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WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR  
THE DEAF

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## Welcome, New Students!

### HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WVSD?

**Hannah Pauley-** My interpreter in public school.  
**Mark Wheelwright-** My mom told me about WVSD.  
**Justin Rhodes-** My mom told me about this school.  
**Joseph Humphress-** My mom told me that WVSD is best for me, so I came here.

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WVSD?

**Hannah Pauley-** I had a hard time with communication in public school.  
**Justin Rhodes-** Because I can understand things better here. The communication is better.  
**Joseph Humphress-** Public school is harder, because I didn't understand things. Communication is better here, so I understand more.

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WVSD AND PUBLIC SCHOOL?

**Hannah Pauley-** It is better for me here, because I don't need an interpreter. It was hard in public school but easier here because of communication.  
**Justin Rhodes-** It is better here because teachers can sign and I don't need an interpreter. It is difficult to always have an interpreter with me.  
**Joseph Humphress-** There are more deaf and hard of hearing students here. Public school didn't have many deaf and hard of hearing.

### DO YOU FEEL PUBLIC SCHOOL IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN HERE (WVSD)?

**Hannah Pauley-** Yes. I understand more here. I didn't understand a lot in public school and that was hard.  
**Justin Rhodes-** Public school is just different than here.  
**Joseph Humphress-** Yes, public school is a little difficult, but it is easier here because of communication.

### HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SCHOOL RIGHT NOW?

**Hannah Pauley-** I like WVSD so much.  
**Mark Wheelwright-** I like this school.  
**Justin Rhodes-** Okay, it's not bad.  
**Joseph Humphress-** I like it here so much.



L to R: Mark Wheelwright, Joseph Humphress, Hannah Pauley, and Justin Rhodes. (Photo by Sheena Smith)

## Welcome Back Former Students!

### WHY DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AND RETURN TO WVSD?

**Pat Collins-** Because I like it here.  
**John Jordan-** I came back here because I missed my friends, and there is better communication at WVSD.

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**WVSD is proud to welcome the members of the Class of 2007**

- Zelina Cooley-** daughter of Ms. Dora Stickley, Craigsville.
- Megan Davis-** daughter of Ms. Donna Davis, Piedmont
- Lindsay Eversole-** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Eversole, Romney
- Ashely Hohman-** granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rosier, Elkins
- Joseph Humphress-** nephew of Ms. Geraldine Schmitter, Fairmont
- Desiree Palmer-** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Forrest, Weston
- Justin Rhodes-** son of Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Rhodes, Alum Creek
- Lucas Turner-** son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Turner, Clendenin
- Terry Withrow-** son of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Withrow, Charleston
- Natasha Wolford-** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Wolford, Paw Paw



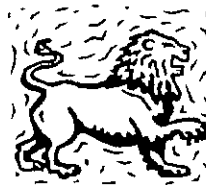
**L to R; Front row: Desiree Parmer, Justin Rhodes, Lindsay Eversole, and Terry Withrow. Back Row: Zelina Cooley, Ashley Hohman, Lucas Turner, Joseph Humphress, Megan Davis, and Natasha Wolford. Not pictured: Robbie Cranfield. (Photo by Mrs. Dodgins )**

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**Welcome Back....**

**HOW WAS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENT FROM WVSD?**

- Pat Collins-** Classrooms are smaller, and the communication skills are better here at WVSD.
- John Jordan-** I didn't understand the work, teachers, and students compared to WVSD.



**Homecoming 2001**

- Monday-** Get up and Go Day (Pajamas Day)  
**Activity:** Water balloon competition (teachers v students)
- Tuesday-** Opposite Gender Day (girls dress as boys and boys dress as girls)  
**Activity:** Volleyball (teachers v students)
- Wednesday-** Hillbilly Day (dress as hillbillies)  
**Activity:** Guess Who? (baby collage)
- Thursday-** Blue and Gold Day  
**Activities:** Class Skits and Spirit Stick
- Friday-** Formal dress  
**Activities:** Crowning of King and Queen Homecoming Court  
Homecoming Dance 7-11pm

## The Director's Corner



by Mr. Blakely

Hello parents! By now you have received the most important word about how this school year has begun – the informal reports given to you by your son or daughter. The residential staff and the instructional staff at WVSD hope those reports are pleasant and positive. We hope you feel that the school year began well for your child.

It seems to us in the Secondary Residence Education Program at Seaton Hall that after-school activities, Residence Education Assembly (REA), and recreational activities/sports began smoothly and that these first weeks have been a fine beginning of what should be a productive school year. The boys and girls have been cooperative.

This school year the sixth and seventh graders from the Elementary Deaf Department adjusted easily to their new surroundings and their schedules, and are in a friendly/safe environment in the residential school.

The eighth graders enjoy having grown up from being the youngest in the residential school. The ninth through twelfth graders have made an excellent start in terms of academic/residential work and overall student behavior.

Now that residential students have settled into a routine, activities, recreation (mostly basketball), and various organizations are moving into operation.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son's or daughter's residential schooling, feel free to contact the residential staff, a counselor, or me. We welcome your inquiries.

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



The opening of our school was similar to homecoming as students reunited with their friends and staff members. While many students joined with their respective sports teams and rigorous practice schedules, others settled into their home away from home and shared stories of their summer adventures. Our well-prepared teaching staff greeted the anxious children with educational challenges that made that comment "too much homework" frequently used. Anticipation of a new school year and preparations for activities and learning opportunities make the beginning of the school year an exciting time.

*Billy, DJ, Corey,  
Jeremy, Mr. Leatherman,  
and  
Mr. Adrian*

**REPRESENTING  
WVSD**

*at the*

**74th National  
FFA CONVENTION**

**Louisville, KY.**

**October 23-27, 2001**

*Bon Voyage!*

## "Snakes Alive"

By Pat Collins



Mr. Adrian (left) and Mr. Moose.

(Photos by Tabitha and Sheena)

On September 6, Mr. Moose from the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center presented a fascinating program on snakes. Mr. Moose handled, displayed, and discussed a variety of snakes including rattlesnakes, a blacksnake, a garter snake, and a milk snake. Some of the students were brave enough to touch and hold all of the snakes except the rattlesnake. It was a great opportunity for students to learn about snakes.



**ATTENTION PLEASE!** Keith Richardson and photographer Sheena Smith wanted to trick the audience! Shhh.. it's not a real snake!

## FBLA NEWS

by Keith Richardson, Secretary

The first organizational meeting of the FBLA Club for the new school year met on August 31 at 9:00 in room 106. Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Brown welcomed the visiting seventh graders. They will attend the next meeting and then decide if they would like to join the FBLA.

Following juice and cookies, election of officers took place. The new 2001-02 FLBA officers are: President, Sheena Smith; Vice-president, Patrick Collins; Secretary, Keith Richardson; and Treasurer, Hannah Pauley.

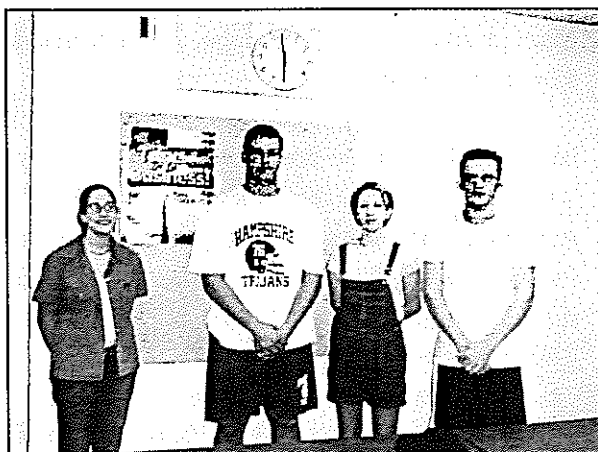


Photo by Mrs. Brown  
FLBA Officers (left to right): Hannah Pauley, Keith Richardson, Sheena Smith, and Patrick Collins.

Mr. Adrian led the group in the FBLA Creed. Due to an increase in state fees, dues for this year will be \$10.00 per member. Dues are payable on October 24.

Installation of officers was held on Sept 28. The remainder of the school year's activities were planned at that time (candy sale, guest speakers, club trip. etc.).

Meeting dates for our club for this school year are October 24, December 21, February 1, March 8, April 19, and May 24.

# Seniors' Summer Jobs



*Left to right: Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, Sheena Smith, (sitting) Pat Collins.*

*by Pat Collins*

Four seniors are beginning their senior year with some real "out in the world" work experience.

Sheena Smith worked at the Capon Springs Hotel from May 12 through August 15. She wanted to earn \$\$ and noticed a "Help Wanted Ad" in a newsletter she received in the mail. She encourages other students to have a summer job experience because her experience was great!

Danielle Surber volunteered to work with WVSD's Elementary Summer Camp from July 16 through July 20. Mrs. Kuykendall offered her the job because Danielle's future goal is to become a teacher. Danielle says it was a good opportunity to work with younger children.

Tabitha Keplinger also worked at the WVSD Summer Camp. Tabitha enjoys working with elementary children and plans to pursue a teaching career. Tabitha says it was an excellent experience.

Pat Collins worked at Farr-Maxwell Farm in West Union. He worked all day carrying hay bales to the barn. His brother-in-law, James Owens, wanted him to work there. Pat would recommend this to any student, even though it was a very hot job!

## FFA State Convention 2001

*by Pat Collins*

Corey Grace and Dalton



Christy participated in the FFA State Convention held at Cedar Lakes on July 12 through 14. Corey, President of FFA, agreed to attend the State Convention even though he was nervous at the beginning. Once he arrived, he really enjoyed playing games, going swimming, dancing, and making new friends. He said it was a great experience that he will never forget. Corey really wants to encourage other students to participate in FFA. Corey is planning to go to the FFA State Convention next year.

Dalton Christy, Sentinel of FFA, also enjoyed going to the FFA State Convention in July. Dalton really enjoyed the activities held at the convention. He said he made many new friends while he was there. Dalton's favorite activities were dancing, swimming, playing tug of war, and rolling hay bales. Dalton wants to encourage students to join the FFA. Corey and Dalton were accompanied by FFA sponsor, Mr. Leatherman.

Corey and Dalton are planning to attend the FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY on October 23 through 27.



*Left to right: Mr. Leatherman, Corey Grace, and Dalton Christy.*

# Athletic Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely



Some of our secondary students are beginning the new school year by participating in interscholastic sports at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, Hampshire High School, and Romney Middle School this fall. The participating athletes are:

## Hampshire High School (HHS)



Keith

Keith Richardson, sophomore, played football for HHS last year. He did a good job, but unfortunately he cannot play this year due to a knee injury.



Carolyn

Carolyn Rockow, sophomore, has been playing soccer for several years and is now a member of the HHS soccer team. She is enjoying her experience and doing well.



Brian

Although Brian Cross missed the first week of practice, he is doing well this season. Brian says he loves cross country better than track!



John

Three ninth graders, John Jordan, Billy White, and Josh Bittner went through two dreadful but high spirited practices before the school year began.



Billy

They are having a positive experience as members of the HHS football team.



Josh

## Romney Middle School (RMS)

Seventh graders Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow really wanted to join the RMS football team. We were able to arrange it and they began practice on August 27th.



Justin



Terry

## West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD)

The WVSD Lady Lions volleyball team captured the ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament Championship for the first time in history at WVSD last year. The girls are returning with a deep intensity and a lot of experience. They are more than willing to practice hard and improve their skills in order to have a chance to capture the ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament for the second straight year. Lastly, we are proud to host the ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament on our campus beginning Friday evening, October 26, and ending Saturday evening, October 27.

Alumni Deaf Clubs are more than welcome to exhibit their booths, etc.

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to call me after 10 AM daily. We wish our athletes the best of luck!

(Please see page 7 for Lady Lions' picture.)

# Lady Lions VOLLEYBALL

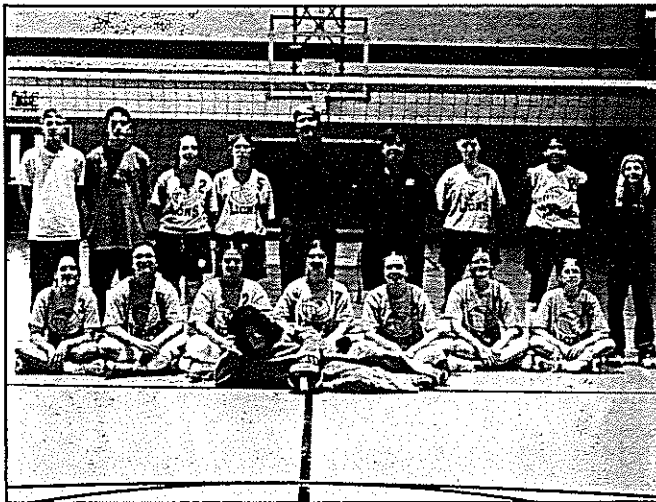


Photo by Sheena Smith

Front: Mascot Justin Gregory. Seated (L-R): Hannah Pauley, Holly Romanello, Tabitha Keplinger, Mindy Spencer, Danielle Surber, Carolyn Rockow, and Lisa Parent. Standing: Scorekeepers Bradley Grey and Corey Grace, Diana Delfosse, Jessica Morrison, Mr. Blakely, Athletic Director; Mrs. Surber, Coach; Ashley Lease, Zelina Cooley, and Pamela Thompson.

## ROSTER

Name	Grade	Jersey #
Heather Braithwaite	12	25
Tabitha Keplinger	12	28
Danielle Surber	12	23
Carolyn Rockow	10	13
Holly Romanello	10	15
Mindy Spencer	10	17
Diana Delfosse	9	2
Ashley Lease	9	7
Lisa Parent	9	12
Hannah Pauley	9	3
Jessica Morrison	8	5
Zelina Cooley	7	22

Date	Site	Opponent	Game Time
9/6	H	HHS (JV)	4:30 PM
9/10	H	Moorefield	6:00 PM
9/13	H	VSD	6:00 PM
9/17	H	Martinsburg Christian Academy	4:30 PM
9/18	H	Beall	4:30 PM
9/20	A	Paw Paw	6:00 PM
9/24	A	Martinsburg Christian Academy	4:30 PM
9/27	A	Moorefield (Tri-Way)	6:00 PM
10/1	H	MSSD (JV)	6:00 PM
10/3	A	MSD (Tri-Way)	TBA
10/9	A	HHS (JV)	4:30 PM
10/16	H	Paw Paw	6:30 PM
10/17	A	WPSD	4:30 PM
10/22	H	WPSD	4:30 PM
10/23	A	VSD	6:00 PM
10/26-28		ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament @ WVSD	TBA

## SCHEDULE

# October 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Homecoming Week OCT. 1-5	1 WEAR YOUR PAJAMASI VB (H) MSSD 6 pm	2 "Opposite Gender Day"	3 "Hillybilly Day" VB (A) MSD	4 "Blue & Gold Day" FB (H) 1:30 pm Soccer (H) 4p.m.	5 "Dress Up Day"	6 Camping Trip Oct. 6&7 Morgantown Soccer (A) 3pm	
7 Students Return From Camping Trip	8 Soccer (H) Muselman 4 pm	9 VB (A) HHS 4:30 pm	10 11 FEARFUL MISS for VICIA, Tapestry FB (H) Charles TOWN	12 Soccer (H) Jefferson 6pm	13		
14 	15 16 VB (H) Paw Paw 6:30 pm 8th Grade Exploration Testing	17 VB (A) WPSD 4:30 pm	18 19 FB (H) Keyser 6 p m.	20			
21	22 VB(H) WPSD 4:30 pm	23 VB(A) VSD FFA Nat'l Convention End of 1st 9 weeks	24 25 J.R. NAD FBLA TAPESTRY	26 ESDAA VB Tournament Oct. 26-27	27		
28 	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!				



November 16, 2001

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## HOMECOMING-SPIRIT WEEK 2001



*(Front, left to right) Patrick Collins and Tabitha Keplinger. Back: Zelina Cooley, Justin Rhodes, Billy White, Diana Delfosse, Jared Helsel, Tracy Marcum, Mindy Spencer, Brian Cross, Tyler Labin, and Jessica Morrison.*

During Spirit Week, staff and students chose the following Homecoming Court: Senior King and Queen, Patrick Collins and Tabitha Keplinger; Junior Prince and Princess, Jared Helsel and Tracy Marcum; Sophomore Prince and Princess, Brian Cross and Mindy Spencer; Freshman Prince and Princess, Billy White and Diana Delfosse; Eighth Grade Prince and Princess, Tyler Labin and Jessica Morrison; Seventh Grade Prince and Princess, Justin Rhodes and Zelina Cooley.

Please see page 5 for more Homecoming pictures.



Phillip Fraley

### Welcome, Phillip Fraley!

by Danielle Surber

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WVSD?**

From a friend of mine.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE WVSD?** I thought it was a better school for me.

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WVSD AND PUBLIC SCHOOL?** There was a lot of homework in public school.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE BEST ABOUT WVSD SO FAR?** I like being with my friends and the work in school.

**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SCHOOL RIGHT NOW?** It's okay, but I would like to go home after school everyday.



## **Dorm News**

by Mr. Blakley

Since I was a presenter at the WVSD&B Fall Conference, I would like to share a topic:

Special Students - more importantly, the nature and needs of today's student learners are radically different from those in the past. The students may not be making the rules, but emerging student values, needs, and expectations are driving all residential schools for the deaf in new directions. Where reformers have failed in efforts to reshape special education, the learners themselves have and are changing residential schools and residential school leadership.

Also, there is a reason for residential schools for the deaf. It's called special students. Everything the staff and the administrators do should somehow be connected with making things better for special students and helping them become what they need to be and even more. Just as successful businesses are increasingly consumer conscious and service-oriented, the best residential schools understand that they must be student centered.

Effective residential schools listen well, involve people in meaningful ways, care about learners as individuals and as a total community, and respond quickly and constructively when problems arise.

Managing the student body of a modern secondary deaf school is different and difficult. Today's students are more assertive, more worldly, more questioning, and more at risk than previous generations of learners. They are also more vulnerable and more in need of coping and problem solving skills than ever before. Building a residential school that meets the needs of today's diverse student body is changing - but it is also manageable, rewarding, and what the residential school is supposed to be all about.

**This report shows how we can manage today's students in ways that:**

- impose order and organization on the chaos of adolescence
- remove barriers to learner growth

- establish a safe, sane, and healthy environment for students to learn what they need to know
- maximize opportunities for students to be the best they can be (to release the hidden hero in every adolescent learner)

**Based on a growing body of research, this belief is expressed in variety of ways:**

- All special students can learn and learning skills should be lifelong.
- The residential school expects all students to learn.
- Every learner can be successful - the only variable is time.
- The residential school has an obligation to teach every learner.

The first step in managing today's adolescent learners is the staff and the administrators to champion the cause that every learner's success is the central focus of the residential school and its resources. If we all believe that all students can learn and the staff believes it, and the special students believe it, managing fifty, one hundred or two hundred students becomes a whole lot easier.

Believing that all students can learn implies a willingness to take on all comers - to accept and accommodate whatever mixes of ethnic, economic, and cultural diversity the student population presents.

**Here are the following things we are trying to do:**

- We are in a process of developing a "Peer Helpers" program at this time.
- We are trying to establish e-mail activity in the evenings.
- We are trying to set up a Tutorial Program for those students having difficulty in certain areas.
- We are having a lot of Residence Education Assemblies lately such as respect for oneself and others as well; help each other with our understanding; love and long term patience; sexual harassment; reviewing all policies and procedures to assure fairness; be sensitive to others who are different from our students (transfer from other schools to WVSD&B) from other cultures (loss, identity crises, etc).

We are still working on all of these things, but with your support, we can create a positive environment.

## WSD&B Career Classes Visit Area Businesses

The Career Majors Classes, the Intro to Careers Class and Mr. Chilcoat, Mr. Sevigny, Mrs. Teter, and Mrs. Brown went to Moorefield, WV on October 8th for a field trip of three area businesses. The first stop was Pilgrim's Pride, a chicken processing plant. The students and teachers were shown a video presentation followed by an excellent tour of their facility. Twenty-two hundred people are employed at their plant. Many job opportunities are available at Pilgrim's Pride.

The group's next tour was of American Woodmark. They have several other locations throughout the United States, with this being the largest. The biggest customers for American Woodmark are Lowe's and Home Depot. Approximately 80 people are employed in Moorefield. The tour included how the bare wood is processed, cut, glued and stained to produce the cabinets. The skills for the workers are varied, but they do offer on-the-job training for prospective employees.

The last stop was the South Branch Cinema 6 movie theater. Ms. Kelly Williams explained how the film is shipped in different reels and how it is spliced together. She showed the students the projection room and explained why the room is temperature controlled.

All of these tours were educational and very enjoyable. They exposed our students to many employment options.

Attending students: Jackie Fields, Brian Cross, Mindy Spencer, Paul Parent, Holly Romanello, Keith Richardson, Tyler Labin, Jessica Morrison, Andy Felty, Jessica Howerton, and Jennifer Heath.



The group was required to wear special clothing before entering Pilgrim's Pride.



Eighth graders in Mrs. Kuykendall's Middle School Family and Consumer Science class are shown wearing the shirts they designed and completed in class. Jessica Morrison selected an equestrian theme, placing horses on the front and back of her shirt. Tyler Labin selected an outdoors theme using a deer, fishing lures, and a fisherman on his shirt. Both students learned how to operate the embroidery machines this semester.



1st NINE WEEKS

### SENIORS

A - Sheena Smith, Danielle Surber  
B+ - Patrick Collins, Tabitha Keplinger

### SOPHOMORES

B+ - Carolyn Rockow  
B - Keith Richardson, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer

### FRESHMEN

B+ - Diana Delfosse, Ashley Lease, Lisa Parent  
B - Jeremy Comell, William White

### EIGHTH GRADE

B+ - Jessica Morrison  
B - Tyler Labin

### SEVENTH GRADE

B - Justin Rhodes

### SIXTH GRADE

B+ - Joshua Harpine  
B - Justin Gregory, Pamela Thompson

## Jr. NAD's Halloween Party

by Lisa Parent

Jr. NAD had a Halloween party from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union. We ate pizza, chips, and drank soda. We played "The Dating Game", where (example) one girl sits alone, and three boys sit together. The girl (who can't see who the boys are) asks the boys questions. After the boys answer the questions, the girl decides who she will go on a date with, based on their answers.

We had a lot of fun at the Halloween party. We want to thank Mr. Barry Nealis and Mrs. Beth Surber for their support.



PHOTO BY LISA PARENT

Students playing "The Dating Game" at the Jr. NAD Halloween party. Mindy and Danielle asked four boys to answer questions.

## FBLA Installs Officers

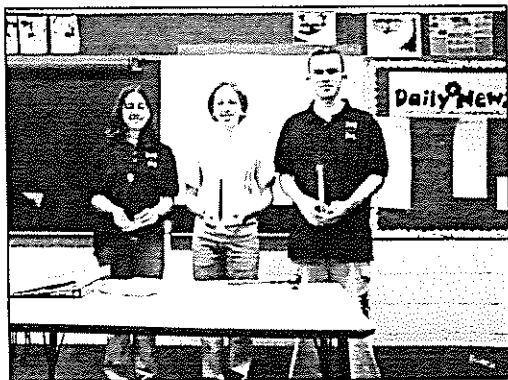


PHOTO BY TABITHA KEPLINGER

On Oct. 24 the installation of the WVSD Future Business Leaders of America Officers for the 2001-02 school year took place. With the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Davy, FLBA Advisor Mrs. Brown inducted Sheena Smith, President, Patrick Collins, Vice-president, and Hannah Pauley as Treasurer. The elected secretary, Keith Richardson, was absent. Twenty prospective members attended the installation. After the ceremony, President Sheena Smith conducted a short meeting.

## FFA Members Attend National Convention

Future Farmers of America (FFA) members attended the 74th National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY, October 23-27. FFA President Corey Grace, Vice-president Keith Richardson, Sentinel DJ Christy, and Historian Billy White went, accompanied by Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Adrian.

Many different displays and activities were available during the Convention, including a career show, tractor displays and contests, race car displays, rock and tree climbing areas, exhibits by the Armed Forces, FFA bands, exhibits by major agriculture industry businesses, and displays by colleges and universities.

While in Kentucky, the group toured Thomas Edison's house, where they learned about his early inventions and how he developed the idea for an electric light bulb. They also toured the Louisville Slugger factory and museum, where baseball bats are made. In addition, they traveled to Fort Knox, where they visited the Patton Museum and saw the building where United States' gold reserves are kept.



Photo by Mr. Leatherman  
Left to right: Billy, Keith, Corey, and D.J. at the National FFA Convention.



# Homecoming

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# Girls Volleyball

by Marybeth Surber

It's hard to believe that time goes by so fast and basketball games are just around the corner. We had a great volleyball season with a winning record of 13 wins and 11 losses. This has been the same record for the past two years and I'm proud of the girls for continuing to have a winning season!

For the first time in WVSD's history, we hosted the ESDAA volleyball tournament, October 26-28. We all had a great time with the other ten teams that participated.

For the third straight year we made it to the championship game with Delaware School for the Deaf--our biggest rival. It was a hard fought match and we almost won by the scores of 15-1, 13-15, and 13-15. The last two games were so close, but coming in second place is still very good. Danielle Surber, Holly Romanello, and Mindy Spencer were chosen to be on the All-Stars Team for Division 2 (voted on by coaches).

### Div. 1

- Champion- MSD
- 2nd- NYSD
- 3rd- WPSD
- 4th- ASD
- 5th- Lexington

### Div. 2

- Champion- DSD
- 2nd- WVSD
- 3rd- St. Mary's
- 4th- Mill Neck
- 5th- Learning Center
- 6th- Scranton

We want to thank our parents and loyal fans for coming to our games and supporting us throughout the season and at the tournament. Also, we'd like to thank our teachers and staff for helping out with the

tournament. We really appreciate everything you all did for us.

Last but not least, we will miss our key players and graduating seniors: Heather Braithwaite, Danielle Surber, and Tabitha Keplinger. The team will not be the same without them. And finally, to the younger players-- you are all #1! See you next year!

photos by Patrick Collins



Front row left to right: Holly, Danielle, Mindy. Back row: Bradley, Hannah, Carolyn, Tabitha, Lisa, Coach Beth.



Just having a little fun!!!



All Stars Holly, Danielle, and Mindy.



## Athletic Director's Report

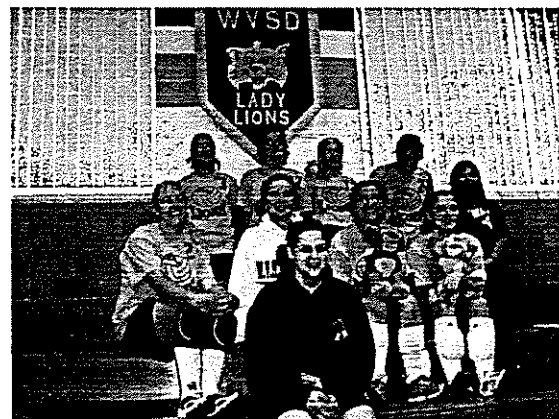
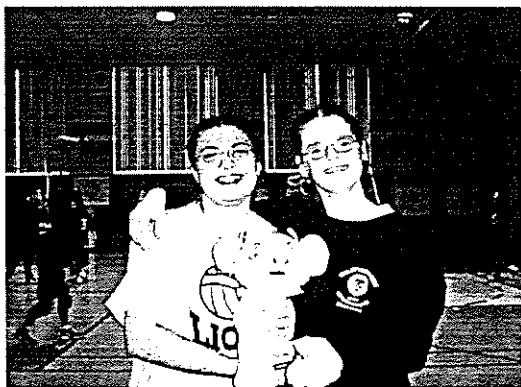
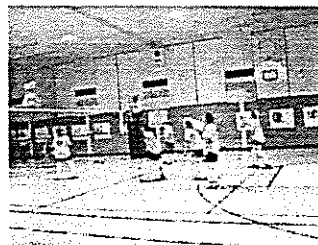
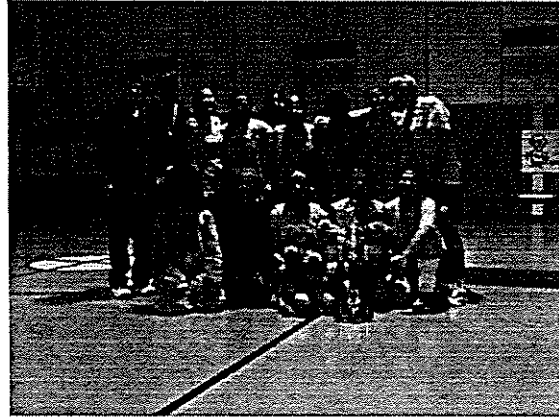
by Mr. Blakley

We were honored to host the 21st Annual ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament at West Virginia School for the Deaf on October 26-28, 2001. We were able to sustain our traditional athletic tournament, even though we had two Divisions (Division 1 = 5 Teams, and Division #2 = 6 Teams) using three different gyms through the weekend.

Our sincere appreciation goes to WVSD&B Superintendent Mrs. Jane McBride and to WVSD Principal Mr. J.D. Corbin for their untiring support. With our ESDAA committee members' efforts and commitment, the event was successful! Thanks!

Many deaf people, parents, fans, and staff gathered together here in friendship to enjoy the tournament. Our Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association has a long and proud history of having annual tournaments in different sports. We love to meet new friends from other deaf schools and enjoy the opportunity to share our history and activities.

*Photos from the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament by Mrs. Rockow.*









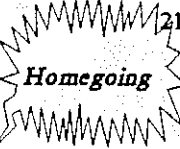


# From Our Family To Yours



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

## DECEMBER 2001

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2	3	 WVSD Lions (H) vs. Paw Paw	4	5	Christmas Bazaar DB/MHC	6	7	8				
9	 WVSD Lions (H) vs. M-burg C.A.	10	11	12	 WVSD Lions (H) vs. Moorefield	13	 WVSD Lions (A) vs. VSD	14	15			
16	 WVSD Lions (A) vs. MSSD	17	 Christmas Tea	18	19	20	 Homegoing	21	22			
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>								25	26	27	28	29
30	(Back to school on January 2)		31									



December 21, 2001

LIONS'



TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

301 E. MAIN ST. \* ROMNEY, WV 26757  
304-822-4860



From left to right: Joshua M. Jannotta, Tricia N. Collins, James Cantu-Fisher, Jessica A. Duke, Drew Massengale, Raven Peters.

Theatre West Virginia performed two plays from The Apple Tree series on November 26. "The Lady or the Tiger?", set in a mythical rock and roll barbarian kingdom, tells the story of Princess Barbara and Captain Sanjar who fall in love. When their love is discovered, they are told they cannot marry because he is not of royal birth. Captain Sanjar is arrested for loving the beautiful Princess and put on trial. Princess Barbara holds the key of fate! Which will she choose for Sanjar, the lady or the tiger? "Passionella" a musical play, shows many parallels to the Cinderella fairy tale. Ella is a chimney-sweep who dreams of being a famous movie star. When her friendly neighborhood godmother appears on her television and grants her wish, she transforms into Passionella, a gorgeous star. This story shows you the restrictions

put on Ella's wish, the people she meets, and the life lesson she learns. The performance was enjoyable! Following the performance, students had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the actors. This cultural event was funded by a 50/50 grant from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, a division of Culture and History.



WVSD Shadow Interpreters: Mrs. Davy, Ms. Watson, Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Heare, and Mrs. Staley. Not pictured: Mrs. Loar



Photos by Sheena Smith and Patrick Collins

# Christmas Tea

by Mrs. Kuykendall  
Photos by Patrick Collins and Lisa Parent

With all the hustle and bustle going on in Mrs. Kuykendall's room, you would have thought that Santa's "elves" were busy at working and preparing for the annual Christmas Open House at WWSDB. The "elves" were actually hard working students who baked for weeks to prepare goodies for the event. Menu items this year were Brownie Bites, M & M Trail Mix Cookies, Cheese Tortilla Roll-Ups, Cracker Snacks, Peanut Butter and Chocolate Fudge, Merry Cherry Cheesecake Bars, Puppy Chow, Vegetable and Cheese Platters, Nuts, Meat Balls, Coffee and sparkling Cranberry Punch. Special thanks to all workers: Mrs. Teter, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. High, Sheena Smith, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, Patrick Collins, D.J. Christy, Tracy Marcum, Tyler Labin, Jessica Morrison, Bradley Grey, Diana Delfosse, Lisa Parent, Jonathan Edwards, Hannah Pauley, Holly Romanello, Ashley Lease, Ashley Hohman, Zelina Cooley, and Justin Rhodes. Merry Christmas!





## Principal's Post

Anticipation of the joyous Christmas season abounds here at WVSD. Yesterday, one of our Partners in Education, the United Auto Workers, hosted a Christmas pizza party served by Santa and his UAW elves. Santa also surprised each student with a zippered, canvas travel bag bearing the UAW/WVSD logo. This took place just prior to the students departing to the Country Club Mall for a shopping outing. These are busy times for WVSD students.

Many parents attended our first Fall "Parents' Day" on November 15. I had the privilege of sharing how, together, we can best meet the needs of our children. Parents enjoyed attending classes with their child, meeting with teachers, and spending time touring their child's "home away from home." It was a very special day for the entire school family.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season!

## Seniors Take ACT Test

On December 8th, four seniors traveled to take their ACT's at Potomac State College in Keyser. Tabitha, Sheena, Patrick, and Danielle all agreed that the test was a real challenge, especially the math. They are all keeping their fingers crossed! The seniors would like to tell the younger students to study hard and start preparing for college now. ACT's and SAT's are an important part of the college application process.

## Local Artist Visits

by Mrs. Judd

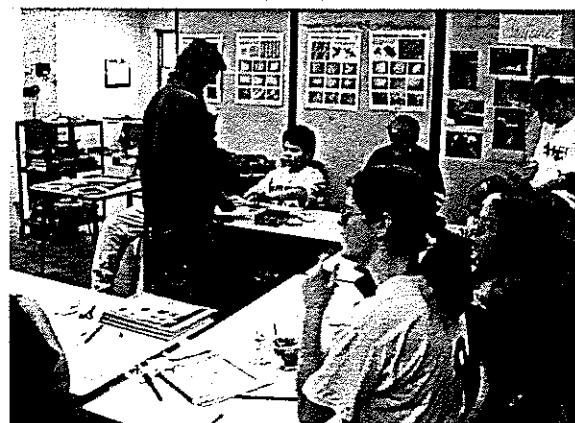
Patty Perry, local artist, visited the art class at secondary deaf in November. She demonstrated the art of paper cutting to all students who are taking art. After showing the students her papercut pictures, she instructed the students in making their own papercut pictures. Before leaving, she gave each student a free stationary card with one of her cutpaper designs on the front. Ms. Perry's work can be seen at many of the local crafts shops and you can meet and talk with her at local craft shows.



Photos by Mrs. Dodgins

Students working on papercutting, L to R: Carolyn Rockow, Lisa Parent, Pamela Thompson, Justin Gregory, Jonathan Edwards, Joshua Harpine, Justin Flick, and Joshua Bittner. In the middle is Ms. Patty Perry.

Guest Teacher, Mrs. Patty Perry, is in the center.

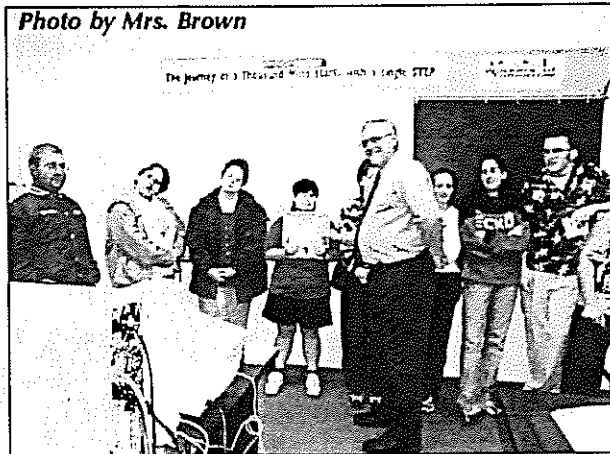


# CLUB NEWS

## VICA

The annual Skills USA/ VICA club fundraiser involves selling cheeseboards and mantle clocks for the Boys' basketball team warm-up jerseys. The most recent meeting was replaced by a Student Council meeting.

## FBLA



A short meeting was held on December 5. The FBLA Pledge was given. A special award ceremony took place. The top Candy Sales Person of the year was presented to one of our newest members, Veronica Anderson, a senior at the West Virginia School for the Blind. Veronica sold 263 candy bars which earned her top prize. Congratulations, Veronica. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

On December 21, under the direction of President Sheena Smith, the WVSD FBLA hosted a holiday celebration providing music, song, laughter, and refreshments. The entire school participated during these activities. Mr. E.A. Leatherman, Mr. Herb Adrian, Mr. Steve Dawson, Mr. Dick Everett, and Mrs. Debra Heare entertained the school with an instrumental music presentation. Mrs. Nancy Judd presented several poems and had holiday riddles for staff and students to solve. And of course, singing and signing was supplied by all. Our

own Tapestry did the grand finale of God Bless America, and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

The WVSD FBLA and Tapestry wish everyone a beautiful Christmas filled with much love and happiness, and a truly wonderful New Year! See you in 2002!

## FFA



*Photo by Jessica Morrison*

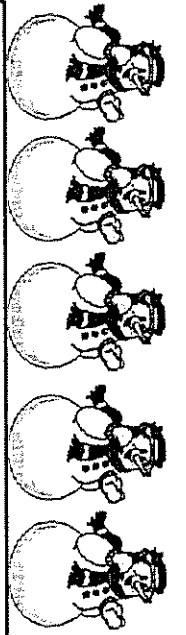
On November 15, the FFA sponsored a barn dance in the MPR for students, parents, staff, and FFA members from Hampshire High School. Special thanks to the "Millbrook Boys" and families for providing music and square dance calling.

Mrs. Julie Sions, a WVU student, spent two weeks student teaching with Mr. Leatherman's agriculture education classes. During the November FFA meeting President

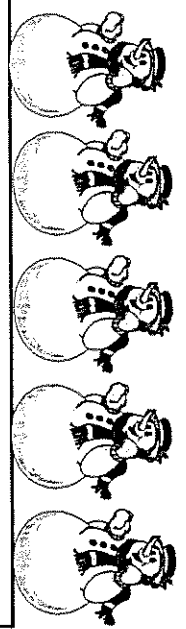


*Photo by Mrs. Dodgins*

Corey Grace presented Mrs. Sions with an FFA advisor pin. Mrs. Sions presented Jessica Morrison with the Discovery Degree.

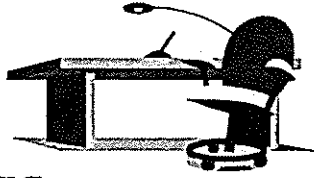


# January 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Back to School	3 WVSD Lions (HD) vs. VSD	4	5
6 WVSD Lions (A) vs. MCA	7 PPA Members-Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA	8	9	10 FBI A Trip to Martinsburg WVSD Lions (HD) vs. Union JV	11 2nd Semester begins Homecoming	12
13 WVSD Lions (A) vs. Moorefield JV	14	15	16 WVSD Lions (A) vs. Paw Paw	17	18	19
20 Martin Luther King Day No School	21	22 No Classes-Students Return to Campus	23	24 WVSD Lions (A) vs. Union JV	25 WVSD Lions (HD) vs. MSSD JV	26
27	28	29 WVSD Lions (A) vs. Delaware	30	31		

## From the Desk of the Director of Student Living



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SEATON HALL

by Mr. Blakely

To The Staff:

It is with great joy that I send you Season's Greetings! This has been a very special year.

Let me say what a privilege it has been to work with all of you. I am grateful for your help and your patience. The experience of working with outstanding educators and dedicated service personnel is always refreshing and stimulating and never more so than this year.

We should be thankful that we have been permitted to be of service to others. We've helped students learn how to learn and learn how to live. The glory of education is the opportunity it gives us to work with and help other people.

This is the time of year for rejoicing and for rededication. A quote from Thomas Drier says it well "If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time -- not tomorrow or next year. The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year."

Now is the time to reflect on our blessings and to recharge our spirits.

\* Students are learning the importance of a residential school's rules, respecting others at all times, and helping each other at all times.

\*We have ten computers that are being installed. Six computers are located in the Student Union, and each floor has 2 computers. Students are excited about playing computer games.

\*We are trying to uplift our dorm's face by installing new blinds in windows of students' bedrooms and painting the bedroom walls with the students' choice of colors. They are doing this as an educational/learning experience.

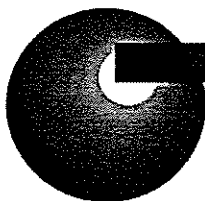
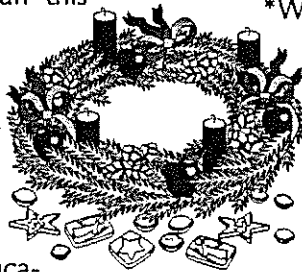
\*WVSD library is opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:30. Students may go to the library for homework, research, and e-mail. We can arrange e-mail if an emergency arises.

\*Students are enjoying the Christmas Lights Tour in Romney.

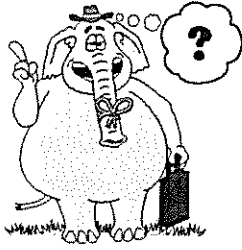
\*Students are enjoying a treat for supper - pizza as they are watching TV in the Student Union. We are quite certain that they enjoy every minute of that!

I'll report next time about more things we are working on.

On behalf of the Seaton Hall staff, we wish you Happy Holidays!



We're on the Internet!  
CHECK IT OUT!  
<http://wvsdb.state.k12.wv.us>



## LIONS' TALE SURVEY

### WHAT IS THE BEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU SINCE SCHOOL STARTED?

**Lisa Parent** - The FFA dairy judging contest in Morgantown.

**Joshua Bittner** - Mr. Seigny's Cabinetmaking class.

**Mark Wheelwright** - Fun times with my new friends.

**Tracy Marcum** - The Workshop.

**Jared Helsel** - The Workshop.

**Corey Grace** - Our homecoming spirit week.

**Jonathan Edwards** - The FFA dairy judging contest in Morgantown.

**Desiree Palmer** - Making new friends in the high school.

**Megan Davis** - Working and learning in my classes.

**Natasha Wolford** - Working and learning in my classes.

**Lindsay Eversole** - My new niece.

**Tyler Labin** - Manager for the Jr. High basketball team.

**Holly Ron.anello** - Being on the volleyball and basketball team.

**Keith Richardson** - Basketball season starting.

**Carolyn Rockow** - Hanging out with friends and playing volleyball.

**Jackie Fields** - Mrs. Dodgins' Graphic Arts class.

**Diana Delfosse** - Playing on the court during volleyball games.

**Mindy Spencer** - Hanging out with friends and playing sports.

**Danielle Surber** - Being a Senior!!!! And all the breaks we get.

**Sheena Smith** - Seniors planning Spirit Week and Homecoming.

**Tabitha Keplinger** - Senior year and Christmas break.

**Pamela Thompson** - Participating in sports.

**Justin Gregory** - Participating in sports.

**Joseph Humphress** - Making new friends.

**Terry Withrow** - Mr. Engelman's Science class.

**Lucas Turner** - Summer School.

**Bradley Grey** - Seeing my girlfriend.

**Paul Parent** - Homecoming week and the basketball team.

**Brian Cross** - HHS cross country and WVSD basketball.

**Mrs. Teter** - Tapestry's performance at HHS. What a

success!

**Mr. Adrian** - Seeing my male friends and the students growing more over the summer.

**Mr. Kesler** - Thanksgiving break.

**Liz Baldwin** - Getting back to a regular schedule and seeing everyone's smiling faces.

**Mrs. Barnes** - Meeting new friends and enjoying the students.

**Mr. Corbin** - The positive support received from parents during the special "Parents Day" in November.

**Mrs. Davy** - New books for the Library.

**Mr. Seigny** - For the first time in my 41 years, the older girls and boys have a chance to date together at the mall.

**Mrs. Kuykendall** - Spirit week (Homecoming).

**Mrs. Judd** - Becoming more familiar with the school.

**Mrs. Dodgins** - Cleaning and rearranging my classroom!

**Mrs. Brown** - Working computers.

**Mr. Farris** - Thanksgiving VACATION!!!!

**Mrs. Heare** - Surviving Fall Conference, the ESDAA Girls' VBall Tournament, shadowing for Theatre WV, Senior English second period, Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Staley cleaning and rearranging their rooms and living to tell the tale.

**Mr. Engleman** - The last week in October and the first week in November.

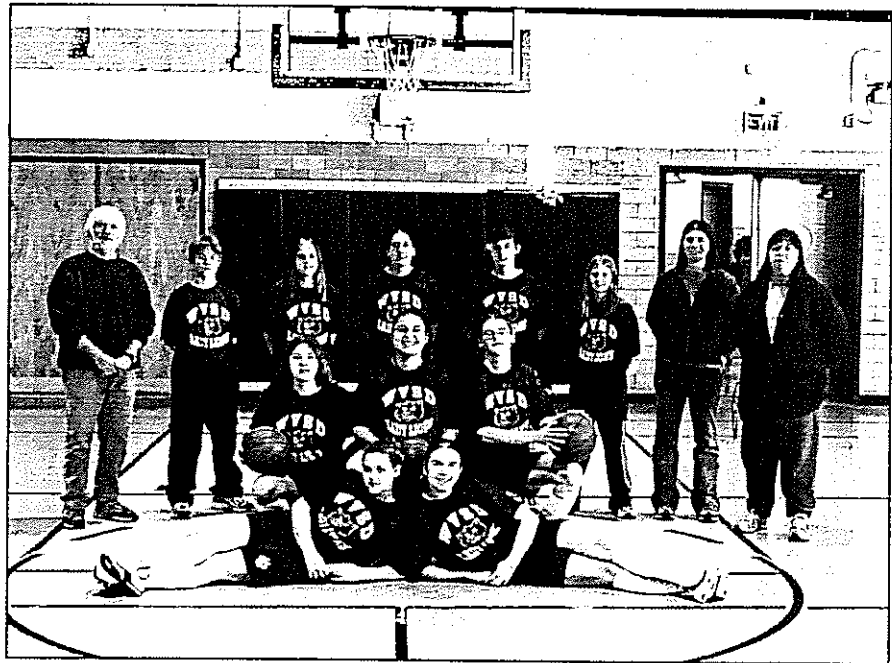
**Mrs. Staley** - Knowing that I am a "short timer" as a senior sponsor ----AGAIN!

**Mr. Haines** - Getting married.

**Mr. Mals** - My daughter, Megan, spending Thanksgiving break with us.

**Mr. Leatherman** - Julie Sions, a student teacher came to WVSD for some practical experience.

# BASKETBALL



*Photo by Patrick Collins*

*First Row: Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber; Second Row: Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Carolyn Rockow; Third Row: Mr. Mike Surber, Head Coach; James Rockow, Manager; Lisa Parent, Hannah Pauley, Ashley Lease, Pamela Thompson, Manager; Erin Surber, Scorekeeper, and Mrs. Beth Surber, Asst. Coach.*

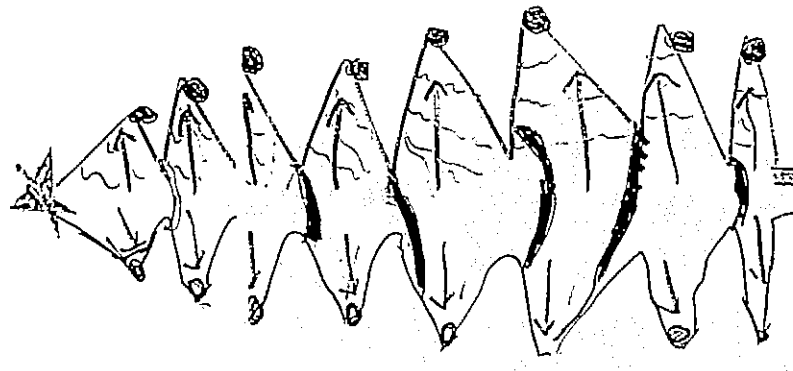


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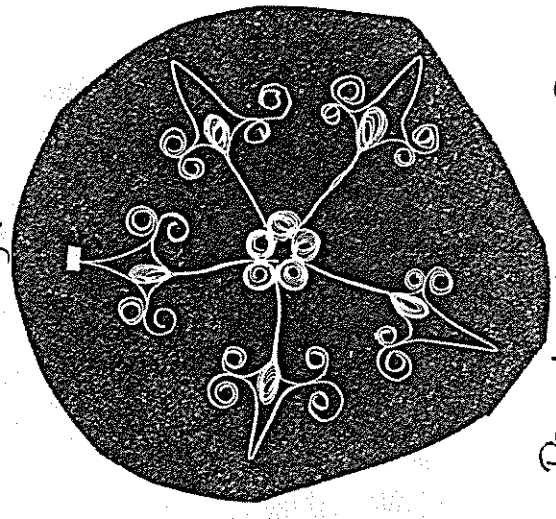
*Front Row: Jonathan Edwards, Brian Cross, and Paul Parent Jr. Back Row: Patrick Collins, Jeremy Cornell, Bradley Grey, Paul See, Head Coach; Corey Grace, Billy White, Keith Richardson. Not Pictured: Joshua Bittner and Phillip Fraley.*



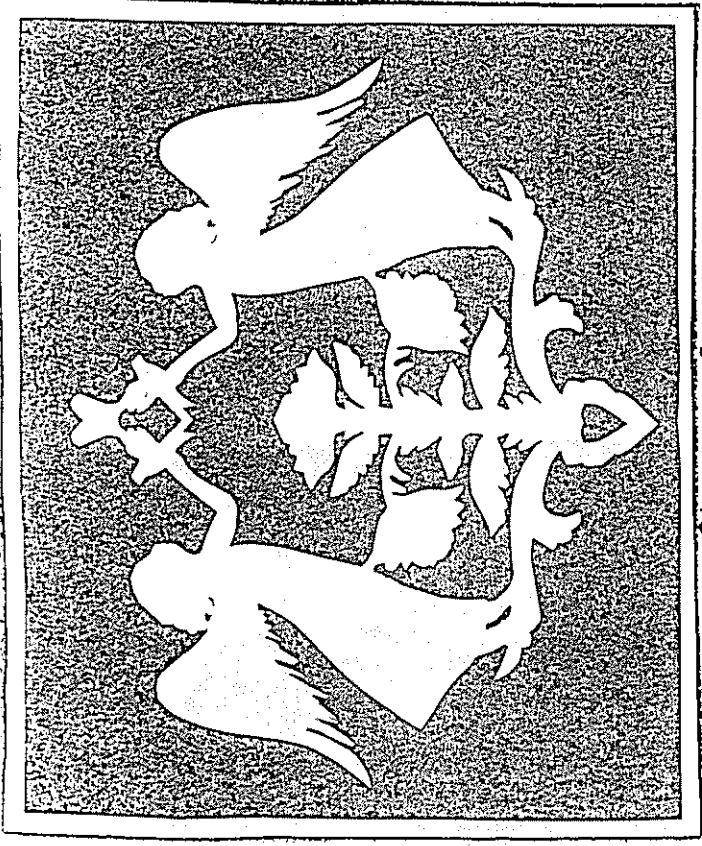
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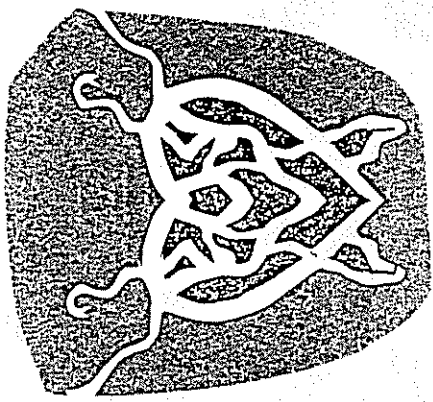
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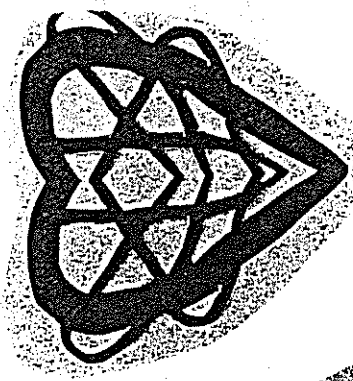
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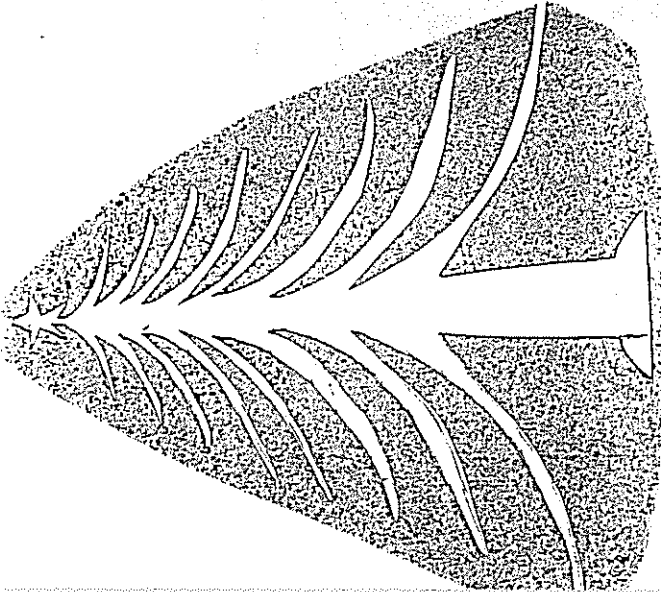
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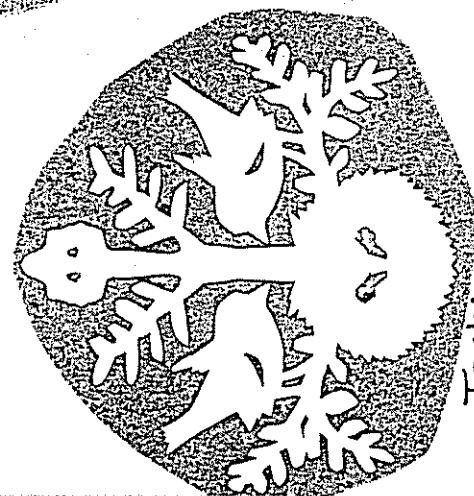
Carolyn  
Rockow



Joshua  
Bittner



Phillip Fralay



Jackie Fields



Seventh grader Ashley Hohman measuring pieces of the clock.

## Making Clocks

Photo and story by Lisa Parent

Some of Mr. Seigny's students are making clocks, which they are selling to raise money for the boys' varsity basketball team. "We can use any kind of wood to make the clocks," Mr. Seigny said.

Mr. Seigny said that the clocks are battery-operated (not electric).

Ashley Hohman made a clock during sixth period.

## Welcome, Eric!



Photo by Tabitha Keplinger

An interview by Lisa Parent

Eric Peirson (left) is a junior who recently transferred from the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

**Have you made new friends?** "Yes, I've made many new friends."

**How did you hear about WVSD?** "I heard about WVSD from my friends in VSD during a basketball game."

**What are your favorite hobbies?** "I like to hang out with my friends and go to the mall."

**How do you feel about school right now?** "Not bad."

## Welcome Back, Quinton!

Photo by Sheena Smith

WVSD is happy to have Quinton Petty return to our school. Quinton is not new to our campus. He was a student in our Elementary Department a few years ago.

Quinton is from Charleston and is a member of freshman class.



## Dorm News

by Mr. Blakely

This winter, more than half of our residential students are participating in interscholastic basketball. By now, he or she should have brought home a copy of the current **WVSD Basketball Schedule**.

Please make sure to sign the **Ski Permission Form** and return it with your son or daughter. They will be collected by their houseparents and then given to me.

Painting in the boys' rooms is under construction. Hopefully, they will be finished soon.

We are excited to be in the planning stages of establishing a dorm council this year. We'll have more information about this endeavor in the next newsletter. Our **Residence Education Workshops** scheduled for this semester include \*promoting good citizenship, \*student discussions, \*student contracts for participation, and more.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

## Seniors In The News

WVSD is excited to announce that two seniors have been accepted to college.

Tabitha Keplinger, daughter of Frances Keplinger of Fisher, has been accepted by Allegany College, MD, for Fall Semester, 2002. She will be studying Culinary Arts.

Sheena Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Smith of Baker, has been accepted to The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, PA, for Fall Semester, 2002. She will be studying Photography.

Congratulations to Tabitha and Sheena, and we wish them all the best!

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

It seems that not so long ago, we were preparing for the new Millenium and now we're already into the second year of this century. Some say, "Time flies when you're having fun." Apparently, I am having too much fun-WOW! I would like to share a New Year's toast that I overheard a trucker say on the CB radio many years ago. He said, "May the worst day of your future be like the best day of your past." That would be my wish for each of you for 2002.

Frequently, students speak to me about what, in their opinion, is fair and what is not. The message that I would like to share with you relates to fairness; a paradox where our school loses because we did a good job. The loss I am speaking of is in regard to our most valuable asset our students. We often have students transfer to our school from large public schools where they seem to get "lost in the shuffle." They arrive here socially and academically challenged. Fortunately, in a small specialized school, they receive individualized attention, instruction, and opportunity for social growth. Often, we see these students literally "blossom" in this environment. Occasionally, these students, now more confident, seek to apply their skills back in the mainstream. So, our reward for a job well done is one less student. Although it really doesn't seem fair, we know our job is to help our students be all they can be and to help them move on to the next level, regardless of where they may be.



Tabitha Keplinger and Sheena Smith

# Honor Roll

## 2nd 9 Weeks

- A.....  
Patrick Collins  
Danielle Surber
- B+.....  
D.J. Christy  
Diana Delfosse  
Justin Gregory  
Tabitha Keplinger  
Tracy Marcum  
Jessica Morrison  
Sheena Smith
- B.....  
Lindsay Eversole  
Phillip Fraley  
Tyler Labin  
Lisa Parent  
Desiree Parmer  
Justin Rhodes  
Carolyn Rockow  
Mindy Spencer  
Pamela Thompson  
Mark Wheelwright  
Billy White

## Semester

- A.....  
Sheena Smith  
Danielle Surber
- B+.....  
D.J. Christy  
Patrick Collins  
Diana Delfosse  
Justin Flick  
Justin Gregory  
Joshua Harpine  
Tracy Marcum  
Lisa Parent  
Tabitha Keplinger
- B.....  
Megan Davis  
Lindsay Eversole  
Phillip Fraley  
Tyler Labin  
Jessica Morrison  
Desiree Parmer  
Justin Rhodes  
Carolyn Rockow  
Mindy Spencer  
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Mark Wheelwright  
Billy White

### \*Honorable Mention\*

Robbie Cranfield, Becky Lett, and Jared Helsel

# Congratulations!!!

# February 2002

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## Coming on February 11

Karl and Jeanne Anthony

"The Courage to Connect"

10 A.M. (MPR)

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	<p><b>Don't forget Valentines Day on February 14th!!!!</b></p>	

# Club News

## FBLA

January 10, sixteen FBLA members, two advisers, and one FBLA chaperone were given a grand tour of



the General Motors Parts and Services plant in Martinsburg, WV. Many people from the plant explained the various operations and it certainly was fascinating to see the organized and well run plant. The starting salaries were



mind boggling, too. How would you like to begin an entry-level job at approximately \$24.00 an hour? Of course the jobs for GM Parts

and Services are in much demand, and the next opportunity for a person to be hired off the street is during 2018. With the downsizing of plants throughout the country, GM workers have the opportunity to transfer from one location to another if they should get laid off. This has been the reason for not hiring new people in Martinsburg. They just simply move in from another facility.

When we completed our tour, President Ed Lewis had pizza and soda waiting for the hungry crew. What a nice experience we had in Martinsburg.

After arriving back in Romney, we had an opportunity to speak about the remainder of the year and the activities we wanted to plan. Our St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held on March 16th, and we are inviting the Burlington United Methodist Children's Home students. They came to our dance last year and, everyone had a good time. We will advertise more later.

## FFA

On January 9, FFA members and sponsors went to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA.

**Q: What did you like best about the farm show?**

**Carolyn:** I went shopping.

**Zelina:** When I got to see the rabbits. They were cool.

**Q: What was your favorite thing to see?**

**Carolyn:** I liked seeing many different animals.

**Zelina:** My favorite thing to see was a big buffalo.

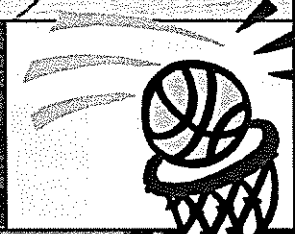
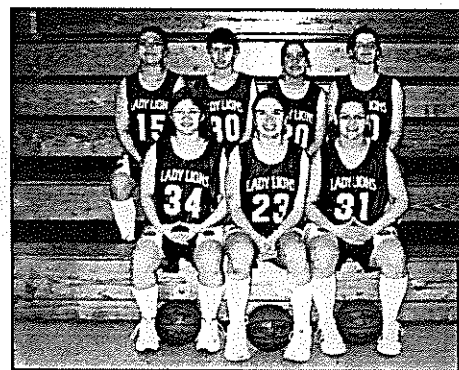
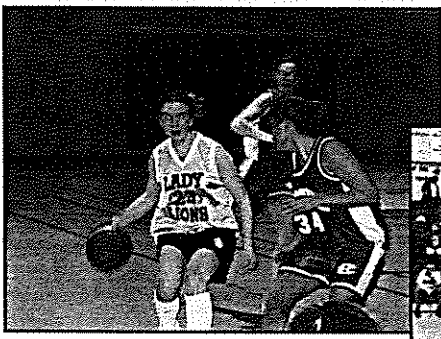
**Q: Anything else you want to say about the show?**

**Carolyn:** I liked the trip very much. Thank you, FFA Sponsors.



# BASKETBALL

by Patrick Collins, Eric Peirson  
and Sheena Smith



## Go Lions!!!!

## Principal Corbin Announces Class Of 2002 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



*Danielle Surber*

Principal Corbin is proud to announce Danielle Surber as Valedictorian and Sheena Smith as Salutatorian of the Class of 2002.

Danielle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Surber of Kirby. She will attend Gallaudet University in the fall, where she will major in elementary education.

Sheena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Smith of Baker. Sheena will be attending the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in the fall, where she will study photography.



*Sheena Smith*

## Tapestry Travels To Charleston To Perform For Legislators

by *Lisa Parent*

Members of Tapestry left for Charleston at 4:00 a.m. on February 12. Students from the Elementary Department, Secondary Department, and the School for the Blind were on two comfortable buses. We had food, drinks, and snacks on each bus. We arrived in Charleston at 10 a.m., changed our clothes, fixed our hair, and got ready to perform.

At 11 a.m. we entered the Senate chambers to sing and sign for the delegates. Some kids were excited to see that their parents were in the

audience.

After the performance, Tapestry went outside to the front of the Capitol building where we had our picture taken with Delegate Jerry Mezzatesta. Then we went to Delegate Mezzatesta's office, where he handed out Valentine candy. We stopped at Shoney's for supper, then headed back to Romney.

Tapestry members enjoyed the trip to Charleston. We had a lot of fun there! We want to thank to Mrs. Davy, Mrs. Teter, Ms. Nealis and Mr. Nealis for their hard work with the group.



*Front row (left to right): Lisa Parent, Jessica Morrison. Middle row: Mrs. Teter, sponsor; Bradley Grey, Tyler Labin, Billy White, Mrs. Davy, sponsor. Back row: Becky Nealis, sponsor; Ashley Lease, Paul Parent, Hannah Pauley, Patrick Collins, Carolyn Rockow, DJ Christy, Mindy Spencer, Barry Nealis, sponsor. Not pictured: Tabitha Keplinger and Danielle Surber.*



## WVSD FFA Makes Candy Apple Jam

by Mrs. Dodgins

Students from the West Virginia School for the Deaf FFA went to Gourmet Central on January 30 to make Candy Apple Jam under the supervision of Romney's own Chef Harv. Twenty-one students and four staff members



made 467 jars of the delicious jam. Students and staff took part in washing the apples; coring, peeling, and cutting the apples; washing the jars; stirring the mixture; putting the lids on jars; stacking the finished product, making and adding labels to the jars; and clean-up. The entire process took most of the school day.

Before participating in the jam making, all students and staff involved were required to attend a food safety class which was also attended by members of the community.



WVSD FFA and FBLA members sold the jam.

Thanks to Twin Mountain Farms for donating the apples. This project was funded through a grant from the Lightstone Foundation.

Participating students were seniors DJ Christy, T. Keplinger, V. Price, and S. Smith; sophomores K. Richardson, C. Rockow, H. Romanello, and M. Spencer; freshmen J. Bittner, J. Cornell, J. Edwards, C. Grace, B. Grey, L. Parent, H. Pauley, Q. Petty, and B. White; eighth-graders T. Labin, and J. Morrison and seventh-



graders Z. Cooley and J. Rhodes. Participating FFA advisors were Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Heare, Mrs. Kuykendall, and Mr. Leatherman.

## Career Class Visits Area Businesses

by Mrs. Brown

The WVSD Career Majors Class has been busy exploring the World of Work during these past few weeks. On January 25th the class, along with Mrs. Brown and Mr. Sevigny visited the Hampshire Review. Mr. Charles See, Editor, explained the operation of publishing a newspaper. In addition he had some background information about the Hampshire Review. Transition from school to work using different software applications emphasized the importance of class participation and learning all that is available while in school.

On February 7th, the Career Majors Class toured the Hampshire Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Cindy Combs, Personnel Director and former secretary at WVSD Secondary, gave an in-depth presentation of the many job opportunities found in a hospital.

Chef Harv of Gourmet Central provided the Career Majors Class with a detailed account of owning and operating a small business. The Career Majors Class toured Gourmet Central on February 20th and was in awe of the many different facets of business involved in selling a product. While he was talking, he also whipped up some homemade ice cream in less than five minutes and shared a sampling with the group. What a treat!

Our special thanks to all the different businesses and organizations the Career Majors Class has been given the opportunity to see. With first hand experience, our students are better able to consider a career for the future.



First row, left to right- Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello. Second row- Ms. Lana Bean, Jaime Powers, Paul Parent, Mrs. Brown Third row- Ms. Kim Moore, Keith Richardson, Phillip Fraley, Mr. Charlie See, Mr. Sevigny, Brian Cross.



## Athletic Director's Report

by Mr. Blakely

### WVSD LIONS

The ESDAA committee at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, New York, hosted the ESDAA Boys' Basketball Tournament/Girls' Cheerleading Competition on February 15-17. Undoubtedly, the players, cheerleaders, coaches, fans, and friends all had a fantastic time!

Events such as this tournament are examples of what make schools for the deaf so unique. The competition, friendships, and camaraderie we all experience are lifelong memories. We are so proud of our WVSD Lions and their great accomplishments beyond our expectations.

We all have exciting moments from the ESDAA Tournament at Mill Neck Manor that will become treasured memories. Here are the results of ESDAA Tournament:

**Champion: Governor Baxter**  
**2nd Place: NYSSD**  
**3rd Place: Mill Neck Manor**  
**4th Place: WVSD**  
**All Stars, 1st Team: Eric Peirson**

We are so proud of our boys for their untiring efforts and continuous fight to get where they are now. We are quite sure that our boys have learned a lot from this endeavor.

### WVSD LADY LION DANI SURBER

On behalf of the Secondary Residential School Department, the Administration and Faculty at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, I would like to congratulate Dani Surber for breaking our oldest record for points scored in basketball— over 1,000! This is a very high honor. It is an indicator of one who has achieved significant success in the field of athletics, especially in basketball, as well as one who personifies the highest standards of service,

leadership, and character. Dani is, in every respect, a model athlete/student and one in whom we have the greatest pride.

We would also like to congratulate Dani's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Surber who have contributed so much to who she is and what she has accomplished.

We have the greatest confidence in Dani and her chances for continuous success in her future endeavors, whatever they may be.



## Girls' Basketball Report

by Dani Surber

On February 14-16, the Lady Lions traveled to Scranton State School for the Deaf in Scranton, PA for the ESDAA Div. 2 Girls' Basketball Tournament. We took 1st place in the Team 21 competition and worked very hard to earn 2nd place during the championship game with Rhode Island. We were so nervous, but we did a pretty good job. Nine schools participated in the tournament. We enjoyed meeting our old/new friends and stayed in a really nice hotel. We all had a wonderful weekend and a great experience.

Here are the final results of the tournament:

**Champion: RISD**  
**2nd Place: WVSD**  
**3rd Place: DSD**  
**4th Place: The Learning Center**  
**5th Place: RSD**  
**6th Place: Austine**  
**7th Place: SSSD**  
**8th Place: SMSD**  
**9th Place: Governor Baxter**  
**All Stars, 1st Team: Dani Surber**  
**Honorable Mention: Mindy Spencer**

# Girls' Basketball Pictures From the ESDAA Tournament

Photos by Ms. Sandra Rockow



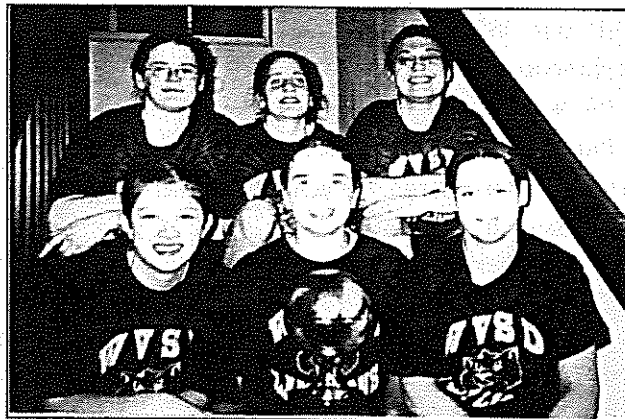
Carolyn, Dani, Holly, and Hannah having fun on the way to Scranton.



Mindy and Dani with their All-Stars Awards.



Tabbi & Mindy getting ready for the game.



Front Row: Mindy, Dani and Tabbi  
Back Row: Carolyn, Hannah and Holly



All-Stars, 1st Team

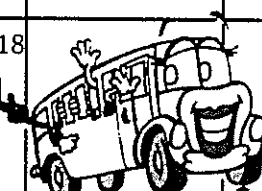


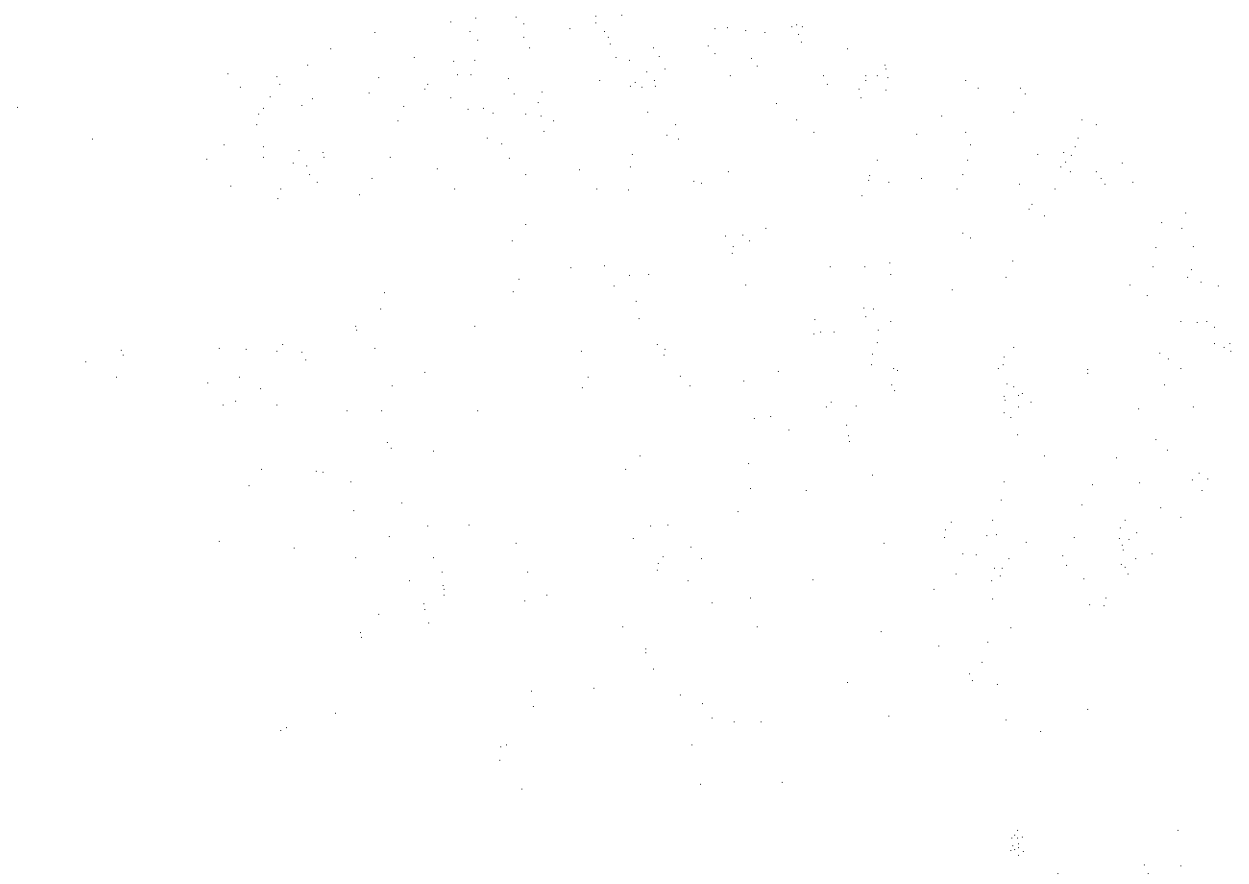
Girls and coaches with their 2nd place trophy.

# EASTER GREETINGS to our many friends



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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	B	R	E	A	K	
7 <i>Back-To-School</i>	8 Theatre WV Performing Aladdin MPR 10 am	9 SAT Testing 7th-11th Grades 4/9-4/12	10	11 PFA Regional Scholar Contest Hedgesville	12	13
14 Shriners' Circus All Students Cumberland	15 Clothing Give Away for WVSD&B Students	16 Clothing Give Away for Public	17	18 RESA VIII MPR	19 	20
21	22	23	24 Todd Michael Unlimited Career Majors 10- 11:30 am	25	26	27 Tapestry Performance Morgantown
28 <i>Back-To-School</i>	29	30	April is National Poetry Month			



## Gallaudet Diagnostic Test

by Mrs. Heare

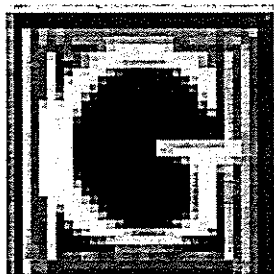
The Gallaudet Diagnostic Test (GDT) was administered to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on Tuesday, February 26. Seventeen students participated in this year's exam.

The GDT, given annually, is designed to measure grade ranges rather than specific grade levels and to help identify strengths and weaknesses of each student while in high school. This test does not qualify as an admissions test for students desiring acceptance to Gallaudet University.

This test, also known as the Stanford Diagnostic Test, is divided into five subtests:

- Reading Comprehension**
- Reading Vocabulary**
- Mathematics: Concepts and Application**
- Mathematics: Computation**
- Writing**

Gallaudet provides a valuable service by processing the answer sheets and sending two copies of the analysis to our school. One is sent to parents and the second is kept in our language profiles.



## Morrison Wins Golden Horseshoe

by Mr. Kesler



Tyler Labin, Mr. Kesler, and Jessica Morrison.

We recently received word that eighth grader Jessica Morrison is this year's winner of the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe Test.

On Feb. 6, Jessica and Tyler Labin participated in the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe Test. Most eighth graders in the state of West Virginia take the test. Our students competed against the 8th grade students from the School for the Blind. After the students finished the test, which included 100 questions, the test was mailed to Charleston, where it was graded.

Tyler and Jessica both prepared in the weeks leading up to the test. It is a difficult test that covers most parts of West Virginia history. Jessica, this year's winner between the schools for the Deaf and the Blind, will go to Charleston, where she will be honored with other winners from around the state.

Some former winners from the school for the Deaf were Jason Wilson, Patrick Collins, Damron Walton, Jennifer Lofton and Tommy Cosner.

## Jeanne and Karl Anthony Perform for WWS&B



Jeanne and Karl Anthony of Carlsbad, California presented a motivational program to students and staff last month, designed to create respect, school spirit, and teamwork through music, humor, group interaction, and sign language. The Anthony's' program was based on three principles:

\* Protect - Protect yourself and those around you.

As we take care of ourselves and those around us, everyone is then taken care of. As a protector you become mindful and aware of your choices and how they affect your surroundings.

\* Applaud - For yourself and for others.

Encouragement can feed the fire of success and will empower the giver even more than the receiver. Acknowledgement and encouragement are the greatest of all motivators.

\* Become - Who we become in life is far greater than anything we will accomplish. Pay attention to what you are becoming by your current attitude. Realize that learning is the doorway to becoming the person you wish to be and having the life you want.

This program was funded by the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, West Virginia Division of Culture

## FFA Week February 18-22



FFA week is celebrated annually during the week of George Washington's birthday. Washington is highly regarded by FFA members for his innovations and sound practices in agriculture.

During the week, Power Point presentations prepared by students and short lessons on FFA history and facts were held during homeroom. Tuesday, Holly Romanello, Tyler Labin, and Jessica Morrison presented "The Pennsylvania Farm Show," and DJ Christy and Corey Grace presented "The State FFA Convention." Thursday's Power Point presentations were on the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY, by Corey Grace, Billy White, and DJ Christy; and butchering the WWS FFA hog by Holly Romanello. During Friday's homeroom, Quinton Petty and Carolyn Rockow made a presentation on making Candy Apple Jam at Gourmet Central in Romney, and Lisa Parent and Holly Romanello made a presentation on Career Development Events held at WVU in Morgantown last fall.

Advisors Mr. Leatherman and Mrs.

Dodgins talked about the history of FFA, FFA facts, and girls and women in agriculture. Advisor Mrs. Heare held the annual FFA Creed Contest Thursday, judged by Mr. Adrian, Ms. Powers, and Mrs. Barnes. Winners were Josh Bittner, first place; Holly Romanello and Keith Richardson, tied for second; and Matt Warner, third place. Thursday night, FFA members sponsored "Washington's Ball" in the Student Union, attended by all students, dorm staff, and FFA advisors. Honored during the ball were members receiving the Chapter Farmer Degree, DJ Christy, Corey Grace, and Billy White; the Greenhand Degree, Josh Bittner, Keith Richardson, Holly Romanello, and Matt Warner; and the Discovery Degree, Zelina Cooley, Tyler Labin, Justin Rhodes, Lucas Turner, and Terry Withrow.



## WVSD Trip to Timberline

by Patrick Collins

The Secondary Deaf Students went skiing at Timberline Ski Resort on March 6 and 13. The weather was very warm, rainy, foggy, and sunny! It didn't really matter because we had so much fun! We would like to thank the Lion's Club for their support and for giving us the opportunity to ski and eat at Gi Gi's Restaurant. The food was delicious!



### Principal's Post

In an article published by the New York Times on December 9th, the writer was shocked to discover that most Americans prefer to associate with people

of their own racial, cultural, and ethnic background. The Times was surprised to discover that segregation is by choice and that people are most comfortable when they live among and associate with people of their culture. In applying these findings to the world of WVSD, there is much support and little surprise. Members of the deaf community or deaf culture, regardless of the function or activity, tend to gravitate toward each other together and prefer the company of the same. Ease of communication alone would make that understandable. It should also come as no surprise that deaf students are most comfortable and least restricted in an environment shared with other deaf students.

As the onset of Spring brings forth new growth, may each of us consider new growth in tolerance and respect for our fellow man, regardless of our preferences. Moreover, as we unite as a nation, may we focus less on our differences and more on our common bonds. Have a safe and restful Spring Break!



### Secondary Residence Education Council

at Seaton Hall

We are pleased to have a Secondary Residence Education Council at Seaton Hall this year.

The role of the Secondary Residential Education Council is to develop educational activities/meetings and to provide feedback/ideas about the overall program of SRE. The SRE is strictly advisory in nature and is not a rule-making body.

The following are members: Marty Blakely, DSL; Alvin McKee, Night Supervisor; Pat Collins, representative of Adv. Boys' Dorm; Justin Gregory, representative of Int. Boys' Dorm; Hannah Pauley, representative of Adv. Girls' Dorm; and Zelina Cooley, representative of Int. Girls' Dorm.

Our first educational meetings were:

- 1) "Seeing Dog", with guest speaker Mona Childs
- 2) "Building Good Relationships": Shari Loar and Jamie Power
- 3) "Deaf Prez Now" Movement: Marty Blakely, Pat Collins, and Mike Surber.



# WVSD Students On The Job

by Mrs. Staley

Tracy Marcum, Dalton J. Christy, Jared Helsel and Rebecca "Becky" Lett are students who have a special opportunity while at WVSD. They attend Hampshire County Special Services Workshop (HCSSW) every day and do a variety of jobs for which they are paid.

The areas of car detailing, janitorial, and meal preparation are teaching these students valuable skills which they can use after graduation. In the fall and spring, they can work with the lawn crew.

Tracy, a senior, has a work experience background that will help her transition from school to work in her home area. Tracy's favorite job is general paper production.

DJ, a senior, has learned and improved in many areas of work. He does mostly contract work. DJ's favorite job is car detailing.

Jared, a junior, would rather work than do most other things except to be manager of the WVSD basketball team. He is an exceptional employee. He also does outside contract work. Jared's favorite job is car detailing.

Becky, a junior, works in many different areas and has learned many new skills. She is learning self discipline, a necessary skill for being successful in the workplace. She especially likes the social interaction with her coworkers. Becky's favorite job is general production.

Socialization is an important part of the workshop experience. There are seasonal parties, dances, and time for chatting and interacting with coworkers and staff.

The HCSSW is professionally staffed with helpful, caring people who teach, model, and reinforce good on-the-job work habits.

We appreciate the work experience opportunities each of these students gets at HCSSW.



Photo by Eric Peirson

Left to right: Jared Helsel, Becky Lett, DJ Christy, and Tracy Marcum.

## Surber To Attend Gallaudet University

Congratulations to senior Danielle Surber, who recently received word that she has been accepted for fall semester 2002 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

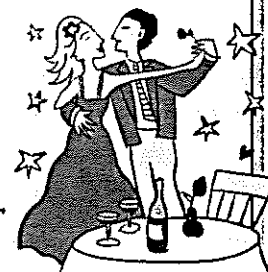
Danielle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Surber of Kirby, plans to major in Elementary Education.

WVSD  
Junior-Senior

# Prom

Sat. May 11, 2002  
8pm to 11pm

Don't forget to wear your prom clothes!





### Vocational Awards Banquet

On March 27, WVSD held the Annual Awards Banquet honoring students for their accomplishments in FBLA, FFA, and VICA. Sheena Smith, President of FBLA presented awards to FBLA members. Corey Grace, President of FFA, presided over the FFA awards. Several parents were also in attendance.

Amy Roomsburg, the state FFA president, was our guest speaker. She spoke on the benefits of team work to accomplish goals.

The Skills USA-VICA Club presented Patrick Collins with the prestigious Spark Plug Award. Pat has not held any office but devotes his time to fundraising for WVSD. The recent

acquisition of warm-up sweaters for the boys' basketball team is a result of some of Patrick's hard work.

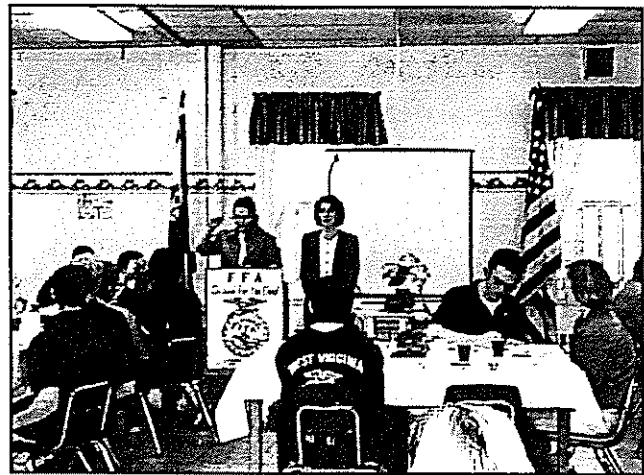


Photo by Mr. Leatherman

### Rep. Shelley Moore Capito Visited WVSD

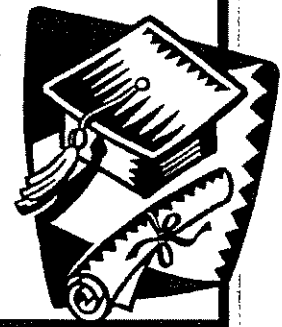


Photo by Patrick Collins

Left to right: Superintendent McBride, Principal Corbin, Representative Shelley Moore Capito, and student Hannah Pauley.

*Graduation will be held  
Friday, June 7, 2002 at  
10:00 a.m. in the Multi-  
purpose Room at the  
Secondary School for the  
Deaf.*

*All family and  
friends of the  
graduates are  
welcome to at-  
tend!*



## SAT Testing

by Mrs. Heare

This year's Stanford Achievement Tests were given immediately following Spring Break. During the week of April 8-12, mornings were set aside for testing in the areas of Language, Reading, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Study Skills. Test coordinator, Mrs. Sue Staley said, "The cooperation of both students and faculty is greatly appreciated."

## Poetry Contest

by Mrs. Davy

April was National Poetry Month. To honor poetry month, a special assembly was held to recognize students K-12 who wrote poems. Themes for the poems were Easter, Seasons, and Patriotic (focusing on Sept. 11th). Cash awards were given for First and Second place. First place was awarded ten dollars and Second place received five dollars. All students who participated received one dollar and a certificate. The Lions Club generously gave the funds for this event. Mr. Bob Allen presented each student with his/her prize.

## Principal's Post Parents' Day

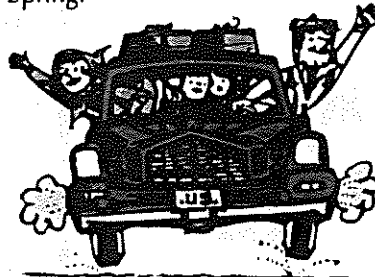
by Principal Corbin

Our recent Parents' Day was enjoyed on one of the most beautiful days of Spring, just as planned. Parents had a perfect day to travel and visit our picturesque country campus. It was a special time of teaming and sharing together toward our common goal. The Power Point presentations recapped the school year's most outstanding events and were enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the students and staff who created these programs.

A wise man once said, "No man is perfect, except for his intentions." Be assured that it is our intention to provide the most complete educational experience possible for our students.

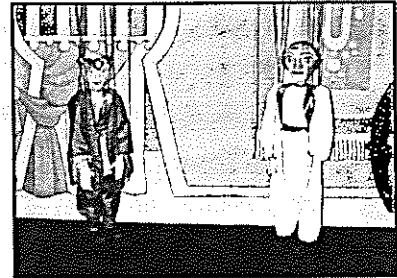
Our parents provide the essential feedback and support we need for program completeness. Special thanks to all who responded to our Parent Survey. Your input provides information that will assist us in being all that we can be in service to you and your child.

Have a Wonderful  
Spring!



## Theatre West Virginia Marionettes

by Mrs. Dodgins



Aladdin (left) and the King

Puppeteers and marionettes from Theatre West Virginia performed "Aladdin and His Magic Lamp" for WVSD&B students and staff in early April.

This famous story centers around a young man who is tricked by an old wizard to go into a cave and get an old lamp. Aladdin doesn't know that it is a magic lamp that can only be opened by a person named "Aladdin."

One of the puppeteers provided additional interaction with the audience by posing as both Aladdin's "uncle" and the evil Wizard.

This cultural event was funded by a 50/50 grant from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, a division of Culture and History.

## Clothing Give-Away

by Mrs. Kuykendall

The annual truckload clothing give-away was held on Tuesday, April 16, in the multipurpose room at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. The give-away was open to students the afternoon of the 15th and then open to the public from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM on the 16th. This year we had a total of 189 shoppers sign-in. They gathered clothing for a total of 478 people. Volunteering during the event were: Tom Engelman, Nancy Williams, Bonnie Brown, Bill Kesler, Kathy Kuykendall, Gloria High, Sheena Smith, Keith Richardson, Tabitha Keplinger, Brian Cross, Bradley Grey, Corey Grace, DJ Christy, Robbie Cranfield, Mark Wheelwright, Nancy Judd, Hannah Pauley, Mindy Spencer, Dani Surber, Quinton Petty, Carolyn Rockow, Patrick Collins, Ashley Lease, Holly Romanello, Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Lisa Parent, Paul Parent, Jan Dodgins, Billy White, Jonathan Edwards, Stan Mals, Zelina Cooley, Megan Davis, Natasha Wolford, Lindsay Eversole, Desiree Parmer, Mary Ellen Teter, Ashley Hohman, Justin Rhodes and Liz Baldwin.

## Parenting Class

by Dani Surber



The girls and their "babies"

Tabbi Keplinger, Sheena Smith, and I are in Mrs. Kuykendall's Parenting class. We were told that we would be taking care of babies that cry,



Sheena with her "daughter", Maranda

are hungry, need their diapers changed, and need lots of attention. We were excited, because we thought it wasn't going to be so bad. But we were wrong!



Tabbi carrying her "son", Tristian



Dani with her "son", Noah

We took care of them for a week, and we learned something: it was a very hard job. We ended up being so tired. But we all agree it was a very good experience for all of us.

## Career Majors Class Trips

by Mrs. Brown

On April 24th, the Career Majors Class visited Todd Michael, Inc. Todd, a local hair stylist, provided the class with so many treats, and even used one of our students, Carolyn Rockow, to model a hairstyle. Carolyn selected the style she would like to have, and while Todd spoke of the many facets of small business ownership, he styled Carolyn's hair. Todd has added a new feature to his salon, a nail specialist, Joyce Rohr. He is very excited about this new service and hopes his clients will enjoy this convenience, too. Thank you, Todd, for making our trip to your salon meaningful.



Photo by Mrs. Brown

On April 30th, members of the WVSD Career Majors Class went to visit the Augusta Animal Hospital. Dr. Hott, the veterinarian, explained many different tasks performed at the hospital. His assistant, Eileen, gave more detailed information of the procedures done at the hospital. Our sincere thanks for the opportunity we had to see the hospital.

# April National

G	Ground level Great loss Grief	Our country is special. We hope there is no more war. We love our country. We hope it stays strong.			How can it be free when you have people living on How can it be free when poor people don't have a give their family food to eat? How can it be free when people die for no reason? How can it be so free when people die just because hatefulness? How can it be free when people don't have any m to go to school? How can it be so free when some people bomb a p And how can it be free when airplanes are crashin twin towers? I wish I could give others what I have and help ot way I can. Maybe if I had the opportunity I could others a home, some food, clothes, and others thir I think all people should help others also. Freedom is helping others!
O	Opportunity Outrageous Outrage	Our home is special, too. Our country is our home. We love it! Why do we have to have a war? We hope other countries support us. We hope other people understand our country. We hope for world peace.			
D	Death Damages Dogs				
B	Building Beautiful Bury	Ashley Hohman 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
L	Lives Life	USA is the United States of America. USA is very special. USA is shining brightly.	I can go to school. I can play outside. I can go to the park. I can ride my bike. I can have a dog. I can watch TV. I can listen to my CDs. I can sleep in my bed. I can eat Mom's cooking. I love the United States.		
E	Eleventh Employee	USA is free. USA wants to stop the violence. USA wants to stop the trouble. USA wants to stop the destruction. USA wants to help the world. USA wants to survive.		Jessica Morrison 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	We want war to stop. We love the world. We do not need war and fig We need each other. We are all brothers and sis
S	Stock Market Stock Exchange Soldiers				
S	September Sacrifice Surprised	Phillip Fraley 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade			Zelina Cooley 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
A	Airplane Attack	I think How God Helps Hurt Feelings I Think Important things in life God. Family School I think		Lindsay Eversole 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
M	Mission Military Police				
E	Explosion Emergencies	That God should be everyone's Guide in America. He is a good counselor When I hurt He is my Guide To Feeling Better All people have freedom in America God gives Freedom in America			
R	Rescuers Red Cross Retaliante				
I	Injury	Hannah Pauley 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
C	Citizens Courage City			"BRIAN"	
A	Ambulance American	The Tapestry of America can feel Sad Happy Enthusiastic Tapestry can be singing or signing. It can make people feel Sad Happy Fascinated Enthusiastic People watch The American Tapestry		Brave Responsible Intelligent America Nice	We love God and America, The whole United States! God bless the firefighters, pol All who helped at the North I and those who didn't make it. God bless all of you.
Mindy Spencer 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Under the Blue Sky Nation of Nations We Stand Strong and Proud I Love the United States of America Our Land Under the Sky Very Beautiful Home Sweet Home			"CROSS"	We love God and America, New York and Washington D. God bless the firefighters, pol All who helped at the North I Tower, the Pentagon and those who didn't make it. God bless all of you.
	Tyler Labin 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Paul Parent, Jr. 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Brian Cross 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Bradley Grey 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade

# Poetry Month

reels?  
to

How Do You Feel?  
Are You All Right?  
September 11, 2001  
It Hurt So Much!  
I see a lot of support America  
People helping People  
American Flags everywhere  
Cooperation  
Talk of freedom  
YOU ARE ALL RIGHT AMERICA!

Ashley Lease  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

September 11, 2001  
Many people died  
I am sorry

There are many "New Angels"  
Because of  
September 11, 2001  
God loves all people  
We are His children

The United States of America  
Is Sad!

Jonathan Edwards  
9<sup>th</sup> grade

America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to hurt  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to protect  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to fight  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to show honor  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to show bravery  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to survive  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to hope  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to dream  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to live  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to be beautiful  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to have a heart  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has the right to have heroes  
America has the right to remember September 11.  
America has found many Heroes  
America has the right to remember September 11.

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THE UNITED STATES IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD.  
WE LIKE LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES.  
WE LIKE LEARNING IN THE UNITED STATES.  
WE LIKE HELPING OTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES.  
WE LIKE HELPING OTHERS ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
THE UNITED STATES IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Natasha Wolford  
7<sup>th</sup> grade

Our Country is a nice place to live.  
West Virginia is the Beautiful Mountain  
State  
In our Country  
West Virginia is  
Beautiful Rivers  
Land  
Trees and Forest  
And Animals  
West Virginia United States of America  
A "warm place to LIVE!!!"  
Corey Grace  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Quinton Petty  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

I love my sweet, home country  
America is Beautiful!  
I SEE  
Many Beautiful People  
Children Playing Outside  
Friendly, Helpful People  
Animals Everywhere  
Oceans Blue with White Waves  
I DREAM  
I'm walking on the beach  
Sun is shining bright in my eyes  
I SEE  
A Beautiful Sunrise  
I am Proud to be an American  
I love our United States of America  
Our Country is Freedom

I feel sad when the airplanes  
Hit the Twin Towers  
I feel sad when people died  
I feel sad about your families  
I will always feel sad about September 11, 2001  
Please God  
Help  
Bless America  
"NO MORE TWIN TOWERS"

r, South Tower

Lisa Parent  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our Country  
Is  
United States of America  
It is Good  
West Virginia USA  
Mountain State  
And Turkey Hunting  
Rivers and Lakes  
Fishing  
I love the United States of America  
A Good Place to LIVE.  
Josh Bittner  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Terry Withrow  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

I like our country.  
It is pretty.  
I live in the United States.  
It is pretty.  
I like all the countries:  
Why do countries fight?  
Why do countries have troubles?  
People fight every day.  
How can we stop the fighting?  
We should stop the fighting

r, South Tower

PLAYING WITH PETS  
CLEANING OUR HOMES  
LOVING OUR FAMILY  
SLEEPING AT NIGHT  
READING IN SCHOOL  
GOING HOME ON FRIDAYS  
PRAYING IN CHURCH  
I LOVE AMERICA

Destree Parmer  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Megan Davis  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Dorm News

by Mr. Blakely

The enthusiasm of the council about continuing the work on "building good relationships with others / students' rights and responsibilities/ good citizenship"

which began this semester has led to our setting up these assembly sessions.

I believe that the council will conduct one additional session: Dating Etiquette.

Once again, the emphasis was on discussing problems relating to Student Rights/ Responsibilities/ Good Citizenship that exist in the schools. We are trying to make plans for promoting good citizenship among students and for increasing students' interest in residential school and learning.

All of us want this time of good feeling to continue. The time provided for the sessions, and possibly for future workshops, is evidence of our interest and concern.

Note: The council consists of Pat Collins, Adv. Boys Rep.; Hannah Pauley, Adv. Girls Rep.; Justin Gregory, Int. Boys Rep.; Zelina Cooley, Int. Girls Rep.; Mr. McKee and Mr. Blakely.



## Track News

The Spring season has finally arrived along with Spring sports. Some of our Lion athletes are participating at Hampshire High School (HHS) and Romney Middle School (RMS). Our residential school does not have track or weightlifting, so this affords the interested students a great opportunity.

### HHS Spring Sports

- \* **Girls HHS Track Team**  
Carolyn Rockow (10)  
Hannah Pauley (9)  
Ashley Lease (9)
- \* **Boys HHS Track Team**  
Brian Cross (10)  
Phillip Fraley (11)  
Corey Grace (9)

### RMS Spring Sports

- \* **Girls RMS Track Team**  
Zelina Cooley (7)  
Ashley Hohman (7)
- \* **Boys RMS Track Team**  
Justin Rhodes (7)

**We are all so lionly proud  
of these students!**



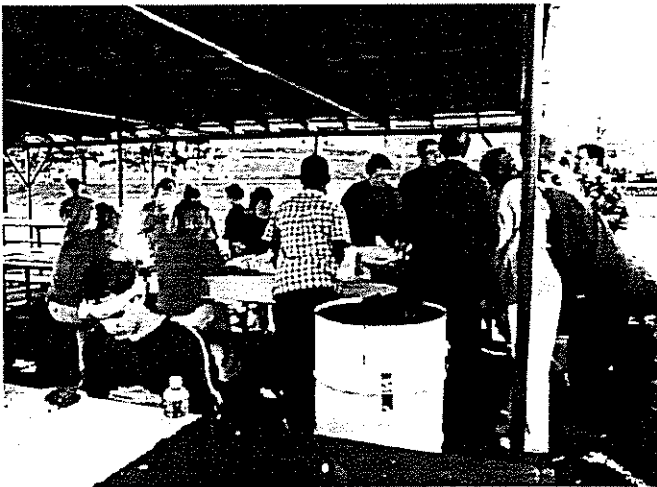
## **FBLA Trip**

by Patrick Collins

On April 24, the FBLA and other participants went bowling at Rainbow Lanes in Keyser. It was a terrific evening to go on a trip and have a picnic! Everyone who participated really enjoyed themselves, and some made strikes!

Afterward, we went to Mineral County Park to have a picnic and play games. The food was good and the games were fun.

On our way the back to the dorm, we stopped at Dairy Queen. We really enjoyed the whole trip! Thanks to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Adrian for making this trip possible.



## **Secondary School for the Deaf**

by Lisa Parent

Tapestry, a group of signers and singers from Secondary Deaf, Elementary Deaf and the School for the Blind, held two performances at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown on April 27.

The first performance was scheduled in the morning for the Leo Club at their outdoor camp. The second performance took place in the dining room of the Ramada Inn. Members of Lions Clubs throughout the state were in attendance for the banquet.

The group performed four songs: Fly With Me, Celebrate The Future, Small World, and God Bless America.

### **Honor Roll for 3rd 9 Weeks**

#### B+

Patrick Collins  
Justin Gregory  
Josh Harpine  
Tabitha Keplinger  
Lisa Parent  
Sheena Smith  
Danielle Surber

#### B

Jonathan Edwards  
Lindsay Eversole  
Justin Flick  
Phillip Fraley  
Corey Grace  
Bradley Grey  
Ashley Hohman  
Tyler Labin  
Jessica Morrison  
Desiree Parmer  
Quinton Petty  
Justin Rhodes  
Keith Richardson  
Carolyn Rockow

Mindy Spencer  
Pamela Thompson  
Billy White  
Natasha Wolford

#### Honorable Mention

D.J. Christy  
Robbie Cranfield  
Jared Helsel  
Becky Lett  
Tracy Marcum





# Recent Excursions



# May 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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\* Remember Alumni Day- May 11\*

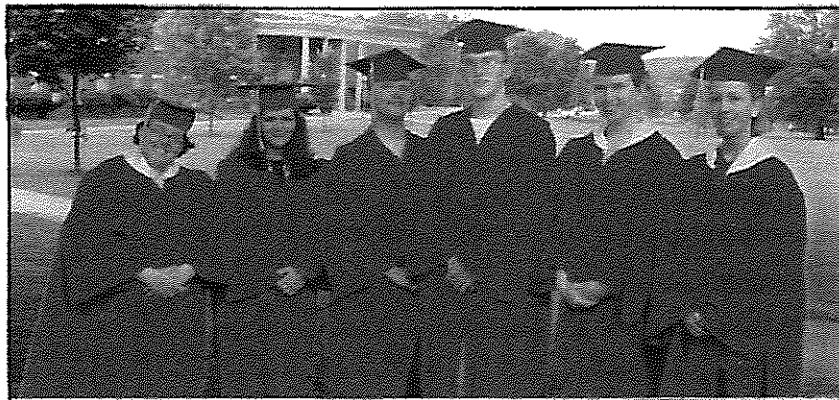
5 Return to school	6	7	8	9	10 Homegoing FFA, VICA, & Tapestry	11 Jr.-Sr. Prom Midnight Magic 6-11pm 
12	13	14	15 Special Olympics	16 Senior Trip Whitewater Rafting PA	17 Antietam 9th Grade US History Class	18
19	20	21	22 Harpers Ferry 8th Grade WW History Class Chums' Picnic 6pm	23 Senior Trip Kennywood Gear- Up 7th & 8th Grade Baltimore, MD	24 Homegoing JR.NAD & FBLA FBLA sponsored Picnic	25 Memorial Day
26 Weekend 	27	28	29	30 Senior Farewell Party Hampshire Park	31 Academic and Sports Banquet Noon	





## Congratulations To The Class Of 2002!

**DANIELLE BETH SURBER**, Valedictorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Surber of Kirby, WV. During her years at WVSD, "Dani" participated in Jr. NAD (President three years), VICA, FFA, Basketball (Captain three years), Volleyball (Captain three years), Softball, Cheerleading, and Tapestry. She will attend Gallaudet University in the fall, where she plans to major in Elementary Education.



*The class of 2002 graduated on Friday, June 7. Left to right: Tracy Marcum, Tabitha Keplinger, Dalton Christy, Patrick Collins, Danielle Surber, and Sheena Smith.*

**SHEENA LOUISE SMITH**, Salutatorian, of Baker, WV, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Smith. She participated in FBLA (President one year) and VICA. Sheena will attend the Art Institute of Pittsburgh this fall to study Photography.

**DALTON JAMES CHRISTY** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Christy of Parkersburg, WV. "DJ" participated in FFA, Jr. NAD, Tapestry, FBLA, Golf Club, HCSSW, and the Sunshine Club. He plans to attend the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center in Institute, WV. DJ's goal is to design and sew clothes.

**PATRICK DONOVAN COLLINS** of Pennsboro, WV, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Collins. He participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Jr. NAD, Army Club, FBLA, VICA, FFA, Golf Club, and Tapestry. After graduation, Pat plans to get a job, then attend college in the future.

**TABITHA JANE KEPLINGER** is the daughter of Ms. Frances Keplinger of Fisher, WV. "Tabbi" participated in Jr. NAD, VICA, FFA, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball and Tapestry. In the fall she will attend Allegany College of Maryland, where she will begin the Culinary Arts program.

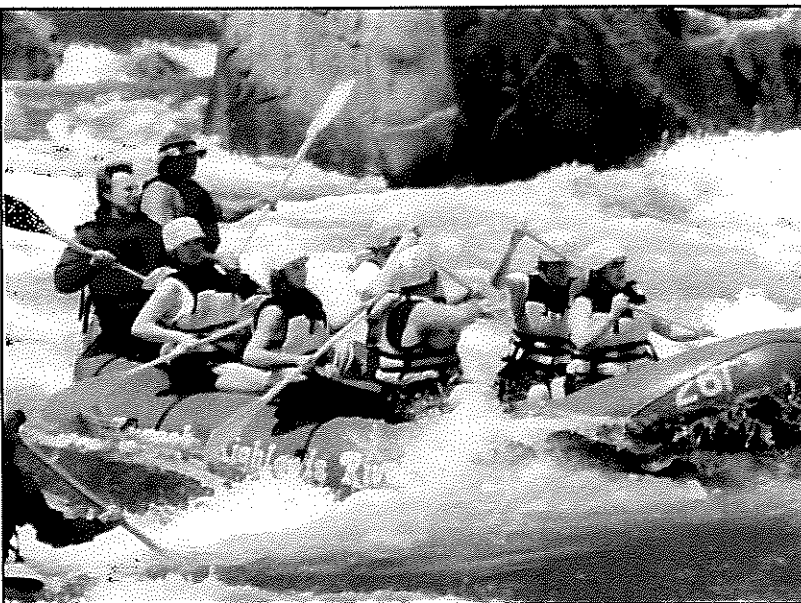
**TRACY LOUISE MARCUM** of Dunlow, WV, is the daughter of Ms. Helen Marcum. Tracy participated in the Golf Club, FFA, FBLA, Jr. NAD, VICA, HCSSW, and the Sunshine Club. She wants to get a job in Huntington after graduation.

# Senior Trips - Class of 2002

by Tabitha Keplinger

Our first day trip was to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. We enjoyed seeing all the animals; everything was very interesting. We stopped at Red Lobster for lunch. It was so delicious! We ate supper at the Rainforest Cafe and shopped at Tyson's Corner Mall in Vienna, Virginia. We had a great time!

On our second trip, we traveled to Laurel Highlands River Tour Rafting in Ohio, PA. We rode in a huge raft. It was so much fun! We were taught by our expert tour guide, Bob, how to maneuver the whitewater rapids. Bob asked Patrick, "Do you want to jump in the water and float?" Patrick was too chicken to jump in the water. So, after we stopped at a small picnic place for lunch, we went back to raft. Again, Bob asked Patrick, "Are you ready to jump in the water?" and Tabitha said, "Yeah! Why not?" Then Tabitha and Patrick jumped in the water. Guess what? We were shocked that the water was so cold! Tabitha



*Members of the WVSD Class of 2002 maneuvering the rapids!*

tried to jump into the raft but it was too high for her to get in. So, Bob picked her up out of the water and threw her in the boat like she was a feather! Bob had to struggle to pick Patrick up from the water. We had a great time! It was sooo much fun! That trip was our favorite. We will never forget it!

For our last trip, we went to Kennywood, an amusement park near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We rode about five roller coasters. Our favorite ride was Phantom Revenge. We rode one roller coaster that was really fast -- 85 m.p.h. -- and a 238' feet drop. It was awesome! We loved it! We ate Dippin' Dots ice cream, which is so delicious. We never wanted our senior trips to end!



## Ode To The Class Of 2002

A few days before graduation, students and staff gathered in the MPR, where Mrs. Staley, one of the senior class sponsors, read a poem she had written for the Class of 2002.

Mrs. Staley also presented each senior with a framed copy of the Class of 2002 composite created by Tabitha Keplinger. This year's class has taken its place on the wall with the class composites of past WVSD graduates.

*Left to right: Tracy, DJ, Pat, Dani, Tabbi, and Sheena.*



## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS . . .

**Patrick** - During 3rd period, Danielle and I were going to different classrooms gathering up chairs on a mini cart for the Fall Conference. The chairs were stacked up high - too high, evidently! All the chairs fell to the floor! Gloria and Liz heard all the commotion! We laughed so hard! Dani and I stacked the chairs back on the mini cart again, and they fell again! It was much worse than the first time! We stacked them back on the cart once more. Only one lost it's balance. It fell on Dani's head!

**Tabitha** - During whitewater rafting (senior trip) the tour guide asked Pat if he wanted to float in the water Pat was too chicken. After we stopped for lunch, Bob, the guide, asked Pat again, "Do you want to float in the water?" So I said, "Yeah, why not?" Then we jumped in the water. We were shocked because the water was so cold! I tried to get back on the raft but the raft was too high for me to get in, so Bob came over, picked me up, and threw me in the boat! I hit Principal Corbin. Then Bob and Mr. Corbin hoisted Pat in - he was too heavy for Bob.

**Tracy** - When I accepted an award that wasn't mine.

**Sheena** - When I drank out of a teacher's water bottle, thinking it was mine.

**Danielle** - When we were on one of our senior trips, we went to Rainforest Cafe. Pat and I ordered ice cream brownies called "The Volcano". When the waiter brought them out, there were sparklers on them! I was shocked to see how big they were. Everyone was cheering and staring at us!

## WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?

**Tabitha** - The teachers - I like to picking on teachers! I'll miss the teachers alot, and my friends too.

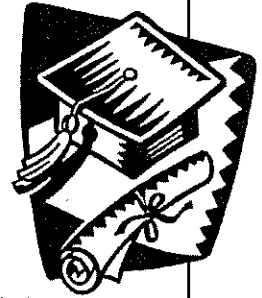
**Tracy** - Teachers, staff, and friends.

**Sheena** - Mr. Farris picking on me and Tabbi, and all the other teachers and friends that have helped me through the years. Also I will miss all the school trips!

**Danielle** - Picking on Mr. Adrian, playing sports, Mrs. Dodgins' classes, and all of my good friends, especially Mindy.

**D.J.** - My friends, staff, getting an education, and Mrs. McBride.

**Patrick** - Picking on "Slappy" (Mr. Adrian); teasing "Pink Panther" (Mr. Corbin); "Unconquered conflicts"; Mrs. Heare; interaction with other students; and last but not least - the school!



## LAST WORDS TO UNDERCLASSMEN ...

**Tracy** - Thank You! Good bye!

**Sheena** - Every opportunity you get to do something, take advantage of it, and do it while you have the chance.

**Danielle** - Before I go, there's something I want to say. A big thanks to all of my teachers, and my parents for helping me. Without them, I probably would not be here today. I'll miss all of you at WVSD. But, I'm going to miss sports the most!

**D.J.** - I'm leaving WVSD with a lot of Thanks to everyone here.

**Patrick** - So long, my friends . . .

**Tabitha** - Students: keep out of trouble! Don't ever give up - keep on trying if it's something you really want! Just do it!

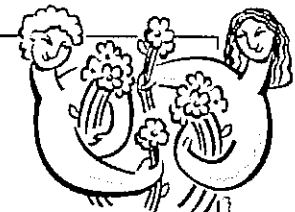
Good Luck in the future! ALOHA!

Teachers: thank you for helping me

through my high school years. I appreciate

it! Good Luck in the future! I will come

back and visit you!



## I BEQUEATH . . .

**Patrick** - My hunting stories to Keith; My FBLA office to Hannah

Pauley; My sense of humor to Corey;

My ability to make life miserable to Billy White; My stubbornness to Bradley Grey.

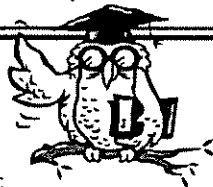
**Tabitha** - My friendliness to Hannah; My volleyball skills to Lisa; My smile to Mr. Farris; My ability to pester Mr.

Farris to Hannah; My hair to Mrs. Dodgins.

**Tracy** - My "bossiness" to Becky Lett; My place on the Special Olympics team to next year's classes.

**Sheena** - FBLA President to Hannah; My locker to Ashley Lease; Picking on Mr. Farris to Carolyn; My quietness to Bradley Grey.

**Danielle** - My flirting skills to Carolyn Rockow; My friendliness to Ashley Hohman; My skill of teasing Mr. Adrian to Mindy Spencer; my athletic skills to Holly Romanello; My sense of humor to Lisa Parent.





# From The Desk of Mr. Blakely

## TO THE SENIORS:

Congratulations to all seniors on the occasion of your graduation from a WVSD. I wish to commend you all most highly for your extraordinary achievements. You have always been hard-working, well-groomed, extremely well-mannered, most trustworthy, and loyal students.

During these past years, I have watched you grow and contribute much to WVSD. That contribution has helped in your own development.

I know you will do well in whichever choice you make -- college, university, technical school, or employment, and will continue to make all of us, including your parents, proud of your accomplishments. More than that, I know you will continue to be the fine young people you have become.

Best wishes in all the years ahead. May they be happy and fulfilling ones for you all!

## TO THE STAFF:

As the 2001-2002 academic/residential year draws to

a close, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your untiring support and a most earnest commendation for a job well done.

You have done a superb job under trying and difficult circumstances during this year of "the unexpected". Your ingenuity and creativity in coping with the hardships caused by deep budget cuts have helped our students to have an excellent residential school year. You cushioned the blow for them, shielded them from the problems and made sure they had good, productive, and learning experiences.

Things look good next year -- not perfect, but good because we have learned a great deal from this year. I think we can prevail. I believe that the people of this town and the state support our quality educational/residential system on a continuous basis. Good luck and best wishes for a great summer! Words cannot express my gratitude for your extraordinary performance and support this year.

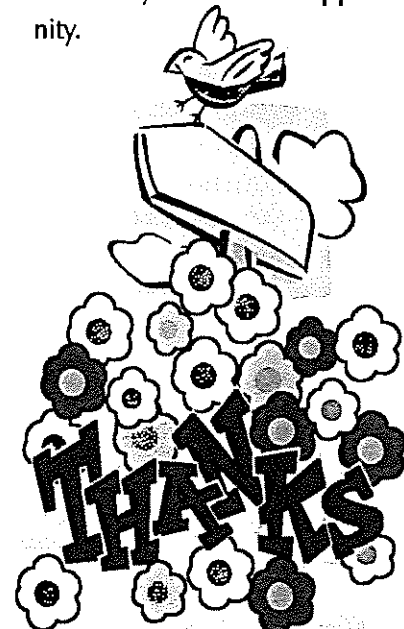
## GOOD LUCK, MRS. WOODS!

On behalf of the WVSD students and staff, I would like to wish Mrs. Velma Woods much

happiness in her retirement and thank her for the many contributions she has made to WVSD for the past 26 years.

Over the years I've worked with Velma, it has been an honor and a pleasure to get to know her on both a professional and a personal basis. On both counts, I hold her in high esteem. Indeed, she is not only a caring human being, but a professional educator in every sense of the word. I know the staff, students, and administrators at WVSD will miss her.

It is my sincere hope that her retirement years will bring joy and fulfillment. Best wishes, Velma, and don't forget to visit us when you have the opportunity.



## Seventh and Eighth Graders Traveled To Baltimore and Cedar Lakes



*Terry Withrow learning spinning techniques.*



*Jessica Morrison with new friends.*



*Group in class at Cedar Lakes.*

### CEDAR LAKES

*by Mrs. Kuykendall*

Gear Up Institute was held May 28-30, at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. This leadership development program was sponsored by the State Department of Education.

Attending from WVSD were: Ashley

Hohman, Justin Rhodes, Terry Withrow, Jessica Morrison, Tyler Labin, and Desiree Parmer. WVSD chaperones were Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Kuykendall. Four students and three chaperones from WVSB attended.

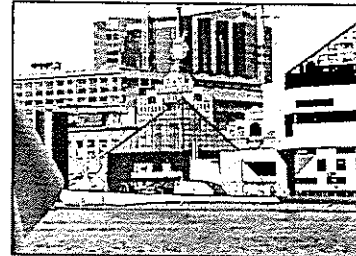
On Tuesday, the group was divided into teams. The teams had a scavenger hunt, followed by swimming and sports. Sports included flag football, field events, putt-putt golf, soccer, paddle boats, softball, frisbee, and archery. A college fair was held on Tuesday night.

Wednesday was class day. Each participant went to five different classes. Some of the classes our group attended were: Native American history, yoga, spinning and weaving, snakes, outdoor cooking, beads, blacksmithing, pottery, Appalachian music, photography, dancing, flower arranging, fishing, and Somoan culture. Also, a motivational speaker discussed setting goals in life. That evening there was a dance and movie. The evening ended with a pizza party.

A talent show, presentation by Dr. Marsha Carey, and a closing picnic were held on Thursday. We can't wait to go back next year!



*The group in Baltimore.*



*City of Baltimore as seen from the boat.*

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### BALTIMORE *by Mrs. Judd*

Seventh graders from WVSD&B and Romney Middle School participating in the Gear-Up program headed to Baltimore to visit the Science Museum and Inner Harbor on May 23.

At the Science Museum, we looked at many exhibits on dinosaurs and space. We went to a class and looked at tiny animals through a microscope.

We ate a picnic lunch outside the museum. We visited the shops and watched the many people visiting the harbor. Our favorite was watching how to make fudge. We each got a free sample!

We saw a movie on a very, very tall screen on the ocean. It made us feel like we were in the movie. The captions for the movie were written on the wall next to the screen.

We took a tour of Baltimore Harbor on a boat named *The Prince Charming*. We saw many interesting places in Baltimore on the boat ride and talked with students from Romney Middle School.

We had great weather and great experiences. Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Chilcoat, Mrs. Judd, and Mrs. Williams were our chaperones on this adventure.



# Ten WVSD Athletes Participate In Special Olympics



*Photo by Mrs. Baldwin*

*Left to right: Natasha, Mrs. Judd, Lindsay, Tyler, Robbie, Becky, Jared, Desiree, Mark, Tracy, Mr. Adrian, and Megan.*

Special Olympics was held Wednesday, May 22 at Hampshire High School (HHS). Students from WVSD&B, Romney Elementary, Slanesville Elementary, Hampshire High, and the Sheltered Workshop gathered at the HHS track to compete in a variety of events at the Annual Hampshire County Special Olympics Spring Games.

Approximately 130 athletes participated in over 80 events. Among those participating were Robbie Cranfield, Megan Davis, Lindsay Eversole, Jared Helsel, Tyler Labin, Becky Lett, Tracy Marcum, Desiree Parmer, Mark Wheelwright, and Natasha Wolford.

## FBLA End-of-the-Year Picnic



*Winners of the first egg toss contest Corey Grace (left) and Jonathan Edwards.*

Thanks for the great picnic, FBLA members and sponsors! We hope it's a new WVSD tradition!



*Lisa Parent catching a raw egg -- it didn't break!*



*Brian Cross gently tosses a raw egg to his partner.*



*Carolyn is on crutches -- no egg toss game for her!*



*More of the egg game! We had fun trying to catch raw eggs!*

# Awards Banquet



**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



*Photo by Quinton Petty*

Back row, left to right: Lisa Parent, Tabitha Kepinger, and Pat Collins.  
Front row: Mrs. Dodgins, Danielle Surber, and Mrs. Heare. Not Pictured: Sheena Smith.

**FROM THE LION'S TALE STAFF**