

THE LIONS'



TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Welcome, Jason!



Jason Holliday is a fourteen-year-old ninth grader from Highview. Previously enrolled in public school, Jason says it was difficult for him to hear and understand the teachers. Also, the smaller class size seems to help.

Jason's favorite class is keyboarding. In his free time, Jason enjoys computers, and Xbox. Basketball and football are his favorite sports.

Deaf Awareness Week and Spirit Week

This week we've celebrated Deaf Culture and Homecoming/Spirit Week.

Mr. Blakely organized Deaf Awareness Week events, while seniors and their sponsors, Mr. Saville and Mr. Mals, planned Spirit Week activities.

In the next *Lions' Tale* we will have more information and photos about this very special week.



Justin Is Back!

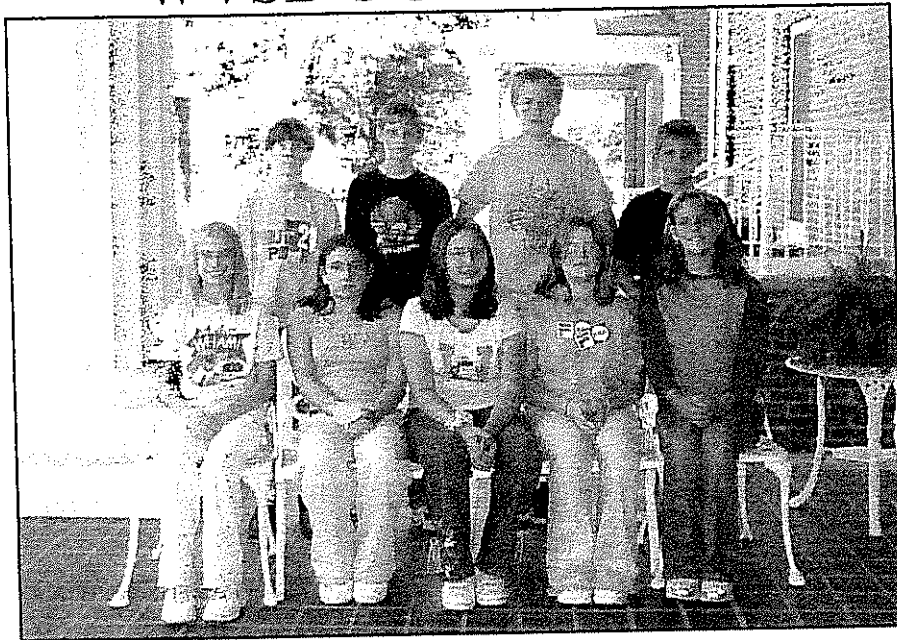
Justin Gregory, Class of '08, has returned to WVSD after attending public school last year.



Justin and his parents decided WVSD is the best place for him. "In public school, it was so hard for me to understand. I didn't have an interpreter," Justin explained.

Justin is the son of Gale Gregory and Jeff Jarvis, Chloe, both of whom are WVSD graduates.

WVSD's Class of 2011



SEVENTH GRADERS

Front row, left to right: Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Hill, Holly Ramos, Chelsea Tallman, Amber Williams. Back row: Jonathan Stokes, Jensen Greenstein, Ethan Bolyard, Caleb Burlison.

INSIDE

Michael Jarvis (right) is one of the students participating in the Archery in Schools program. Read about it inside.



Photo by Zelina Cooley
Mr. Haines interprets as Ms. Jennifer Westfall, a News-Tribune Staff Writer from Mineral County, interviews WVSD football players for an article in her newspaper. The article is reprinted inside.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

The opening of school is always a special time. Students are excited and anxious, ready to start a fresh new year. It is always a treat to help the incoming seventh graders and new students learn their way around and feel

welcome in their new school environment. Of course, at the same time it is the most challenging time of year to be a principal. Regardless of how well we think that we are prepared, there inevitably is an overwhelming amount of things to be done. I've been told that you have to take some bad with the good, and in this case, the good was well worth the effort.

This year, the opening of school brought a special treat with the Archery in Schools Program. Through a generous donation from the National Wild Turkey Federation our campus received two thousand dollars worth of state of the art archery equipment. They signed on to sponsor us as participants in the new Archery in Schools Program for schools developed by the Division of Natu-

ral Resources, The National Wild Turkey Federation and the State Department of Education. The program objective is to provide a recreational activity that can be enjoyed by everyone and is proof positive of how great things can be accomplished when we work together for a common good. Our students had the honor of some special training provided by Division of Natural Resources project manager Scott Warner And Mr. Dave McClung also from DNR. Mr. Warner worked closely with our students and had many positive comments about his first experience in working with the deaf. We were also honored by a visit from the Division of Natural Resources State Director, Mr. Frank Jezioro as well as Allison Kotowski and Christine Rolka from the National Wild Turkey Federation. There were also several members of our local NWTF chapter in attendance, including nationally recognized photographer Tink Smith. It would be remiss not to thank Mr. Bob Haines for attending the required training last summer and coordinating the event for our campus. It helped to make the opening of school extra special.

Tyler Labin ('06) Enjoyed His Summer Job



Photos by Mrs. Kuykendall

Tyler Labin, Class of '06, spent his summer "learning and earning." Tyler worked in the kitchen at the "Lakehouse On the Cheat Restaurant" in Morgantown. He was hired by Lakehouse owners, Shan Klingensmith and Suzy and Lewis Barnes. Since Tyler's goal is to become a chef, this



job was a great learning experience for him. His duties at the restaurant included preparing food and keeping his area clean. His favorite job was preparing the twice baked potatoes that were served daily. Tyler worked with Lakehouse Chef, Denny Sesito and said that he really enjoyed his work experience at Lakehouse this summer.

Ceramics Workshop Students Splash Down!

by Mrs. Judd

WVSD Secondary students Nina Hedrick, John Oldaker, and Mark Wheelwright celebrated the success of their WVSD ceramics workshop by taking a field trip to Splashdown Waterpark in Manassas, VA on August 26th.

The students and chaperones, Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Judd, traveled by bus to the waterpark, ate a picnic lunch, enjoyed exploring the water activities, had dinner at Golden Corral in Winchester, and then returned to WVSD.

As part of their instruction, the students make and sell ceramic and pottery items at school and local community functions. Their pottery windchimes have been a popular item. The class uses the proceeds to

purchase their supplies, learn to use money, and enjoy the benefits of earning their own money.

The students would like to thank the chaperones, the bus driver, Mr. Links, and all those who purchased windchimes for helping us develop our monetary skills.



Art Students Enjoy Local Art Show

by Mrs. Judd

Eighth and ninth grade art students were invited to a special showing of a local art show September 9 in Romney.

Hampshire County Arts Council sponsors an art show for the county's yearly celebration of Heritage Days. Local and regional artists display their work and vie for prizes in the Fall Fine Arts Show.

Although the show is for artists ages 21 and

over, the art students at WVSD are welcomed each year to view the show before its opening to the public at a

special viewing arranged by HCAC.

The art students enjoy seeing what local and regional artists are presenting. This activity also helps to inspire younger student artists to continue painting and to see possibilities in their own talents.



Pictured above are ninth grade art students Page Miller (left) and Matthew Hart.



Photos by Jason Holliday
(Left to right): Eighth grade art students Samantha Johnson, Maddie Mongold, Josh Duff, and Roddy Stickley.

Overcoming The Odds to do What They Love

by Jennifer Westfall, Mineral News-Tribune
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Photos by Zelina Cooley

Football is a rough and fierce sport and the atmosphere it is played in is intense.

Coaches are yelling from the sidelines, fans are thundering in the stands, bands are blaring and teammates are calling out the play and taunting their opponents.

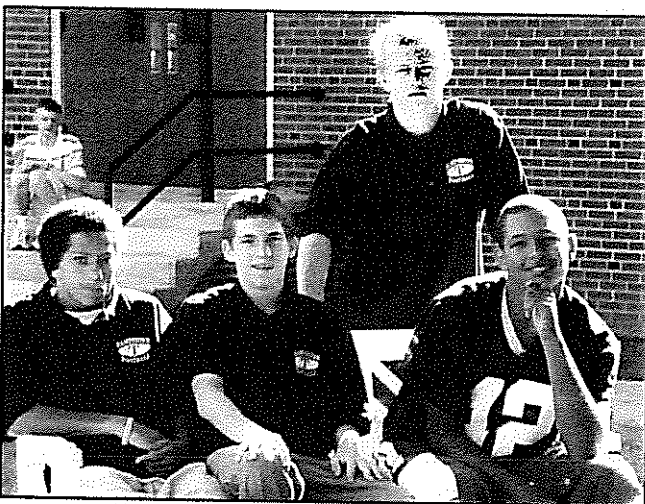
Imagine all of this cacophony disappearing and playing the game hearing impaired.

That's what playing football is like for the six students at the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) who are playing at various levels in the Hampshire County School system.

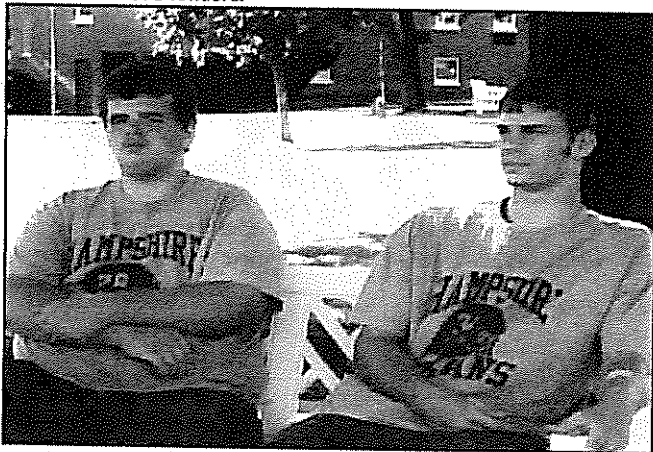
They are also making history as the most students from the school to ever play football in the public school system — a feat they take seriously.

Terry Withrow, 17, will go down in the annals at WVSD. Next year, he will be the first student from WVSD to play football for four years straight.

A member of the Hampshire High School Trojans varsity team, Withrow hails from Poca, W.Va, and serves as a defensive tackle,



Left to right: Page Miller, Michael Jarvis, and Josh Duff (HHS freshman team), and Roddy Stickley, who plays for the Romney Middle School Pioneers.



Terry Withrow (left) and Justin Rhodes play for the Hampshire High School Trojans.

which fits his brawny frame.

Also on the varsity team for the Hampshire Trojans is Justin Rhodes, 17, of Alum Creek, W.Va

The young man serves as a halfback and defensive linebacker for the Trojans as #31.

This is the second year Rhodes, a state qualifier in track, will be going up against his football foes.

"I really enjoy playing football. The best part is running the ball and tackling," the North Carolina Panther fan said.

Both young men practice daily, except for games days, and lift weights to keep fit for the game.

They even arrived at WVSD dorm weeks before the school year began to make sure they attended practice.

Thirteen-year-old Roddy Stickley from High View plays fullback and defensive end for Romney Middle School.

Stickley, #42, said he decided to play football because he thought it "would be fun" — an idea that has become a reality for him.

"I have also learned to be tough, to be part of a team and to have patience. I get nervous every once in a while, but I really like playing," he commented.

Along with practicing with the team, the bright, smiling, young man said he likes to play basketball, lift weights and exercise to keep in tip-top shape.

Three 15-year-olds from WVSD are on the roster for the Hampshire Trojans freshman team.

Michael Jarvis of Chloe serves as a halfback and on special teams.

His father Jeff attended WVSD and graduated in 1988 but didn't play football at that time.

"My dad seemed scared about me playing, but my mom was all for it. But, now he is OK with me playing," Jarvis noted.

Jarvis said he grew up watching football on TV and decided to play.

"I really have a lot of fun," he added.

Josh Duff, #25, of Smithfield said he decided to play the sport because he likes the running and hitting aspect of football.

"It doesn't bother me when I get hit. I feel fine with it," he remarked.

Serving as fullback and linebacker, Duff, who dons a serious, tough football look, said he plans on playing next year also.

Page Miller, whose hometown is Martinsburg, was declared the "top runner" at Romney Middle School last year.

Curiosity made this happy young man decide to play football. "A lot of my friends wanted me to play, so I decided to see what it would be like. I'm glad I did because I really like it," he reflected.

Miller serves as a split end and on special teams and he loves to run.

All plan to continue playing football next year at Hampshire High School.

Bob Haines, athletic director WVSD, said he is extremely proud of all the boys and so is the school.

"These boys all have good attitudes and are good kids. They are school leaders. They help younger kids who are younger be more mature, they help those with behavior problems, and they challenge the other students to excel," he said.

Since football is not offered at WVSD, Haines felt Hampshire County School administration and coaching staff should be commended for allowing the boys to play.

"It is just such a wonderful experience for them. They have been accepted by the players and everyone else involved. They have been treated tremendously well in Hampshire County," he said.



*Mayor William Hicks, Mrs. Jane McBride and Mr. Marty Blakely
with WVSD students and staff*

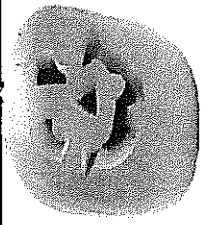
DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

September 26-30, 2005

October 2005

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WVSD Makes History Again!

Photos by Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare

This year WVSD became the first deaf school in the United States to be selected to participate in the National Archery in Schools program. Scott Warner, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR), came here Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 7 and 8 to help kick off the program. "We came up here and had the opportunity to meet with the faculty and the students. We have been around the state, and I have not dealt with a better group of students anywhere. This is a heck of a good program, and this school should be very proud," Warner said.

Mr. Warner and co-instructor Dave McClung taught safety and the basics to ten students Wednesday. By the end of the session several of the students were sinking five out of five arrows in the bull's-eye! Warner said, "I think we'll see some of these kids in tournament action someday... They picked it up quick. These kids are good.

There's no difference between them and the students at any other school."

The program will be taught by Mr. Bob Haines, WVSDB Athletic Director and PE instructor. In August, Mr. Haines underwent the required National Archery Association training to become a Level I instructor.

WVDNR Director Frank Jezioro was here Thursday for a special ceremony, during which 9th and 10th grade students from WVSD demonstrated what they'd already learned. Jezioro said, "The thing I like most about this program is that so many kids can participate. There are kids across the country that may not be big enough to play football, basketball or be on the wrestling team, but every child can be an archer."

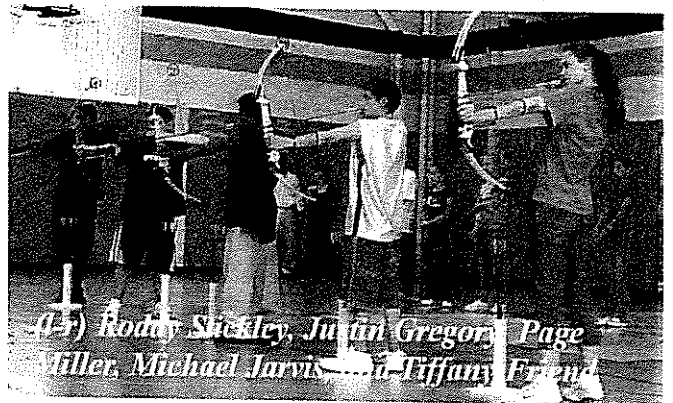
This project was funded jointly by WVDNR and the National Wild Turkey Federation, who also sent officials to WVSD for the Thursday's ceremony.



Mr. Bob Haines and Justin Gregory



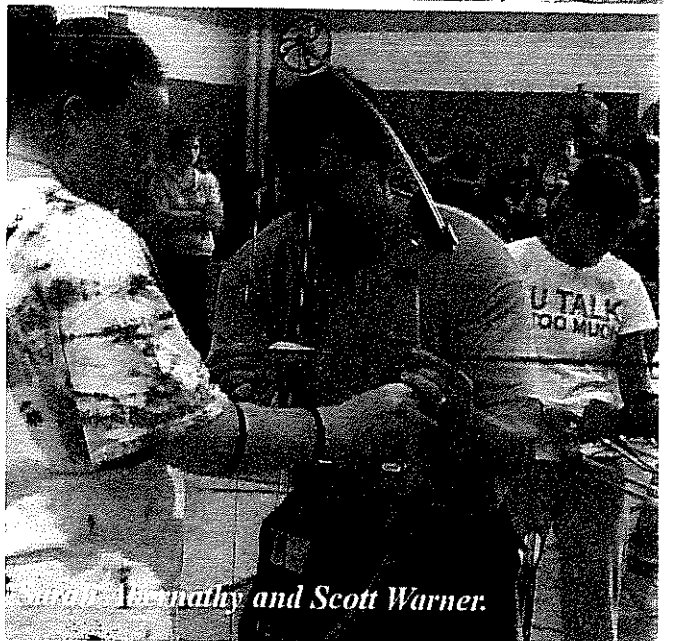
Scott Warner, DNR



(L-R) Roddy Sackley, Justin Gregory, Page Miller, Michael Jarvis and Tiffany Friend



WVDNR Director Frank Jezioro and Maddie Longold.



Sarah Bernathy and Scott Warner.



Director Of Student Living

by Mrs. Wysopal

Welcome aboard at Seaton Hall! The childcare staff and students hit the deck running this year. During the summer, carpeting in both boys' dorms was replaced with tile. Girls' Intermediate dorm was reopened.

Childcare staff arrived back to work on Tuesday, August 16th with a longer than usual "to do" list.

Henretta Fields, Susan Swenson, and Liz Arnold painted walls and hung wallpaper border in the Intermediate Girls' Dorm TV room and the staff office. Cheryl Bell hung wallpaper in the Intermediate Boys' Dorm and repaired wallpaper in the Advanced Boys' Dorm. Becky Axel helped with hemming and ironing curtains for several dorms. Bruce Moreland and Kirk Shanholtz assembled desks and small stands for each dorm. Salty Kline and Eddie Racey assembled floor lamps. Cookie Hott and Barry Nealis organized birthday parties, field trips and monthly activities for the 2005-2006 school year. David Nester and Tim Slocum had the hottest job of the week—interpreting for the 6 WVSD students attending football practices at Hampshire High. By Friday, the staff was a little tuckered out but ready to welcome students. Staff, thanks for your good work!!!

Students arrived on Sunday, August 21st. A special welcome is extended to the 7th graders—Caleb Burleson, Jensen Greenstein, Jonathan Stokes, Ethan Bolyard, Amber Williams, Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Hill, Holly Ramos, and Chelsea Tallman. Also, we are pleased to welcome Jason Holliday, a ninth grade student. In just a few days, the dorm students and staff are into a routine.

Students enjoyed a Welcome Back to School picnic and a trip to the Hampshire County Fair the first week. Many of the girls are busy each evening at volleyball practice. Six boys have football practice each evening. Several of the boys have already had games. The dorm students will attend some of the football games beginning September 16th to support the boys. The boys have been using the weight room at the gym. Flag football is a favorite on weekends with the students. Cookie Hott and Henretta Fields introduced the students to fuse bead crafts. The girls made some creative fuse bead projects.

The staff and I are working out details for the Lion's Club Work program. If a student is 14 years old, he/she may apply to work for pay several hours a week. Some tasks students will be doing this year for pay are: office work, sewing, cleaning at the gym and dorms, food service, music program for DBMH, etc. Ten students have signed up for the program. We will be developing more work opportunities.

Seaton Hall has several new full time staff. Kim Buckley and Becky Axel work the day/evening shift in Advanced Girls' Dorm. Henretta Fields (day evening shift) and Liz Arnold (night shift) work in the Intermediate Girls' Dorm. Susan Swenson works as a floater on the day/evening shift. David Nester works as a floater on the night shift. Kirk Shanholtz (day/evening shift) works in the Advanced Boys' Dorm. Stacey Nelson, a childcare worker in the Elementary Deaf Department, will also work as a floater in Seaton Hall Girls' dorms.

The staff and students wish to extend a special thank you to Superintendent Jane McBride, Financial Director Kris Willard, Director of Operations Steve Triplett and the maintenance staff for all their assistance in getting the dorms ready for the students. I wish to thank the staff and students for their cooperation and efforts the first weeks of school. Seaton Hall is off to a good start for the 2005-2006 school year.

Pictured below are (front row, left to right) Liz Arnold, Becky Axel, Cookie Hott, Cheryl Bell, Susan Swenson, and Henretta Fields. Back row: Eddie Racey, David Nester, Barry Nealis, Bruce Moreland, Raymond Kline, and Kirk Shanholtz. Not pictured: Kim Buckley and Tim Slocum.



'05-'06 Middle School Volleyball Team

| Name | Grade | Jersey |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Madaline Mongold | 8 | #3 |
| Cassandra Heaster | 8 | #15 |
| Polly Hodge | 8 | #12 |
| Samantha Johnson | 8 | #2 |
| Chelsea Hill | 7 | #13 |
| Holly Ramos | 7 | #18 |
| Shawna Weatherholt | 7 | #1 |
| Amber Williams | 7 | #7 |

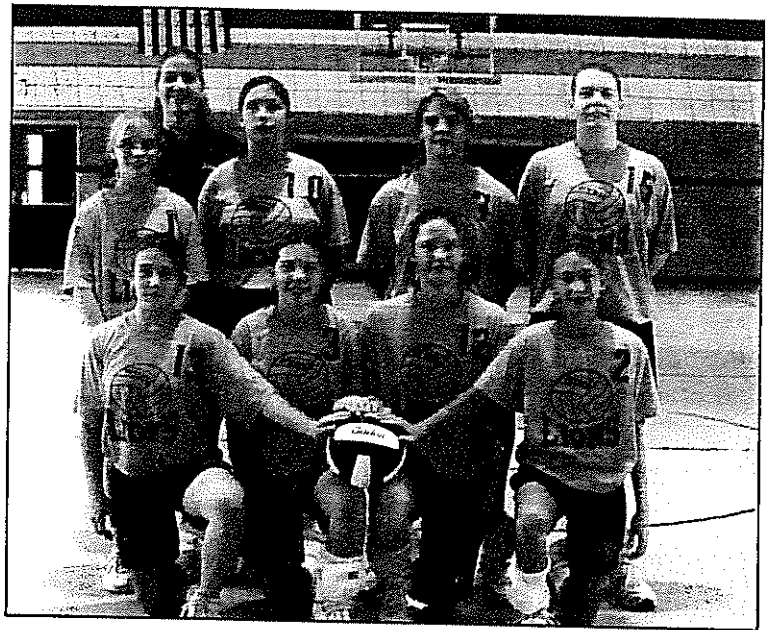


PHOTO BY JUSTIN RHODES
 Front row, left to right : Chelsea Hill, Madaline Mongold, Polly Hodge, Samantha Johnson. Back row, left to right: Shawna Weatherholt, Holly Ramos, Amber Williams, Cassandra Heaster. Back: Coach Mary Kesler.



'05-'06 Varsity Volleyball Team

| Name | Grade | Jersey |
|-------------------|-------|--------|
| Zelina Cooley | 11 | #4 |
| Paige Kidd | 11 | #6 |
| Sarah Abernathy | 10 | #9 |
| Pamela Thompson | 10 | #2 |
| Tiffany Friend | 9 | #7 |
| Madaline Mongold | 8 | #5 |
| Polly Hodge | 8 | #8 |
| Cassandra Heaster | 8 | #10 |
| Samantha Johnson | 8 | #1 |

PHOTO BY JUSTIN RHODES
 Front row, left to right: Madaline Mongold, Pamela Thompson, Polly Hodge, Samatha Johnson. Back row, left to right: Scorekeeper Justin Gregory, Paige Kidd, Sarah Abernathy, Cassandra Heaster, Tiffany Friend, Coach Mary Beth Surber. Not pictured: Zelina Cooley.

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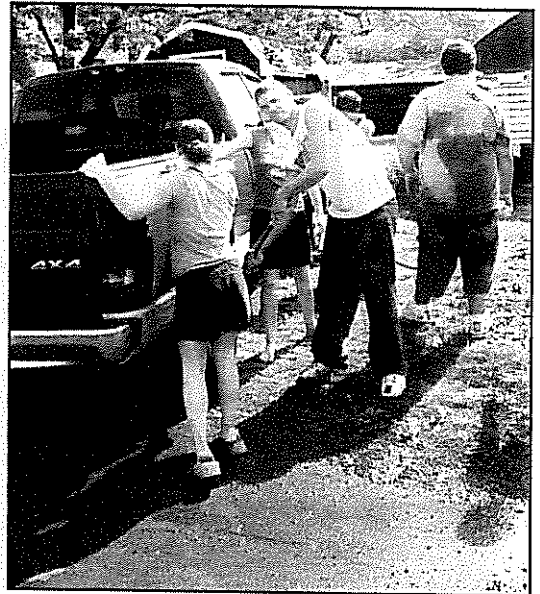
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Secretary: Pam Thompson
Treasurer: Sarah Abernathy
Reporter: Tiffany Friend
Sentinel: Justin Gregory

Jr. NAD OFFICERS

President: Michael Jarvis
Vice-President: Roddy Stickley
Secretary: Pam Thompson
Treasurer: Terry Withrow
Reporter: Jason Holliday
Sergeant-at-Arms: Justin Rhodes/Paige Kidd

Skills USA OFFICERS

President: Paige Kidd
Vice-President: Page Miller
Secretary: Zelina Cooley
Treasurer: Lucas Turner
Reporter: TBA
Parliamentarian: TBA



Jr. NAD held a car wash Saturday, September 17 and earned \$136 dollars. The above photos were taken by Mr. Blakely and Justin Rhodes.

(Left) FFA members Page Miller and Justin Rhodes are practicing using a compass and measuring trees for their diameter, breadth and height. Justin and FFA members Jason Holliday, Justin Gregory, Michael Jarvis, Roddy Stickley, and Matthew Hart are on the Career Development Events Forestry team.

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Welcome, Megan!

by Zelina Cooley and Jason Holliday



Megan Cavender is a seventeen-year-old student from Kenna. Previously enrolled in a Christian school, she came to WVSD to learn more sign language.

"I like WVSD because I have many friends here," Megan said.

Megan's favorite subjects are World History, Science, and Sign Language. Her hobbies are volleyball and basketball.

Seaton Hall Gets Sorenson VRS

A Sorenson video phone was installed this month in Seaton Hall Lobby. The video phone is a big hit with students! Students may use the videophone after school from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and from 5:45 to 8:00 pm. The students may use the video phone on weekends beginning at 11 am. till 10 pm except at meal times. Students may not use phones during mealtimes, at study time, or after lights out at night.

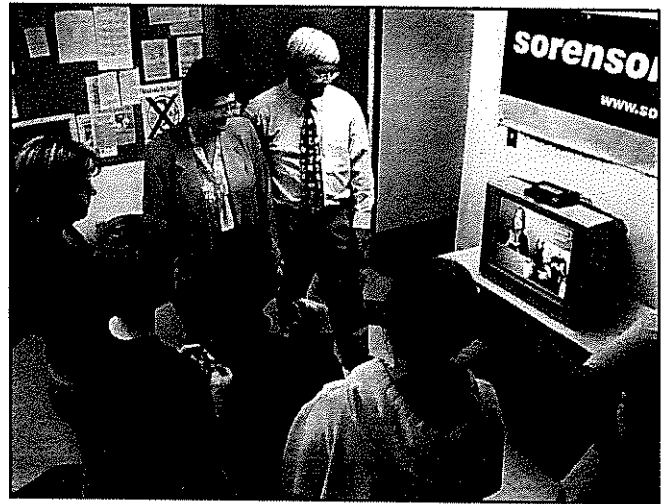


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins
Mr. John Edington, Sorenson VRS Outreach Manager, is demonstrating the VRS to Mr. Blakely, Mrs. Wysopal, and students Amber Williams, Jensen Greenstein, and Chelsea Tallman.

INSIDE

See photos from Deaf Awareness Week, Spirit Week, and Homecoming.



Mayor William Hicks, Mrs. Jane McBride and Mr. Marty Blakely with WVSD students and staff

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK
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Photo by Justin Gregory
Mr. Blakely is showing the students and the houseparents how to use the VRS that was recently installed in Seaton Hall Lobby. Clockwise, starting at left: John Oldaker, Brittany Austin, Maddie Mongold, Cassie Heaster, Samantha Johnson, Shawna Weatherholt, Tiffany Friend, Mr. Blakely, and Jason Holliday, who is using the VRS to talk with his parents.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

One of my favorite scenes in the movie Jerry McGuire was when sports agent Jerry (actor Tom Cruise) was forced by his sole client to scream, "Show Me The Money."

In education today, we too are being forced to "show the money" in a similar fashion. Just to say that teaching and learning are taking place is no longer acceptable. We now have to show the results of our teaching through testing. Every course has objectives (content standards) that we teach and then measure how well we taught through assessment. The results are education's way for us to "show the money" or whether not our teaching is "on the money."

Our school participates in all of our state's assessments, plus a few of our own in-house assessments. Although it is important to demonstrate our students' progress through assessments, I believe the greatest measurement of a school occurs at graduation.

It has always given me great pleasure to see our students' overall growth and development. In most cases they come as insecure children and leave as confident young adults with all the tools necessary to lead productive successful lives. Our school provides students with opportunities that will not only lead them to success in statewide assessment but also in life.



Director Of Student Living

by Mrs. Wysopal

Greetings from the Director of Student Life Office! Students and staff were surprised by snow flurries this week at WVSD. The weather is cooler but students are resisting winter duds. The boys play football after school in shorts and t-shirts. We are all trying to hang onto fall a little longer.

Football season is coming to a close this weekend. We are very proud of the students who played on Hampshire County's school teams all season: Justin Rhodes, Terry Withrow, Josh Duff, Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, and Roddy Stickley. Special thanks to Tim Slocum and David Nester who attended practice and games with the students as interpreters. We are proud of the effort these boys made to play football. Basketball season will be here shortly. The boys and girls are going to the gym to play basketball in the evenings now.

The girls' volleyball season is almost over. The senior team is traveling to the ESDAA Tournament in Scranton, PA the weekend of October 28th & 29th, 2005. Students participating in the tournament are Samantha Johnson, Maddie Mongold, Sarah Abernathy, Polly Hodge, Tiffany Friend, Paige Kidd, Pam Thompson, and Cassie Heaster.

Childcare Workers selected Lucas Turner and Desiree Parmer for Aug./Sept. Student of the Month awards in Seaton Hall.

Lucas and Desiree exemplify good behavior, caring attitudes toward other students, and cooperation with dorm staff. The dorm staff is proud to recognize Lucas and Desiree. Graphic Design students make a photo poster of each Student of the Month winner in graphic arts class. The photo is then displayed in Seaton Hall Lobby.

Intermediate Girls' Dorm is continuing to receive a facelift. Henretta Fields has painted Intermediate Girls' dorm hallway this month. Retired upholsterer, Bob Patton, has been working his magic with upholstery fabric on Intermediate Girls' dorm furniture. If you are in the dorm, stop by and take a look at the recent improvements. All the dorms are looking very nice. The students are to be commended on their care of the dorms this year.

Dorm staff also recognized students who have very clean rooms. The Director of Student Life checks rooms weekly and averages the points each month. On each dorm floor the student/students in the room with the highest average receive a certificate for a free medium pizza from Domino's Pizza. The students and staff appreciate the support Domino's Pizza gives to WVSD&B.



Photo by Mrs. Kim Buckley

Seaton Hall dorm students visited Arnold's Farm on River Road to explore the Haunted Corn Maze and to take a hayride through the Arnold farm pastures.

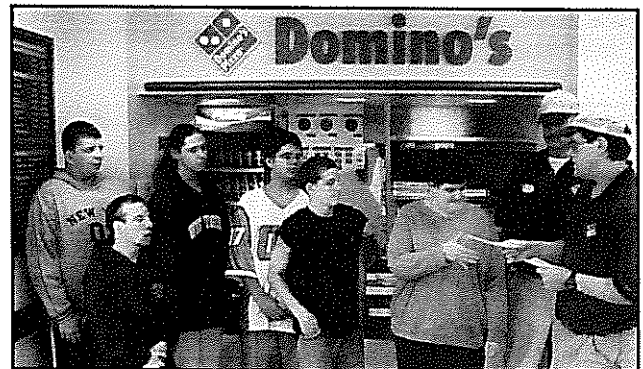


Photo by Jason Holliday

Domino's Pizza Manager John Preston presents Pizza Certificate Awards to WVSD students for the Clean Room Award for the months of Aug./Sept. Left to right: Tyler Labin and John Oldaker, Advanced Boys' Dorm; Tiffany Friend, Intermediate Girls' Dorm; Mike Jarvis and Mathew Hart, Intermediate Boys' Dorm; and Nina Hedrick, Advanced Girls' Dorm; Joel Cary and John Preston, of Domino's Pizza.

FFA at Forestry Contest

Photo and Story by Mr. Leatherman



Pictured, left to right: Matthew Hart, Justin Gregory, Justin Rhodes, Michael Jarvis, Jason Holliday, Page Miller.

We had a great time at the FFA Career Development Events at WVU. Justin Gregory, Justin Rhodes, Michael Jarvis, and Jason Holliday competed in the Forestry Event. Page Miller and Matthew Hart were the alternates. Each participant determined the amount of board feet in trees, determined the azimuth to five points and the distance by pacing between those points; identified 20 trees; and identified twenty pieces of forestry equipment. When they finished with the hands-on activities, they took a 50-question test. After competing we visited the coliseum, where we met Leslie Jessie, a former WVSD student who is a senior at WVU studying physical education. Next, we toured the WVU Evansdale Campus and rode the PRT (personal rapid transit system) to the Mountain Lair. When we returned to the coliseum, the WVU marching band was preparing to practice. Adam Leatherman, one of the drum majors, came over to meet the team. We went to Shoney's for dinner. Of course, we had to visit S&S Harley Davidson on the way out of town and admire all the new bikes. Donnie Davis was our driver and paid special attention to our students.

Our FFA members were great ambassadors for our school! They paid attention and showed interest in what we were doing. Good job, boys!

Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Saville accompanied the FFA members on their trip to Morgantown.

Washington Times Adventure

by Justin Rhodes

On October 19 we toured *The Washington Times* newspaper office. We got up around 6 a.m. to get ready, and we left around 7:15 a.m. We rode for about 2 hours, then we stopped at McDonalds for a rest stop. Then we continued on our way to Washington DC which took about 1 more hour. Finally, we arrived at *The Times* and we met a very nice man named Ron Sturman. He took us into the *Washington Times* Auditorium where he talked about how they set up the newspaper. He told us about how reporters go out to find stories to put in the newspaper, and he said it was almost like a contest. It kind of goes like this: everyone goes out to find a good story to put on the front page because usually only the best stories go on the front page. Then Mr. Sturman took us into the story room where a woman named Mary Margaret talked to us about copy editing. When we finished there, Mr. Sturman took a picture with us, then led us to the building with the printing presses (where they print out the newspaper). We met Bobby Chandler, the shop foreman (the boss). He talked about the printing presses. Just when we were about to leave the press building, we met a worker, Brian Jones, who was deaf just like us. He said that he had worked there for 21 years. After we talked to him, we went to the National Arboretum and ate lunch. Then we traveled all the way back to WVSD, our "home sweet home."



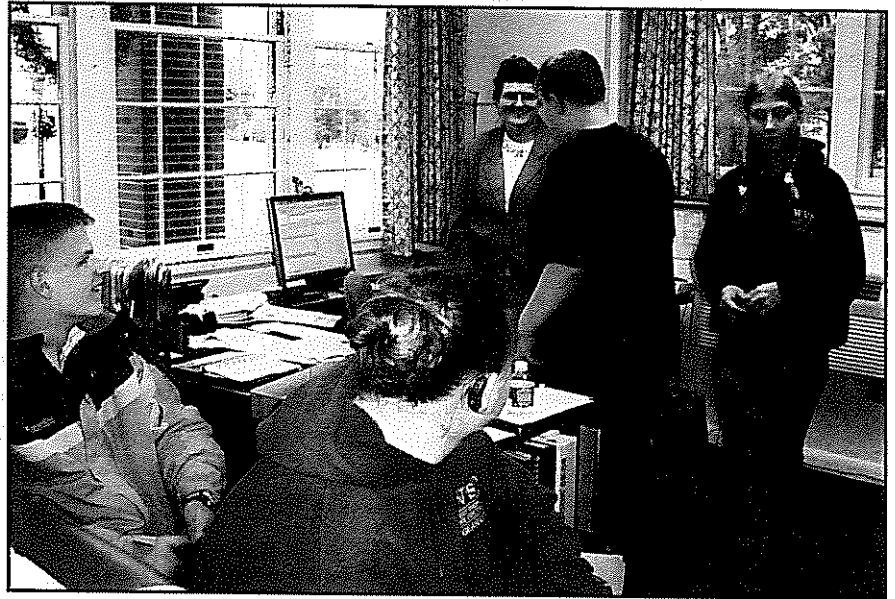
Photo by Mr. Donnie Davis

(Front row, left to right): Mrs. Brown, Pam Thompson, Justin Gregory, Sarah Abernathy, Tyler Labin, and Mr. Ron Sturman. Back row: Mrs. Dodgins, Zelina Cooley, Jason Holliday, Justin Rhodes, Paige Kidd, and Lucas Turner.

Career Majors Learn About DSL Position

Photo and story by Mrs. Brown

The Career Majors Class recently enjoyed two full class periods with Maureen Wysopal explaining the many job responsibilities associated with her job as Director of Student Living. To finish the session, Mrs. Wysopal had the students try their hand at inputting data used for scheduling and payroll. The class includes Sarah Abernathy, Justin Gregory, Pam Thompson, and Lucas Turner. Thank you, Mrs. Wysopal for your valuable information.



Theatre West Virginia To Perform at WVSD March '06

In early October six actors from Theatre West Virginia (TWV) traveled to WVSD to practice with WVSD's shadow inter-

preters.

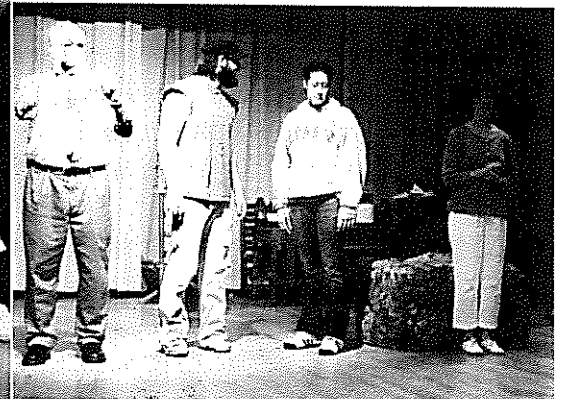
TWV will be performing *The Last Hanging in Pike County* on March 29. This play by Janice

Kennedy is based on the true story of the feuding Hatfield and McCoy families.

The TWV performers will also conduct theatre workshops with our students while they are here.

Left: Theatre West Virginia actors and WVSD "shadows".

Below: Mr. Adrian shadows for "Devil Anse Hatfield" while Mrs. Heare shadows "Roseanne McCoy".



Deaf Awareness Week

Deaf Awareness Week (DAW), Sept. 26-30, was a celebration of Deaf Culture and sign language. The week's events were planned by Mr. Blakley, Media Center Coordinator. Each day featured interesting and fun activities designed to enrich our knowledge about deafness-related subjects.

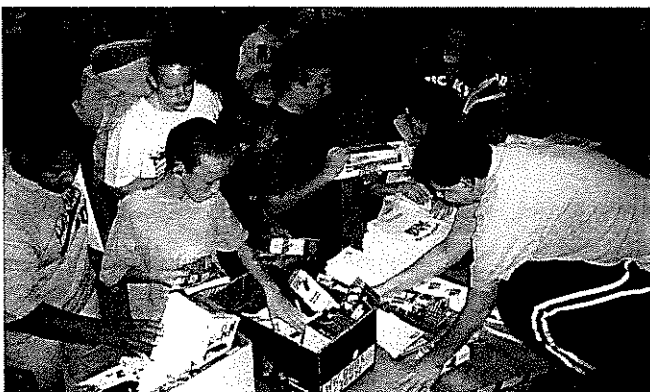
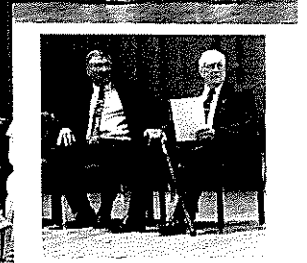
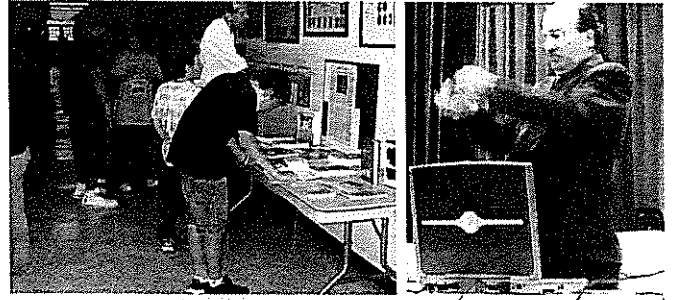
On Monday, Romney's Mayor William Hicks was here to present the DAW Proclamation. Afterwards, students and staff enjoyed visiting the deafness-related displays Mr. Blakely set up in the main hallway.

A panel discussion held on Tuesday, was moderated by Mrs. Mary Beth Surber, featuring WVSD Secondary students as panelists. Mrs. Surber posed deafness-related questions to the panelists. Participating in the discussions were Terry Withrow, Michael Jarvis, Justin Gregory, Justin Rhodes, Paige Kidd, Sarah Abernathy, Pam Thompson, Roddy Stickley, and Zelina Cooley. The announcement of the DAW Art Contest winners was also on Tuesday. The posters were displayed outside the library for all to enjoy for about a week before the contest. Winners were Roddy Stickley, 1st place; Samantha Johnson, 2nd place; and Page Miller, 3rd place.

There was a school-wide trip to the Big Apple Circus on Wednesday.

On Thursday, "Gadgets" was the topic of a presentation by Mr. Roy Forman, Deputy Director of West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Mr. Forman showed and demonstrated some of the many tools available today for deaf and hard of hearing people. Afterwards, Mrs. Nancy Haught of the WV Department of Vocational Rehabilitation gave an interesting presentation about working with deaf and hard of hearing people.

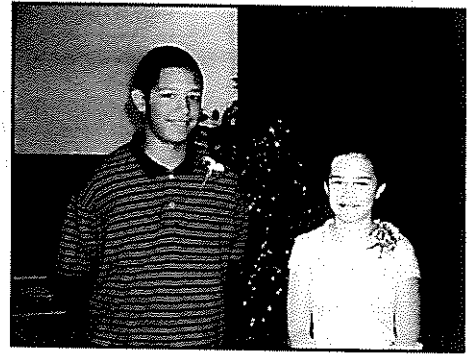
Miss Deaf West Virginia, Holly Lynn Palmer, was here Friday morning to give a presentation about the pageant and the responsibilities of being Miss Deaf West Virginia. That afternoon Mr. John Edington, Sorenson Outreach Manager, gave an informative presentation about the Sorenson Video Relay Service.



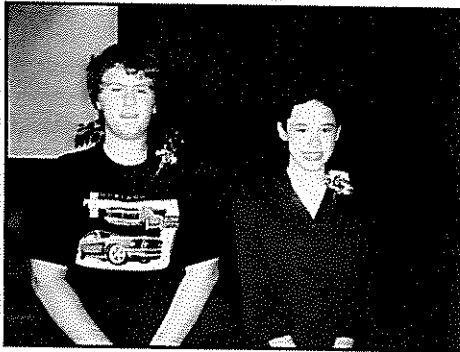
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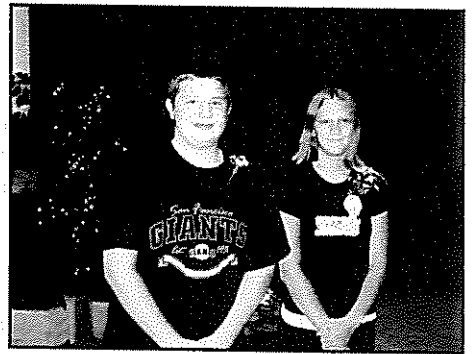
7th Grade
Jensen Greenstein, Amber Williams



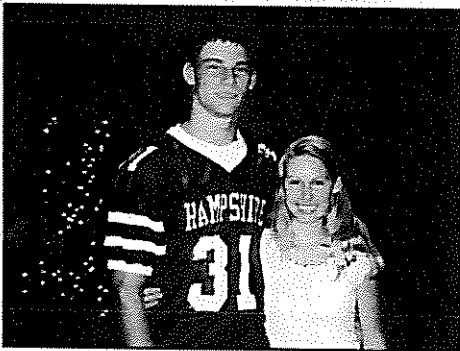
8th Grade
Roderick Stickley, Madaline Mongold



9th Grade
Jason Holliday, Tiffany Friend



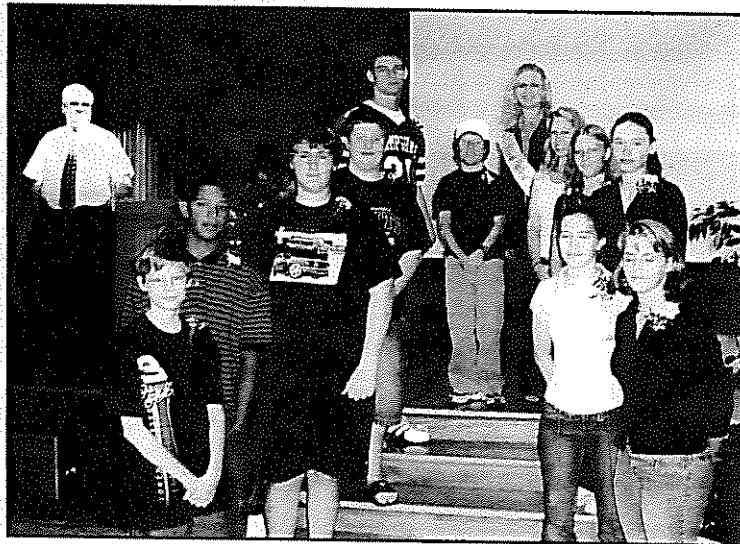
10th Grade
Justin Gregory, Pamela Thompson



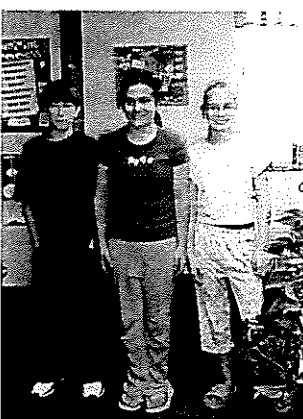
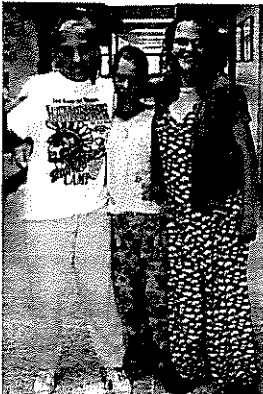
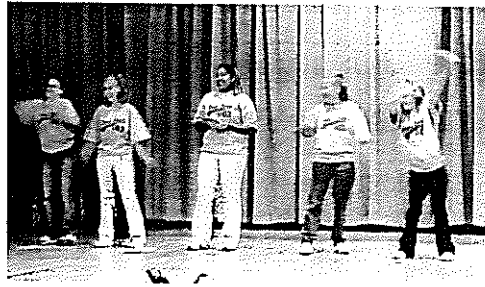
11th Grade
Justin Rhodes, Paige Kidd



Miss Deaf West Virginia pins
King Tyler Labin, Class of '06



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Monday - Blue and Gold Day

Tuesday - Pajama Day

Wednesday - Big Apple Circus, Dulles, VA

Thursday - Class spirit cheers and plays

Friday - Crowning of the Homecoming

Court and Spirit March

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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL NEWS

by Coach Surber

- Sept. 21 (AWAY) at Delaware School for the Deaf with DSD and New Jersey School for the Deaf

| WVSD | DSD |
|------|-----|
| 12 | 25 |
| 19 | 25 |
| 0 | 2 |

| WVSD | NJSD |
|------|------|
| 25 | 18 |
| 25 | 27 |
| 16 | 14 |
| 2 | 1 |

Highlights:

Sarah Abernathy: 5 service points
Zelina Cooley – 3 kills and 4 sets

Highlights:

Pamela Thompson – 16 service points
Zelina Cooley – 4 kills and 8 sets

- Sept. 26 (HOME) at WVSD with Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

| WVSD | WPSD |
|------|------|
| 11 | 25 |
| 25 | 22 |
| 23 | 25 |
| 9 | 25 |
| 1 | 3 |

Highlights:

Tiffany Friend – 10 points
Sarah Abernathy – 8 points, 4 blocks, and 10 sets
Zelina Cooley – 8 points, 2 kills, and 6 sets

- Sept. 29 (AWAY) at Virginia School for the Deaf

| WVSD | VSD |
|------|-----|
| 18 | 25 |
| 17 | 25 |
| 19 | 25 |
| 0 | 3 |

Highlights:

Samantha Johnson – 10 points and 3 sets
Polly Hodge – 9 points, 3 aces, and 1 kill
Zelina Cooley – 6 kills and 6 sets

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- October 1 (HOME) at WVSD with Maryland School for the Deaf

| WVSD | MSD |
|------|-----|
| 12 | 25 |
| 19 | 25 |
| 0 | 2 |

Highlights:

Tiffany Friend – 5 points

Samantha Johnson – 5 points

Maddie Mongold – 5 points and 5 sets

- October 3 (HOME) at WVSD with Virginia School for the Deaf

| WVSD | VSD |
|------|-----|
| 12 | 25 |
| 19 | 25 |
| 25 | 22 |
| 23 | 25 |
| 1 | 3 |

Highlights:

Cassie Heaster – 14 points and 6 sets

Samantha Johnson – 10 points and 5 sets

Pamela Thompson – 9 points and 4 sets

Maddie Mongold – 7 sets

Record: 1-6

We will travel to WPSD for a volleyball tournament on October 14 – 15, 2005 before going to the ESDAA tournament in Scranton, PA, on October 28 – 29, 2005.



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

by Coach. Kessler

Heard Our First Roar

The girls played against the Maryland School for the Deaf on September 9. The girls did very well in their first game of the season! The scores were 25 to 15 and 25 to 17.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Samantha Johnson - 13 serves, 3 aces
Maddie Mongold - 1 kill
Cassie Heater - 2 receives, 1 kill
Chelsea Hill - 5 serves, 3 receives
Amber Williams - 7 serves, 1 ace, 2 receives.
Holly Ramos - 3 serves
Shawna Weatherholt - 1 receive

Our Losses

The girls played against Capon Bridge Middle School and Romney Middle School on September 13. The girls did well even though they did not win the matches. The scores against Capon Bridge were 25 to 23, 25 to 8, and 25 to 11. The scores against Romney were 21 to 25, 25 to 19, and 25 to 20.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CBMS

Samantha - 10 serves, 3 sets, 1 kill
Maddie - 6 serves, 2 kills
Amber - 8 serves, 7 receives
Chelsea - 5 serves, 2 receives, 1 save/dig
Cassie - 11 serves, 5 sets
Shawna - 3 serves, 1 receive
Holly - 1 serve

RMS

Amber - 12 serves, 3 aces, 3 receives
Maddie - 9 receives, 4 sets, 1 kill
Chelsea - 6 serves, 4 receives
Cassie - 4 serves, 2 receives, 2 sets
Shawna - 4 serves, 6 receives
Samantha - 2 serves, 3 receives
Holly - 1 serve

Close Call

The girls played against Front Royal Christian Academy on September 17. The girls used their skills well in the second game. What a close call in the final game! The girls had looked forward to getting some wins. The scores were 25 to 12, 8 to 25, and 23 to 25.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Samantha - 15 serves, 4 receives, 3 sets
Amber - 12 serves, 6 receives, 1 save/dig
Maddie - 9 serves, 4 sets, 1 kill
Chelsea - 4 serves, 1 kill, 1 save/dig
Holly - 3 serves, 1 set
Cassie - 3 serves
Shawna - 2 serves, 3 receives, 4 sets

3-way Wins

The girls played against Capon Bridge Middle School and Romney Middle School again on September 20. Each team won a game. The girls played very well against Capon Bridge. The scores were 25 to 14 and 25 to 11. The girls played a great

game against Romney, but some girls had injuries during the game. The scores were 21 to 25 and 18 to 25.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CBMS

Polly Hodge - 20 serve, 4 receives, 1 kill
Cassie - 11 serves, 2 receives, 3 sets
Samantha - 5 serves, 3 receives, 2 sets
Maddie - 3 serves, 3 saves/digs
Shawna - 4 serves, 4 receives, 1 set
Holly - 4 serves, 1 receive, 1 set
Amber - 2 serves, 6 receives, 3 sets, 2 saves/digs
Chelsea - 1 serve, 3 receives, 1 save/dig

RMS

Cassie - 12 serves, 3 receives, 4 sets, 1 kill
Amber - 7 serves, 2 receives, 3 sets, 2 kills
Samantha - 6 serves, 2 receives, 1 set
Maddie - 5 serves, 4 receives, 2 sets, 2 kills, 1 save/dig
Shawna - 2 serves, 3 receives
Chelsea - 1 serve, 3 receives
Holly - 2 receives

Another Loss

The girls played against the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. They won a match but lost the game. The scores were 15 to 25, 25 to 4, and 23 to 25. The girls displayed good skills in receiving, setting, and spiking.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Shawna - 14 serves, 1 ace, 2 receives, 1 set
Polly - 13 serves, 2 aces, 4 receives, 1 set
Samantha - 9 serves, 3 receives, 2 sets
Chelsea - 7 serves, 1 receive
Cassie - 6 serves, 6 receives, 1 set
Amber - 3 serves, 2 receives, 3 sets, 1 save/dig

Homecoming Game

The girls played against the Maryland School for the Deaf during Homecoming. The games were exciting. The girls showed their skills in receiving and setting and made many serves. The scores were 25 to 11 and 25 to 17.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Maddie - 17 serves, 4 aces, 2 receives, 4 sets
Samantha - 9 serves, 2 aces, 5 sets
Polly - 5 serves, 2 receives, 1 set
Chelsea - 3 serves, 4 receives
Amber - 2 serves, 5 receives, 2 sets
Cassie - 2 serves, 1 receive
Shawna - 2 serves

Another Roar Heard

The girls played against the Virginia School for the Deaf and really showed great teamwork. They won the game by 25 to 3 and 25 to 14.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Cassie - 19 serves, 2 aces, 3 sets
Maddie - 7 serves, 2 aces, 5 receives, 2 sets

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

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Samantha - 10 serves, 3 aces
 Amber - 3 serves, 1 ace, 1 receive, 1 set
 Holly - 3 serves, 1 ace, 1 receive, 1 set

Exciting Games

What exciting games the girls played against Capon Bridge Middle School and Romney Middle School! The girls played against Capon Bridge Middle School first. The scores were 25 to 18 and 25 to 13. Then the girls won the game against Romney Middle School. It was a narrow escape! The scores were 22 to 25, 25 to 23, and 28 to 26.

HIGHLIGHTS:

CBMS

Amber - 15 serves, 2 aces, 3 receives, 1 set

Cassie - 13 serves, 1 receive, 1 set
 Holly - 6 serves
 Maddie - 3 serves, 3 receives, 3 sets
 Chelsea - 3 serves, 1 receive
 Polly - 2 serves, 3 receives, 2 sets
 Shawna - 1 serve, 1 receive
 Samantha - 2 receives, 2 sets

RMS

Amber - 15 serves, 2 aces, 5 receives, 1 set
 Polly - 13 serves, 3 receives, 1 set, 5 kills, 2 saves/digs
 Cassie - 8 serves, 5 receives, 2 sets
 Samantha - 8 serves, 1 receive, 3 sets
 Holly - 8 serves
 Maddie - 4 serves, 11 receives, 6 sets, 1 kill
 Shawna - 4 serves
 Chelsea - 2 serves, 4 receives, 3 sets, 1 kill

FOOTBALL

WVSD again received permission from the WV Secondary Schools Activities Commission for our students to try out for public school sports teams if our school doesn't offer that sport. In the past few years we've had students participating in football and track and field for the Hampshire High School (HHS) Trojans and the Romney Middle School (RMS) Pioneers.

This year Justin Rhodes (running back, defensive back and linebacker), Terry Withrow (tackle), Michael Jarvis (halfback and defensive back), Page Miller (split end and special teams), and Josh Duff

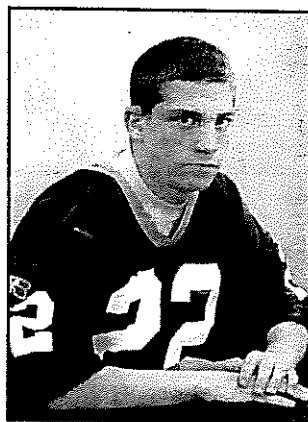
(fullback and middle linebacker) are playing football for HHS. Roddy Stickley (fullback and defensive end) is playing for RMS.



Justin Rhodes, '07



Terry Withrow, '07



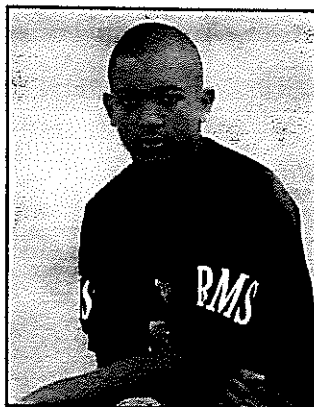
Michael Jarvis, '09



Page Miller, '09

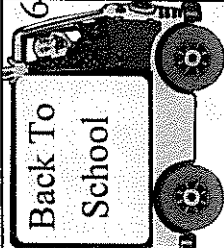
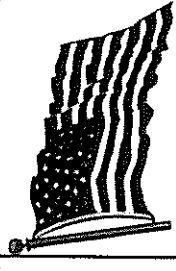


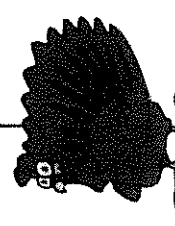
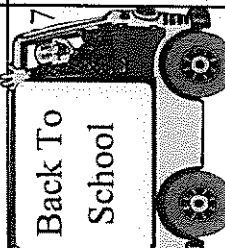


Josh Duff, '10



Roddy Stickley, '10

November 2005

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | MS Girls' BB practice began October 31. | | | | | |
| 6 Back To School  | 7 V Girls and MS Boys' BB practice starts | 8 | 9 Skills Competition | 10 Veterans' Day  | 11 HOME GOING FFA SKILLS TAPESTRY  | 12 |
| 13 | 14 V Boys' BB practice starts | 15 | 16 | 17 HOME GOING FBLA JRNAD TAPESTRY  | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  | 25 Thanksgiving | 26 Break |
| 27 Back To School  | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |



FFA members are attempting to identify various tools.



These students are competing in the Graphic Arts poster event.



Pam is competing in the Tree ID section.

Photos by Mrs. Heare

WVSD Holds First Skills Competition Event

WVSD held the first ever "Skills Competition" after school on November 9. Tech Ed teachers set up "ID Tables" in the MPR where students could accept the challenge to identify tools and equipment in the areas of Ag Mechanics, Ag & Natural Resources 1 and 2, Forestry, Building Trades, Pro Start, and Graphic Arts. Each WVSD student decorated a sugar cookie to enter the Cookie Competition. Pro Start students grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and helped serve food.

PRO START EVENTS WINNERS

Cookie Decorating: Ethan Bolyard, Paige Kidd
Kitchen Tool ID: Lucas Turner, Sarah Abernathy, Pam Thompson

GRAPHIC ARTS EVENTS WINNERS:

Computer Parts ID: Sarah Abernathy, Jason Holliday, Paige Kidd, Roddy Stickley (all 100%)
Camera Parts ID: Roddy Stickley, Jason Holliday
Poster Design: Roddy Stickley

BUILDING TRADES EVENTS WINNERS:

Nailing: Shawna Weatherholt, Terry Withrow
Tool ID: Lucas Helmick (100 on both tests), Page Miller, Chelsea Hill, Shawna Weatherholt.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION EVENTS WINNERS:

Forestry Tree ID: Pamela Thompson
Forestry Tools ID: Michael Jarvis
Welding Equipment ID: Justin Rhodes



Director Of Student Living

by Mrs. Wysopal

Merry Christmas! The students and staff decorated the dorms for the holiday season. Everyone is excited about the holiday events scheduled for December. The students will have a Christmas shop on December 3rd at the Winchester Apple Blossom Mall. The Lions Clubs of WV will treat the students to dinner at the mall food court.

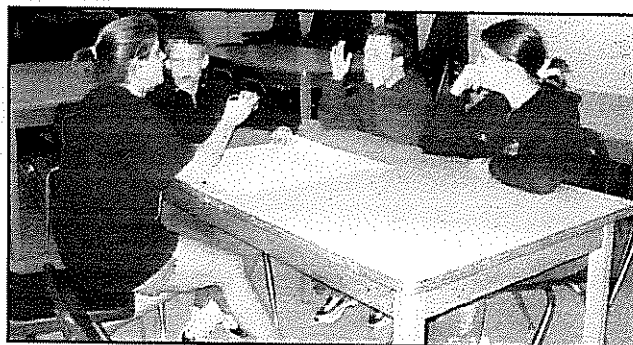
Tapestry, a signing musical performance group at WVSD, is preparing for the first of four performances this month. On Sunday, December 4th, the students will perform at the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Augusta. Tapestry will also perform at the Christmas concert in WVSU's auditorium on December 13th, for the Christmas dinner on December 14th, and for the UAW sponsored Christmas Pizza Party on December 15th. Barry Nealis and Bonnie Sipple are the Tapestry sponsors this year. Susan Swenson is also helping the students with some Christmas performances.

Dorm staff recognized students who had very clean rooms in November. Domino's Pizza donated pizza to Lucas Turner, Page Miller, Roddy Stickley, Pam Thompson, and Chelsea Tallman for the November Clean Room Awards.

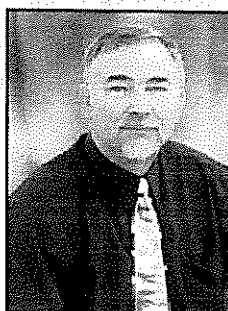
A new program, Teen Talk, has started in Seaton Hall Dormitory. The students are given the opportunity to address any issue that the students or staff chooses in group forum. Some issues discussed in Teen Talk were respecting deaf culture, privacy when student or staff is using the phone, couples' good night kiss, personal space, techniques for teen-parent communication, and OGO rules. A special thank you goes to Christine Frye, The Assistant Director of Student Life, who developed the Teen Talk program for Seaton Hall students.

Students of the Month for October are Jason Holiday and Brittany Austin. Thanks for being caring and cooperative toward students and staff. Keep up the good work!

The Seaton Hall staff wishes each family a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.



Left to right are Amber Williams, Jensen Greenstein, Tyler Labin, Holly Ramos discussing issues during the first Teen Talk meeting held recently in the dorm.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is to observe and to be a part of the educational process. This would include both the long and short term.

This is not much better than seeing the "lights come on" for students as they begin to understand a difficult concept. As a secondary school principal, I have the opportunity to see students develop from struggling adolescents to confident upperclassmen. Unfortunately for me, however, one of the best learning opportunities for our students recently took place and I had no part in it except to approve it.

I once saw TEAM spelled out to say Together Everyone Achieves More. That was certainly the case as our technical education teachers put together this year's Skills Day Competition. It was obvious that everyone did achieve more throughout this very creative and unique educational event. Students not only participated, but several also assumed roles of responsibility and helped to organize and supervise. Others assisted with the responsibilities of the picnic that culminated the event. Teachers were extremely creative in setting up the various competitions, and students were recognized for their achievements.

Creative learning experiences such as our Skills Day Competition provide students with much more than just educational opportunity. They build character and self-esteem, and teach responsibility and appropriate social interaction. Also, they prepare students for the world of work. "Hats off" to our teachers working together as a team to enhance our students' successes.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday!

CLUB CLIPS

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

President: Terry Withrow

Vice-President: Amber Williams

Secretary: Josh Duff

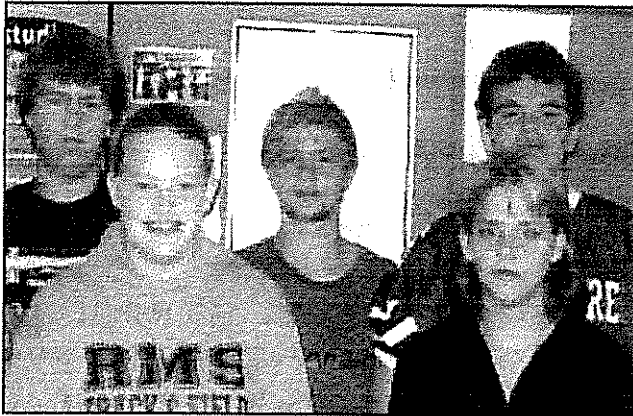
Treasurer: Sarah Abernathy

Parliamentarian: Jason Holliday

Reporter: Lucas Turner

Advisers: Bonnie Brown, Mary Davis, Herb Adrian

Thanks to all of the supporters of the Pine Cone Bird Feeder Project. As of this writing, 350 bird feeders have been made and the number is still growing! The members have been doing a great job making them as well as selling them. Keep up the good work!



FBLA Officers



Photos by Mrs. Brown

FBLA members are making pine cone feeders as a fund raiser. Pictured above, left to right are Tyler Labin, Jason Holliday, Polly Hodge, Cassie Heaster, and Lucas Turner.

FFA Students Learn ATV Safety



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Front row (left to right): Lucas Turner, Megan Cavender, Polly Hodge. Back row (left to right): Brittany Austin, Tiffany Friend, Jason Holliday, Cassie Heaster.

by Jason Holliday

On November 17, FFA (Future Farmers of America) members went to Harpers Ferry Jr. High School to discuss ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) safety. A police officer came in and discussed ATV safety and the laws concerning ATV's. All of the students who went to Harpers Ferry have ATV's. It is important to discuss ATV safety, because there are more deaths in West Virginia due to ATV accidents than anything else.

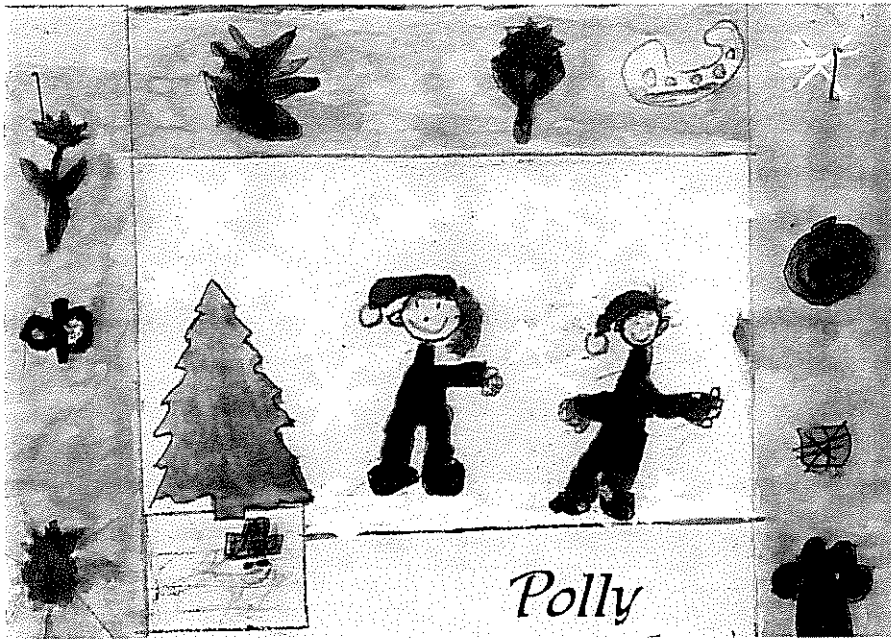
JR. NAD Hosts Halloween Party

JR. NAD (Junior National Association of the Deaf) sponsored a Halloween party for all WVSD students on Oct. 31.

Winners of the costume competitions were:

- Funniest costume- Jason Holliday
- Scariest costume-Paige Kidd
- Most beautiful costume-Megan Cavender

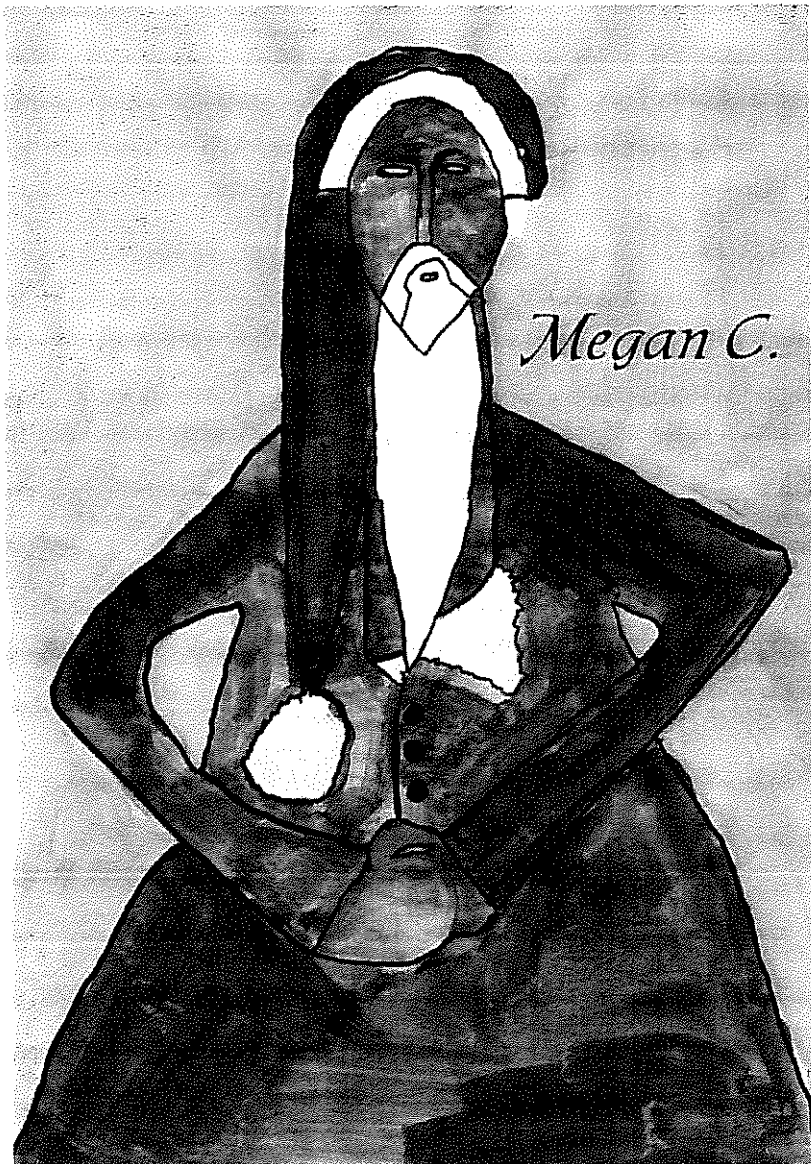




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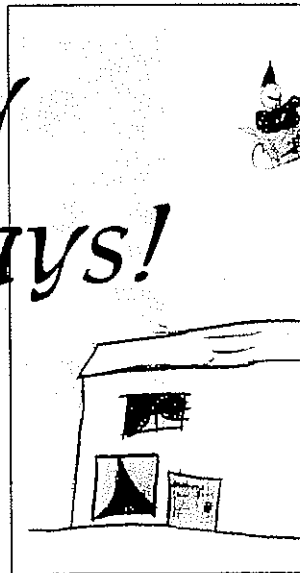


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Megan C.

*Happy
Holidays!*



*We wish you a merry Christmas
we wish you a merry Christmas
we wish you a merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, yeah*



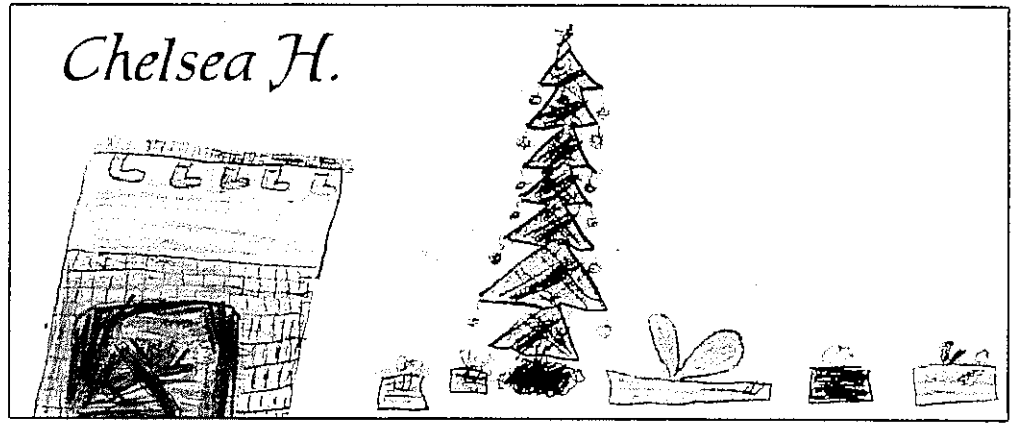
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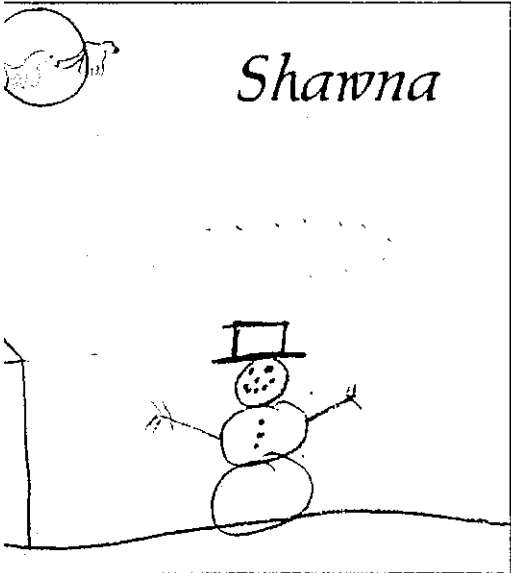
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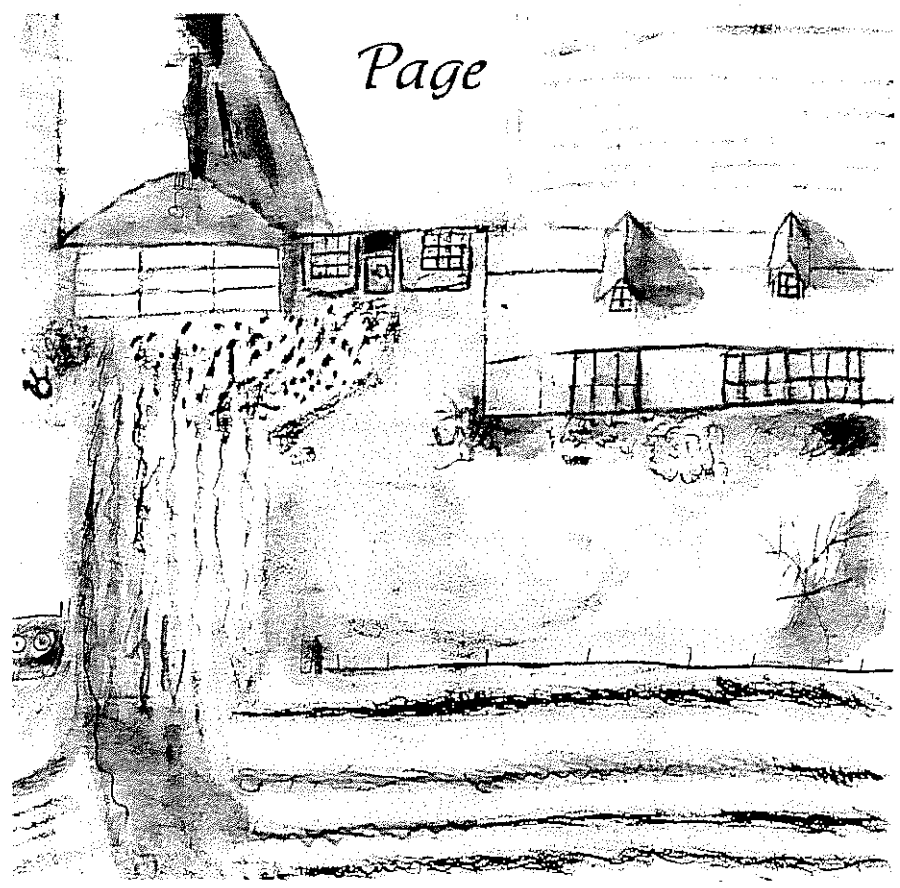
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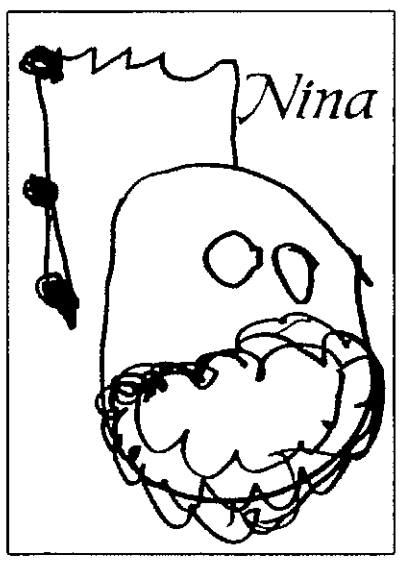
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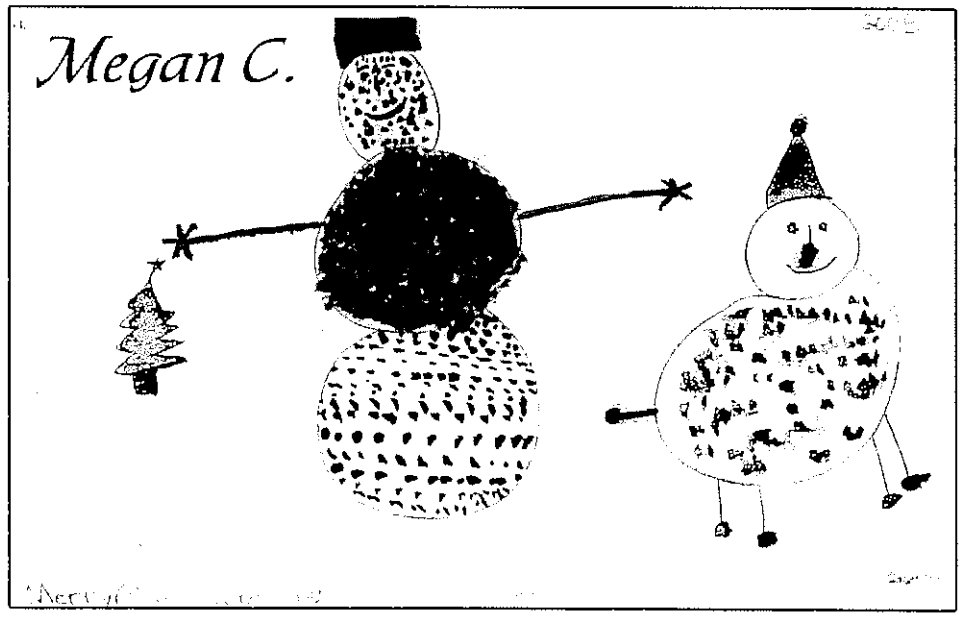
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Five To Compete in Academic Bowl

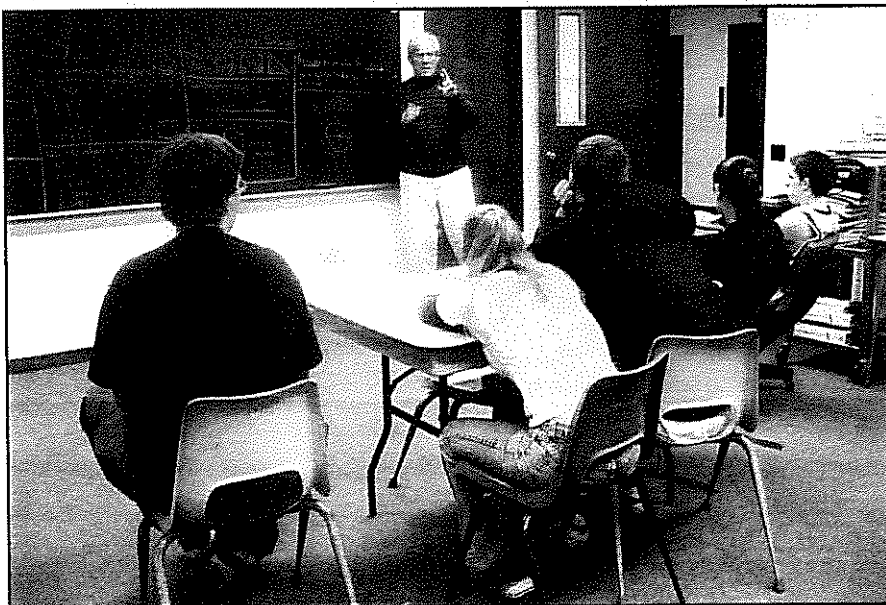
by Mr. Blakely

Gallaudet University will sponsor a High School Academic Bowl Competition in February and March 2006. The top two teams from each regional competition will compete April 2006 in the National Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students on the campus of Gallaudet University.

The Academic Bowl began in 1997 as an annual competition sponsored by Gallaudet University. The purpose is to foster the pursuit of academic excellence; promote a spirit of academic competition and good sportsmanship; and to encourage social opportunities for congeniality among students.

The five Academic Bowl regions are Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, Midwest, West, and Southeast. This year about 80 schools are expected to compete.

We are so proud to announce that the WVSD Lions will participate in the Mid-Atlantic competition March 30-April 2, 2006 at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in Staunton. Schools in the Mid-Atlantic region are Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The WVSD team members are Paige Kidd and Justin Rhodes (juniors) and Tiffany Friend, Jason Holliday, and Michael Jarvis (freshmen).



**FFA
Field Trip**

PA FARM SHOW

**Wednesday
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*Photos by Mrs. Dodgins
Academic Bowl team members (left)
study several days a week during
homeroom with Mr. Blakely. Do you
think they look awake?*

Cooley & Thompson Get ESDAA Awards

In October, Zelina Cooley (Class of '07) and Pam Thompson (Class of '08) came back from volleyball tournaments with trophies.

Zelina was named to the All-Tournament team during Western Pennsylvania's Homecoming tournament held Oct. 14-15.

Pam was named to the First All-Star Team at the ESDAA tournament in Scranton, PA October 28-29.

WAY TO GO, GIRLS!



Zelina Cooley



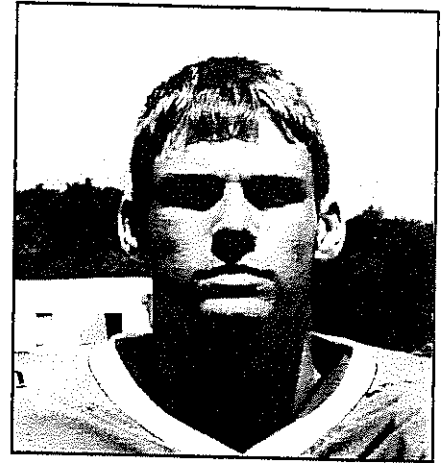
Pam Thompson

Rhodes Does The Job For Hampshire HS

WVSD junior Justin Rhodes played halfback and outside linebacker for the Hampshire High School (HHS) Trojans this year.

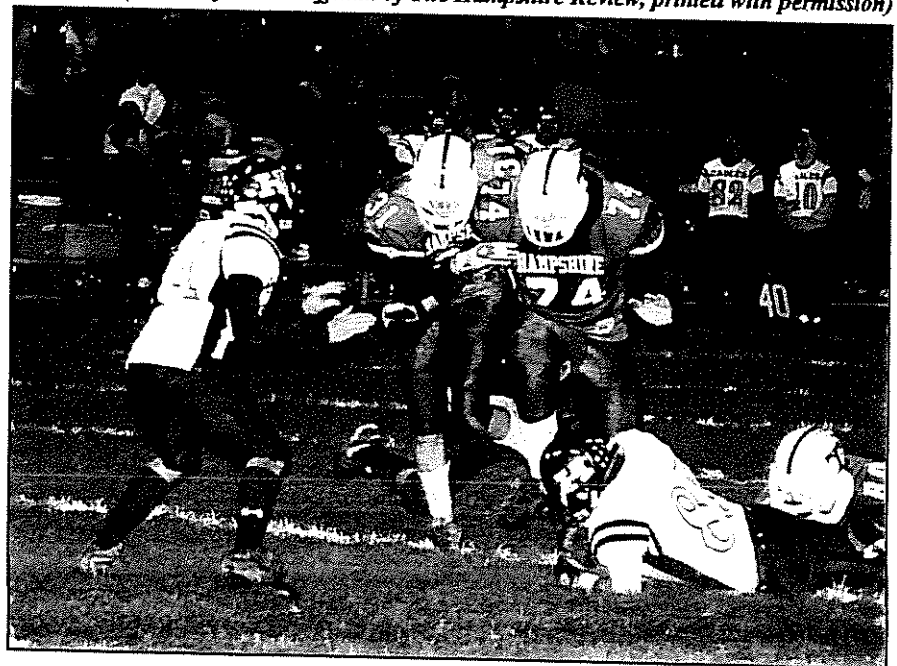
In the season's last game, Justin ran for 173 yards against Hedgesville and made one touchdown for the Trojans. The photo below shows Justin carrying the ball (#31).

Justin, who was featured in the local newspaper (*The Hampshire Review*) as Athlete of the Week, says he plans on playing again next year for HHS.



Justin Rhodes

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WVSD's Deaf Studies/ASL Class presents

Song Out of Silence

by Bernard Reines

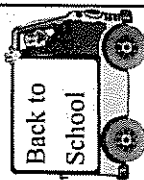
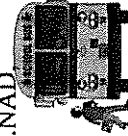

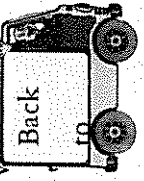
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Dr. M. Cogswell
Alice Cogswell
Sophia Fowler
Laurent Clerc
Several Characters

George M. Blakely
Roddy Stickley
Megan Cavender
Maddie Mongold
Brittany Austin
Joshua Duff
Samantha Johnson

January 2006

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| 1 Happy New Year! | 2  Back to School | 3 Classes Resume | 4 | 5 | 6 JR GBB + JR BB (H) Capon Bridge | 7 |
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| 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday | 16  Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday | 17 V BB + V GBB (H) VSD  Back | 18 V BB + V GBB(H) Front Royal, VA JR BB (H) Front Royal | 19 JR GBB (H) Moorefield | 20 V BB + JR BB (A) Paw Paw | 21 |
| 22 JR BB (A) St. Joe's End of 2nd 9 Weeks | 23 | 24 JR GBB + JRBB (H) Romney | 25 JR GBB + JR BB (A) Capon Bridge | 26 V BB (H) New Hope Christian | 27 | 28 |
| 29 V BB + JR BB (A) Moorefield | 30 | 31 V BB + V GBB(A) Delaware School for the Deaf | | | | |

V BB = Varsity Boys' Basketball V GBB = Varsity Girls' Basketball
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Students Modify Poem To Reflect Their World

by Mrs. Staley

The language of poetry, often shared through the "senses," evokes imagery for the reader based on his/her personal background and experiences. In the silent world of the deaf, that which cannot be heard must somehow be explained through other ways. Therefore, it is important to provide opportunities for students to modify an auditory experience into one of the other "senses," so that it is within their personal, emotional field of imagery. I wanted to present a challenging yet fun way for students to play with language by providing an activity to help them discover and share what they think and feel. The third and sixth lines of April Rain Song depend on the sense of hearing. I asked the students to change these lines into something familiar and meaningful to them.

April Rain Song (Original Poem)

Langston Hughes

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof at night-
And I love the rain.

Silent Rain

Sarah Abernathy

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sign to you calmly.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
Watch the movement of the rain play around like a silent dance.
And I love the rain.

Rain In Spring Time

Pamela Thompson

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain touch your feelings.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The drops on my window are silent in the night.
And I love the rain.

Dreaming of April Rain

Justin Gregory

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the sight of the rain become your calm quiet.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain, an idea, soundless on the roof at night.
And I love the rain.

Rain in April

Zelina Cooley

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain calm you in silence.
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain is spirited, a little like a sleep-dream on the roof of my mind in the night
And I love the rain.



Mrs. Staley's 4th period class (left to right): Sarah Abernathy, Justin Gregory, Mrs. Staley, Pam Thompson, Zelina Cooley

Photo by Paige Kidd

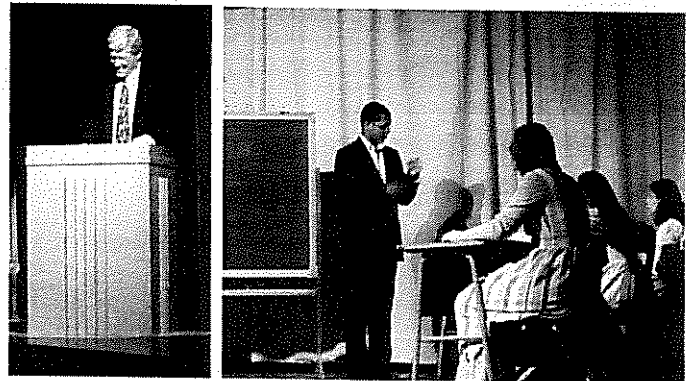
"Song Out of Silence"

by Mr. Blakely

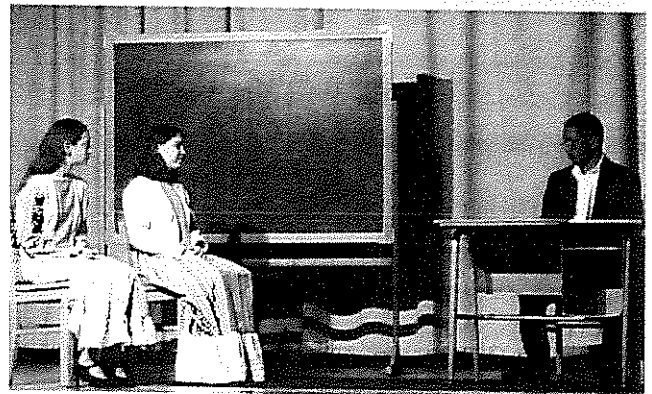
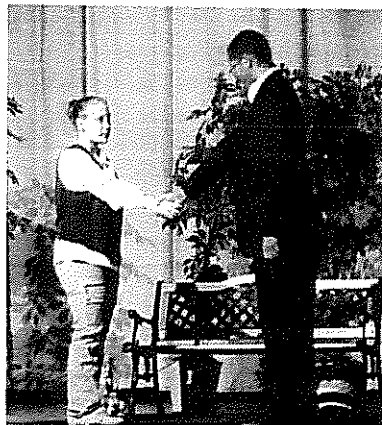
Students enrolled in the Deaf Studies/ASL class this past quarter presented "Song Out of Silence," a play by Bernard Reines, to staff and students on January 13. This play honors the first pioneers in deaf education, Dr. Mason Cogswell, Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, and Professor Laurent Clerc.

By participating in, as well as viewing, this play, our students learned that there were no schools for American deaf children prior to the year 1817. During that year, these three men opened the first school for the deaf, the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, CT.

Today we have more than 40 schools for deaf and hard-of-hearing children across our nation. It is imperative that we never forget these pioneers. It is through their dedication and leadership that West Virginia is able to educate her deaf and hard-of-hearing students on the campus of WVSD&B.



Top photo: Standing, left to right: Deaf Studies/ASL teacher, Mr. George Blakely, Megan Cavendar (Dr. Mason Cogswell), Roddy Stickley (Rev. Thomas Gallaudet), Josh Duff (Laurent Clerc). Seated: Brittany Austin (Sophia Fowler), Maddie Mongold (Alice Cogswell), and Samantha Johnson (who played several different characters).



Other photos were taken during the play.



Photos by Mrs. Dodgins and Zelina Cooley.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

During last week's teacher's meeting, I commended the teachers for their outstanding efforts in providing our students with many wonderful curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Our teachers, who also serve as class sponsors and club sponsors, last week alone provided students with the following activities and opportunities:

The Future Farmers of America attended the Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. Ninety-eight percent of our students are members of the FFA (the only deaf chapter in America-perhaps the world). Many were excited to see all of the latest farming technology, while others were utterly impressed with the milk industry. The trip was obviously designed to provide every educational opportunity possible.

The Future Business Leaders of America, which includes around seventy percent of the student body, invited all students to attend a fingerprinting demonstration by the West Virginia State Police.

Our American Sign Language class performed an outstanding eight act play depicting early deaf history.

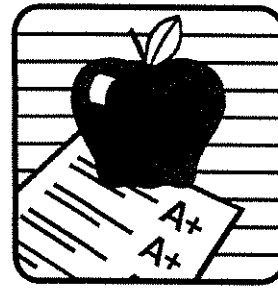
Our ProStart students worked with Chef Harvey Christie to prepare and serve a community banquet.

Student representatives participated in the Local School Improvement Council meeting and a Level System Meeting.

In addition to all of those activities, our four basketball teams (girls and boys middle school and varsity) played a combined total of nine games.....and I almost forgot to mention that at our home games, the junior class and their sponsors work the concession stand.

As if all of those activities and the regular work course were not enough, many students are working on other projects. Some business students are competing in the Tech Prep, "Dream Quest" competition. Both our art and graphic arts students are competing in a logo design competition for the Deaf Tech Fair sponsored by the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. The FFA students are preparing for their public speaking competition.

With credit due to a hard working and caring staff, student life at the Secondary School for the Deaf reaches far beyond the classroom.



Honor Roll

2nd NINE WEEKS

3.75 GPA
8TH GRADE
Cassie Heaster

3.5 GPA
9TH GRADE
Jason Holliday

8TH GRADE
Roddy Stickley

3.0 GPA
11TH GRADE
Zelina Cooley
Paige Kidd
Justin Rhodes
Lucas Turner

10TH GRADE
Justin Gregory
Pam Thompson

9TH GRADE
Tiffany Friend
Matthew Hart
Lucas Helmick
Michael Jarvis
Page Miller

8TH GRADE
Josh Duff
Polly Hodge
Samantha Johnson

7TH GRADE
Holly Ramos

2nd SEMESTER

3.5 GPA
10TH GRADE
Justin Gregory

9TH GRADE
Jason Holliday
Michael Jarvis

8TH GRADE
Cassie Heaster
Roddy Stickley

3.0 GPA
11TH GRADE
Paige Kidd
Justin Rhodes
Lucas Turner
Natasha Wolford

10TH GRADE
Sarah Abernathy
Pam Thompson

9TH GRADE
Tiffany Friend
Matthew Hart
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Josh Duff
Samantha Johnson
Maddie Mongold

7TH GRADE
Shawna Weatherholt



Director's Corner

by Mrs. Wyspoal

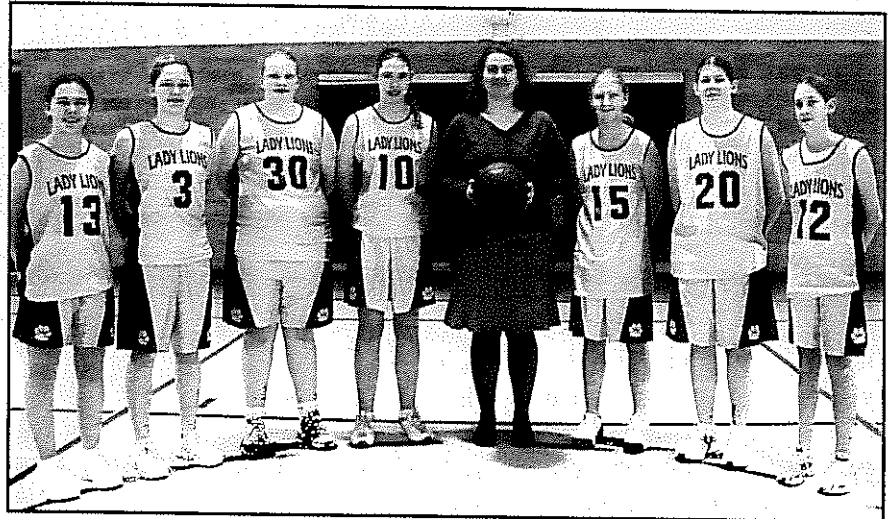
The weather has given us a glimmer of spring the past few days -- beautiful sunshine and warmth. I have not seen any crocus yet, but I am sure the spring flowers will be poking through the ground soon.

On January 21, the students enjoyed lunch at the Ponderosa and then bowling at the Potomac Lanes or the movies at South Branch Cinema in Moorefield. Laura and Elwood Cook and their son, Spencer, joined Lucas Helmick for the afternoon of fun. Basketball Coach Paul See, his wife Renee, and their son Jaydon, also joined us. Coach See had the high score of the day with 130. Justin Rhodes had a score of 121, Desiree Parmer had a score of 93, and Amber Williams had a score of 96. Mrs. Cookie Hott, Mr. Eddy Racey, Mr. Kirk Shanholtz, Ms. Becky Axel and Ms. Susan Swenson, Childcare Workers, accompanied the students to the Lions Club of West Virginia sponsored events.

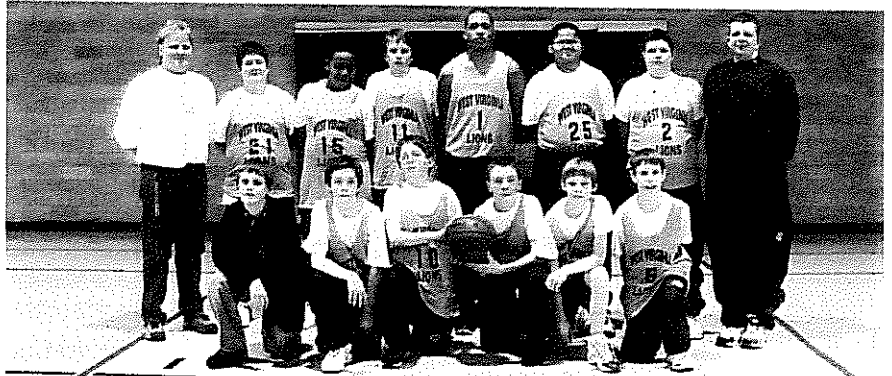
Dorm staff recognized students who had very clean rooms for December and January. Domino's Pizza donated pizza to Paige Kidd, Polly Hodge, Justin Gregory, Page Miller, and Roddy Stickley for the December clean room awards. Paige Kidd, Lucas Turner, Roddy Stickley and Tiffany Friend received pizzas from Domino's for the clean room awards. Keep up the good cleaning!!!!

Students of the Month for December were Jason Holliday and Brittany Austin. Thanks for being caring and cooperative toward students and staff. Keep up the good work!

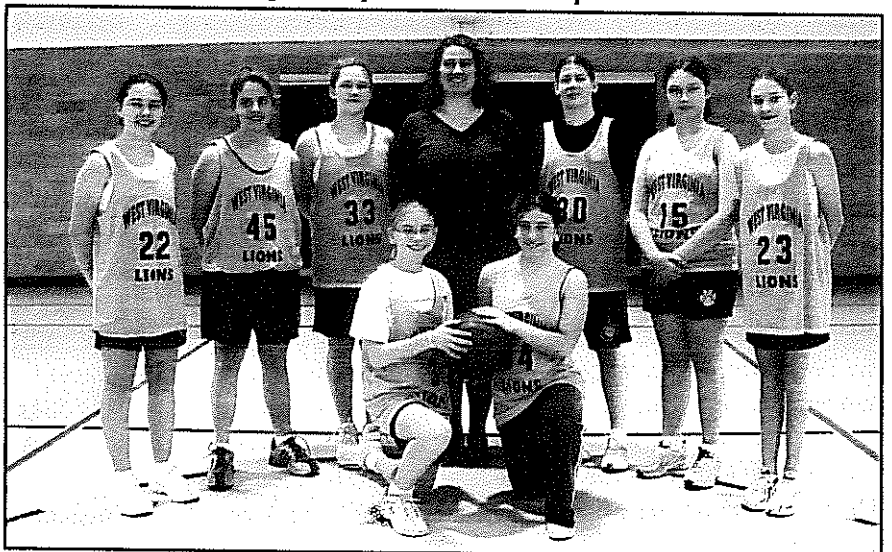
This past weekend, students tie dyed T-shirts and undershirts. Each of the students dyed two shirts, so we have a very colorful Seaton Hall dorm right now! Skiing is the exciting event this week. We have thirty-seven students and seven staff traveling to Timberline Ski Resort on February 2. This is sponsored by the Lions Club of WV. Ski lessons are provided for the 14 first time skiers. The students are looking forward to a day of learning and fun!



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM (left to right): Maddie Mongold, Polly Hodge, Sarah Abernathy, Tiffany Friend, Mrs. Mary Kesler, Coach; Pam Thompson, Cassie Heaster, and Samantha Johnson.



BOYS' MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM Kneeling (left to right): Caleb Burluson, Jonathan Stokes, Peyton Davidson, Daniel Cannon, Jensen Greenstein, and Derrick Eversole. Back: Ms. Mary Buckley, Coach; Ryan Riffle, DeSean Thomas, Ethan Bolyard, Roddy Stickley, Darrel Beasley, Joshua King, and John Michael Oldaker, Manager. Not pictured: Zack Cooper.



GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM (front, left to right): Shawna Weatherholt and Chelsea Hill. Back: Maddie Mongold, Amber Williams, Polly Hodge, Mrs. Mary Kesler, Coach; Cassie Heaster, Holly Ramos, and Samantha Johnson.

WVSD Varsity Boys' Basketball

by Coach See

I am pleased to have another opportunity to coach the basketball team for the 2005-2006 season. As I am heading into my 6th season of coaching, I have enjoyed each one, and am looking forward to this new season. This year's team is younger than last year due to the graduation of five starters.

The varsity team consists of eight players. We have two returning players, Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow. Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow, team captains, will contribute their experience and leadership to this year's team. We have four players, Page Miller, Michael Jarvis, Josh Duff and Lucas Helmick who just moved up from middle school basketball to varsity. We have two players, Justin Gregory and Jason Holliday who transferred from other schools this year. We have no seniors on the team this season which should benefit us for the next several seasons. We have two juniors (Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow), one sophomore (Justin Gregory) and five freshmen (Page Miller, Michael Jarvis, Jason Holliday, Josh Duff and Lucas Helmick).

As of January 19th, our record is 3-4. We started out the season with a losing streak of three games. On the 4th game of the season, we snapped the losing streak and began a winning streak of three games. Unfortunately, the winning streak stopped by losing to Front Royal Christian Academy in the 7th game of the season. I have seen a great improvement in teamwork as the team is starting to come together. I am looking forward to seeing improvements in each of the eight players! Each player has been playing with heart and lot of pride to represent our school. We have a busy schedule ahead of

us during the last two weeks of January and February! We will have an opportunity to participate in the Potomac Valley Conference's Night of Champions in Petersburg on February 18th. We will travel to Rome, New York for the ESDAA basketball tournament this year to defend our ESDAA Division III championship which we have won the last two years.

I am going to share the recaps of each game that we have played as I have submitted to DeafSportZine, the internet sport newsletter for the deaf.

Game # 1

Harman 65, WVSD 46

We had the first game of the season last night (12/13/05) against Harman and lost with the score of 65 to 46. We are having a rebuilding season with six young boys who are freshmen and two juniors who are returning players. We had a good first half where we were tied 23 to 23 at the half time. With only two players on the bench, fatigue started to develop late in the 3rd quarter. We started to make some mental mistakes that Harman took advantage of to put themselves in a 15 point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter. We tried everything to catch up with Harman in the 4th quarter but we continued to make mental mistakes. I was impressed with my team in the first game as we managed to chip in 46 points.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 28 points, 9 rebounds, 4 steals. Page Miller chipped in with 8 points and 4 steals. Terry Withrow and Jason Holliday contributed 4 points each. Michael Jarvis came up with 2 points added to the final score.

Game # 2

Timber Ridge 80, WVSD 49

Last night we had our first game since Christmas break (1/5/06). We struggled in the first half as we had a slow start. Timber Ridge took advantage of it to put themselves 40 to 15 at the halftime. That made it difficult for us to catch up in the second half. We paid better attention but made mental mistakes which gave Timber Ridge some easy points to maintain the big lead. The boys played with their hearts and didn't quit for the entire game.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 32 points and Page Miller followed up with 7 points. Michael Jarvis came up with 5 points. Josh Duff chipped in 3 points and Terry Withrow contributed the final score with 2 points. We will host Paw Paw on Jan 9th. Our record is 0 - 2.

Game # 3

Paw Paw 75, WVSD 36

We hosted Paw Paw last night (1/10/06) and lost the game. Mental errors and weak rebounding put Paw Paw at an advantage. We struggled offensively the entire game. Paw Paw had outstanding attacks from outside and inside.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 10 points, 3 assists, and 4 steals. Michael Jarvis chipped in 8 points. Terry Withrow and Josh Duff each scored 2 points. Our record is 0 - 3

Game # 4

WVSD 58, Union J.V. 52

We traveled to Union last night (1/10/06). We didn't know that we were going to play against their J.V. when the game started. I knew Union has a good varsity team is and I noticed some of their good players were

missing and I asked the Union Coach if this was the varsity team and he said no. It was fine with me as it would be an equal competition for my young team. The score was tied 9 - 9 at the end of first quarter. Then we took the lead in the middle of the 2nd quarter and maintained the lead till the half-time with 25 to 18. We continued to maintain the lead in the 3rd quarter which ended 43-36. Justin Rhodes and Michael Jarvis ran into foul trouble with each having 4 fouls. They had to play cautiously as Union took advantage of it to put themselves in the lead with a score of 50 - 47. Justin Rhodes took a 3 point shot with a minute left in the 4th quarter and made the basket. The score was tied 50 - 50. Union turned over the ball and we had the ball back with 30 seconds left. We tried to make the last shot, but unfortunately, the ball didn't go into the hoop. So, we headed into overtime. We jumped into the lead with 6 - 0 on the run. Union scored late into the O.T. and we slowed down the pace of the offense and passed around. Union fouled Justin Rhodes, and he made the last two foul shots with 13 seconds left. It was my first ever O.T. win in my coaching career after 4 career overtime games.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 28 points, 19 rebounds, and 5 blocks. Page Miller followed up with 9 points, 3 steals and 3 assists. Michael Jarvis chipped in 9 points as Terry Withrow and Josh Duff each added 5 points to the final score. Jason Holliday managed to contribute 2 points. Our record is 1 - 3.

**Game # 5
WVSD 60, VSD 26**

We traveled to Virginia School for the Deaf and claimed our 2nd win in a row. We took the first quarter lead with 23 - 3 and maintained the lead at the half time with the score of 35 - 11. We continued to dominate the game in the 2nd half which brought the game to 60 - 26. Virginia team

sure played with their hearts and didn't quit till the end. I was proud of my team as they played with a better team chemistry and had a well balanced offense attack.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 15 rebounds, 6 assists and 5 steals. Terry Withrow poured in his career high with 14 points, and Page Miller chipped in 9 points and 5 assists. Michael Jarvis and Josh Duff each scored 7 points. Justin Gregory contributed his first ever 2 points at the varsity level. Our record is 2 - 3.

**Game # 6
WVSD 61, VSD 22**

We took our 3rd win in a row last night (1/17/06). We had another well balanced offense attack and took advantage of Virginia's turnovers. WVSD's teamwork has improved and I am hoping it will continue to improve! Once again, Virginia sure played with their hearts and pride to the end.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 6 blocks, 6 assists, 3 steals and 7 rebounds. Michael Jarvis scored his first double digits at the varsity level with 10 points. Page Miller followed up with 8 points. Josh Duff came up with 5 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Terry Withrow had a quiet night with 4 points. The other three players had chances to come off the bench to play more minutes in

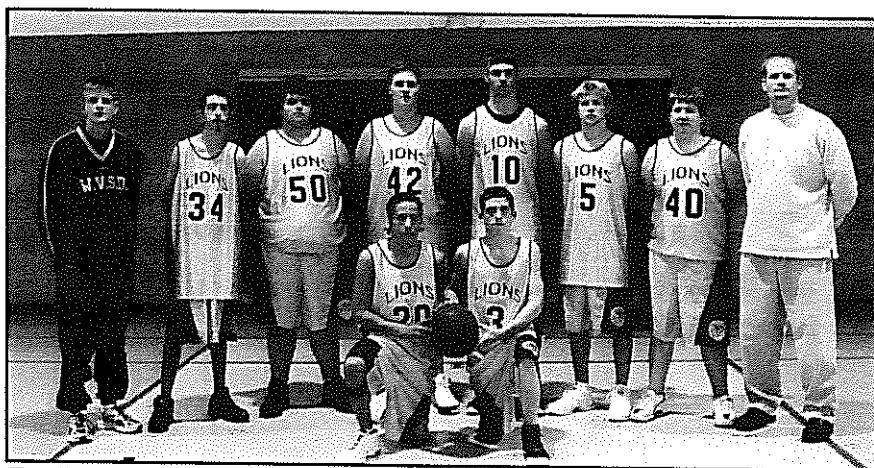
the game. Jason Holliday came up with 7 points. Lucas Helmick scored his first 6 points at the varsity level. Justin Gregory saw some action but unfortunately did not score. We will host Front Royal Christian Academy tonight (1/18/06) Our record is 3 - 3.

**Game # 7
Front Royal Christian 69,
WVSD 51**

Our winning streak was broken last night (1/18/06) as we lost to Front Royal Christian. We were tied 12 - 12 at the end of the first quarter. We made some mistakes in the 2nd quarter and Front Royal took the lead 35 to 26 at halftime. They maintained the lead for the rest of the second half as we continued making mistakes. They took advantage of our mistakes as all of their 5 starters had double digit points.

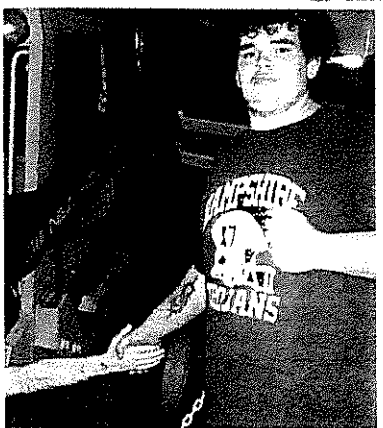
Justin Rhodes once again led the team with 21 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists, and 4 blocks. Josh Duff came up with 8 points and 4 steals. Michael Jarvis scored 7 points. Terry Withrow managed to put his 5 points in. Page Miller and Jason Holliday each chipped in 4 points. Justin Gregory added to the final score with his 2 points. Next game is at Paw Paw on 1/26/06. Our record as of January 19 is 3 - 4.

See the calendar for remaining games.




Kneeling (left to right): Page Miller, Michael Jarvis. Standing (left to right): Manager Lucas Turner, Lucas Helmick, Terry Withrow, Jason Holliday, Justin Rhodes, Josh Duff, Justin Gregory, Coach Paul See.

Pennsylvania Farm Show 1-13-06



February 2006

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| | | | 1 V BB+JR BB (H) East Hardy JR GBB (A) Morefield Middle | 2  Ski Timberline 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. | 3 | 4 |
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| 12 Back to School Lincoln's Birthday | 13 V BB + JR BB + JR GBB (H) Union | 14 V BB (H) New Hope Christian Academy Valentine's Day | 15 V GBB + JR GBB (H) Front Royal | 16 V BB (A) ESDAA @ Delaware 2/17-2/19 | 17 18 | |
| 19 | 20 V BB + JR BB (A) Harman | 21 Washington's Birthday | 22 V BB + JR BB (A) Paw Paw | 23 V BB (A) ESDAA @ Rome, NY 2/23-2/26 | 24 25 | |
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THE LIONS' TALE

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Lady Lions Bring Home Sportsmanship Trophy

The Lady Lions varsity basketball team traveled to Delaware School for the Deaf Feb. 16-18 to participate in the ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament. Although WVSD's young team didn't win any matches, they made us proud by showing their good attitudes and team spirit -- and the ESDAA coaches noticed too. Our team was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy! Congratulations to Polly Hodge, who received an Honorable Mention All-Star certificate.

Coach Mary Kesler said, "All the girls played excellent defense and showed effort to win these games. I am proud of them!"



Left to right: Tiffany Friend, Polly Hodge, Pam Thompson, Maddie Mongold, Sarah Abernathy, Samantha Johnson, and Cassie Heaster.

Feb. 16 - Rochester 61 WVSD 41

- Pamela- 6 points
- Tiffany- 2 points
- Cassie- 2 points
- Polly- 12 points
- Sammie- 4 points
- Maddie- 16 points

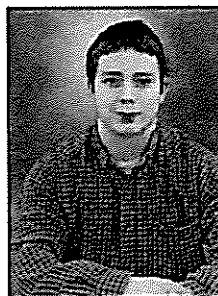
Feb. 17- Delaware 49 WVSD 23

- Pamela- 2 points
- Tiffany- 6 points
- Cassie- 4 points
- Polly- 7 points
- Maddie- 5 points

Feb. 18 - Austine 50 WVSD 46

- Pamela- 8 points
- Tiffany- 8 points
- Polly- 15 points
- Sammie- 4 points
- Maddie- 12 points

Welcome, Gordon!



by Paige Kidd

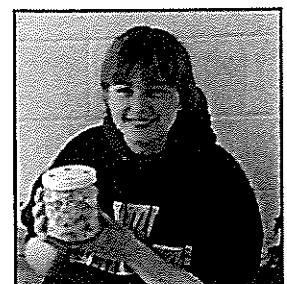
Gordon Redden is a sixteen-year-old tenth grader from Beckley. He

transferred here from Woodrow Wilson High School and says he heard that WVSD is a good school. His favorite subject is Art. In his free time, Gordon enjoys football and weight lifting.

Good Guess!

On Valentine's Day, Miss Davis had a jar full of candy on a table outside her room. Each student had one chance to guess how many pieces of candy were in the jar.

Brittany Austin won the contest. She came the closest with a guess of 650. The correct number was 688.



Career Majors Travel to Veterans Administration Medical Center

by Mrs. Brown

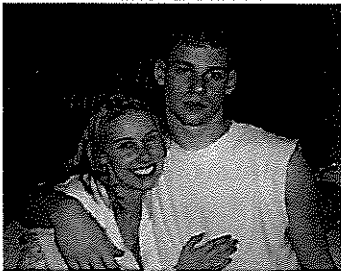
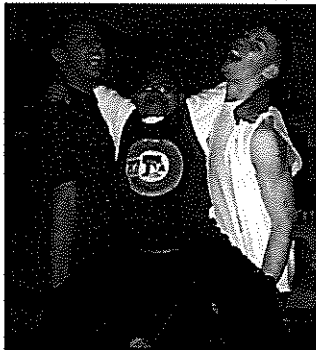
The Career Majors Class recently toured the Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. The main departments of interest for our students were Food Service and Laundry Service. Ms. Barbara Corbin, VA Center employee, scheduled time for our group to be with Amy Mullins ('93 graduate of WVSD) and Tonya Holmes, Food Service Department, and Mary Jo Quaglio, Director of the Laundry Service. The VA Center also provided our group with a delicious luncheon.



In attendance were (front, left to right) Natasha Wolford, Megan Davis, Desiree Parmer. Back, left to right: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Loar, Mrs. Patterson, Pam Thompson, Lucas Turner, Sarah Abernathy, and Mr. Evans, WVSD Bus Driver.

FFA VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

photos by Amber Williams and Mrs. Heare





Director Of Student Living

by Mrs. Wysopal

Seaton Hall students enjoyed a skiff of snow on the ground this morning on the way to breakfast. By 10 a.m., most of the snow was gone. The girls' basketball team returned

from the ESDAA Tournament with the Sportsmanship Award. The boys' basketball team came in third place in the ESDAA Tournament in snowy Rome, New York.

Parents will be receiving letters about upcoming trips planned for Seaton Hall students. On March 11 childcare workers Barry Nealis, Tim Slocum, and Kirk Shanholtz are planning a Boys' Night Out at White Oak Bowling Lanes and CiCi's Pizza. Kim Buckley, Henretta Fields, and Susan Swenson will take the girls' dorm students to Moon Glo Skating Rink and CiCi's Pizza on March 18 for a Girls' Night Out. Students will need to pay for these activities themselves.

March 9 is our final ski trip of the season. All expenses are paid by the Lions Club of West Virginia. Future Business Leaders of America Club is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Party for Seaton Hall students and students from Burlington Children's Home on March 15.

Dorm staff recognized students who had very clean rooms for February. Domino's Pizza donated pizza gift certificates to the following students: Lucas Turner, Nina Hedrick, Tiffany Friend, and Darrel Beasley. Students of the Month Awards for January were given to Pam Thompson and Mark Wheelwright. Great job students!!!!

Childcare worker, Cookie Hott, has been cooking up some delicious brunches on Saturday or Sunday morning. The students have enjoyed not having to go to the Blind School Cafeteria on several cold, windy weekend days. The students really liked the hot breakfasts --egg, cheese, and bacon on toasted bagels, sausage gravy on toast, and homemade French toast. Special thanks goes to Cookie.

On Sunday, February 26, Tiffany Friend, Mad-die Mongold, Chelsea Hill, Paige Kidd, Polly Hodge, and Amber Williams used Mrs. Wysopal's sewing machine to make a purse from Kool-Aid drink pouches. Each student took about thirty minutes to make their purse with close supervision and assistance from Mrs. Wysopal. No one sewed any fingers. That wraps up the news from Seaton Hall this month.

Ski Timberline!!!

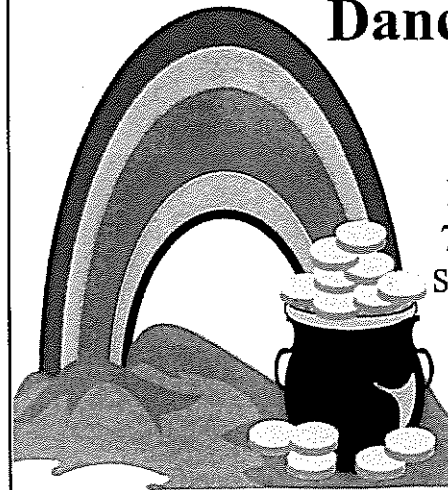
March 9
Thursday



Have fun!!!!!!

St. Patrick's Day Dance!

March 15
7:00 - 9:00
Student Union



Everyone is welcome!!!!

Students Make "Go Fish" Cards

Mrs. Cindy Holsinger, WVSD speech therapist, had an idea to help the students learn how to pronounce each others' names. She asked Mrs. Dodgins if her graphic arts students could make "Go Fish" cards using photos of WVSD students. Mrs. Dodgins' first period class took on the challenge of making the WVSD Go Fish cards. They used the software program *Photoshop* for the first time and learned how to use layers, import, resize and copy photos, and duplicate layers. Mrs. Dodgins' third period class laminated the cards.



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

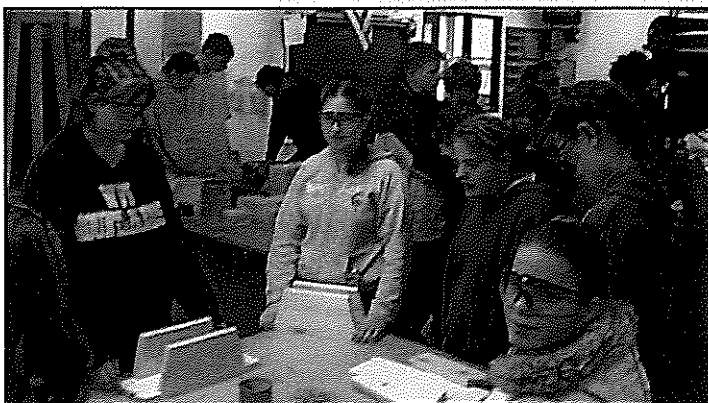
"GO FISH!!!!" Cassie Heaster, Polly Hodge, Ethan Bohyard, and Brittany Austin were the first to play a game of "Go Fish" using the new WVSD Fish cards. These students are also the ones who made the cards using Photoshop.

INSET: Closeup of the WVSD Go Fish cards.

Skills USA Makes Bird Houses

Photos by Justin Gregory

Members of the Skills USA Club have been making bird houses as a fund raiser. In the photos are (clockwise, from upper right) Terry Withrow and Mr. Saville, Polly Hodge and Jonathan Stokes, Brittany Austin, Holly Ramos, Amber Williams, Tiffany Friend, and Megan Davis.

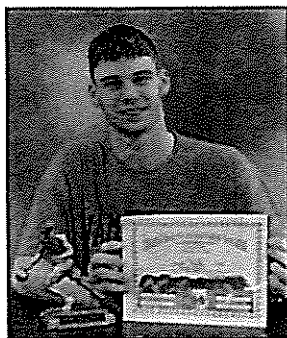


Boys ESDAA Tournament

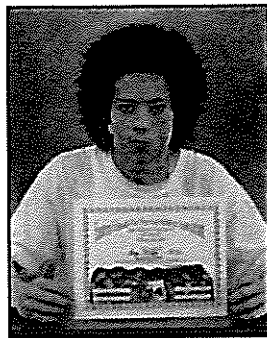
Photos by Zelina Cooley

The boys' varsity basketball team traveled to Rome, New York Feb. 22-26, where they came in third place in the ESDAA Basketball Tournament. The team also won the "21" competition and the Foul Shooting competition.

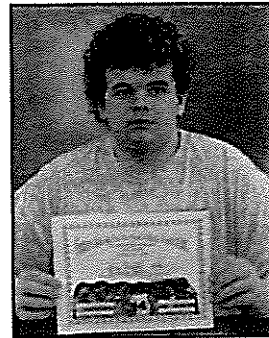
Justin Rhodes was named to the First All-Star Team and was the winner of the Knockout competi-



Justin Rhodes



Page Miller



Terry Withrow

tion. Page Miller was named to the Second All-Star Team, and Terry Withrow was an Honorable Mention All-Star.

Look for Coach See's column in the next *Lions' Tale* for more information about the ESDAA tournament.

Electronic Imaging Class Takes First Photo Expedition

Mrs. Dodgins' first period Electronic Imaging class took advantage of the light snowfall that fell on the last day of February by using it as an opportunity to practice using the digital cameras.

The main goal for the photo lesson was to learn how to use the auto focus feature on digital cameras; or in other words, to take clear, sharp (not blurry) pictures.

Students in the class are Brit-tany Austin (8th grade), Ethan Bolyard (7th grade), Cassie Heaster (8th grade), and Polly Hodge (8th grade).



Photo by Cassie Heaster



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

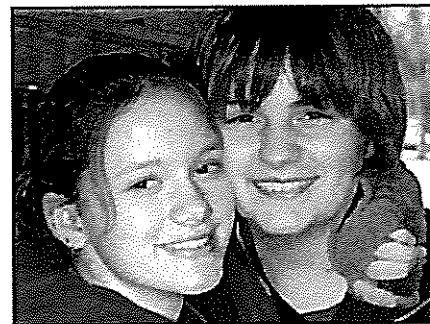
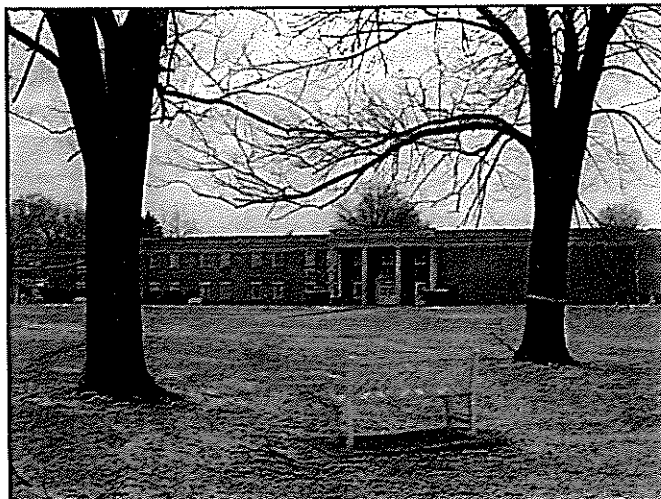
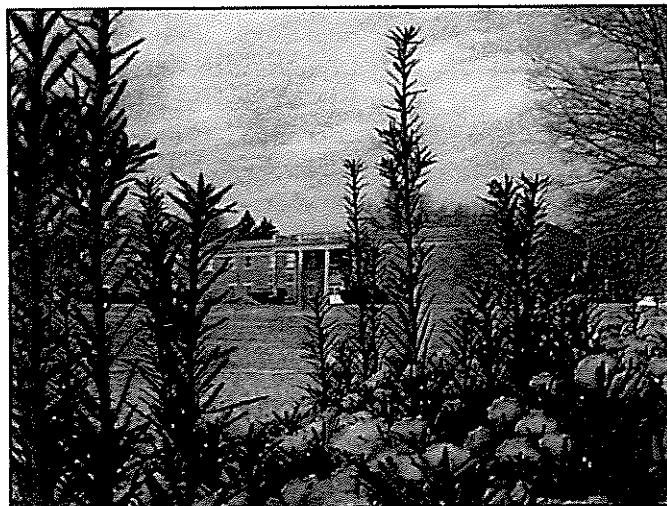


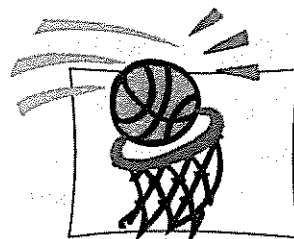
Photo by Cassie Heaster



Photos by Ethan Bolyard

WVSD Varsity Boys' Basketball

by Coach See



ESDAA

As the WVSD Boys' Basketball season continues, I continue to see a lot of improvements being made since the 7th game of the season. We headed into some tough challenges in mid-season. I sure appreciate my team's willingness to practice hard and play hard in the games. I also appreciate their patience with my constructive corrections in order to improve their skills. As of February 17th, our record is 6 wins and 10 losses. The team hasn't backed down from any challenge presented to them. It helps us, especially the five freshmen, to gain more experience. It also helps us to prepare ourselves for the challenge ahead, the biggest event of our season, the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Division III Tournament. We go there as the defending champions! It is not only the ESDAA championship we are defending but also the "21" shooting contest and foul shooting championships! We have won the "21" shooting championship for the past 3 years. The tournament takes place from February 22nd - 25th in Rome, New York. The advantage of playing the ESDAA tournament in late February is that it helps my team to stay motivated as the end of the season gets closer. I know that my team is totally ready to go! We are going to compete for 9th and 10th place in the Potomac Valley Conference on February 18th against Harman at Petersburg High School. Justin Rhodes will be the shooter in the 3-point shooting contest in the same event. Justin Rhodes and Page Miller will be the shooters for the 3-point shooting contest in the ESDAA

tournament. Best of luck to these shooters! Below is a recap of each game since the 8th game of the season.

#8 Paw Paw 80, WVSD 44

We traveled to Paw Paw Jan. 20 to play a tough conference opponent. We did everything to slow their two players who scored 25 points each, but unfortunately these two players were on fire. My boys did their best in defense, but we committed too many turnovers in offense. We managed to pour in 44 points to the final score. Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 5 steals, 7 assists and 7 rebounds. Terry Withrow chipped in 8 points. Michael Jarvis and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points. Page Miller came up with 3 points. Josh Duff and Justin Gregory each contributed 2 points. Our record is 3-5.

#9 Timber Ridge 82, WVSD 41

We continued to commit turnovers and struggled offensively against undefeated Timber Ridge on Jan. 23. Timber Ridge took the lead with the score of 27 - 4 at the end of 1st quarter and never looked back as they dominated the entire game. We managed to come up with 41 points as the final score. I am proud of the boys, as they didn't give up and fought 'til the end. Justin Rhodes led the team with 22 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. Terry Withrow chipped in 8 points. Page Miller followed up with 5 points. Josh Duff fought to add 4 points to the final score. Michael Jarvis managed to come up with 2 points before being injured in the 4th quarter. Our record is 3 - 6.

#10 WVSD 67, New Hope Christian 46

We finally snapped a 3-game skid by beating New Hope Christian on Jan. 26. New Hope took an early lead in the beginning of the 1st quarter by jumping 10 - 2. We finally found our spark in offense and took 10 - 0 on the run to take the lead. We maintained the lead with the score of 18 - 14 at the end of 1st quarter. We never looked back and maintained the lead 29 - 17 at halftime. We dominated the entire 2nd half and won. Justin Rhodes led the team with 29 points, 12 rebounds, 7 assists, 6 steals and 4 blocks. Page Miller scored 10 points. Terry Withrow fought hard and earned 9 points inside the paint. Josh Duff chipped in 7 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Michael Jarvis came in late in the 4th quarter and scored 5 points. Jason Holliday contributed 4 points. Lucas Helmick managed to shoot a 3-pointer. Our record is 4 - 6.

#11 Moorefield JV 64, WVSD 43

We traveled to Moorefield on Jan. 30 to play against their JV team. Moorefield took advantage of our early turnovers in the 1st half to give them a 19 - 12 lead at the end of the 1st quarter and 35-19 at the halftime. They never looked back as they dominated the entire 2nd half. We tried everything to cut the deficit as much as we could, but unfortunately things didn't go our way in offense. My boys sure played hard to the end. Justin Rhodes led the team with 27 points, 9 rebounds and 8 blocks. Page Miller followed up with 11 points. Josh Duff came up with 4 points. Michael Jarvis managed to

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come up with one point. Our record is 4-7.

#12 WVSD 70, DSD 52

We traveled to Delaware on Jan. 31 and won. Delaware was leading at the end of 1st quarter with the score of 11 - 10, but then we took the lead in 2nd quarter and maintained the lead for the entire game. We were up 19 points at the end of the 3rd quarter. In 4th quarter, Delaware found the spark and managed to cut the deficit to within 10 points. Then we settled down and started to push our lead up late in the 4th quarter. My hat is off to Delaware for giving us a very good battle. They didn't give up! I was very impressed with one of Delaware players, CJ Young, who poured in 30 points! Justin Rhodes poured in 36 points, 8 rebounds, 7 steals, 5 assists and 5 blocks. Page Miller had a very good game, chipping in 16 points and 5 steals. Terry Withrow fought his way inside the paint to contribute 6 points. Jason Holliday came off the bench and scored 5 points. Josh Duff scored 3 points. Justin Gregory and Michael Jarvis each managed to come up with 2 points. Our record is 5 - 7.

#13 East Hardy JV 47, WVSD 41

We traveled to East Hardy on Feb. 1 with 6 players due to two players being suspended. This was our third game in three days, but my team fought a very good battle even with fatigue and mental exhaustions. We led 14 - 10 in the 1st quarter and 21 - 18 at halftime. We were tied 35 - 35 at the end of 3rd quarter. With 5 starters on the floor for almost the entire game (leaving only one player on the bench), exhaustion started to take its toll and we made a couple of critical mistakes in the 4th quarter. East Hardy took advantage of the mistakes which put them 6 points in the lead. Then they slowed down their

pace in offense to kill the clock. I was very proud of my boys for putting all of their hearts into this game. Unfortunately, things didn't go our way in 4th quarter. Justin Rhodes led the team with 20 points, 12 rebounds, 7 blocks and 4 assists. Page Miller followed up with 9 points. Michael Jarvis, Josh Duff and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points. Our record is 5 - 8.

#14 Moorefield JV 72, WVSD 47

We hosted Moorefield on Feb. 6 and had a bad start in the 1st quarter. Moorefield jumped up and took the lead 18 - 10 and never looked back. We continued to make turnovers in offense as Moorefield converted most of our turnovers into points that helped them maintain the big lead. In the beginning of the 4th quarter, the score was 59 - 35, and I decided to give the players on the bench the opportunity to participate. They did well by scoring 14 points which was the highest of all quarters. I was proud of my team for playing hard until the end. Justin Rhodes and Page Miller led the team with 11 points each. Terry Withrow followed up with 10 points. Josh Duff chipped in with 8 points. Michael Jarvis came up with 5 points. Jason Holliday managed to earn 2 points. Justin Gregory and Lucas Helmick saw action but didn't get the ball into a basket to earn any points. Our record is 5 - 9.

#15 East Hardy JV 76, WVSD 58

We hosted East Hardy JV on Feb. 9. East Hardy had a good fast break game in the beginning that put them in the lead 20 - 11 at the end of 1st quarter. We managed to cut down their fast break and made some adjustments to cut down their shootings inside the paint. Unfortunately, they had great outside shootings too. We struggled to create points off East Hardy's turnovers,






while they made points off our turnovers. It helped East Hardy to maintain a big lead. Justin Rhodes led the team with 27 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals and 4 blocks. Terry Withrow came up with 13 points. Michael Jarvis followed up with 6 points. Page Miller chipped in 5 points and 5 assists. Josh Duff and Jason Holliday each scored 2 points. Lucas Helmick came off the bench late in the 4th quarter and scored 3 points. Justin Gregory saw action but didn't have a chance to score any points. Our record is 5 - 10.

#16 WVSD 69, New Hope Christian 54

We ended a three-game skid by defeating New Hope Christian on Feb. 14. We took a very good lead at the beginning. At the end of 1st quarter we had a 28-10 lead and maintained that big lead with 47 - 22 at the halftime. We slowed down the pace of our offense in the 2nd half. Our players came off the bench and saw action almost the entire 2nd half. We maintained a big lead at the end of the 3rd quarter with a score of 65 - 37. I was hoping to see some players who didn't get to score much all year come through in 4th quarter, but unfortunately some of their shots didn't go into the basket. We played pretty well in defense too. We had balanced offense attacks. Terry Withrow led the team with a career-high 21 points. Justin Rhodes followed up with 18 points, 13 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and 3 blocks. Page Miller followed up with 12 points and 8 assists. Jason Holliday came off the bench and scored 7 points. Josh Duff found his way to earn 6 points along with 3 steals. Lucas Helmick also came off the bench and scored 5 points. We will travel to Petersburg to compete against Harman for 9th and 10th place in the Potomac Valley Conference's Night of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 18. Our record is 6-10.

March 2006

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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | |  FBLA St. Patrick's Day Dance | Writing Assessment 7th Grade | Tech Ed Advisory Luncheon | |
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| | Spring Begins!  | Writing Assessment 7th Grade | | Homegoing Skills USA Tapestry  | | |
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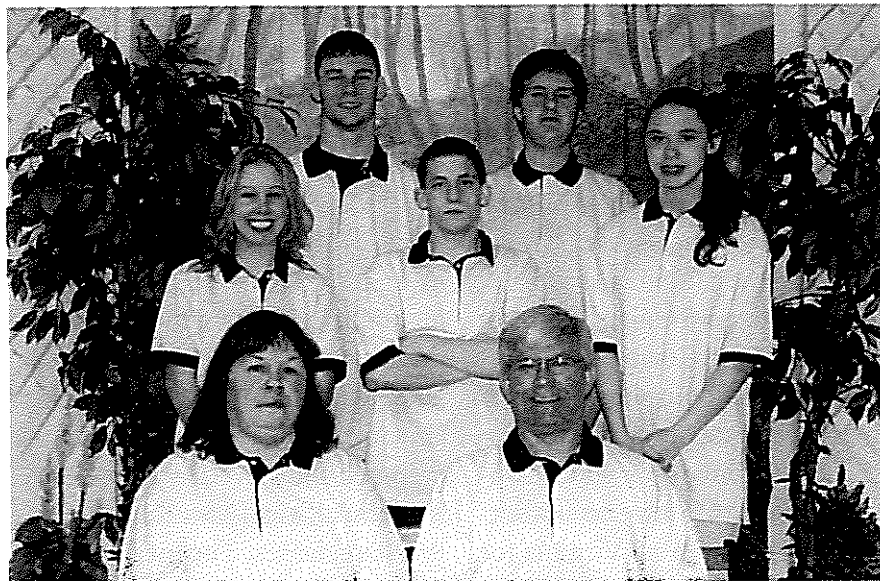
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WVSD Students Participate In Academic Bowl 2006



by Mr. Blakely

Gallaudet University and Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind (VSDB) hosted 15 teams and their families on VSDB's campus for the 10th Annual Academic Bowl (AB) Competition. This year, for the first time, we opened up the Mid-Atlantic Region to other regions that had waiting lists, so we had a maximum of 16 teams participating (one team dropped out recently).

As coaches, Mrs. Surber and I congratulate our five team players on the occasion of their courageous par-

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Academic Bowl Team: front row (left to right) Mrs. Mary Beth Surber, coach, and Mr. Marty Blakely, Academic Bowl coordinator/coach. Middle row: Paige Kidd, Michael Jarivs, and Tiffany Friend. Back row: Justin Rhodes and Jason Holliday.

Theatre West Virginia Performs Last Hanging In Pike County

photo by Justin Gregory

Theatre West Virginia, who for forty-five years has produced the outdoor dramas Hatfields and McCoys and Honey in the Rock near Beckley, educated students at WVSD on March 27 with The Last Hanging in Pike County – the latest educational performance to be produced by the performing art company.

The Last Hanging in Pike County by Janice Kennedy is an historical play about the events leading to the last public hanging in Pike County, Kentucky. During the 1800's, the



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Theatre West Virginia actors with WVSD shadow interpreters.

Theatre West Virginia

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most famous clan war was between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoy's of Kentucky. A permanent part of our national folklore, the cause of the feud is debatable. It may have begun with a dispute over the ownership of a hog or by the ill-fated love of Roseanne McCoy and Johnse Hatfield, but the feud came to an end on Feb. 18, 1890 when Ellison "Cotton Top" Mounts, a man of limited mental capacity, was publicly executed for the murder of Alifair McCoy.

Through an innovative partnership between staff at the School for the Deaf and the acting company, the performance was shadow interpreted by Mr. Adrian, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Heare, Mrs. Loar, Mrs. Page, and Mrs. Staley, giving full accessibility to our students.

Prior to the evening performance, the acting troupe provided afternoon drama workshops for our student body.

"My favorite part of this story is at the end, when Roseanne died and left a locket with Aunt Jenny to give to Johnse. It had her baby's hair, Roseanna's hair, and Cotton Top's hair in that locket which will help Johnse to remember them," said Justin Gregory.

Pam Thompson added, "I really enjoyed watching the play. It was interesting and good. I hope Theatre WV will have another, but different play next year, so we can watch it. I also enjoyed the workshop -- it was fun!"

Page Miller said, "The shadow interpreters made it easier to follow the play. I could see what they were saying and watch their actions at the same time.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



One of our seniors who has apparently been monitoring his final year at WVSD, recently commented how quickly the school year has progressed.

As we enter into the final quarter of the school year, I remember no other year that has moved on so quickly. It has been a year rich with opportunity for our students. We recently had the pleasure of Theatre West Virginia performing "The Last Hanging in Pike County." Each actor had his/her own shadow interpreter to enhance the experience for our deaf audience. Our staff members (the shadows) have been working with Theatre West Virginia for many years to provide this unique theatre entertainment for our students and staff. The talented actors also provided an acting workshop for the students. It was a very special experience having this group at our school.

Earlier this month, our singing and signing group, Tapestry, enjoyed a special day at the Capitol while performing for the House of Delegates. The Delegates remained

standing for the entire performance, honoring the performers with their own sort of "standing ovation." Delegate Ruth Rowan coordinated the events which included a special reception following the performance. Delegate Rowan and her husband, Tom, hosted and helped serve the students which made the visit to the Capitol even more memorable. Special thanks to Delegate Rowan and Mr. Rowan for all the kindness and wonderful hospitality extended to our students. It was a day that will long be remembered.

Our Career Technical Education teachers also had a memorable day as each of them shared program highlights and future goals with our Career and Technical Education Advisory Council at our St. Patrick's Day luncheon. A special meal was prepared and served by Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall's and Mrs. Robin Ayers' ProStart classes. The meal was delicious, and our culinary students did a great job serving. The efforts of the group were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

We are all looking forward to WVSD's Vocational Organizations' Banquet on April 13 and Parents' Day on Friday, April 14.

So, hold on to your hats! We're still in the fast lane. Have a safe and wonderful Spring break!

Academic Bowl

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participation in AB competition against great teams. We most highly commend juniors Paige Kidd and Justin Rhodes, and freshmen Tiffany Friend, Jason Holliday and Mike Jarvis for their extraordinary achievements and their lionly efforts! They have impressed us throughout this school year as truly outstanding team

players. They have been hard working, extremely well-mannered, trustworthy, and loyal.

We know these students will do well at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf AB competition next year and will continue to make all of us, including their parents, proud of their accomplishments.

FFA Holds Annual Creed & Public Speaking Competitions

Members of FFA (Future Farmers of America) worked hard practicing for this year's FFA Creed and Public Speaking competitions, which were held during FFA Week. Students could be seen practicing during homeroom, while walking down the hall, in the dorm -- any time they had a few spare moments.

Chelsea Hill was the overall winner of the Creed Contest.

Justin Rhodes won the Public Speaking Contest. His speech was about using technology in agriculture.

Winners of the Creed Contest can be seen at the right.

Thanks to Master of Ceremonies Terry Withrow; to judges Mr. Adrian, Mr. Blakely, Mrs. Heare, Mrs. Holsinger, and Mrs. Sions; to reverse interpreter Mrs. Loar, and to the mathematicians, Ms. Davis and Ms. See.

FFA Winners

TOP CREED WINNER- Chelsea Hill

7TH GRADE

- 1st Chelsea Hill
- 2nd Shawna Weatherholt
- 3rd Holly Ramos

8TH GRADE

- 1st Maddie Mongold
- 2nd Samantha Johnson
- 3rd Cassie Heaster

9TH GRADE

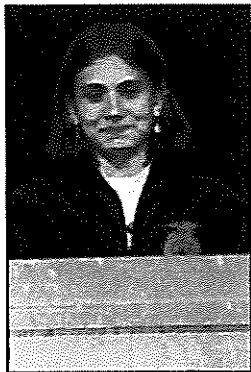
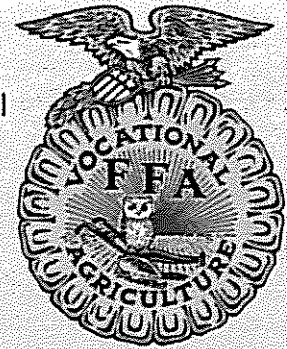
- 1st Michael Jarvis
- 2nd Jason Holliday
- 3rd Tiffany Friend

10TH GRADE

- 1st Justin Gregory
- 2nd Sarah Abernathy
- 3rd Pam Thompson

HORTICULTURE

- 1st Nina Hedrick
- 2nd Marshall Miller
- 3rd Desiree Parmer



*Overall FFA
Creed Contest
winner,
7th grader
Chelsea Hill.*



*FFA Public
Speaking
Contest
winner, Justin
Rhodes, Class
of '07.*

WVSD Goes To Timberline!



WVSD students enjoyed two one-day ski trips to Timberline Resort in Canaan Valley this year. First time skiers were required to take lessons before hitting the slopes. A huge thank you to the Lions Club of West Virginia for once again providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Varsity Boys' Basketball

by Coach See

WVSD Varsity Boys' Basketball brought in the record of 7 wins and 15 losses. I am proud to say this season was exciting with this young team! The boys have shown a great amount of improvement through the season. Our freshmen have gathered more experiences to prepare themselves for the next three years.

We traveled to New York State School for the Deaf in Rome to participate in the annual Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Boys' Basketball Tournament. We came in 3rd place and also claimed our third straight 21 Shooting championship and back to back Foul Shooting championships.

There was one contest that I must mention in this newsletter. One of our team's managers, Lucas Turner, participated in Manager's Challenge. Managers from each team were competing for the fastest time collecting equipment scattered around the basketball court. Two basketballs were set near the foul shooting line and two others were set near the baseline. A basketball rack was set in front of the 3 point line. Six water bottles and six towels were set on the sideline with a water bottle rack in front of the first bottle. A First Aid kit was set near the time keeper's table. A manager would be standing at half court and would have to run and gather up the equipment such as putting bottles into the rack and basketballs on the rack and bringing all of these to the half court line to stop the clock.

In the first round, Lucas and a manager from Austine School for the Deaf (Vermont) were the top two and moved on to the championship round. They had to do the same thing again and Lucas and Austine's manager tied! So, the contest director, John Carty, Rhode Island School for the Deaf, decided for them to collect only four basketballs and the rack and bring these back to half court. And they tied again! John Carty decided to have them to collect only water bottles, water bottle rack and towels from sideline. On this round, Lucas made a small mistake by dropping one of towels, but he actually saved this round by jumping into half court after picking up the dropped towel

and tied again!

Next John decided have them to start from foul line from opposite side and gather up water bottles, the rack and towels on the other side of court and bring them back to half court. Unfortunately, after 3 heart poundings' rounds, Austine's manager won the championship. It sure was one of my favorite contests. We were very proud of Lucas for putting his heart into this. He was breathing so hard afterward!

As it was mentioned in the previous Lion's Tale, Justin Rhodes was selected for first team all ESDAA Tournament team. Page Miller was selected for second team while Terry Withrow earned an Honorable Mention. My team sure did have a great time in the tournament and I am looking forward to next year's tournament because it will take place at WVSD!

I have a wonderful news to share. Justin Rhodes was selected to be on the All Sectional Tournament team and also was selected to be 2006 The Frat Boys' All-American Basketball Second Team. I must mention that my team did an outstanding job this year and I would like to thank the boys for sacrificing their free time to participate in this sport and to represent WVSD. Also, I would like to thank them for playing with their hearts and keeping faith and for making my job more exciting. Here are the game recaps as submitted to DeafSportZine, the Internet sports newsletter for the deaf.

Game #17 Harman 80, WVSD 74

It was the event of our conference with games played all day. Teams from our conference competed for places (1st thru 10th). We played the first game of the day 11 am. We competed for 9th and 10th place. Harman had a very good start in the first quarter by taking a 22-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. They maintained a big lead at the halftime with a score of 44-21. We found the spark in our offense and started to cut deficits as we were down 58-45 at the end of the 3rd quarter. We kept our offense on a roll by coming back within 4 points of Harman

with one minute left in the 4th quarter. Harman broke through our full court pressure and passed the ball around to eat up the clock. So, one of my players had to make an effort to steal the ball, but fouled a Harman player. That player made a couple of baskets from foul shooting. We tried to make a couple of baskets on the run but the ball didn't go in. I was proud of my boys for not giving up when we were behind. With the loss from this game, we ended up with 10th place. Page Miller led the team with his career high 25 points. Justin Rhodes followed up with 22 points, 14 assists, and 8 rebounds. Josh Duff fought his way to earn 18 points and Terry Withrow came up with 8 points. Jason Holliday managed to chip in 1 point.

Game #18 Harman 84, WVSD 75

We traveled to Harman to face them again for our regular season. It was a very close game all the way! We were tied 17-17 at the end of the first quarter. We were down by 3 points, 39-36 at the halftime. Harman took advantage of our critical mistakes as they jumped to a 10 point lead. We fought back to cut deficits. The end of 3rd quarter came up with the score of 63-56. It was a big battle in 4th quarter but Harman maintained the lead as we tried to come back. Harman managed to score 21 points as we came up with 19. I still commend my boys for giving Harman a hard fought battle! We had very well balanced offense attacks. Josh Duff led the team with 21 points. Page Miller followed up with 19 points. Terry Withrow chipped in 17 points. Justin Rhodes came up with 14 points and 9 assists. Michael Jarvis managed to earn 4 points to add to the final score. We will travel to New York State School for the Deaf in Rome, NY for the exciting ESDAA tournament tomorrow morning (2/22/06).

Game #19, 20 and 21

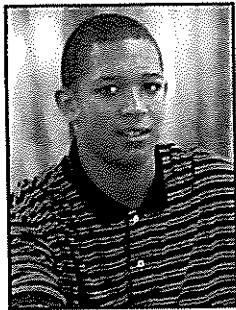
WVSD came up with 3rd place in ESDAA Division 3 basketball tournament this past weekend. We traveled to New York State School for the Deaf in Rome, New York. We had very nice experience. NYSSD

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Golden Horseshoe

by Mr. Adrian

On February 8, three students from Mr. Adrian's 8th grade WV History class participated in the 2006



WV Golden Horseshoe Test. Roderick Stickley, Maddie Mongold, Samantha Johnson, and Joshua Duff were selected to take the exam. Samantha was absent due to illness.

All of the students worked very hard to prepare for the exam. The test is comprised of 100 questions about the state of West Virginia in the areas of geography, history, economics, and government. Each year, students receiving top scores on the test from around the state are selected to go to Charleston in May to be honored as "Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe".

This year, for the first time in the history of the school, there will be two winners; one from the School for the Deaf and one from the School for the Blind. The students to be honored this year are Roderick Stickley from the School for the Deaf and Reid Tomczewski from the School for the Blind. Congratulations to both of these students on their achievement.

Both students will participate in Golden Horseshoe Day at the Capitol in Charleston on May 12, 2006.

Spring Sports at WVSD

by Mr. Haines

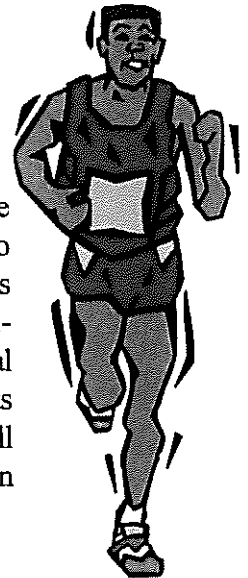
Hand up; gun up; see the smoke ...Run!

Runners, Jumpers, and Throwers from the Lions' campus are currently competing for the Track and Field teams at Romney Middle and Hampshire High School.

Currently, members of the Pioneers are Madaline Mongold, Amber Williams, and Roddy Stickley. The Four Trojans are Justin Rhodes Josh Duff, Page Miller, and

Michael Jarvis.

We are very early into the season but as the season continues, individual stats and results of the meets will be available in the Lions' Tale.



Tapestry Goes to Legislature

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind's Mountaineer Melodies and Tapestry groups recently traveled to Charleston to perform for the legislative delegates.

Singers from both groups, as well as signers performed two songs: "We are the World" and "Sing a Tapestry." The entire House stood as the students performed.

After the performance, House Speaker Bob Kiss presented the House of Delegates Honorary

Medallion and a House Citation to Superintendent McBride and Mrs. Wendi Durst, Tapestry Director, on behalf of the group.

The Honorary Medallion has only been presented twice before - first to A. James Manchin for serving 50 years in the House of Delegates and a second time to Edie Effendia of Kosova.

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind now has the distinction of being the third recipient of the distinguished award.



Director of Student Living



by Mrs. Wysopal

Seaton Hall students are enjoying a game of kickball this Sunday afternoon as I write this column. Since the weather has a touch of spring, the students are now playing kickball outdoors instead of dodge ball in the gym. The students tell me the best dodgeball players are Jensen Greenstein, Polly Hodge, Mr. Slocum, and Mr. Nealis. Josh Duff and Gordon Redden are outstanding on the kickball field. Childcare workers Ms. Axel and Mr. Racey are on the field with students this afternoon. The students have given the *Kickball Clown Award* to Mr. Shanholtz, as he has some unique somersaults on the field. Staff com-

plains of aches and pains after these hotly contested games.

Dorm staff recognized students who had very clean rooms in March. Domino's Pizza donated pizza gift certificates to the following students: Tyler Labin, John Oldaker, Paige Kidd, and Polly Hodge. This month, there was a four-way tie in the Intermediate Boys' dorm. The four winners (Gordon Redden, Matthew Hart, Jason Holliday, and Roddy Stickley) will share a pizza.

Mrs. Wysopal and Mr. Nealis held a discussion on *Toxic Relationships* for the students. Students watched a video on toxic relationships and then identified all the different kinds of relationships people experience in their lifetime. Students also discussed what makes a relationship healthy or unhealthy. The staff is en-

couraging students to make healthy choices in their relationships with other people.

The girls' dorms, under the supervision of childcare workers Cookie Hott and Becky Axel, made deviled eggs, pickled eggs, and home made chili. (*I can personally attest to the delicious taste of the deviled eggs with horseradish and the homemade chili.*) The students enjoyed the addition of the egg dishes to their evening snack time. I've heard rumors the girls will dye Easter eggs.

Speaking of Easter, the dorm staff and the students are looking forward to parent visits on Parents' Day, Friday, April 14. Parents, please take time to walk through your son or daughter's room. Students and staff have been busy decorating for the holiday. Our staff is looking forward to your visit on Parents' Day.

Career Majors Class Visits TMU

Recently, four members of the Career Majors class visited TMU (Todd Michael Unlimited), Beaver Run Road, Burlington, WV. Todd explained what is required to become a cosmetologist, how long it takes, the job outlook, how long he's been in his profession, expansion plans, the skills one needs to be successful, and technology and how it is used in the cosmetology business. One of the most needed skills for any worker is to be customer friendly. Without a pleasant attitude and friendly smile, the most capable person would not be able to stay in business.

Miss Davis, a teacher at WVSD, volunteered to be the model for Todd. While the group was there, he highlighted, trimmed, washed and set her hair. Todd informed the group he

has approximately 800 clients and within a 6 to 8 week period, most of the 800 come to him for a cut, set, highlight, manicure, pedicure or to buy one of his many lines of beauty products he has at his shop.

The students at WVSD send Todd a big "Thank You!" One student is very interested in this profession and we're sure Todd helped make her decision to pursue this career path.



Front: Ms. Davis and Mr. TMU owner, Todd Michael Miller. Standing: Justin Gregory, Pam Thompson, Mrs. Brown, Pam Abernathy, and Gordon Redden.

Justin Gregory Designs Winning Logo

by Mrs. Dodgins

In early 2006, Ms. Deanna Stone, Executive Director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), asked Principal Corbin if WVSD Secondary students would participate in a contest to design a logo for the second annual Deaf Tech Fair, to be held in Charleston on May 20.

Mr. Corbin accepted the challenge for our students, so Mrs. Judd's art students and Mrs. Dodgins' graphic arts students went to work. It was a great way to learn the purpose of a "logo," which is a symbol for a company (like Nike's "swoosh") or an event, such as the upcoming Deaf Tech Fair.

Since the purpose of the Deaf Tech Fair is to demonstrate technology that makes things such as communication easier for the deaf, the students were encouraged to include something in their logos that would symbolize deafness or deaf communication.

WVSD Sophomore Justin Gregory was the winner of the contest. He was presented \$25 by Mr. Pierre Sevigny, WVCDHH Board member and former WVSD teacher, on March 6. His logo will appear on t-shirts and other Deaf Tech Fair items. Justin is the son of Gale Gregory and Jeff Jarvis of Chloe.

Second place went to junior Justin Rhodes and freshman Jason Holliday, who teamed up to design a logo. Justin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Rhodes

of Alum Creek. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Holliday of Highview, both of whom are WVSD graduates.

Third place winner was junior Zelina Cooley, daughter of Ms. Melinda Stickley of Highview.



Justin Gregory's winning logo

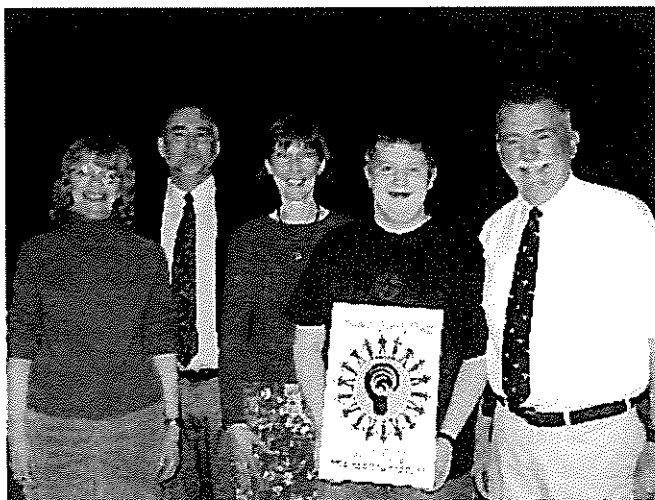


Photo by Mrs. Heare

Left to right: Mrs. Nancy Judd, Mr. J.D. Corbin, Mrs. Jan Dodgins, Justin Gregory, and Mr. Pierre Sevigny.

3rd Nine Weeks

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3.0 GPA

Tyler Labin

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11th GRADE

3.0 GPA

Justin Rhodes

Terry Withrow

Natasha Wolford

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Paige Kidd

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Justin Gregory

3.5 GPA

Pam Thompson

9th GRADE

3.0 GPA

Lucas Helmick

Michael Jarvis

Page Miller

3.5 GPA

Tiffany Friend

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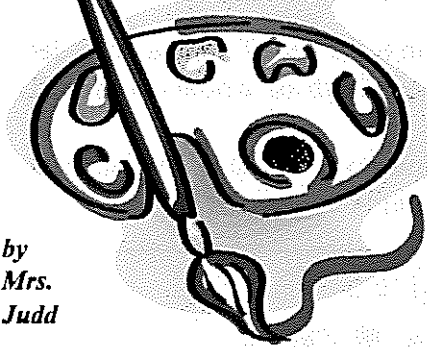
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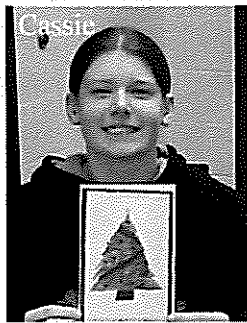
Art Page



by
Mrs.
Judd

Holiday Art

Each year, WVSD sends Christmas Cards far and wide to celebrate holidays. The Secondary School for the Deaf Art classes are asked to



submit designs for the Christmas Card Art Contest. The Administration staff chooses the winning design.

This year's winner was Cassandra Heaster. Cassie is an eighth grade art student at WVSD Secondary.

Cassie was given a pizza party by Superintendent McBride for winning the Christmas Card Art Contest. She shared her prize with students from her art class, Darrel Beasley, Polly Hodge, and Wannie Brown.

Other holiday art activities included participation in the Hampshire Review Holiday Section. All Hampshire County schools, as well as WVSD, are asked to submit art and writing with a holiday or winter theme to the local county paper in November. They are published the week before Christmas in a special section of the paper. Those WVSD Secondary art students who had winter or holiday themed work published in the paper this year were Josh Duff, Roddy Stickley, Lucas Helmick, Samantha Johnson, Maddy Mongold, and Page Miller. Several of these works were also included in the December issue of the Lions' Tale.

WVSD Students Participate In Art Competitions

Students at WVSD Secondary have also competed in other art contests. The WV Commission for the Deaf sponsored a contest to design the logo for this year's Deaf Tech Week. Participating in this event were art students Lucas Helmick, Matthew Hart, Page Miller, and Michael Jarvis.

Lucas Helmick also participated in the National Gallaudet Art Contest. Contestants were asked to think of

what they would be doing in 30 years and how they were preparing for that today. Lucas's entry was entitled, "I am Building Myself." He drew himself in a doorway with a sack of tools with the words "Lucas's Tools" written on the sack. To see the entries and vote for your favorite go to <http://clercenter.gallaudet.edu> and follow the links to the 2006 National Art Contest.

Art Students Complete Mural In Gym

For several years, art students at WVSD Secondary have painted murals as part of their coursework. To date, WVSD Secondary Art students have completed murals in the downstairs hallway and the Speech classroom in the Secondary School for the Deaf, and the stage wall in the Student Union in Seaton Hall. Each mural has a different theme. This year, the students are painting the school mascots for both the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind, plus the school letters and outline of the state in the foyer of the Physical Education building. Pictures of the Lion and Raider will now greet everyone who enters the PE building at the main doors.

Students who have worked on this project are ninth grade art students

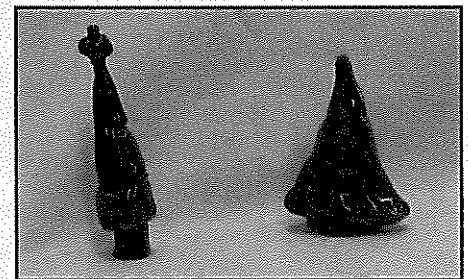


Tiffany Friend, Lucas Helmick, and Gordon Reddon, 7th grade students Chelsea Hill, Shawna Weatherholt, Holly Ramos, and Jonathan Stokes, and junior, Justin Rhodes. All students who work on the projects get to sign the completed murals. The art students would like to thank Maintenance Director, Mr. Triplett, for letting us use the scaffolding which made our work easier and safer, and Athletic Director, Mr. Haines, for the opportunity to participate in this project.

Eighth Graders Make Clay Christmas Trees

Each Christmas, the Multi-handicapped Department at WVSD holds a Christmas Bazaar.

For the 2005 Bazaar, students in art classes and pre-workshop programs worked together to develop a product to sell at the Bazaar. Eighth grade art students designed small Christmas trees from clay. They were glazed and fired in the kiln. Afterwards, a plaster mold was made of the trees so that a series of the designs could be made. Alternative Assessment students in the pre-workshop program helped in pouring the molds, glazing, and firing. Christmas tree designs were made by Darrel Beasley and Cassie Heaster.



Miniature Christmas trees from student designed molds

Nina Hedrick and John Michael Oldaker assisted in production work. Proceeds from the Bazaar are used to supply the pre-workshop ceramics program and "designers" were given "royalties" for the use of their designs.

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and Rhode Island School for the Deaf sure did a great job of hosting! I sure loved seeing Division 2 and 3 combined into one tournament!

First game: NYSSD 84, WVSD 78

We played against number one seeded New York State School for the Deaf and we were number 4 seed in the ESDAA opener. It was a very fast paced game as WVSD and NYSSD handled the offenses on the run. It was a tough battle the entire game. We took the lead at the end of first quarter with the score of 21-16. Justin Rhodes ran into foul trouble, having 3 fouls in the first half. NYSSD took advantage of it and took the lead at the halftime with the score of 40-36. NYSSD stretched their lead in 3rd quarter which it ended with 68-59. It was heart-pounding and nail biting in 4th quarter as we started to come back and cut some deficits, but NYSSD managed to come away with the win and put themselves into championship game. We had 4 players with double digits. Justin Rhodes led the team with 32 points and 14 rebounds. Page Miller had a great game with 14 points (four 3-pointers). Terry Withrow also had a great shooting game as he came up with 16 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in 10 points. Josh Duff fought his way to contribute 4 points. Jason Holliday managed to come up with 2 points.

Second game: SSSD 70, WVSD68

It was another heart-pounding and nail biting game as Scranton coach, Doug Boersma, and I came up with many different strategies. It sure kept our minds burning! Scranton had a very good start as they jumped to a 16-8 lead at the end of first quarter. We started to get our offense going as Scranton maintained the lead at the halftime with 35-29. The game started to get exciting in the 3rd quarter as the lead changed back and forth. It ended with Scranton leading 53-52. The big battle continued in 4th quarter as the leads kept changing. We tried to pressure Scranton late in the game and had to foul to stop the clock. Scranton had one and one foul shooting with 8 seconds left. They missed the last shot of one and one foul shooting and Justin Rhodes rebounded and ran the full court to make the

lay up with only 1 or 2 seconds left to tie the game. Unfortunately, the ball didn't go in the basket! Scranton had a better rebounding game than us. Justin Rhodes again led the team with 26 points. Page Miller had another great game with 22 points. Terry Withrow fought his way to earn 9 points. Josh Duff scored 5 points. Jason Holliday managed to come up with 4 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in 2 points.

Third game: WVSD 72, ASD 63

Again, it was a pretty tight game until the 4th quarter. Austine took the lead at the end of first quarter with 16-15. We took the lead at the half time with the score of 44-36. We maintained the lead at the end of 3rd quarter, 52-44. We took advantage of Austine's fouling on us late in the game by making 4 out of 6 foul shots. It helped us to keep the lead. Austine sure did a great job with three big guys on the team! Justin Rhodes led the team with 35 points, 22 rebounds and 10 assists. Page Miller and Terry Withrow each had 10 points. Josh Duff came up big with 12 points. Michael Jarvis managed to come up with 3 points. Jason Holliday added his 2 points to the final score. We claimed "21" shooting champion and foul shooting champion. Terry Withrow was selected for Honorable Mention and Page Miller was

selected to be on 2nd team of all ESDAA team. Justin Rhodes was selected to be on the first team of All ESDAA team. We sure enjoyed playing against the three teams being mentioned above. Congratulations to NYSSD (Div. 3) and St. Mary (Div. 2) for winning championships. Our record is 7 - 14 We will be participating in the Sectional Tournament against the number one seeded East Hardy tomorrow night (2/28/06).

Game #22 East Hardy 88, WVSD 41


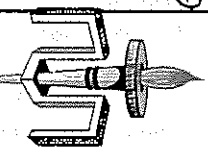
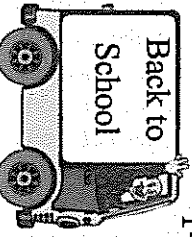
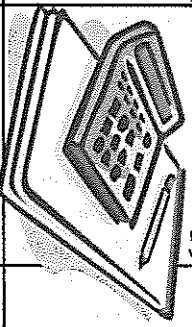

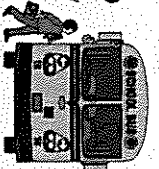
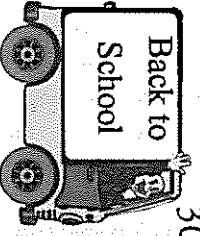
West Virginia Boys' Basketball season ended after being eliminated from the Sectional Tournament last night (2/28/06). We had a very bad start with the score of 46-6 at halftime. We finally found the spark in offense in the 3rd quarter by pouring 25 points in. We continued to add more points in 4th quarter, but it was too late due to the bad start in first half. East Hardy maintained a big lead for entire game. Justin Rhodes led the team with 23 points (four 3-pointers and 3/3 Foul shooting) and 11 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 8 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in 6 points. Josh Duff managed to contribute 4 points. I am very proud of my boys for enduring this rebuilding year and am looking forward to working with them again next season. Our final record is 7-15 Hope to see you all next year!

FBLA Celebrates St. Patrick's Day



Members of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and advisers Mr. Adrian, Mrs. Brown, and Ms. Davis held their annual St. Patrick's Day dance in the Student Union at Seaton Hall. Members and guests enjoyed dancing, games, and great food!

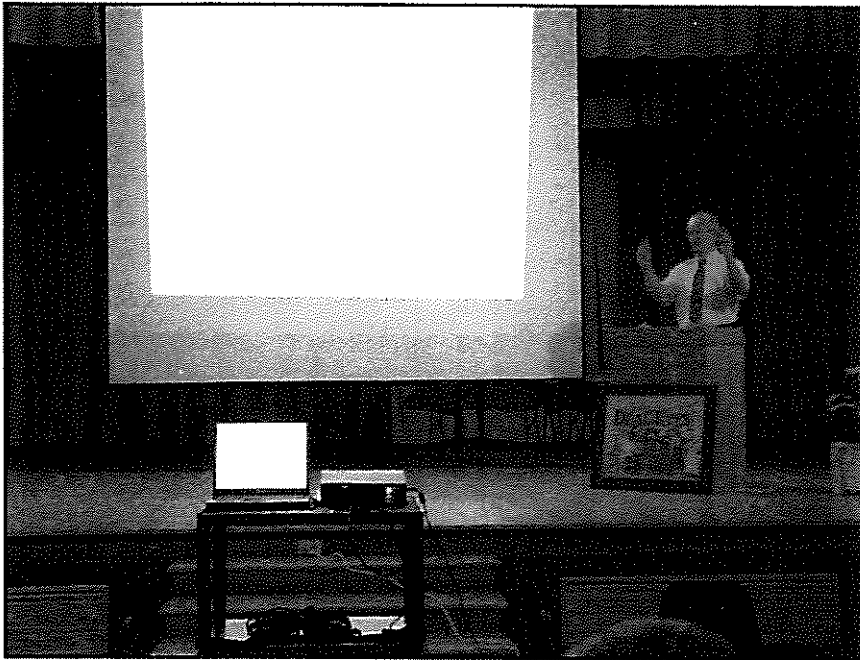
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cial, and academic lives. One goal of this activity was to present them with an understanding of how they fit into the world. Hopefully, our students have a better understanding of themselves and their history.

Although the State Legislature is credited with the founding of WVSD, these schools owe their existence to the efforts of Mr. Howard H. Johnson, a blind man. Prior to June 20, 1863 when West Virginia was still a part of Virginia, the deaf and the blind children were educated at the Virginia School in Staunton. Our school opened in Romney in 1870. There were twenty-five deaf and five blind students to enroll at that time.

(Left) Mr. Blakely's first presentation of "History Through Deaf Eyes" in the MPR.

by Mr. Blakely

As Communication Center Coordinator, I was so proud to coordinate "History Through Deaf Eyes." Developed by Gallaudet University, "History Through Deaf Eyes" is a traveling social history exhibition aligning nearly 200 years of the United States history with the experiences of people who are deaf. Using posters on the walls, Power Point presentations, and historical books and pictures about WVSD, this exhibition illustrated the shared experiences of deaf students, education, and work, as well as the divergent ways deaf people see themselves, communicate, employ and adapt technology, and determine their own futures. On Parents' Day, April 14, we also performed "Song out of Silence," a play by Bernard Reines honoring the first three pioneers in deaf education: Dr. Mason Cogswell, Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, and Professor Laurent Clerc.

At WVSD, we are committed to helping our deaf and hard of hearing students flourish in their emotional, so-

WVSD's Special Olympians



Mrs. Dodgins caught the group for a photo before they left for the Games on May 10: (left to right) Mr. Adrian, John Oldaker, Warnie Brown, Nina Hedrick, Mrs. See, Darrel Beasley, Mark Wheelwright, Mrs. High, Desiree Parmer, Megan Davis, Mrs. Judd, and Paige Kidd.

Local Artist Visits Art Students

by Mrs. Judd

On April 26, local artist Janet Harlow came to WVSD to talk to the art students.

Working as an administrator at Tygart Hall Vistor's Center in Romney, Mrs. Harlow has also illustrated several children's books written by Phil Gallery under the title of "Can You Find...". Their books are based on the "Where is Waldo" theme. Mrs. Harlow drew several characters from the "Can You Find..." books for the students attending her presentation.

Mrs. Harlow also draws historic Hampshire County buildings on post cards, designs annual Christmas ornaments for Fort Mill Ridge, and does commission work. An egg she decorated with WV art was recently sent to be displayed at the White House in Washington, DC during the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Mrs. Harlow handed out traveling brochures to each student and allowed them to look over her

portfolio and the illustration boards she draws for the books. She showed us many examples of her work.

She told the students she began drawing at the age of 6 and later studied art at a junior college in Maryland. After she married and moved to Florida, she began to focus more on selling her art. By the time she moved to WV, she was a full-time artist.

The students were invited to ask questions about art related careers. Some of the questions were:

Q: "Did you draw all of the pictures in your books?"

A: "Yes."

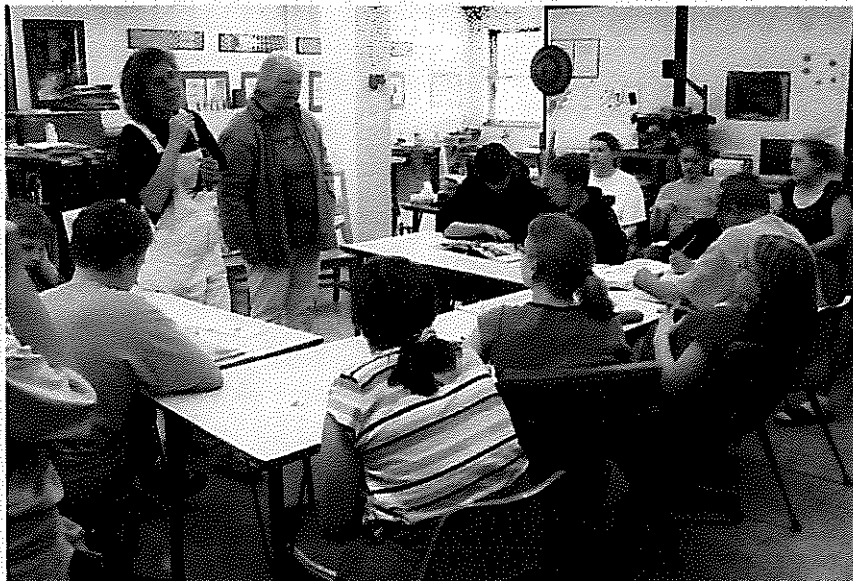
Q: "Can you draw animals?"

A: "Yes."

Q: "Any kind of animal?"

A: "Yes."

We appreciate the time Mrs. Harlow gave to our students. We also appreciate the interpreting services of Mrs. Shari Loar.



Ms. Harlow is telling the students about her career as an artist.

From the Office of the Communications Center

by Mr. Blakely, Coordinator

The Chick Buckbee Juvenile Center in Augusta is a place where young people (usually under 18) who have committed a legal offense are incarcerated. Workers at the center like introducing new areas of learning to the students in hopes of students developing new interests.

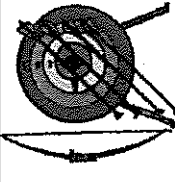
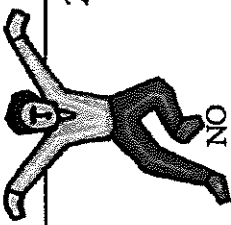

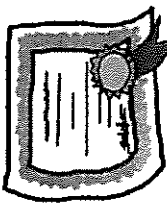

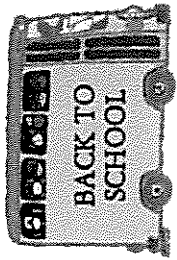
Julie Howell, case manager, asked for a Sign Language class, so WVSD staff members go there to teach American Sign Language (ASL).

ASL is a visual language developed over many years by deaf people to communicate with each other. It is a unique language with its own syntax and grammatical rules, yet is as precise and multifaceted as English or any other language. As a visual language, it is acquired through the eyes. One must learn to "hear" with eyes in order to communicate. Ms. Howell hopes the expressive nature of ASL will help students learn to express themselves in a new way.


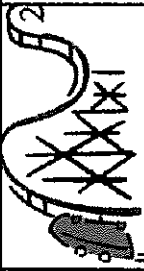
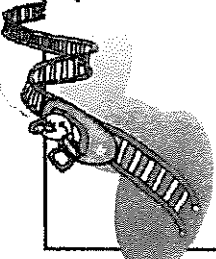


Hopefully, these new sign language students are embarking on a fascinating, challenging, and rewarding journey into ASL. As their signing abilities increase, they will gain, I hope, an even greater appreciation of the uniqueness of this beautiful language -- the language of deaf people.

Teaching this class is Mr. Marty Blakely, with Mrs. Shari Loar providing interpreter services.

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| |  NO SCHOOL |  Dorm Cookout |  Awards Luncheon | Springfest Tapestry | Homegoing  | |
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| | |  BACK TO SCHOOL | | | | |

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| |  Pirates game |  Tapestry to Kings Dominion | |
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|  Hershey Park | | |  Campus-wide picnic |
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| | Senior Dinner | State Board Luncheon | |
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Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



A Lesson in "Old School"

There was much to be learned about "Old School" that I had not realized until experiencing it firsthand.

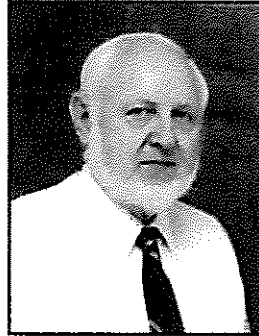
The lesson took place on the ball field. It was there that I encountered a young man who was playing in the outfield and was being blinded by the sun. What happened next is what opened my "old school eyes." The young man did not have sunglasses, so he asked his fellow players if anyone did. Then in total disbelief, I watched him return to the outfield risking a ball in the face, because the only loaner glasses available were, as he said, "old school."

After recovering from the disbelief of what I had observed, it occurred to me that many of us in education would, in like fashion, take a lump on the head rather than change our style or way of doing business. That being said, it appears that old school "rules" for both rookies and veterans. In education, we seem to be in a constant state of change which brings new challenges. Needless to say, they don't always come easy, particularly when we have rookies in the outfield or veterans from the old school. It has been a very good year for the students at the Secondary School for the Deaf. Many have made great strides, accomplished much, and experienced wonderful things.

As we bring closure to this school year, I do so as a father who is proud of the successes of his children. It is a great pleasure to see young people overcome challenges and learn that a "bend in the road is not the end of the road." They learn to grow, overcome, and stay the course. It was a great lesson in the old school; perhaps it will work in the new school as well.

In Memoriam

The West Virginia School for the Deaf Secondary Deaf students and staff were deeply saddened by the news of Mr. Hal Weingold's passing on Thursday, April 13. Mr. and Mrs. Weingold had recently moved to Oregon from Romney.



October 23, 1972 to June 15, 1989. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Rae, who was a teachers' aide in this department.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Betty Rae and all the members of the Weingold family.

Mr. Weingold was the printing instructor at WVSD from Weingold family.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - MAY 10, 2006

Photos by Paige Kidd



Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Mysopul

Excitement is in the air as students make last minute preparations for the Jr/Sr prom, the Oriental Express.



Seaton Hall students are gathering up dresses, tuxedos, suits, ties, etc. in preparation for the Spring prom. Our staff is assisting students in finding clothing and making last minute alterations. Students and school staff will begin decorating the Student Union later in the week.

On Saturday, April 29, Eddie Racey, Kirk Shanholtz, Susan Swenson, and Herb Adrian took nine boys fishing at Wardensville Lake. It was a beautiful, breezy day. Mark Wheelwright caught the first fish of the day, much to his surprise. Jensen Greenstein and Roddy Stickley were very patient with fishing. Terry Withrow had the most unusual method of catching his fish. Terry found a dead fish floating by the edge of the lake. He quickly put the fish on his hook and had great fun throwing the fish out and reeling it in. Since only the little fish were biting, the students and staff capped off their day with dinner at Burger King before returning to school.

Tapestry sponsored a 12-hour Rock-a-thon on Saturday, April 29. Sponsors Barry Nealis and Bonnie Sipple set up the Rock-a-thon and prepared a picnic lunch for the students. The students were busy rocking away while watching movies and listening to their favorite music. The students had a successful fund raiser. Good job!!!

Dorm staff recognized students who had very clean rooms in

April. Domino's Pizza donated pizza gift certificates to the following students: Lucas Turner in Advanced Boys Dorm, Megan Cavender and Paige Kidd in Advanced Girls Dorm, Gordon Redden in Intermediate Boys Dorm, and Polly Hodge in Intermediate Girls Dorm.

Students of the Month for March were Justin Rhodes and Tiffany Friend. Childcare workers vote for students who are responsible,

cooperative, and have a positive attitude. Congratulations to Justin and Tiffany!

Our three seniors, John Oldaker, Tyler Labin, and Mark Wheelwright, are excited about the festivities planned for graduation week. The WV State Board of Education will be on campus during the last week of school. We hope to see parents on Graduation Day, June 9.





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Congratulations WVSD Graduates!

Tyler Eugene Labin

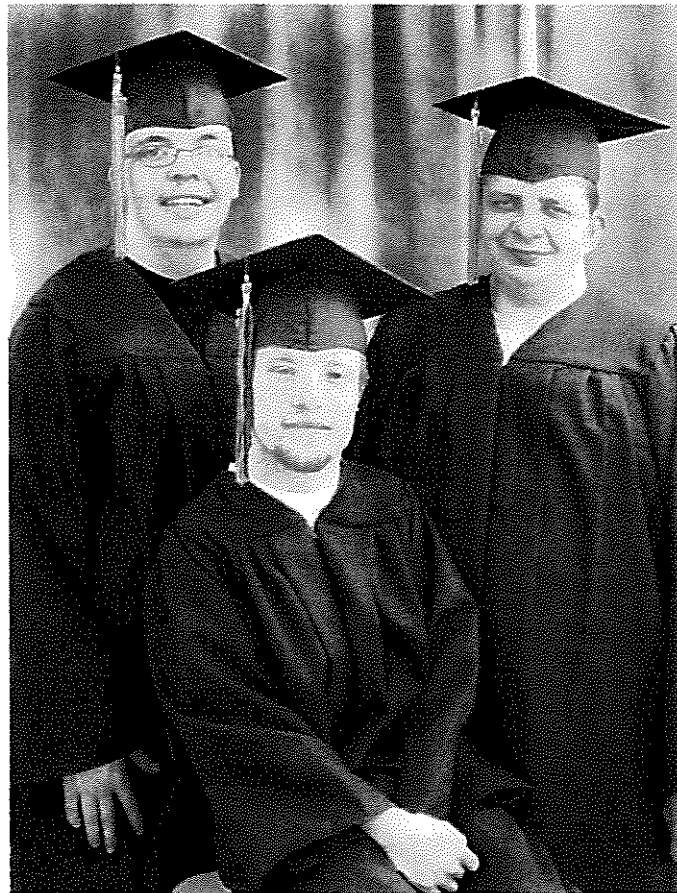
Hometown:
Morgantown

Awards: Chef Harvey Apple Jam Award, Homecoming Court ('03, '04, '05, '06)

Clubs: JrNAD ('02, '04, '05); FBLA ('04, '05); FFA ('03, '04, '05); Tapestry ('05, '06)

Sports: Manager, Boys' Varsity Basketball Team ('03, '04, '05, '06); Manager, Boys Middle School Basketball Team ('02)

Plans after graduation:
To attend Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Institute



John Michael Oldaker

Hometown:
Hartford

Clubs: JrNAD ('04, '05, '06); FBLA ('04, '05, '06); FFA ('04, '05, '06); Skills USA ('04, '05, '06)

Sports: Special Olympics ('04, '05, '06); Manager, Middle School Boys' Basketball Team ('04, '05, '06); Hampshire Co. Special Services Center ('04, '05, '06)

Plans after graduation:
To work in groundskeeping

Mark Chalfant Wheelwright

Hometown:
Shepherdstown

Clubs: JrNAD ('02, '04, '06); FBLA ('02, '03, '04, '05, '06); FFA ('03, '05, '06); Skills USA ('02, '04)

Sports: Special Olympics ('03, '04, '05, '06)
Hampshire Co. Special Services Center: '05, '06

Plans after graduation:
To travel and work



Tyler Labin



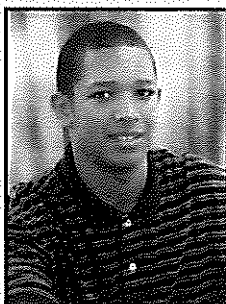
John Oldaker



Mark Wheelwright

Stickley Goes To Charleston

On May 11, Golden Horseshoe winner Roddy Stickley and Social Studies teacher Mr. Adrian,



headed for Charleston, where Roddy joined 221 other eighth graders in a traditional ceremony honoring winners of the famous West Virginia History exam.

On Friday, May 12, the students were presented with special pins, and they met Governor Manchin and Dr. Steven Paine, State Superintendent of Schools. Roddy said Dr. Paine mentioned that he would be at WVSD for graduation in June.

WV history is one of Roddy's favorite classes. When asked what his favorite story is from WV history, Roddy thought for a moment and said, "Probably the Hatfields and McCoys."

Before the students left for home, they were given a "hot off the press" issue of the Charleston Gazette that featured a photo of all the participants.

Congratulations
Newly elected officers

Class of 2009

President- Mike Jarvis
Treasurer- Lucas Helmick

WVSD Straight Shooters

by Mr. Haines

On Saturday, May 22nd, the WVSD Archery Team traveled to Capital High School to compete in the very first Archery in Schools Competition, hosted by the WV Department of Natural Resources.

Representing the WVSD Archery Team were 7th graders Ethan Bolyard, Shawna Weatherholt, and Amber Williams. Eights graders included Josh Duff, Roddy Stickley, and Maddie Mongold. The 9th graders were Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, and Tiffany Friend. Pam Thompson and Sarah Abernathy held the sophomore spots. The junior class shooters were Lucas Turner and Terry Withrow.

The shooters took "center stage" at 3 p.m., and after launching 30 arrows apiece, the judges scored and tallied the 300 participants.

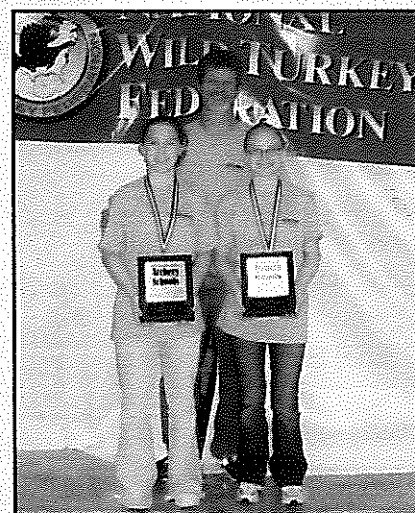
WOW! Results show WVSD had 6 of their 13 archers scoring 200 or higher! Terry Withrow led with 241 points and took 5th place overall.

Maddie Mongold placed 1st in the 7-8th grade bracket and teammate Shawna Weatherholt received the 2nd place award.

Shooters in each category received a medal, and plaques went to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

This archery team bullseyed WVSD into the history books by competing against the other 21 schools at the first annual Archery in Schools Program tournament.

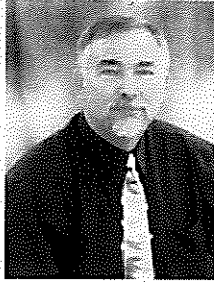
Below: Maddie Mongold (left), Shawna Weatherholt, and Mr. Haines.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

It was high speed, technology, and precision and accuracy that led three groups of WVSD students to Charleston during the weekend of May 20th



The high speed was provided by Justin Rhodes, who was competing for the second consecutive year in the state track tournament. The speedy junior qualified while participating with Hampshire High School through a special provision of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission that allows our students to participate in Hampshire County sports that we do not offer. Justin also excels in football for the local team and in basketball for WVSD. His excellence in athletics continues in the classroom and led him to become our scholar/athlete for the 2005-2006 school year. Congratulations Justin on an excellent school year.

Another group of WVSD ambassadors were assisting the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing with the 2nd Annual Deaf Technology Fair at the Charleston Civic Center. Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Tyler Labin, and Justin Gregory assisted with the special event accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wysopal and myself. The event was outstanding and enlightening into the cutting edge technology specially designed for the deaf. It was also one of Mrs. Wysopal's

final trips with our students as she plans to retire this year. Best Wishes Maureen - you have served well and it has truly been a pleasure to serve with you.

The Deaf Tech Fair was special for us, as all who helped wore t-shirts bearing the logo created by



sophomore Justin Gregory. His logo was selected by the Commission's Board and was proudly worn by all who assisted at the tech fair. Special thanks to WVCDDH Executive Director, Deanna Stone and her staff for their support of our school and its students.

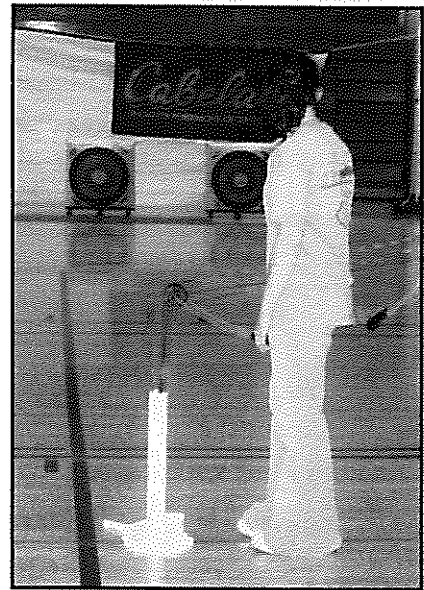
Our archery team competed with precision and accuracy in the 1st Annual Archery in Schools competition held at Capitol High School. Maddie Mongold and Shawna Weatherholt placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the Junior Girls' (Middle School) Division. Junior Terry Withrow placed 5th in the Boys' Senior (High School) Division against more than 300 archers from throughout West Virginia. Coach Bob Haines was very proud of his team as nearly half of them

scored over 200 out of a possible 300. Special thanks to the Potomac Highlands Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for their sponsorship of our archery program. Our students truly enjoyed participating in this unique new program and our school has the honor of being the first school for the deaf in the nation to participate.

May 20th truly was a most action packed day for our students in the Capitol city!

As I close in this final column of the school year, I would like to say farewell to our seniors. You have made great strides at WVSD and we will miss you. I wish you the very best as you pursue your

future dreams.



Eighth grader Maddie Mongold waits for the signal to shoot during the 1st Annual Archery in Schools competition.

Director of Student Living

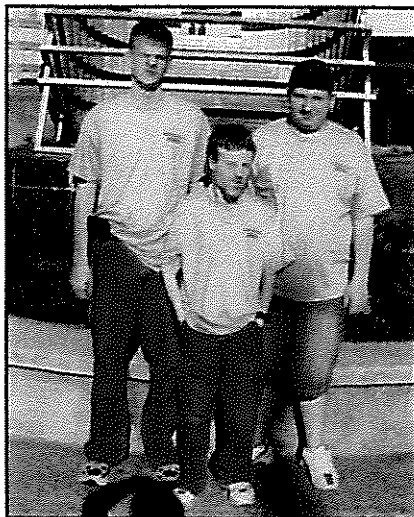
by Mrs. Wysopal

I recently had the privilege of accompanying Tyler Labin, Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow and Justin Gregory to the Deaf



Tech Fair in Charleston. The students and I were fascinated by the OJO--the latest Video Relay Service (VRS) and Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) technologies. In the near future students will be able to take their personal OJO into a classroom, plug it in, and utilize an off-site interpreter while attending classes or lectures. Hospitals, government offices, businesses, schools, etc. will also be able to utilize this Video Relay Interpreting when providing services for the deaf.

During the DeafTech Conference, I had the opportunity to visit with many former WVSD Students. In reminiscing with WVSD alumni, I realized how privileged I have been to be a part of their lives in a small way during their years at



WVSD. I enjoyed teaching and encouraging WVSD students to grow and mature into young men and women. I am very proud of the teens in residence at Seaton Hall this year. On behalf of all the Seaton Hall staff, I want to thank the parents for allowing us to be part of your teen's life this past school year. We wish each family a safe and happy summer.

On June 30, 2006 I will be retiring from my position as Director of Student Life at WVSD. Mrs. Nancy Williams, an employee of WVSD since 1983, will be the new Director of Student Life beginning July 1, 2006. Mrs. Williams is fully credentialed in education administration and in deaf/hard-of-hearing education. At WVSD, she has worked in the SKI*HI and InSITE outreach programs and has been a classroom teacher. Most recently, her duties have included IEP Coordinator at WVSD Secondary School. Nancy has worked as an adjunct instructor for Eastern WV Community and Technical College and Potomac State College of West Virginia University. She is a certified instructor in the Apprentice for Child Development Specialist program that certifies childcare providers in licensed day care, HeadStart, and school paraprofessionals. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership Studies at West Virginia University. The staff and students at Seaton Hall Residence welcome Mrs. Williams as the new Director of Student Life. Welcome Aboard!!!!

Mrs. Wysopal Retires

WVSD's Director of Student Life, Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, will be retiring at the end of June with 30 years of service to our school.

After studying at Purdue University and Ohio State, Mrs. Wysopal obtained a BS in Vocational Home Economics and an MS in Management and Family Home Economics. Later, she acquired a Masters in Ed Administration from Shenandoah University. Prior to her arrival at WVSD in 1975, Mrs. Wysopal taught for three years at Longwood College in Farmville, VA.

Mrs. Wysopal taught Family and Consumer Sciences in the Secondary Department from 1975-1998. She then accepted the Director of Student Life position in the Elementary Department until 2004 when she made the decision to direct student life in the Secondary Department.

We wish Mrs. Wysopal a long and happy retirement.

Kidwells Win Tapestry Drawing

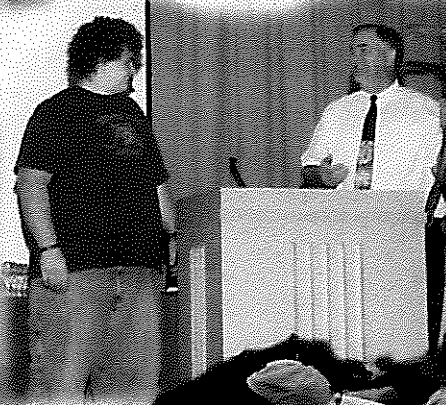
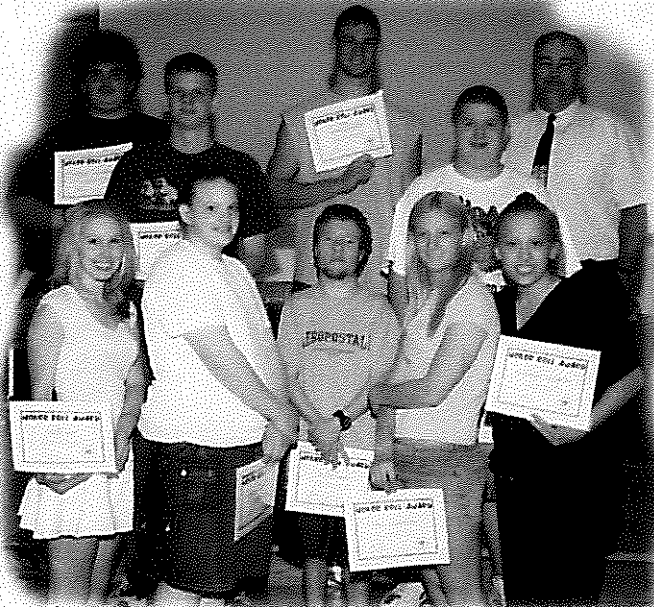
Roger and Mary Kidwell of Paw Paw were the lucky winners of the drawing for the blanket chest. Congratulations!



End of the year activities

Awards Ceremony

Cranberry Nature Center



Pirates Game

In Memoriam

*A*s the school year comes to an end, and the good-byes, farewells, and see you later are seen and heard across our campus, let us pause for a moment in remembrance of our friend, Elizabeth Baldwin. Liz touched the hearts of all who knew her with her spirit-filled enthusiasm, her positive attitude, and her willingness to help both students and staff, regardless of the need.



As the youngest child of former WVSD&B employees, Liz "grew up" on our campus. After graduating from Hampshire High and attending Potomac State College, Liz began her 30+ year career at WVSD&B in the DB-MHC Unit as a teachers' aide. She came to our department in 1990, where she served as a teachers' aide. In 2005, she transferred to the Instructional Resource Center.

*W*e all miss Liz and her sense of humor, her love of music and poetry, and her dedication to the students of WVSD&B. Rest in peace, dear friend.

