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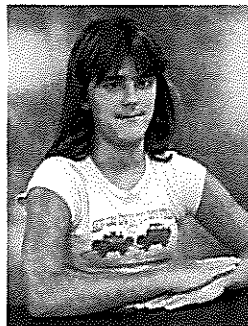


TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Welcome, New Students



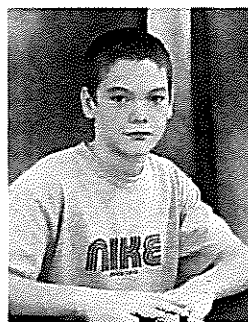
What is your name? Chasity Roxann Hammond
How old are you? 13 years old
What grade are you in? 7th
What is your favorite class? Math

Do you have siblings? Three sisters
What are your parents' names? Chris and Kim Hammond
What is your former school's name? North Middle School
Why did you choose this school? I like the school.
What is your hobby? Basketball
Where do you live? Martinsburg



What is your name? Taylor Marie Shipley
How old are you? 13 years old
What grade are you in? 7th
What is your favorite class? Math

Do you have siblings? Three brothers
What are your parents' names? Mark and Kim Shipley
What is your former school's name? Central Middle School
Why did you choose this school? My parents said it would be better.
What is your hobby? Basketball
Where do you live? Kingwood



What is your name? Patrick Wayne Lee
How old are you? 13 years old
What grade are you in? 8th
What is your favorite class? Physical Education

Do you have siblings? One sister and one brother
What are your parents' names? Wayne and Lori Lee
What is your former school's name? Romney Middle School
Why did you choose this school? I like it here better than public school.
What is your hobby? Soccer
Where do you live? Romney



What is your name? Matthew Timothy Stump
How old are you? 19 years old
What grade are you in? 12th
What is your favorite class? Science

Do you have siblings? Two sisters and two brothers
What are your parents' names? Russell and Chris Stump
What is your former school's name? Bluefield High School
Why did you choose this school? Sign language is used here.
What is your hobby? Basketball
Where do you live? Bluefield

DEAF A W A R E N E S S WEEK

*Cherishing
Our Deaf Culture*

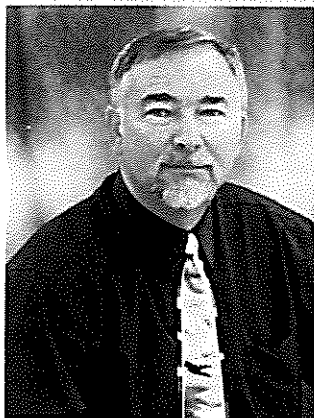
**Sept. 25-29
2006**

*A celebration of
Deaf Culture and
language featuring
a series of fun and
exciting events to
help bring aware-
ness of the Deaf
Community to the
public.*

*Please read our
next Lions' Tale for
more information.*

**DAW Coordinator
Marty Blakely**

Principal's Post



by Mr. Corbin

Students arrived at our school this year very excited and enthusiastic. They appeared extremely happy to be back with their

friends at their home away from home. The thing that impressed me the most was how quickly they tamed their excitement to focus on the task at hand--their education. Their focus and intensity would please any principal. They came ready to get down to business and our teachers were equally prepared to begin.

Student enthusiasm was also indicated by their interest in school clubs. It is apparent that students are learning the benefits of active participation in these organizations. Our current memberships include Future Business Leaders of America 31 members, Future Farmers of America

44 members, Skills USA 42 members, and the Junior National Association of the Deaf 28 members. Additionally, our multi-talented students will be participating in our singing-signing show choir, Tapestry. Tapestry has been conducting tryouts and has many performances already scheduled this year.

Our athletes participating on Hampshire County athletic teams have been working hard since early August. We were all saddened with the recent injury suffered by our Hampshire High Varsity football star, Justin Rhodes. During their second game, he suffered a broken leg that will put him out for the

season. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our girls' volleyball teams have also been working hard to prepare for their season. The varsity girls are especially looking forward to the ESDAA Tournament that will take place on the Lady Lions' home court October 5-7.

We are all looking forward to other special events that will be coming soon, namely Deaf Awareness Week and Spirit Week/Homecoming.

We are well on our way to an action packed school year for all of the students at WVSD.

WVSD 2006 HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

MONDAY
October 2, 2006

Hat Day
Wear your
favorite hat to school!

Special Activities:
WVSD Homecoming
Court Crowning
Photographs
Campus Parade

MPR: 5th Period

MPR: Lunch
Indoor School Picnic

TUESDAY
October 3, 2006

Clown
Dress Up Day

Special Activity:
Field Day Competition

MPR: 6th Period
Events:
-Frisbee throw (1)
-spoon threading (5)
-three-legged race (2)
-50 yard dash (1)
-eraser relay (4)
-fruit pass (5)
-water balloon toss (2)
*Points awarded for all
students participating

WEDNESDAY
October 4, 2006

Blue & Gold
Dress Up Day

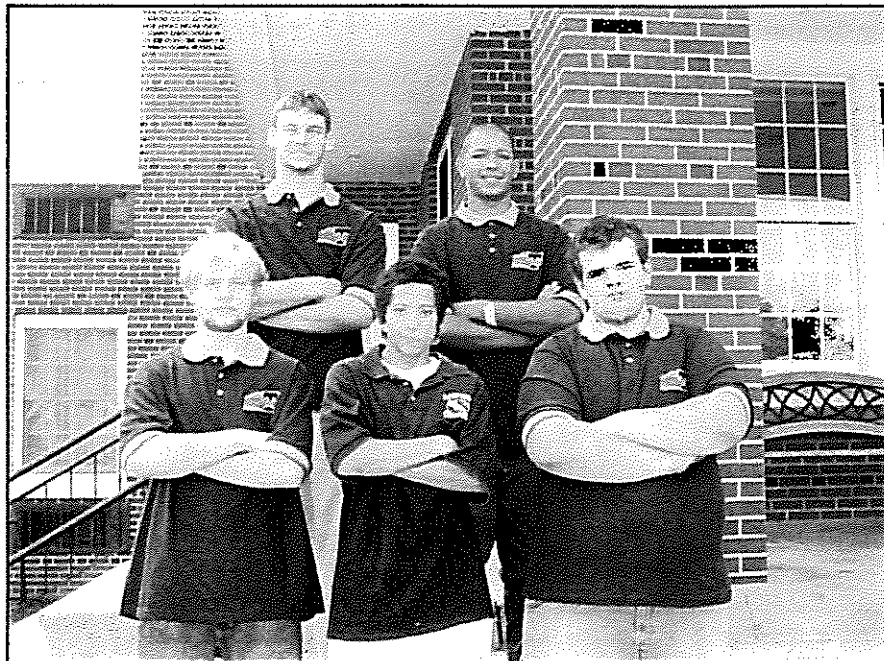
Special Activities:
Drama Competiton
and Spirit Stick
Prestentation
MPR: 1st & 2nd Periods
Guidelines:
*Scene from a famous
movie
*Time limit of five minutes
*All class members must
be involved
*Bring VHS or DVD
moive. Group will present
scene then show the actual
scene from the movie

THURSDAY
October 5, 2006

Future Job
Dress Up Day

Special Activity:
Volleyball Game
Teachers vs. Students
10am - 10:55am
Gymnasium

Boys' Football and Cross-Country Begins



Left to Right: Josh Duff, Page Miller, Terry Withrow. Back: Justin Rhodes, Roddy Stickley.

Justin Rhodes- #31, Half Back and Corner Back.

Roddy Stickley- #31, Full Back and Defensive End.

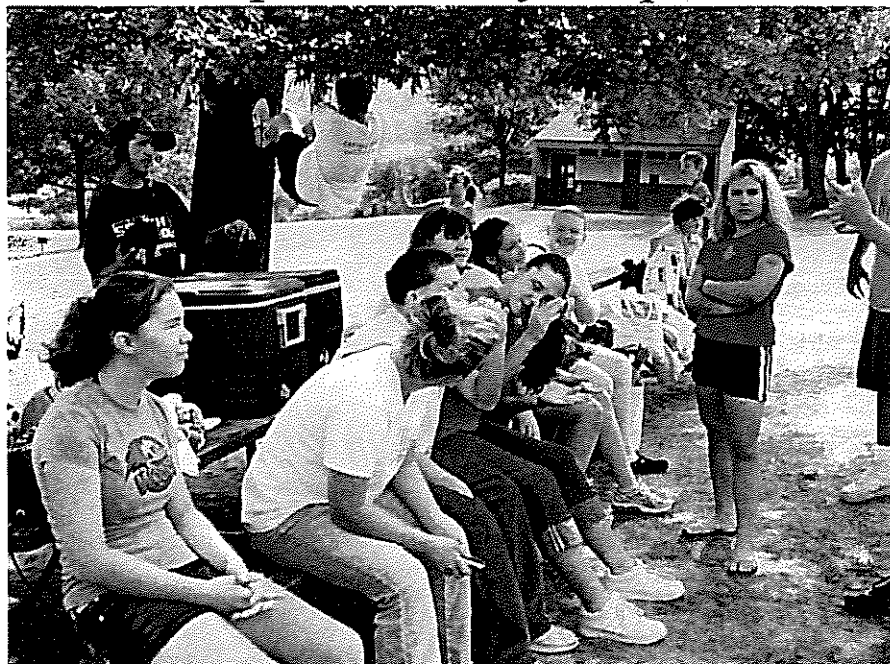
Josh Duff- #35, Full Back and Middle Linebacker.

Terry Withrow- #76, Defensive Tackle.

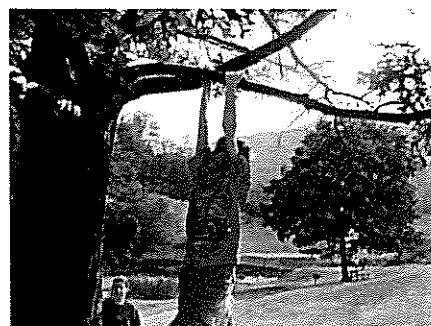
Cross-Country News

Sophomore Page Miller is a member of Hampshire High's varsity Cross Country team. He has competed in every meet this year. Page's best finish to date is 13th place and his best time is 19:36. The HHS coaches are looking forward to his success in future meets.

Dorm Trip To Rocky Gap



We're all waiting to go swimming!



What is Jensen doing? Oh, he's climbing the tree like a monkey.



It's Jason! What a cool girly hairdo!

On Saturday, August 26, students and houseparents went to Rocky Gap to picnic, swim and play games. We had a lot of fun!

Girls' Volleyball Season Begins



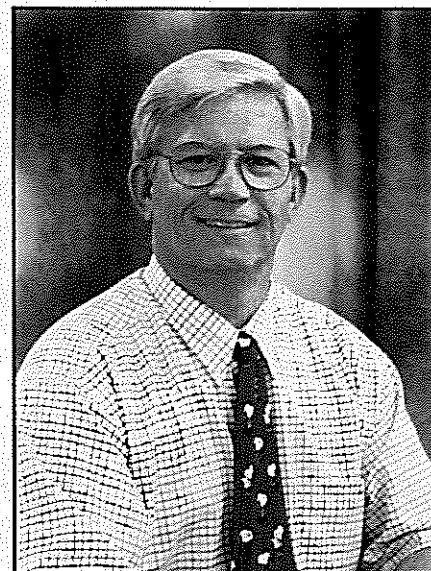
Left to Right: Michael Jarvis, Scorekeeper; Madaline Mongold, Cassandra Heaster, Tiffany Friend, Polly Hodge, Samantha Johnson, Coach Surber, and Jason Holliday, Manager. Front Left to Right: Megan Cavender, Sarah Abernathy, and Pamela Thompson



Left to Right: Shelby Hose, Chelsea Hill, Amber Williams, Holly Ramos, Chasity Hammond, Chelsea Tallman, Shawna Weatherholt. Back: Michael Jarvis, Scorekeeper; Jason Holliday, Manager; Coach Kesler

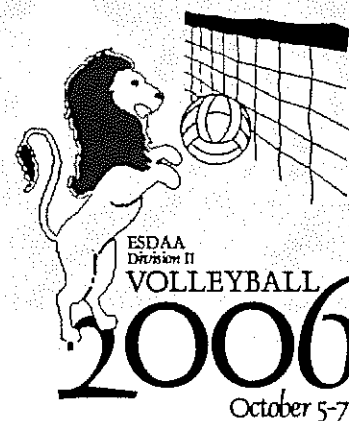
Welcome to our ESDAA
Volleyball Tournament!
Come and Watch our ESDAA Volleyball
Girls' Games and Support us!

Blakely Appointed To WVCDHH



Mr. Marty Blakely has been appointed by Governor Manchin to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Board this year. Mr. Blakely commented to the board that he is humbled and honored and will give every effort to work with and serve as a communication bridge between Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind, Deaf-Multihandicapped, and the hearing community.

Please e-mail Mr. Blakely at mblakely@access.k12.wv.us, if you have questions or concerns.



Hosted by
West Virginia School for the Deaf
Martinsburg, WV

Director of Student Living

By Mrs. Williams



Hello! As most of you know, Mrs. Maureen Wysopal retired June 30. She is enjoying her retirement and is out and about in the community. WVSD students saw Mrs. Wysopal at the Hampshire County Fair and at Heritage Days. They were happy to see her again.

Now Seaton Hall has a new Director of Student Living, Mrs. Nancy Williams. She has worked at WVSD since 1983 in a variety of positions. She is enthusiastic about the challenges of being Director of Student Living. Mrs. Williams always has an open door for students, parents, and staff. Mrs. Williams may be reached by email at nwilliam@access.k12.wv.us or by phone in Seaton Hall DSL office, 304-822-4865 voice/TDD.

We have some new students in the dorm this year. On the girls' side, we welcome 7th graders Chasity and Taylor. On the boys' side, we welcome 7th graders Derrick, William, James and Joshua. Some new students are day students who stay in the dorm for sports and special activities.

Seaton Hall residents have enjoyed several outings since returning to school. They have been to the Hampshire County Fair, the season-opener Hampshire High varsity football game, and to Rocky Gap State Park. If you are in the dorm, look at the photos. We are especially proud of student behavior on all outings. The students represent WVSD well with their polite and respectful actions on and off campus.

Some boys are participating in sports at Hampshire High. WVSD seniors Justin

Rhodes and Terry Withrow are playing varsity football. Junior Justin Gregory is a team manager. Josh Duff is playing JV football and Roddy Stickley is on the 9th Grade football team. Page Miller is running Cross Country for HHS. Athletic Interpreters include Seaton Hall staff members Barry Nealis, David Nestor, Tim Slocum and Melodie Brown-Thomason.

Girls volleyball season has started and we are looking forward to hosting a volleyball tournament the weekend of October 6-8. Girls participating in volleyball will stay at Seaton Hall during that homegoing. WVSD will host five teams for the tournament. Deaf Alumni weekend is the same weekend, so we expect many spectators for the tournament games.

WVSD hosted West Virginia Secretary of State Betty Ireland during the Heritage Days weekend. Tapestry members performed at Heritage Days making all of us proud! Our students attended many Heritage Days events including the parade. On Sunday, dorm students went to see a Civil War encampment and reenactment. The cavalry had a mock sword fight directly in front of our group. It was exciting to see soldiers on horseback.

Other September outings include going to a ninth grade football game and a rodeo at Crystal Valley Ranch. Some evenings, child care workers and students make special snacks. A new one for me was a "pizza boat!" A child care worker initiated making potato candy, a favorite of many students and staff. Regular dorm activities include tag football and volleyball on the lawn, table games inside, and pool and table tennis in the student union. Students have regular supervised free-play in the gym and have swimming scheduled twice a week. The annual UAW Picnic on September 21 will be held at WVSD Elementary for the entire campus.

"Teen Talk" is a meeting for dormitory students and staff to discuss any issues or concerns about dorm life. The next Teen Talk is scheduled on Monday, September 25. We have special snacks planned with vegetable and fruit trays, chips and dip. Last year, students and staff made many positive suggestions during Teen Talk.

The Lions Club Work Program is underway. Several students have signed on to assist in a variety of jobs around campus. We appreciate the Lions Club and other community groups for supporting our students. The Romney First United Men's group makes a large donation to the Lions Club for this program.

There have been a few staff changes at Seaton Hall this year. Our regular staff

assignments are: Advanced Boys - Barry Nealis and Kirk Shanholtz; Intermediate Boys - Eddie Racey and Tim Slocum; Advanced Girls - Becky Axel and Kim Buckley; Intermediate Girls - Henretta Fields and Cookie Hott. Melodie Brown-Thomason and Elsie Carlson rotate to cover vacant positions and provide extra staffing. Regular night staff assignments are Advanced Boys - David Nester; Intermediate Boys - Susan Swenson; Advanced Girls - P.A. Woodall; and Intermediate Girls - Liz Arnold. We welcome Brenda Blaylock who works at both WVSB and WVSD to provide additional staffing during the night shift.

Child care workers at Seaton Hall work hard to make our dorm a "home away from home" for all the students. A special thanks goes out to the Seaton Hall staff for the many "extras" they provide. They truly go the extra mile for our students. Thanks also to the custodial staff who keep the dormitory sparkling clean.

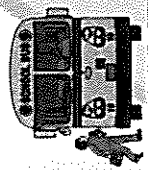
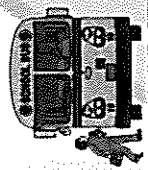
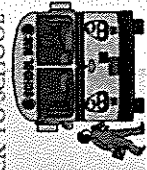

And, of course, many others at WVSD deserve our appreciation! We are grateful to the Superintendent for approving our many requests for snacks, parties, transportation, materials, and repair requests and to the front office staff for handling the details. The principal at WVSD provides advice and support for students whose concerns often overlap between school and the dorm.

The maintenance department has made many trips to Seaton Hall to keep our building in tip-top shape. The laundry has provided excellent and quick service. The cooks have done a great job preparing delicious and nutritious meals, snacks, and picnic food. The infirmary has taken good care of all children in need of medication or medical attention. The audiologist regularly checks in with students regarding hearing aids and speech processors, and the school counselor is always available as a resource. Our security guards keep an eye on our building by clocking-in at regular intervals.

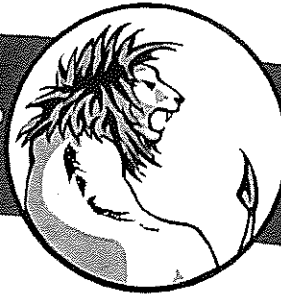
Our technology specialist has worked with us to perfect the Seaton Hall webpage soon to be on the school website. We plan to have a password only section for parents and students at Seaton Hall with announcements about upcoming activities and photos of recent activities.

As I reflect on my first month in Seaton Hall with our students and staff, the phrase "We are family" comes to mind again and again. We are fortunate to have such a caring, cooperative and competent group of students and staff. With our "family" behind us at Seaton Hall, all of us look forward to a great 2006-2007 school year.

October 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 BACK TO SCHOOL  | 2 JV FB (A) Keyser 4pm Homecoming Week 2-5 | 3 Volleyball Girls (A) Paw Paw 6pm | 4 FM FB (A) Musselman 6pm | 5 HOME GOING REA Skill USA Tapestry CC (A) Southern ESDAA Volleyball Tournament | 6 V FB (A) Preston 7pm Alumni Weekend 6-7 | 7 CC (A) Fairmont Times-News 9am |
| 8 BACK TO SCHOOL  | 9 JV FB (A) Fort Hill 4:30pm | 10 CC (A) Tucker County 4pm Volleyball Girls (A) VSD 4pm | 11 | 12 FM FB (H) Keyser 6pm CC (H) 4pm | 13 V FB (H) Fort Hill 7pm | 14 |
| 15 | 16 JV FB (H) Hedgesville 6pm | 17 | 18 FM FB (H) Hedgesville 6pm CC (H) Regionals | 19 | 20 HOME GOING FB LA JR NAD Tapestry V FB (A) Musselman 7pm | 21 |
| 22 BACK TO SCHOOL  | 23 JV FB (H) Musselman 6pm | 24 Volleyball Girls (H) Mt. View 5pm | 25 | 26 FM (A) Beall TBA Volleyball Girls (H) Front Royal TBA | 27 V FB (A) Hedgesville 7pm | 28 CC (A) Cabell- Midland |
| 29 | 30 | 31  | <div> BIRTHDAYS Marthew Stump - 5th Page Miller - 20th Marthew Hart - 26th </div> | | | |

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Homecoming and Spirit Week '06



The 2006 Homecoming Court posed for a photo with Mr. Corbin, Mr. Adrian, and Mr. Sevigny.

The senior class and sponsors planned a fun-filled week of activities for Homecoming/Spirit Week.

The Homecoming Court was announced on Monday with seniors Desiree Parmer and Justin Rhodes reigning as Queen and King. Rounding out the court were juniors Megan Cavender and Justin Gregory, sophomores Tiffany Friend and Mike Jarvis, freshmen Polly Hodge and Roddy Stickley, eighth graders Amber Williams and Patrick Lee, and seventh graders Taylor Shipley and Jonathan Stokes.

Tuesday was "clown day," and with six homerooms compete in "Field Day" a variety of activities (relay races, frisbee throw, three-legged race, etc.). Overall winners were the freshmen.

On Wednesday students and staff dressed in blue and gold, and five of the classes participated in a drama

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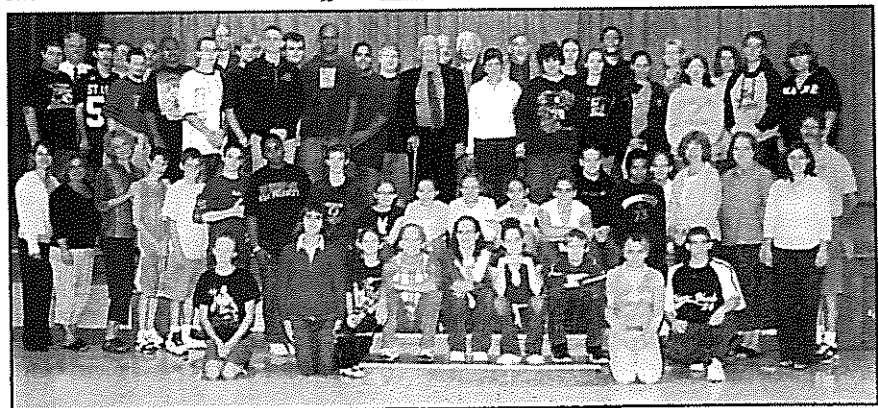
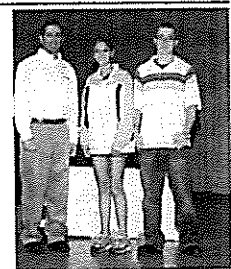


Deaf Awareness Week Activities

WVSD hosted a variety of educational and entertaining activities Sept. 25-29 to highlight Deaf Awareness Week (DAW). The purpose of DAW is to celebrate the culture, heritage, and language of deaf people.

Mr. Marty Blakely, DAW Coordinator, planned events for the week that helped raise awareness of the differences in attitudes toward deafness by the hearing public and deaf people themselves, offered relevant tips for communication with deaf and hard-

(Right) Students chatting with Miss Deaf WV; (far right) Mr. Edington awarded Gordon Redden and Samantha Johnson, 1st and 3rd place respectively in the poster contest; (bottom) Mayor Hicks with WVSD students and staff.



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Deaf Awareness Week

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of-hearing people, and promoted a better understanding of deaf culture. These goals were aligned with those of the National Association of the Deaf.

DAW is celebrated annually by the National Association of the Deaf and the World Federation of the Deaf during the last week of September, in commemoration of the first World Congress of the Deaf, which was held that week in 1951. Throughout the week literature on deafness and sign language books were displayed near the library for students and staff. Events for the week included:

Monday - Deaf Awareness Week Proclamation by the Mayor of Romney

Tuesday - Psychology of Deafness: Mr. Steve Tounrent Lectured

on the psychological aspects of deafness.

Wednesday - Community and Culture: Mr. Blakely led a discussion about using the terms "deaf-mute," "deaf and dumb," and "hearing impaired."

Thursday - Mr. John Edington presented information on the history of Sorenson VRS technology. He also presented awards for the DAW Art Poster Contest. Winners were 1st Place Gordon Redden (\$100), 2nd Place Patrick Lee (\$50), 3rd Place Samantha Johnson (\$25). Money for the prizes was donated by Sorenson VRS.

Friday - Miss Deaf, Linda Phillips, West Virginia visited out campus and talked with the students and staff.

HC and Spirit Week

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competition. The seniors, who did scenes from "The Wizard of Oz," won the drama competition. The sophomore class came in second with their version of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." In third place was the eighth grade class, who acted out scenes from "King Kong." The juniors took fourth place with "The Flintstones." In fifth place were the seventh graders, who did "Garfield."

Congratulations to the seniors, winners of the Spirit Stick this year!

On Thursday, students were given the opportunity to dress for their future job. Also on Thursday students and staff played volleyball in the gym, with staff winning all six matches (GO, OLD FOLKS!)

GO LIONS!

FBLA NEWS

by Megan Cavender, FBLA Reporter
Photos by Lucas Turner

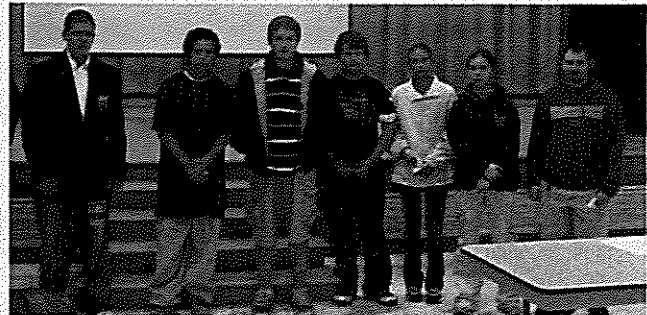
On October 20, 2006, the new WVSD FBLA officers were installed. All members were present except Sarah Abernathy. The club welcomed and presented FBLA pins to first time members Ethan Bolyard, Matthew Hart, William Heflin, Samantha Johnson, Page Miller, Maddie Mongold, and Matthew Stump.

Each member was given an order form and a pine cone bird feeder for their family. By way of example, the bird feeder also is to be used to sell to family and friends. This is our fundraising project. It was decided by the club to ask Paul See to be our presenter in January. Judge Cookman is scheduled for court and

was unable to come.

Membership in WVSD FBLA is open anytime to interested students. Please obtain a permission slip from one of the three advisers.

*New members
(left to right)
Matthew H.,
Page, Ethan,
William,
Samantha,
Maddie, and
Matthew S.*

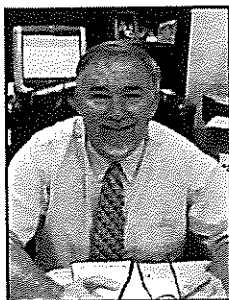


*Officers (left
to right)
Megan C.,
Matthew,
Terry, Josh,
Natahsa, and
Megan D.*

The next scheduled meeting is on November 17 in the MPR. A representative from the Romney Fire Department will be our guest speaker.

by Mr. Corbin

Principal's Post



In my opening column, I stated that it would be a busy year for our students. The first couple of months have been just that -- busy. In addition to a full load of classes, we have completed Plan and Explore testing, celebrated Deaf Awareness Week and Homecoming/Spirit Week, and hosted the Eastern States Deaf Athletic Association Division II Girls' Volleyball Tournament.

We've hosted teacher interns from Marshall University and en-

joyed a visit from West Virginia University's Speech and Language interns. We were visited by Miss Deaf West Virginia and had the Mayor of the City of Romney proclaim Deaf Awareness Week.

Our girls' volleyball teams (varsity and middle school) have been playing out their schedules. We have students representing WVSD on four Hampshire County athletic teams and representing us well.

The West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association (WVDAA) celebrated Homecoming here during Alumni weekend. Tapestry has been performing and preparing for more performances. Clubs have been meeting, doing fund raisers, and

preparing for their year. The FFA had several of its members in attendance at the national FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Our residential staff under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Williams, our new Director of Student Living, has kept students busy in the dorm too. They have enjoyed several great field trips.

To date, the students appear to be dealing with the fast pace quite well. I'm hoping that the staff will be able to keep up - myself included.

It has been an action packed school year, a year filled with opportunities for educational and social development and memories that will last for a long time to come.

Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Williams

Autumn is a beautiful reminder of the cycle of seasons. As the leaves change to brilliant reds and golds, students put on sweatshirts and jackets because the air is cool. Many sunny afternoons our dorm students play outside after school. Kickball is a favorite game. When it is too cool outside, groups of students sit in our lobby area with staff. They play games and enjoy talking with each another. Downstairs in the Student Union, students play King-square, ping-pong, pool, and enjoy snacks. Our child care workers (CCWs) and students really have fun together. The porch is decorated with pumpkins, hay, cornstalks and a scarecrow! We will have a pumpkin carving contest soon.

Our first "Teen Talk" was September 25. All the students and child care workers met together to discuss issues and concerns about dorm life. We talked about the definition of "dormed." Sometimes student behaviors result in a need to cool down. We also talked about "horse play" and how it is important to control behavior. Some students showed the difference in respectful behavior and disrespectful behavior. We talked about using total communication. Two deaf students showed that it is not polite to voice without signing. When students or staff voice without signing, deaf students are left out. We have "Teen Talk" every month.

Just as we spotlight students, this month I'd like to spotlight a

CCW who has made exceptional contributions to student life at Seaton Hall. Barry Nealis is the most senior member of

the Seaton Hall staff. He has worked in Seaton Hall since fall of 1995. Barry can be counted on to get students involved in activities. Almost any visitor to the dorm will see Barry actively engaged with the students, playing games, helping with homework or decorating the dorm. Barry is also an athletic interpreter and a co-director of the Tapestry signing/singing show choir. Barry's co-workers always enjoy



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working with Barry because he has strong communication skills and a genuine interest in enriching the lives of the students by keeping students busy and involved. Seaton Hall Dormitory has a long and proud heritage. Over the years, dedicated CCWs have worked to nurture our students and give them opportunities to expand their talents and abilities. Barry is an example of the proud tradition of dedicated CCWs on our campus.

A Seaton Hall tradition includes the selection of students of the month by the child care workers. Our CCWs select students from the intermediate dorms on the basis of good attitude, helpfulness,

neatness, friendliness, and other positive character traits. Darrel Beasley was selected from the boys' side and Amber Williams from the girls' dorm. Congratulations to Darrel and Amber!

Dormitory and school activities often intertwine. During Deaf Awareness week, students were busy writing plays, making costumes and rehearsing in the dormitory. During Deaf Awareness Week almost every class performed a play. The actors were great and all the plays were excellent. It was difficult, but

the judges decided a winner. The SENIORS won with the play "The Wizard of OZ."

Tapestry, our signing and singing show choir, recently made a trip to Shepherdstown. They performed at the home church of West Virginia State Board of Education member Sheila Hamilton. Tapestry was well-received and the students were treated to a delicious

lunch by church members.

During October, all dorm students went to the Green Spring Haunted House. It was VERY SCARY! All the money for admission goes to support charities. Our OCTOBER BIRTHDAY PARTY was Thursday evening, October 26 in the Student Union.

We always welcome parents of birthday students.

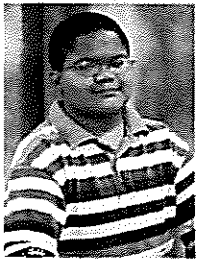


Photo by Sarah Abernathy





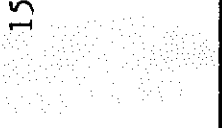




The Wizard of OZ Cast

Front row (left to right) Megan Davis, Desiree Parmer, Nastasha Wolford. Back row: Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Justin Rhodes, Zelina Cooley, Matthew Stump.

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| 5 Theatre WV arrives for  | 6 Varsity girls & Middle boys start basketball practice  | 7 | 8  | 9 | 10 HOME GOING PEA JR NAD TAPESTRY | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Varsity boys start basketball practice  | 14 | 15  | 16 HOME GOING PEA SRH USA TAPESTRY | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22  | 23  | 24 | 25 |

Thanksgiving Break

BIRTHDAYS

Megan Davis -7th

Roderick Stickley-8th

Lucas Turner-9th

Zelina Cooley-16th



Interview With WVSD's New Speech Teacher



Mrs. Ashley Suddath

Interview and photo by Pam Thompson

How did you become interested in Speech? I became interested in Speech in high school. I actually did some volunteering and job shadowing at WVSD when I was in high school.

Where did you earn your degree? Where did you train? Intern? I earned both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from WVU. I worked in a private clinic, public school, hospital and nursing home during graduate school, but my longest internship was here at WVSD last spring.

How did you know about WVSD? Like I said before, I'd volunteered here in the past and liked it, but when I was looking for somewhere to do an internship, I met Cindy and that's how I ended up here.

Do you enjoy working with D/HH students? Yes, very much, but

there is so much to learn. The students teach me as much as I teach them!

Why did you choose to work at our school? After doing my internship here last spring, I knew that I would love to work here!

Where are you from? I have always lived in Hampshire County.

Where do you live? After college, I moved back here. My husband and I live in Augusta.

Do you work at other schools with other students? Yes. On Friday, I work at John Handley High School in Winchester.

Sorenson VRS Update

by Mr. Blakely
Communication Center Coordinator

During Deaf Awareness Week, Mr. John Edington, Sorenson VRS Outreach Manager and Trainer, gave a presentation, "A Brief History of Sorenson VRS: Past, Present, and Future."

I would like to update students, staff, and parents. Two additional Sorenson VRS's have been added to our school. One is at our secretary's desk (304-822-4861), and the other is in our principal's office (304-822-4860).

Also, in the near future, we will add a Sorenson VRS to our IEP office for educational purposes.

FBLA NEW OFFICERS:

President: Sarah Abernathy
Vice-President: Terry Withrow
Treasurer: Matthew Hart
Secretary: Natasha Wolford
Reporter: Megan Cavender
Parliamentarians: Josh Duff and Megan Davis



Jr.NAD NEW OFFICERS:

President: Justin Rhodes
Vice-President: Michael Jarvis
Treasurer: Justin Gregory
Secretary: Maddie Mongold
Sergeants-at-Arms: Josh Duff and Tiffany Friend



FFA NEW OFFICERS:

President: Roderick Stickley
Vice-President: Terry Withrow
Treasurer: Sarah Abernathy
Secretary: Pamela Thompson
Reporter: Justin Rhodes
Sentinels: Page Miller and Justin Gregory



Skills USA New Officers:

President: Michael Jarvis
Vice-President: Roderick Stickley
Secretary: Pamela Thompson
Treasurer: Lucas Helmick
Reporter: Megan Cavender
Parliamentarian: Josh Duff



Varsity Volleyball News

by Coach Mary Beth Surber

It's hard to believe the volleyball season is almost over. There are two games left to play next week. Senior night will be held next Thursday in honor of Zelina Cooley. Thank you, my girls, for being patient with me while I was out due to my husband's illness. Thank you, Coach Mary Kesler, for taking over for me when needed.

The girls showed much improvement over the season. I'm proud of them.

Results:

Sept. 12- Lost, 1-3 (Paw Paw)
Scores were 26-24, 18-25, 17-25, and 22-25.

Sept. 14- Won, 3-1 (VSD)
Scores were 25-8, 30-35, 25-13, and 25-6.

Sept 21- Lost 0-3 (Mt. View)
Scores were 13-25, 20-25, and 17-25.

Oct. 3- Lost 0-2 (East Hardy)
Scores were 9-25 and 17-25

Lost- (Paw Paw) Scores were 15-25, 25-23, and 13-25.

Oct. 10 Lost, 0-3 (VSD)
Scores were 24-26, 19-25, and 23-25.

WVSD hosted the ESDAA Tournament on Oct. 5-7, 2006. Five schools participated in the 3-day event. Polly Hodge, Maddie Mongold, and Pamela Thompson were chosen as All Stars.

Champion- Rochester School for the Deaf

2nd place- Delaware School for the Deaf

3rd place- St. Mary's School for the Deaf

4th place- WVSD

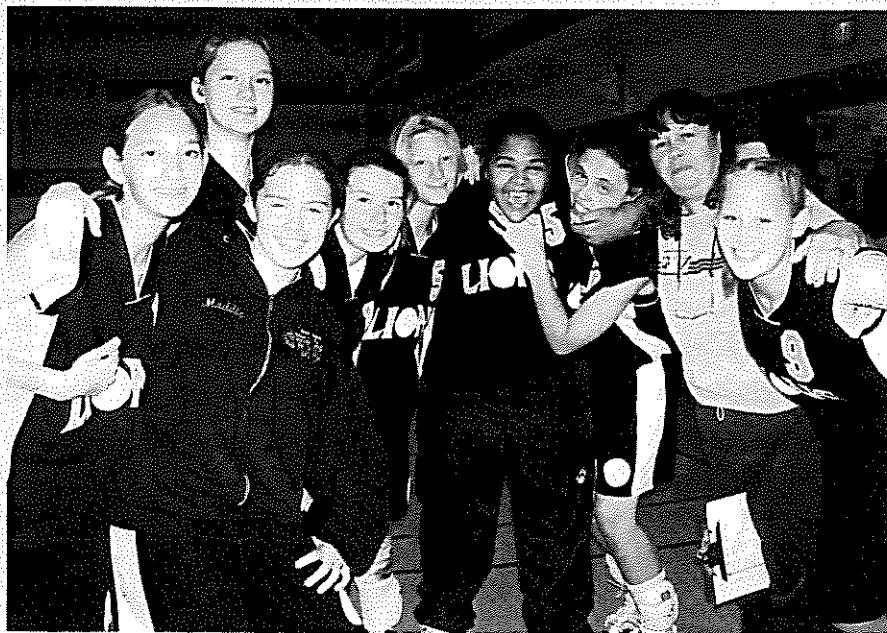
5th place- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

"ZZ" Says...

We took 4th place in this year's tournament, but we met many people and had a lot of fun. Each team had its own strengths and I noticed a lot of improvement in each team's skills.



Photos from the tournament by Mrs. Heare and Mrs. Dodgins



Middle School Volleyball News

by *Couch Kelser*

The middle school girls participating on the volleyball team are 8th graders Chelsea Hill, Holly Ramos, Chlesea Tallman, Shawna Weatherholt, and Amber Williams; 7th graders Chasity Hammond; and 5th grader Shelby Hose.

Our record is 6-4. The girls have been practicing their skills and showing their talents as a team.

The team has played most of the games at Romney Middle

School; however, they played triway matches against Capon Bridge, Charles Town, and Shepherds-town. The girls are great at serving, passing, and setting. They play as a well-oiled team.

The volleyball season is almost over. The last home game was October 26, against Front Royal. Stats are available on request.

Middle School Volleyball Results

| | | | | |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|------------|
| 9/11 | vs. CBMS | 25-21 | 25-12 | won |
| | vs. RMS | 19-25 | 22-25 | lost |
| 9/18 | vs. CTMS | 21-25 | 27-25 | 15-8 won |
| | vs. RMS | 11-25 | 11-25 | lost |
| 9/20 | vs. SMS | 11-25 | 25-22 | 26-24 won |
| | vs. RMS | 24-26 | 15-25 | lost |
| 9/25 | vs. SVCA | 25-15 | 25-17 | won |
| 10/4 | vs. CTMS | 25-13 | 25-16 | won |
| | vs. CBMS | 25-19 | 18-25 | 18-25 lost |
| 10/16 | vs. SVCA | 25-20 | 23-25 | 15-6 won |

Senior Night



Zelina Cooley, WVSD's only senior on the volleyball team, was honored Oct. 26 before playing her last game.

Athletic Director Bob Haines and Coach Surber gave Zelina flowers and a framed collage for the occasion.

Zelina said, "We played against a school from Front Royal. It was a hot game, but we lost. We all had fun anyway!"

Academic Bowl News

by *Mr. Blakely, AB Coordinator*

We are so lionly proud to announce that the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind will host the Mid-Atlantic Regional Academic Bowl Competition in March, 2008. We will keep you informed.

When Ordinary "Pumpkins" Become "Jack-O-Lanterns"

These are not just ordinary "pumpkins!"

Mrs. Judd's art students turned pumpkins into wonderful "jack-o-lanterns," whose faces have expressions that are funny, scary, sad, bewildered, cute, and more!

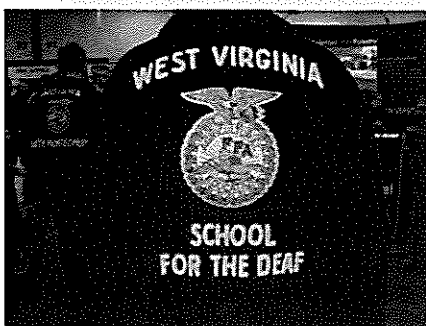
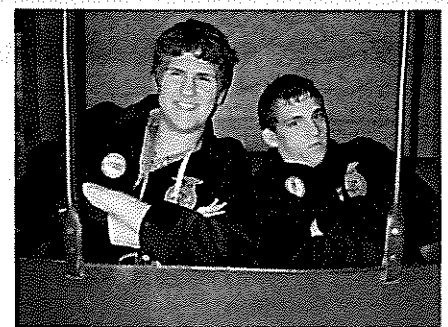
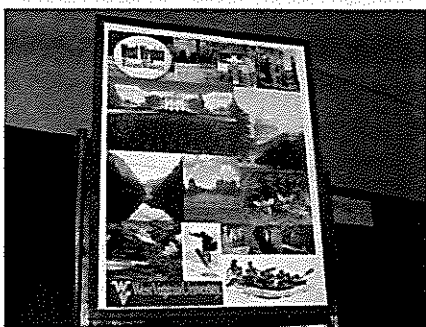
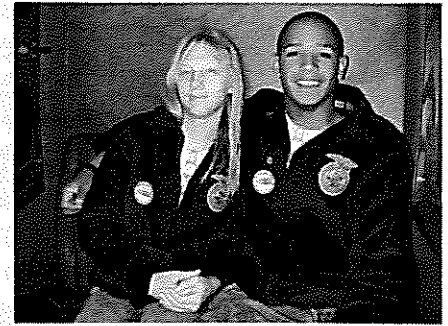
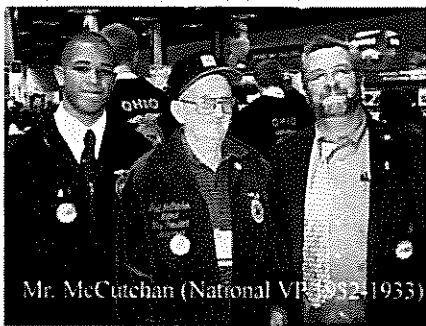
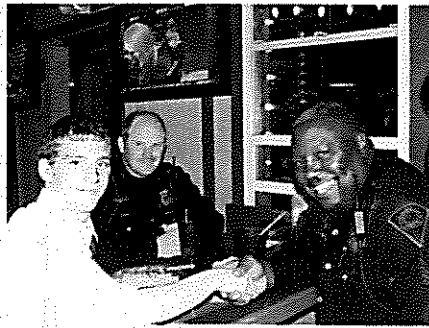
These are just a few examples that have recently adorned the hallway on the second floor.




FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

by Pam Thompson

On October 24 eight students and three sponsors traveled to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Former NFL quarterback Terry Bradshaw was the main speaker. Students and staff who attended the National Convention were Tiffany Friend, Justin Gregory, Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, Justin Rhodes, Roddy Stickley, and Pamela Thompson. Staff who accompanied the members were Mr. Adrian, Ms. Davis, Mr. Leatherman, and our bus driver, Mr. Link.



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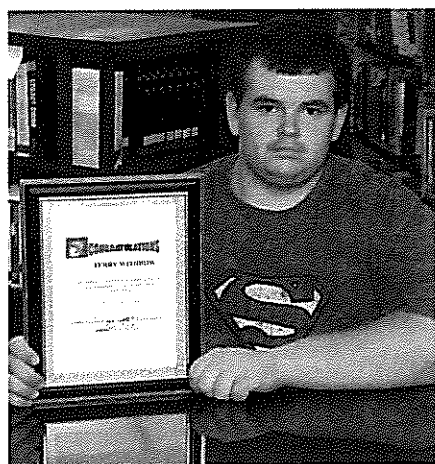
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Withrow Honored at HHS Football Banquet

by Mr. Bob Haines, AD



Terry Withrow

Once upon a time, actually five years ago, a group of deaf students was playing touch football in front of the dorm on the Romney campus.

Many of the boys were talking about playing football for the Hampshire Trojans. Since that time, as many as six students from the West Virginia School for the Deaf have participated on the football teams in Hampshire County.

The 2006 football season ended with a home game victory on Senior Night at Rannells Field. A bit of history was handed down on this final game of the successful but injury riddled season for the green and white.

The largest senior with the largest smile stood in front of the home crowd with his parents and his interpreter to conclude four consecutive seasons of football as a Trojan.

Terry Withrow fulfilled a dream by becoming the first WVSD student to be a member of the football team for four years.

The 17-year-old lineman from Charleston was honored during the football banquet with a framed, signed certificate from Hampshire High School signifying his accomplishments.

Terry is also a member of the basketball team at WVSD as well as the school's top scoring archery team member. He is involved in Future Farmers of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Tapestry, and Skills USA.

Hopefully, Terry has set a standard for other hard-of-hearing and/or deaf athletes to follow. He has given up summer vacations, homegoings, and recreational time and trips with classmates to be a member of the HHS football squad for the past four seasons.

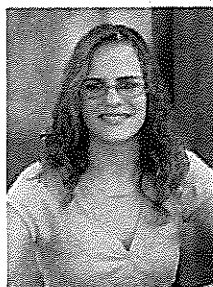
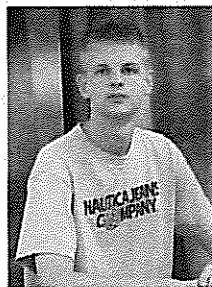
Congratulations #78!!!!

Dorm Students of the Month Honored

Mrs. Nancy Williams, Director of Student Living, announced the October and November Students of the Month. Students are selected by the child care workers on the basis of many positive attributes, including good behavior, positive attitude, neat room, and participation in dorm & school activities.

Desiree Parmer, a senior in the Advanced Girls' Dorm, is from Weston. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Forrest.

Senior Lucas Turner, Advanced Boys' Dorm, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Turner of Clendenin.

Desiree Parmer
OCTOBERLucas Turner
OCTOBERChelsea Tallman
NOVEMBERJensen Greenstein
NOVEMBER

Chelsea Tallman is an eighth grader in the Intermediate Girls' Dorm. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tallman of Ridgeley.

Eighth grader Jensen Greenstein, Intermediate Boys' Dorm, is the son of Ms. Tera Greenstein of Parkersburg.

Honor Roll

First Nine Weeks

3.0 GPA

7th Grade

Eversole, Derrick
Shipley, Taylor
King, Joshua

8th Grade

Lee, Patrick
Weatherholt, Shawna
Williams, Amber

9th Grade

Duff, Joshua
Stickley, Roderick
Johnson, Samantha
Mongold, Madaline

10th Grade

Holliday, Jason
Miller, Page
Hart, Matthew
Jarvis, Michael

11th Grade

Thompson, Pamela
Gregory, Justin

12th Grade

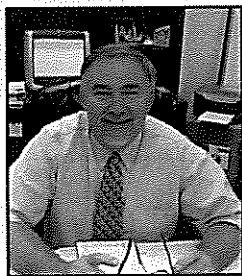
Rhodes, Justin
Turner, Lucas
Parmer, Desiree
Wolford, Natasha
Davis, Megan

Way to go!!!



Principal's Post

By Mr. Corbin



In addition to their regular course work, our students are sharpening their basketball skills in preparation for the upcoming season. The vast majority of our students are participating in some manner on one of our four teams at either the varsity or middle school levels. Students are also actively involved in our clubs which include the FFA, FBLA, Skills-USA, and Jr. NAD. The Junior and Senior classes are busy with fundraisers which include selling concessions at our home

basketball games. So, when you come to support our teams, remember to visit the concession stand and support the classes too.

We were all saddened by the untimely death of our friend, Chef Harvey Christie. "Chef Harv" had long been a friend to our school and the students. He served as a mentor for our ProStart Culinary Arts Program and was an active member of our Career and Technical Education Advisory Board. He also worked on fundraising projects with our clubs. His special concern for students and love for the promotion of food products will be missed by all who knew him.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday!

In Memory of "Chef Harv"

Chef Harvey Christie, who passed away December 1, 2006, was a dear friend to our students and staff. On four occasions he welcomed our FFA and FBLA members into his kitchen for the entire day, where he supervised the making of gourmet products that the club members later sold as fundraisers. He gave our students the opportunity to see what it is like to have a "real job," and at the same time, he taught good work habits, behaviors, and attitudes. We will all miss him greatly.





Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Williams

It's beginning to look like a winter wonderland at Seaton Hall thanks to our students and staff. All dorm floors and the lobby are decorated with twinkling lights, evergreen garlands, ribbons, wreaths, snowflakes, and trees featuring homemade ornaments. A Seaton Hall tradition includes an ornament with a picture of each student, first hung on the dorm tree, and then taken home for the holiday. Many thanks to our wonderful child care workers for the seasonal decorating and for making cards, crafts, gifts, and cookies with the dorm students. The excitement is building for a wonderful holiday and long winter break!

This year there are no long-distance homegoings from the Thanksgiving break until the winter holiday begins December 22. To break up the time, many special outings were planned during the week and weekends for students staying in the dormitory. A shopping trip and dinner out at the Cumberland Mall was the first big event. Many students bought presents for their families. Back at the dorm, child care workers helped wrap presents so that when students go home December 22, most of their shopping will be done. Another outing was going bowling in Moorefield. Taylor, and her chum Charlotte, made cupcakes for all the students. The bowling trip doubled as our December birthday party and everyone was treated to pizza, drinks, and cupcakes. The following weekend, a bus trip went to Rocky Gap State Park. The students were able to see the spectacular display of lights called "Mountain Reflections." The light displays were creative and colorful. The same night, students enjoyed the all-you-can-eat buffet at CiCi's in LaVale. The last big trip for December was to the open house at the Cumberland Riverside YMCA. All activities, including swimming in the Olympic size pool, were free to attendees.

Seaton hall dormitory students have been busy with after-school and weekend activities. Tapestry students per-

formed the first Sunday in December at the Community Christmas Concert. As always, their performance was inspiring and professional. Basketball practice started just after the Thanksgiving break. The girls' team rushes into the dorm after school to change for practice, head to dinner, and then have a break to shower and relax before it is time for homework. The boys' team usually practices after dinner. Students who do not play basketball are busy playing games or doing special activities with child care workers. Almost every evening the students gather in the student union for healthy snacks and time to socialize. The ping-pong and pool tables are always in use. The large TV is a gathering place and watching wrestling seems to be a favorite pastime lately. Of course, there is always a crowd gathered to watch the WVU Mountaineers play.

Students of the month for November are Jensen Greenstein and Chelsea Tallman. We congratulate these students for displaying positive character traits. These students always have a good atti-

tude, are helpful to friends and staff, are neat and clean, and show leadership in dorm activities by setting a good example.

This month I would like to feature another of our child care workers. Kim Buckley came to WVSD with previous experience in a child care setting. She brought with her many strategies for positive behavior support. Kim is especially good at helping students improve behavior. For example, if a student is having difficulty controlling emotions, Kim uses a variety of strategies including giving cool-down time, helping state the real issue, and problem-solving. Kim also does many activities with students and builds strong relationships with the older girls in the advanced girls' dorm. The girls know that Kim has special pets at home, beautiful black, brown and white dogs called Burmese Mountain Dogs. Kim's mother, Anna Dean, was a beloved houseparent at the Elementary School for the Deaf for many years. We are fortunate to have Kim on our staff at Seaton Hall.

The Seaton Hall staff sends a warm and friendly wish for a safe and happy holiday to you and yours!

Coach See Says

by Coach Paul See

As I enter the seventh season of coaching at WVSD, I am pleased to announce that we have seven returning players and two new players joining us for the 2006-2007 boys' varsity basketball season. We have two seniors, Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow, who are also our team captains. I know they will provide outstanding leadership and motivation to the team. Justin Gregory is our only junior on the team, and I hope he sees more action this year. Three sophomores, Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis, and Page Miller, and one freshman, Josh Duff, racked up some experience from the previous season. They should be able to push themselves into excellence this year.

The fourth sophomore, Matthew Hart, is joining the team for the first time.



I expect to see some improvements with him as the season goes. The only rookie on this team, Roderick Stickley, just moved up to this level from middle school. He has some experience in basketball which will be an asset for the team. I expect for him to see some action too.

We will have our season opener at home on December 12th against Harman. We will travel to Union in Mt. Storm on December 13th and will host Front Royal on December 18th and Moorefield on the 19th. As I will not be making reports on games in December, look for game recaps in the next issue.

I am excited to have a chance to coach this team again and am looking forward to a better season! For your information, we will host the ESDAA Div II and Division III Boys' Basketball Tournament on February 8th-10th. We hope you will be able to come out and support us throughout the tournament and the season too!

FFA Students Gain New Experience

On November 2, six FFA students traveled to HHS to butcher two pigs raised by Terry Withrow and Roderick Stickley. The students cut the meat from Sting (Terry's pig) and Rodney (Roderick's pig) for sausage, bacon, ribs, sausage links, and ham.

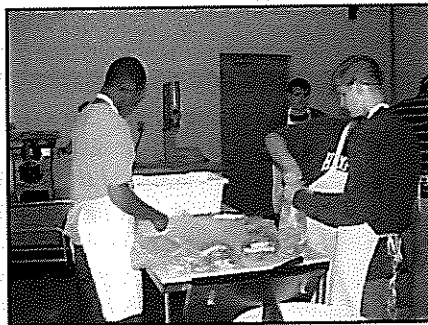
STUDENT COMMENTS

PAMELA:

"I will never do that again! It was so disgusting!!"

ZELINA:

"I did not like cutting raw meat, but I had to because my teacher told me to do it. I would never do that again, because it is gross. I saw a lot of hair in the meat. I am very fussy over food, so when I saw that, it made me not want to eat meat again. The sausage links are packed in a casing from the pig's intestines. I was shocked! Oh my Lord! I eat that stuff? That was disgusting to me!"



Pam interviewed Roderick Stickley and Terry Withrow about butchering their pigs.

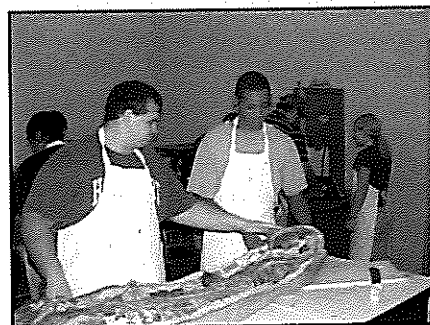
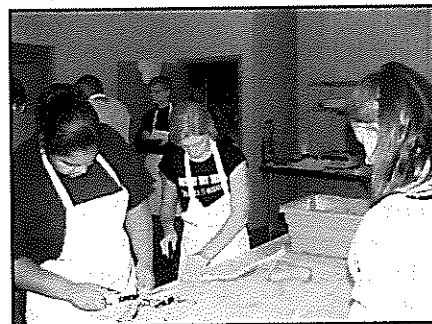
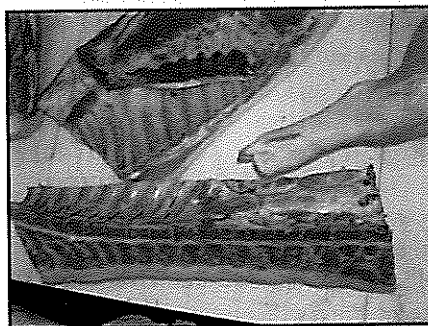
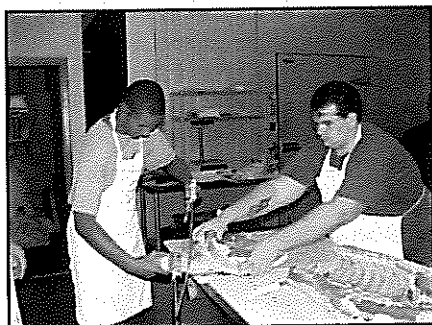
TERRY WITHROW:

- 1) Who raised your pig? *I did with help from Justin Gregory, Josh Duff, and Roderick Stickley.*
- 2) What is involved in raising a pig? *Hard work.*
- 3) Who bought the pig? *Mr. Leatherman*
- 4) How did you feel when you killed the pig? *First, I felt a little bit hurt, and then I felt a little better. Now I am fine.*
- 5) Was this your first time butchering a pig? *No, I have butchered before.*



RODERICK STICKLEY:

- 1) Who raised your pig? *I did but with some help from my friends Justin Gregory, Josh Duff, and Terry Withrow.*
- 2) What is involved in raising a pig? *Commitment and hard work.*
- 3) Who bought the pig? *Mr. Leatherman*
- 4) How did you feel when you killed the pig? *I felt disgusted for a minute, but then I just started getting used to it.*
- 5) Was this your first time butchering a pig? *Yes, it was my first time.*





*In Memory
of our dear friend,*
LIZ
BALDWIN



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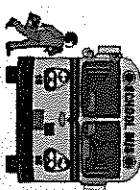
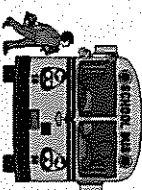
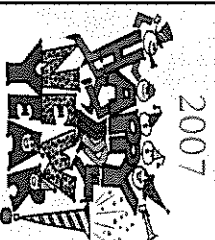
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MSG- Middle School
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Boys
VG- Varsity Girls
VB- Varsity Boys
BB- Basketball



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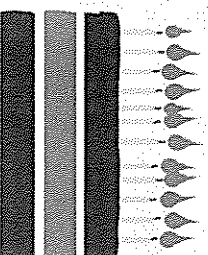
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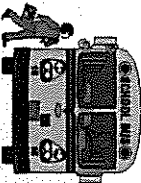
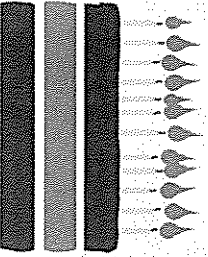
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BIRTHDAYS

Tiffany Friend- 4th
Chelsea Hill- 10th
Amber Williams- 16th
James Hudson- 25th



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WVSD FFA Members Participate in State Events

by Justin Rhodes

Seven members of the West Virginia School for the Deaf FFA participated in the West Virginia FFA Career Development Events at West Virginia University in Morgantown on Sept. 29. Specific events included forestry and seventh-eighth grade agriscience knowledge.

The forestry event consisted of a general knowledge/management test, tree identification test, compass and pacing, forestry equipment identification, and timber cruising. Four members from each school

were allowed to participate in these forestry events. The School for the Deaf came in 19th out of 22 schools with only three members competing in these events. Michael Jarvis placed 58th and had 180 points; Jason Holliday placed 64th and had 160 points; and Page Miller placed 79th and had 97 points. They studied under Mr. Leatherman, our agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

Our seventh and eighth grade agriscience team placed 6th out of 7 schools. Members of the seventh and eighth grade team participated

in events consisting of plants, animals, agricultural mechanics, tools identification, and FFA history. Shawna Weatherholt scored 53 points, Holly Ramos had 40 points, Chelsea Hill obtained 35 points and Amber Williams earned 10 points.

During our time at WVU, we split into groups and explored the campus. Some went to the Mountain Lair to eat and to ride the PRT (personal rapid transportation). Some of the members went to the WVU basketball arena and the visitors' center.

Academic Bowl News

by Michael Jarvis

Under Mr. Blakely's leadership, we have set up our computer/LCD/screen in classroom #202, where we can compete/practice against each other in order to be ready for the Mid-Atlantic Academic Bowl Regional on March 8-11, 2007.

We are enjoying this educational challenge and opportunity to experience the Academic Bowl (AB) competition in an informal way.

We're excited to be able to have a simulated AB competition, so we'll know what to expect and feel more prepared in March. Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs. Heare and Mrs. Staley for permitting us to use this classroom and to Mrs. Dodgins for her expertise in technology.

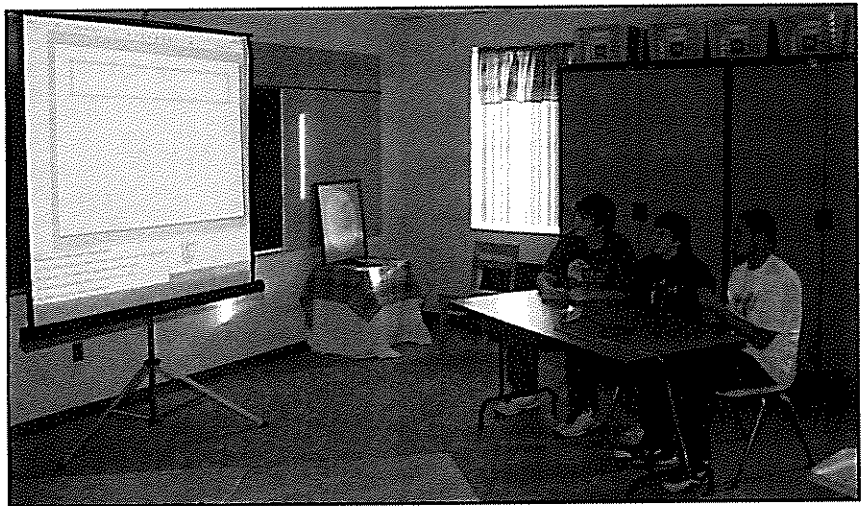
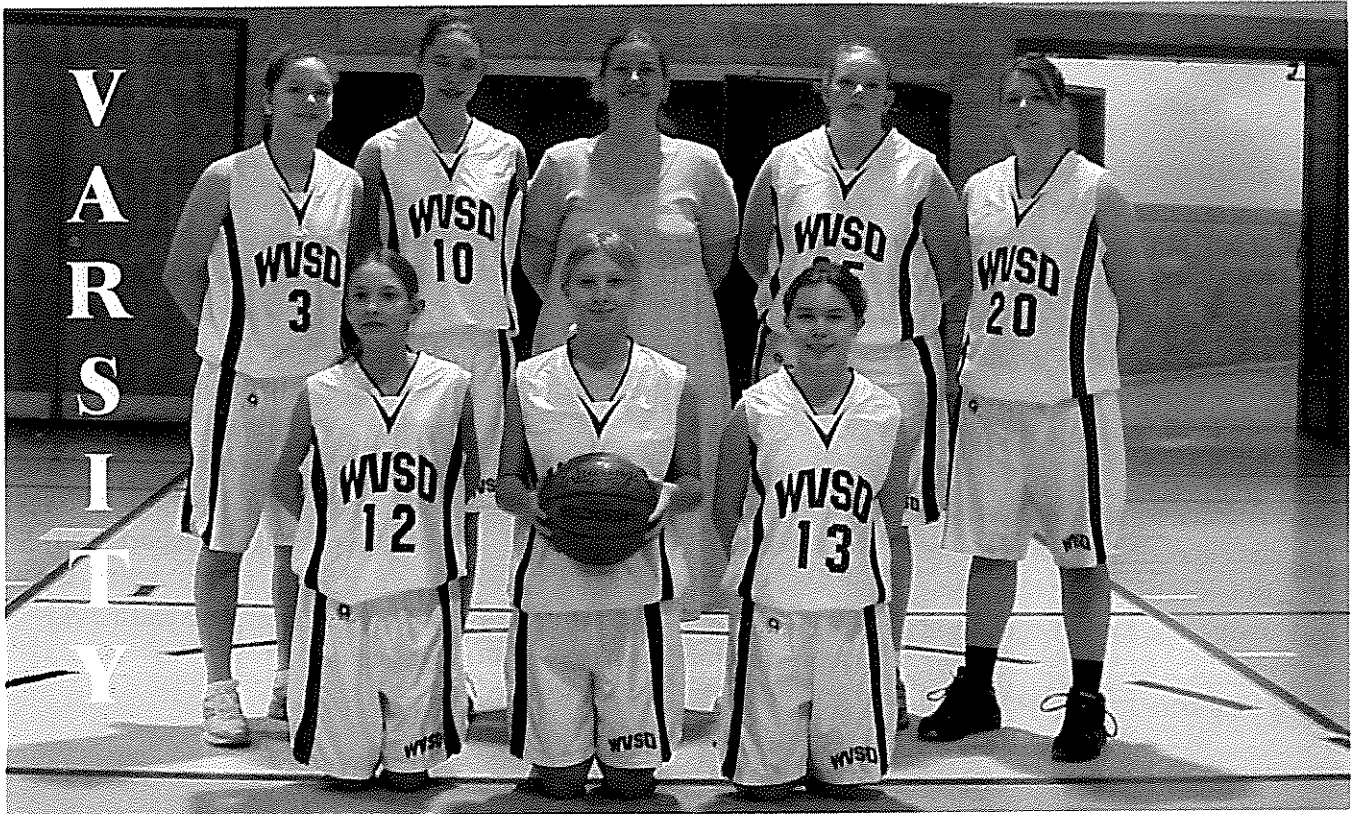


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis, and Roderick Stickley getting ready to practice for the Academic Bowl in Room 202.

Our Apologies

We apologize for the numerous mistakes in October's Lions' Tale. The unedited pages were inadvertently copied for distribution. The Lions' Tale staff sincerely regrets this error.



Kneeing left to right: Samantha Johnson, Pamela Thompson, Madaline Mongold. Standing left to right: Polly Hodge, Tiffany Friend, Mrs.Kesler, Sarah Abernathy, Cassandra Heaster. Not pictured: Zelina Cooley.

Photo by Holly Ramos



Kneeing left to right: Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Tallman, Chelsea Hill. Standing left to right: Mrs.Kesler, Amber Williams, Taylor Shipley, Holly Ramos, Chasity Hammond.

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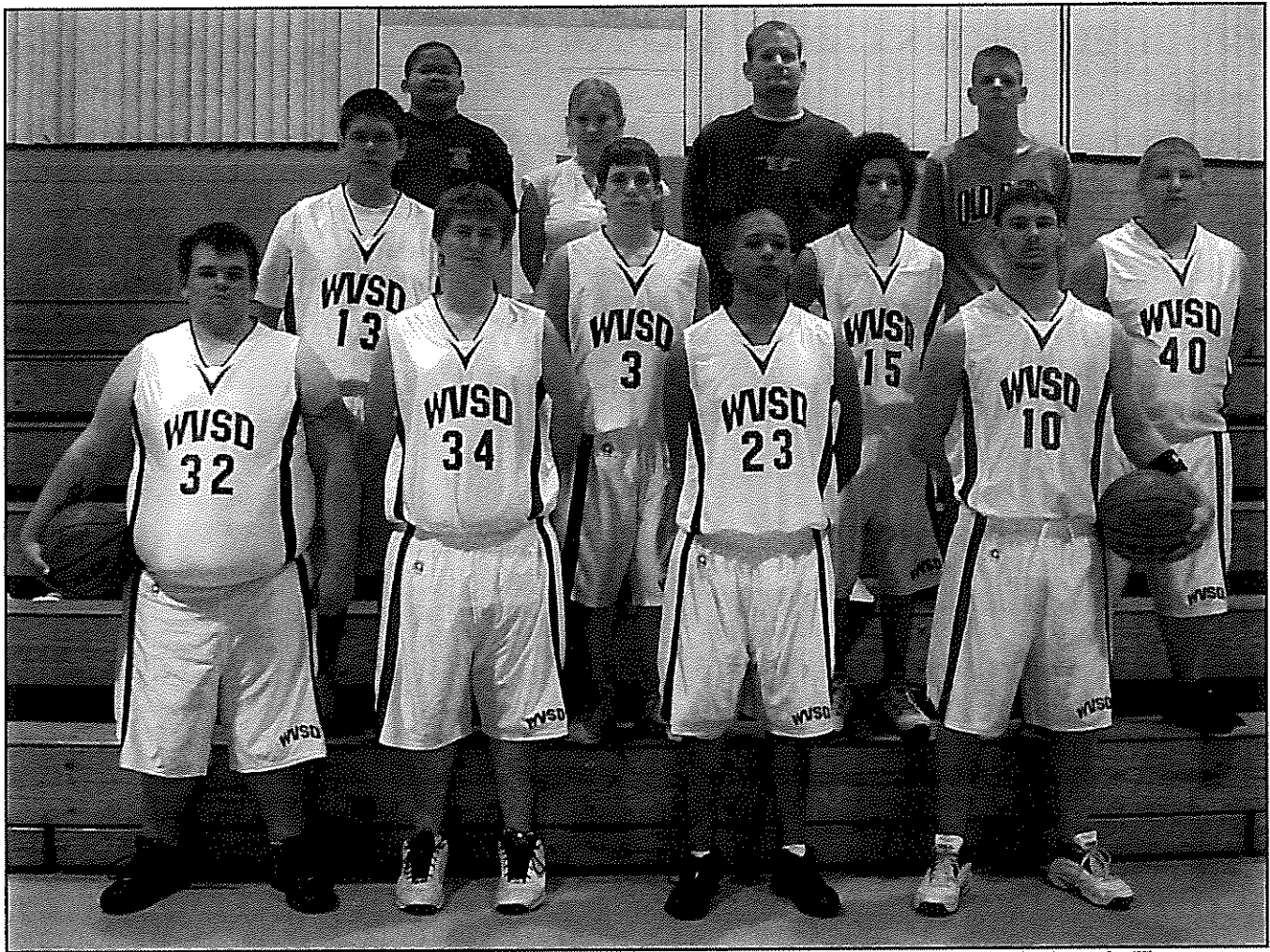
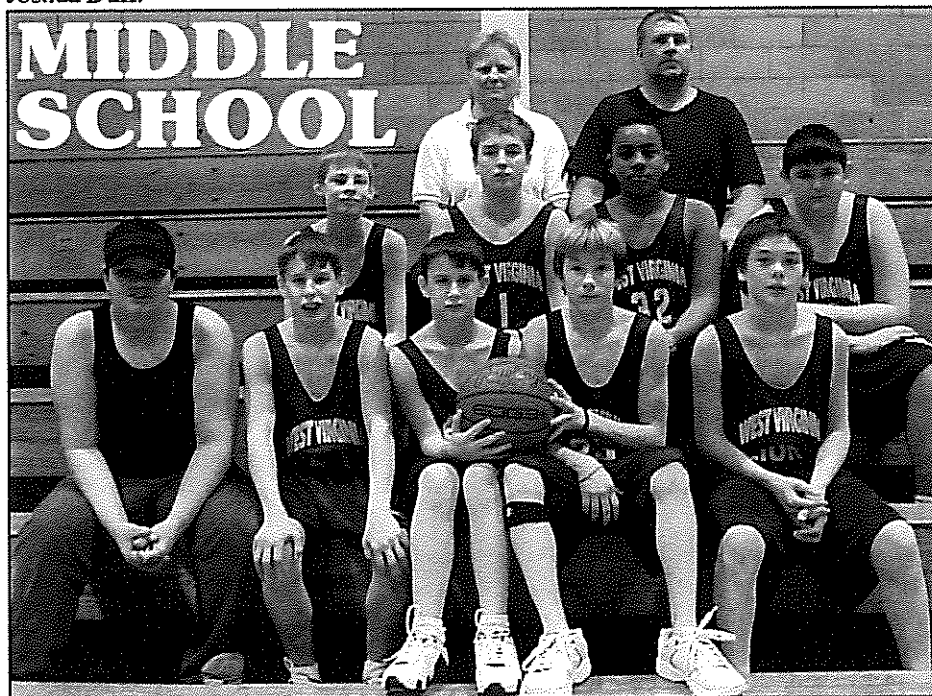


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Front, left to right: Terry Withrow, Jason Holliday, Roddy Stickley, Justin Rhodes. Middle, left to right: Matthew Hart, Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, Justin Gregory. Back, left to right: Darrel Beasley, Megan Cavender, Coach See, Lucas Turner. Not pictured: Joshua Duff.



Front, left to right: Joshua King, Derrick Eversole, Brandon Eversole, Jonathan Stokes, Patrick Lee. Middle, left to right: Jensen Greenstein, Ethan Bolyard, DeSean Thomas, Trent McKee. Back, Coaches Mary Buckley and Tim Slocum.

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LIONS

Mr. Engelman's Lizard (Artie) Dies

by Mr. Engelman

Our West Virginia School for the Deaf Future Farmers of America chapter collectively acquired an iguana lizard in 1990. Artie became an immediate example for us of reptilian living in up-close captivity. She survived in our artificial comfort, thrived at times in her gracious reptilian way, and brought awe, joy, and education to many students over time. On November 10, 2006, Artie, our iguana, woke up in the morning on the other side of the river of life. After sixteen years with us, we say thank you, Artie, for the blessing your life gave us. Amen.

(Pam Thompson interviewed Mr. Engelman about Artie on Nov. 14, 2006)

- 1) Did you have a funeral for Artie or did you just bury her? *"I buried her."*
- 2) When did you bury Artie? *"I buried her before the sun set the day she died."*
- 3) What size was Artie in 1990? *"She was 3 to 4 inches."*
- 4) How old was Artie in 1990? *"She was less than a year."*
- 5) Where did you find Artie the morning she died? *"She was laying on her favorite heat rock."*

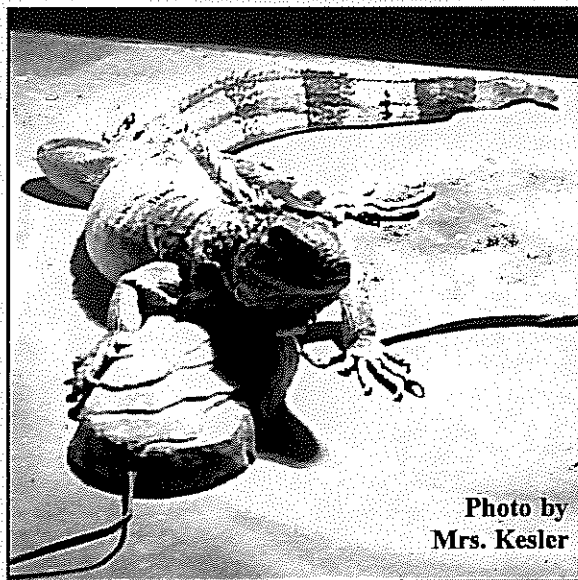


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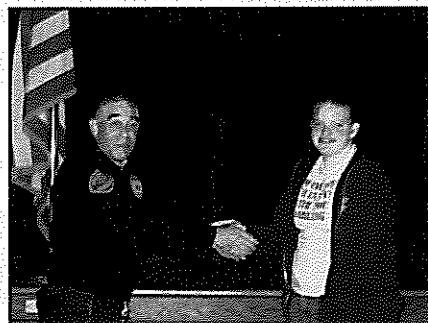
FBLA NEWS

Photos and article by Mrs. Brown

Luckily, the WVSD FBLA was able to solicit Mr. Kirk Lockwood at the November meeting for a short discussion on security for the campus and how it has changed over the past 32 years. All the students know Mr. Lockwood and appreciate his guarding them year in and year out. Our school is a better place due to people like Mr. Lockwood, and we thank you.

Bells, whistles, sirens, and oh how loud the engine roared - - that was the Romney Fire Department coming to the Future Business Leaders of America for their November meeting. Mr. James Method, along with firefighters Tyler Williams, G. T. Parsons, and Gary Bremer, spoke to approximately 23 students about fire safety. In addition, Mr. Bremer assisted FBLA members with trying on the fire gear. Can you imagine, when you are suited for a fire emergency, your gear can weigh between 80 and 100 pounds?

Our next scheduled meeting is January 12, 2007. Mr. Paul See, an environmental microbiologist with the WV Department of Agriculture and WVSD graduate, will be our guest speaker.



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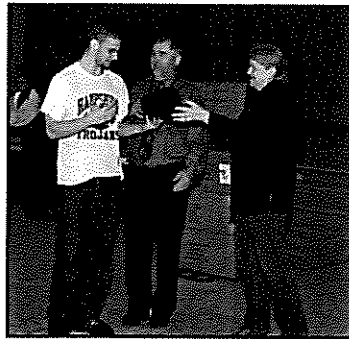
Before going home for Christmas vacation, students took part in some holiday fun and games. Groups of students rotated through relays, guessing games, bubble gum sculpting, and "snowball" toss.

Eighth grader Ethan Bolyard won first place in the bubble gum sculpting competition, and freshman Polly Hodge took second place.

Senior Megan Davis guessed closest to the number of chocolate candies in a jar; senior Terry Withrow won the marshmallow guessing game; freshman Darrel Beasley won the money box guessing game; and junior Justin Gregory won the peppermint candy guessing game. Winner of the snowman toss was eighth grader Chelsea Tallman.

After games and refreshments, Principal Corbin and Mrs. Staley gave each student a beautiful navy blue fleece blanket, embroidered in gold, with their name, "WVSD Lions," and a lion logo. Our heartfelt thanks to W. D. Christensen Plumbing & Water Conditioning, whose generosity made it possible for our students to receive these personalized blankets. Also, thanks to William and Cynthia Wylie and Personalized Impressions for their extra time and effort in making these unique gifts.

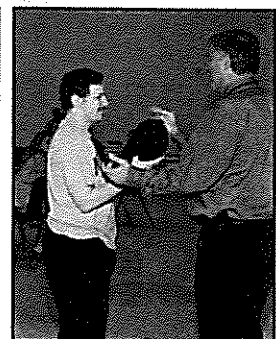
One student recently said, "I can't sleep without my new soft blanket! I take it everywhere! Thank you so much!"



Justin R., Mr. Corbin, and Mrs. Staley



Chelsea T.



Matthew S.



Justin G.



Darrel



Terry



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Ethan

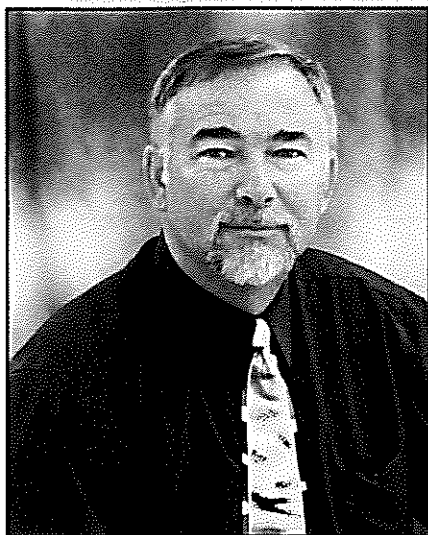


Polly



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



A few years ago a famous group of singers who called themselves the Beatles did a song that said, "I get by with little help from my friends." Our school has some very special friends that do more than help us to get by; they help to make the lives of our students really exceptional. I would like to dedicate this column to our special friends with the hope that others will join me in giving them the recognition and appreciation that they deserve. Their help does so much to enrich the lives of the students at WVSD.

Our newest friends, W.D. Christensen and Rose Palmer helped us provide gifts to the students at Christmas. Each student received a personalized stadium blanket that included our school logo. These gifts of warmth and love arrived through Christensen's Plumbing of Augusta and will be enjoyed for a long time to come. Rumor has it that Bill and Cindy Wylie of Personalized Impressions in Romney, the business where the

blankets were purchased, also contributed by reducing their price for us.

Our Partners in Education, the United Auto Workers, hosted a wonderful Christmas party for students. They arrived on campus with Santa, gifts, and pizza in hand. After serving students all the pizza they could eat, they gave each one a nice book bag. In the fall, they hosted a cookout where they prepared the meal and served every student. These dear friends also provide a scholarship for a college bound senior each year.

Through the years, no organization has done more to enrich the lives of our students than the Lions Clubs of West Virginia. For over twenty years, students at WVSD&B have been given the opportunity to enjoy the sport of skiing coupled with great hospitality, complements of the Lions. In more recent years, they have added a work program which sponsors our students as they perform on campus duties. They also sponsor several recreational activities for students through the year. We could not do these trips without the help of our friends.

Students further enjoy the support of our friends in Romney. The local VFW annually recognizes our outstanding male and female students and awards them with watches. The Romney Moose provides support in the form of a scholarship for a college bound senior.

The West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association and The West

Virginia Deaf Association provide special support for students throughout the year and at graduation.

We have friends that support us by serving as volunteers, serving as members of advisory councils, and serving on various committees. Their help improves the quality of our programs and campus life as well.

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Sorenson provide our students with training in technology and provide them with special incentives throughout the year.

With the help of our friends, our students' lives at WVSD are greatly enhanced and enriched. On behalf of the students, although we cannot thank you enough, thank you, dear friends.

Junior-Senior PROM

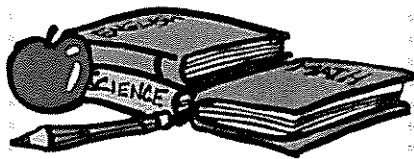
GRADES 9-12

Saturday
May 5, 2007



Honor Roll

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Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Williams



January has been a busy month in the dorm. Basketball games have been a wonderful diversion. All students participate as players, man-

agers or supporters! Junior class members have been selling snacks at the games, getting good experience making change, and working with the public. The varsity boys and girls have been practicing to get ready for the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) tournaments. Our school will host 10 boys' basketball teams February 8-10. The girls' team will travel to Rochester, New York for a tournament February 14-17. Students are counting down to tournament time!

Food is always a "hot topic" in the dorm! Fresh fruit and juices are always available along with tasty granola bars. In January we taste-tested some new microwave sandwich snacks including a Phillie Cheesesteak and a cheeseburger. Pizza remains the dorm favorite. We are grateful to several students who help at snack time: Pammie, Maddie, Sarah and Page. They participate in the Lions' Club work program to earn money.

Our December students of the month are Tiffany Friend and Jason Holliday. As always, they are selected for this honor by our child care worker staff members on the basis of positive attitude, willingness to help others, and being a good example by following rules.

This month we would like to put the spotlight on Tim Slocum. He has worked in Seaton Hall since 1997. "Coach" Tim really enjoys helping students be their best in competitive

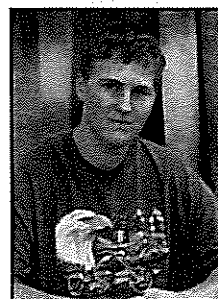
sports. He has been an athletic interpreter for HHS football and currently assists the JV Boys' Basketball team. Tim is known for his patience and understanding with the intermediate boys' dorm students. He can be counted on to keep the kids active and plan leisure activities in the gym evenings and weekends. Tim is an outdoorsman and has his own business in Springfield, "South Branch Bait and Tackle," where he also specializes in bow hunting equipment.

January outings included a "boys night out" for pizza and bowling, a trip to Moorefield to the movies, and a surprise night for the girls. During the evenings, students can be seen playing video games, shooting pool, or playing ping-pong or a friendly game of cards with child care workers and other students. Seaton Hall is "home away from home."

DECEMBER Students of the Month



Tiffany Friend
Advanced Girls



Jason Holliday
Advanced Boys

Career Majors Class Tours Local Businesses



Photo by Mrs. Bonnie Brown

Back Row: Mr. Lawrence Foley, Matthew Hart, Tiffany Friend, Ms. Bonnie Smith, Jason Holliday, Lucas Helmick. Front row: Megan Cavender, Page Miller, and Michael Jarvis.

Recently, WVSD Career Majors students toured the Bank of Romney. Ms. Bonnie Smith served as our guide. How does one become a bank employee, what requirements are needed to work at the bank, what classes should be taken in high school that would be helpful, can two people share a savings account, how do you endorse a check -- all were some of the questions asked by the group and answered by Ms. Smith. Included in the tour were the Loan Department, Bookkeeping Department, and Safety Department. One of our students was so impressed with the Bank of Romney that he asked if he could open a savings account that day. Ms. Smith enthusiastically obliged his request. Mr. Jarvis is on his road to financial success.

Thank you - **Bank of Romney** - for aiding our students with their career search and financial awareness and planning.

This January, eight members of the Career Majors class visited TMU (Todd Michael Unlimited), Beaver Run Road, Burlington. Todd has invited the WVSD Career Majors Class several times in the past; he always encourages new students to explore cosmetology.

One of the most needed skills in the profession is to be customer friendly. Of course that en-

tails a pleasant attitude and friendly smiles, no matter what personal issues are happening to you - **REMEMBER THE CUSTOMER....**

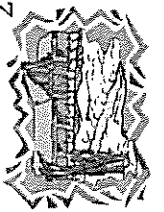
Miss Davis, a math teacher at WVSD, was again Todd's model. While working on her hair, Todd explained to the group what is required to become a cosmetologist, how long it takes, the scheduling, for profit and loss, for database of customers, and so many other time saving functions. Todd has over 800 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 in his shop. At his fingertips on his computer, he can access the names and telephone numbers of each of his clients and also how they like to have their hair styled.

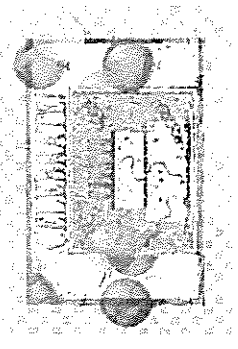
This year, Todd did something very special for the Career Majors students. He had a delicious pizza party and even served homemade cookies. What a treat! Thank you so much, Todd, for taking time out of your busy schedule to share with WVSD students.



Back Row: Jason Holliday, Tiffany Friend, and Lucas Helmick. Second Row: Matthew Hart, Megan Cavender, Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, and Mrs. Bonnie Brown. Front Row: Ms. Mary Davis, Todd Michael and Matthew Stump.

February 2007

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| 11 | 12 MBG BB (H) E. Hardy 6:30pm FFA Valentine Dance 7-9 p.m. - MPR | 13 MSB BB (H) Union 6pm VB BB (H) Union 7:15pm | 14 | 15 Varsity Girls' ESDAA Tournament @ Rochester NY | 16 MSB BB (A) E. Hardy 6:45pm VB BB (A) E. Hardy 7:30pm | 17 VB BB Night of Champions |
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A D C E T I V I T I E S



ROCKY GAP PHOTOS
BY AMBER WILLIAMS



Tech Ed Students Design Popcorn Boxes as Class Project

Each year, groups of seventh and eighth graders rotate through four of WVSD's Technical Education (Tech Ed) areas, so they can get an idea of what each area is about. This helps students find a Tech Ed area in which they are interested and gives them the opportunity to acquire some skills in each area. At the end of ninth grade, all students pick one of the Tech Ed areas in which they want to major. Exposure to Tech Ed in 7th and 8th grades helps them decide which area is compatible with their interests and skills.

During the second nine weeks, Mrs. Dodgins' eighth grade students used the programs Photoshop and Print Shop to design popcorn boxes. During this activity, they learned about marketing and about "target audience." Since their target audience was young children, they used bright colors and big fonts.

After the project was finished, Mrs. Dodgins let the students select a movie that they wanted to watch and brought in popcorn so they could eat it out of the boxes they made. Students in the class are Chelsea Hill, Patrick Lee, Holly Ramos, Shawna Weatherholt, and Amber Williams.

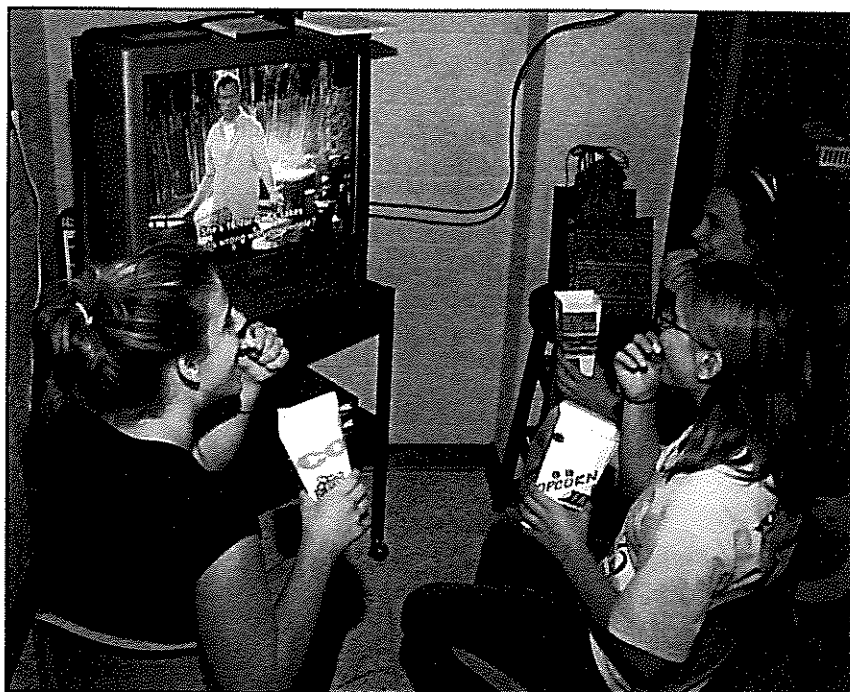


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Amber, Shawna, and Chelsea are watching Raise Your Voice while they eat from the popcorn boxes they made in Mrs. Dodgins' class.

Here are some of their comments:

CHELSEA: We liked making the popcorn boxes. We ate out of them while we watched a movie. We had to include the words, "Movie Time Popcorn" and use colors for little kids. I added "YUM YUM YUM Popcorn" to mine.

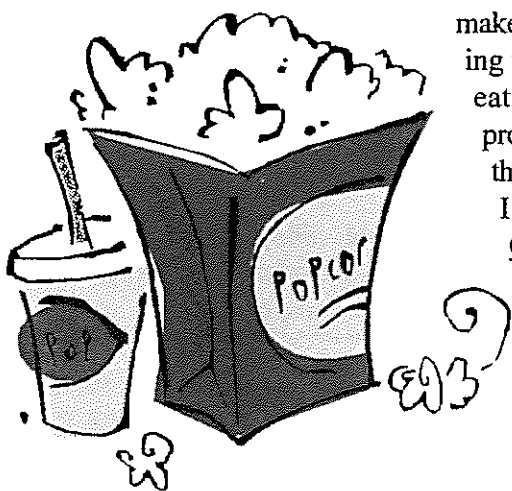
PATRICK: We all had to make popcorn boxes. I liked making the popcorn boxes and then eating out of them. It was a project that we had to do, and in the future I will make one again. I got to watch Pirates of the Caribbean 2. This was a learning experience for all of us.

HOLLY: We liked watching the movie, The Hot Chick. It was so

funny! I couldn't eat any popcorn because I have braces. We enjoyed learning how to make the popcorn boxes.

SHAWNA: My class had fun making popcorn boxes. They weren't hard to make. It was fun and easy. You just go to Print Shop and Photoshop. We watched Raise Your Voice which was my movie. It's my favorite movie. We had two kinds of popcorn, butter and cheese. YUM, YUM! Fun, Fun!

AMBER: We got to watch a movie and eat popcorn out of the popcorn boxes we made. The movie was so sad that I cried! A sister and brother were in a car, and they got hit by a truck. The brother died. Later the sister went to college and her mom and dad were so proud of her.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

by Coach Mary Kesler

The girls' basketball season has gone so fast. We are now at the mid-season with a record of 1-4 for the middle school girls' team and a record of 2-3 for the varsity girls' team.

Middle School Girls' Game Highlights:

Opponent: Romney (Home) Date: 12-1-06
Score: 18-31
Record: 0-1

Chelsea Hill made 5 steals and 2 assists. Taylor Shipley made 8 points, rebounded 17 times, and made 3 blocks.

Opponent: Harman (Away) Date: 12-7-06
Score: 20-45
Record: 0-2

Amber Williams made 14 points and 6 rebounds. Chelsea Hill made 4 steals. Shawna Weatherholt made 3 assists. Taylor Shipley made 7 rebounds.

Opponent: Paw Paw (Away) Date: 12-11-06
Score: 33-3
Record: 1-2

Chelsea Hill and Amber Williams each made 10 points. Shawna Weatherholt made 11 points. Taylor Shipley rebounded 11 times. Chelsea Hill also made 9 steals. Holly Ramos and Chasity Hammond each rebounded 3 times. Holly Ramos hustled across the court well.

Opponent: Capon Bridge (Away) Date: 1-9-07
Score: 27-32
Record: 1-3

Chelsea Hill made 8 points. Amber Williams made 9 points. Taylor Shipley made 9 rebounds and Amber Williams made 5 rebounds. Chasity Hammond, Chelsea Hill, Holly Ramos, and Shawna Weatherholt each made 2 rebounds.

Opponent: Harman (Home) Date: 1-17-07
Score: 12-44
Record: 1-4

Taylor Shipley rebounded 10 times. Chasity Hammond and Amber Williams each made an assist. Amber Williams also had 5 steals. Chelsea Hill had 2 points. Shawna Weatherholt had 4 points. Amber Williams had 6 points.

Varsity Girls' Game Highlights:

Opponent: Harman (Away) Date: 12-7-06
Score: 21-83
Record: 0-1

Maddie Mongold made 12 points. Polly Hodge made 19 rebounds. Cassie Heaster made 7 rebounds.

Opponent: Paw Paw (Away) Date: 12-11-06
Score: 39-78
Record: 0-2

Pamela Thompson made 15 points and had 7 steals. Polly Hodge rebounded 9 times and made 8 steals. Samantha Johnson made 6 points. Tiffany Friend made 5 points and rebounded 5 times.

Opponent: Front Royal (Home) Date: 12-18-06
Score: 33-30
Record: 1-2

Maddie Mongold made 8 points and had 8 steals. Polly Hodge made 7 points and rebounded 3 times. Samantha Johnson and Pamela Thompson each made 6 points. Zelina Cooley made 4 points and a rebound. Sarah Abernathy defended well.

Opponent: VSD (Away) Date: 1-11-07
Score: 41-21
Record: 2-2

Tiffany Friend made 12 points and 2 rebounds. Maddie Mongold made 8 points, 6 steals, and Polly Hodge made 7 points, 2 rebounds, 6 steals, and 2 assists. Zelina Cooley made 6 points, 3 rebounds, a steal, and 2 assists. Samantha Johnson and Pamela Thompson each made 4 points. Pamela Thompson also made 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Sarah Abernathy showed her effort by hustling around the court.

Opponent: Harman (Home) Date: 1-18-07
Score: 28-68
Record: 2-3

Maddie Mongold made 14 points. Zelina Cooley and Samantha Johnson each made 6 points. Pamela Thompson made 2 points and a rebound.

I look forward to the girls' participation in the ESDAA Division II basketball tournament next month at the Rochester School for the Deaf on February 14 - 17, 2007.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

by Coach Paul See

It has been an exciting season! As of January 19, 2007, our record is 5 wins and 2 losses. We have won 5 in a row after losing the first 2 games. It has been the longest winning streak in my coaching career yet. The team has been improving a great deal since Day One. I look forward for this team to get better and better every day. I want to mention that I truly do appreciate the boys' willingness to participate in this sport at WVSD. I know it may be difficult for the boys to balance themselves with academics, jobs, and sports. They understand that school comes first as it is the way for them to be able to participate in this sport. I want to mention that the ESDAA Boys' Basketball Tournament, which will take place at WVSD from Feb 8th through 10th, is just around the corner. I hope you will be able to come and support us in this exciting event! One of our players, Justin Rhodes, is approaching a milestone of 1,000 total points. As of this date, he is only 5 points away! I am anxious to see how the season turns out!

Here are the game recaps from the first 7 games:

Game # 1

Harman 71 West Virginia 48

We had the season opener last night (12/12/06) and lost on our home court. It also was our conference opener. We started out the game really well as the score was tied 16-16 at the end of the first quarter. All of a sudden, our offense went cold in the second quarter as we managed to come up with only 2 points. Harman took advantage of that by pouring 15 points in before the halftime. We were still struggling with offense in the 3rd quarter as we put up only 8 points while Harman poured in 19. We finally found the spark in the 4th quarter as we poured in 22 points, but Harman still had fire in its offense as they put in 21 points. I still think that my team did well for their first game and look forward to more games to come.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 18 points. Roderick Stickley, the rookie, followed up with 9 points. Page Miller came up with 8 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in with 7 points. Terry Withrow managed to come up with 4 points. Jason Holliday added his 2 points to the final score. Josh Duff and Justin Gregory saw some action but didn't come up with any points.

Game #2

Union 75 West Virginia 54

We lost our second in row in another conference matchup last night (12/13/06). It was close for the first 3 quarters. Union kept the lead for the entire game as the scores were 17-14 in first quarter, 32-28 at the half time, and 46-42 in the third quarter. We started to make some critical mistakes in the 4th quarter and Union expanded their lead to 10 points. We had to do the full court defense as much as we were able. Union just kept scoring to push the big lead to the end. We missed a lot of shots inside the paint and had a bad night of foul shooting. We only made 8 out of 25 foul shots. It was a very good experience for my young players as the season progresses.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists. Roderick Stickley followed up with 14 points. Page Miller chipped in with 9 points. Michael Jarvis made a contribution with his 8 points. Terry Withrow came up with 2 points. Jason Holliday and Josh Duff each added 1 point to the final score. Justin Gregory saw some action but didn't get a chance to shoot.

Game #3

West Virginia 67 Front Royal 57

We hosted Front Royal Christian Academy last night (12/18/06) and earned our first win of the season. It was a good battle the entire game with leads changing several times. We had a slow start in the first quarter as Front Royal led with 10-6. Then we took the lead at the halftime with 26-22. We maintained the lead at the end of the 3rd quarter with 42-36. Front Royal found the spark and took a one point lead in mid 4th quarter with 50-49. From this point, we just reclaimed the lead and never looked back to the end. My team played with a lot of patience which paid off in the end. They sure did a great job.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists. Roderick Stickley followed up with 20 points and 8 rebounds. Page Miller came up with 8 points and 4 assists. Josh Duff came off the bench and scored 7 points. Terry Withrow and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points. As you may have noticed, there are 3 points unaccounted for. Unfortunately, I don't know which player earned these points due to an error in the scorekeeper's book.

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Game #4

West Virginia 49 Moorefield JV 36

We earned our second win in a row in two days. We defeated Moorefield JV on December 19th. It was a pretty physical game. Both teams really went after the ball. The first half was a low scoring game. We took the lead in the 3rd quarter and maintained it for the entire game. We had good foul shooting in the 4th quarter which helped us to increase the lead.

Page Miller led the team with 17 points. Justin Rhodes followed up with 9 points. Terry Withrow fought his way to earn 7 points. Roderick Stickley and Jason Holliday each scored 6 points. Josh Duff managed to come up with 4 points.

Game #5

West Virginia 61 Paw Paw 55

We claimed the conference victory last night (1/8/07) which was our first since 2004. And also, it was the first victory against Paw Paw since maybe 1996! The boys played hard with reboundings and played defense with a lot of patience. The score was tied at 10-10 in the first quarter. Paw Paw took an 8 point lead with the score of 29-21 at the halftime. We took the big 3rd quarter game as we poured in 24 points and limited Paw Paw to 9. That put us in the lead with 45-38 prior to the 4th quarter. We maintained control in the 4th quarter to seal the victory.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 31 points, 12 assists, 10 steals, and 8 rebounds. Page Miller came off the bench in the 2nd quarter and followed up with 15 points. Terry Withrow fought his way to earn 6 points. Roderick Stickley and Michael Jarvis each scored 4 points. Josh Duff had a quiet night as he managed to add his 1 point to the final score.

Game #6

West Virginia 51 Virginia 48

We traveled to Virginia School for the Deaf yesterday (1/11/07) and claimed our fourth victory in a row. It was very physical and a very close game from the beginning to the end. We took the lead with the score of 12-8 in the first quarter. Virginia continued to pace with us as the score showed we led 28-27 at the halftime. Virginia took the 3rd quarter with a lead of 38-36. Virginia maintained the lead most of the 4th quarter, but then we found the way to get ourselves ahead late in the 4th quarter to captured the victory. Virginia played really well with Cyron Stoker pouring

in 33 points.

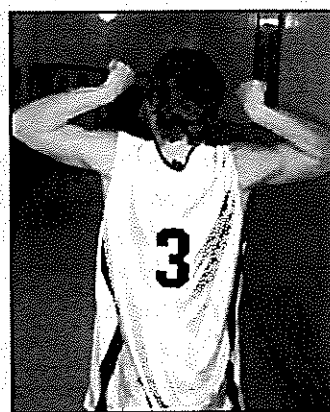
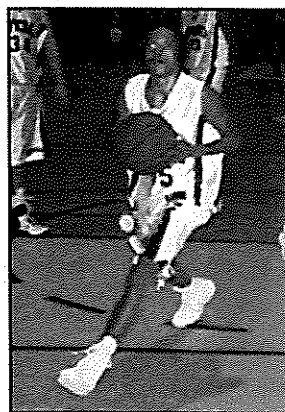
Justin Rhodes led the team with 26 points, 20 rebounds and 6 assists. Jason Holliday played almost the entire game and came up with 8 points. Roderick Stickley fought his way to earn 9 points and 10 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 7 points.

Game #7

West Virginia 51 Paw Paw 47

It was a nail-biting game late in the 4th quarter, but we managed to claim back to back victories over Paw Paw, the conference foe! The score was tied 8-8 in the first quarter. Then we took the lead at halftime with the score of 29-21 and kept the lead until the 4th quarter. Paw Paw came up to 1 point behind us, and we took advantage of their foulings on us. We made some critical foul shots which helped us to maintain the lead.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 17 points, 18 rebounds, 8 steals, and 7 blocks. Page Miller followed up with 13 points. Roderick Stickley chipped in 10 points and had 9 rebounds and 9 steals. Michael Jarvis managed to come up with 5 points. Terry Withrow came up with 4 points. Jason Holliday added his 2 points to the final score. Josh Duff saw a lot of action but didn't come up with any points.



THE LIONS' TALE



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Lions Capture ESDAA Championship Again!

by Drew Rubenstein (Reprinted in part with permission from *The Hampshire Review*)

The West Virginia School for the Deaf strung together three dominating performances to capture the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division III basketball championship Saturday night in Romney. In three consecutive days, WVSD defeated The Learning Center in an exhibition game (76-49), Mill Neck (49-15), and then Austine (71-33) in the championship game before a joyous home crowd waving and clapping their hands along with the beat of a big bass drum.

Roddy Stickley scored a game-high 19 points, while Page Miller added 16, Justin Rhodes 14, and Josh Duff 10 in the final game.

Rhodes, who recently surpassed 1,000 career points, was named to the Division III First Team, while Miller and Stickley were named to the tournament's Second Team.

"This tournament is the main thing for all of us," Rhodes said. "It's really exciting with all of our fans here."

Rhodes and Terry Withrow, co-captains of the team, have taken on more of a leadership role during their senior season. The two have seen the squad steadily improve over the course of the season, giving them reason to feel confident about the tournament.

"Everybody works together," Withrow said. "We're very unselfish. Everyone wants to win and we've won several in a row now."

The Lions credit their success this season to the hard work that head coach Paul See has demanded of them.

"He teaches us through hard practices and he makes us better players," Withrow said. "He is very strict and makes us hustle." Additionally, Rhodes said See's coaching philosophies coupled with the fact that all the players are close friends who go to school and live with each other everyday, have created a very unselfish Lions' basketball squad, exemplified by their balanced scoring attack throughout the tournament.

"One player can't do it all, so we've got to know that," said Rhodes, a former Hampshire football player who plans to play wide receiver at Gallaudet University beginning next year. "We have to do it altogether. We're together everyday, so we're pretty close."

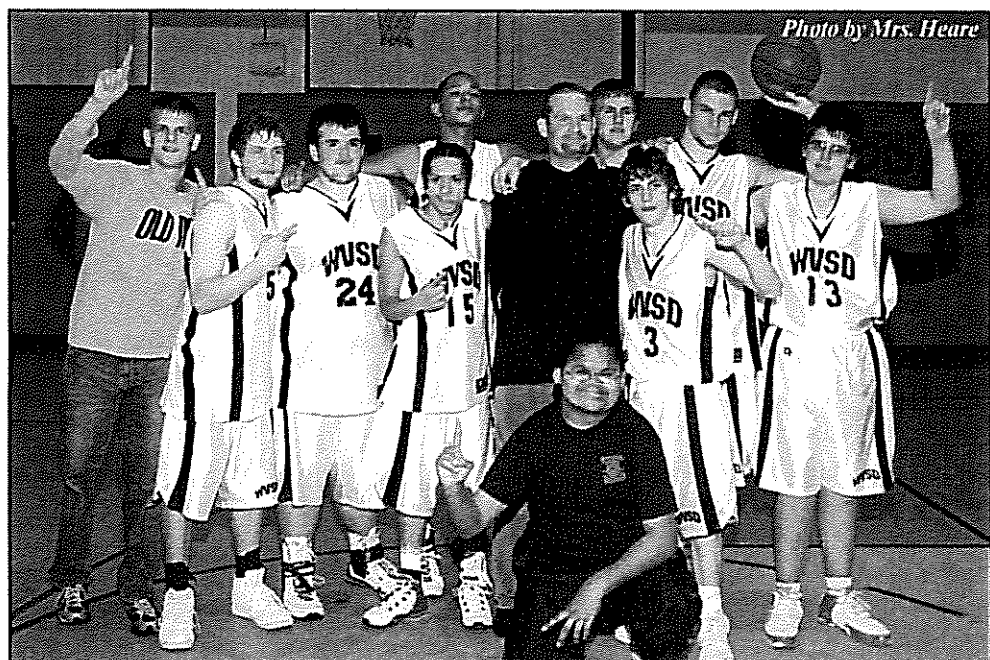
See is now in his seventh year at WVSD and has led the Lions to three ESDAA tournament championships in four years.

"Really, the other games are kind of to prepare for this tournament," See said. "We take it one game at a time, but really the others prepare us for this." See credits his team's well-disciplined and up-tempo playing style to the amount of experience on his team, led by Rhodes and Withrow, his two seniors.

"They've played for us for four years," See said. "They've helped our team to develop. We're very fortunate to have those two as examples and role models for the other boys."

This year, West Virginia and Delaware teamed to co-host the Division II and III tournaments in Romney, a move that brought together more people and made the tournament a bigger spectacle.

But, make no mistake about it. The Lions were happy to pack their trophy case, even though that meant sending their friends back home empty handed.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



The students at WVSD have recently been engaged in some extraordinary activities.

During their visit to the State Capitol, Tapestry received a standing ovation for their outstanding performance for the Legislators. Delegate Rowan and her husband, Tom, hosted a nice reception for the singing/signing group after the event. Everyone was both surprised and honored when First Lady Gayle Manchin came to welcome our group to the Capitol. It was a memorable day for everyone.

Earlier this month, our boys' basketball team added a stellar perfor-

mance throughout the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Tournament held in Romney. They dominated their division by not only winning the championship, but the three-point, foul shooting, and even the managers' competition. Their unselfish teamwork was an inspiration for the capacity crowd that came to support them.

Our girls' team, the Lady Lions, traveled to Rochester, New York to play in their ESDAA tournament. Although they played well, it was not good enough to overcome their strong opposition. But, as always, they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to match their skills and spend some time with their deaf friends from throughout the Eastern states.

We at WVSD are pleased and proud that our varsity coaches, Mary (Ennis) Kesler and Paul See, both former players and WVSD graduates, earned degrees at WVU and Gallaudet, respectively, and returned to coach. They do an outstanding job, and we are fortunate to have them working with our athletes. Mrs. Kesler also coaches our middle school girls' basketball team. Mary Buckley and Tim Slocum did a commendable job coaching our middle school boys' team. Thank you, coaches, for your dedicated efforts and work with our athletes.

As winter loosens its cold grip, we anticipate that spring will bring many more extraordinary activities for the students at WVSD.

Golden Horseshoe Day 2007

by Mr. Adrian

Due to the snowy, wintry weather, it is probably safe to say that WVSD&B was the only school observing the 2007 Golden Horseshoe Day on Tuesday, February 13.

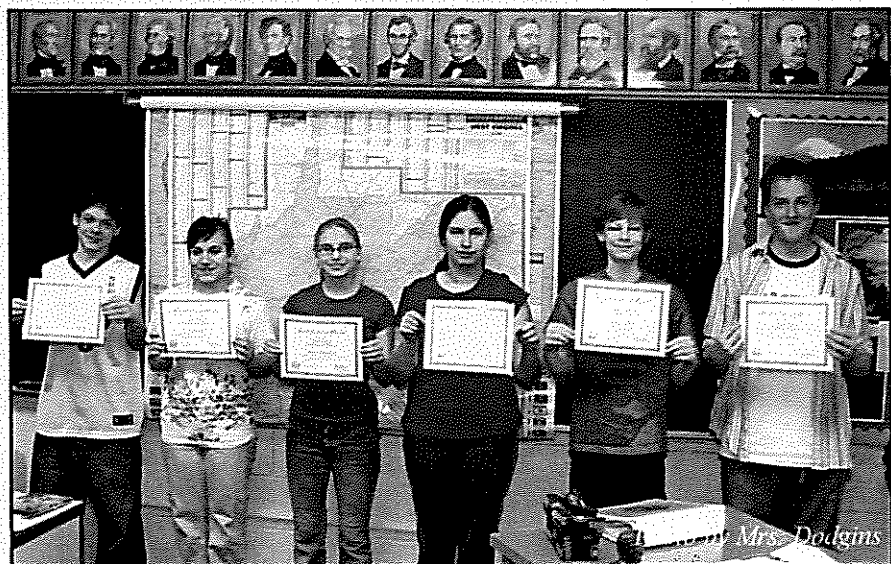
Eighth graders involved in this year's contest were Ethan Bolyard, Jensen Greenstein, Chelsea Hill, Patrick Lee, Holly Ramos, and Shawna Weatherholt. Chelsea Tallman and Amber Williams were absent on the day of the exam.

All of the students worked very hard during the months of January and February doing research, watching films, reading charts and graphs, and using the Internet. Information was put into question and answer format similar to what they would encounter on the test itself in a multiple choice

context. Content was grouped into categories of famous places, people, and events, and timelines were provided to help put events in order.

Businesses from around the

state sent information also to help the students prepare for the test. The students took the full two hours to complete the test and were relieved when they were finished. They are anxiously awaiting to hear the results.



Director of Student Life

by Mrs. Williams



Dormitory life for our students is much like having a VERY large family. Students are together 24/7, sharing joys, hopes, and dreams as well as disappointments and sorrow. To-

getherness builds strong relationships and lifelong friendships. But on a day-to-day basis, too much togetherness can be challenging. At Seaton Hall the director of student life and child care workers communicate regularly about our student family. We work together to try to help students be their best. We celebrate our experiences and victories together, emphasizing high expectations about personal conduct.

One of our celebrations is for our January students of the month: Derrick Eversole and Polly Hodge. They were selected for this honor by our child care worker staff members on the basis of positive attitude, willingness to help others, and being a good example by following rules.

We had lots to celebrate during February "tournament time." Seaton Hall and other campus dorms hosted ten Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association boys' basketball teams. Look elsewhere in the Lions' Tale for tournament coverage! Our girls were off to New York where they had a great time with six other girls' basketball teams at the ESDAA tournament. We were glad to welcome them safely back from the snowy north. Another February celebration was the Tapestry trip to Charleston. Our students made us very proud with their fine performance and exemplary behavior.

This month we would like to focus on another outstanding child care worker, Cookie Hott. Cookie has worked in Seaton Hall longer than any other female CCW on our current staff. She brings many years of experience to the task of nurturing our students. Some students tease her and call Cookie "grandma" or "mom." Cookie works behind the scenes to make student life as much like home as possible. On the weekends, students get to "sleep in" and when they do get up, they have a real treat. Cookie works with the other CCWs to plan menus for weekend breakfasts in the dorm. Recently our weekend had an international flavor as she and Becky Axel made homemade

French toast and Canadian bacon for the whole dorm. Cookie often makes special dishes for snack time and is famous for her delicious banana pudding. Thanks Cookie!

The West Virginia Student Code of Conduct is included on page 6 of the Secondary School for the Deaf Student/Staff Handbook. The West Virginia State Board of Education developed Policy 4373, Student Code of Conduct, to establish a high standard for all students in West Virginia. During the month of February, Seaton Hall students have done an excellent job of adhering to the code. It is reprinted here for all of us to review and to remind us of the high expectations that will guide student behavior.

3.1 All students enrolled in West Virginia public schools shall behave in a manner that promotes a school environment that is nurturing, orderly, safe and conducive to learning and personal-social development.

3.1.1 Students will help create an atmosphere free from bullying, intimidation and harassment.

3.1.2 Students will demonstrate honesty and trustworthiness.

3.1.3 Students will treat others with respect, deal peacefully with anger, use good manners and be considerate of the feelings of others.

3.1.4 Students will demonstrate responsibility, use self-control and be self-disciplined.

3.1.5 Students will demonstrate fairness, play by the rules, and will not take advantage of others.

3.1.6 Students will demonstrate compassion and caring.

3.1.7 Students will demonstrate good citizenship by obeying laws and rules, respecting authority, and by cooperating with others.

4.1 These regulations apply to all students attending public schools in West Virginia during any education-sponsored event, whether in a classroom, elsewhere on school premises, on a school bus or other vehicle used for a school related event, or at a school-sponsored activity or event, whether or not it is held on school premises, in a building or other property used or operated by a county board of education, Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) or West Virginia Department of Education, or in another facility being used by any of those agencies.

Good ideas are always worth revisiting. Taking a look at the code of conduct and seeing how well our students live up to that code is truly a joy. At Seaton Hall we have the best of the best in our students and child care workers.

Tapestry Performs for State Legislature



Tapestry, WVSD's singing/signing group, recently performed for the West Virginia Legislators at the Capitol. For more details, see the Principal's Post.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

by Coach See

Our basketball season has been so exciting. As of February 21st, our record is 11-4 which is the second most winning season in my seven years of coaching. We claimed the ESDAA Division III Boys' Basketball championship right at our school! It is our third championship in four years. Staff, parents, alumni and students brought their outstanding spirits and supported us throughout the tournament. It was greatly appreciated! WVSD's staff sure did an outstanding job of hosting the tournament. It was nice to see different teams coming to one place to play the biggest event of the year.

Justin Rhodes was chosen for First Team All Star at the ESDAA Tournament. Page Miller and Roderick Stickley were selected for Second Team All Star.

We also won the Team 21 shooting contest for the fifth year in a row and Foul Shooting contest for the third year in a row! Lucas Turner won the managers' competition. It was one of Lucas's proudest accomplishments!

On January 30th, Justin Rhodes hit the milestone of 1,000 career points in the 2nd quarter of the game between WVSD and Delaware. He is the second player to score 1,000 points in my coaching era. Billy White was the first of my players to reach 1,000 in 2005. Justin Rhodes was honored by our conference, Potomac Valley Conference, for scholar athlete (athletes who maintain 3.5 GPA in Junior and Senior years while participating in basketball). He also was selected to be on the All Conference team. The

WVSD Lions have shown tremendous teamwork which has resulted in a wonderful season. On February 23rd, we will travel to East Hardy to battle for a position in the Sectional Tournament which will be played on Feb 27th. This game will decide 2nd and 3rd place in the Sectional Tournament. The winning team will be the host of the first round of the Sectional Tournament.

Here are the game recaps:

WVSD 54 Delaware SD 29

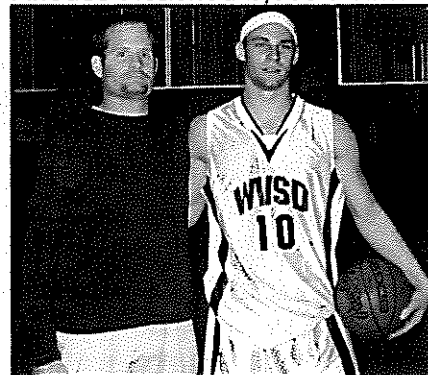
We hosted Delaware School for the Deaf yesterday (1/30/07). It was the first game in the last 11 days, and we claimed our sixth victory in a row. Delaware played pretty well without a key player, Cy Young, as they played their hearts out. Justin Rhodes hit the 1000 points milestone in 2nd quarter. We had Senior Night to recognize Justin Rhodes, Terry Withrow, and Lucas Turner (manager).

We had a nice balanced offense attack with all of the players getting to score.

Roderick Stickley led the team with 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Justin Rhodes followed up with 11 points, pulled down 24 rebounds and 11 assists. Page Miller chipped in 11 points. Josh Duff came up with 7 points. Terry Withrow chipped in 4 points. Matthew Hart finally got his chance to come off the bench and came up with 4 points. Michael Jarvis managed to come up with 2 points.

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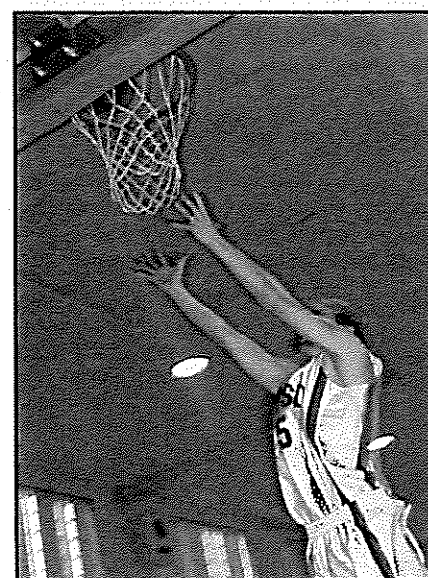
Rhodes Reached 1,000 Points!



Coach See and Justin Rhodes



Left to Right: Terry Withrow, Justin Rhodes, Page Miller, Michael Jarvis, Roderick Stickley, Jason Holliday, Matthew Hart and Josh Duff.



Josh Duff made a beautiful lay-up!

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WVSD 66 East Hardy JV 45

We hosted East Hardy JV last night (2/1/07) and came up with another victory. We took a 20 - 9 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. We led 34 - 15 at half-time, 48 - 30 in the 3rd quarter, and then finished the game with a score of 66 - 45.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 21 points, 22 rebounds and 10 assists. Roderick Stickley followed up with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Page Miller chipped in 10 points. Michael Jarvis found his way to earn 8 points. Josh Duff contributed 6 points. Terry Withrow and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points.

Timber Ridge 73 WVSD 66

Our winning streak was snapped last night (2/6/07) after winning 7 games in a row. It was a very good battle for the entire game. We took the lead 15 - 13 in the first quarter. Timber Ridge took the lead at half time, 33 - 25, and never looked back. We tied the score from time to time in the second half, but Timber Ridge managed to reclaim the lead. Timber Ridge out-rebounded us, giving them the advantage of taking more second chance scorings.

Roderick Stickley led the team with 23 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Justin Rhodes followed up with 20 points, 19 rebounds, 8 steals, 5 assists and 4 blocks. Page Miller poured in 15 points. Jason Holliday came up with 4 points. Josh Duff and Terry Withrow each scored 2 points.

ESDAA TOURNAMENT

We claimed our 3rd ESDAA Division III championship in 4 years! I hope that the teams from Division

II and Division III had a great time. We sure appreciated the help from Delaware School for the Deaf. WVSD's staff sure did a great job helping the tournament to run smoothly. Also, we want to thank the participating teams for bringing their "A" games to make this tournament so exciting. We are looking forward to next year's tournament at St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo, NY.

Exhibition Game (2/8/07)

WVSD 76 TLC 49

We took a 23 - 13 lead in the first quarter and a 42 - 26 lead at halftime. We maintained the lead in the 3rd quarter with 62 - 33. Players who were on the bench got to play a lot in the 4th quarter and maintained the lead to the end. Roderick Stickley led the team with 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Justin Rhodes followed up with 14 points and pulled down 23 rebounds and 14 assists. Page Miller had outstanding outside shooting as he poured in 43 pointers and came up with 12 points. Terry Withrow and Josh Duff each scored 9 points. Michael Jarvis came up with 7 points. Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 4 points. Matthew Hart got the chance to play more and managed to come up with 2 points.

2/9/07

WVSD 49 MNM 15

We took a big lead in the first quarter with 15 - 2. We maintained our lead with 33 - 4. I decided to bench Roderick Stickley, Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow in the second half to allow other players to earn more playing time. The score was 38 - 10 in the 3rd quarter.

Josh Duff and Jason Holli-

day led the team with 8 points each as Josh pulled down 9 rebounds and Jason came up with 13 rebounds. Justin Rhodes, Roderick Stickley and Michael Jarvis each scored 7 points as Roderick and Justin each pulled down 11 rebounds. Page Miller scored 6 points. Matthew Hart came up with 4 points. Terry Withrow scored 2 points.

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*Photos from the ESDAA Tournament
by Mrs. Heare and Mr. Leatherman*



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2/10/07

Div. III Championship Game
WVSD 71 Austine 38

We took the lead 13 - 7 in the first quarter and 25 - 13 at half-time. We maintained the lead in the 3rd quarter with 49 - 21 before winning the championship in the final quarter. Players from Austine played with their hearts, and I have a lot of respect for them, as well as for The Learning Center and Mill Neck Manor players. It was nice playing in front of our huge hometown crowd supporting us all the way. Roderick Stickley led the team with 19 points and pulled down 18 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 16 points. Justin Rhodes came up with 14 points and pulled down 20 rebounds and 9 assists. Josh Duff had a great game, as he scored 10 points. Michael Jarvis came up with 6 points. Jason Holliday scored 4 points and Terry Withrow came up with 2 points to help the team seal the championship. We also won the Team 21 shooting championship and Team Foul shooting championship. Our manager,

Lucas Turner, won the Division III managers' competition.

2/17/07

Pendleton Co. 96 WVSD 61

This game was a battle for 5th and 6th place in the Potomac Valley Conference. It was a very good battle in the first half. Pendleton took the lead 16 - 13 in the first quarter and 43 - 35 at halftime. In the second half, they took advantage of our limitation of substitutions as we only had 8 players on the team. Pendleton had 12 players on the team, and they made substitutions throughout the game to keep most players fresh. It helped them to push for the big lead in the second half. They maintained the lead 66 - 46 in the 3rd quarter. We tried our best to do everything to come back, but nothing went our way.

Justin Rhodes led the team with 23 points, 8 assists, and 8 steals. Page Miller scored 18 points in the first half but only managed to come up with 2 points in the second half. Michael Jarvis scored 7 points. Roderick Stickley had a quiet night,

as he came up with 5 points and Josh Duff also scored 5 points. Jason Holliday added 1 point to the final score.

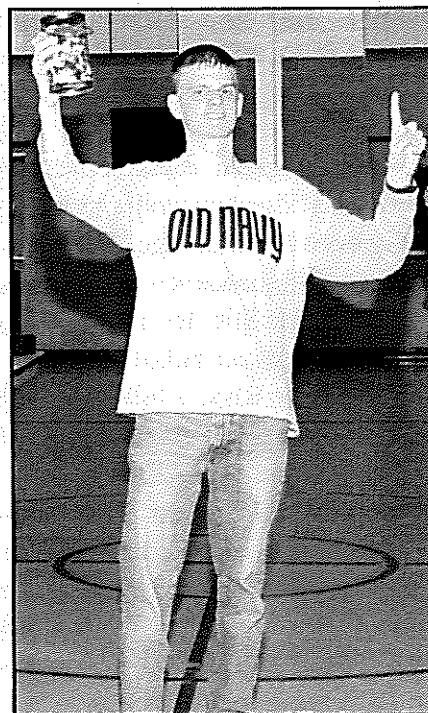
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WVSD 59 Union 50

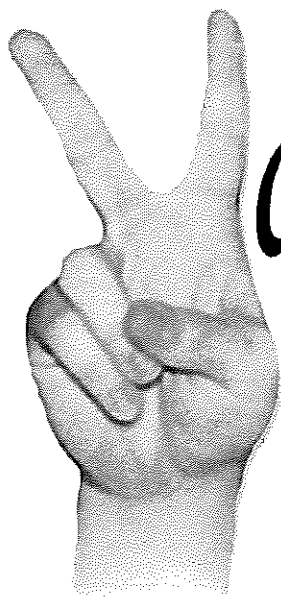
We claimed our first ever (in my coaching career) victory over Union! It was a very close battle in the first 3 quarters. Union took the lead 13 - 10 in the first quarter. We took the lead 28 - 27 at halftime. Our chance came to us in the 3rd quarter to put ourselves in the lead 48 - 39. We never looked back.

Justin Rhodes and Roderick Stickley each scored 17 points. Roderick Stickley pulled down 18 rebounds and Justin Rhodes pulled down 11 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 13 points. Terry Withrow came up with 8 points. Josh Duff and Jason Holliday each scored 2 points.

2007 ESDAA DIVISION III CHAMPS!

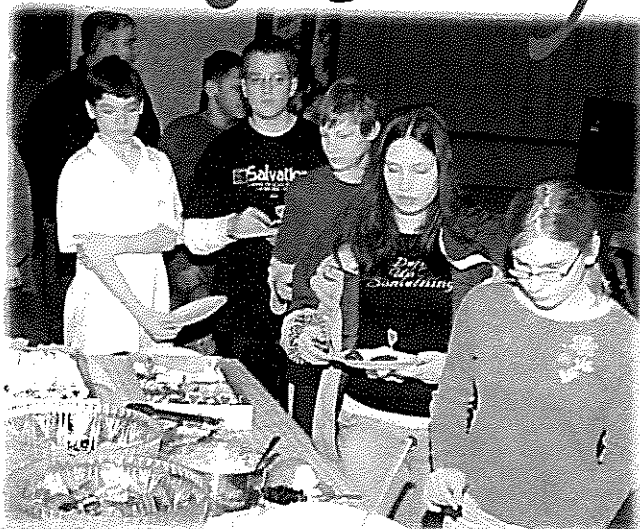


Lucas Turner won the managers' competition! Congratulations!



Valentine's Day

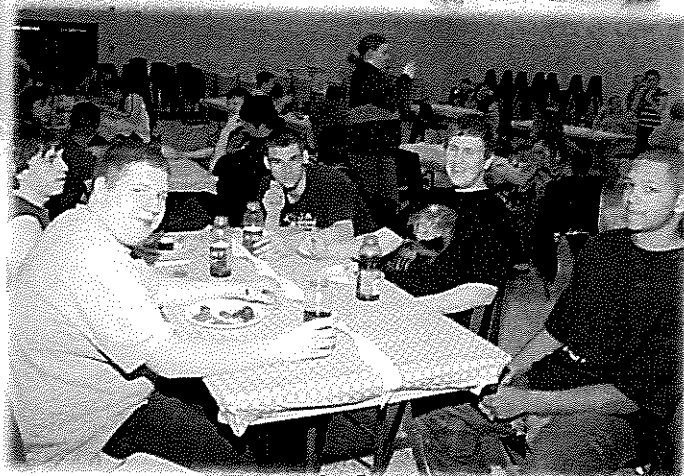
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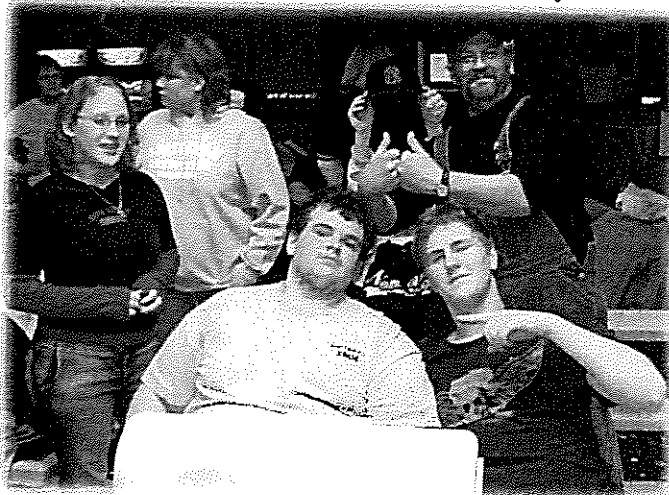
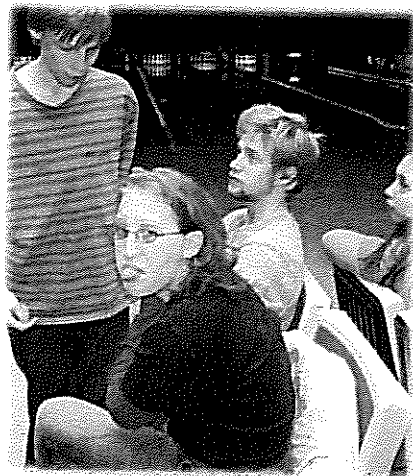


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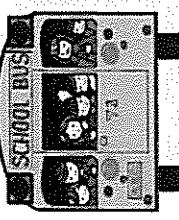

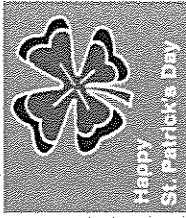
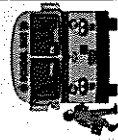
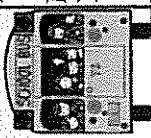



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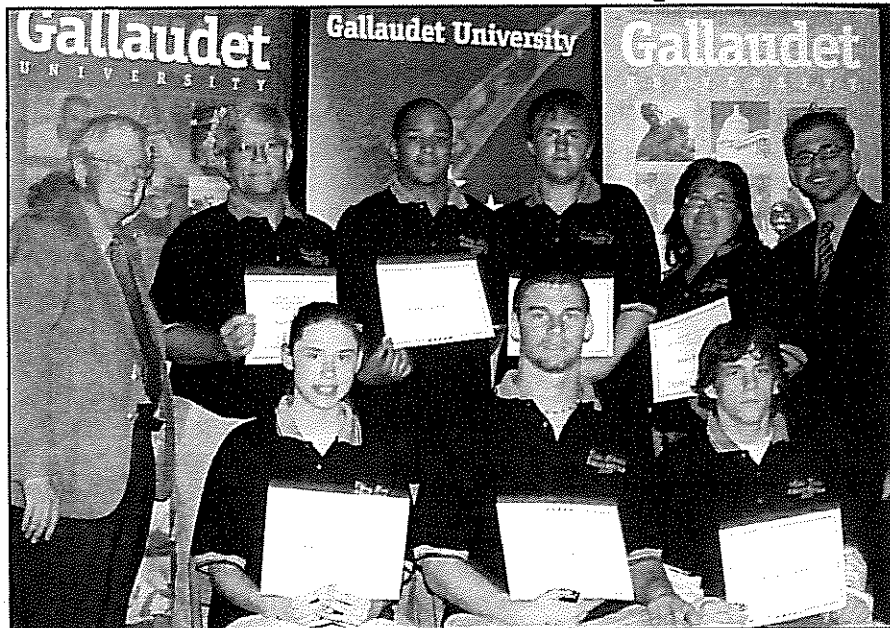
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Academic Bowl Team Competes at WPSD *by Mr. Blakely*



Standing, left to right: Dr. Michael Moore, Gallaudet University Provost; Mr. Marty Blakely, Coach; Roddy Stickley, Jason Holliday, Mrs. Patti Ritter, Assistant Coach; and Joseph M. Kolcun, Jr., Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic/At-Large Regional Academic Bowl. Seated: Tiffany Friend, Justin Rhodes, and Michael Jarvis.

This year the Mid-Atlantic Regional Academic Bowl (AB) competition was held at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 8-11. The AB is sponsored by Gallaudet University. A total of 16 schools (11 teams from our region and five from "At-Large") competed by answering a wide variety of questions related to math, current events, grammar structure, Deaf studies, sports, geography, and history.

Academic Bowl has basic rules. There are three rounds. During the first and second rounds, each player is given 20 seconds to answer a question, with the exception of math questions, which are allowed 30 seconds. In the third round, there are only two

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THEATRE WEST VIRGINIA COMES TO ROMNEY

The acclaimed acting troupe, Theatre West Virginia (TWV), performed two plays for students and staff on March 26, Passionella and The Lady or the Tiger?. In the evening TWV held acting workshops with the students in the dorm.

TWV has been performing at WVSD for more than 15 years. TWV is made up of a different group of actors every year, but their plays are typically connected to history or have a moral that is relevant to people of

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Theatre West Virginia actors with WVSD's shadow interpreters

Photo by Mrs. Brown

Academic Bowl

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minutes for both teams. All four players must participate and answer questions. Only four members of each team are permitted to participate, but the alternate (sub) must play at least once.

Head Coach Marty Blakely and Assistant Coach Patti Ritter have this to say: What is . . .? Solve the quadratic equation of ...? The antonym for ...? A circle has a 40 degree arc ...? In Greek mythology the goddess...? Black Thursday Depression...? Bombarded with questions like these with 20 seconds to answer, WVSD's team and other teams from

across the Mid-Atlantic states and from as far away as San Diego, California and Medford, Oregon, competed for the right to represent their region. WVSD competed in screen preliminary matches, 3 rounds each, and a round robin tournament of intense questioning.

Geared toward areas covered on college entrance exams, the questions required students to be versed in the fundamentals of math, the application of vocabulary, language principles, comprehension of reading, and having an all-around knowledge of the world -- past, present, and future. Recall, speed, and accuracy were integral parts of the questions posed.

WVSD has steadily improved since 2005. This unique learning ex-

perience provides an opportunity for our students to learn and grow. Their self-confidence grows with each round, and although they did not place in the finals, they are real fighters who refused to give up. We are so lionly proud of their efforts! After the final round, the WVSD team members met and provided keen insight as to how to improve their preparation for next year and vowed to improve. When not competing, activities were provided. On Friday night, we went to a place called "Funfest." All team members socialized and had a wonderful time!

West Virginia's contingency included freshman Roderick Stickley, sophomores Tiffany Friend, Jason Holliday, and Michael Jarvis; and senior Justin Rhodes.

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all ages.

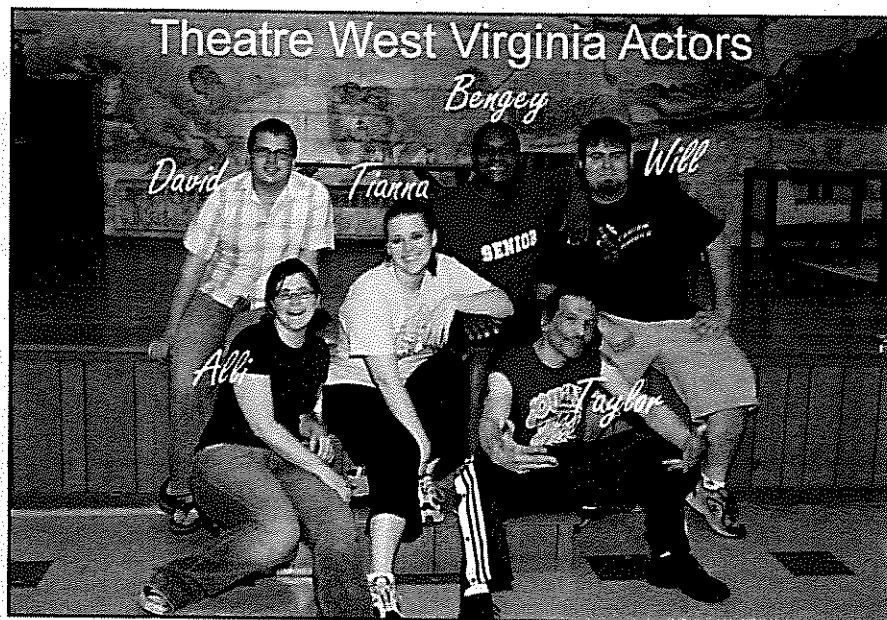
Last fall TWV actors came to school to practice the two plays with WVSD's shadow interpreters. Before WVSD started using shadow interpreters, one interpreter stood on the side of the stage to interpret what all the actors said. This method made it hard for deaf people to follow the action of the play. Using shadow interpreters, each actor has his own interpreter, who follows him around on stage (like a "shadow"), interpreting what he says.

Passionella is about a plain, out-of-work chimney sweep named Ella, who wants to become a movie star. One night she is magically transformed into a glamorous star -- but only between the hours of midnight to 4 a.m. Then she goes back to plain old Ella. Passionella falls in love with a hunky movie star and they get married. On the first night they are married, they fall asleep, then awake and they BOTH are transformed -- into

plain old Ella and plain old "George L. Brown." They both realize that beauty isn't everything, nor is it even important.

The Lady or the Tiger? takes place long ago in a kingdom ruled by King Arrik. The king has a unique way of judging whether a prisoner is innocent or guilty. The prisoner may choose between two doors. Behind one door is a beautiful young lady

whom he marries immediately. Behind the other door is a tiger that will tear him to pieces and eat him up. The king's daughter is in love with a soldier, a common man, which is against the law. So this soldier becomes a prisoner for falling in love with the princess. He must choose one of the doors. Which one did he choose? Each person in the audience has to decide the outcome for himself.





Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

Although basketball season has officially come to an end at WVSD, "March Madness" may be the appropriate way to describe what is taking place at our school. I continue to be amazed at the number of activities afforded our students. March has provided some classic examples of how students at West Virginia's smallest high school fulfill many different roles.

Our Academic Bowl team worked very hard to prepare for this year's competition. They have prepared and practiced almost every day for many months. On the weekend of March 8-11, they traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to participate in the Eastern Regional Academic Bowl. Although our team made a respectable showing, they did not place in the finals. Now they are already making plans to better prepare for next year's competition which will be held at WVSD. It is common for our students to be members of, and even officers of, more than one club or organization. The Academic Bowl team had to coordinate a meeting with the FFA entourage on their way to Charleston for the state ham, bacon, and egg sale. They met in Morgantown to transfer a student who then needed to accompany the FFA to Charleston, as meat from an animal he had raised was being sold at the state auction. Special thanks to Kroger and Friends of Coal for buying our

meat. The state sale was a huge success.

The madness continued, as shortly after their return from Charleston, they found themselves presenting a Power Point presentation that they prepared at the regional FFA meeting being held at WVSD. On the same evening the FBLA was hosting a St. Patrick's Day dance and social which included special guests from the School for the Blind and Burlington Children's Home. The FFA meeting fortunately concluded in time for its officers to enjoy the dance. We were especially pleased and proud at the recent announcement that our FBLA chose to donate \$150 of their earnings from their pine cone bird feeder project to "Make a Wish Foundation."

Theatre West Virginia was on campus March 26 for a performance that included our shadow interpreters. Workshops for students were held that evening.

As "March Madness" continues, many students are participating in track and field, Tapestry, and drama. The play, The Coal Miner's Legacy is being practiced in the dorm and a May performance is being planned. Two students also participated in the Optimist Club's speech competition held in Charleston on March 27.

On March 28, our ProStart students prepared and served lunch for our Career and Technical Education Advisory meeting. Tapestry gave a brief performance at Preston County High School's drama de-

partment on Saturday, March 31.

Since "March Madness" would not be complete without some mention of basketball, Justin Rhodes has been invited to play in the Deaf All-Star Basketball game in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 14. Information about this event can be found online at www.usadb.org. Justin was initially listed as an alternate but has since been moved to a starting role. Congratulations, Justin! We look forward to April with hopes of less madness.

We're on the Internet!



See The Lions' Tale online!

[http://wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us/
secondary_school_for_the_deaf.htm](http://wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us/secondary_school_for_the_deaf.htm)

Director of Student Life

by Mrs. Williams



Residential life offers many opportunities for student growth. Socialization and communication combine with development of self-help and problem-solving skills as students take advantage of the mentoring offered by our wonderful child care workers. Recently, the Sorenson video phone was repaired. It is exciting to see our students using 21st Century skills as they use the video phone and personal communication texting devices. One senior student, Lucas Turner, has a personal laptop and he creates a daily dorm newsletter. He also takes and prints photos, generating lots of dorm "buzz."

We are proud of our students for participating in a dorm drama group. The students are using their time going to the library to do research to create an original drama based on the song, "Coal Miner's Legacy." Evenings are filled with planning the dialogue, dances, and songs. Sets, props, and costumes are a cooperative effort spearheaded by child care workers Melodie Thomason and Barry Nealis. Many of the dorm drama group students are also in Tapestry, the combined show choir of the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind. It is exciting to see the new direction of the students as they use a full range of skills in planning, practicing, and finally, performing, an original drama! The show will be presented to friends and the public on May 20, a Sunday afternoon, in the WVSD Multipurpose Room.

March has been a fun-filled month. The Lions Club paid for all of our students to go skiing at Timberline in Canaan Valley on March 6. The snow was perfect for good skiing, although the temperature was a little cold! After skiing, students were treated to a pizza party at the Davis Fire Hall. It is won-

derful to see how skilled our older students have become since they started going skiing in the 7th grade. Local Lion, Frank McGee, assisted with planning the trip. Bill and Jim Nichols represented the state Lions Club and met us a Timberline to treat the students to lunch and dinner.

The Future Business Leaders of America hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance for Seaton Hall residential students. Guests were invited from the Burlington Home and the School for the Blind. Many games were played including the LIMBO and musical chairs using a light to signal sit down time. The decorations were festive and the food was delicious. FBLA sponsors, Mrs. Bonnie Brown, Ms. Mary Ellen Davis, and Mr. Herb Adrian did a wonderful job planning and having a great party.

On Saturday, March 17, Mrs. Williams planned "dorm Olympics" with students and child care workers. The weather outside was snowy, so indoor activities included relays, freeze, hot seat, and four-square. Students were enthusiastic during the games. The last activities were a bubble-gum blowing contest and a team activity to build a tower with toothpicks and gumdrops. Mrs. Williams donated prizes ranging from picture frames to night lights, candy and chips. Everyone was a winner! Afterward, the boys' dorm went to the Cumberland Mall. On Sunday, March 18, the girls' dorm made a trip to Keyser to eat at KFC and go shopping.

Several high school and middle school girls and boys are taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in track and field events with Hampshire High and Romney Middle School.

Our February students of the month, Justin Rhodes and Zelina

Cooley, are both seniors. They were selected for this

honor by our child care worker staff members on the basis of positive attitude, willingness to help others, and being a good example by following rules. As we think about June and graduation, we will miss their positive contributions to residential life.

This month we would like to focus on another outstanding child care worker, Eddie Racey. During the warm weather, Eddie can be seen outside organizing kickball games or supervising the basketball court. Eddie can be counted on to plan weekend activities, especially the annual fishing trip to a pond in Wardensville. Eddie puts together the trip roster, gathers supplies, and fills-out the requisitions for lunch and snacks. It takes a lot of planning to have a good and safe trip. Eddie also works at the family-owned business, Crystal Valley Ranch. Eddie can be counted on to have a good attitude and to support other child care workers in making residential life much like home.

We are getting ready for the prom on April 21. Boys and girls, grades 9-12, and their dates may attend. Boys can rent a tuxedo from Romney Cleaners. Girls should bring a dress back from the March or April homegoing.

Looking back on the long winter, it is safe to say the students and staff alike are glad to see spring arrive. Visitors to Seaton Hall this spring will see active, engaged students enjoying the wide range of opportunities offered—from swimming to long walks and card games to "Olympics," all of us at Seaton Hall work together to make residential life a positive experience that will become fond memories as students reflect on their lives and times here.

WVSD FBLA

by Mrs. Brown

The saying, "Beware of the Ides of March" was unfounded this year. On March 15 the WVSD Student Union was rocking! WVSD Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance. The Student Union was lit with Irish green lights and decorations.

Students from WVSD Secondary, as well as high school students from WWSB and the Burlington Children's Home, totaling over 100 people, brought the room alive with music, dance, and laughter.

Ms. Davis was in charge of games. Amber Williams is a *human pretzel*! She won the limbo game by bending parallel to the floor. Although Chaplain Angie Cosner and Mr. Adrian did a commendable job with their attempts at limbo, they still could not compete with Amber.

The hug game was special too.

This unique game uses groups of people to form specific number sets called out by Director Maddie Mongold. With over 60 people starting, Amber Williams and Kali Valentine hung in there to form the last "two" set with the winning hug.



Finally, Mr. Adrian beat out countless students to be the "last man sitting" in a game of musical chairs. During this game, Justin Rhodes took flight, completely jumping over chairs to find a seat. All was in vain, with Mr. Adrian getting the last chair. Way to go, "Mr. A"!

Even Principal Corbin and Di-

rector of Student Life Mrs. Williams commented on what a wonderful gathering time for new and old friends to socialize.

The WVSD FBLA would like to give thanks for everyone who came or helped with the preparations. A very special thanks goes to Daryn Ginevan and Willie Emmart, two WWSB students, who set up the sound system and helped as DJ's during the night. Without your support, we just could not have gotten it done.

Our most important achievement of the evening was the fellowship that developed from the diverse group of students in attendance. One young man from the Burlington Home pulled me aside to thank our school for inviting them to the dance. We saw so many smiling faces on all of our students. This is what makes "everything right in the world."



A night of fun and games!

WVSD St. Patrick's Day Dance with WVSD, WWSB, and Burlington Children's Home

Team Work

*Submitted by Mr. Leatherman,
FFA Advisor*

TEAM WORK . . . That's the best phrase to explain it. Recently two local FFA Chapters, Hampshire County and the School for the Deaf, traveled to Charleston, WV. They had two missions to complete: first, to lobby for animal science education and for an animal science educational facility at Hampshire High School; and second, to sell one ham and one bacon for the School for the Deaf Chapter at the state FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Auction. On the morning of March 12, Mr. Isaac Lewis, advisor, and four members of the Hampshire County Chapter (Ashley Bohrer, Rebecca Whitacre, Brittany Hott, and Elizabeth McKenzie) had the mission to promote animal science education and the benefits of a specialized animal science training facility at Hampshire High School (HHS). To do this, they had two angora rabbits which they used to demonstrate one of the benefits of animal science education. Three members of WVSD (Justin Gregory, Page Miller, and Roderick Stickley) assisted in moving the rabbits. They first met with Delegate Rowan, who took them on a tour of the Capitol and introduced them to other members of the legislature. In the afternoon, the Hampshire County members met with the Governor's wife and presented her with an angora scarf that they had made from the fleece of one of the rabbits. WVSD members, assisted by their advisor, Mr. E. A. Leatherman, entered one ham and one bacon in the State FFA Ham, Bacon, and Egg Auction.

The pig that provided the ham and bacon was raised by WVSD FFA members at the HHS Agricultural Education complex. The members participated in football and cross country at HHS, then maintained the pig after practice. Mr. Lewis worked closely with WVSD FFA members and their advisor in obtain-

ing and raising the pig. WVSD FFA members and members of HHS FFA participated in the slaughter of FFA pigs at Eddy's Farm & Slaughter. Mr. William Roomsburg, former agriculture educator, Mr. Lewis, and members of the HHS FFA assisted WVSD members in cutting the pig carcass into the retail cuts and preparing for cure at the HHS aged meats facility. When curing was finished, Mr. William Chaney and members of the HHS FFA assisted WVSD FFA members in removing the hams and bacons from cure. Next, Mr. William Roomsburg and Mr. Lewis assisted



WVSD FFA members in trimming the hams and bacons and preparing them for smoking. The meat was smoked in the smoker at the HHS aged facility.

On the afternoon of March 12, Roderick Stickley, WVSD FFA Chapter President; Justin Gregory, Sentinel; and Page Miller entered one ham and one bacon in the State FFA Ham, Bacon & Egg Auction. The auction was held at Building 7, Capitol Complex, at 7:00 p.m. The advisors and their members met Superintendent McBride and Mr. Bill Raney, West Virginia Coal Association representative, at the auction. The Grand Champion Ham went for

\$2,300; the Grand Champion Bacon went for \$6,400; and the Grand Champion Eggs sold for \$10,000. The last two pieces of meat sold at the auction were the ham and bacon from WVSD FFA. The first sold was the bacon, shown by Page Miller, who is from Martinsburg. The auction was hot: people were cheering and Page's head kept reaching for the sky! The bacon, which sold for \$1,500 was bought by Mr. Bill Raney, West Virginia Coal Association representative. Next, Roderick Stickley, from High View, presented the ham for auction. Again, the bidding was hot. He had a special cheering section: Ashley, Rachel, Brittany, and Elizabeth, the HHS girls, egging on the crowd. The ham sold to Doug Houser and Shannon Toth, representatives from Kroger, for \$2,700. It was donated back for auction, where Mr. Bill Raney bought the ham for \$1,000. Total earnings from the sale were \$5,200. These monies will be used to fund chapter operations for the WVSD FFA and to fund participation in leadership activities such as state and national conventions. It was great, especially how well the members of both chapters worked together (TEAM WORK). The following morning, Justin Gregory stated, "I believe we have become closer friends with the Hampshire Chapter." As you read the names of those who have had a hand in

this project, there are many, and many whose names are not mentioned. Again, team work! Many people working together do great things!

The School for the Deaf FFA Chapter sincerely thanks all those who helped make the Ham and Bacon Project a success.

The Hampshire County Ham, Bacon & Egg Sale was held March 24 at the Augusta Fire Hall. Roderick Stickley had two hams and two bacons for sale. This was the first time an FFA member from the School for the Deaf has had meat in the Hampshire County Sale.

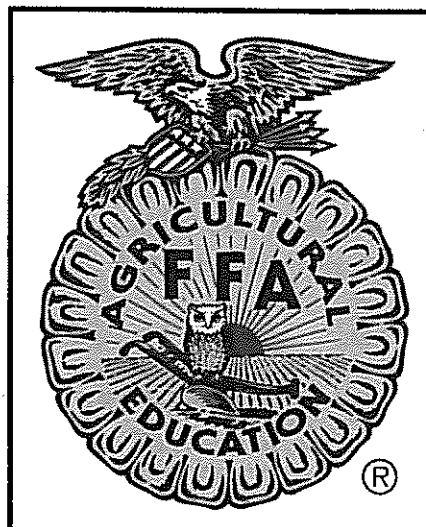
WVSD FFA Creed Competition



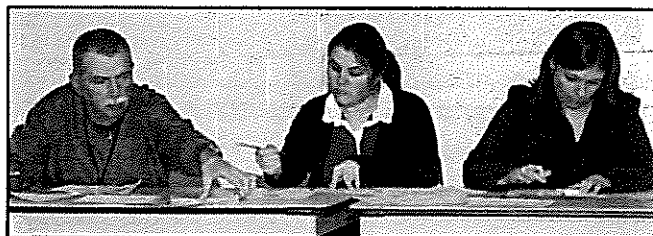
OVERALL WINNERS (Left to right) 1st Place, Roderick Stickley; 2nd Place, Chelsea Hill; 3rd Place, Jason Holliday.
Photos by Mrs. Dodgins









*Justin Rhodes
Master of
Ceremonies*








During FFA Week, WVSD held a Creed Competition in the MPR. Students were given the task of memorizing as much of the Creed as possible and reciting and/or signing the Creed for the judges and other FFA members. Participants were judged on a number of factors, including their ability to stand in front of a group and make a presentation. Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!









The judges (left to right): Mr. Sevigny, Mrs. Sions, and Mrs. Suddath.

| Freshmen | |
|--|--|
| 1st  Cassy | 1st B  Roddy |
| 2nd A  Polly | 2nd B  Maddie |
| 3rd A  Darrel | 3rd B  Samantha |

| Sophomores | |
|--|--|
| 1st  Mike | 2nd  Ally |
| 3rd  Ally | |

| 8th Graders | |
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| 1st  Chelsea | 2nd  Holly |

| 7th Graders | |
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| 1st  Taylor | 2nd  Derrick |
| 3rd  Caleb |  Chasity |
|  DeSean |  Jonathan |

Girls' Basketball News

by Coach Mary Ennis Kesler

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

The middle school girls ended the basketball season with a record of 1-7. It was my pleasure to coach the seventh and eighth grade girls. They showed improvement from the beginning of the basketball season to the end of the basketball season. With intense training, they would have shown skills at a more advanced level.

The future middle school girls are excited to participate in an excellent sports program at school. There are more than four girls from the fifth grade who are interested in participating in the sports that WVSD offers.

I wish the girls the best of luck next year.

MS GAME HIGHLIGHTS

Record: 1-5

January 23, 2007 (Away)

RMS 25 WVSD 17

Chelsea Hill made 7 points, 9 steals, and 1 block. Amber Williams made 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Taylor Shipley made 4 points and 5 rebounds. Chasity Hammond had 1 steal.

Record: 1-6

January 24, 2007 (Home)

St. Joseph's 23 WVSD 22

Amber Williams made 10 points and 3 rebounds. Chelsea Hill made 6 points, 2 steals, and 1 rebound. Taylor Shipley made 4 points, 3 steals and 1 rebound. Shawna Weatherholt made 2 points and 3 assists. Holly Ramos made 1 assist.

Record: 1-7

February 2, 2007 (Home)

Shenandoah 31 WVSD 10

Taylor Shipley and Shawna

Weatherholt each made 4 points. Chelsea Hill made 2 points and 3 steals. Taylor Shipley made 12 rebounds, a steal and 1 block. Shawna Weatherholt made 2 rebounds and 3 steals. Chasity Hammond made 3 steals. Holly Ramos made 1 steal and 1 block.

VARSITY TEAM

The varsity girls ended the basketball season with a record of 5-7. Thanks go out to Mr. Robert Haines, the athletic director and other people who helped with scorekeeping, statistics, timekeeping and preparing for each pre-game warm-up by getting water and balls ready. The varsity girls have shown their skills and abilities throughout the season. They worked so hard and tried their best to win the games.

There are additional pictures of the ESDAA Girls' Basketball Division II Tournament at Rochester, NY. Please take time to look through them.

VARSITY HIGHLIGHTS

Record 3-3

January 30, 2007 (Home)

WVSD 38 Delaware SD 35

Polly Hodge made 18 points, rebounded 5 times, had 2 steals and made 2 assists. Zelina Cooley made 7 points, rebounded 5 times and had 1 steal. Maddie Mongold and Pamela Thompson each made 4 points. Tiffany Friend and Samantha Johnson each made 2 points. Cassy Heaster made 1 point and 1 rebound. Maddie Mongold had 1 steal and made 3 assists. Tiffany Friend rebounded 1 time. Pamela Thompson had 3 steals and 3 blocks.

ESDAA Tournament

Record 3-4

February 16, 2007

(St. Mary's School for the Deaf)

St. Mary's SD 65 WVSD 41

Zelina Cooley made 16 points.

Maddie Mongold made 8 points.

Samantha Johnson made 6 points.

Polly Hodge and Sarah Abernathy each made 3 points. Tiffany Friend and Cassy Heaster each made 2 points. Pamela Thompson made 1 point.

Record 4-4

February 17, 2007

(New York State School for the Deaf, Rome - Exhibition)

WVSD 50 Rome 23

Pamela Thompson made 10 points. Zelina Cooley, Tiffany Friend and Maddie Mongold each made 9 points. Polly Hodge made 7 points. Samantha Johnson made 6 points.

Record 5-4

February 17, 2007

(Rome) (5th Place)

WVSD 62 Rome 31

Zelina Cooley made 17 points.

Maddie Mongold made 16 points.

Pamela Thompson made 15 points.

Tiffany Friend and Polly Hodge each made 4 points. Cassy Heaster made 3 points. Samantha Johnson made 2 points. Sarah Abernathy made 1 point.

Record 5-5

February 19, 2007 (Home)

Union 61 WVSD 18

Zelina Cooley and Maddie Mongold each made 5 points. Tiffany Friend, Cassy Heaster, Polly Hodge and Pamela Thompson each made 2 points. Zelina Cooley had 4 rebounds and 1 assist. Tiffany Friend had 1 rebound, 4 steals, 1 assist and

1 block. Cassy Heaster had 4 rebounds. Polly had 3 rebounds, 5 steals and 2 blocks. Samantha Johnson had 1 rebound and 2 steals. Maddie Mongold had 1 rebound and 1 assist. Pamela Thompson had 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

Record 5-6

February 20, 2007 (Home)

Paw Paw 79 WVSD 47

Polly Hodge made 21 points. Maddie Mongold made 8 points. Zelina Cooley and Samantha Johnson each made 5 points. Tiffany Friend and Cassy Heaster each made 3 points. Pamela Thompson made 2 points. Sarah Abernathy, Samantha Johnson and Maddie Mongold each had 1 rebound. Zelina Cooley, Tiffany Friend and Polly Hodge each had 2 rebounds. Zelina made 2 assists. Sarah Abernathy and Pamela Thompson each made 1 assist.

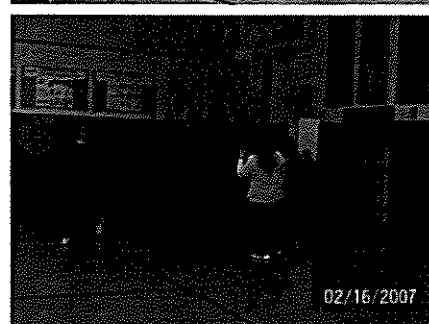
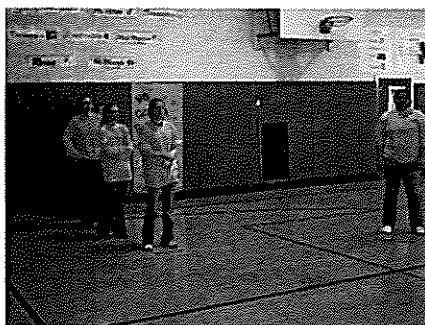
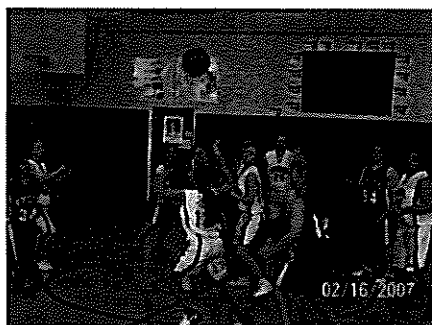
ESDAA Girls' Basketball Division II at Rochester, NY

Although the weather was not cooperative, we had a great experience going to Rochester, New York. We traveled through some patches of snow and ice to reach the Rochester School for the Deaf. The first game was on Thursday, February 15, 2007, against St. Mary's School for the Deaf. We lost by a score of 41 to 65. On Friday, February 16, 2007, the girls participated in foul-shooting and 21-shooting competitions. We almost won the 21-shooting competition; however, Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, NY won in the final round. Then, the girls played an exhibition game against New York State School for the Deaf, Rome, NY. We won the game by a score of 50 to 23. The girls played hard and won a game by a score of 62 to 31 to place fifth. Zelina Cooley won an honorable mention all-star award. We arrived home safely after the long trip and stopped at Pizza Hut for dinner.

Kim Buckley and I participated in a coach's competition of shooting foul shots and layups. Kim did very well for her first time shooting. Together we made 16 points in three minutes. The highest score was 34 points.

Thanks go to Kim Buckley and Henretta Fields for their time with the girls and Richard Funk for his excellent driving. We truly enjoyed ourselves at the tournament.

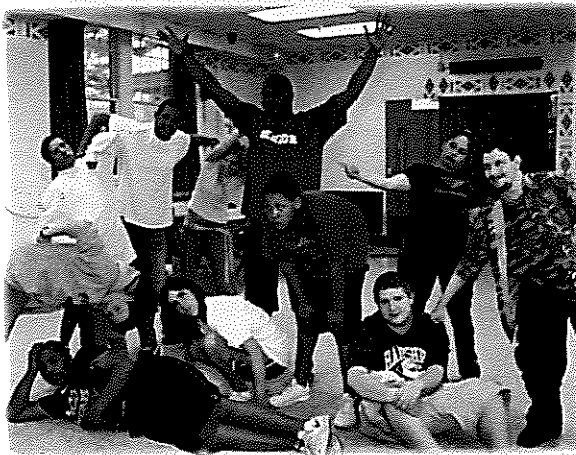
Next year, the tournament will be held at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, an even further distance than the Rochester School for the Deaf. We look forward to participating and seeing the girls doing their best again!



Left to Right: Sarah Abernathy, Polly Hodge, Tiffany Friend, Cassy Heaster, Samantha Johnson, Pamela Thompson, Maddie Mongold and Zelina Cooley.

Kim Buckley and Mary Kesler participated in a coach's competition of shooting foul shots and layups.

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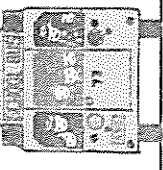

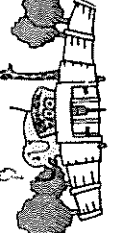

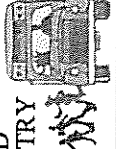
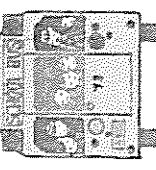
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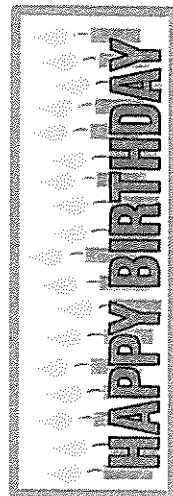
SKI TRIP

Photos Courtesy of Mrs. Nancy Williams




April 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 HHS T&F (A) 4 pm | 4 RMS T&F (H) 4 pm | 5 Tech Ed Club Banquet -MPR 5:30 p.m. | 6 Parents' Day  | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| SPRING BREAK WEEK | | | | | | |
| Return to Dorm 15  | 16 State Supreme Court Session Mr. Adrian, Mr. Kesler, and SS Students HHS T&F (A) Frankfort Relays 5pm | 17 HHS T&F (A) Hedgesville 4 pm | 18 Tapestry Springfest MPR  | 19 FBLA to DC ZOO  | 20 Jr./Sr. Prom 21 7 to 11pm  | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 HOMEGOING Clubs: FFA JR. NAD TAPESTRY  | 27 | 28 |
| Return to Dorm 29  | 30 HHS T&F (A) PVC 12:30pm | BIRTHDAYS | | | | |
| | | | | | Desiree Parmer | 7th |
| | | | | | Megan Cavender | 8th |
| | | | | | Jonathan Stokes | 13th |



May 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 FFA Regional Scholastic Contest HHS T&F (A) Fort Hill Boys Area 5:30pm | 2 HHS T&F (A) Fort Hill Girls Area 5:30pm | 3 HHS T&F (A) Fort Hill Girls Area 5:30pm | 4 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 FFA Regional Tractor Competition | 9 Special Olympics FFA Trip to Frontier Culture Museum - 8am | 10 HOMEGOING 10 FBLA (Craft Day) Skills USA Tapestry | 11 HHS T&F (A) Lewis County Regionals 9am |
| 13 Return to School | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 7th, 8th, & 10th | 18 | 19 State Track Meet Archery Deaf Tech Fair |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 HOMEGOING 25 FFA JR Nad Tapestry | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Return to School | 30 Classes Resume | 31 Senior Trip Massenutten Water Park - 8am |  Warnie Brown - 7th Justin Rhodes - 9th Joshua King - 20th Justin Gregory - 24th | |

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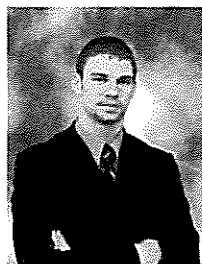


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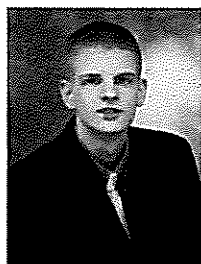
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Principal Corbin Announces Top Seniors



Justin Rhodes
Valedictorian



Lucas Turner
Salutatorian

Justin Wade Rhodes Valedictorian

Justin is the son of Darrell and Sheri Rhodes of Alum Creek. He has been a member of FFA where he served as President and Reporter. Justin was also a member of Skills USA and served as Reporter. He was past

President and member of Jr. National Association for the Deaf and was a member of GEAR UP. Justin served as Co-Captain of Tapestry for two years, and was a member of WVSD's Academic Bowl team. He also played football and ran track for Hampshire High School. At WVSD, Justin was on the winning ESDAA basketball teams in 2004, 2005 and 2007. He was selected to the first team All-Stars of the Eastern Schools for Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Boys' Basketball tournament in 2007. The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf recognized Justin as a 2nd Team All-American in basketball for 2006. In 2007, the United States American Deaf Basketball Association named Justin to the Eastern All Star Team. During Track & Field, he made it to State three years in a row. His future plans are to attend Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. and play football. Justin intends to major in Physical Education or sports psychology.

Lucas Gene Turner Salutatorian

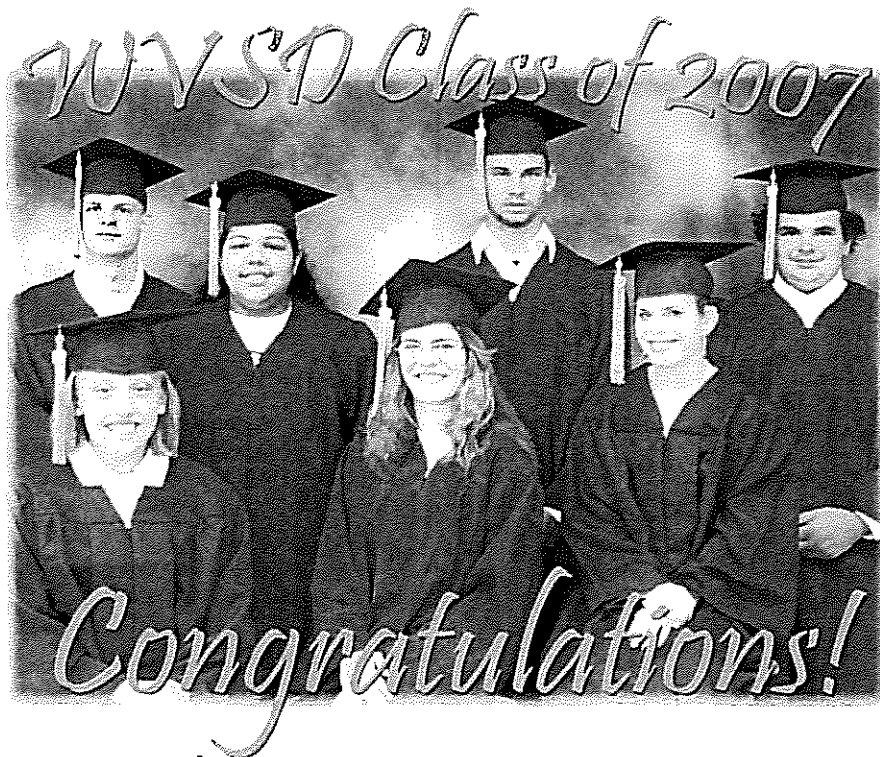
Lucas is the son of Larry and Brenda Turner of Amma. Lucas has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association for the Deaf, GEAR UP, Tapestry, and the Future Business Leaders of America. He has served as Reporter for FBLA and Treasurer for Skills USA. Lucas completed the ProStart Culinary Arts program. In his senior year, he was a work-study student in the Elementary School for the Deaf Kitchen. At WVSD, Lucas served as manager for the basketball team. His basketball teams won the ESDAA Championship in 2004, 2005 and 2007. Lucas won the manager competition in 2007 and was 2nd place in 2006. Lucas plans to receive further training at the Vocational Training Center at Institute, WV, in the food service program.

Zelina Kamilia Coaley

Zelina is the daughter of Melinda Stickley of Strasburg, VA. She has been a member of FFA for six years. Zelina was also a six-year member of Skills USA and the Jr. National Association of the Deaf. She was a member of GEAR UP and served as Co-Captain of Tapestry for one year. She also played on WVSD's volleyball and basketball teams. She received honorable mention in basketball at the ESDAA Tournament in 2007. Her future plans include attending NTID in Rochester, NY. Zelina intends to major in Fashion Design.

Megan Renee Davis

Megan is the daughter of Donna Serpone of Keyser. She has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association for the Deaf, GEAR UP, and the Future Business Leaders of America. Megan served as Reporter for FBLA her senior year. Megan participated



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Superintendent McBride Retires

Photo and Interview by Roderick Stickley



Mrs. Jane McBride

Superintendent Mrs. Jane K. McBride is retiring in June after a 32-year career at WVSD&B. Freshman Roddy Stickley conducted the following interview with Mrs. McBride on May 24.

LT: Where did you go to school for your degree?

Mrs. McBride: I have a BA from Marshall University and an MA in Special Ed from WVU, Deaf Ed from Western Maryland University, and Administration from WVU.

LT: When did you begin working here?

Mrs. McBride: In 1975, as a childcare worker in Elementary Deaf.

LT: Why did you want to work here?

Mrs. McBride: Because I thought I could make a difference in some children's lives.

LT: What positions have you held here?

Mrs. McBride: I worked in the Elementary Department for the Deaf as a childcare worker, Secondary Department as a language teacher and basic ed teacher; in the Deaf-Blind/Multihandicapped Unit

as Teacher-Coordinator; in the Elementary Department for the Deaf as Principal; and as Interim Superintendent, before I was appointed Superintendent.

LT: Any memorable moments?

Mrs. McBride: Thousands! The best moment is seeing students as young men and women, walking across the stage to get their diploma — the same students I met when they came here at age three.

LT: Any parting words? Advice?

Mrs. McBride: It's been an honor to work here for 32 years. My only advice is to future superintendents: keep the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind forever deep in your hearts.

LT: What are your plans for the future?

Mrs. McBride: To rest! To enjoy my husband, dogs, and horses. Maybe I'll buy a new horse and start riding again. Maybe I'll visit the WVSD&B students on horseback!

LT: How do you feel about the next superintendent of WVSD&B?

Mrs. McBride: I feel that Dr. Shank is going to do good things for WVSD&B. She always puts the children first. WVSD&B is in good hands.

Mrs. McBride, the Secondary School for the Deaf thanks you for your years of service and wishes you a long and happy retirement.

Art Students Attend Art-i-licious At WVU

by Mrs. Judd

WVSD Secondary students received a warm welcome from WVU's Art-i-licious! WVU provided two interpreters for our students. We met and talked with several very successful artists and visited graphic design, sculpture, painting, ceramics, film, and printmaking sessions. Students made short

films and participated in mural drawings. WVSD won the art relay challenge and received t-shirts for all participants and a \$50 gift certificate for our art department from Dick Blick Art Supply Company. Derrick Eversole won a digital camera and carrying case. We had a great time.



Back, left to right: Derrick Eversole, Chelsea Tallman, Cassy Heaster, Jensen Greenstein, Ethan Bolyard, and Samantha Johnson. Front: Mrs. Shari Loar, Mrs. Nancy Judd, Josh Duff, Mr. Richard Funk, and Mrs. Jan Dodgins.

Principal Corbin Announces

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in Special Olympics. She competed in the 100 meter walk, softball throw and 200 meter dash. During her senior year, Megan attended Hampshire County Special Services Center where she learned job skills. Megan plans to return to WVSD as a postgraduate student.

Desiree Elizabeth Farmer

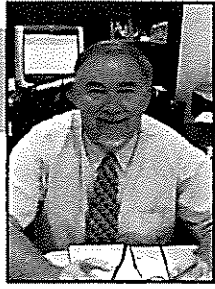
Desiree is the daughter of Kevin and Reatha Forrest of Weston. She has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, GEAR UP, and the Future Business Leaders of America. Desiree participated in Special Olympics. She competed in the 200 meter dash and 100 meter dash. During her senior year, Desiree attended Hampshire County Special Services Center where she learned job skills. Desiree plans to enter the work force. She would like to work at Wal-Mart.

Terry Wayne Withrow, Jr

Terry is the son of Terry and Carol Withrow of Poca. He has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, GEAR UP, Tapestry, and the Future Business Leaders of America. He has served as president and vice-president for FBLA, and treasurer and vice-president for FFA. Also in FFA, Terry participated in tool identification, forestry judging, and tractor driving competitions. Terry participated in the football program at Hampshire High School for four years and WVSD's basketball program for six years. His basketball teams won the ESDAA championship in 2004, 2005, and 2007. Terry plans to receive further training at the Vocational Training Center at Institute, WV and then enroll in the welding program at Ben Franklin Career Training Center.

Natasha Lynn Wolford

Natasha is the daughter of Ronald and Pamela Wolford of Levels. She has been a member of the FFA, Skills USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, GEAR UP, and served as secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America. Natasha participated in Special Olympics. She competed in the 200 meter dash and 400 meter walk. During her senior year, Natasha attended Hampshire County Special Services Center where she learned job skills. Natasha plans to return to the West Virginia School for the Deaf as a postgraduate. In the future, she would like to work with the elderly, possibly in a nursing home.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

This Spring has been exceptionally busy at WVSD. Our calendar is overflowing with special activities and events, and students seem to be moving in every direction. On most days, the office has been much like an air traffic control tower. Keeping students on course for state testing, spring sports, field trips, and other activities has been quite a challenge.

Several students have attained high honors and success this Spring. Eighth grader Holly Ramos attained the honor of becoming this year's winner of the Golden Horseshoe Award for excellence in West Virginia History.

Senior Justin Rhodes received national honor by being selected as a

member of the Deaf Digest All-American basketball team. He participated in the East-West game in Indianapolis, Indiana and emerged as one of the high scorers for Team East. He received All-American honors for his efforts. Justin also qualified for the West Virginia State Track Tournament for the third consecutive year as a member of Hampshire High School's track team. He excelled this year with two personal best times in two of his three events.

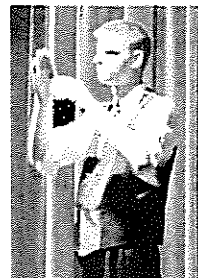
Eighth grader Shawna Weatherholt captured third place at the state Archery Tournament. Terry Withrow again finished as our team's high scorer. Twenty-one WVSD&B students participated under the direction of Coach Hank Saville. The "Archery in Schools Program" was started at WVSD last year by our Ath-

letic Director, Mr. Robert Haines.

Many students took part in a wonderful drama play entitled, "Coal Miners' Legacy." The play was directed by our Tapestry coaches, Barry Nealis, Melodie Thomason, and Bonnie Sipple. Our student actors and actresses not only did a beautiful job performing but very generously donated the proceeds from their concessions to the Sago Mine Scholarship Fund.

We can be proud of this school year. Our students have made great strides. Many have proven themselves as worthy leaders. We will miss the leadership and role modeling provided by our seniors. Best wishes to our graduates as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Coal Miners' Legacy



Director of Student Life

by Mrs. Williams



Watching our students live and learn together at Seaton Hall, I have contemplated the sense of community that makes our dormitory such a special place. The dictionary defines community in many ways, all relevant to aspects of residential life at Seaton Hall. Here are some of the definitions of community: a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government; a group of people having common interests; and a group viewed as forming a distinct segment of society. At our dormitory, the students and staff are part of a distinct community-Seaton Hall. We "live" together, adhering to the same set of rules, sharing common interests, and developing a group identity. We share with one another, participate in activities together, and enjoy the fellowship of the community. We are busy with activities and busy with one another. The students here, deaf and hard of hearing, experience the bonds of shared experiences, shared interests, and shared culture. We understand the need to protect our students, guide them in their behaviors, and keep them safe.

Recently, we had a "Level System" meeting. The "Level System" is a carefully considered and evolving guide for student behavior. The overall goal is to teach students they are responsible for their actions. Students who follow the rules have more freedom. Students who choose not to follow the rules will have less freedom. Students on Level 1 have the maximum privileges, and Level 4 has maximum restrictions and super-

vision. The system has had continuous reviews since the 1980's by counselors, administrators, parents, teachers, child care workers, and, most importantly, the students themselves. We are in agreement that as a community, we value the guidelines that give us freedom to enjoy our community safely together.

Some activities in our community are new and some are old. BINGO night on April 1 was a first this year. The annual egg hunt on April 5 (with money hidden in some of the plastic eggs) was a continuation of an old activity, enjoyed year to year. Our blended singing and signing performance group, Tapesstry, had their annual Springfest on April 18, featuring music, drama, delicious desserts, and an auction to raise funds to support the Tapesstry activities. Our prom, April 21, sponsored by the Junior class, continued the long tradition of themed formal dances. This year's theme, "Tropical Paradise," featured beautiful island decorations.

Traditionally, the child care workers (CCW's) select students of the month as a special recognition for two dorm students who are responsible, cooperative, and have a positive attitude. Students of the month for March are intermediate dorm students Josh King and Madaline Mongold. Our April students of the month are Roderick Stickley and Megan Davis. Congratulations to these students for contributing to the Seaton Hall community by being good citizens

and good role models for their peers.

This month, it is a pleasure to feature a couple of our outstanding child care workers. David Nestor, a second generation child care worker, assists us as a night houseparent. David's father, Guy Nestor, was a positive role model for students at WVSD when I started here in 1983. Like his dad before him, David is a man the boys can look up to. He is a tireless worker, helping interpret athletic events and juggling academic classes as he constantly strives to improve the skills he brings to his work with our students. We really appreciate the attention and guidance David gives to the boys in the advanced dorm.

Henretta Fields, better known as "Henry," works in the intermediate girls' dorm as a day/evening child care worker. One look around the dorm and you can see that extra effort is taken to make the dorm cozy. During April, Henry made an Easter egg wreath for the door. She and Cookie Hott always decorate for the season, and the girls are often seen making crafts or special snacks with their child care workers. Henry began working here part-time in 1996 and began fulltime in 2001. Henry has worked in a variety of dorm settings at WVSDB, and she brings a wealth of experience to guiding children's positive behavior. It is nice to be able to recognize David and Henry for the contributions they make to the Seaton Hall community.

National Youth Art Month Exhibit 2007

by Mrs. Judd

During the month of March, students in the art classes of WVSD Secondary joined art students in Hampshire County Schools to celebrate National Youth Art Month (YAM).

Student artwork was displayed on both floors of the Hampshire County Library in Romney during the month. Natasha Wolford, Desiree Parmer, and Megan Davis exhibited paper mache masks based on tribal animal totems. Ethan Bolyard included a self-portrait as well as a portrait of fellow student, Chelsea Tallman. Gordon Redden displayed a watercolor portrait of WVSD student, Josh Duff. A colored pencil still life was exhibited by Jensen Greenstein. Relief prints were entered by Megan Davis, Darrell Beasely,

and Taylor Shipley. Three-dimensional action figures were submitted by Taylor Shipley, Derrick Eversole, and Jonathan Stokes. A silhouette by Josh Duff and a study of a horse in colored pencil by Gordon Redden were also included in the show. Chelsea Tallman took great pictures of our exhibit. It was exciting to see our pieces in such a large exhibit and to view the work of other students our age who enjoy making art. This was a wonderful way to share talent, ideas, and techniques.

Our thanks go to Jack Aclin, Mary Conlon, Ann Gleason, and Wanda Hunt, art teachers in Hampshire County Schools, for welcoming us to such a great celebration of art education!



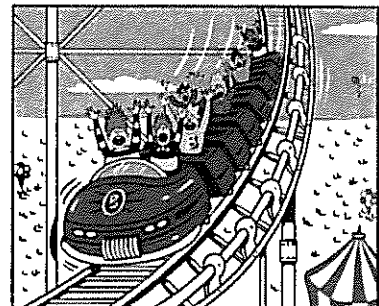
Art Students at the Library
Front, left to right: Derrick Eversole, Chelsea Tallman, and Megan Davis.

Back, left to right: Natasha Wolford, Desiree Parmer, Josh Duff, Taylor Shipley, Ethan Bolyard, Jonathan Stokes, and Jensen Greenstein.

Photo by Mrs. Judd

DEAF AWARENESS DAY

Saturday, June 2
@ KINGS DOMINION



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

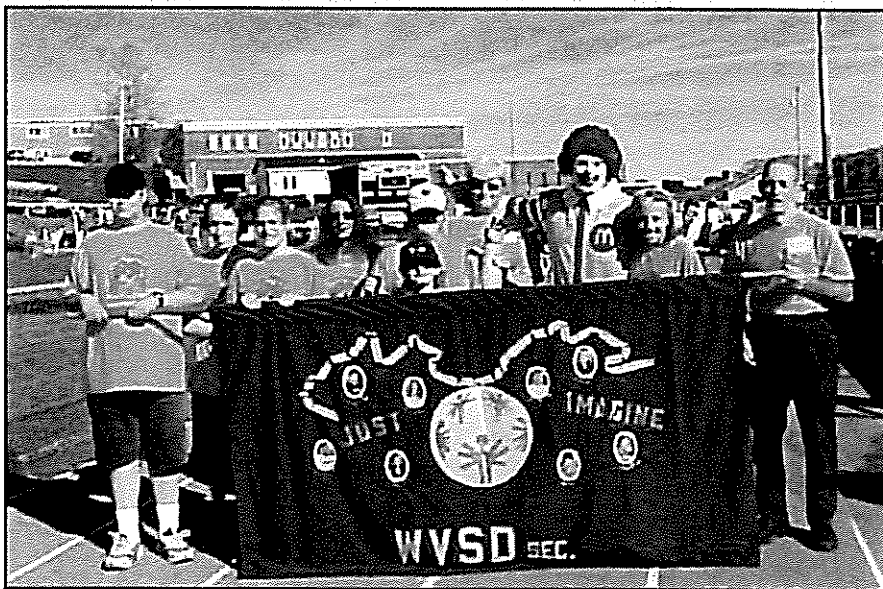
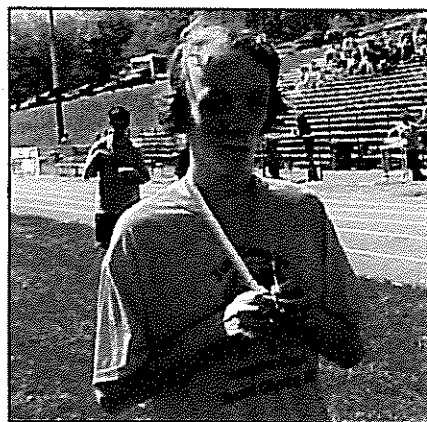
by Mrs. Judd

On the beautiful spring day of May 9, WVSD Secondary sent six athletes and five adults to the annual Spring Special Olympics at Hampshire High School.

Wearing our new gold Special Olympics t-shirts, we rode buses to the games, pitched our tent, talked with and had pictures taken with Ronald McDonald, marched behind our banner in the parade, recited our pledge, ran races, threw softballs, and competed with the shotput. We had great snacks, pizza, and plenty of water and shade. After the ride home, we went to McDonald's for ice cream. We were very tired by the time we got back to school, but all of us had a great time and won many medals!

WVSD Secondary athletes were Warnie Brown, Natasha Wolford, Desiree Parmer, James Hudson, Joshua King, and Nina Hedrick. We want to thank our bus driver, Anita, for getting us there and back safely, Mr. Adrian, Gloria High, Jodi Iser, and Cookie and John Hott for helping us just when we needed it and making sure we were at the right place at the right time! We want to thank the cooks for packing us great snacks.

We appreciate everyone who worked to make the Special Olympics a great day!!!



Varsity Boys' Basketball News

by Coach Paul See

WVSD's Boys' Varsity Basketball team finished the season on February 27th after being eliminated by East Hardy in the first round of the Sectional Tournament. We closed the season with the second best record, 11 wins and 6 losses, in my coaching era. We sure appreciated Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow for their leadership which helped us to have a successful season! They will be missed next year. I really appreciate my team being so dedicated for the entire season. It made my job so enjoyable, as always! Justin Rhodes was selected to be on the Deaf All American second team. Justin was also selected to participate in the Deaf High School All Stars Basketball game for the Eastern region. (See story at the bottom of the page)

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East Hardy 50 WVSD 40

We finished the regular season with a loss to another conference foe on Feb. 23. We started out in a tight contest in the first quarter, as East Hardy took the lead 9 - 6. Roderick Stickley and

Page Miller ran into foul trouble early in the 2nd quarter which caused them to watch the entire quarter on the bench. East Hardy took advantage which put them in the lead 27 - 15 at halftime. With Page and Roderick returning to the game in the second half, we managed to cut the deficit to 9 points behind East Hardy during the 3rd quarter. East Hardy maintained the lead with 41 - 25. We continued to put up a fight in the 4th quarter, but it wasn't enough, as East Hardy managed to slow down their offense to run down the clock.

Roderick Stickley led the team with 14 points. Justin Rhodes and Josh Duff each scored 6 points, and Justin Rhodes pulled down 17 rebounds. Terry Withrow, Michael Jarvis, and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points. Page Miller managed to come up with 2 points.

(2/27/07)

East Hardy 52 WVSD 28

We finished our season with a loss to East Hardy in the first round of the Sec-

tional Tournament. East Hardy took the lead 14 - 4 in the first quarter and the score was 34-14 at halftime. East Hardy led 42-21 in the 3rd quarter and never looked back. We struggled in offense as we didn't get any open shots, and our turnovers gave a big advantage to East Hardy. My team sure tried their best and tried to do everything offensively, but nothing went our way. We finished our season with the second most winning season in my seven years of coaching. We are very sorry to see Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow leave the Lions. These players have helped our younger members for the last two years. Roderick Stickley led the team with 11 points and 8 rebounds. Justin Rhodes followed up with 7 points and 6 rebounds. Terry Withrow came up with 4 points. Josh Duff, Michael Jarvis, and Jason Holliday each scored 2 points. Page Miller saw a lot of action but didn't come up with any points. Roderick Stickley was selected for the All Sectional Tournament team.

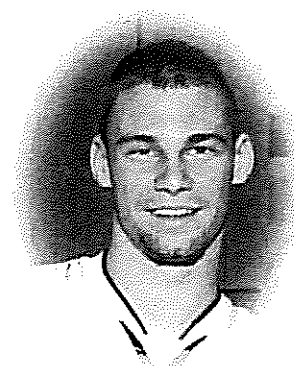
RHODES GOES TO INDIANAPOLIS

by Coach See

The basketball season didn't really end for Justin Rhodes, as he was selected to represent the East in the Deaf All Stars Basketball team (played against West). This event was represented by the best Senior players from all over the United States. It was the first annual game. The East coach asked me if I had any players to consider. I recommended Justin Rhodes. A few weeks later, I learned that he was selected to be the alternate. Then I got a note from the East head coach asking if Justin would be able to participate. It was very exciting news. I shared it with our principal, Mr. Corbin, and he thought it was quite an honor. Mr. Corbin shared this news with our Superintendent, Mrs. Jane McBride. She gave us her total support! We sure appreciated it!

We flew to Indianapolis where the game was being played on April 12th. It was Justin's first flight ever. Justin got to meet the coaches and other players from the East and had three practices during the next two days. He participated in the 3-point shooting contest, but unfortunately, he didn't make the final round. Finally, on April 14th, the game started! Justin represented the East and our school really well as he chipped in 12 points and pulled down 7

rebounds. It was an honor for me to go with him and to watch him play. It sure felt different being a fan instead of yelling at him from the coach's box!



Justin Rhodes

West Virginia Supreme Court Comes To Romney

by Mr. Adrian

On December 1, 2006, Mr. Corbin received an invitation from Judge Donald H. Cookman for the students from the WV School for the Deaf to participate in a very unique experience. The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals had chosen the 22nd Judicial District as the location of its Legal Advancement of West Virginia Students or LAWS project for 2007 and wanted the students from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind to be part of it.

The LAWS project involves the Justices of our West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals traveling to different locations throughout the state to hear actual cases, rather than doing so in their courtrooms at the State Capitol.

The students in Mr. Adrian's and Mr. Kesler's classes, Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis, Justin Gregory, Roderick Stickley, Pamela Thompson, Tiffany Friend, Page Miller, and Matthew Hart, studied the WV Judicial system and one of the 4 cases presented.

With the generous help of a local attorney, Mr. Royce Saville, the students were able to ask questions about the case and acquire some understanding about how the law works, how there are many points of view, and that nothing is black and white.

On April 17, the students had lunch at the Coca Cola Performing Arts Center, where they were able to hear de-briefings of former hearings with lawyers and students of

morning sessions. The teachers and students proceeded to the Hampshire County courthouse for the 1:30pm session involving one of the two criminal cases of the day. The students and teachers were able to witness the proceedings from the jury box aided by the excellent interpreting of Mrs. Shari Loar.

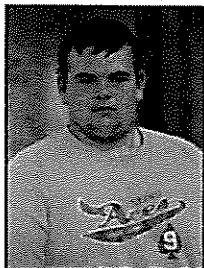
Following the trial, the lawyers were available to answer questions from the students. The results of the case will be available before the end of the school year. Mr. Saville stated that he enjoyed working with our students and was very impressed with the amount of enthusiasm and work they put forth on the project. Our students are very interested in the results of the case and learned much from this unique opportunity.

Weatherholt Captures 3rd in State Archery Competition

Withrow is Top WVSD Scorer



Shawna Weatherholt



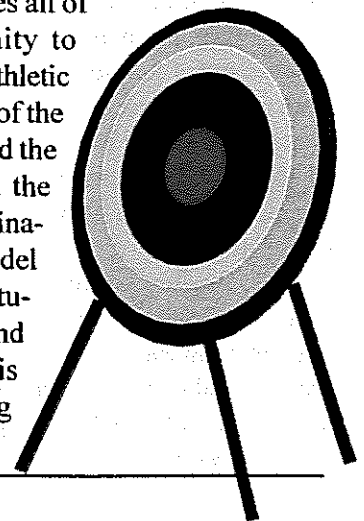
Terry Withrow

On Saturday, May 19, the WVSD archery team, coached by Mr. Saville, traveled to Flatwoods to compete in the second annual Archery in Schools Competition hosted by the WV Department of Natural Resources. Representing the team were seventh and eighth grade students Ethan Bolyard, Jensen Greenstein, Holly Ramos, Taylor Shipley, Shawna Weatherholt, and Amber Williams. Participating high school students were Sarah Abernathy, Tiffany Friend, Cassandra Heaster, Polly Hodge, Michael Jarvis, Samantha Johnson, Page Miller, Madaline Mongold, Roderick Stickley, Pamela Thompson, Lucas Turner, and Terry Withrow.

Shawna Weatherholt brought

home the honors this year by placing third in the Middle School Division with a total of 263 points. Terry Withrow was high scorer for our school with a total of 273 points.

According to Coach Saville, the Archery in Schools program, brought to our campus in 2005, gives all of the students an opportunity to shoot, regardless of size or athletic abilities. The WV Division of the National Federation donated the equipment to WVSD, and the DNR's Scott Warner, coordinator, considers WVSD a model school for this program. Student enthusiasm runs high and all want to participate in this life skill known for building confidence and self-esteem.



Gallaudet University Open House

by Mr. Blakely

Gallaudet University has announced a new Open House Program for high school students and parents. Located in Washington D.C., the program now begins in the fall and continues through spring. Gallaudet University invited deaf and hard of hearing students from across the country to one of the Open Houses that features large doses of fun and educational opportunities, as well as an up-close-and-personal look at the University's excellent academic programs for students.

We traveled to the Open House held on Friday, March 30. The day was packed with opportunities for our D/HH students to get a good idea of what life is like at the world's only four year university for deaf and hard of hearing students. We visited classes, met with faculty and students, toured a typical dorm room, discovered the many academic offerings (for example, Mike Jarvis wanted to get more information about drama from a Gally SBG student) and asked as many questions as they wished.

WOW! We had breakfast and lunch with faculty and students, received Gallaudet t-shirts from the Student Body Government, and had a fantastic tour of Gallaudet's many interesting and enjoyable places. A Gally senior guide commented that the beautiful 99-acre campus is just minutes away from the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Museum, the Washington Monument, the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, Abraham Lincoln Memorial, the White House, and scores

of fantastic restaurants, shops, and other attractions.

After our three o'clock tour, we visited the Student Body Government and had a very good meeting with SBG officers. They were very

nice, very friendly and very informative.

We enjoyed every minute of our day at Gallaudet University and would love to go again next year.

Honor Roll

3RD NINE WEEKS

3.0 GPA

7TH GRADE

Josh King
DeSean Thomas

Taylor Shipley

James Hudson

8TH GRADE

Patrick Lee

Holly Ramos

Amber Williams

Shawna Weatherholt

9TH GRADE

Cassandra Heaster

Madaline Mongold

10TH GRADE

Tiffany Friend

Jason Holliday

Page Miller

Michael Jarvis

11TH GRADE

Pamela Thompson

3.0 GPA (con't)

12TH GRADE

Natasha Wolford

Megan Davis

Desiree Parmer

Terry Withrow

Lucas Turner

3.5 GPA

9TH GRADE

Joshua Duff

Roderick Stickley

10TH GRADE

Matthew Hart

11TH GRADE

Justin Gregory

3.75 GPA

12TH GRADE

Justin Rhodes

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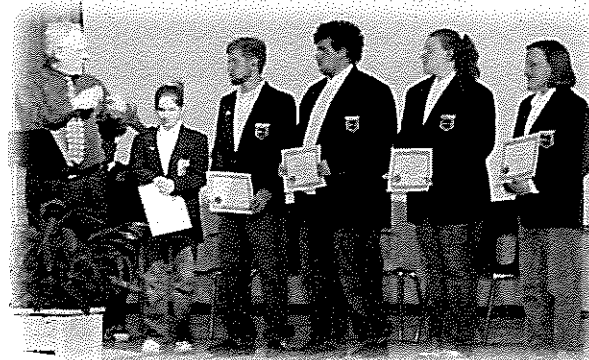
Justin - Valedictorian

Lucas - Salutatorian

WVSD CLASS OF 2007



This year's Tech Ed Banquet was a little different than previous years. We decided to have a picnic-style meal and have the banquet in the MPR. Another "first" was members of State and Regional FFA taking part in our awards ceremony. We were honored to have many parents, HHS FFA members and advisors, and Advisory Board members in attendance.



Tech Ed Banquet