

THE
LIONS'



TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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WELCOME, SEVENTH GRADERS!

Interviews by Jessica Morrison

Rachel Hutchinson

Where do you live? Augusta

What do you like about this school?

Art, Gym.

How do you feel about this school? I like it a lot.

Did you make a lot of new friends? Yes, I did.

Tiffany Friend

Where do you live? Beckley.

How many brothers and sisters do you have? 2 sisters

What do you like about this school? The dorm.

When did you come to this school? About 4 or 5 years ago.

Polly Hodge

Where are you from? Kermit.

What are your hobbies? Volleyball, games.

How long have you been at this school? 2 years.

Who told you about this school? My parents.

Cassandra Heaster

Where do you live? Weston.

What do you like to do? Hang out with my new friends.

Who told you about WVSD? My mother and father.

How old are you? 12 years old.



Back Row (Left to Right) Matthew Hart, Rachel Hutchinson, Cassandra Heaster, Polly Hodge, Greg Boring. Front Row: Michael Jarvis, Tiffany Friend, Darrell Beasley.

Matthew Hart

Where do you live? Moorefield.

What do you like about this school? The freedom and playing basketball.

How long have you been at WVSD? 9 years.

Who sent you to this school? My mother and grandmother.

Darrell Beasley

Where are you from? Charleston.

What do you like to do? Play basketball.

How do you like it here? I like it a lot.

When is your birthday? June 7

Gregory Boring

Where are you from? Masontown

What is your hobby? Basketball.

Who told you about this school? My parents.

Michael Jarvis

Where are you from? Chloe

What do you like to do? Play basketball.

Why do you like this school? I have more independence. I like going to the gym to play basketball and doing activities with the kids. Also, I enjoy talking with the older kids. And I feel more responsible.

Good Luck Lady Lions

Dorm Director

by Mr. Blakely



Dear Parents:

By now you have received some information about this 2003-2004 year and its beginning by the informal reports given to you by the Lions' Tale. The faculty and staff at WVSD hope these reports are useful. We hope you feel that the 2003-2004 year has begun well for your child.

It seems that residential activities began smoothly and that this first month has been a fine beginning of what should be a productive year. The boys and girls have been most cooperative.

The seventh graders adjusted easily to their new surroundings and their schedules and are a friendly presence at WVSD. The eighth graders enjoy not being the youngest in the school. The ninth graders (freshman) have made an excellent start in terms of residential/instructional work and overall behavior.

The WVSD Awareness/SRE programs have been organized, and now that the students are settled into their residential routine, student activities and recreational activities are moving into operation.

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

Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



In Superintendent McBride's opening address to all WVSD&B employees, she told everyone to "make it the best year ever." Apparently, the staff of the Secondary School for the Deaf was paying attention. Our school opening was the best that I've ever experienced. Teachers returned rejuvenated and determined to do whatever it takes to move our school forward. Students returned excited and eager to learn. Our top notch office staff had everything in order, and we quickly got busy with minimal disruptions. After walking empty corridors for a couple of months, it was exciting and moving to observe the teaching process taking place once again.

Although it is always good to do what the Superintendent asks, I cannot give full credit for a great start simply to encouraging words. In reality, it was the appropriate action of a committed staff bringing over three hundred years of experience and averages of masters plus thirty certification. Their enthusiasm and dedication reaches beyond the classroom as was evident in the overwhelming response to club participation this year. Club sponsors have been providing enrichment experiences and opportunities that are second to none. Our four clubs which include Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmers of

America (FFA), Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA), and Junior National Association for the Deaf (Jr.NAD), signed up a combined total of 144 students. Our show choir, Tapestry, signed on 18 members. The heightened interest in club participation was a wonderful tribute to our hard working club sponsors.

Although the summer months typically leave teachers without students, many of the teachers became students themselves by taking courses to enhance their skills and to provide additional opportunities for students. Two teachers attained West Virginia EDGE Certification which will allow them to offer college credits to students taking their courses. This opportunity will literally give the edge to our college bound students.

The students and staff at the Secondary School for the Deaf are well on their way to "making it the best year ever."

ATTENTION GEAR UP PARENTS

The following parent workshops will be held:

OCTOBER: Healthy Developmental Assets for Youth with Chris Merritt
10/7-RMS band room 7 p.m.
10/14-CBMS band room 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER: Study Skills with Lisa Allen
11/3-CBMS band room 7 p.m.
11/10 HHS library 7 p.m.

Note: If special accommodations are needed, please contact Kathy L. Kuykendall at 822-4860. Please give two weeks notice prior to the event.

Academic/Athletic Awards Banquet

On June 4th, WVSD's 2003 Academic/Athletic Awards Banquet was held in the Seaton Hall dining room.

The following students were recipients of **Academic Awards**: **Art**: Corey Grace; **English**: Mindy Spencer, Paul Parent; **Quest**: Zelina Cooley, Megan Davis, Lindsay Eversole, Desiree Parmer, Justin Rhodes, Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Natasha Wolford; **Geography**: Justin Gregory; **Golden Horseshoe**: Justin Rhodes; **US History**: Jessica Morrison; **World History**: Billy White, Bradley Grey; **20th Century History**: Mindy Spencer; **NEWS Currents**: Keith Richardson; **Library**: Holly Romanello, Paul Parent, Jessica Morrison.

The following students were recipients of **Tech Ed Awards**: **LAIR**: Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer; **Business Dept. Outstanding Student**: Paul Parent.

The following students earned a place on the **Honor Roll**: Justin Gregory, Justin Rhodes, Bradley Grey, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, Bernadette Cewulka, Jonathan Edwards, Corey Grace, Lisa Parent, Billy White, Natasha Wolford, Justin Flick, Josh Harpine, Pam Thompson, Zelina Cooley, Megan Davis, Lindsay Eversole, Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Jessica Morrison, Jeremy Cornell, Hannah Pauley, Paul Parent, Keith Richardson, Sarah Abernathy, Ashley Lease, and Desiree Parmer; **Perfect Attendance**: Desiree Parmer, John Michael Oldaker, Jonathan Edwards, Bradley Grey, Mindy Spencer, Brian Cross, and Ashley Lease; **Faithful Attendance**: Zelina Cooley, Corey Grace, Mark King, Becky Lett, Paul Parent, Justin Rhodes, Pam Thompson, Billy White, and Terry Withrow.

The following students were recipients of **Club Awards**: **FBLA Outstanding Student**: Hannah Pauley; **Agricultural & FFA Honorary Membership**: Mr. Pierre Sevigny, Mrs. Nancy Judd; **Tapestry**: 1st year - Keith Richardson, Josh Bittner, Phillip Fraley; 2nd year: Ashley Lease, Paul Parent, Hannah Pauley, Holly Romanello; 3rd year: Carolyn Rockow, Lisa Parent, Jessica Morrison, Mindy Spencer, Bradley Grey, Billy White; **FFA State Convention Scholarship Winners**:

Josh Harpine, Pam Thompson, and Corey Grace.

The **Americanism Award** was presented to Jared Helsel.

The following students were recipients of **Sports Awards**: **WV Activities Commission Certificates**: **Sportsmanship**: Students-Becky Lett, Paul Parent; Fan-Carolyn "Cookie" Hott; **Ethics/Sportsmanship/Integrity**: Pierre Sevigny; **ESDAA Scholar/Athletic**: Mindy Spencer, Keith Richardson; **Girls' Middle School Basketball**: **Participation Awards** - Pam Thompson, Sarah Abernathy, Rachel Hutchinson, Tiffany Friend, Polly Hodge, Shaniqua Washington, Cassie Heaster, Mady Aldridge, Samantha Johnson, Natasha Wolford, Megan Davis, Desiree Parmer, Zelina Cooley; **Boys' Varsity Basketball**: **MVP**-Billy White; **Best Offense**: Bradley Grey; **Best Defense**: Corey Grace; **6th Man of the Year**: Josh Bittner; **Most Improved**: Jonathan Edwards; **Most Dedicated**: Paul Parent; **Redbounder of Year**: Keith Richardson; **Manager**: Tyler Labin, Jared Helsel. **Boys' Middle School Basketball**: **Participation Awards**: Justin Rhodes, Terry Withrow, Josh Harpine, Justin Gregory, Justin Flick, Michael Jarvis, Greg Boring, Matthew Hart, Roddy Stickley, Brandon Lewis, Ethan Bolyard, Darrell

Beasley. **Girls' Varsity Basketball**: **MVP** Carolyn Rockow; **Best Offense**: Mindy Spencer; **Best Defense**: Holly Romanello; **Most Improved**: Hannah Pauley; **Busy Bee**: Lisa Parent; **Most Dedicated**: Ashley Lease; **Most Enthusiastic**: Jessica Morrison; **Girls' Volleyball**: **MVP**: Mindy Spencer & Holly Romanello; **Most Improved**: Lisa Parent; **Most Dedicated**: Carolyn Rockow; **Best Server**: Hannah Pauley; **Participation Awards**: Jessica Morrison, Ashley Lease, Pam Thompson, Sarah Abernathy, Rachel Hutchinson; **Manager**: Paul Parent; **Scorekeeper**: Bradley Grey; **PE Student Awards**: Hannah Pauley, Justin Rhodes; **Carl W. Flanagan Award**: Corey Grace; **Special Olympics**: Becky Lett, Megan Davis, Natasha Wolford, Desiree Parmer, Lindsay Eversole, Nina Hedrick, Robbie Cranfield, Mark Wheelwright, Mark King, Tyler Labin, Jared Helsel, John Oldaker; **Tractor Contest**: 3rd Place: Paul Parent; 2nd Place: Corey Grace; 1st Place: Pam Thompson; **Groundskeeping and Maintenance**: Keith Richardson; **Greenhouse**: John Oldaker; **Plant Growing**: Josh Harpine; **James Edward Memorial**: Mindy Spencer; **VFW Award**: Jared Helsel, Becky Lett.



Left to Right: Corey Grace, Terry Withrow, Zelina Cooley, Billy White, Pamela Thompson, Paul Parent, Justin Rhodes, Becky Lett.

County-wide Gear Up Picnic

by Mrs. Kuykendall

On Monday, August 25, all dorm students attended a Hampshire County Gear Up picnic at Central Hampshire Park in Augusta. The menu included chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and dessert. WVSD students got plenty to eat and then played basketball and volleyball. There was live music featuring "The Hip Waders" (the Francis Chilcoat band) and lots of door prizes.

Potential Gear Up members attending were 7th graders Darrell Beasley, Greg Boring, Matthew Hart, Rachel Hutchinson, Michael Jarvis, Tiffany Friend, and Cassandra Heaster; 8th graders Sarah Abernathy, Justin Gregory, Josh Harpine, and Pam Thompson; 9th graders: Zelina Cooley, Justin Rhodes, Desiree Parmer, Lucas Turner, and Terry Withrow; 10th graders Tyler Labin and Jessica Morrison.

Other students attending were Keith Richardson, Mark Wheelwright, Nina Hedrick, Billy White, John Oldaker,

Brad Grey, Brian Cross, Paul Parent, Lisa Parent, Corey Grace, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Hannah Pauley, Jessica Morrison, Ashley Lease, and Josh Bittner.

Parents attending were Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Rhodes.

Chaperones were Mr. Blakely, Mr. McKee, Mrs. Buckley, Ms. Hott, Ms. Nealis, Mr. Nealis, Mr. Racey, Mrs. Sipple, Mr. Surber, Mr. Slocum, Mr. Sevigny, and Mrs. Kuykendall.

Athletic Director's Corner

by Mrs. Barnes

Our school mascot is the "LION." With that in perspective, I was thinking what to write for my first article for the new year, 2003-2004.

What is your image when you

think of an animal such as the lion? I see the presence of a mighty beast whose appearance is powerful, sleek, and who dominates with power as a wise leader. A lion is one who guides his followers with pride, nurtures as needed, and ascertains a lot of intelligence.

I would like to convey to all of our athletes here at West Virginia Secondary School for the Deaf . . . strive to be like the "mighty lion." Show your teammates, coaches, spectators and opponents that you, too, can be powerful, proud, intelligent, and cooperative to exemplify our school as one of the best!

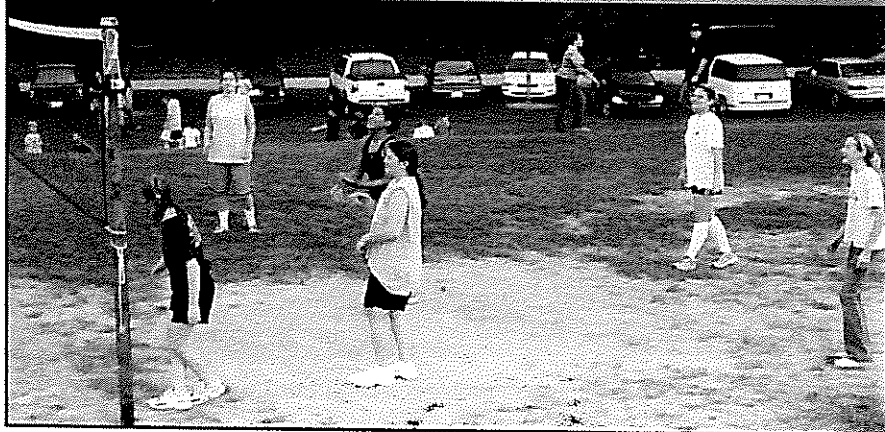
We are starting our girls' volleyball season with a "new" Middle School team and a Varsity team. Coaches Mary Beth Surber and Mary Ennis have been busy preparing the girls for their competition. You can view the schedules on the WVSD&B web site. Try to attend the games and give the girls your support!

Several of our students are participating with Hampshire County school teams in various sports. To date, we have three middle school boys running cross country with Romney Middle School, one boy running cross country with Hampshire High School, one girl playing soccer with Hampshire High, and two boys playing 9th grade football with Hampshire High School. This involvement takes a lot of coordinating with schools, coaches, interpreters, and transportation, but we do it with pride. Hopefully, many years down the road, these students will reflect back with positive memories of when they were athletes on these teams.

Basketball schedules are being finalized and will be available soon.



Photos by Jessica Morrison and Corey Grace



Volleyball News

(as of 9-23-03)

by Coach MaryBeth Surber

WVSD swept East Hardy JV 3-0 at Baker, WV, on September 16. The Lady Lions won games by the scores of 25-23, 25-21, and 25-17. Mindy Spencer had 11 service points, 5 aces, and 3 kills. Hannah Pauley added 10 service points and 4 kills. Our record is 1-0.



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HOMECOMING/SPIRIT WEEK!

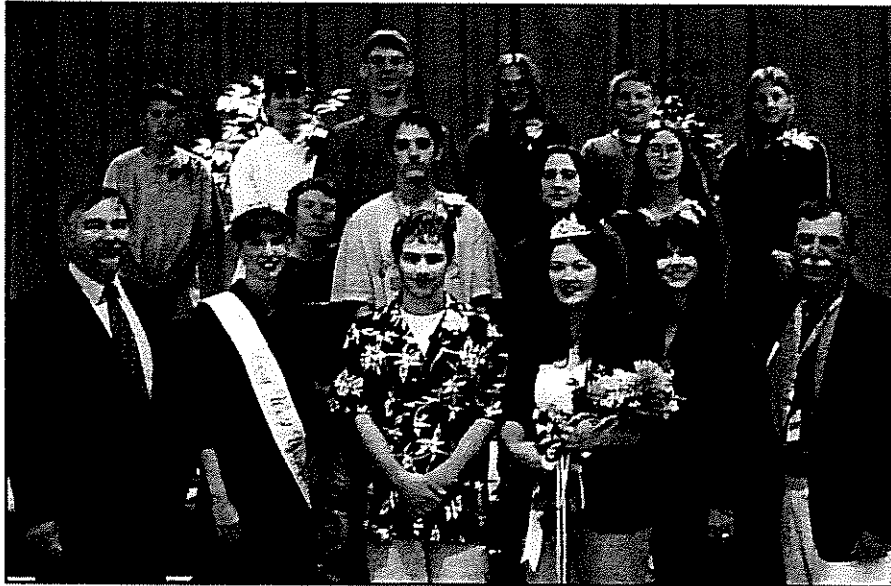


Photo by Mrs. Heare

Front row, left to right: Principial Corbin, Miss Deaf West Virginia Linda Phillips, Homecoming King and Queen, Paul Parent and Mindy Spencer, Ms. Deanna Stone, Mr. Sevigny. Second Row: Prince and Princesses: Tyler Labin, Corey Grace, Hannah Pauley, Jessica Morrison. Third Row: Prince and Princesses: Greg Boring, Rachel Hutchinson, Justin Rhodes, Desiree Parmer, Justin Gregory, and Pamela Thompson.

WVSD students celebrated Homecoming and Spirit Week from September 29th through October 3rd. In addition to our regular class schedule, we had special activities throughout the week. All of the students, and even some of the teachers, joined in the fun!

Monday - Sports Day! Dress like your favorite sports team or sports person.

Tuesday - Pajama Day! Wake up, get out of bed, and go to school!

Wednesday - Circus of the Senses, Dulles, VA; lunch at the Dulles Town Center Mall.

Thursday - Blue and Gold Day! We supported our girls' volleyball team vs HHS (JV). Our girls won with a score of 3-2. Seniors won the Spirit Stick.

Friday - The Homecoming court was announced along with the crowning of the King and Queen! Miss Deaf West Virginia and the new Commissioner for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing were in attendance.

WVDAA Inducts Six Into Hall of Fame

On October 3, the West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association (WVDAA) held its 56th Annual Homecoming and 5th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on the campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Approximately 120 members from across the United States were in attendance.

The WVDAA Hall of Fame Committee selects former student athletes, coaches, and advocates for induction into the Hall of Fame based on dedication and service toward the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD). Hall of Fame Awards are presented every two years during the October Homecoming festivities. This year, the following inductees were honored dur-

ing the Annual Homecoming Banquet: James Buemi, SR, Football; Lewis Evans, Football; Ronald Haugh, Football; Debra Heare, Coach; Glenn Robertson, WVSD Advocate; and Hampshire Review, WVSD Advocate.

Plaques with the following inscription were presented to each inductee. "In recognition of a leader whose dedication to the WVSD community and strength of character will remain an inspiration throughout the lives of the alumni."



Photo by Mrs. Kuykendall

Left to right: Pierre Sevigny, John Deuel, Debra Heare, and Doug Godfrey.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

Some really good things have been happening at the Secondary School for the Deaf. One of my favorite was our recent Homecoming celebration. The event was enhanced by our special guests including the newly appointed Commissioner for the Deaf and Hard of hearing, Deanna Stone. Also in attendance was Miss Deaf West Virginia, Miss Linda Phillips. Both of our esteemed guests shared special messages with our student body and helped to make our homecoming truly special. I would be remiss not to mention how good it is to welcome home our extended school family, the alumni. It is always great to reminisce about the good old days and see how their lives have changed through the years.

This year I had the pleasure of meeting a former deaf teacher at our school. He had not returned to the school for many years. We had a wonderful visit sharing the "then and now" about our school and the changes that have taken place.

Mr. Pierre Sevigny served as the Master of Ceremonies for the crowning of our royalty and also led the traditional march of the classes.

It was a wonderful homecoming on a beautiful day and it is only one of the many special things that are happening at the Secondary School for the Deaf.



Dorm Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

On behalf of the Secondary Residence Education Department at Seaton Residence Hall and the faculty at the West Virginia Secondary School for the Deaf, I would like to congratulate the following students:

*The recent election to Junior National Association for the Deaf (Jr. NAD) President: Keith Richardson, Vice President: Jeremy Cornell, Secretary: Lisa Parent, Treasurer: Mindy Spencer, Sergeants-at Arms: John Edwards and Carolyn Rockow.

*Intramural (IM) Coordinators Brad Grey and Corey Grace. 3-3 Basketball Contest, 21 Free Throw Basketball Contest, Billiard Contest, and Ping-Pong Contest.

*Receiving September's Cleanest Room awards (free

Domino's medium pizza with one topping): Adv. Boys, Brad Grey; Int. Boys, Justin Gregory and Michael Jarvis; Adv. Girls, Zelina Cooley; Int. Girls, Nina Hedrick.

*Selection for the September Student of the Month (SOM) (T-shirt with logo: "SOM" on the shirt; picture hung on SOM wall). Male Student of the Month: Paul Parent Jr, and the Female Student of the Month: Ashley Lease.

The high honors for these students are indicative of those who have achieved significant success in the field of activities, as well as those who personify the highest qualities and in whom we have the greatest pride.

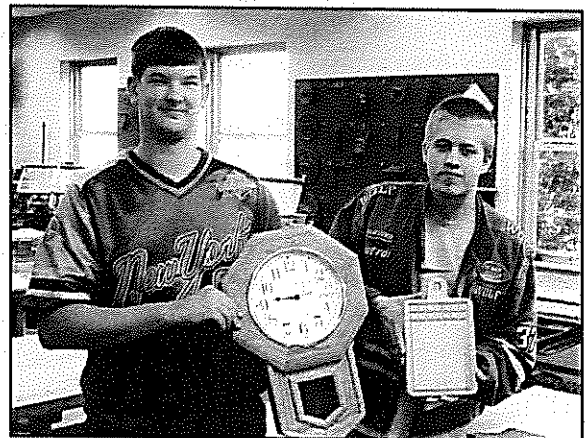
We would also like to congratulate the parents and Child Care Workers who have contributed so much to what they are and what they have accomplished.

We have great confidence in them and their chances for continued success in their future endeavors, whatever they may be. Also, we are expecting to see some new faces in the near future.

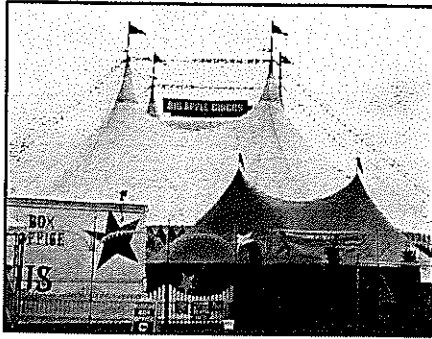
Class of '05 Working Hard in Mr. Sevigny's Class

To benefit the Class of 2005, Billy White (left), Jonathan Edwards (right), Brad Grey and Josh Bittner are making clocks, cheese boards, and a blanket chest in Mr. Sevigny's class. Later, they will be selling chances on these beautiful things, so get your wallets ready!

Photo by Mrs. Dodgins



WVSD Goes To The Circus



by *Jeremy Cornell*

On Wednesday, October 1, WVSD students and teachers traveled to the Dulles Town Center in Loudoun County, VA to experience "Circus of the Senses" or "CARNEVALE."

We departed early Wednesday morning and arrived in time for the 11:00 performance. It was wonderful. We were able to experience a "classical circus under the big top" while sitting in the best seats!

The circus had interpreters for the deaf which allowed us to fully appreciate the clowns, masquerade parade and costumes, juggling, pratfalls and acrobatics, near-seismic vibrations and a loud eight-piece band. We all loved the show.

We then proceeded to the Town Center Mall for lunch. After eating, some of the students went shopping and some took a tour around the mall. We would like to thank Mrs. Davy for her hard work in organizing this trip, and American Express for this fantastic opportunity. We would all like to go again next year!



Gallaudet Recruiter Visits WVSD

by *Mr. Adrian*

On Monday, October 6, Tamara Suiter, a recruiter from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC., presented important information about the many diverse programs offered to high school graduates. Her presentation was very interesting and covered all areas of Gallaudet college life. Tamara combined her presentation with a very effective discussion

period and answered many questions from the students and staff. Her excellent communication skills added to the overall effectiveness of her presentation and her friendly disposition put all of the students at ease. Everyone learned something new about Gallaudet and the wonderful educational opportunities available to any young man or woman who wishes to continue his/her studies after high school.

Welcome
Theatre West Virginia
performing

Honey
in
the Rock

November 3, 2003
10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Pictured above are members of the cast of Honey in the Rock and the shadow interpreters.

From the Athletic Director

by Joyce Barnes

It's almost time to put up the volleyballs and get out those orange basketballs. (Yes, eagerly awaiting boys from the Secondary Deaf School - it's almost here -- "YOUR" GAME!)

But first, let's get our current sports updates!

Our Middle School Volleyball girls have finished their games. They ended the year with a lot more experience and knowledge of the game. Hopefully, we will see Coach Ennis and the girls again next year eagerly wanting to play and keep that sport in our school.

Brian Cross participated on the Hampshire High School cross country team. He is a Senior, so this was his last year on that team. Coach Striesel expressed her fondness for him and gratitude to him.

Joshua Harpine and Greg Boring were runners for the Romney Middle School cross country team. Because they started later in the season, they did not get to run in all of the meets. But hopefully next year, they will still be interested and can start at the beginning of the season. Both have potential to be

top runners.

Carolyn Rockow participated on the Hampshire High School soccer team. She was featured in the Hampshire Review with her picture and accomplishments.

Representing our school on the Hampshire High 9th grade football team are Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow. Terry is new to this sport, but if he continues with this sport, there will be a lot of potential for him to "shine." Justin has been in the "limelight" last year and again this year as a football player, and we anticipate seeing his name throughout his football career.


Our Varsity volleyball girls have ended their regular game season with 9 wins and 7 losses. They will be playing in the area Regional I game on November 4th, Tuesday night, starting at 7 p.m., with Paw Paw High School at Paw Paw. The winner of that game will advance to the Nov. 5th game at Paw Paw.

Preparations are being made for the ESDAA Volleyball tournament in Millneck, NY, which is scheduled for November 7th and 8th. Plans include driving on Thursday, Nov. 6, to Philadelphia, PA, for an overnight stay at


Overbrook School for the Blind, awakening on Saturday morning, eating a hearty breakfast, then traveling to Millneck, NY. Our girls will be playing a round robin tournament. Games are scheduled at 4:20 p.m. with SMSD, 6:20 p.m. with DSD, 7:40 p.m. with MNM, and 10 p.m. with TLC. On Saturday morning a game is scheduled at 8:40 a.m. with SSSD. At 10 a.m. the #1 seed vs #4 seed; 11 a.m. #2 seed vs #3 seed; and at 12 noon #5 seed vs #6 seed. Competition skills start at 1 p.m.; consolation game at 2 p.m.; championship game at 3 p.m.; awards at 4 p.m.; and departure around 4:30 p.m. The girls will have an overnight stay at Overbrook on Saturday night, then on Sunday, return to West Virginia. WOW, what an adventure!






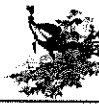

To our Varsity Volleyball team: Girls, represent our school with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, do your best, make friends, have fun, and enjoy this experience!

Til' the next edition of the Lions' Tale . . . support our athletics and get ready for an action-filled, busy basketball season. Practice starts for girls on November 10th and boys on November 17th.



November 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 State Track Meet Mineral Wells TAPESTRY SJ State Park
	 Dinner Theatre Honey in the Rock				 ESDAA Division II Tournament Mill Neck Manor, NY 11/7-8 Club Day Homegoing	
	 Return to school					
					 Club Day Homegoing	
		Thanksgiving				Break
 Return to school						

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Girls' Volleyball

by Coach Surber

WVSD Beats Paw Paw

Sept. 26

At WVSD, the Lady Lions swept Paw Paw 3-0 by the scores of 25-11, 25-12 and 25-21. Ashley Lease had 15 points. Carolyn Rockow had 10 points, 5 aces, and 3 kills. Mindy Spencer added 8 points, 6 aces, and 4 kills. Hannah Pauley had 11 points. Holly Romanello had 2 points and 6 kills. Our record is 2-0.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front Row: Hannah Pauley, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, Lisa Parent, and Zelina Cooley. Back Row: Bradley Grey, Scorekeeper; Jessica Morrison, Mrs. Beth Surber, Head Coach; Ashley Lease, and Paul Parent Jr., Manager.

WVSD Over East Hardy JV

At WVSD, we beat East Hardy JV 3-2 by the scores of 25-17, 21-25, 28-26, 24-25, and 15-8. Mindy Spencer had 20 points, 8 aces, and 6 kills. Hannah Pauley added 13 points. Holly Romanello had 10 points, 5 aces, and 3 kills. Record: 3-0

Highlights:

Mindy Spencer- 20 points, 8 aces, and 6 kills.

Hannah Pauley- 13 points.

Holly Romanello- 10 points, 5 aces,

and 3 kills.

Ashley Lease- 9 points.

Carolyn Rockow- 8 points, 4 aces, 3 kills, and 3 assists (sets).

Jessica Morrison- 4 points.

VSD Sweeps WVSD

At Staunton, VA, VSD swept

WVSD 3-0. The Lady Lions lost with scores of 25-11, 25-20, and 25-12.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 6 points, and 1 ace. Mindy Spencer- 3 points, 1 ace, and 3 kills. Record: 3-1

WVSD Bests HHS JV

At WVSD, the Lady Lions defeated HHS Jayvees 3-2. The scores were 13-25, 26-24, 20-25, 25-19, and 15-12. Record: 4-1

Highlights:

Carolyn Rockow- 12 points, 12 assists, and 4 kills.

Zelina Cooley- 9 points and 4 kills. Hannah Pauley- 8 points and 6 assists.

Holly Romanello- 6 points and 17 kills.

Mindy Spencer- 6 points and 8 kills.

TRI-Match

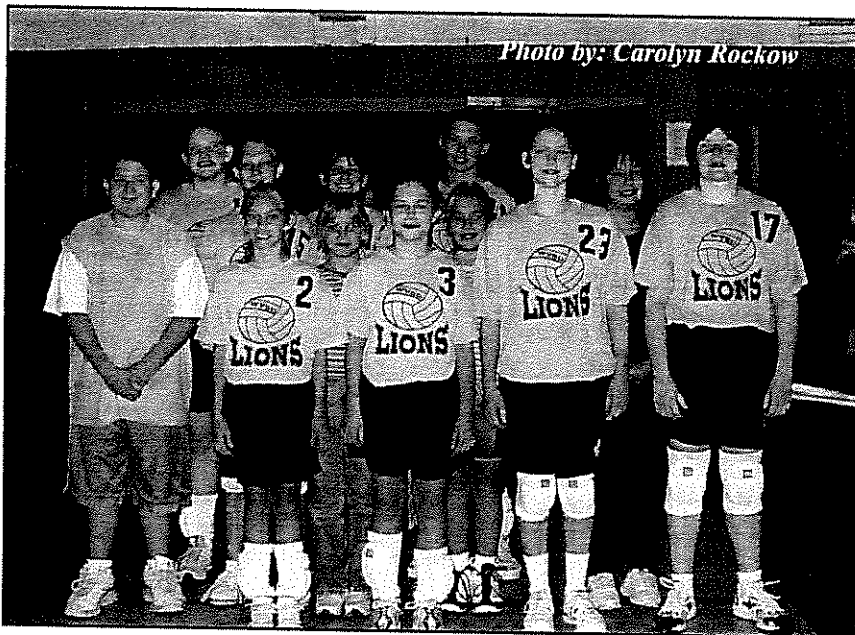
Moorefield JV Sweeps WVSD

At Moorefield, the Yellow Jackets beat the Lady Lions 2-0. The scores were 16-25 and 24-26.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 8 points.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front Row, left to right: Justin Gregory, Scorekeeper, Samantha Johnson, Mady Aldridge, Polly Hodge, and Cassie Heaster. Middle row: Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Hill, and Holly Ramos. Back Row: Sarah Abernathy, Pamela Thompson, Rachel Hutchinson, and Tiffany Friend.

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Holly Romanello- 6 points and 3 kills.
Mindy Spencer- 2 pts and 6 kills

Paw Paw Beats WVSD

Paw Paw defeated WVSD 2-0.
The scores were 20-25 and 18-25.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 5 points and 2 kills
Holly Romanello- 3 points and 6 kills. Record: 5-3

HHS JV Halts WVSD 3-2

At WVSD, HHS JV won 16-25, 25-22, 25-7, 23-25, and 15-6. For WVSD, Mindy Spencer had 15 points and 8 kills. Hannah Pauley had 13 points and 3 assists while Holly Romanello had 5 points and 4 kills.

WVSD Halts WPSD 3-2

At WVSD, WVSD beat Western Pa. School for the Deaf. The scores were 21-25, 16-25, 25-12, 25-20, and 15-3.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 17 pts., 4 aces, 4 kills, and 4 assists.
Mindy Spencer- 15 pts., 3 aces, and 9 kills.
Lisa Parent- 13 pts. and 3 assists.
Holly Romanello- 6 pts. and 10 kills.
Record: 6-4

TRI-Match

At Petersburg, Pocahontas beat WVSD 3-0 by the scores of 25-13, 25-17, and 25-11.

Highlights:

Holly Romanello- 5 pts. and 3 kills.
Mindy Spencer- 3 pts. and 2 kills.

WVSD beat Petersburg 2-0

Oct. 16

At Petersburg, WVSD beat Petersburg by the scores of 20-14, and 20-16.

Highlights: Carolyn Rockow- 9 pts.
Hannah Pauley- 6 pts. and 5 assists.

Mindy Spencer- 4 pts. and 7 kills.
Record: 7-5

Paw Paw Beats WVSD

At Paw Paw, Paw Paw beat WVSD 3-2 by the scores of 25-23, 20-25, 25-21, 20-25, and 15-8.

Highlights:

Mindy Spencer- 13 pts., 9 aces, and 10 kills.
Lisa Parent- 9 pts.
Holly Romanello- 8pts., 4 aces, and 8 kills.
Ashley Lease- 6 pts.
Hannah Pauley- 5 pts., 2 aces, 4 kills, and 4 assists. Record: 7-6

TRI-MATCH

At MSD (Frederick, MD), WVSD swept Delaware School for the Deaf 2-0 by the scores of 25-13 and 25-0. Hannah Pauley had 25 service points in the second game (a new record).

Highlights: Hannah Pauley- 31 pts. (25 pt. in the second game- new record) and 7 aces.

Mindy Spencer- 5 pts. and 5 kills.

MSD JV beat WVSD 2-0

MSD JV (Maryland School for the Deaf) beat WVSD 2-0 by the scores of 25-19 and 25-17.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 10 pts. and 3 assists
Mindy Spencer- 2 pts., 3 kills, and 1 assist. Record: 8-7

WVSD Sweeps Mt. View

At WVSD, WVSD swept Mt. View Christian Academy 3-0. The scores were 25-16, 25-12, and 25-17.

Highlights:

Hannah Pauley- 15 pts. and 4 aces.
Mindy Spencer- 10 pts., 4 aces, 5 kills, and 3 assists.
Carolyn Rockow- 8 pts., 4 kills, 10 assists, and 3 digs.
Holly Romanello- 5 pts. and 11 kills
Jessica Morrison- 4 pts.
Ashley Lease- 3 pts. Record: 9-7

Eighth Graders Learn to Sew

Pictured below are eighth graders Sarah Abernathy, Justin Gregory, Pam Thompson, and Josh Harpine with the "body pillows" they made in Mrs. Kuykendall's sewing class.

Photo by Mrs. Dodgins



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Theatre West Virginia Performs at WVSD&B

Once again, the Beckley based troupe, Theatre WV, and WVSD's shadows presented two outstanding performances of *Honey in the Rock*, the story of the birth of the state of West Virginia during the Civil War.

Prior to the dinner theatre held on the evening of November 3, students were provided with study guides developed by Theatre WV that included a brief history of the play, plot summary, the cast, biographies and descriptions of historical names and places in the play, the Civil War and the creation of the Mountain State, highlights in WV history, vocabulary, a timeline of events in the play, state facts and notes, and several activities. The English and Social Studies departments worked very hard to prepare each class for this drama. The students not only studied the elements of literature and the historical aspects of the play but were also made aware of theatre production, acting, costume design, set design, make-up and character change.

Theatre WV and the shadows performed *Honey In the Rock* Monday morning for the entire WVSD&B campus. In addition to the shadow interpreting for the deaf and hard of hearing, the play was also described for the blind and visually impaired.



Monday evening's dinner theatre began at 6 PM with a wonderful meal prepared by our cooks and served by the FBLA members. Over 150 students, staff, and guests attended the traditional Thanksgiving dinner and then strolled to the MPR to listen to some old-time music provided by the Millbrook Boys until the curtain opened at 7:30. Approximately 200 people attended the play.



Many favorable comments were made in response to the play itself and in having the opportunity to attend a professional theatre production like *Honey in the Rock* in our hometown. Our students were particularly appreciative of having the play shadowed by our staff members, as most wanted to see the play twice.



The cast of *Honey in the Rock* was exceptional. Their cooperation and patience with the shadows and the interaction with our students were very much appreciated. We are grateful to have had this group come to our school to present such a special cultural experience that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

A special note of appreciation to Dean, Dani, Claire, Chris L, Chris A, Rick, Marina, the director, Lola, our contact person and the entire staff of TWV. Thank You!

This year's production was made possible through a 50/50 grant provided by the WV Legislature.



Photos by Brian Cross, Lisa Parent, Paul Parent, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, and Mrs. Dodgins



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

One of the most rewarding things in my life is working with other people to achieve a common goal. I also find the same to be one of life's greatest challenges as each of us has our own set of unique perspectives and values that guide our lives.

The staff members of the Secondary School for the Deaf represent an extremely wide array of ideals and philosophies. They challenge my team building skills on a daily basis.

During the week of Thanksgiving, I took on a whole new group of challenges and spent the week in strategic planning with several family members attempting to harvest whitetail deer on the family farm. It was interesting to observe the group dynamics and the similarities between family and staff. Just as we do in our school, we would collectively develop a plan and work together to achieve success, rather than wander around aimlessly doing our own thing. Although some people prefer to wander and do their own thing, a plan works best for the overall good.

All schools have been given a plan called No Child Left Behind (NCLB). As with most plans there are strong and weak points. However, there is a direction for all to follow. Another consideration is that the plan is only as good as those who will carry it through. That I learned when cousin Tom, after detailed instructions including maps and visuals, not only wound up on the top instead of the bottom, but also on the wrong side of the mountain. Hopefully, NCLB will not take us to the wrong side of the mountain. The main point of my musings is that it is often more enjoyable to do things with someone than alone-more fun and more challenging.

Plans provide direction, help to keep us on course, and generally benefit everyone. Take the challenge and spend some quality time with others during the holidays.



The Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

Here are a few exciting after school events in which our students have participated.



The Solo Residential Events

You against your time (As you test yourself in each, you have to record your time) No practice allowed.

*Adrenaline Addition: Count loudly to 126 by 7's with no practice:

Bradley Grey with his time: 25 sec.

*Calisthenics by the Clock: Touch your toes 5 times, do 6 jumping jacks, turn around 4 times, then stop and say the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Billy White with his time: 20 sec.

*Posture for Speed: Walk up one flight of stairs with a book balanced on your head. If the book falls, start over.

Paul Parent Jr. tied with Michael Jarvis with their time: 3 sec.

*Dash Art: Draw a recognizable gorilla. You have to be able to show it to someone else, and with no prompting from you at all, the other person has to say "Nice Gorilla!" Corey Grace

The Two Person Team Events: 2 students as partners against their time

*Leap Frogging: Leap frog over one another 7 times: Jeremy Cornell/Josh Bittner with their time: 5 sec.

*Back & Forth Book Batting: Use hand bound books as rackets, and bat a tennis ball back & forth 10 time with no drops. You have to be at least 5 feet apart. Corey Grace/Jonathan Edwards with their time: 5 sec.

*Back-to-Back Pass Around: Standing back-to-back, you and your partner have to pass a basket-

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ball around your bodies and over your heads 5 times. You can't move your feet Jonathan Edwards/ Corey Grace with their time: 18 sec.

Halloween Awards

The Most Attractive Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkin Contest:

First Place: Adv. Girls "Beware! A Black Cat!"

Second Place: Adv. Boys "Halloween Cat"

Third Place: Int. Girls "Vampire"

Fourth Place: Int. Boys "Halloween"

These winners received Halloween goodies.

The Students of the Month (S.O.M.) Awards

Sept.- Paul Parent, Jr. & Ashley Lease

Oct.- Sarah Abernathy & Robbie Cranfield

Nov./Dec.- TBA in Jan. '04

These students receive T-Shirts with the logo "Student of the Month" on it and their pictures hung on the "Student of the Month" wall.

Cleanest Rooms Awards:

Sept. Adv. Boys: Brad Grey/ Int. Boys: Justin Gregory & Micheal Jarvis.

Adv. Girls: Zelina Cooley/ Int. Girls: Nina Hedrick.

Oct. Adv Boys: Brad Grey/ Int. Boys: Greg Bor-ing.

Adv. Girls: Zelina Cooley/ Int Girls: Nina Hedrick.

Nov. TBA

These winners receive a free pizza with one topping from Domino's Pizza.

Congratulations to all of you winners for your untiring efforts!

Honor Roll

1st Nine Weeks

7th Grade

3.0 GPA

Rachel Hutchinson

Michael Jarvis

8th Grade

3.0 GPA

Sarah Abernathy

Justin Gregory

Josh Harpine

Pam Thompson

9th Grade

3.0 GPA

Natasha Wolford

10th Grade

3.0 GPA

Jessica Morrison

11th Grade

3.0 GPA

Jeremy Cornell

Jonathan Edwards

Corey Grace

Lisa Parent

Hannah Pauley

12th Grade

3.0 GPA

Keith Richardson

Carolyn Rockow

12th Grade

3.5 GPA

Paul Parent

Mindy Spencer

Congratulations Students!

Tapestry

by Hannah Pauley

On Saturday, November 1, Tapestry members traveled to Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park to perform for the Lions Club's yearly district meeting. Both Tapestry and the Mountaineer Melodies entertained the large audience with three songs: *Because We Sing*, *Circle of Friends*, and *Together Hand in Hand*.

After the performance, the students were treated to a pizza lunch and gift bags. In addition to their generosity towards the singers and signers, the Lions Club also honored Mrs. Durst with a lifetime membership to their organization.

Before departing for school, the group took a tour of the state park.



(Top) Tapestry performing at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park.



(Right) Mrs. Durst being welcomed as a new Lions Club member.



WVSD FFA Makes Salsa

FFA members and advisors spent a day at Gourmet Central making salsa with Chef Harvey. Students became workers for the day by performing the different tasks involved in making salsa, such as washing and cutting tomatoes, washing jars, peeling onions, adding ingredients, stirring the vat of salsa, weighing tomatoes, filling jars, putting lids on jars, putting labels on jars, and cleaning floors and tables. All members and advisors attended a food handling and safety course last spring in preparation for this activity. FFA members are selling both mild and hot salsa to earn money for trips and activities.



Photos by Mrs. Dodgins and Mr. Leatherman



Congratulations Varsity Girls' Volleyball 2003 ESDAA Champs!

by Mrs. Joyce Barnes
Athletic Director

"Returned with the Gold" . . . that's what our girls' varsity team did at the ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tournament at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, NY. The girls played a total of 8 games with "ZERO" loses! Hannah Pauley and Holly Romanello won the Skills "Bumping" Competition. All-Stars selected were Carolyn Rockow, 2nd Team and Mindy Spencer and Holly Romanello, 1st Team. Everyone is so proud of our team and coach. An additional comment: if you ever have the opportunity to visit the Mill Neck, NY area, it would be worth your while. It's a lovely campus and the surrounding houses are quite exquisite.

WELL.....those orange basketballs are bouncing daily at practices and the games have begun! We are running into cancellations early in the season. I hope this is not an indication that we are going to have a "snowy" winter. Doesn't ole' man winter know "the games must go on?" Look for updates on the basketball season in future articles.

In preparing for the upcoming Holiday Season, I want to take this time to remind everyone to enjoy each day to its



First row, left to right: Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Coach Surber. Back row, left to right: Scorekeeper Bradley Grey, Zelina Cooley, Jessica Morrison, Hannah Pauley, Ashley Lease, Assistant Scorekeeper Erin Surber. Back Row: Athletic Director Mrs. Barnes.

fullest. We tend to be so busy with our lives that we don't take time to share some special quality time with our family and friends. Wishing you a Happy and Safe Holiday and we'll continue our WVSD basketball season in 2004!

Photos of the Annual Christmas Tea

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GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

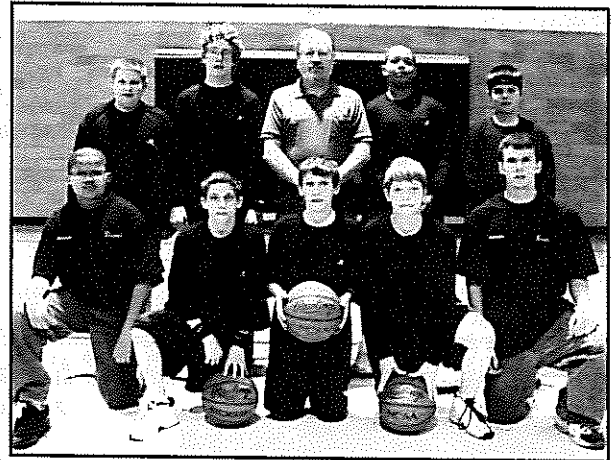
First row, left to right: Lisa Parent, Hannah Pauley. Second row, left to right: Mindy Spencer, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello. Back row, left to right: Assistant Coach Beth Surber, Ashley Lease, Zelina Cooley, Coach Mike Surber.

Photo by Paul Parent, Jr.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Front Row, left to right: Michael Jarvis, Greg Boring, Bradon Lewis. Back Row, left to right: Justin Gregory, Joshua Harpine, Roddy Stickley, Matthew Hart, Mr. Paul Parent, Sr., Coach; Darrel Beasley, and Brian Cross, Managers.

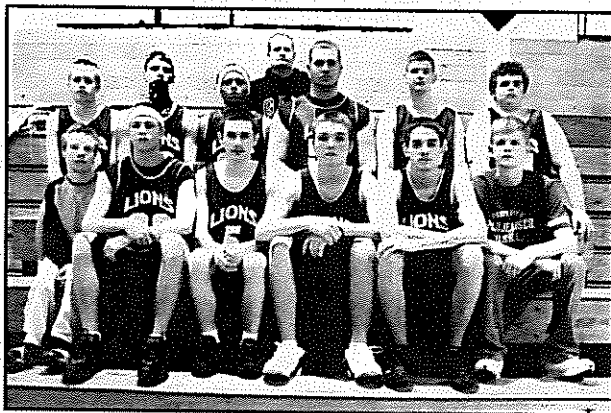
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VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First row, left to right: Tyler Labin, Co-Manager; Bradley Grey, Paul Parent, Josh Bittner, Corey Grace, and Lucas Turner, Co-Manager. Second row, left to right: Jonathan Edwards, Justin Rhodes, Jeremy Cornell, Keith Richardson, Billy White, and Terry Withrow. Back row: Coach Paul See.

Photo by Brian Cross



MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right: Cassandra Heaster, Sarah Abernathy, Pamela Thompson, Polly Hodge. Back row, left to right: Samantha Johnson, Tiffany Friend, Ms. Mary Ennis, Coach, and Mady Aldridge.

Photo by Paul Parent



Students Visit Aquarium

by Mrs. Judd

WVSD students Nina Hedrick, John Oldaker, Mark Wheelwright, Robbie Cranfield, Darrell Beasley, and Desiree Parmer traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to visit the National Aquarium on October 8.

Our drive to Baltimore was very early and very foggy.

Once inside the Aquarium, we rode escalators to all the floors where the various exhibits were located.

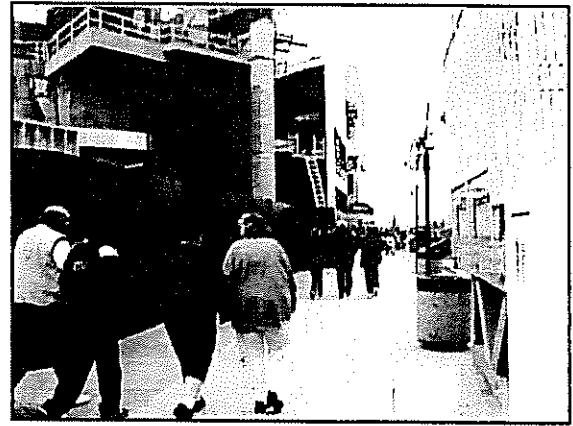
We saw sharks, skates, and a three-legged

turtle swimming and feeding in a very large tank. On a different floor, we saw many tanks of sea horses from all over the world.

On the top floor was a tropical rain forest that was very warm and misty. There were orange birds and a two-toed sloth in the trees.

Next we went to a dolphin show in a different building. The dolphins were great! They jumped out of the water and did many funny things. The trainers reminded us that ocean animals are hurt by pollution in the water.

After visiting the National Aquarium, we had a picnic lunch and then started for home. We stopped near Harpers Ferry and had a birthday celebration for Robbie Cranfield.



We had a great time on our trip, but we were very tired by the time we got back to WVSD.

We want to thank Mr. Corbin for helping us with our tickets and Mr. Adrian, Mr. Mals, Liz Baldwin, Mrs. Judd, and Mr. Loy for helping us have such a fun way to learn about the ocean.



FBLA Installation of Officers

by Jessica Morrison

On October 10 the newly elected officers of the WVSD FBLA were sworn in for the 2003-2004 year. President: Keith Richardson, Vice-President: Carolyn Rockow, Secretary: Mindy Spencer, Treasurer: Bradley Grey, Advisors: Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Brown. Parents, teachers, and Superintendent McBride attended the Installation Ceremony, and we thank them for their support.

This year there are 34 members in FBLA. The yearly candy fund raiser began in October with America's Best supplying FBLA with this year's candy. Thank you all for your support in our fund raising. We appreciate it!

On November 3, FLBA members decorated, set up, served, greeted,

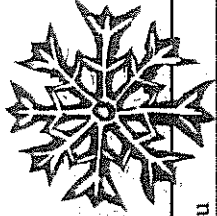
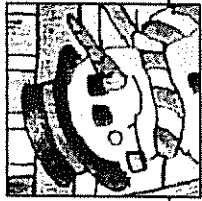
cleaned, and reenacted the Civil War Period in the form of a dinner/play called *Honey in the Rock*. Theatre West Virginia along with seven WVSD shadow interpreters performed at 10 am for the 5th and 6th grade elementary students, the WWSB students, and the WVSD secondary students. Prior to the evening play held at 7:30 p.m., an exceptional dinner was served in the Seaton Hall cafeteria. Nearly 200 people attended the play. Our school is so appreciative of Theatre West Virginia for making this one of the most



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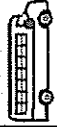
memorable nights of the year.

*May your holidays
be safe and joyous*



January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Back to School	V Girls B'ball (A) vs Westmar 7pm	V Boys and M School Boys B'ball (A) vs Timber Ridge 6pm	V Girls B'ball (H) vs VSD 5:30pm V Boys B'ball (H) vs Paw Paw 7:30pm M School Boys (A) vs Union 7:15pm	V Girls, M School Boys and Girls (A) Shenandoah Christian Academy 6pm	V Boys B'ball (H) vs MSD 6:30pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Return to School ESDAA Tournament @ New York 16th through 20th			V Boys B'ball (H) vs MSD 6:30pm M School Boys/M Girls (A) Romney Middle 6pm	V & M Girls B'ball (H) vs Paw Paw 7:30pm M School Boys (A) St. Joseph 5pm	V Girls B'ball (H) vs Westmar 7pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	V Girls B'ball, M Girls & M Boys (H) vs Shenandoah Christian Academy 7pm		V Boys B'ball (H) vs Moorefield 730pm	M School Boys M Girls B'ball (H) vs Moorefield 6pm	V Girls and V Boys B'ball (A) Delaware Homecoming 30th - 31st	

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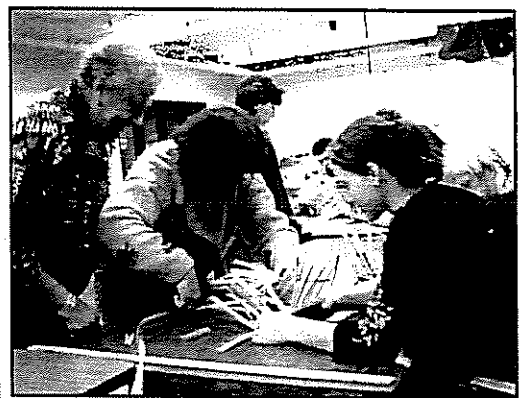
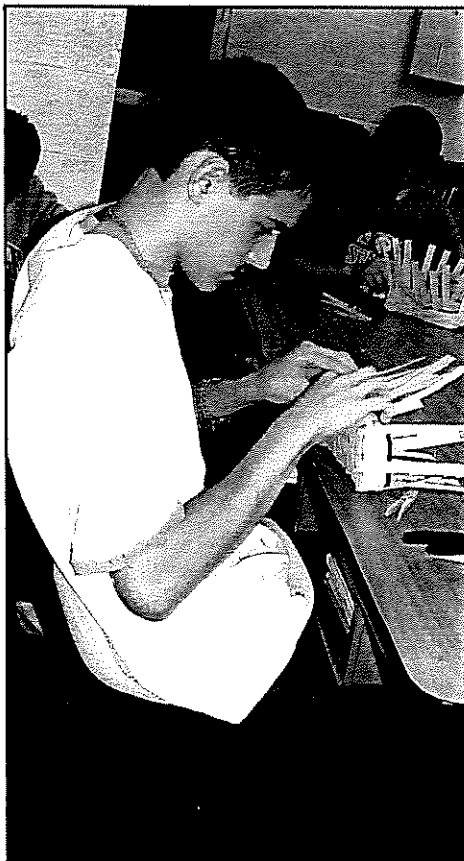
FFA MAKES BASKETS

WVSD FFA has been busy! Before Christmas, Mrs. Peggy Leatherman and some friends came in one Sunday and taught a class on basket making. During the next few weeks, members and advisors made baskets in their spare time.

Previously, WVSD FFA members had worked with Chef Harv and his staff at Gourmet Central making French Apple Pie Topping, Candy Apple Jam, and Salsa. There were jars left to sell, so we decided to incorporate the two projects

for a Christmas fund raiser. Approximately 25 baskets were sold with one jar or two jars nestled in a bed of recycled shredded paper (see photo, top right).

Students enjoyed learning how to make baskets and would like to do another basket making project in the future.



Dorm Director's Corner



by Mr. Blakely

Happy New Year! Is anyone else having a hard time believing it is the end of January already? It seems like the '03-'04 school year just started and now we're into second semester. Many of us woke up on January 1st with a head full of personal and professional goals and plans. And all too often, many of us will wake up July 1st with these goals and plans a distant memory or still listed on a very lengthy "to do" list.

Yet we don't have to wait to be committed to these improvement plans, especially when it comes to management and leadership. Sure, the school year is half over, and perhaps your progress on your to-do list is less than stellar. Forget it! Realize that you still have a half a school year ahead of you to accomplish your goals.

While I am sure you have a long list of things you've been meaning to get to, here is a list of some you may not have thought of. I am not trying to put more on your plate, but take a look and see if any are worth pursuing.

- * Review: Continuing the Secondary Residence Education Program at Seaton Hall.

- * Developing a tri-bonded program: SRE Core Curriculum-Staff Development (Training) Certification.

Please contact the director at (304) 822-4865 for further information.

2nd Annual Pool Tournament

by Mr. Blakely

What an exciting Intramural Pool Tournament! It was the 2nd Annual Billiard Pool Tourney, which was held in the Student Union beginning January 21. Paul Parent, Jr., did a very good job as coordinator. Here are the results:

Advanced Co-Ed - This was a very exciting and enjoyable part of the tournament. Paul Parent, Jr., captured the championship for the second year in a row. Brad Grey came in second, and third place went to Jonathan Edwards. Billy White was fourth.

Intermediate Co-Ed - This was a very unusual event, because Polly Hodge won only one game, against Greg Boring. Two two male students gave up, which moved Polly quickly into the championship bracket. Greg Boring came in second, followed by Sarah Abernathy in third place, and Michael Jarvis in fourth place.

We are quite certain that all the participants had a wonderful learning experience from these tournies.

Tournament coordinator Paul Parent, Jr., would like to announce the 1st Annual Two-Player Team Basketball Tournament, which will take place soon.



Good Luck
LADY LIONS

26th Annual ESZAA
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Art Students Paint "Lions" Mural In Student Union

by *Bradley Grey, Class of '05*

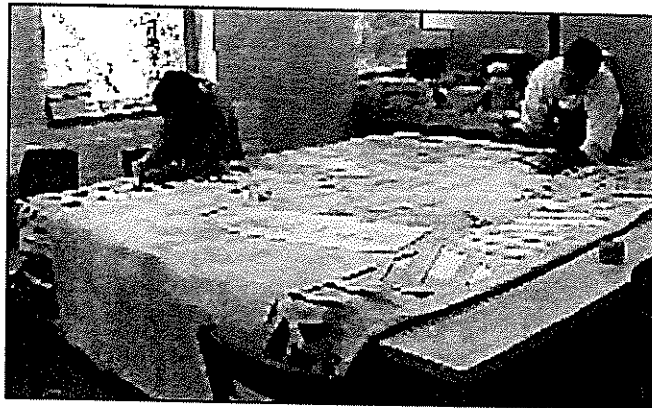
Note: Students in Mrs. Judd's art classes recently put the finishing touches on a mural in the Student Union at Seaton Hall. They have been working on this project for about five months. Student Brad Grey wrote about his experience.

We used tempera paints for the mural, but first we had to make a grid on paper to get the lions the right size. Then we cut out the drawings to use as stencils for the two big lions on the right and left side of the wall. We used a sponge to paint the lions. When we finished those two lions, we drew lions everywhere on the wall. We tried to make the scene look like Africa where the lions really live.

Mrs. Barnes wanted the mural to be finished before the ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament, so we started working on the mural about five months ago. We finished on time!

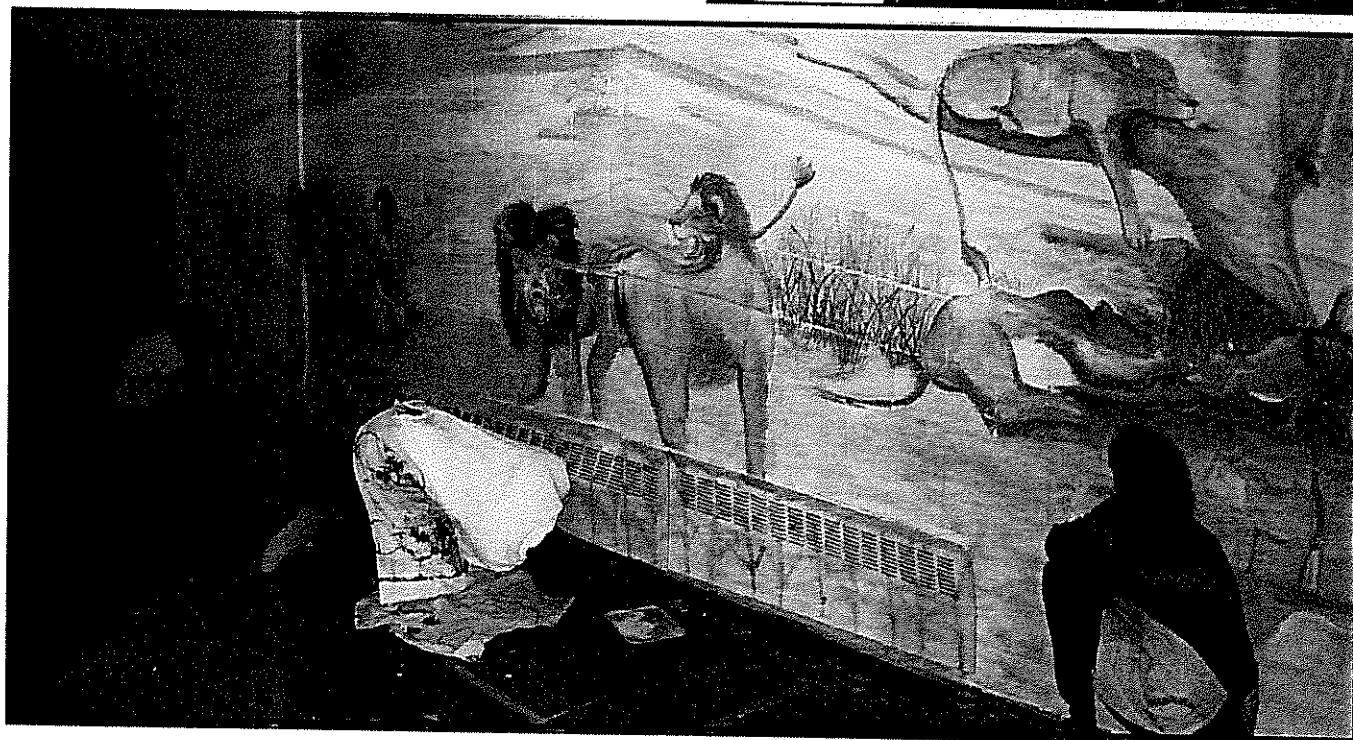
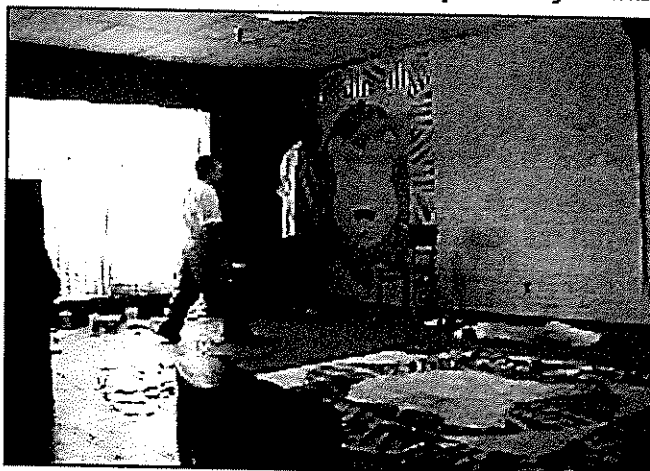
The tools and materials we used were brushes, sponges, masking tape, water, and bleach.

Those who worked on the mural (besides myself and Mrs. Judd) were senior Mindy Spencer, sophomores Tyler Labin and Jessica Morrison, eighth graders Sarah Abernathy, Justin Gregory, Josh Harpine, and Pam Thompson; and seventh graders Greg Boring and Michael Jarvis.



Photos by Mrs. Judd

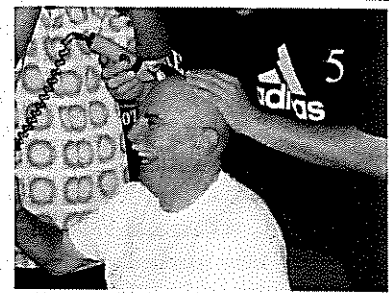
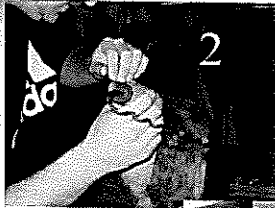
*(Above) Tyler Labin and Brad Grey working on the stencil.
(Below) Tyler and Brad using the stencil to paint one of the lions.*



Tyler, Brad and Mrs. Judd working on the mural in the Student Union

(Photos by Mrs. Dodgins-photo stitching by Keith Richardson)

Mr. Sevigny Gets Scalped!

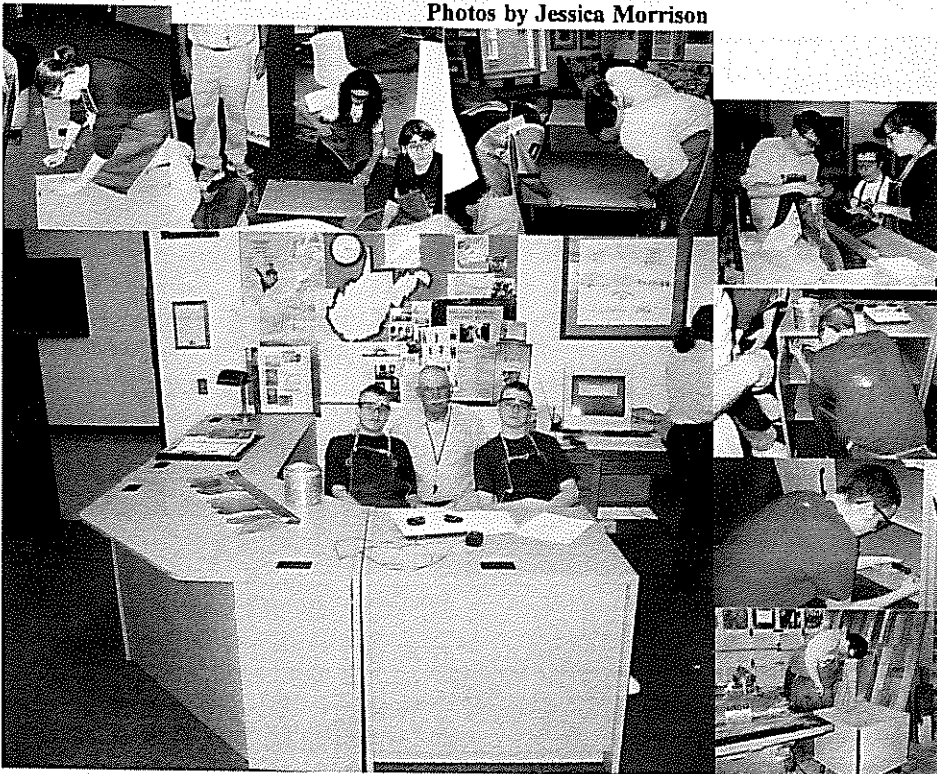


On December 19, members of the Varsity Boys basketball team made a bet with Mr. Sevigny that involved the Varsity boys showing up in one piece after Christmas break. Keith made a deal with Mr. Sevigny that if all boys returned to school after Christmas break, Mr. Sevigny would shave off his hair. Mr. Sevigny agreed.

Photos by Brian Cross

Library Gets New Desk!

Photos by Jessica Morrison



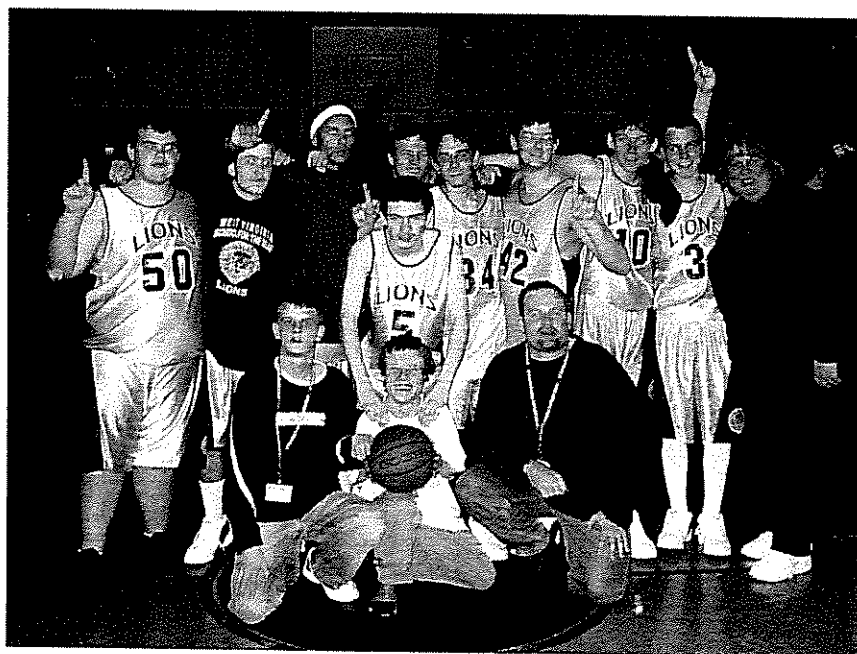
Mr. Sevigny's wood-working classes took on a new project last week. The library received a new desk and Mr. Sevigny decided to help Mrs. Davy by giving his students some practical experience. The following students took part in the library desk project: Polly Hodge, Darrel Beasley, Billy White, Bradley Grey, Josh Bittner, Jonathan Edwards, Tyler Labin, Ashley Lease, Greg Boring, Michael Jarvis, Tiffany Friend, Cassandra Heaster, Matt Hart, Terry Withrow, Lucas Turner, Brian Cross, and Paul Parent.

WVSD ESDAA Division III CHAMPS!

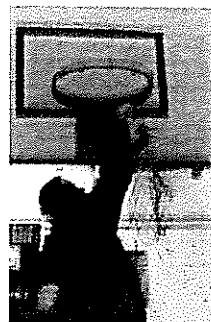
By Coach Paul See

West Virginia captured the first-ever Division III championship! Yes, WVSD has won several ESDAA championships in the past, but those took place in Division II. It was a very good experience for my team to travel to the Big Apple and capture the championship at the same time! I am very proud of my boys, as they played with their hearts and faith. WVSD entered the tournament as number 2 seed. In the first game, we played against A & E 47 and won the most exciting game in the tournament with the score of 66 to 64. It was a nailbiting game! We controlled the game in the first half but A&E 47 managed to cut the deficit and took the lead in the 3rd quarter. The

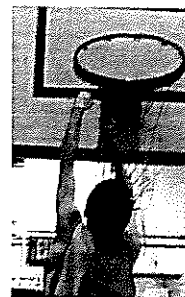
lead was changed pretty often 'til late in the 4th quarter, when A&E 47 was leading by 4 points. Then we pulled up to even the score. Jonathan Edwards scored the game winning shot with a fast break. With eight seconds left, A&E 47 lost the ball to the out of bounds. A defender for A&E 47 tipped the ball as Billy White tried to pass from out of bounds. Both teams scrambled for the ball as a last player from A&E 47 tried to make the shot and missed. A&E 47 played the game very well and gave us the biggest challenge of this season. Billy White led the team with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Corey Grace contributed 18 points in the championship game.



(Standing, L to R) Terry, Jonathan, Jeremy, Bradley, Paul, Corey, Billy, Justin, Josh, Athletic Director Mrs. Barnes. (Kneeling, L to R) Manager Lucas, Tyler, Coach See.



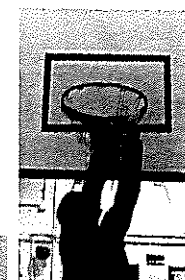
Coach See



Paul



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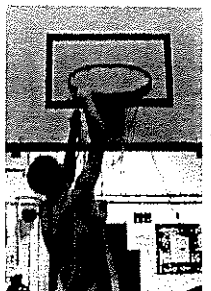
Jeremy



Joshua



Jonathan



Justin

February 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Middle Boys 4:30pm Varsity Girls 6pm Varsity Boys 7:30pm (A) vs Mt. Carmel	3	4	5 Varsity Girls 6pm Varsity Boys 7pm (A) vs Moorefield	6 Middle Boys 6pm Varsity Boys 7pm (H) vs Timber Ridge	7
8	9 Middle Girls 6pm Middle Boys 7pm (A) vs Moorefield	10 Varsity Girls vs Rosedale Christian (A) 5:30pm Tapestry trip to Charlestown	11 Varsity Boys 6pm (H) vs Union	12 Homegoing	13	14
15 Back to school	16 Ski trip to Timberline	17 Varsity Girls 6pm Varsity Boys 7:30pm (A) vs East Hardy	18 Middle Girls 6pm Varsity Girls 7:15pm (H) vs Union	19	20	21
22	23 Middle Boys vs Union (H) 6pm	24	25 Varsity Girls 5pm Varsity Boys 6:30pm (A) vs MSSD	26	27	28
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Girls Capture 3rd Place in ESDAA Tourney



Standing (left to right) Assistant Coach Mrs. Surber, Ashley Lease, Lisa Parent, Zelina Cooley, Hannah Pauley, Carolyn Rockow, Head Coach Mr. Surber. Kneeling: Holly Romanello and Mindy Spencer.

*by Billy White
photos by Paul Parent*

Our school hosted the 26th annual ESDAA Tournament Feb. 11-14. There were nine teams involved: Austine (VT), Delaware, Mill Neck Manor (NY), Rhode Island, Rochester (NY), St. Mary's (NY), Scranton (PA), West Virginia, and J47 A&E (NY).

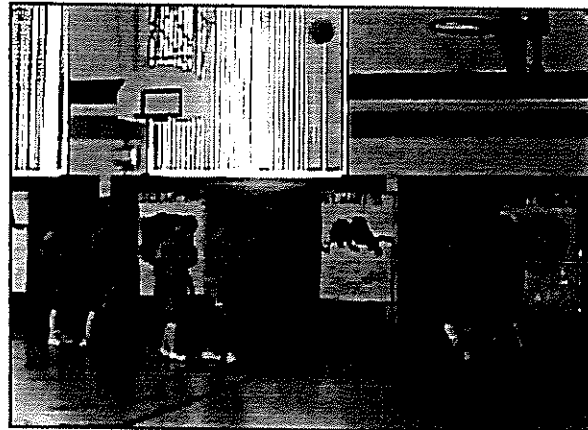
Delaware captured 1st place against Vermont during Saturday's championship game. The final score was 50 to 48. Our WVSD girls captured 3rd place in an exciting game against Rhode Island. WVSD also captured the Twenty-one award. Mindy Spencer was named to the 1st All-Star Team and Holly Romanello received Honorable Mention.

Our tournaments are more than just playing basketball -- they are for meeting friends too. Students talk about their different lifestyles and have a wonderful time learning different signs and many more things about other schools for the deaf.

Our Junior class opened a new business, "The Lions' Cafe," as a fund raiser during the tournament. It was also a lesson on how to manage money and accept responsibility. The Juniors say the Cafe was a lot of fun and a big success!



The Lady Lions and their coaches take a timeout during the ESDAA Tournament.



The girls practiced before one of the tournament matches.



The Lions' Cafe was open throughout the tourney.

FFA Week Activities

by Lisa Parent



Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters across the nation celebrate FFA week every year during the week of George Washington's birthday. As part of this celebration, WVSD FFA held Public Speaking and Creed contests on Feb 26. All students assembled in the MPR to watch 7th through 9th grade members participate in the Creed contest and 10th through 12th grade members participate in Public Speaking.

The following FFA members were winners in the Public Speaking contest:

1st Place: Senior Paul Parent, Jr. - "Tractor Safety."

2nd Place: Junior Corey Grace - "Welding is Important to Farming."

3rd Place: Junior Jeremy Cornell - "History of the African American Farmer."

The following FFA members were winners in the Creed contest:

1st Place: Justin Rhodes (9th)

2nd Place: Joshua Harpine (8th)

3rd Place: Michael Jarvis (7th)

All of you did a great job in the contests!!!



BILLY WHITE

What is your title? "What is Welding and How Is It Used in Agriculture?"

Why did you select this title? I am very interested in this skill area.

Where did you do your research? In Mr. Leatherman's classroom.

How did you feel about giving your speech? I was really nervous at first, but as I went along I started feeling normal again.

Why are you interested in this subject? It's what I know the most about, and I love to work with metal.

PAUL PARENT, JR.

What is your title? "Tractor Safety."



Why did you select this title? I want people to learn about safety on the tractor before using it.

Where did you research this topic? In Mr. Leatherman's class.

How did you feel

about giving a speech? I felt very nervous and inexperienced to speak in front of people.

Why are you interested in this topic? I'm interested in helping people to be safe when using a tractor.

BRIAN CROSS

What is your title? "The Farmer and the Internet"

Why did you choose this title? I thought it would be interesting.

Where did you research this title? In Mr. Leatherman's room.

How did you feel about giving a speech? I felt OK.

Why are you interested in this topic? I want to explain this to students and to my dad.

JEREMY CORNELL

What is your title? "History of African American Farmers."

Why did you select this title? February is Black History Month, and I wanted to have a connection with that.

Where did you research this title from? Mr. Leatherman's resources.

How did you feel about giving a speech? I was a bit nervous.

Why are you interested in this title? Because I'm an FFA member, and I thought that I should talk about the black farmers for Black History Month.

COREY GRACE

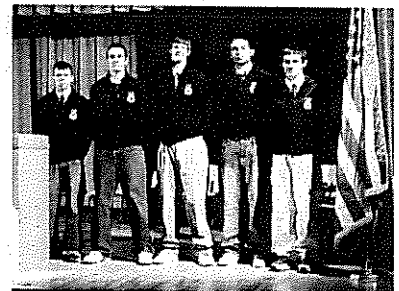
What is your title? "Welding is Important to Farming."

Why did you choose this title? Because I have an interest in that area.

Where did you research this title from? In agriculture books.

How did you feel about giving a speech? I felt fine but also a bit nervous.

Why are you interested in this title? Because welding is my main interest and I like to work with metal.



JUSTIN RHODES

Did you participate in the FFA Creed? Yes.

How long did you work to memorize the creed? Approximately one month.

Who helped you with the memorization? Mr. Adrian, Mr. Leatherman, and Mrs. Sions.

How long did you practice standing and giving the creed? About six weeks.

What is your experience with speaking in front of people? I really had no experience speaking in front of people, but I have it now.

How did you feel about speaking? I felt so nervous.

Five Designs Sent to FFA National T-shirt Contest

by Mrs. Dodgins

FFA members are creative! Seven FFA members participated in the 2nd Annual FFA Chapter T-shirt Design Contest. Members voted on their favorite designs, which were sent to the national contest chairperson.

Corey Grace's design won 1st place in the chapter t-shirt competition.

Brian Cross and Paul Parent teamed up on two designs, which were tied for first and third places.

Josh Harpine and Justin Gregory had a design idea which Brian and Paul put on paper for them in computer graphics class. Their design tied for first.

Keith Richardson's design tied for third.

Holly Romanello's design came in fourth.

The chapter which has the winning design on the national level will earn 50% of the profits from sales of the shirt. Good luck to the FFA t-shirt designers!



B. Cross & P. Parent



J. Harpine & J. Gregory



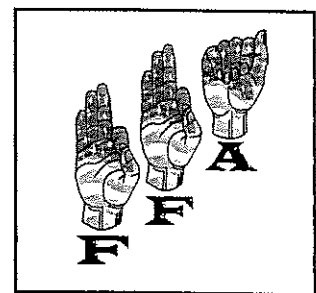
C. Grace



K. Richardson



B. Cross & P. Parent



H. Romanello

CORRECTION

Bradley Grey and Billy White's names were inadvertently omitted from the list of Honor Roll students for the first nine weeks. Both juniors earned a 3.5 grade average for the 1st nine weeks.

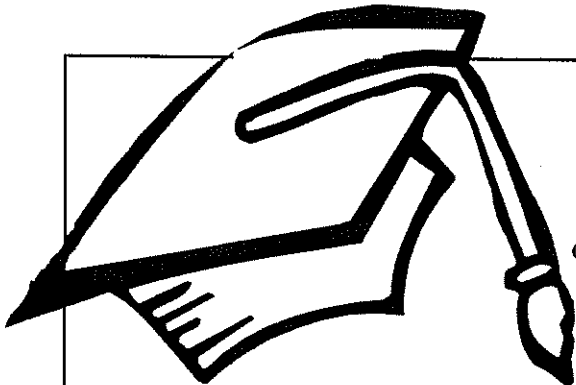
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Carolyn Louise Rockow and Mindy Sue Spencer, WVSD Class of '04 have been accepted to college for the 2004 fall term.

Carolyn will attend Potomac State College of WVU, in Keyser. She is the daughter of Mrs. Sandra Rockow of Romney.

Mindy will attend West Virginia State College, Institute.

Mindy is the daughter of Mrs. Jackie Coleman of Red House.



Principal's Post



by Mr. Corbin

Winter has finally loosened its grip to several welcomed spring like days. But it was not so long ago that public schools were closed for four consecutive days due to snowstorms.

During that time when several nearby counties had school closings, WVSD was business as usual. This was possible due to our dedicated staff who braved the elements through less than safe conditions to do the job they love to do. Thank You!

The wintery cold winter

winds of New York could not silence the roar of the WVSD Lions, the 2004 ESDAA Champions. Congratulations to Coach See and his Lions. You made us proud as did the Lady Lions with their third place finish in the nine teams ESDAA Tournament at WVSD. Congratulations also to our tireless Athletic Director, Joyce Barnes, who organized and directed her first major tournament in grand style. Thanks to a dedicated volunteer staff and the help of special friends, several of our guests commented that it was the "best tournament ever." The ESDAA Tournaments provide a wonderful social experience for our students to meet and compete with their deaf peers from throughout the eastern states. It

is a very special experience.

Our Seniors, I suspect, share my disbelief that graduation will soon be here. I recently had the honor of announcing that this year's Valedictorian is Carolyn Rockow and Salutatorian is Mindy Spencer. Congratulations to both ladies who will have the honor of speaking at the graduation ceremony on June 11.

Being snowed in was not all bad as it did provide some time for reading. I would like to close with a quote from the Talmud that may serve as a guide for seniors and represent this year's school climate:

"Make thy study a regular thing, say little and do much, and meet every man with friendliness."

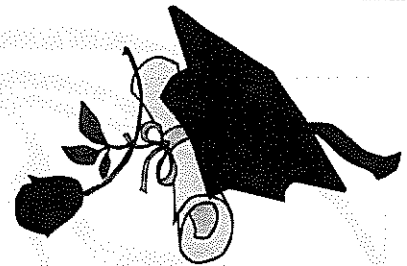
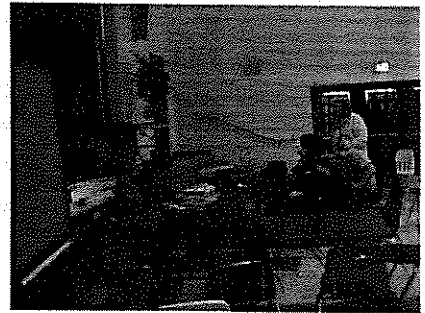
Stained Glass

by Mrs. Judd

On Wednesday, February 4, the students at WVSD attended a demonstration on working with stained glass by Mrs. Robin Pancake.

Mrs. Pancake told the students about two different ways to make stained glass objects. The first was leaded stained glass and the second was called foiled stained glass. She demonstrated making an apple and a bird. She also brought several other objects she had made to show the students. One object was a kalidescope which was passed around the group as Mrs. Pancake demonstrated her art. Other objects were tiny animals called Twizzlers. When Mrs. Pancake

finished talking, she allowed several of the students to cut glass. Bradley Grey, Carolyn Rockow, Megan Davis, and Natasha Wolford were able to cut pieces of glass under Mrs. Pancake's supervision.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Class Of 2004

Carolyn Rockow- Valedictorian
Mindy Spencer- Salutatorian

TRI- State Match WVSD- KYSD- NCSD

by *Coach See*

WVSD traveled to Kentucky School for the Deaf for their homecoming. We played two games in one day! We played the first game against North Carolina School for the Deaf in the afternoon. We won the game with a score of 67 to 51. It was a very close game in the first 3 quarters, then we wrapped up the game in the 4th quarter.

Corey Grace led the team

with 18 points and Billy White followed up with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Justin Rhodes stepped up and brought in 14 points. Later that evening, we played against KYSD. It was a very good battle for the first 3 quarters, but KYSD took advantage of our mental errors in the 4th quarter and poured in points with their fast break offense. I was very proud of my boys for playing their heart out, even though they were pretty exhausted during the second game.

of experience of "the game," pushes these young players to their fullest potential. Up against some tough competition, these girls worked together to do their best. Next year Sarah Abernathy and Pam Thompson will advance to the Varsity.

We are so proud of our Middle School teams and coaches, you are the "backbone" of our sports program at WVSD. We need you for the future and we encourage all young students to continue with sports, work as a team, and do your best!

The Varsity Boys team ended their season with an overall record of 7-11. When analyzing this team, you could conclude it is a young team to be considered a Varsity team. With only one senior, Paul Parent, Jr, the remainder of this team consists of 2 freshmen and 6 juniors. Under the coaching skills of former WVSD basketball player, Paul See, this team has high expectations for next year. Several of their losses this year were close games such as the PVC game against Harman. WVSD only lost by 3 points and the game with MSSD JV team went into overtime with WVSD losing by 2 points. This team came back from New York as the ESDAA Div III Basketball winners as well as the Team 21 Shooting Competition winners. Players Billy White and Corey Grace were selected on the All-Star Tournament team. Our managers for this team cannot go unnoticed. Tyler Labin and Lucas Turner are here, there, and everywhere for the team and do an outstanding job.

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AD's Report

by *Mrs. Barnes*

WELL, WE MADE IT!!!!

We survived fitting in the "14" required practices prior to games.

We survived the cancellation of games due to "Ole Man Winter".

We survived the lengthy trips to Delaware, New York, and Kentucky.

We survived the "9 Team" Girls E.S.D.A.A. Tournament hosted here at WVSD.

We survived the many wrapped ankles, aches, and pains.

We survived playing teams with more experienced players.

We survived the complaints about the referees???

We survived trying to share gym time with 4 basketball teams and 2 goal ball teams.

Last but not least, we survived the 2003 - 2004 Boys and

Girls Varsity and Middle School Basketball Season at the West Virginia School for the Deaf with a mixture of emotions.

The Middle School Boys ended their season with an overall record of 0-10. We must praise this young team (Darrel, Greg, Justin, Josh, Matthew, Michael, Roddy, and Brandon). They had some adjustments to contend with, but they continued to play with vigor and enthusiasm and as a team. We will be fortunate to see all of these boys again next year on this team with the exception of Josh Harpine and Justin Gregory who will advance to the Varsity team. We are grateful to Mr. Kesler; your knowledge was appreciated.

The Middle School Girls ended their season with an overall record of 0-9. This is another young team (Sarah, Cassie, Polly, Tiffany, Pam, Mady, and Samantha) we need to acknowledge. Coach Mary Ennis, with her many years

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The Varsity Girls ended their season with an overall record of 5-15. With a team consisting of only 7 girls, there can be many obstacles that effect the season. But Coach Mike Surber kept positive and pushed the girls to victories. The girls placed 3rd out of nine teams in the ESDAA Girls Div. II Tournament which was hosted at WVSD. The team also won the Kist Foul Shooting contest. Mindy Spencer was selected to the All-Stars 1st Team and Holly Romanello on the Honorable Mention All-Stars team. Truly the 3 Senior girls (Carolyn, Holly, and Mindy) will be missed next year.

A few of our students do not stop when basketball season ends....onward they go to participate in Hampshire County's public school sports. Carolyn Rockow is

not a new face to the Hampshire High Track team. Last year this lady placed 3rd at State in throwing the discus under the coaching expertise of our one and only teacher/coach Mr. Pierre Sevigny. We anticipate a great season for her this year. Joining Carolyn on the HHS team will be Brian Cross (who is not new to HHS sports as he ran Cross Country for them in the past), Justin Rhodes (who participated in Romney Middle School and HHS JV football and RMS track in past years), and Terry Withrow (who participated on the HHS JV Football team). The newcomer this year to the HHS team will be Senior Holly Romanello who is going to try her skills in throwing the discus and shot put. Participants joining the Romney Middle School Track team are Josh Harpine, Greg Boring, Michael Jarvis, Tiffany

Friend, Pam Thompson, and Sarah Abernathy. Participation on public school teams can be a challenging experience. Some advice to these students: represent our school with pride, do your best, make many new friends, and cherish these memories for a lifetime!

Scheduling for next year's volleyball has already begun and I've even had a request for next year's basketball games. Now I can visualize more in my mind why I always see Christmas items in the stores at Halloween or Thanksgiving and Easter items for sale the day after Valentine's Day....we live in a never ending fast paced world and we need, ironically, "to keep the ball rolling!"



**WVSD GIRLS
3RD PLACE ESDAA TOURNAMENT**
Kneeling, left to right: Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer. Standing: Coach Mary Beth Surber, Ashley Lease, Lisa Parent, Zelina Cooley, Hannah Pauley, Carolyn Rockow and Coach Mike Surber.

WVSD BOYS - ESDAA CHAMPS
Front, left to right: Justin Rhodes and Paul Parent. Back: Josh Bittner, Jonathan Edwards, Terry Withrow, Jeremy Cornell, Brad Grey, Corey Grace, Billy White. Not pictured: Coach Paul See.



Ski Trip to Timberline Resort

by Jeremy Cornell

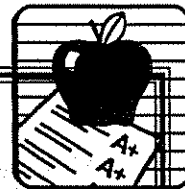
Once again, WVSD students were treated to a wonderful skiing experience at the Timberline Ski Resort in Canaan Valley.

We enjoyed both Monday, March 8 and Thursday, March 11 at the resort, as both days offered great skiing conditions. First timers said they had a fabulous time.

On Monday, we went to the Fire Hall in Davis where the Lions Club and staff fixed a delicious supper for us. On Thursday we ate dinner at a nice restaurant and again had a wonderful time. We thank the Lions Club for supporting our annual ski trip.



Tapestry and Mountaineer Melodies Perform for Legislature



Standing (l to r) Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Jeremy Cornell, Paul Parent, Jr, Keith Richardson, Corey Grace, Josh Bittner, Brad Grey (Middle) Tyler Labin, Kneeling (l to r) Lisa Parent, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Carolyn Rockow, Hannah Pauley, and Jessica Morrison.

by Mrs. Durst

Mountaineer Melodies and Tapestry, music show choirs composed of students from both the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind, journeyed to Charleston to perform for the West Virginia Legislature on February 10.

Wendi Durst, coordinator of the WWSB Music Department, greeted the legislature with the following words: "Good Morning! These delightful singers/signers from the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and the signers from the Elementary School for the Deaf have charmed many audiences. But the highlight performance of the year is when we come to an historic room to perform for you."

The groups sang and signed

"Because We Sing," "Together, Hand In Hand," "Circle of Friends" and "Over the Rainbow."

Jerry Mezzatesta, delegate from the 50th District, presented gift bags filled with stuffed Easter animals, sipping straws, and snacks of crackers and candy to the students.

Chaperones for the groups were Jamie McBride, WWSB orientation and mobility instructor, Pam Thompson and Pam Zarger, WWSB elementary teachers, and Bill McDonald, WWSB Outreach specialist.

Several parents traveled from Hampshire County, as well as from other counties throughout the state, to Charleston to enjoy watching their children perform.

Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks

3.5 GPA

12th GRADE

Paul Parent, Jr.
Carolyn Rockow
Mindy Spencer

3.0 GPA

8th GRADE

Sarah Abernathy
Justin Gregory
Josh Harpine
Pamela Thompson

9th GRADE

Justin Rhodes

10th GRADE

Tyler Labin
Jessica Morrison







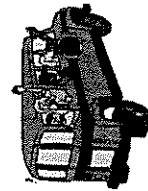
11th GRADE

Corey Grace
Bradley Grey
Lisa Parent
Billy White

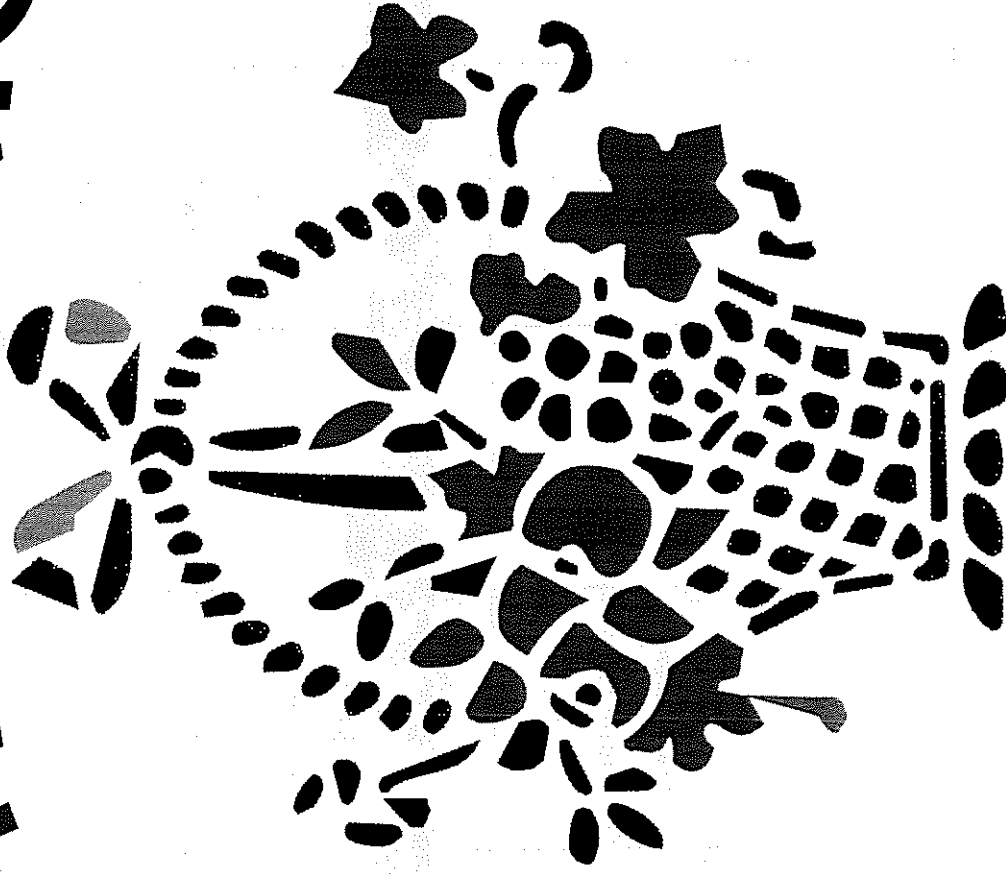
12th GRADE

Brian Cross

April 2004

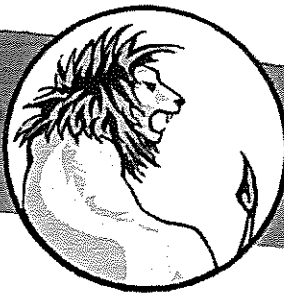
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	11  Easter	12  Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	13 14 	15 16 	17 Track Meet 17 (A) Elkins Invitational at 9:00 am	24
	18  Back to School	19	20 Track Meet (H) Hampshire at 5:00	21	22 Track Meet (A) Southern at 4:00	23
	25 Track Meet (H) Hampshire at 4:00	26	27	28	29 Track Meet (A) Keyser at 4:00	30

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WVSD CLASS OF 2004 -- YOU MADE IT!



CAROLYN LOUISE ROCKOW, Valedictorian, is the daughter of Ms. Saundra Rockow of Romney. **CLUBS:** FBLA 2 years; FFA 3 years; JR NAD 4 years; Skills/USA VICA, 4 years. **SPORTS:** Basketball 4 years; HHS Track & Field 3 years; Volleyball 4 years; HHS Soccer 2 years. **ACTIVITIES:** Tapestry 3 years. **HONORS RECEIVED:** Valedictorian, Homecoming Court; Prom Queen; Honor Roll 4 years; HHS Discus Throw 3rd place All-State.



MINDY SUE SPENCER, Salutatorian, daughter of Mrs. Jackie Coleman, is from Red House. **CLUBS:** FBLA 1 year; FFA 3 years; JR NAD 4 years; Skills/USA VICA 4 years.

SPORTS: Basketball 4 years; Volleyball 4 years. **ACTIVITIES:** Tapestry 4 years. **HONORS RECEIVED:** Salutatorian; Homecoming Queen 2003; Homecoming Court 3 years; Honor Roll 4 years; Girls' State; Dorm Student of the Month; All-Star Basketball; All-Star Volleyball.



BRIAN MICHAEL CROSS is the son of Ms. Donna Cross of Wheeling. **CLUBS:** FFA; Skills/USA VICA. **SPORTS:** Basketball 1 year; HHS Track & Field 2 years; HHS Cross Country 4 years. **HONORS**

RECEIVED: Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; Dorm Student of the Month, FFA Secretary.



Standing (l to r): Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Carolyn Rockow, Keith Richardson, Paul Parent, and Brian Cross. Seated: Mr. Engelman and Ms. Davis, class sponsors.



PAULEWARD PARENT, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent, Sr., is from Romney. **CLUBS:** FBLA 4 years; FFA 4 years; JR NAD 4 years; Skills/USA VICA 4 years.

SPORTS: Basketball 4 years; Girls' Volleyball Manager 2 years. **ACTIVITIES:** Tapestry 3 years. **HONORS RECEIVED:** Homecoming King 2003; Homecoming Court; Honor Roll, Dorm Student of the Month, Prom King, FFA Reporter.



KEITH ALLEN RICHARDSON son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, is from Romney. **CLUBS:** FBLA 4 years; FFA 4 years; JR NAD 4 years; Skills/ USA

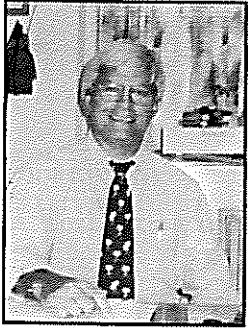
VICA 4 years. **SPORTS:** Basketball 3 years; HHS Football 3 years. **ACTIVITIES:** Tapestry 4 years. **HONORS RECEIVED:** Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; VICA President; FBLA President.



HOLLY NICOLE ROMANELLO is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lane of Nimitz. **CLUBS:** FBLA 2 years; FFA 6 years; JR NAD 3 years; Skills/USA VICA 3 years.

SPORTS: Basketball 4 years; HHS Track & Field 1 year; Volleyball 4 years. **ACTIVITIES:** Tapestry 3 years; Honor Roll; Dorm Student of the Month; FFA President 2003; All-Star Volleyball; All-Star Basketball.

More Senior Stuff Inside....



DORM DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Mr. Blakely

Summer has finally arrived after a lot of snowstorms; undoubtedly students love to

go outdoors again.

Recent dorm activities include a trip to Kings Dominion for the Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day (an educational and fun learning experience!); a picnic honoring the Class of 2004; a trip to Moorefield, where some students went to the movies and others bowled and everyone ate at a restaurant; overnight camping at Wapacoma Campgrounds, along the South Branch of the Potomac River, sponsored by the Lions' Club; indoor and outdoor basketball games; and the Junior/Senior prom, attended by all students. Our students enjoyed every minute of these activities!

Jeremy Cornell and Hannah Pauley were April Students of the Month. Congratulations!

The JR NAD Club will be giving two new awards at the Academic/Athletic Banquet on June 9, the JR NAD Leadership Awards. There will be one

male and one female recipient.

Have a great summer!

TO THE STAFF:

As the 2003-04 year at WVSD draws to a close, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your support and a most earnest commendation for a job well done. With many unexpected adversities this year, you have more than survived. This staff has overcome!

You have done a superb job under trying and difficult circumstances during this year. Your ingenuity and creativity in coping with the hardships caused by many things have helped our students to have an excellent residential school year. You cushioned the blows for them, shielded them from problems, and made sure they had a good, productive and happy learning experience.

I believe that the real strength of WVSD is in its exceptionally able and talented staff. That belief is now a conviction. I hoped you would go through this year, and you came through in a way that exceeded my highest expectations.

Things look good for next year -- not perfect, but good. I think we shall prevail.

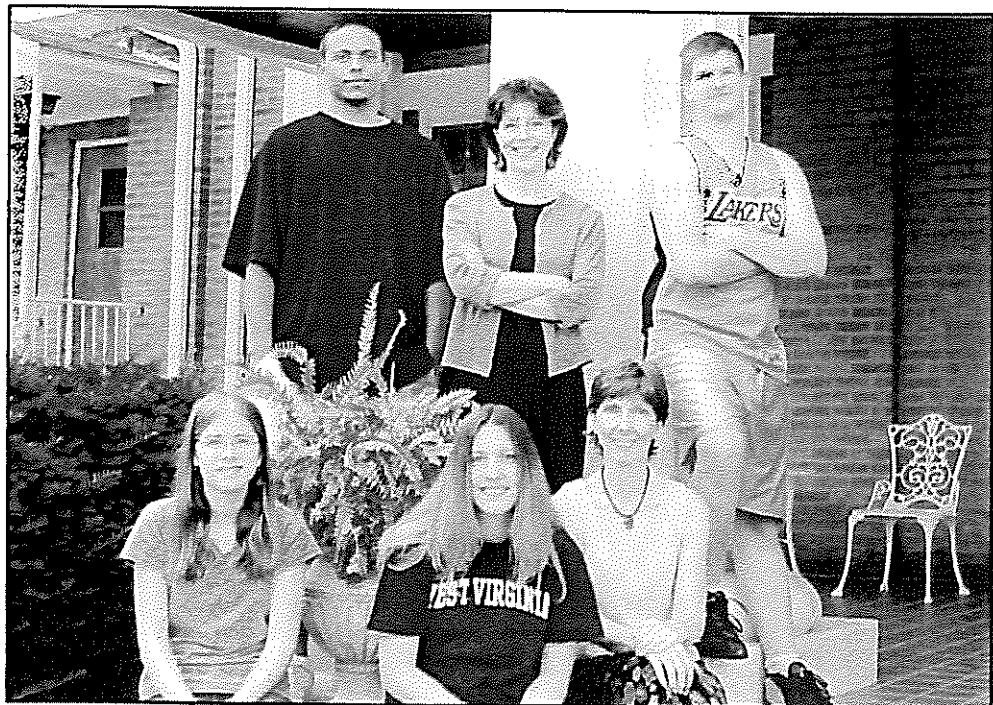
Good luck and best wishes for a great summer! I wish I were able to find the right words to thank you for your extraordinary performance and support this year.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

From the Lions' Tale Staff

Standing (left to right):
Jeremy Cornell, Mrs.
Heare, and Billy White.
Seated (left to right):
Lisa Parent, Hannah
Pauley, and Mrs.
Dodgins.

Photo by Justin Gregory





Some last words with the
Class of 2004

Last Will and Testament

Mindy - I would like to give my volleyball skills to Lisa Parent. I would like to give my basketball skills to Hannah Pauley. I leave my bed to Ashley Lease to sleep later, and my locker #35 to Cassie. I give the Senior girls ('05) my skill in picking on Mrs. Heare, Mr. Adrian, and Mr. Farris.

Carolyn - I would like to give my locker #33 to Samantha Johnson. I give Lisa my skill in picking on Mrs. Heare, Mr. Farris, and Mrs. Dodgins. I would like to give my basketball rebounding and foul shooting skills to Polly Hodge. I give Hannah my laugh. I give Lisa my jokes. I would like to give my discus skills to Tiffany Friend. I give my falls in volleyball to Hannah. I give my sweet Tyler to Hannah.

Holly - I would like to give my volleyball skills to Hannah Pauley. I would like to give my basketball skills to Pamela Thompson. I leave Hannah my skill in picking on Mike Jarvis.

Keith - I leave my funny stories and funny actions to Corey Grace, Billy White, Jonathan Edwards, Justin Rhodes, Jeremy Cornell, and Josh Bittner.

Brian - I leave Josh Bittner my laughing. I would like to give Mr. Sevigny my cross country skills.

Paul - I give my volleyball team managing skills to Justin Gregory. I give my height to Tyler Labin. I would like to give my attitude to Jessica Morrison.

What will you miss the most about WVSD?

Mindy - Everything. WVSD changed my whole life into something different. I can't imagine what my life would be like without WVSD.

Carolyn - My old friends and teachers because they are my family, no matter what happens.

Holly - I will miss WVSD. I want to say thank you to the teachers who taught me everything. I will miss Mike Jarvis.

Keith - Hanging out with my friends, and everything that happened with Mr. Sevigny.

Brian - I will miss my friends, teachers, and staff. I will miss working in cabinetmaking class because I have learned a lot of things in that class. I have been in cabinetmaking class for 5 years.

Paul - I will miss my old friends and teachers and also basketball. I will miss Mrs. Dodgins because I only had one year in computer graphics and it was fun. I will miss Mr. Sevigny. I have been in Mr. Sevigny's class for 6 years.

Most Embarrassing Moment

Mindy - We were playing against VA School for the Deaf and I shot a basket for the other team.

Carolyn - When I was paddling with Keith and Paul and we were sinking in the river.

Holly - I fell in the water 7 times while we were white water rafting.

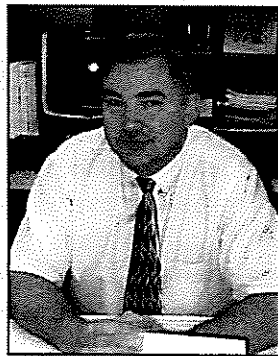
Keith - Someone pulled my sweat pants all the way down in front of staff and students.

Brian - I was running and I fell in the mud. I didn't look down. I was so embarrassed.

Paul - After a volleyball game, we went to Burger King. I ordered my food and a drink, and then I walked to the table. When I got in the middle of two tables I lost control and my pop fell on the floor. All of the girls were watching and started laughing.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



To The Class of 2004:

It is with much pride and mixed emotions that I dedicate this column to the Class of 2004. On one hand, you have been an outstanding group with many accomplishments -- you have made us proud. On the other hand, you have been a pleasure to work with and I will miss you.

We met together on the first day of school and I asked that you be good leaders. You did that and were excellent leaders and role models this year. Of course, you made some mistakes, as we all do, but you accepted responsibility for your mistakes, learned from them, and were able to move on.

As you enter into the next stage of your life, go with confidence knowing that you have all the necessary tools to be successful. You all know how to work hard; I have seen your accomplishments. You have been reasonable in your words and your deeds. But the one thing that I will miss the most about you is your great sense of humor. You all like to laugh, have fun, and enjoy life -- I hope you always do!

Best wishes for much success and happiness.
KEEP SMILING!

H O N O R R O L L

SENIORS

3.5-3.9 GPA

Paul Parent
Carolyn Rockow
Mindy Spencer

3.0-3.4 GPA

Brian Cross
Keith Richardson
Holly Romanello

JUNIORS

3.5-3.9 GPA

Corey Grace
Lisa Parent

3.0-3.4 GPA

Josh Bittner
Jeremy Cornell
Jonathan Edwards
Bradley Grey
Hannah Pauley
Billy White

SOPHOMORES

3.0-3.4 GPA

Tyler Labin
Jessica Morrison

FRESHMEN

3.0-3.4 GPA

Justin Rhodes
Lucas Turner
Terry Withrow

EIGHTH GRADERS

3.5-3.9 GPA

Josh Harpine

3.0-3.4 GPA

Sarah Abernathy
Justin Gregory
Pam Thompson

SEVENTH GRADERS

3.0-3.4 GPA

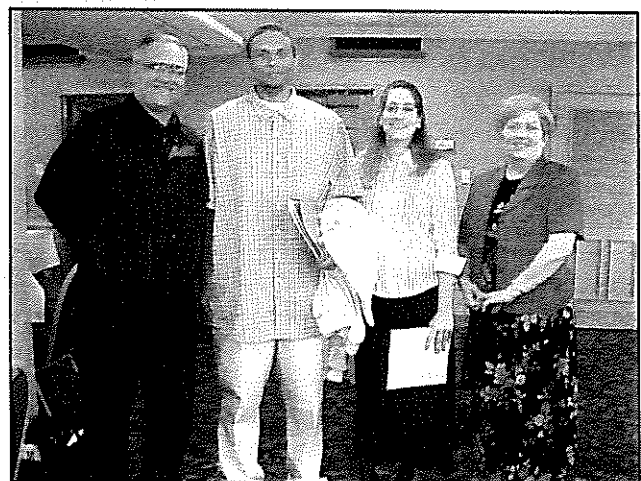
Greg Boring
Cassie Heaster
Michael Jarvis

3rd Nine Weeks

Juniors Take 1st and 2nd Places in Public Speaking Competition

Hannah Pauley and Jeremy Cornell, President and Vice-President of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), traveled to Charleston in March where they took first and second places in the Optimist Club's Public Speaking Contest for deaf and hard of hearing students. All students were required to prepare a speech on the topic, "Thinking, Working and Expecting the Best." Mrs. Brown and Mr. Adrian, FBLA sponsors, accompanied Hannah and Jeremy to the competition.

Congratulations, Hannah and Jeremy -- we are very proud of you!



Special Olympics

by Mrs. Judd

WVSD students attended the Special Olympics activities at Hampshire High School on May 12.

We arrived at the high school at 9:30 and waited for the parade. We marched with all the other athletes and the HHS band. We watched the torch bearers run with the lighted torch, then said the pledge, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." We ran the 50, 100, and 200 meter races, threw softballs and shotputs, visited the artisans village, played GO FISH, got our faces painted, picked the balloons we wanted, and ate lots of pizza from Mario's.

We stood in the arch and got our medals and ribbons. We had our picture taken with Ronald McDonald. It was really sunny and HOT! We sat under a tent to stay cool and Ronald McDonald came into the tent and sat with us!

When it was time to go, we said "good-bye" to fellow Special Olympians until next year.



Front row, left to right: John, Robble, Natasha, Nina, Desiree, Lindsay, Darrel, and Megan. Back row: Mr. Adrian, Mr. Kesler, Mark, and Mrs. High.

Students participating in Special Olympics activities this year were Robbie Cranfield, Mark Wheelwright, Nina Hedrick, Natasha Wolford, Lindsay Eversole, Megan Davis, John Oldaker, Desiree Parmer, and Darrel Beasley. The adults who went with us were Mr. Adrian, Mr. Kesler, Mrs. High, and Mrs. Judd.



Future Florist

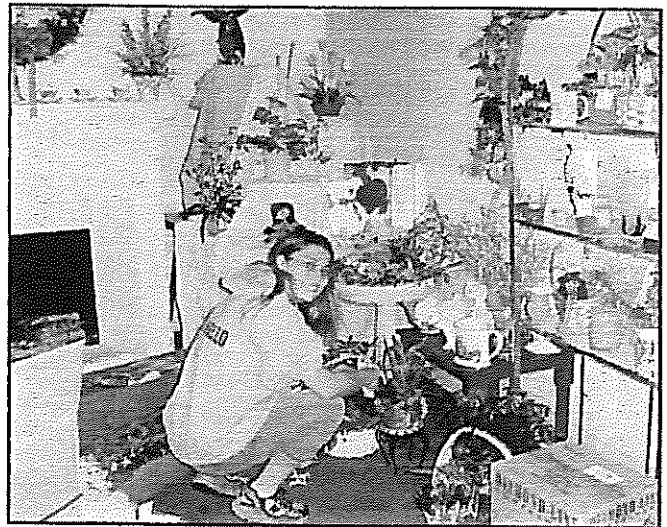
by Mrs. Kuykendall

WVSD Senior Holly Romanello has been participating in a work-based learning experience at Creative Florist in Romney this semester. Every day Holly and Mrs. Kuykendall went to the florist during eighth period, where Holly worked with Pam and January Iman to learn about floral design. She cre-

ated both silk and natural arrangements.

Holly learned to prepare flowers for arrangements, make bows, corsages, boutonnieres, funeral baskets, fresh arrangements, memorial arrangements, and balloon bouquets. Mrs. Iman said that Holly is a fast learner and a dependable worker, and that she would recommend her for employment without hesitation.

Congratulations, Holly, on a job well done!



Senior Trips

