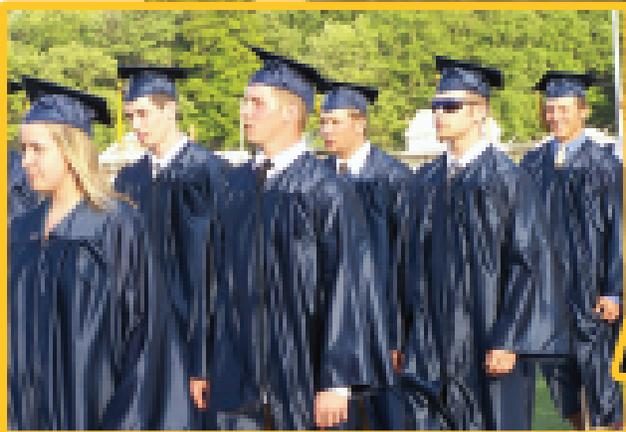
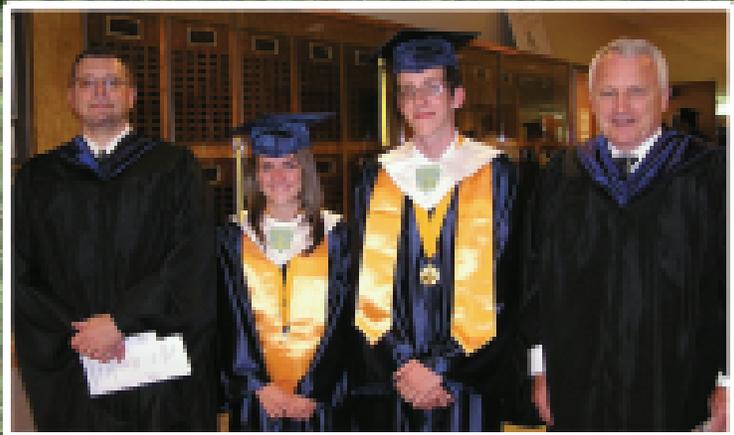
Shawn McCauley

Principal's Leadership and Service Award

Deanalis Resto

2007 Seniors





ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FALL 2007

The Bald Eagle Area School District (BEASD) will offer an Adult Education Program for the Fall 2007 Session. Class descriptions, course cost, and beginning dates are listed below. District policy requires that at least 10 people register for a class before it will be held. In some cases, class size is limited, and registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will remain open until Friday, September 14, 2007. Interested persons should complete the registration form and mail it, along with a check payable to Bald Eagle Area School District for the amount of the class cost. Registrations can be made over the phone, but will be held until a check for the class fee is received. Please do not send cash. In the event that we do not receive the required 10 people for a class, your check will be returned.

Any questions regarding the Adult Education Program can be directed to the Superintendent's Office in the Administration Building at 355-4860 or 355-3737, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please ask to speak with Nancy Fisher.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS - This is the perfect course for new computer users or those who have never had any formal orientation to the Windows environment. You will learn to identify different types of hardware and their functions, how to customize the Windows environment and much more. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Area Jr/Sr High School on Monday & Wednesday from 7 pm - 9 pm, beginning Monday, October 1, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident - \$50.00, Non-resident - \$100.00.

MICROSOFT WORD/EXCEL - This course provides a focused introduction to two important features of Microsoft Office. It is designed to teach the basics about Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel that you need to know for practical tasks at school, at work, or at home. Prerequisite: Typing skills. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Area Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday & Thursday from 7 pm - 9 pm, beginning Tuesday, October 2, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident - \$50.00, Non-resident - \$100.00.

ADULT EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

Name _____ Home Telephone _____

Address _____

Class you wish to register for _____

Are you a resident of the Bald Eagle Area School District? Yes _____ No _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ Please make check payable to "Bald Eagle Area School District"

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Please return registration form and check before September 14, 2007 to: Bald Eagle Area School District,
Adult Education Registration
751 S. Eagle Valley Rd.
Wingate, PA 16823

Central PA Institute of Science and Technology Senior Certificate and Awards Program Awards Received by Bald Eagle Area High School Students

Automotive Science Technology

Ryan Read - \$50
Fast Tech Award, Lyons Kennel

Building Trades Maintenance

Tim Riggall - \$50 Gift Certificate
Triangle Building Supply, Inc.

Carpentry & Building Construction Technology

Adam Bittinger - \$50
Mr. & Mrs. Max Hartwick

CISCO Networking

Jameson Haupt
\$500 - Edward R. Holtzinger Memorial Award
Plaque - Outstanding CISCO Student
\$100 & Plaque - Excellence in Attendance

Collision Repair Technology

Charles Hartman - Snap-On Screwdriver Set
Waite's Auto Body

Rodney Solt, Jr. - Spray Gun & Sander Kit - Unikote
Plaque - Outstanding Collision Repair Student

Cosmetology

Rebecca Bush - \$100
Chelsea Weaver Memorial Award

Diesel Equipment Maintenance & Repair

Khyle McCloskey
Watch - Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co.
\$75 - Robert A. Bird Memorial Award

Early Childhood Education

Kayla Dorman - \$25
Bellefonte Women of the Moose

Graphic Arts/Publishing Technology

Salina Barnard - \$50
Grove Printing Company, Inc.

Heavy Equipment Operation

Gideon Ammerman - \$50 Savings Bond
William R. Sefchick Memorial Award

Jeremy Foust

\$500 - Glenn O. Hawbaker Memorial Award
Plaque - Outstanding Heavy Equipment Student

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration

Will Bracken - \$100
Grant Bodle Memorial Award

Brock Fisher - \$50
Bellefonte Kiwanis Club

Horticultural/Landscaping

Mary Royer - \$550
David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship
Given by the Bellefonte Elks Club #1094

Deneen Lucas

\$50 - Straley's Veterinary Associates
Plaque - Outstanding Horticulture/Landscaping Student

Masonry

Curtis St. Clair
\$100 - Col. Donald E. Antes Memorial Award
Given by Builders Association of Central PA
Plaque - Outstanding Masonry Student

Welding

Zachary Brownson - \$25 - G.T.S.
Brandon Blair - Welding Hat & Gloves - G.T.S.



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Bald Eagle Area School District 2007-2008 School Calendar

"We Teach for Success"

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First/Last Day of School



Vacation



Inservice/Assessment



Act 80 Day



Snow Makeup Day

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK PROGRAM

– *Right on Track!*



When BEA adopted its most recent Long Range Plan, one of the approved goals was to engage as many students as possible in school activities. The expansion of our track and field program to the middle school level during the 2006-07 school year did just that.

Scott Krise is the coach for the group and said that the students did a fantastic job of adjusting to the concept of a team sport. For many of them, it was their first exposure to an organized team. He said that the coaching staff, in turn, had to learn a lot about dealing with each athlete on an individual basis and coaching each event. Coach Krise said his favorite part of coaching was, “seeing how excited the kids were when they came to track everyday.”

He said that although the Junior High track team didn't win a whole lot of meets during their first season, the students were very successful and continued to show personal improvement each week.

The program had 14 girls and 18 boys at the beginning of their season and Coach Krise is hoping for larger numbers next year.

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