



GYM SPONSOR SIGNS HELP PURCHASE UPGRADES TO TCHS GYMNASIUM

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There has been some small upgrades happening at the Tucker County High School Gymnasium over the last 4 years. The idea to sell sponsor signs in the gym has allowed the purchase of some items over this time. The signs are installed in the gym and the businesses renew the sign sponsorship annually to allow money to be raised every year. The money raised is used specifically for gym items that help both the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Programs.

The first year the money was used to purchase new customized cushioned bench chairs for both home and away basketball teams during games. These chairs are the same chair model used at some of the local college venues. The chairs are also custom as they are black with the gold lettering of TUCKER on the chair back along with a paw print with the words MT. LIONS on the seat of each chair. The next purchase was new side glass backboards and breakaway rims. These replaced the old wood backboards and non-breakaway rims that has been in the gym since it opened over 30 years ago. The next purchase from the sponsorship money was a shooting machine that will benefit both basketball programs. The shooting machine extends nets up beside the basket and rebounds the basketballs and passes the balls back to the shooter automatically. This machine allows the shooter to shoot and not worry about running after the rebound. This machine also allows the players to get a great amount of shots up at the basket in a limited amount of time and the machine has a custom name and logo on each side. The last item that was acquired with this money is the purchase of new wall mats. The main mat is a special design in the middle that has black, gold, white and gray in different patterns. It also includes a Mountain Lion logo and the words TUCKER COUNTY MOUNTAIN LIONS in big bold lettering to set off the design. The new mat also features black mats on the side that make the total coverage of 40 feet. This almost doubles the old mat coverage to make the gym safer and gives the gym a new look that will last for years to come.

There is other projects and products that are in the plans for the near future. Some of those include a new PA system and new scoreboards to name a few. The Tucker County High School Girls' and Boys' Basketball Programs would like to thank the following sponsors that have helped with these signs and projects: Myers Auto Repair, St. George Medical Clinic, Adkins Home Center, Performance Motors, Cooper & Preston PLLC, Bob Gutshall-State Farm Insurance, Best of Canaan, Performance Auto Body, McDonalds, Cortland Acres Rehab & Fitness, Dave Hansford-Nationwide Insurance, BFS, Community Care Pharmacy, Miners & Merchants Bank, WV Paving, Roberts Estates Inc, Sheetz, Mountain Valley Bank, Little Andi's Restaurant, Tygarts Valley Orthopedics, Citizens Bank of WV, Shop-N-Save of Parsons & Davis, Sirianni's Café, Personal Best Athletics, Kingsford, Hinchcliff Lumber, Grant County Bank, Thomas Yard and United Financial Center. If your business is interested in getting a sign on the gym wall and helping support these future upgrades contact Robyn Nestor at the High School or by email: rdnestor@k12.wv.us or d_helmick@yahoo.com.



The Gym Sponsor Signs are mounted on the TCHS Gym wall



Bench chairs that were purchased with the Gym Sign sponsorship money



1 of the 4 new side basketball goals that were purchased with Gym Sign money



The new basketball shooting machine that was purchased in the past year with Gym Sign money



New wall mat that was purchased this year with the Gym Sign money