

# THE LIONS' TALE

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The Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf, Romney, WV

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## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ASSEMBLY AND BUS DRILL HELD

On Wednesday, August 30, students and staff at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf participated in an all school assembly on "School Bus Safety." Mr. George Spiroff, transportation and safety director at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, was the guest speaker. Mr. Spiroff discussed the importance of appropriate care and maintenance of the school vehicles, the responsibilities of students as passengers, and appropriate bus safety. A movie entitled "School Bus Evacuation" was also shown. At the conclusion of the program students boarded the school buses and practiced an emergency bus evacuation drill. Mr. Spiroff, Mr. Edward Czernicki, drivers' education teacher, and Mr. Dan Haught, principal, conducted the drill.



Students practice exiting the school bus during an emergency bus drill that was recently held.

## NEW STAFF AT WYSD

The Secondary School for the Deaf is pleased to welcome three new staff members. Miss Connie Meadows has been hired as the business education teacher. Miss Meadows is from Tanners, West Virginia, a small community near Glenville, West Virginia. She received her bachelor's degree in business education from Glenville State College in May of 1989. She brings with her business experience having worked part-time in various capacities in a bank for the past six years. Her hobbies include her two horses and sports.

Mr. Mike Coleman joins the staff as art teacher. Mr. Coleman is a native of nearby Springfield, West Virginia. He received a bachelor's degree in art education from Shepherd College in December 1986. Mr. Coleman previously taught for two years in the

Morgan County, West Virginia, school system. He has been involved in the 4-H program for seventeen years and currently serves as a 4-H leader for the Springfield Succeeders 4-H Club. His other interests include going to museums, bicycling, arts, and his ceramics business.

The third new staff member is Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, teachers' aide. A native of Romney, Mrs. Baldwin is no stranger to our campus having grown up and lived at the school as a child. For the past fifteen years she has served as a teachers' aide in the Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Unit. She is married to Larry Baldwin and is the mother of two sons. Her hobbies include swimming, and a newly acquired hobby of collecting baseball cards.

## HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 13-14, 1989



## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The school year started in August and everyone can be proud of the hard work by students, teachers and houseparents. In years past it seemed that things were slow to get started, but not with students at WVSD this year. We are all proud of the students and their maturity in knowing that learning is so important.

We will be having many activities this year starting with Homecoming on October 13 and 14. The Alumni will be looking forward to student made hamburgers and the student sponsored penny carnival. The money raised goes directly to students. The big event will be the Miss West Virginia Deaf Pageant to be held on Saturday afternoon. Five young ladies are competing this year. The winner will represent West Virginia at the national pageant in Indianapolis next summer.

The business of teaching and learning is very obvious during my visits to classrooms. All of us can take great pride in the learning and teaching that is occurring at WVSD. The junior high girls' basketball team shows the same enthusiasm and dedication, and the coaches predict a super team by the end of the season.

## STAFF PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Several staff members at the Secondary School for the Deaf participated in professional growth and development activities during the summer months. Educator workshops and summer school programs provide staff with professional enrichment, the opportunity to stay abreast of new topics, and upgrade and improve professional skills. Professional growth and development activities help to make staff more enthusiastic about their jobs, which is reflected in increased teacher and student expectations and increased student learning.

Attending the Western Maryland College summer school program was Ms. Sue Cosner, language arts teacher. The program was held on the campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind during the months of June, July, and August. Ms. Cosner is currently completing the final requirements for a Master of Education (M. Ed.) degree in the area of deaf education and will receive her degree this year.

Mrs. Norma Czernicki, school librarian, attended an eight week, graduate level, library science program at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Czernicki will complete the

requirements for a master's degree in library science next summer.

Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher, attended a two week workshop at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Sponsored by the National Science Teachers' Association (NSTA) and NASA, the NASA Educators' Workshop for Math and Science Teachers (NEWMAST) gave twenty-five teachers from throughout the United States the opportunity to learn more about the American space program. Miss Shank, the only representative from West Virginia, and the other participants were selected by NASA and NSTA for this prestigious program from a field of 1000 applicants.

Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher, attended a two day workshop on AIDS at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The workshop led by ETR Associates of San Diego, California, provided educators with in-depth training about the AIDS virus. Mrs. Wysopal also attended a three day home economics conference in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education the program focused on the application of computer technology in home economics. As a result of attending this workshop she is eligible to receive a computer for her classroom. Mrs. Wysopal completed the remaining days of her summer vacation by attending the West Virginia Vocational Education Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. This yearly, three day conference sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education focuses on topics related to vocational education. This year Mrs. Wysopal served as a presider for the "Best Software of 1989" session at the conference.

Miss Mary Ellen Davis, mathematics teacher, and Miss Patsy Shank were selected by the West Virginia Department of Education from over 200 highly qualified applicants to attend the ten day West Virginia Teachers' Academy program in Morgantown, West Virginia. The 114 master teachers at the Teachers' Academy had the opportunity to further perfect their teaching skills through a series of sessions that included such topics as "The Master Teacher", "Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement", "Effective Schools", "Cooperative Learning", and "Classroom Management".

As part of the Teachers' Academy experience Miss Davis and Miss Shank have developed an action plan for the Secondary School for the Deaf. Their action plan involves improving the school climate, teacher (continued on page 3)

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and student expectations, and student achievement. Mr. Dan Haught, principal, and a graduate of the West Virginia Principals' Academy, is also involved in the development and implementation of this year long plan. In addition, Miss Davis and Miss Shank have received a grant from the West Virginia Department of Education to purchase materials needed for successful implementation of the plan.

Two follow-up sessions for the Academy will be held. The first session will be held in November in Huntington, while the remaining session will be held in Charleston in the spring.

Miss Patsy Shank and Mrs. Vickie van Beem, assistant principal, attended the annual Leaders of Learning Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. Sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education the conference focuses on topics of interest to the professional educator and features several prominent keynote speakers.

**STAFF ATTEND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Miss Mary Ellen Davis, math teacher; Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher; and Mr. Dan Haught, principal; attended the Leadership Academy on "Oral Communication in the Workplace" at Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center on September 13, 1989. The seminar stressed the importance of effective communication in the workplace, and positive ways in which to influence and motivate others to get things done in the workplace. The program was led by Dr. Roland Manthe, a nationally reknowned expert in the field of communications.

**STAFF ATTENDS AIDS WORKSHOP**

Mrs. Nancy Allen, school nurse; Miss Beth Giffin, physical education teacher at the School for the Blind; and Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf; attended an AIDS workshop in Martinsburg, WV on September 14, 1989. The workshop dealt with recent AIDS legislation passed by the West Virginia State Legislature. Implementation of the legislation by West Virginia school systems was discussed during the meeting.



**SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CLASS LEARNS ABOUT PINHOLE CAMERA**

Editor's Note: This story was written by Cathy Washer, a student in the Science Technology class.

Mrs. Dodgins, Miss Shank, John Burdette, and I learned a lot about the pinhole (old fashioned) camera. We wanted to try working the pinhole camera.

The pinhole camera is a wood box with a very tiny hole (lens). In the dark room we put the film (photographic paper) inside the pinhole camera. The tiny hole has a shutter to prevent the bright light from touching the film, until we want the light to touch the film. When we want the light to touch the film we must open the shutter and leave it open for two minutes. The pinhole camera must set on something that doesn't move, so that the picture won't be blurry.

After we took the picture we went back to the dark room. We took the film out of the pinhole camera and developed it. After that we got a second piece of photographic paper and put both papers into the washer for four minutes. Then we put the two pieces of photographic paper together with the first piece of paper on top and the second piece of paper on the bottom. Next, we exposed the two pieces of photographic paper to light for one minute. After that we turned the light off and developed the second piece of photographic paper. The second picture was perfect. The first picture had opposite colors from the second and was the negative. The second picture was the positive print and looked like a normal picture. When we finished developing the pictures we put them back into the washer for four minutes. Then we dried the pictures. It was an interesting experience!

**TASK FORCE MEETING HELD**

The Region 8 Task Force on Teen Pregnancy, Prevention, and Parenting met at the West Virginia School for the Deaf on Tuesday, September 19. Chaired by Miss Patsy Shank, a staff member at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, the task force is comprised of professionals who work with teenagers. They include social workers, educators, physicians, county extension agents, public health and school nurses, and the ministerium. The goals of the group are to provide services for youth, reduce teen pregnancy, and help adolescents understand the consequences of teen pregnancy.

## 1989-90 SCHOOL YEAR LAUNCHED IN SPECIAL WAY!

The school year was "launched" in a big way with a special rocket demonstration at the athletic field. Mr. Brian Boley, son of Mrs. Marj Boley (language arts teacher), visited the school and brought with him his model rocket collection that he builds as a hobby.

Mr. Boley had with him several different kinds of rockets varying in size from less than a foot tall to over five feet tall. The largest rocket in his collection is a five and one-half foot Saturn V rocket. The Saturn V rocket was the rocket that was used in the Apollo moon launches.

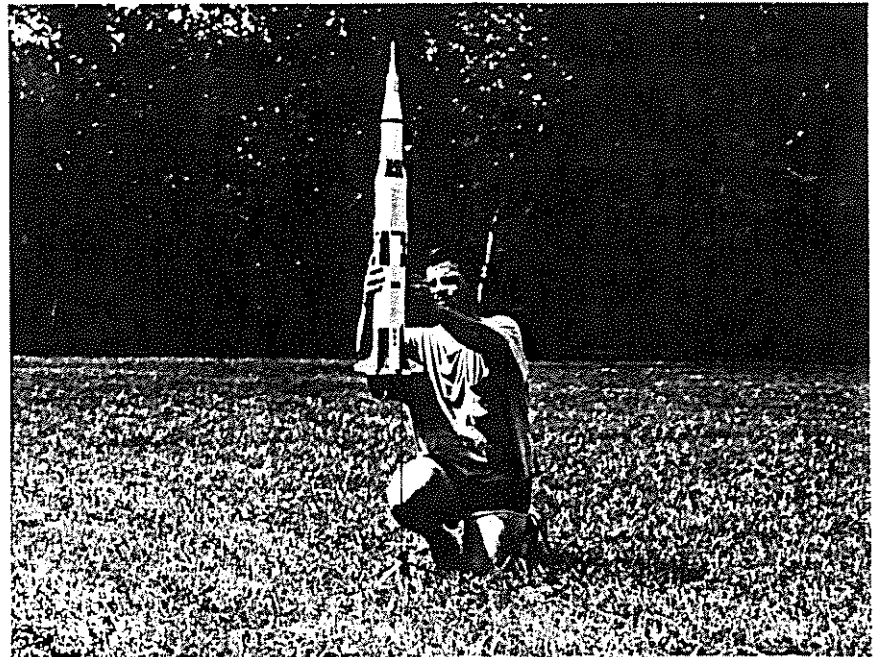
Mr. Boley explained how the rockets worked, then launched several of the rockets for students and staff. Watching the rockets soar into the air was a spectacular sight as most of the rockets traveled several hundred feet into the air before returning to earth.

At the present time Mr. Boley lives in El Paso, Texas with his wife and two children where he is stationed with the United States Army.

### **INSECT COLLECTOR VISITS**

Jacob Wysopal, a third grader at Augusta Elementary School, recently visited Mr. Tom Engelman's and Miss Patsy Shank's science classes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wysopal, staff members at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

As a 4-H project Jacob collected over 50 different kinds of insects. He showed his insect collection to the science classes, and explained how one collects, displays and identifies insects. For his efforts as an entomologist he received a blue ribbon at the Hampshire County Fair.



Mr. Brian Boley preparing a Saturn V model rocket for launch.

### **WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TO HOST FOURTH ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR**

On Monday, October 2, 1989, the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV will host the fourth annual College Fair. The fair will be held in the multipurpose room of the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. The fair will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 3:30 pm.

Colleges, vocational-technical schools, and vocational rehabilitation programs that provide services and programs for the hearing impaired have been invited. Schools and programs from throughout the United States will be participating. In addition, representatives of area companies and businesses that offer employment opportunities for the hearing impaired will be present. Hearing impaired students in Schools for the Deaf and county school programs, parents, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and school personnel are invited to participate in the College Fair.

Information about the various programs and financial aid will be available. During the morning hours invited schools and programs will give individual presentations on program offerings, majors, college life, school and program costs, and financial aid including scholarships, grants, and loans. Beginning at 1:00 pm in the afternoon representatives from the various programs will be available to meet individually with prospective students, parents, counselors, teachers and other interested individuals.

For more information about this program please contact Miss Pat Shank at the WV School for the Deaf. The telephone number is 304-822-3521, ext. 229 or ext. 216.

# CLUB NEWS

## STUDENTS COMPETE IN APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

Several home economics students and Future Homemakers of America (FHA) members recently participated in the annual Hampshire County Heritage Days Apple Pie Baking Contest. Students made and baked pies which were then entered into competition. After the judging the pies were auctioned off with the proceeds being donated to the American Cancer Society. The pies submitted by the students brought a total of \$52.00 when sold. Students participating were as follows: Joey Inham, Evonne Pendleton, Mary Caruthers, Matt Ironister, Holly Mullins, and Doris Criss. Assisting the students in the pie baking contest were Mrs. Maureen Gospal and Miss Patsy Shank, FHA sponsors.

## FHA CLUB MEETS

The first FHA (Future Homemakers of America) club meeting was held on Friday, September 1. Mrs. Jeannie Engelman and Grace Engelman were the guest speakers. Mrs. Engelman collects and dries wildflowers, herbs, seeds, and vegetables which she then arranges into pieces of artwork. Mrs. Engelman explained to club members here she gets her plant materials and showed them the correct procedure for drying the flowers. She also showed the students several framed pieces of art that she had designed and made using the dried materials.

The last part of the club meeting members took a hike on campus and collected several different types of wildflowers. They then brought the wildflowers back to school to identify and press. At a future club meeting they plan to make pictures using the materials they found.

## 4-H CLUB HOLDS BAKE SALE DURING HERITAGE DAYS

During the annual Heritage Days celebration the 4-H Club set up a booth for a bake sale. This activity was under the direction of Juanita Combs and Gary Gano, 4-H Club sponsors. Several members of the staff contributed homemade cookies and cakes. 4-H club members also got together and baked many goodies. Needless to say, the whole affair was an unqualified success netting a grand total of \$74.

## TRAPPERS' CLUB MEMBERS AND SPONSORS ATTEND ANNUAL CONVENTION

John Burdette, Clermont Gilbert, and Dee Pritt, members of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Trappers' Club; Mr. J. D. Corbin, club sponsor; and Mr. Alvin McKee, dormitory supervisor; attended the twenty-first annual West Virginia Trappers' Convention at the Gilmer County Recreation Center in Glenville, West Virginia.

There was a wide variety of activities. Conventioneers were able to see trapping and fur handling demonstrations by professional trappers, and hear nationally known trappers speak on the subject of fur trapping. Convention participants also participated in several unique and fun contests including a turkey calling contest, cake walk, horseshoe pitching contest, trap setting contest, archery shoot, pulpwood pitch contest, and crosscut saw competition.

Students from our school have been special guests of the Trappers' Association at the annual convention for the past several years. While at the convention the Trappers' Association provides meals and lodging for the students and sponsors, along with a stipend to purchase trapping supplies.

This year's convention was spearheaded by Mr. J. D. Corbin, social studies teacher at the school. In addition to his teaching duties, he served very capably as chairman of this major convention.

## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Elected to the West Virginia School for the Deaf Student Council for the 1989-90 school year are the following students: Cathy Washer and Mary Caruthers, seniors; Mark Burton and John Buck, juniors; sophomore Holly Mullins; freshman Amy Mullins; Chad Gilman and Michael Husson, eighth graders; and seventh grader Dana Jackson. The first meeting of the Student Council will be on September 22. Nominations for Student Council officers will be taken at this time. Students nominated for office will then have the opportunity to campaign and the student body will elect officers in early October. Sponsors of the Student Council are Mr. Herb Adrian, social studies teacher, and Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher.

## BOOSTER CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS AND HOLDS CARWASH

This year we intend to have a bigger and better recreation schedule. The students will be taking a far greater role in planning and organizing their own recreation. To this end, a general meeting of all the students was held at the very beginning of the school year and a Booster Club was officially formed. At that meeting officers were elected and various ideas for activities were put to the officers. The elected officers are as follows: Amy Mullins, president; Ernest Pack, vice president; Matt Chronister, secretary; Mark Burton, treasurer; Roy Dolin, trustee; and Clermont Gilbert, sergeant-at-arms.

It was agreed that the club officers would be responsible for organizing and scheduling all activities with a helping hand from Christy Sevigny and Mike Surber, houseparents.

The first event planned was a car wash the weekend of September 9th and 10th. This was Heritage Days weekend in Romney and it was hoped that the increased traffic would make the venture an outstanding success. Cathy Washer volunteered to be the responsible student and she immediately got to work, gathering supplies and delegating responsibilities. The weekend turned out to be a scorcher, both in terms of 90 degree temperatures and business. Both days, the minute the car wash opened, there was a line of dirty cars and they kept coming until closing time at 3:00 pm. When the money was totaled, \$311 was earned and added to the recreation account. More importantly than that students and staff spent two wonderful days working together as a team. Incidentally, the quality of the students' work was so good that many of the customers paid over the set charge.

The \$311 added to the earnings of the students' booster activities at the end of last year brings the total to \$1,215.56 including \$7.17 interest.

### RECREATION ACTIVITIES PLANNED

At the first meeting of the Booster Club it was apparent that there is a great deal of interest in TV game shows. Consequently, the students plan to offer their own versions of "Jeopardy", "The Dating Game", and "Win, Lose or Draw" as evening entertainment. These productions will take a lot of work. However, if the enthusiasm shown at the car wash is anything to go by we shall have some very exciting evenings.

Currently, the maintenance department is

replacing the filter in the swimming pool. Because of these repairs students and staff are unable to use the swimming pool. However, once everything is back in working order swimming will again be a regular after school activity.

Several trips to the Star-Lite skating rink in Cumberland are planned. Also, interested students will be able to attend various football games throughout the season. As the season draws nearer Christmas shopping trips are planned for the Winchester and Cumberland malls.

The pool table has been recovered and a heavier ping-pong table is to be installed. Board games are very popular in the evenings, so a grand tournament is planned for the near future.

The archery classes and practices will be starting soon, so if you want your son/daughter to join don't forget the permission forms. Also in the outdoor vein, it has been proposed that some long hikes be organized for the weekends. An overnight camp-out before the weather turns too cold is a possibility.

## VICA ELECTS OFFICERS HOLDS CRAFT SALE

The West Virginia School for the Deaf VICA Club (Vocational Industry Clubs of America) held its first meeting on September 1st. Mr. Pierre Sevigny is the sponsor. At the meeting the following officers were elected: Ronnie Epperly, president; George Wilfong, vice president; David Eaton, secretary; Jeff Huffman, treasurer; and Mary Caruthers, sergeant-at-arms. Congratulations! VICA's first activity was participation in the Hampshire Heritage Days Arts and Craft Sale on September 10th.

## BIRTHDAYS

Perry Henry	August 27
Evonne Pendleton	August 28
Donald Jacobs	September 6
John Buck	September 13
Tyrena Mangus	September 27
Becky Asbury	October 9
John Burdette	October 11

# SPORTS

## WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1989-90

DATE	SCHOOL	WHERE	TIME
September 11	Wardensville	Away*	6:00 PM
September 14	Petersburg	Home	6:30 PM
September 18	Union	Home	7:00 PM
September 19	Moorefield	Away	7:00 PM
September 20	Capon Bridge	Home	4:00 PM
September 25	Petersburg	Away	6:30 PM
September 26	Romney Jr. High	Home	4:00 PM
September 27	Mathias	Away	6:30 PM
October 3	Wardensville	Home*	6:00 PM
October 11	Harpers Ferry	Home	6:30 PM
October 12	Romney Jr. High	Away	4:00 PM
October 16	Berkeley Springs	Away	1:00 PM
October 18	Berkeley Springs	Home	6:30 PM
October 24	Mathias	Home	6:30 PM
October 25	Harpers Ferry	Away	6:30 PM
October 26	Union	Away	7:00 PM
October 31	Moorefield	Home	7:00 PM

Nancy Hill and Shari Steckert, Coaches

Dan R. Haught, Principal

\* 2 games

### GIRLS WIN FIRST BASKETBALL GAME!

Girls basketball has started. Playing against Wardensville the girls' junior high basketball team won their first match on Wednesday, September 13th. The score was 36-6. Scoring points for the Lions were Becky Asbury - 12 points, Ruby Ennis - 8 points, Amy Mullins - 8 points, and Samantha Johnson - 6 points.

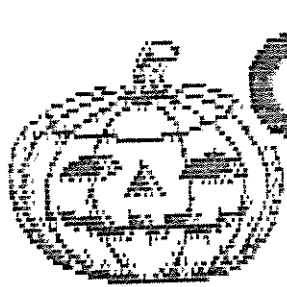
After a slow start last year the girls went on to a very successful season. Last year's success has helped to boost this year's morale to an all time high. With all that team spirit the Lions should prove to be stiff competition for the other teams in the league.

Shari Steckert, a counselor at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, and Nancy Hill, a teacher in the Hampshire County school system, are the coaches. Team members are Amy Mullins, Ruby Ennis, Samantha Johnson, Becky Asbury, and Mandy Berry. Cathy Washer is the statistician and Perry Henry is the scorekeeper.

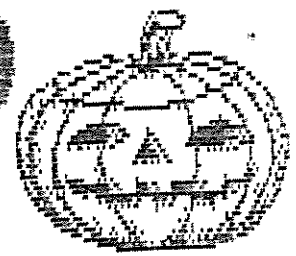
## WAY TO GO!



## LADY LIONS!



# October 1989



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8	9	10	11 Girls' B'ball (H)	12 Girls' B'ball (A)	13 Homecoming	14 Homecoming
15	16 Girls' B'ball (A)	17	18 Girls' B'ball (H)	19 Fall Conference Homegoing Afternoon classes	20 Fall Conference	21
22	23	24 Girls' B'ball (H)	25 Girls' B'ball (A)	26 Girls' B'ball (A)	27 End 1st 9 wks.	28
29	30	31 Girls' B'ball (H) Report cards due HALLOWEEN				



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## HOMECOMING 1989 HELD!

### QUEEN, KING, AND COURT CROWNED AT SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!

Homecoming and Spirit Week was celebrated the week of October 9-14, 1989, at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Several different activities involving both students and staff occurred throughout the week.

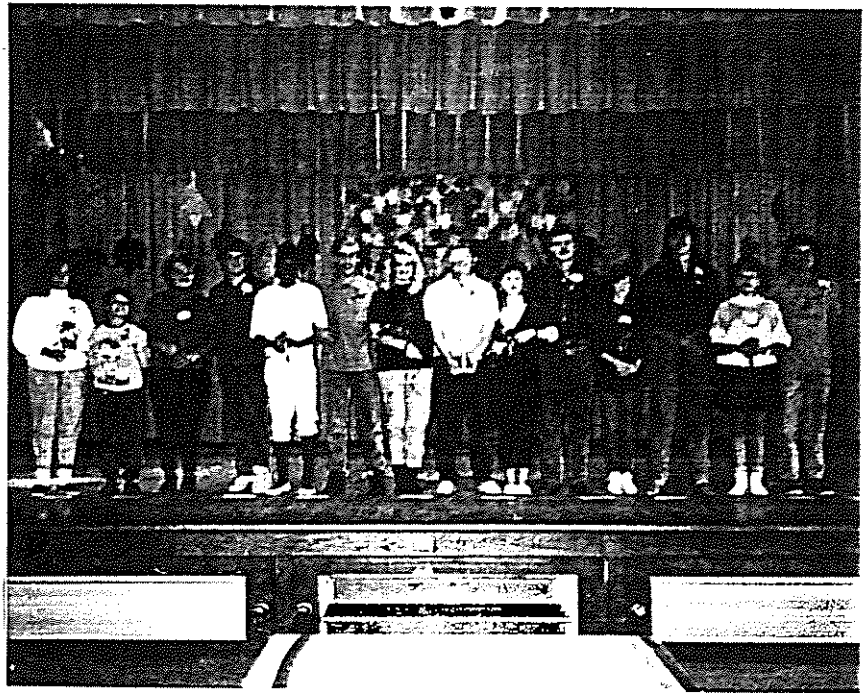
Students and staff were asked to wear special attire to school each day. Kicking off the week was Blue and Gold Day. Subsequent school spirit days included Western Day, Beach Day, New Wave Day, and Dress-Up Day. Students and staff got into the spirit of the week and prizes were awarded for the best costumes each day.

Winning prizes for their attire on Blue and Gold Day were Mark Burton, first place; Robyn Guzzi, second place; and Lisa Pittman, third place. Western Day winners were as follows: Becky Asbury, first place; Amy Mullins, second place; and third place, Ruby Ennis and George Wilfong.

Winning prizes for their beach attire were Matt Chronister and Clermont Gilbert, first place; Mandy Berry and Ronnie Epperly, second place; and Lee Renick and Jeff Huffman, third place. New Wave Day winners were Doris Criss and Michael Losh, first place; Jerry Elkin, second place; and Angela Stokes and Rachel Dillon, third place.

Students worked in teams and individually to design posters for a spirit poster contest. The posters were hung in the front hall of the school where they were judged. Winning first place were the ninth grade class members Robyn Guzzi, Paul See, Lisa Pittman, Amy Mullins, and Michael Losh. Second place winners were Jeff Huffman and Michael Husson, while third place was won by Samantha Johnson and Ruby Ennis.

The dormitory was also a bevy of activity as booster club members prepared for a penny carnival in the recreation room. Students designed and constructed a variety of games for the penny carnival including a fishing



Homecoming court from left to right: Dana Jackson, seventh grade princess; David Eaton, seventh grade prince; Amy Mullins, freshman princess; Paul See, freshman prince; Evonne Pendleton, junior princess; Mark Burton, junior prince; Cathy Washer, queen; John Burdette, king; Myrna Hill, senior princess; Roy Dolin, senior prince; Angela Stokes, sophomore princess; Matt Chronister, sophomore prince; Becky Asbury, eighth grade princess; and Chad Gilman, eighth grade prince.

game, football toss, penny pitch, wheel of fortune, and bingo. The penny carnival was held on Friday night and Saturday morning for students, alumni, and staff.

On Friday a special assembly was held. During the program the homecoming queen, king, and court was announced. Earlier in the week students and staff had cast ballots for their choices for queen, king, and court. Reigning as queen and king of the homecoming court was Miss Cathy Washer and Mr. John Burdette, seniors. Members of the court were as follows: Miss Myrna Hill, senior princess; Mr. Roy Dolin, senior prince; Miss Evonne Pendleton, junior princess; Mr. Mark Burton, junior prince; Miss Angela Stokes, sophomore princess; Mr. Matt Chronister, sophomore prince; Miss Amy Mullins, freshman princess; Mr. Paul See, freshman prince; Miss Becky Asbury, eighth grade princess; Mr. Chad Gilman, eighth grade prince; Miss Dana Sue Jackson, seventh grade princess; and Mr. David Eaton, seventh grade prince.

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The end of the first nine weeks' grading period is drawing near and so far it has been a great school year.

The seniors have displayed positive leadership qualities and have shown themselves to be responsible school citizens. The class of 1990 has proven that they are second to none in recent history! For example, Miss Cathy Washer, a senior, helped to prepare several FFA members for the milk judging competition at the annual vocational agricultural judging contest in Morgantown. Cathy's coaching and the after school practice sessions paid off. In competition against seventy other teams, our group placed tenth overall in the team competition and seventh in individual competition.

Students used their creative abilities to prepare for Homecoming 1989. The students combined efforts to set-up a penny carnival for students, staff, and alumni.

There were also many beautiful decorations in the dorm and school that were made by members of the student body. The decorations reflected the students' pride in their school, added to the school spirit, and served as a welcoming banner to returning alumni. Many student organizations made big plans for Homecoming 1989 and got involved in the spirit of the occasion. A wide variety of services and memorabilia were made available to alumni, courtesy of the many student groups on campus.

The Miss Deaf West Virginia Pageant was held Saturday, October 14, 1989, in the multipurpose room. Miss Cathy Washer won the contest and will participate in the national pageant to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, this summer. Miss Patty Russell, another student at the school, was first runner-up.

One of the most outstanding things about the school is the extra things that staff do for students, their peers, and the school. These additional tasks are voluntary. It is this willingness to share personal time and effort that best illustrates the excellent character of the school's staff.

### VOCATIONAL EVALUATION SCHEDULED

This year the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is scheduled for an evaluation of the vocational education program by the West Virginia State Department of Education. The evaluation is a normal process that occurs on a regular basis. As part of the evaluation process there will be an on-site review of the vocational program on November 14, 15, and 16, 1989. At this time several individuals from the West Virginia State Department of Education will observe the vocational areas, talk with staff, and make recommendations for the program.

## WYSD STUDENT WINS MISS WYAD PAGEANT

Every two years the West Virginia Association for the Deaf sponsors the Miss Deaf West Virginia Pageant. The winner of the state pageant then has the opportunity to attend the national pageant. The pageant, held on the campus of the West Virginia School for the Deaf on Saturday, October 14, 1989, was the sixth, biannual pageant.

Mrs. Nancy Haught, a vocational rehabilitation counselor in Romney, West Virginia, served as director of the pageant.

Mr. Hal Weingold, a retired teacher from the West Virginia School for the Deaf, was master of ceremonies. Judges for the event were Mrs. Cindy Kessel, Mrs. Nancy Keener, and Mr. Worthy Deverick. Pageant decorations were done by Mr. Mike Coleman, art teacher at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, and Mrs. Betty Rae Weingold, a retired teacher's aide at the school.

Two students from the West Virginia School for the Deaf participated in the competition. They were Miss Patty Russell and Miss Cathy Washer. Miss Washer was crowned Miss Deaf West Virginia, while Miss Russell was named first runner-up.

## COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR ATTENDED BY SEVERAL

Fourteen individuals representing thirteen postsecondary programs for the hearing impaired and one business were in attendance at the fourth annual College and Career Fair held on October 2, 1989, at West Virginia School for the Deaf. Seven states and District of Columbia were represented by these programs. States represented were as follows: Florida, New York, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Participants were given the opportunity to see a wide variety of postsecondary educational opportunities ranging from vocational rehabilitation programs, vocational-technical schools, and colleges offering programs for the hearing impaired. In addition, Mr. Randy Henderson, vocational rehabilitation counselor at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, explained the role that the West Virginia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation plays in postsecondary educational planning. A total of seventy-five people participated in the day long program. This number reflects the participation of students, staff, program representatives, and visitors. Miss Patsy Shank, special programs coordinator and science teacher at school, served as program coordinator. Mr. Michael Hughes, dean of students, interpreted during the program.

## FROSTBURG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT

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## BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHEON AND OPEN HOUSE SUCCESSFUL

On September 29, 1989, Dr. Richard Sloop, professor at Frostburg State University, and fifteen science education students at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Maryland, visited science classes at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. The students were divided into groups and spent the morning observing the science classes of Mr. Ernie Starcher at the School for the Blind, and the science classes of Miss Patsy Shank and Mr. Tom Engelman, science teachers at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf.

The purpose of the visit was to acquaint potential teachers with education of the visually and hearing impaired, to show and demonstrate methods of teaching the hearing and visually impaired, and to provide awareness of the needs and abilities of special students. The visit also allowed this group of future educators to see similarities between regular public school teaching and teaching in a special school such as ours.

While on campus the group had the opportunity to visit a wide variety of classes including physical science, general science, biology, and science technology. During the morning they were also provided with a brief orientation concerning the schools' programs and had the opportunity to ask questions.

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind recently sponsored an open house and luncheon for Hampshire County businessmen. The luncheon was held in the multipurpose room at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. The purpose of the open house and luncheon was to make the business community aware of the services provided by the schools to visually impaired and hearing impaired children in the state of West Virginia.

The open house was a huge success as eighty people from the business community visited our campus. While enjoying a delicious meal, they viewed exhibits and a videotape presentation of our school. Throughout the open house staff was available to answer any questions.

The program was an unqualified success. Many nice comments as well as positive evaluations were received from luncheon participants.

An open house committee comprised of several campus employees was responsible for organizing the luncheon and open house. They, along with many other staff and students, went beyond their regular duties and responsibilities in order to make the event a success. All those involved in this project are to be commended for a job well done.

## MARCH OF DIMES PRESENTS FILMS TO CAPTIONED FILM LIBRARY



On September 19, 1989, Mrs. Maureen Theriault, Eastern Panhandle Division Director of the March of Dimes, presented four March of Dimes films to the West Virginia School for the Deaf Captioned Film Library. Mr. Dan Haught, principal of the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf; Mr. James Wysopal, captioned film library manager; and Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher; accepted the films "Our Genetic Heritage," "The Same Inside," "Cocaine's Children," and "Journey to Birth."

The national headquarters for the March of Dimes in New York and the National Captioning Institute in Falls Church, Virginia, initiated a joint project to provide the four March of Dimes close captioned films for the hearing impaired. The idea for this project originated in a March of Dimes professional health advisory committee.

left to right: Mr. James Wysopal, Captioned Film Library Manager; Mr. Dan Haught, Principal of the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf; Mrs. Maureen Theriault, Eastern Panhandle Division Director of the March of Dimes; and Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher.

# FALL CONFERENCE HELD AT WVSD & B

## KEY SPEAKER IS DR. HENRY MAROCKIE, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

The biannual fall conference was held on the campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind on October 19 and 20, 1989. The theme of the conference was "Signs and Visions for the Future". The conference was attended by teachers of the hearing impaired and visually impaired in public school programs, county special education directors, and campus staff including administrators, teachers, teachers' aides, school nurses, and dormitory counselors.

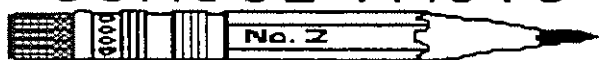
Dr. Henry A. Marockie, West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools, served as the keynote speaker. During his address he noted the changing emphasis on education in the state and how these changes will impact on special education programs. (continued next column)

Conference participants had the choice of over twenty small group, concurrent sessions. A variety of topics were discussed during these concurrent sessions including autism, cochlear implants, critical thinking skills, teen suicide prevention, disease prevention, computer technology, and communication assessments of the hearing impaired and visually impaired.

Many hours of work went into making this conference a success. Many campus staff were involved in the planning, organization, and set-up of the conference. Several staff members also served as presiders, presenters, and interpreters for concurrent sessions.

The time and effort given by staff members to this conference is greatly appreciated. The contributions of school staff are what makes the conference a huge success.

### SCHOOL FACTS



The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind were chartered on March 3, 1870, by an act of the West Virginia State Legislature.

The schools are operated by the West Virginia State Board of Education.

There are fifty-five students enrolled in the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf.

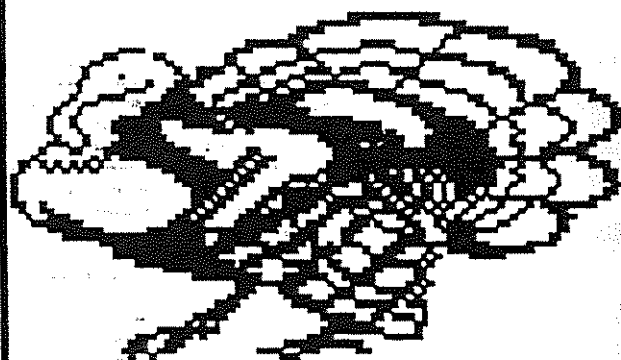
There are twenty-one teachers, two administrators, two teachers' aides, and two custodians employed at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf.

Students at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf represent thirty-six of the fifty-five counties in West Virginia.

The staff at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf has a cumulative total of 350 years of work experience at the school.

Sixteen staff members employed at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf have Masters' degrees or beyond.

## 29 DAYS



## UNTIL

## THANKSGIVING !



# CLUB NEWS

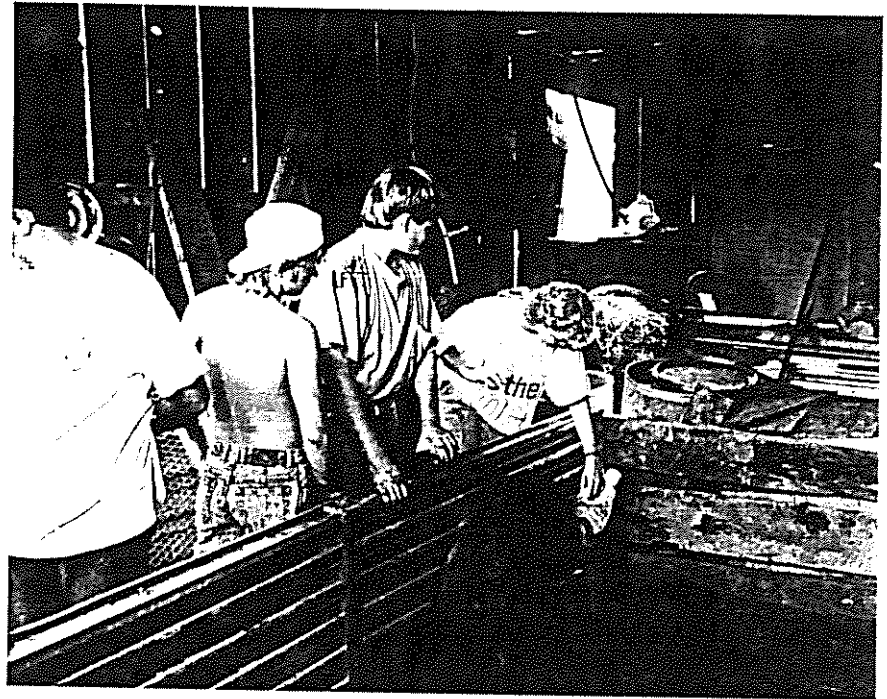
## FFA MEMBERS VISIT PIG FARM

Editor's note: This article was written by Mr. Duane Pritt, a senior at the school and member of the FFA.

The Future Farmers of America went to see Paul See's pig at Rada, West Virginia. Paul keeps his pig at his grandfather's farm. Paul explained to the students about his pig. He said that when he bought the pig it weighed fifty-five pounds and was two months old. When the pig weighs over two hundred pounds he will kill and butcher it for the bacon and ham.

The group saw one, young, black pig with a muscular disease. The sick pig was separated from the other pigs and could not play with the other younger pigs.

Mr. Parks, the vocational agriculture teacher at Moorefield High School, came. He explained how the meat of the pig is cured with salt for a long time. After the meat is cured it is put inside a special smoke oven and smoked. Mr. Parks also explained how worms that live inside the pig are killed. He said that there is a shot (injection) that kills tapeworm and other kinds of

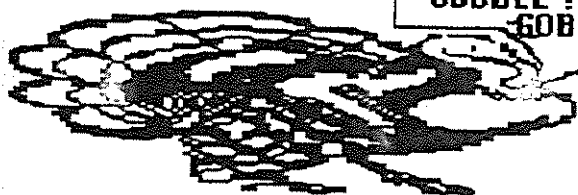


FFA members visit with a pig at pig farm.

worms. The shot costs seventy-five cents. A bottle of the medicine to kill the tapeworm costs about eighty dollars. Giving the pig the shot and killing the tapeworm prevents the tapeworm from spreading to humans when they eat the meat.

## TRAPPERS WIN PRIZES AT CONVENTION

The West Virginia School for the Deaf Trappers' Club had a marvelous time at the annual West Virginia Trappers' Convention held in Glenville, West Virginia, the weekend of September 16-17, 1989. Several members of the group brought home trophies that were won in competition. Winning second place in the pulpwood pitch was Clermont Gilbert, while Dee Pritt placed third in the same competition. Third place winners in the crosscut saw competition were Clermont Gilbert and John Burdette. Mr. J. D. Corbin, club sponsor, placed second in the turkey calling contest.



GOBBLE!  
GOBBLE!

## SENIOR CLASS SELLING JACKETS

The senior class at the West Virginia School for the Deaf is selling school jackets. The jackets are royal blue with gold lettering and trim. There are two styles of jackets available. Individuals purchasing jackets have a choice of pile lined jackets or quilt lined jackets. The pile lined jackets have a drawstring bottom and elastic cuffs. The athletic style jackets with quilted lining have knit cuffs, collar, and waist.

Cost of the pile lined jacket is \$35.50 for XS, S, M, L, and XL sizes, and \$40.50 for the XXL size. Prices for quilted jackets are \$41.00 for the XS, S, M, L, and XL sizes, and \$46.60 for the XXL size. All orders require a \$10.00 deposit. For more information about the jackets or to receive an order form, contact Miss Mary Ellen Davis or Mr. Earl Farris, senior class sponsors.

## STUDENT BODY ELECTS OFFICERS

Recently, the student body of the West Virginia School for the Deaf elected Student Council officers for the 1989-90 school year. Students were nominated for office by student council representatives.

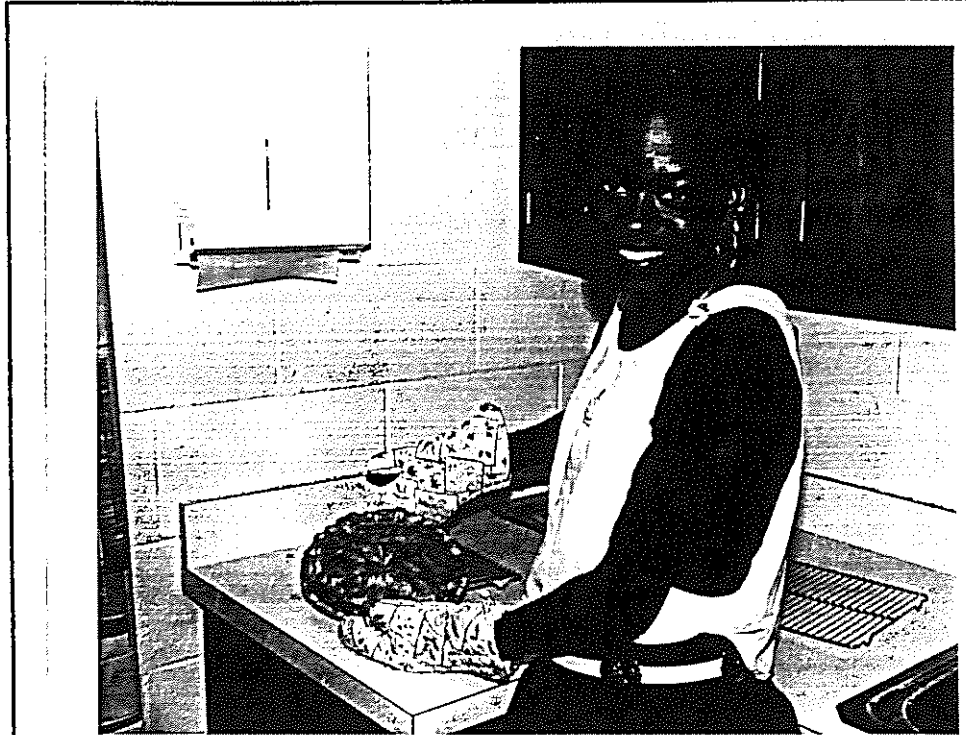
A slate of candidates was presented to the student body at an all school assembly. During the assembly the candidates presented campaign speeches, and afterwards members of the student body cast ballots for the candidates of their choice.

Running for the office of president were seniors, Cathy Washer and John Burdette. Juniors, John Buck and Mark Burton, were candidates for the office of vice-president. Running unopposed on the ticket for the office of secretary was freshman Amy Mullins. Campaigning for treasurer was freshman Ernest Pack and senior Mary Caruthers. Competing for the office of historian were freshmen, Robyn Guzzi and Paul See. Junior Clermont Gilbert ran unopposed for the office of sergeant-at-arms.

The following students were elected to office: Cathy Washer, president; Mark Burton, vice-president; Amy Mullins, secretary; Ernest Pack, treasurer; Robyn Guzzi, historian; and Clermont Gilbert, sergeant-at-arms. Student Council sponsors are Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher, and Mr. Herb Adrian, social studies teacher.

## FHA ELECTS OFFICERS

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) recently elected officers for the 1989-90 school year. The following students were elected to office: Mary Caruthers, president; Robyn Guzzi, vice president; Matthew Chronister, secretary; Doris Criss, treasurer; Beverly Huffman, photographer; and Samantha Johnson, historian.



Evonne Pendleton holds up an apple pie baked by the FHA.

## FHA HOLDS PIE SALE TO RAISE MONEY

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) held a pie sale during the homecoming activities. Members of the club made homemade apple and pumpkin pies. The club purchased apples from local orchards for the pies, while Mr. Stan Mats, math teacher, donated the pumpkins. Several members of the club, as well as the food service classes, volunteered time to help make the pies. The pie shells and fillings were made ahead of time and frozen. The day before homecoming the pies were assembled and baked. Several FHA members stayed after school to help with the pie assembly and baking. Approximately fifty pies were made and the club raised approximately \$150.00 through the sale of the pies. As a community service project the club voted to donate 10% of the profit from the pies to the March of Dimes. The remainder of the money will be used to fund club activities.

Club members participating in this activity were Mary Caruthers, Mandy Berry, Sara Cantrell, Doris Criss, David Conrad, Robyn Guzzi, Matt Chronister, Jeff Huffman, Lisa Pittman, and Samantha Johnson.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paul See                      November 20

Donna Hornbeck          November 29

## A MILK JUDGING TEAM ACES IN COMPETITION

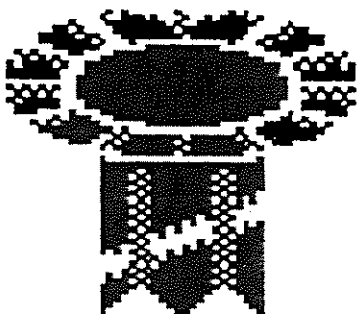
On October 4, 5, and 6, 1989, members of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Future Farmers of America (FFA) and related vocational agriculture classes traveled to West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, for the annual West Virginia State Vocational Agriculture Judging contests.

This year the school entered three member teams in three different contests. Amy Mullins, Ernest Pack, and Paul See comprised the team for the dairy products (milk and cheese) judging. George Alfong, Timmy Bossie, and Michael Losh represented the school in the horticulture (plants) competition. Mark Burton, John Buck, and Duane Hill made up the entomology (insects) team. In addition to participating in the three contests, students and their teachers (Mrs. Deborah Ware, Mr. Edgar A. Leatherman, and Mr. Tom Gelman) toured the university agriculture sciences building, greenhouse, Mountainlair student union, and bookstore. The students and staff also rode the PRT (Personal Rapid Transit system) from the Evensdale campus to the Morgantown campus and back again.

A splendid time was had by all, topped off by the dairy products team finishing tenth overall out of twenty teams entered in that contest. Ernest Pack finished seventh in the individual competition out of 10 individuals competing. This year the dairy products team was coached by Miss Cathy Washer, a former dairy products contestant in the 1988 contest and a senior at the school.

Miss Washer and her team practiced long and hard for many weeks preparing for the competition. Their tenth place team standing is the highest ever achieved for a team from the school in the school's 100 year competition history at this statewide event.

### WAY TO GO!



## FFA MILK JUDGING TEAM!

## JUNIOR CLASS SELLING PINS AND TOM WATT

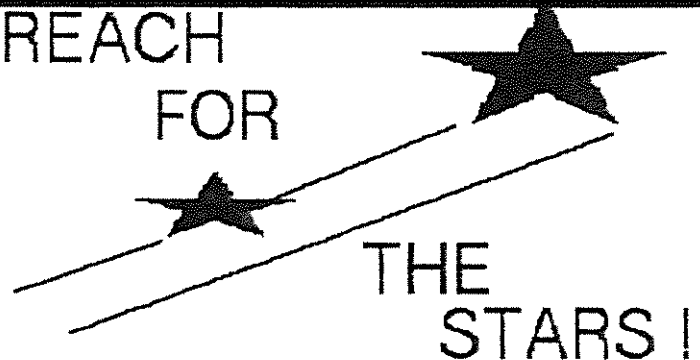
The junior class at the West Virginia School for the Deaf is selling lapel pins and Tom Watt. Money earned from these projects will be used to finance the junior-senior prom held in the spring.

Designed by junior class members the cloisonne, lapel pins have a three-fourth's inch diameter and are done in the school's colors of blue and gold. The center of the pin features an outline drawing of the state with a lion's head in the inside perimeter of the state. The school name, city, and state is in gold lettering around the outside border of the pin. Cost of the pins is \$4.00 each. To purchase a pin contact a junior class member or Miss Patsy Shank.

Tom Watt offers a variety of inexpensive merchandise that makes excellent jingle gifts, stocking stuffers, etc.. Junior class members have been practicing their salesmanship skills on campus and in their home communities. Individuals wishing to view the selection of Tom Watt items should contact any junior class member. The last date to order Tom Watt merchandise is October 24, 1989.

Members of the junior class selling Tom Watt and pins are as follows: Doris Criss, Sara Cantrell, Evonne Pendleton, John Buck, Clermont Gilbert, Mark Burton, Ronnie Epperly, and Roger Miller. Junior class sponsors are Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher, and Mr. Herb Adrian, social studies teacher.

## REACH FOR



## THE STARS!

# SPORTS

## GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HAS SIX WINS !

The girls' junior high basketball team has had several "hot" games. The lady roundballers under the direction of Coaches Sheri Steckart and Nancy Hill now have a record of six wins and eight losses. The Harpers Ferry game on October 12 was especially exciting with the ball being played into the final seconds of the game. Final score for that game was 27-26 with the win going to the Lady Lions. Other wins for the Lions have included Wardensville (36-6), Mathias (37-22), Berkeley Springs (35-25), Wardensville (19-10), and Berkeley Springs (32-21). Veteran team members include Ruby

Ennis, Amy Mullins, Samantha Johnson, and Becky Asbury. Leading the team in rebounds are freshman Amy Mullins and eighth grader Ruby Ennis. Samantha Johnson, eighth grader, has averaged the most steals for the team, while Becky Asbury, eighth grader, is leading point guard. Rounding out the team is rookie Mandy Berry, a seventh grader.

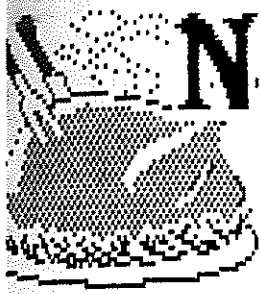
The team is working to improve their win-loss record and hopes to finish out the season with more wins. Look for good things from this group as they polish their basketball skills. With continued practice the Lady Lions should prove to be stiff competition in years to come.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

OPPONENT	SCORE	WIN/LOSS
Wardensville	36-6	Win
Petersburg	15-20	Loss
Moorefield	12-24	Loss
Capon Bridge	17-25	Loss
Petersburg	20-32	Loss
Romney Jr. High	23-29	Loss
Mathias	37-22	Win
Union	22-34	Loss
Wardensville	19-10	Win
Capon Bridge	13-33	Loss
Harpers Ferry	27-26	Win
Romney Jr. High	19-26	Loss
Berkeley Springs	35-25	Win
Berkeley Springs	35-21	Win



# November 1989



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			1	2 Hampshire County Teachers' Meeting MPR	3 Clubs Homegoing Critical Thinking Skills	4 Critical Thinking Skills
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 WVU Football Game Veterans' Day
12	13 Teen Task Force-MPR March of Dimes Meeting	14 Vocational Evaluation	15 Vocational Evaluation	16 Vocational Evaluation	17 Morning Classes Homegoing	18
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26	27 Classes Resume	28	29	30		

# THE LIONS' TALE

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## STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

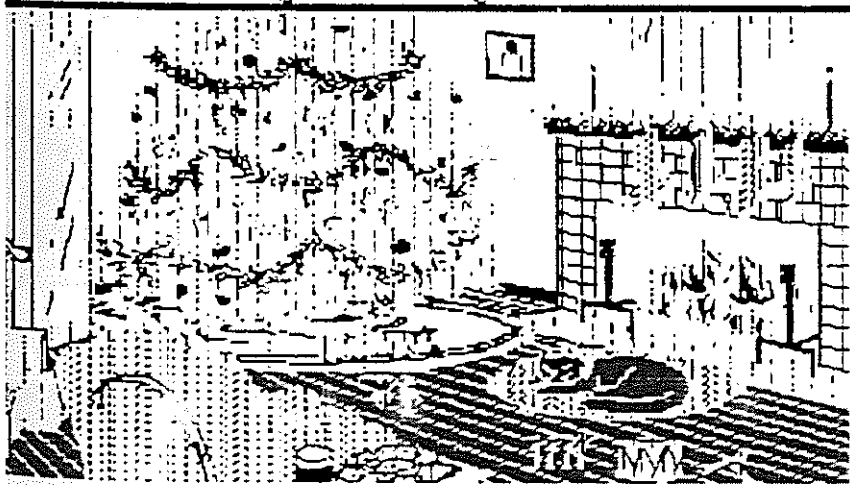
The Student Council of the West Virginia School for the Deaf sponsored a Christmas Spirit Week, the week of December 11-15, 1989. A variety of activities were planned by Council members for the week.

On Monday, December 11, students and staff got into the spirit of the season by decorating their first period classroom doors. Lots of imagination and creativity was shown in decorating the doors. On Tuesday, December 12, students and staff were asked to bring a homemade Christmas ornament to decorate the hall Christmas tree. Also, on Tuesday, students "danced in" the season with a "Merry Christmas" dance being held during

mini-class period. A good time was had by all who kicked up their heels and got into the spirit of the season. Students and staff "rang in" the Christmas season on Wednesday, December 12, by wearing a bell to school. The halls echoed with the sounds of jingling bells and choruses of "Jingle Bells". Thursday was "Red and Green" Day as students and staff celebrated the holiday season by wearing red and green outfits to school. Some interesting combinations of red and green were seen throughout the halls of WVSD that day. On Friday, December 15, students and staff staged a mock band program. Several students and teachers volunteered to form bands

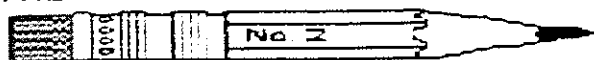
mimicking some of the popular musical groups of the day. Entertainment was the order of the day, and all were certainly entertained by these groups.

Rounding out the week's activities was a visit by Student Council members to the Elementary School for the Deaf. The Student Council elves distributed treats to the elementary students helping to spread the holiday cheer.



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
FROM THE  
STUDENTS & STAFF**

## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



There are many things occurring at this time of the year. It is a busy time for students and staff with school work, homework, and activities. Sports practice, either before or after homework, enriches students by providing physical activity after a strenuous day of paper and pencil activity.

The school's staff and students were pleased with the recent visits of parents on campus. Parents visited in both the classrooms and dormitories. There are two bedrooms in the school building for parents and other visitors. Please feel free to come and visit the school. So that the rooms will be ready, please call the school at least one day in advance.

There is a schedule for boys' basketball and girls' volleyball in this newsletter. The school is trying to get more volleyball games, but it is difficult since there are not many schools the size of WYSD that have teams. Hopefully, many parents will attend the basketball and volleyball games, and help to cheer the Lions to victory.

The end of the first semester is January 18, 1990. Hopefully, some of the students who are having difficulty will take their books home and find time to study. The semester grade is very important for getting credit for courses. Also, students need to maintain a "C" or better average in order to participate in sports including cheerleading.

Let's make 1990 a year of understanding! Please feel free to call or write (a visit would be even better) about any part of school life at WYSD.

## WV HUNTERS' SAFETY COURSE IS HELD AT WYSD

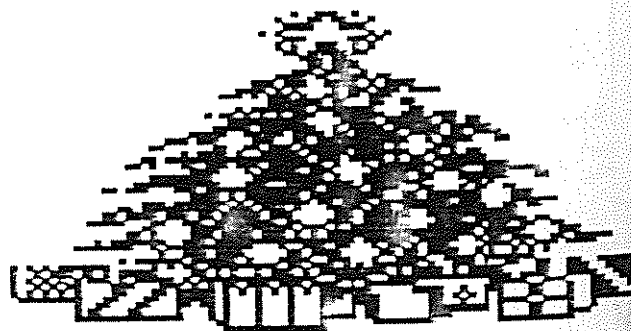
The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources sponsored a hunters' safety course for students the week of November 13-17, 1989. The course was taught by area game warden, Steve Rexrode. Fourteen students took the course which met for three hours each evening. At the end of the course students took an exam. Students passing the exam were then awarded hunter safety certificates.

Students participating in the class were as follows: John Burdette, Clermont Gilbert, Dee Pritt, Danny McGowan, David Eaton, Mandy Berry, Jeff Huffman, Chad Gilman, Craig Dove, Michael Losh, David McMillion, Timmy Bossie, Freddy Silva, and George Wilfong. Interpreters for the program were Mrs. Vickie van Beem, assistant principal; Mr. Michael Hughes, dean of students; and Mr. Herb Adrian, social studies teacher.

## 1ST NINE WEEKS' HONOR ROLL IS ANNOUNCED

Five students were on the "A" Honor Roll and nineteen students were on the "B" or "B+" Honor Roll for the first nine weeks' grading period. In recognition of their academic achievement "A" Honor Roll students were treated to lunch at McDonald's and "B+" and "B" Honor Roll students were treated to ice cream at McDonald's.

Students on the "A" Honor Roll were as follows: John Burdette, John Buck, Dana Sue Jackson, Paul See, and Cathy Washer. Mandy Berry, Craig Dove, Ruby Ennis, Robyn Guzzi, Amy Mullins, Dee Pritt, and Patty Russell were on the "B+" Honor Roll. Students on the "B" Honor Roll were as follows: Mark Burton, Mary Caruthers, Matt Chronister, Ronnie Epperly, Chad Gilman, Donne Hornbeck, Michael Husson, Samantha Johnson, Joey Lanham, Michael Losh, Lee Renick, and George Wilfong.



# CLUB NEWS

## 4-H CLUB MEMBERS CAMP AT PETERKIN CONFERENCE CENTER

Many days before going on a camping trip at Peterkin Center, the 4-H Club started planning. The group decided what to eat, how long to stay, and who would go. It was hard work getting ready, but it was worth every minute of effort. The group left Saturday, October 14, at 10:00 AM and returned to campus at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 15.

The group arrived at Peterkin, unpacked, set-up the tents, and ate bag lunches. Some students went fishing. Some people, including Clermont Gilbert and Michael Husson, fell into the creek. Later, the group went for a long hike up to the top of the mountain. Some of the group didn't make it to the top, so they sat and waited for the others who were successful.

After the group came back from the hike, some of the students went hunting for crayfish to use for fishing bait. Mr. Ganoe took some of the students to the river to fish, but they forgot the crayfish. The boys had no luck fishing, but somehow Clermont Gilbert ended up in the water again!

Mrs. Combs started dinner and some of the girls helped. Others in the group played hide and seek, or walked around. It was a beautiful place to camp, and the weather was nice and warm. When the boys came back the group ate. Mrs. Combs cleaned up and noticed that Craig Dove was gone. Chad Gilman said that Craig had gone looking for deer. Craig came back after dark saying that he was not afraid and that he had fun.

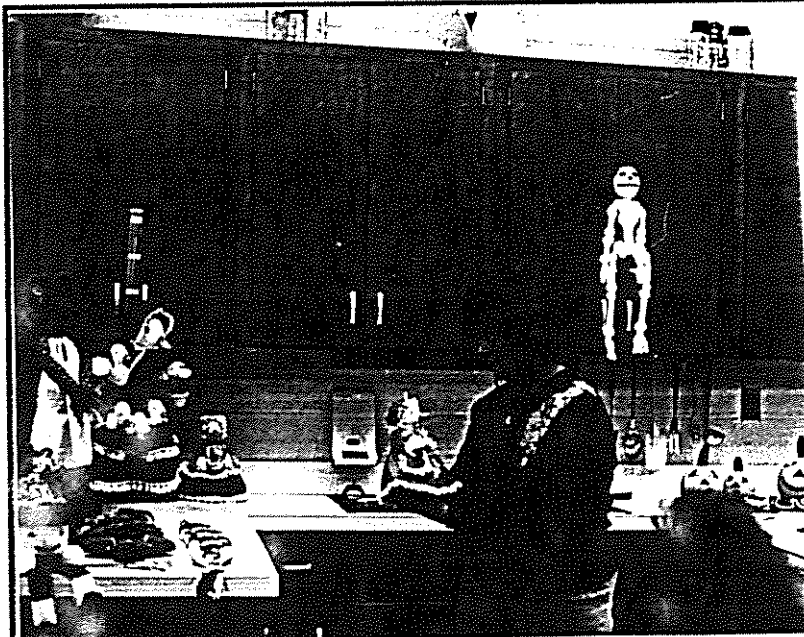
Later that night, the group built a campfire. Everyone roasted marshmallows and made smores.

Some of the group decided that they were tired and went to bed. Someone upset the bucket of crayfish and they started crawling everywhere. Rachel Dillon didn't go to bed until 2:00 AM because she was afraid one of the crayfish was in her sleeping bag.

Mr. Ganoe offered to stay awake and tend the fire during the night. However, he fell asleep, so Mr. and Mrs. Combs kept the fire going to scare away the big, wild animals.

About 7:00 AM everyone started getting up. A few people had trouble pulling themselves out of their toasty sleeping bags. For those who weren't awake at 9:00 AM the tents came crashing down over their heads. As the kids came out of the tents they started taking down the tents and packing. The group ate a large breakfast-lunch with no fish since the group had failed to catch any. After eating, some of the group went on a hike, and Mrs. Combs cleaned up and packed the camping equipment. Later in the day, a tired, dirty and happy group arrived back at the dorm after a big adventure in the woods. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are asking when they can go camping again.

4-H club members attending are as follows: Clermont Gilbert, David Conrad, Craig Dove, Chad Gilman, Michael Husson, Matthew Arbogast, Donald Jacobs, Lisa Pittman, Donna Hornbeck, Rachel Dillon, Mr. Juanita Combs, 4-H Club sponsor; Mr. Gene Combs, Mrs. Combs's husband; Mr. Gary Ganoe, 4-H Club sponsor; Jodi Iser and Jeremy Iser, Mr. and Mrs. Combs's grandchildren; and Richie Dean and Raymond Dean, Mr. Ganoe's children.



Mrs. Faye Fuller displays some of the many crafts that she shared with FHA club members.

## FHA LEARNS ABOUT CRAFTS

On November 3, 1989, Mrs. Faye Fuller was the guest speaker at the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) meeting held at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Mrs. Fuller displayed a variety of wall hangings, holiday crafts, and other handwork that she had made. Mrs. Fuller then assisted the FHA members in making Christmas ornaments from styrofoam balls, sequins, and beads. Everyone in the club enjoyed learning more about crafts from Mrs. Fuller, a skilled expert in crafts. Mrs. Fuller is the wife of Mr. Ren Fuller, retired shoe repair teacher, at the school.

## JR. NAD HOLDS DRAWING

The Junior National Association for the Deaf - West Virginia Association for the Deaf (Jr. NAD-WVAD) recently sponsored a raffle to earn money for the organization. Prizes were a VCR and a microwave. John Burdette, senior, and Matthew Arbogast, seventh grader, sold the winning tickets. The VCR was won by Mr. John Perry of Fort Spring, West Virginia, and the microwave was won by Ms. Beth Betdorf of Elkins, West Virginia.

## FFA LEARNS ABOUT MEAT PROCESSING

Several members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and vocational agriculture classes visited the vocational agriculture classes at Moorefield High School on Thursday, December 7. While there students learned about butchering, meat cutting, and meat processing.

Mr. Parks, the vocational agriculture teacher at Moorefield High School, explained about eat cutting. Students had the opportunity to practice their skills. Clermont Gilbert, Paul See, and Roy Dolin helped to cut the sides of several pigs into the major pork cuts. Once the major cuts were finished, the meat was cut into pork chops, roasts, bacons, and hams. The scraps and trimmings were saved to be

processed into sausage. George Wilfong, Kenny Kidwell, Timmy Bossie, and John Buck helped to debone the meat to make the sausage.

The students learned about meat curing. Michael Losh and Perry Henry helped to salt several hams and bacons with a special compound in preparation for the curing process.

Students attending were as follows: Roy Dolin, Perry Henry, John Buck, Clermont Gilbert, Roger Miller, George Wilfong, Matthew Chronister, Timmy Bossie, Kenny Kidwell, Paul See, Michael Losh, Amy Mullins, and Becky Asbury. Mr. E. A. Leatherman, FFA advisor and horticulture teacher at the school, and Mr. Jake van Beem, cormitory counselor, served as chaperones and interpreters for the group.

## DORMITORY NEWS

Students in Seaton Hall attended the West Virginia University - Rutgers football game at Morgantown on Saturday, November 11. On Saturday, December 9, a group of students traveled to Washington, D. C. to watch a Washington Bullets - Los Angeles Lakers basketball game.

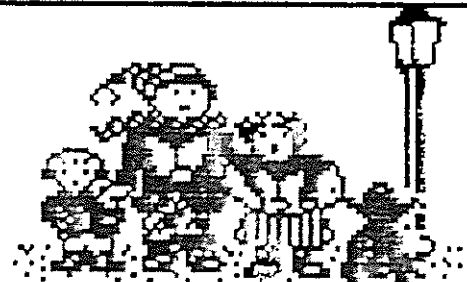
A special Thanksgiving dinner was served on Wednesday, November 15, for students and staff in the Seaton Hall cafeteria. Eighth graders Becky Asbury, Chad Gilman, Craig Dove, Nicole Greathouse, Ruby Ennis, Jeff Huffman, and Linda Franklin served as waitresses and waiters for the dinner.

Students and staff ate a special Christmas dinner on December 19 in Seaton Hall. The seventh grade - Mandy Berry, Donna Hornbeck, David Eaton, Danny McCowan, Matthew Arbogast, Rachel Dillon, and Les Remick served the meal. Immediately following the meal a Christmas party was held in the recreation room of Seaton Hall for students and staff.

FIVE DAYS UNTIL



CHRISTMAS !



# SPORTS

## WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	WHERE	TIME	TEAMS
December 4	Maryland School for the Deaf	Away	4:00 PM	JV & Varsity
December 12	Union	Home	5:00 PM	JV & Varsity
December 13	Paw Paw	Home	7:00 PM	Varsity
December 15	Circleville	Away	6:00 PM	Varsity
December 18	Flintstone	Away	6:30 PM	JV & Varsity
January 3	Elk Garden	Home	7:00 PM	Varsity
January 9	Oldtown	Away	7:30 PM	Varsity
January 11	Flintstone	Home	6:30 PM	JV & Varsity
January 16	Virginia School for the Deaf	Home	4:00 PM	Varsity
January 17	Paw Paw	Away	7:00 PM	JV & Varsity
January 22	East Hardy	Home	6:15 PM	JV & Varsity
January 23	Maryland School for the Deaf	Home	4:00 PM	JV & Varsity
January 25	Elk Garden	Away	7:00 PM	Varsity
January 27	Hampton	Home	7:00 PM	Varsity
January 29	Massanutten Academy	Away	6:30 PM	Varsity
January 31	Virginia School for the Deaf	Away	4:00 PM	Varsity
February 5	Union	Away	5:00 PM	Varsity
February 7	Circleville	Home	6:00 PM	Varsity
February 12	Oldtown	Home	7:30 PM	Varsity
February 14	Massanutten Academy	Home	7:30 PM	Varsity
February 19	East Hardy	Away	6:15 PM	JV & Varsity
February 28	Sectional Tournament			

Gene Wolford - Coach

John Deuel - Assistant Coach (Varsity), Jr. High & JV Coach

Dan R. Haight - Principal

### YARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FIRST GAME!

The boys' varsity basketball team played a very exciting game against Maryland School for the Deaf. The Lions won by a score of 53 to 47. It was the first game of the season. Roy Dolin led the scoring with 24 points and Joey Lanham followed closely with 17 points. The team shows much improvement over last year, so there should be many wins this season.

Members of the boys' varsity basketball team are as follows: Roy Dolin, Joey Lanham, Perry Henry, Clermont Gilbert, John Buck, John Burdette, Mark Burton, Dee Pritt, and Ronnie Epperly. Cathy Washer is scorekeeper for the team and Ruby Ennis is statistician.

Head coach is Mr. Gene Wolford, a substitute teacher in the Hampshire County school system, while Mr. John Deuel, drycleaning teacher, is assistant coach.

### CHEERLEADERS SELECTED

Try-outs were recently held for cheerleaders at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. The following students were selected as cheerleaders for the 1989-90 school year: Myrna Hill, senior; Evonne Pendleton, junior; Amy Mullins, freshman; Becky Asbury, eighth grader; and Dana Sue Jackson, seventh grader. Substitute is Mandy Berry, seventh grader. Cheerleading sponsor is Mrs. Faye Deuel, Seaton Hall dormitory counselor.

# WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

1989-90

DATE	SCHOOL	WHERE	TIME
January 10	Hampshire High*	Home	4:00 PM
January 11	Capon Bridge	Home	4:00 PM
January 22	Romney Jr. High	Home	4:00 PM
January 24	Keyser	Away	6:30 PM
February 1	Capon Bridge	Away	4:00 PM
February 6	Romney Jr. High	Away	4:00 PM
February 8	Keyser	Home	6:30 PM

Head Coach: Ms. Beth Giffin  
 Assistant Coach: Miss Mary Ellen Davis  
 Principal: Mr. Dan R. Haught  
 \*Scrimmage game

## PRACTICES

The girls' volleyball team is hard at work practicing for their first game of the season to be held on January 10, 1990. The team is under the direction of Coach Beth Giffin, physical education teacher at the West Virginia School for the Blind, and Assistant Coach Mary Ellen Davis, mathematics teacher at the Secondary School for the Deaf.

Members of the team include Becky Asbury, Cathy Washer, Amy Mullins, Evonne Pendleton, Doris Criss, Sara Cantrell, Dena Sue Jackson, Rachel Dillon, and Mandy Berry.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHES SEASON WITH 7 WINS!

The girls' junior high basketball team finished out their season with a 7-11 win-loss record. The girls played well and fought a tough battle against several "powerhouse" teams at the end.

The girls beat Mathias 32-24 on October 24. High scorer for the game was Ruby Ennis with 11 points. The team lost a tough game on October 25 to Mathias with a score of 38-23. High scorer for the game was Becky Asbury with 9 points.

Finishing out the season on October 26 the team played Union.

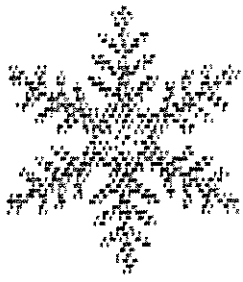
The girls played a good game, but lost with a score of 38-17. Becky Asbury was high scorer and managed to earn the team six points.

## BOYS' JV BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES FIRST GAME

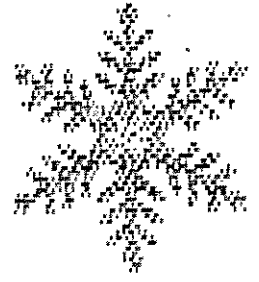
The boys' junior varsity basketball team lost to the Maryland School for the Deaf junior varsity basketball team by a score of 59-14 on December 4. High scorer for the WYSD Lions' JV team was eighth grader Chad Gilman with seven points.

Members of the boys' junior varsity basketball team are as follows: Paul See, Michael Losh, Matthew Chronister, George Wilfong, Chad Gilman, Craig Dove, Timmy Bossie, Jeff Huffman, Kenny Kidwell, Freddy Silva, and Roger Miller. Coach for the JV team is Mr. John Deuel, veteran coach, at the school.

GOOD  
LUCK!  
SPORTS  
TEAMS!



# January 1990



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	1 New Year's Day	2 Students return	3 Classes Resume B'ball (H)	4	5	6
7	8	9 B'ball (A)	10 V'ball (H)	11 B'ball (A) V'ball (H)	12	13
14	15	16 B'ball (H)	17 B'ball (A)	18 Clubs Homegoing	19 10 month staff off Thinking Skills Training	20 Thinking Skills Training
21	22 B'ball (H) V'ball (H)	23 Report Cards & Honor Roll due B'ball (H) IEPs due	24 V'ball (A)	25 B'ball (A)	26	27 B'ball (H)
28	29 B'ball (A)	30	31 B'ball (A)			



# THE LIONS' TALE

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## JUNIORS AND SENIORS VISIT GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

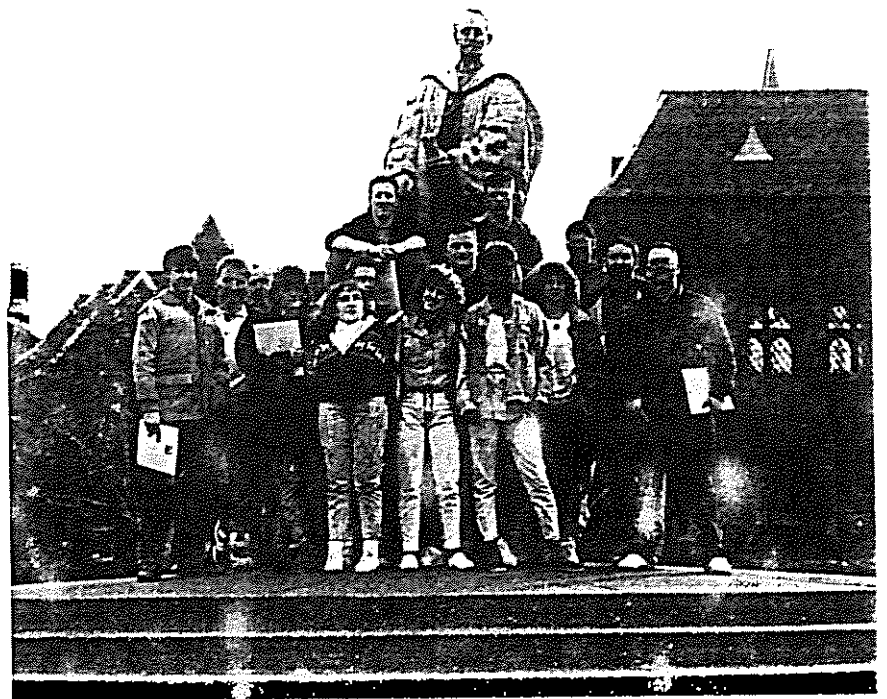
The juniors and seniors recently visited Gallaudet University in Washington, D. C. While at Gallaudet University the students toured the school, observed actual classes, and met with several members of the university community.

Mr. James Tucker, Director of Admissions, discussed the school's admission policy including specific criterion used to determine acceptance to the school's program. He also

answered student questions about the admissions process. Mr. Ronald Stern, Athletic Director, talked about the school's athletic program and sports options available to students. During his portion of the program Mr. Stern stressed the importance of academics, and balancing academics and athletics.

A student panel of university students rounded out the day's activities. Members of the panel discussed their experiences at Gallaudet University and answered questions about college life.

Students participating were as follows: Mary Caruthers, Myrna Hill, David Conrad, John Burdette, Joey Lanham, Dee Pritt, Perry Henry, Mark Burton, Ronnie Epperly, Doris Criss, Evonne Pendleton, Clermont Gilbert, Sara Cantrell, John Buck, and Roger Miller. Chaperones were Miss Patsy Shank, Special Programs' Coordinator and science teacher; Mr. J. D. Corbin, social studies teacher; and Mr. Jim Houser, bus driver.



Juniors and seniors from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in front of the statue of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet at Gallaudet University. In the 19th century Mr. Gallaudet revolutionized education for deaf Americans.

## ROMNEY BALLGAME SIGHTS INSPIRE MAN

Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from "Letters to the Editor" in the Friday, February 2, 1990, issue of the *Cumberland Times-News*.

To the Editor,

In this plastic age of phoney idealogies, of throw away cars, items and people, it's a relief to find honesty in this poor, tired old world.

During the Watergate mess, I too, as so many others in the Vietnam era, became disenchanted about society. The world has lost its innocence and it's hard to find something real anymore.

On Jan. 11, I went to see Flintstone play basketball at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney. It was a good game. West Virginia Deaf has a good team and they don't give up. They're playing a sport which requires a lot of speed, skill and coordination. Yet, being deaf they can't hear the crowd cheering them on nor the ball being dribbled. Still, they play to the henchth of their abilities and they don't give up!

When the Flintstone cheerleaders took the floor, the West Virginia Deaf Lions' cheerleaders applauded and cheered them and vice versa. I've never seen that done before. That's integrity, that's high class, and it's beautiful. It should be done more often by other schools, but I doubt if I'll see much more of it unless I go to another of the Lions' games. I guess my disenchantment is showing through again.

After the game, as I walked to my car, I saw one of the Lions' cheerleaders grab her boyfriend's ball cap and run off with it. He chased her and everyone laughed, just as if it was anyone else, and it was, because they're just ordinary people too.

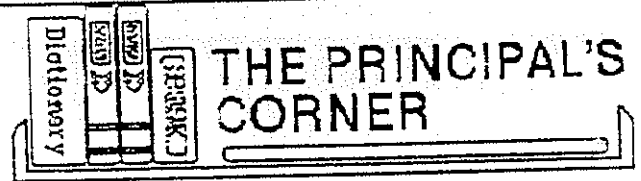
Today, people make excuses not to work, not to respect one another, that's why society is riddled with crime and other problems. People will abuse each other and their own bodies with drugs and alcohol. I've been guilty of it myself, but Jesus loves, heals, and forgives.

Yet, they make no excuses, nor do they complain because they are facing life like real men and women.

As I drove away I felt a new feeling of satisfaction and an enormous burden lifted off my shoulders. I'm proud and glad we have such a fine school like the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in our community.

If you want an experience of a lifetime, go to one of their games, you won't come back the same, as it will change your life to be a better person. The admission is free, but the reward is priceless.

Sincerely,  
Steve Hartman  
Formerly of Ellerslie



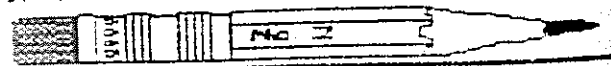
There were almost one hundred alumni on campus the weekend of March 31. Alumni and students played basketball and volleyball games against each other. It was great to see so many successful former students and their families. Several parents also attended and it was a pleasure to see them too.

The last nine weeks of the school year is now in progress. Travelling around the classrooms it is obvious that teaching and learning is in full progress.

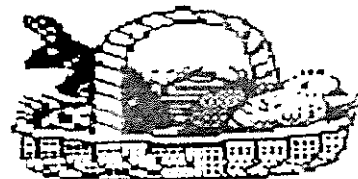
The eight teachers that have specialized training are using Instrumental Enrichment (Thinking Skills) with students. This program should make a significant difference in the future. The student with the most improvement in reading will win a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at the end of the school year. The TDD is being jointly donated by the West Virginia Association for the Deaf and the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association. The emphasis on education by deaf adults adds perspective to students' views about the importance of education. The support by the deaf community of the students and the educational process is appreciated.

Education is the reason students are at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Competition in academic or vocational education, and the athletic program creates positive student experiences and supplements the students' self-images. Staff members that assist students in cooperative or competitive experiences with deaf schools and public schools are appreciated. The school is looking at expanding student experiences in academic and vocational education as is done in sports. Both deaf and public schools seem to be interested in moving in this direction.

Everyone is excited about the renovation progress in Seaton Hall. The students assisting Mr. Sevigny and Mr. vanBeem in the building of the furniture for Seaton Hall deserve a huge thank you for their efforts. Please take the time to see the progress in the dorm on Parents' Day, Friday, April 13, 1990.



## EASTER GREETINGS!



from the  
STUDENTS & STAFF!

## STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LOYALTY DAYS PROGRAM

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is sponsoring a special Loyalty Days program on April 28-29, 1990, in Charleston, West Virginia. The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind have received a special invitation to participate in this program.

There will be a parade on Saturday, April 28, and a special program on Sunday, April 29, which will include a re-enactment of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall. Our school has been invited to participate in both the parade and program.

Several distinguished individuals will be participating in the program including the Honorable Gaston Caperton, Governor of West Virginia; Captain Jon McBride, retired astronaut; Major General Joseph J. Skaff, Adj. General for West Virginia; and Mr. Ralph Stump, VFW State Commander.

Several students from the Secondary School for the Deaf are learning special music for the program. They will sign two songs, "God Bless America" and "God Bless the U. S. A.". Students from the School for the Blind will sing "God Bless America". Students from the School for the Deaf participating are as follows: Mandy Berry, Nicole Greathouse, Dana Jackson, Amy Mullins, Lisa Pittman, Ruby Ennis, Timmy Bossie, Paul See, and George Wilfang. The signers are directed by Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher.

As part of this program the VFW also sponsored an essay contest. The theme of the essay contest was "Loyalty and America". All students in the secondary deaf program participated in this contest.

Winners from the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf were as follows: Miss Becky Asbury, grades 7-9; Miss Evonne Pendleton, grades 10-12; and Mr. Matthew Chronister, grand prize winner for the West Virginia School for the Deaf. All winners will receive a certificate, a flag, and a \$50 United States Savings Bond. As grand prize winner Mr. Chronister will also receive an additional prize.

## TEACHERS COMPLETE THINKING SKILLS

Several staff members have completed the first year's training in Thinking Skills or Instrumental Enrichment. All of the students are benefiting from the teachers' hard work. The teachers used their holidays and Saturdays in order to take the Thinking Skills training. Teachers involved in this program were as follows: Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, Mr. Tom Engelman, Miss Mary Ellen Davis, Mrs. Sue Staley, Mrs. Marjorie Boley, Mr. Stan Mals, Mr. Pierre Sevigny, and Mr. Earl Farris. These teachers plan to take additional courses in Thinking Skills or Instrumental Enrichment next year.

## PARENTS' DAY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13!

Parents' Day is Friday, April 13. The school does not provide transportation on Parents' Day. This is one of the few times that the staff is able to see you. Once again there will be exhibits in the multipurpose room and all of the staff will be there to greet you until 3:30 PM.

There will be continuous showing of the highly recommended videotape "Hearing and the Child". Several staff members will be available for discussion of the videotape. Please allow an extra forty minutes to see this videotape.

Please stop at the dorm to pick up your child before coming to the multipurpose room as your child will be waiting there for you. There will be coffee and snacks in the multipurpose room. You are welcome to have lunch in Seaton Hall. Everyone is looking forward to your visit.

## SILSU UNIT WORKING HARD

This has been a very busy year for the students in the Simulated Independent Living Skills Unit (SILSU).

Tyrena Mangus, Beverly Huffman, Samuel Melott, Donald Jacobs, and David Jacobs go to the Hampshire County Sheltered Workshop each day for two and one-half hours. They do various jobs for which they are paid. Participating in the Sheltered Workshop has been an excellent learning experience for them.

Classroom activities have included field trips, grocery shopping, cooking, baking, serving lunches, etc. On one of the field trips the group purchased fish for the aquarium. The students used some of their workshop money to purchase the fish. A baby fish was born. Now everyone enjoys watching the fish grow.

Mr. Engelman has frog eggs. The class is watching the different stages of growth in the frog eggs. Along with all of these interesting things the group is doing math, writing about the class's different activities, and doing language and reading.

The last nine weeks of school will also be very busy. The students' time in SILSU is a learning experience, but is also a lot of fun.

## SEARCH FOR SPEECH TEACHER CONTINUES

There is a statewide shortage of speech teachers. A Romney native is near completion of her Masters' degree in speech and is interested in working at the school full time next year. This is encouraging as the secondary deaf department has been without a speech teacher since the end of last school year. The school is contracting on a part time basis for a speech teacher for the remainder of this school year.

# CLUB NEWS

## FHA MEMBERS VISIT HAMPSHIRE HOUSE FOR ETIQUETTE LESSON

Members of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) recently visited Hampshire House, a bed and breakfast inn, in Romney. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simmons are the owners of Hampshire House.

Mr. Simmons explained to the group about proper dining etiquette. The group learned about the roles of host and hostess, the proper way for a gentleman to seat a lady at the table, what the different pieces of tableware are and how they are used, and appropriate table manners.

After the short lesson on etiquette, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons served the group brunch. There were three tables of students and each group had a student host and hostess. During the meal students practiced their newly learned etiquette skills.

Everyone enjoyed visiting Hampshire House and learning more about etiquette. The group is proud of their newly learned skills and anxious for other opportunities to practice these important living skills.

FHA members attending were as follows: Mandy Berry, Mary Caruthers, Doris Criss, Nicole Greathouse, Beverly Huffman, Lisa Pittman, Sara Cantrell, Patty Russell, Jeff Huffman, Matt Chronister, David Conrad, and Mrs. Maureen Wysopal and Miss Patsy Shank, FHA advisors.

## FHA VISITS KEYSER GARMENT COMPANY

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) club recently toured the Keyser Garment Factory in Keyser, West Virginia.

The Keyser Garment Factory manufactures clothes for several retail outlets throughout the United States including J. C. Penney, Sears and Roebuck, K-Mart, and other popular department and discount stores. Beginning with the cutting room and progressing through the actual sewing of the garments, making of buttonholes, sewing on of buttons, pressing and cleaning of garments, and preparation of garments for shipment to warehouses for distribution, students were able to see the entire manufacturing process involved in making clothes. Much of the work in the company is piece work and students saw how one person is responsible for one particular aspect of the manufacturing process such as making buttonholes. During the tour students also saw a computer that makes labels and a machine that makes patterns.

FHA members participating were as follows: Mary Caruthers, Doris Criss, Beverly Huffman,

Nicole Greathouse, Mandy Berry, Patty Russell, Sara Cantrell, Lisa Pittman, Jeff Huffman, Matt Chronister, and David Conrad.

## STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS EXCHANGE!

On Tuesday, February 6, 1990, the West Virginia School for the Deaf Student Council hosted a Student Council Exchange. Student Council members from six area public high schools attended. As part of the half-day program Sunshine Too presented the "Batman" and "The Date" segments from their program. At the end of the performance the group of 68 students and 13 adults were divided into three groups. Sunshine Too then conducted one hour communication workshops with the students. Learning about and participating in non-verbal methods of communication was a new and different experience for the public school students in attendance, while the hearing impaired students involved in the workshops had the opportunity to interact with students and to show many of the non-verbal cues they use on a regular basis. During the half-day program students also had the opportunity to share ideas about developing school spirit and school pride, and school activities that Student Councils can sponsor. The program was informative and gave students the opportunity to interact with one another in a positive manner.

Schools participating were as follows: Hampshire High School, Romney; Union High School, Mount Storm; Keyser High School, Keyser; Elk Garden High School, Elk Garden; Berkeley Springs High School, Berkeley Springs; and East Hardy High School, Baker.

## FFA TOURS POULTRY HOUSE ON SOUTH BRANCH MOUNTAIN

Editor's Note: This article was written by the FFA vice-president, Duana Pritt. Mr. Pritt is a senior at WYSD.

A group of FFA members went to the Orndorf Poultry House on South Branch Mountain on February 14, 1990. Those who attended were Duana Pritt, Amelia Mullins, Dana Jackson, John Buck, Paul See, Ruby Ennis, Timmy Bossie, Angela Stokes, Clermont Gilbert, Donna Hornbeck, FFA Advisor, E. A. Leatherman, and Jake vanBeem, interpreter.

We learned many things from Mr. Raymond Orndorf. Chickens are fed and eggs are gathered daily. If the chickens have a disease, they must be killed before the disease spreads.

We noticed different colors on top of the chickens'

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heads. Mr. Orndorf told us that if it is dark red the chicken is healthy. If the top is not bright, dark red, then it is not healthy.

We also learned that you can measure laying eggs. A measurement of two fingers means that the chicken won't lay and will be thrown out.

To protect the chickens there are mists to keep them cool and covers on the sides of the house for temperature control. Cats are used to help kill rats and mice. Also, red and white clothes excite chickens.

Feeding is done with auto-controlled feeders. They limit food for both males and females and keep daily records. We were all very interested when we were shown how to test eggs. Mr. Orndorf said that some eggs have two yolks. These are bad eggs for hatching.

We were able to have pictures of our terrific field trip taken by Paul See and Amelia Mullins, student photographers. Also, videotape was shot by FFA advisor E. A. Leatherman.

## FFA HOSTS PARTY FOR MOOREFIELD FFA

Editor's Note: This article was written by FFA reporter, Michael Losh, a freshman at WYSD.

On February 21, 1990, the WYSD and Moorefield FFA chapters had a swimming party at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind swimming pool. The party was held so that the members of the chapters could get to know each other better. Moorefield arrived at WYSD around 6:50 PM. Lifeguard Mike Hughes opened the pool at 7:10 PM. The Moorefield and WYSD FFA members were excited and jumped into the swimming pool. All of the WYSD girls watched the boys in the pool to see who was the best! The Moorefield and WYSD students played football in the pool and they said it was fun!

The WYSD girls got ready to cook pizza for the FFA members from both groups. At 8:30 PM the pizza party started and everyone was starved! The Moorefield and WYSD boys arm wrestled. The WYSD girls and Moorefield boys flirted with each other. The students all talked and played in WYSD's recreation room. The Moorefield students didn't want to leave WYSD, but had to leave around 10:00 PM because of school on Thursday. All WYSD and Moorefield FFA members are best friends!



# DORM NEWS

## DORM RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

The dormitories are still being renovated with work now being done on the boys' and girls' sides. While this work has caused some inconvenience for students, it is seen as a positive step in creating a more attractive and liveable environment for students.

The third floor of the girls' dorm now has new Anderson windows. During the two week period in which they were being installed, the advanced girls lived with the intermediate girls. This made it very crowded, but the girls have shown great spirit and enthusiasm. On April 9th work will begin on the second floor and all the girls will move up to the third floor.

In the boys' dorm the sheet rock work is completed in the rooms, the ceilings are textured, and the walls are being painted. The goal is to have the boys' dorm completed by May 14th, but there's a lot still to do. All the wiring and plumbing is ready to go, and the tubs have been installed. Some material has not yet arrived, but will be put in as soon as it arrives. The maintenance crew, under the direction of Mr. George Boor, is doing an excellent job.

The students, with the guidance of Mr. Pierre Sevigny, cabinetmaking instructor, and Mr. Jake vanBeem, houseparent, are building all of the furniture for the new rooms in Seaton Hall. The beds have been cut and fabricated, and are ready to be assembled. Desks, book shelves, end tables, and chairs will follow. The wood is solid red oak. The designs are original ones done by Mr. vanBeem. The staff is very proud of the students, who have reason to be proud of their work.

## NEW REC DIRECTOR TAKES OVER

Mr. Mike Surber has taken over as director of the recreation program in Seaton Hall. He is planning activities from now until the end of the year. These will include things like fishing trips, tournaments, field days, swims, a trip to an amusement park, and a canoe trip. The students have been meeting and including many of their own ideas. Mr. Surber has been putting many of the students' ideas into the schedule.

## CLOTHING NOTICE

The boys are living in temporary dorms at the Elementary School. Since washers and dryers are not available, all the clothes are sent to the campus laundry. Please check your child's clothing to make sure there is not a mix-up. If you have extra items, there is someone looking for them. Also, please be sure that your child's clothes are clearly marked.

## LIONS FINISH OUT SEASON WITH A 7-17 RECORD !

The W.Y.S.D. Lions finished the season with a 7-17 record. Playing against Schools for the Deaf, W.Y.S.D. had a 7-1 record.

Roy Dolin played only fifteen games due to a shoulder injury, but still totaled 348 points and averaged 23.2 points per game. Dolin has earned 1,087 points in his four year basketball career.

Joey Lanham played all but one game and earned a total of 472 points this year. Lanham made seventy-four three point shots total 222 points. His average was 20 points per game.

Both Mr. Lanham's and Mr. Dolin's records will be recorded in the school archives, and will become part of the school's long tradition and history. While both of them will soon be graduating and going on to other things, their ball playing days at W.Y.S.D. will not be soon forgotten.

Other seniors on the Lions' Basketball Team include John Burdette, Perry Henry, and Dee Pritt. With graduation fast approaching all five seniors on the team will be sadly missed.

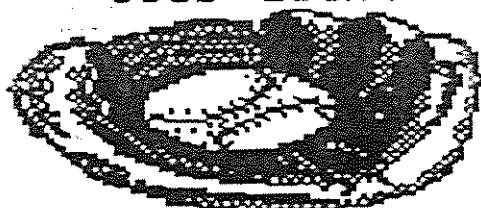
## DOLIN MAKES ALL STAR PVC TEAM

The Lions participated in the Potomac Valley Conference Basketball Tournament at the Keyser Middle School on February 27, 1990. Playing Union High School in the first round, they lost. Roy Dolin was named to the PVC team and recognized by a trophy for his playing.

The W.Y.S.D. cheerleaders attended the PVC Cheerleaders Competition that was held at Hampshire School. Although they didn't place in the competition, eighth grader Becky Asbury was named to the PVC All Star Cheerleader Team and received a medal.

Basketball coaches, Gene Wolford and John Deuel, and Mrs. Faye Deuel, cheerleading sponsor, are to be congratulated for the many hours spent working with students.

GOOD LUCK !



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TEAMS!

## LIONS PLACE 5TH AT E.S.D.A.A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The basketball team and cheerleaders traveled to Brattleboro, Vermont, for the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (E. S. D. A. A.) Tournament. The tournament was held March 1-3, 1990.

The Lions won two of their three games at Brattleboro. The Lions were defeated by The Rochester School for the Deaf (Rochester, New York) in their first game of the tournament. The score was 66 to 48. This was the first defeat of the season to another school for the deaf for the Lions. Senior Joey Lanham was high scorer for the Lions with 17 points.

The second day of tournament action saw W. V. S. D. pitted against the host team, Vermont School for the Deaf. Rallying from the previous day's defeat, the Lions made a stunning come back with a 77-67 victory over Vermont. Senior Joey Lanham scored 36 points for the Lions, while Senior Roy Dolin made 29 points.

In the third game the Lions went head to head with Millneck School for the Deaf (Millneck, New York) winning by a mere 6 points. The final score was 70-64. Roy Dolin led the scoring with 35 points, while Joey Lanham scored 24 points for the Lions.

Losing the first game against Rochester put W. V. S. D. in a struggle for the consolation prize (5th place). Named to the Second Team All Star Basketball Team was Roy Dolin. While the Lions soared to victory in the other two games, the first game of the tournament proved to be the mighty Lions downfall. One factor which may have affected the Lions' performance in the first game was the fact that the team arrived in the morning after a long, tiring bus ride and had to play that evening.

While in Brattleboro the cheerleaders also competed. They placed fourth overall and also won the Pep Rally Skit Trophy in competition. Freshman Amy Mullins was named to the Second Team All Star Cheerleading Team.

The Lions have an avid following and enjoy much support from students, staff, parents, friends, and alumni. Several W.Y.S.D. retired teachers braved the cold and journeyed to Vermont to cheer the Lions on to victory. The Lions greatly appreciate all the support given them.

# SUNSHINE TOO PERFORMS AT WVSD

## GROUP CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS PBS TELEVISION CREW FILMS!

The theater troupe, Sunshine Too, recently performed at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. Sunshine Too is an outreach program of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. This is the eighth year that the group has performed at the school.

Sunshine Too's theme this year was the environment and the first program opened with a short play entitled "Louie, the Litterbug and the Planet of the Bugs". Using puppet-like apparel, the group became life-size bugs. The story stressed the effects of wastes and pollution upon the world, and the importance of cleaning up the environment.

The audience were invited on stage to help with "The Elephant Dance". With the assistance of an elephant roar and waving elephant trunks from the audience, a costumed elephant, the Sunshine Too cast, and volunteers from the audience, danced "The Elephant Dance" - "two big hops, a jump, turn yourself around, and a wiggle."

Using the manual alphabet Sunshine Too created a story called "The Classroom". The letters of the manual alphabet were used in sequence to create "pictures" that described the action. The first performance was rounded out by a visit from the superhero, Batman, and his archrival, the Joker, in a "pawpuppet" story of good versus evil. The story parlayed humor with deaf awareness. In the skit Robyn's girlfriend, Vicky Yale depends upon Max, her hearing ear dog. When Vicky Yale is kidnapped by the Joker, the commissioner calls Batman using the Bat TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf). In a non-threatening, humorous way hearing members of the audience were able to become better acquainted with aids used by the hearing impaired population.

The second show opened with a musical drama, "We Make Our World". This segment featured a couple whose romance began amidst a crowded pile of garbage. They were interrupted by the appearance of a seven foot bug. The mysterious apparition cast a strange spell, and in a flash of light the couple was transported through air, over land, under the sea, where they experienced the damage caused by pollution. The challenges facing the environment were presented through mime, masks, comic dialogue, colorful and imaginative props, and an array of peculiar characters. At the end of the journey the couple realized that "We Make Our World". The friendly bug appeared one last time to remind everyone "it's Up to You".

"The Date" provided a humorous look at that not so perfect date everyone has had in his/her lifetime. Complete with commercials from the sponsor, "The Date" caused many chuckles as

audience members thought back to past dates. It was easy to relate to the long-suffering girl and the nerd so accurately portrayed by Peggy O'Sullivan and George Hambuch. The satirical messages from the sponsor, that were take-offs on well-known commercials, added to the hilarity of the situation at appropriate intervals.

Special guests attending the performances were the hearing impaired classes from Monongalia County's public school system. A sign language class of thirty high school students from Morgantown High School also participated.

An evening performance was held for the general public. Playing to a packed house of 117 adults and 85 students, Sunshine Too delighted the audience with "Louie, the Litterbug", "The Date", "The Classroom", "The Elephant Dance", and "Batman". The make-up of the audience was varied and included both hearing and deaf individuals, adults and children, sign language classes, senior citizens, etc. Advertised throughout the state of West Virginia by means of newspaper articles, people attending were from the local community and surrounding areas.

During the afternoon of February 6, 1990, Sunshine Too conducted workshops for students in the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. The workshops focused on a variety of theater experiences including music, mime, and theater games. Rhythm, American Sign Language, body language, gesture, and mime were stressed throughout the workshops. The workshops served as a positive way of developing language and communication skills.

At the end of the day's workshop the West Virginia School for the Deaf hosted a special birthday celebration for Sunshine Too in honor of their tenth anniversary. At this time members of the group were made honorary Lions at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and presented with a scrapbook of clippings and pictures of Sunshine Too's visit to campus in previous years.

This year a Public Broadcasting System (PBS) television film crew from Rochester, New York, filmed during the group's two day stay on campus. The PBS crew is making a film documentary about Sunshine Too which will air on PBS stations in the fall. The film crew shot several hours of tape while in Romney. The tape will be edited and shown along with footage shot in other locations where the group tours.



# WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

## BOYS' BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	WHERE	TIME
March 28	Union	Home	4:00 PM
April 4	Hampshire High (JY)	Home*	4:00 PM
April 10	East Hardy	Away	4:30 PM
April 11	Paw Paw	Away	4:00 PM
April 24	East Hardy	Home	3:30 PM
April 26	Union	Away	4:00 PM
May 1	Moorefield	Away	7:30 PM
May 3	Elk Garden	Home*	4:00 PM
May 9	Paw Paw	Home	4:00 PM
May 24	Prospect Hall	Away	3:30 PM

E. A. Leatherman - Coach  
 Dan R. Haught - Principal  
 \*Doubleheader

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	WHERE	TIME
March 30	Prospect Hall	Home	3:30 PM
April 3	Southern High School	Away	4:00 PM
April 23	Hancock High*	Away	4:00 PM
May 5*	Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD)	Home	1:00 PM
May 14	Maryland School for the Deaf	Away	4:00 PM
May 23	Virginia School for the Deaf	Away	4:00 PM
May 24	Prospect Hall	Away	3:30 PM

Coaches: Mrs. Jan Dodgins & Ms. Shari Steckert

Principal: Mr. Dan R. Haught

\*Doubleheader

### BASEBALL ROSTER

Roy Dolin	Mike Losh
Dee Pritt	Matt Chronister
Perry Henry	Chad Gilman
John Burdette	Craig Dove
John Buck	George Wilfong
Timmy Bossie	Kenny Kidwell
Paul See	Freddy Silva, Mgr.
Roger Miller	Matt Arbogast, Mgr.
Clement Gilbert	
Joey Lanham, Scorekeeper	

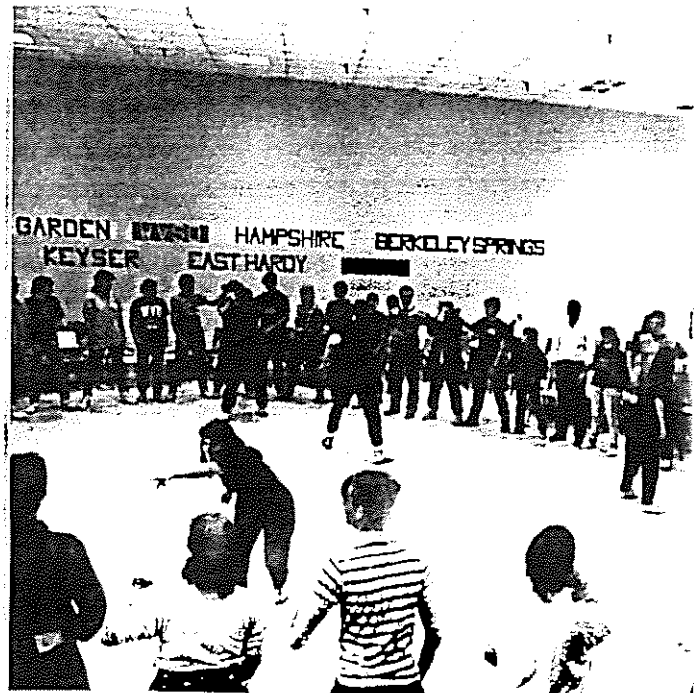
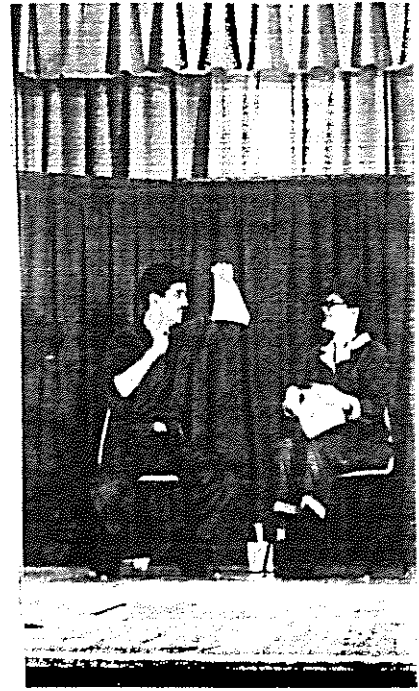
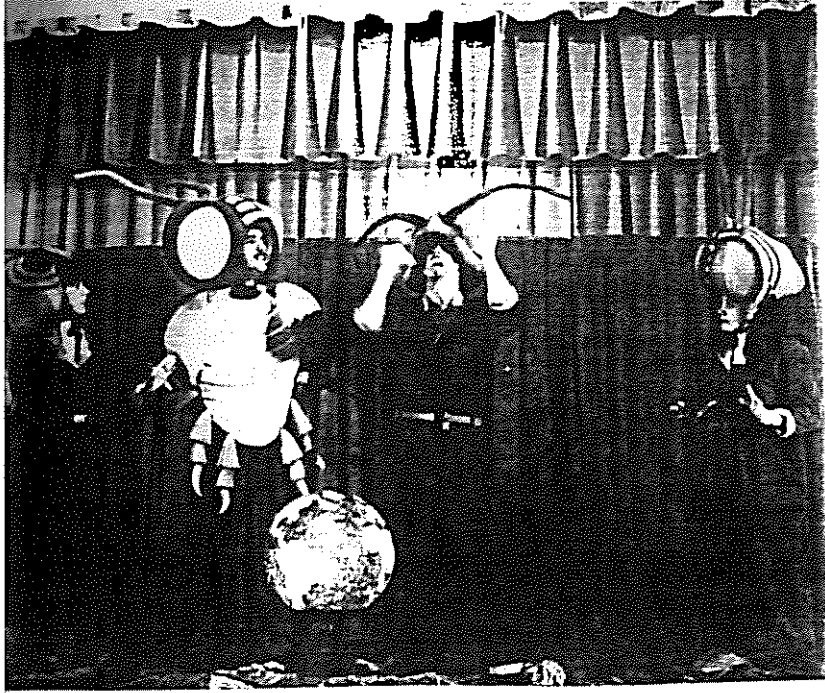
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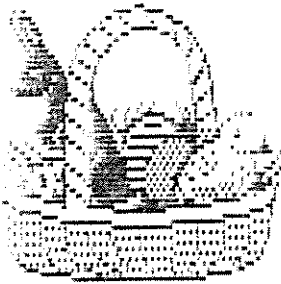
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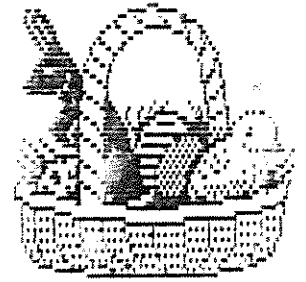
# SUNSHINE TOO

photos by Matt Chronister & Freddy Silva, sophomore photography students





# April 1990



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 S'ball(A)	4 B'ball(H)	5	6	7
8	9	10 SAT PRE-TEST B'ball(A)	11 B'ball(A)	12	13 Parents' Day	14
15 Easter	16 Spring Vacation	17	18	19	20	21 →
22 Students Return	23 S'ball(A)	24 B'ball(H)	25	26 B'ball(A)	27	28 Loyalty Day Parade
29 Loyalty Day Charleston	30 Computer Program					

# THE LIONS' TALE

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## KING AND QUEEN CROWNED

### JUNIORS HOST PROM 1990 AT HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

The junior class of the West Virginia School for the Deaf hosted the Junior-Senior Prom on May 18, 1990. The evening began with a social hour and buffet dinner at Hampshire House 1884.

Hampshire House 1884 is a restored Victorian home in Romney. The home is a bed and breakfast inn, and is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simmons.

During the social hour the king, queen and court of the 1990 Junior-Senior Prom was announced. Reigning as queen was Miss Patty Russell of Jumping Branch, West Virginia, while Senior John Burdette of Ronceverte, West Virginia, was king. Junior princess was Miss Evonne Pendleton of Charlestown, West Virginia. Mr. Ronnie Epperly of Keyser, West Virginia, was junior prince. Special honorees for the evening were SILSU princess, Miss Beverly Huffman of Talcott, West Virginia, and Mr. Donald Jacobs, SILSU prince of Huntington, West Virginia.

Following dinner the juniors, seniors, and their guests returned to the multipurpose room at the school for dancing. Using a red, white, and pink color scheme the room was decorated with hot air balloons and streamers. Mr. Jim Scott, DJ at Q94 Radio Station, provided music.

Special guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Max Carpenter, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Superintendent and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haught, school principal and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Jake vanBeem, assistant principal and husband; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farris, senior class sponsor and wife; and Miss Mary Ellen Davis, senior class sponsor. Seniors in attendance were as follows: Miss Mary Caruthers, Miss Myrna Hill,

Miss Patty Russell, Miss Beverly Huffman, Mr. John Burdette, Mr. Roy Dolin, Mr. Joey Lanham, Perry Henry, and Mr. David Conrad.

The junior class was represented by Miss Evonne Pendleton, Miss Doris Criss, Miss Sara Cantrell, Mr. John Buck, Mr. Mark Burton, Mr. Ronnie Epperly, and Mr. Clermont Gilbert. Junior class sponsors are Miss Patsy Shank and Mr. Herb Adrian.



Miss Patty Russell, Queen, and Mr. John Burdette, King, of the 1990 Junior-Senior Prom.

## MARCH OF DIMES TEEN CONFERENCE BIG SUCCESS !

The third annual Teen Conference, jointly sponsored by the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and the March of Dimes, was held on Tuesday, May 15, 1990. The keynote address focused on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). A mother of an AIDS victim presented the keynote address sharing her experiences of living with and caring for an AIDS patient.

Following the keynote address the students continued the day's activities in small workshop groups.

Students had the opportunity to attend three separate workshops. Workshop topics were as follows: Dormitory Living Skills, Interpersonal Relationships, Sexual Responsibility, and AIDS. The Dormitory Living Skills workshop focused on building skills for living in a dormitory, the development of positive peer relationships, and the building of self-esteem. Leaders for the workshop were as follows: Mrs. Ruth Anne Hutchinson, Personal Counselor at Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD), Washington, D. C.; Ms. Lori Manson, Director of Residence Life, MSSD; Mr. Jim Hynes, Coordinator of Residence Life, MSSD; and Mr. Dale Ford, Guidance Counselor, MSSD.

Interpersonal relationships focused on the development of appropriate peer relationships including dating, strategies for coping, and the building of self-confidence and self-esteem. Workshop leader was Mr. Randy Henderson, a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the West Virginia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Nancy Starcher, a school nurse with the Mineral County School system, conducted the workshop on sexual responsibility. Topics discussed included responsible decision making, abstinence, risk taking, and consequences of sexual behavior.

Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, a home economics teacher at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, led the workshop on AIDS. Discussion during the workshop focused on medical and clinical aspects of AIDS, causes of AIDS, and social aspects of the disease.

The Teen Conference serves as a forum and addresses issues related to living in modern society.

This year's conference was planned and coordinated by the following individuals: Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher at the School for the Deaf; Miss Shari Steckart, counselor at the School for the Deaf; Mrs. Connie Corder, home economics teacher at the School for the Blind; Miss Beth Giffin, physical education teacher at the School for the Blind; and Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher at the School for the Deaf.

### AN INTERCEPTED LETTER

Editor's Note: The following letter was written by the mother of an AIDS victim. She was the keynote speaker for the March of Dimes Teen Conference held on May 15, 1990. To protect her identity and her family's identity, her name has been changed and her address omitted.

May 15, 1990

W. Va. School for Deaf and Blind

To the Students,

I wish to express my fondest thanks for allowing to be a part of what I consider a special day. I came to give of myself only to be given so very much from a group of the young people that I met today. I was feeling especially anxious about speaking this morning. I had never spoken to students before. I felt a tremendous responsibility in all that I had to say to you today. Since the loss of my son, young people have had a special place in my heart in trying to get the message about AIDS across. My fondest wish this past year was that I would be allowed the opportunity to speak with students, not just teachers. Today that wish was granted. Thank you for a truly memorable day. The Teen Conference was wonderful.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe

# GREATHOUSE WINS GOLDEN HORSESHOE

The Golden Horseshoe is a competition sponsored each year by the West Virginia Department of Education. It is the climax of West Virginia studies, including history, geography, industry, geology, flora and fauna, natural resources, and government. Participants in the ceremony each year are eighth grade students from each county and the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind at Romney who have scored the highest in their county on a test about West Virginia prepared by the West Virginia Department of Education. Early in the year, 221 winners come to Charleston for a one-day ceremony.

The State Superintendent of Schools presides over a nighting ceremony as the climax of Golden Horseshoe day in Charleston. Each student kneels and with a tap on the shoulder by a sword, is dubbed knight or lady of the Golden Horseshoe.

This year's winner of the Golden Horseshoe award from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was Miss Nicole Greathouse. Miss Greathouse is a ninth grade student at the School for the Deaf. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greathouse of Mineral Wells, West Virginia.

While in Charleston at the Golden Horseshoe ceremony Miss Greathouse learned about the workings of state government from such noted government officials as Chief Justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Mr. Richard Neely; Mr. Keith Burdette, President of the West Virginia Senate; Mr. Ken Hechler, West Virginia Secretary of State; Mr. Glen Gainer, Jr., Auditor; Mr. Thomas Leehr, West Virginia Treasurer; Mr. Richard Tompkins, West Virginia Attorney General, and Mr. Dave Benedict, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture.

Historically the Golden Horseshoe was connected with the early colony of Virginia. In the year 1716, the governor of the Virginia colony, Alexander Spotswood, saw the need for exploration of the land west of the Allegheny Mountains, most of which is now West Virginia. The governor organized a party of about 50 hardy men all of who adopted the pledge, "Sic jurat transcendere montes," which means "Thus he swears

to cross the mountains". That pledge is the motto of the Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe. They commit themselves to cross the mountains of learning and knowledge on the road to becoming good West Virginia citizens.

Governor Spotswood presented each member of his party a small golden horseshoe to commemorate the venture across the mountains. Thus began the Golden Horseshoe tradition.



SILSU PRINCESS, BEVERLY HUFFMAN,  
AND SILSU PRINCE, DONALD JACOBS,  
AT THE 1990 JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

# SCHOOL HOSTS COLONIAL HERITAGE FAIR

## STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HERITAGE AND WV NATIVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS

On May 31, 1990, the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf hosted a Colonial Heritage Fair in the multipurpose room of the school. Several individuals provided demonstrations and displays for the fair. Some of the demonstrations and displays included quilting, paper quilling, antiques, pottery making, spinning, and native flora and fauna of West Virginia.

Mrs. Ila Slonaker, retired teacher's aide, and Mrs. Shirley Davy, teacher's aide, displayed antique clothing and accessories ranging in age from the 1800's to the 1940's. Included in the display was a wedding gown 70 years old, a china doll, shoes, and a bonnet and dress from the 1800's. Mr. Jim Wysopal, a teacher in the Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Unit, displayed part of his antique train collection. The collection included trains from the early 1900's to present times. Several examples of antique dishes, kitchenware, children's toys, quilts, and other items of interest were shown courtesy of Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher, and Mr. Daniel Saville, owner of Danny's Antiques.

Miss Beverly Huffman, a student at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf, demonstrated the art of quilting. The quilt was made by Miss Huffman in home economics class.

Mrs. Carol Rexrode of Kirby, West Virginia, demonstrated the art of spinning. Using an old-fashioned spinning wheel Mrs. Rexrode spun raw wool into thread. She also showed students how to card the wool. Several students then practiced carding.

Mr. Gary Strawn, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, showed those present several mounted specimens of native West Virginia birds. Particularly interesting was the Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, and Great Blue Heron. Also, in the nature area Mrs. Jean Engelman, Romney, explained about the native trees and plants of the region using pressed leaves and flowers. Mr. J. D. Corbin, social

studies teacher, had several different furs from native West Virginia animals on display. Included in the display were red and gray fox, black bear, deer, raccoon, and beaver. He also showed students how to "flesh" hides using a fleshing beam. Several students also tried their hand at fleshing.

Mr. Mike Coleman, art teacher, set up his pottery wheel and demonstrated the art of pottery making. Several students also tried making small items using the pottery wheel. By the end of the fair several vases, cups, and small dishes had been made by students.

Mrs. Marj Boley, language arts teacher, taught students about the art of paper quilling. In quilling thin strips of paper are twisted into various shapes. The paper shapes are then arranged to make designs and pieces of artwork.

The Colonial Fair was a preliminary activity leading up to the train ride taken through the trough. A committee of teachers from the school planned and coordinated the fair. They are as follows: Miss Mary Ellen Davis, Mrs. Liz Baldwin, Mrs. Shirley Davy, Mr. Mike Coleman, Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, Mr. Stan Mals, Mrs. Marj Boley, and Miss Patsy Shank.

## JACOBS' BROTHERS PARTICIPATE IN STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS!

On June 1-3, 1990, Donald and David Jacobs participated in the West Virginia Special Olympics Track and Field Games at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. This is the third time that Donald has attended the Games and each time he has performed well in running and throwing. This is a first time experience for his brother, David, who returned to school this year. The three days were filled with activities, ceremonies, games, and opportunities to meet new friends. They were accompanied by Mr. Jim Dodgins, dormitory counselor, and Mr. Herb Adrian, social studies teacher.

# WVSD STUDENT READS WAY TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The West Virginia Library Commission and public libraries throughout the state of West Virginia recently sponsored an essay contest for junior high students. Entitled "Read Your Way to the Governor's Office", the theme of the contest was "How Reading Would Help Me in the Future." Winners of the contest were luncheon guests of Governor Gaston Caperton at the Cultural Arts Complex in Charleston, West Virginia. They also received several books and posters from the Library Commission, and will have their winning essays published in a book.

Winner of the "Read Your Way to the Governor's Office" Contest from Hampshire County was Miss Nicole Greathouse. Miss Greathouse is an eighth grade student at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, West Virginia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greathouse of Mineral Wells, West Virginia.

Miss Greathouse's winning essay is printed below in its entirety and exactly as written by her.

## How Reading Would Help Me In The Future"

I want to tell you about my future. It is connected with reading skills that will help me. When I graduate from High School, I certainly plan to go on to college to get more education. I desire to learn more. I will probably major in English, West Virginia History and Foreign Languages. All three of these subjects are related to reading skills and how to write correctly.

I plan to make reading easier and more fun, I would explain things better, act out the parts almost like a play, and be enthusiastic so the students will enjoy reading more.

I feel that reading is important to education and it's worth it to try to structure vocabulary more and make it more enjoyable so that everyone would have a better life and understand the meaning of the words.

Every time I sit down and read and I get the idea of what the words mean and I get the whole picture in my head and I enjoy the book and it turns out to be good.

I really think there are different ways of establishing how to make reading more interesting and

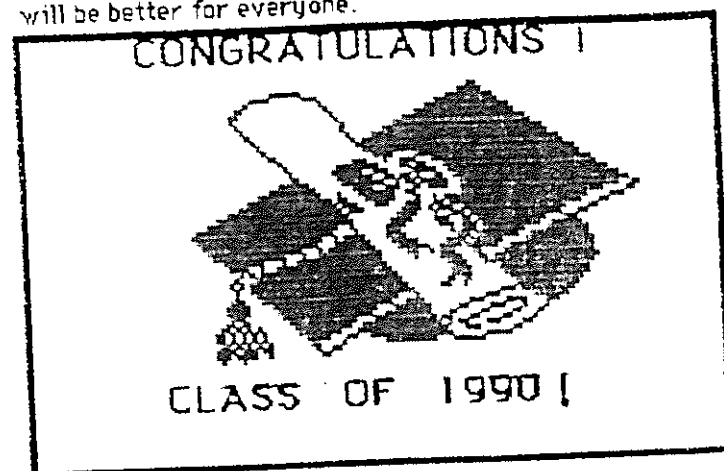
exciting but it's just waiting to be discovered and shared with.

It seems that, the point is that later in the future there will be many people who will enjoy reading make a better world for everyone.

I strongly feel that reading should be recommended starting in preschool at an early age; then later on people will understand reading better than if they had started at a later age.

Reading is another world because it is connected with everything and it represents various things and helps us to comprehend many ideas. Reading is just another subject but it's there to help me get knowledgeable in many areas. Reading is really important because it describes various things and evaluates peculiar things and helps everyone to understand better.

Finally, this is my point of view of Reading. Reading ability is good because it provides good reading skills and knowledge. It is a natural thing that people can develop and learn to enjoy. Reading is there for everyone to enjoy and learn the idea of the subject that is being provided. Reading skills are very important to have when you go out into the world and get a job. It's just a great experience to learn about various things and be able to identify the need for reading skills. Reading is an important part of life because reading is really related to how we live and learn to cope with every thing better. I hope that in the future reading will be better for everyone.



## STUDENTS AND STAFF TRAVEL TROUGH ON TRAIN

On Wednesday, June 6, 1990, all the staff and students at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf participated in an educational field trip. Everyone boarded the South Branch Valley Railroad Train at the cold storage in Romney for a four hour ride through the trough to Sector, West Virginia.

The South Branch Valley Railroad is a narrow gauge railroad operated by the state of West Virginia. Normally, it serves as a freight system hauling grain and other materials for farms located along the line. The line extends from the West Virginia-Maryland border to the Moorefield, West Virginia area and follows the Potomac River. Maintaining a limited number of passenger cars the railroad also provides special tourist excursions at different times throughout the year.

The trough is a wildlife area along the South Branch of the Potomac River. It is particularly noted for excellent fishing, canoeing, and its abundance of wildlife. Of particular interest to all on the train trip was the Bald Eagle's nest located in the trough. Now an endangered species there are only a few Bald Eagles left in the state. A pair of Bald Eagles lives in the trough, and they usually raise two young each spring.

Several historical residences and sites are also located along the line and are visible from the train. One of the oldest homes in the area is a large, stone home located at the beginning of the trip. This home is over 200 years old and is currently owned by the Williams family.

The train trip was enjoyed by all. It allowed everyone to enjoy the beautiful scenery West Virginia affords, to learn more about the animals and plant life of the region, and to study the history and geography of the region and state.

Following the train trip everyone returned to campus for a picnic lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The day ended with a student versus staff softball game.

The train ride was funded by a grant from the West Virginia Teachers' Academy. This grant was awarded to Miss Mary Ellen Davis and Miss Patsy Shank,

Teachers' Academy graduates.

## FHA FINISHES OUT BUSY YEAR

The FHA (Future Homemakers of America) Club has been very active throughout the school year. In the fall the group raised money by making and selling homemade apple pies. Off-campus activities included a visit to Hampshire House 1884 for an etiquette lesson and brunch, and a tour of Keyser Garment Factory. Mrs. Faye Fuller shared her craft expertise with the group, while Mrs. Jean Engelman taught the club about dried wildflowers. The club held a Valentine's Day Party and a Christmas Party.

The club finished out the year's activities with a tour of the local McDonald's. During the tour club members went behind the scenes and saw first-hand how McDonald's prepares their food. The group was able to follow the food preparation process from freezer to grill to packaging to sales. Following the tour FHA members ate breakfast at McDonald's.

Members of the FHA participating were as follows: Mandy Berry, Lisa Pittman, Sara Cantrell, Fatty Russell, Beverly Huffman, Nicole Greathouse, Mary Caruthers, Doris Criss, Matt Chronister, and David Conrad. Club sponsors are Mrs. Maureen Wysopal, home economics teacher, and Miss Patsy Shank, science teacher.

## VICA HELPS WITH FURNITURE CONSTRUCTION

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (V.I.C.A.) of the West Virginia School for the Deaf under the leadership of President Ronnie Epperly elected to forego several regular club meetings on homegoing days. Instead they volunteered their time to help with the cutting and shaping of the new bed parts for the remodeled Seaton Hall boy's wing. Approximately twenty hours was logged by each club member as they diligently worked on this project.

The members who assisted in the project were as follows: Ronnie Epperly, President; George Wilfong, Vice-President; David Eaton, Secretary; Timmy Bossie; and Kenny Kidwell. These young people are to be congratulated for their willingness to volunteer for this project. Without student assistance this project would not be a reality.



## VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN CHOSEN !

Valedictorian for the Class of 1990 at the West Virginia School for the Deaf is Miss Cathy Washer. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hilda Hartwell and is from Hinton, West Virginia. She has been accepted into the freshman class at Gallaudet University for the fall of 1990, but is undecided about her future educational plans at this time.

Mr. John Burdette has been named Salutatorian of the class. He is from Ronceverte, West Virginia and is the son of Mrs. Betty Plumley. He plans to enter the preparatory class at Gallaudet University in the fall.

Other graduating seniors are as follows: Miss Mary Caruthers, Alum Creek; Miss Myrna Hill, Peterstown; Mr. Roy Dolin, West Hamlin; Mr. Dee Pritt, Weston; Mr. David Conrad, Clarksburg; Mr. Joey Lanham, Charleston; and Mr. Perry Henry, West Liberty.

Also entering post-secondary programs are Dee Pritt, preparatory class, Gallaudet University; Joey Lanham, Mount Aloysius Junior College; and David Conrad, West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Center. Miss Caruthers, Miss Hill, Mr. Dolin, and Mr. Henry plan to seek employment following graduation.

1990 graduates of the Simulated Independent Living Skills Unit (SILSU) are Miss Beverly Huffman, Talcott; and Miss Tyrena Mangus, Mount Zion. Miss Patty Russell, Jumping Branch, also completed a special post-secondary program at the school and was awarded a certificate.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future are extended to the Class of 1990!

## SENIORS TAKE TRIP TO OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

The senior class at the West Virginia School for the Deaf recently returned from their senior trip. The group spent three days at Ocean City, Maryland.

Although the weather was less than cooperative, the seniors and their sponsors still had a marvelous time.

They spent considerable time touring the Atlantic shore coastline observing the marine life and geographical features of the area. Their recreational

time was spent in a variety of activities including <sup>page 5</sup> playing miniature golf, and strolling along the boardwalk visiting the shops and riding the various carnival rides. Though the weather did not permit swimming in the ocean, the group took time out from their busy agenda to swim in the hotel's heated indoor swimming pool.

Seniors participating were as follows: Miss Mary Caruthers, Miss Myrna Hill, Miss Cathy Washer, Mr. John Burdette, Mr. David Conrad, Mr. Dee Pritt, and Mr. Roy Dolin. Senior class sponsors are Miss Mary Ellen Davis, mathematics teacher, and Mr. Earl Farris, mathematics teacher.



**MISS EVONNE PENDLETON, JUNIOR PRINCESS, OF THE 1990 PROM. ABSENT FROM PICTURE, RONNIE EPPERLY, JUNIOR PRINCE.**

