106. Tammy Newhart-Koreski – 2006 Coach Edison Jr. High. Coach Newhart became the county’s first woman to coach a team to the league championship. Coach Newhart became head coach in 2006 and has won two titles. She has been Edison’s matmaid Coach since 2003 and was a matmaid for Franklin for three years and at South for three years. She is currently married to Dave Koreski. Coach Newhart’s first champion team members are: 78 Jeremy Corbitt 2nd; 84 Aaron Workman; 90 Coty Rogers 4th; 95 Brandon Davis 2nd; 102 Adam Metz 1st; 110 Sam Forshey 4th; 116 Tyler Dickle 1st; 123 Chris Smith 2nd; 128 Danny Fordyce 1st; 135 Jon Wright 3rd; 145 Coleby Richards 1st; 155 Byron Amos 1st; 171 Kenneth Berry 1st; 190 Derek Reed 2nd; and 275 Zac Hanson 1st.

107. Neil Brague – 2009 Coach Warren Middle School. Coach Brague led Warren Middle School into the Wood County League in 2009. The Warren Middle School team is a collection of 6th, 7th and 8th grade elementary students as the Warren School district does not have a Middle School Facility. Members of Warren’s first league team were: 90 Isaac Gregor; 95 Cory Parsons 3rd; 102 Cody Dobbs; 110 Dakota Wentz; 116 Levi Wentz; 128 Branden Hewitt; 135 Mason Sturm 4th; 171 Sheldon McCoy; 190 Zach Pike and 285 Austin Quinn.

108. Dalton George – 2009-84 2010-95 Williamstown Jr. High. Dalton became the third grappler to win nine consecutive titles in county tournaments. Dalton won seven County Jr. Titles before claiming two Middle School Titles. His first middle school title was won against Wirt County’s Jon Cain with a 4-2 decision. His final county title was against Blennerhassett’s Dylan Alexander with an 8-1 decision. He won two Outstanding Wrestler awards at the County Jr. Championship, the first coming in 2003 and then again in 2008 when he broke the county recreation record for league titles with seven, breaking the record of six formerly held by Jason Barton of Mineral Wells (1980-85), Ryan Flowers (1996-2001) and Mackenzie Peters (1997-2002) of Williamstown.

109. Matt Smith – 2009 Coach Ripley Middle School. Coach Smith led Ripley to their first league championship in 2009, becoming the second non-county team to win the tournament since the league expanded in 1993. Coach Smith has been involved with Ripley wrestling since a youth that has included winning championships at all levels. In high school, Coach Smith was a four year qualifier to the state tournament, progressing each year. As a freshman in 1999, he was the Region 4 Champion at 103 pounds. In 2000, Coach Smith finished third at 103 pound losing a 6-3 semi-finals decision to eventual champion Matt Easter of Nitro. As a Junior, Matt was state runner-up losing to Nitro’s Chris Johnson in the finals at 125 pounds. Matt claimed the 130 Pound State Championship with a 3-1 decision against Huntington’s Robbie Williams in 2002. Coach Smith continued to wrestle in college for Ohio University and was a four year letterman. Members of Ripley Middle School 2009 Championship team were: 75 Jake Martin 1st; 84 Cody Sanders; 90 Jarred Simpkins 1st; 95 Nathaniel Westfall; 102 Nate Starkey 4th; 110 Preston Martin 1st; 116 Lewis Yates; 123 Austin Hileman 2nd; 128 Andy Mellert; 135 Brian Rhodes 3rd; 145 David Baker 4th; 155 Nathan Tucker 2nd; 171 Austin Hall 1st; 190 Curtis Griffin 1st; and 285 Daryl Hicks 1st.
Jenny Sullivan – 2009 State Sportswriter of the Year. Jenny started following wrestling as a youth in the early seventies when her family became boosters for Parkersburg South Wrestling. As an adult, Jenny continued to support the programs in various roles with the Boosters, as Matmaid’s Coach and Team Statistician. Jenny has been a volunteer at various events over the years which includes West Virginia Jr. States, Wood County Recreation, Wood County Jr. High, Mountain State Clash, West Virginia Duals, Regional Tournaments as well as helping with out-of-town events such as LKC Championships, Wheeling Park Duals and OVAC Tournament. With advancing technology, Jenny helped support on a new website by Dr. Tim Miller [WWW.WVMat.com](http://WWW.WVMat.com) by continuing submitting team scores and covering events across the state. On December 1, 1997 Jenny’s first column “Mat Lines” appeared for WVMat which has been widely popular column over the years with her keen ability to cover the whole state. At the 2009 State High School Tournament, Jenny was recognized for her work and was presented the “State Sportswriter of the Year” Award.

Levi Congleton – 2010-78 Warren Middle School. Levi has been wrestling for seven years when he became Warren’s first league champion at the 49th tournament in 2010. He defeated Blennerhassett’s Logan Ball with a 6-2 decision in the 78 pound finals. Levi was the 2009 Outstanding Wrestler at the Wood County Jr. Wrestling Championship after winning his second consecutive title. Levi has been a multiple qualifier for the Ohio Jr. High Tournament and a multiple placer in Ohio’s OURWAY State Championship finishing third at last year’s tournament.

Valerie Smith – 2010 USA Wrestling Magazine “Photographer of the Year”. Valerie began as a typical wrestling mom taking pictures of her sons Brandon and Chris at different events. In 1998 she took her hobby to a new level and started photographing their teammates. Her photo of South heavyweight Zach Hanson with a single leg takedown attempt against Luke Vansickle of Sheridan at the 2008 Meadowbrook Duals landed the cover of the March 1, 2008 issue of USA Wrestling Magazine. Valerie is active covering many local events outside of her children’s. She has had many photos published locally, statewide and nationally, and in 2010 was awarded “Photographer of the Year” by USA Wrestling Magazine.

Allan Johnson – 2010 Wood County Athletic Director. In his first year as Athletic Director, Coach Johnson added the “Buddy James Coach of the Year Award” and the “Dr. Jim Mendenhall Official of the Year Award” to the League Championship. He is currently looking to grow the league to a 12 team super-conference with two divisions.