

THE LIONS'



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WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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WVSD Welcomes New Students!!!

by Lisa Parent



**JOSH DUFF -
GRADE 7**

Where are you from? I am from Smithville.

Do you have any siblings? Yes, one brother and one sister.

Why did you choose

WVSD? My parents wanted me to come to this school to see if it is best for me.

How do you feel about staying in the dorm? It's OK. The dorm has less rules than at home!

What are your favorite hobbies? Playing video games and watching sports on TV.

Will you play any sports for this school? Yes, I'd like to join all the teams.

Why did you choose WVSD? My counselor and parents thought it would be the best school for me because of the total communication here.

How do you feel about staying in the dorm? I like the dorm. My roommate is Josh.

What are your favorite hobbies? Playing basketball and video games.

Will you play sports for this school? I'll play basketball.

What are your favorite subjects? Math and WV History.

What is the difference between WVSD and public school? This school uses sign language, and the classes are smaller than public school.

Do you feel public school is more difficult than WVSD? Yes, public school is harder for me than WVSD. I also have a lot of friends here.

How do you feel about WVSD right now? Good.

What are your favorite hobbies? Hanging out with my friends, playing volleyball and basketball.

Do you have any siblings? Two brothers and four sisters.

What are your favorite subjects? Health class and math.



**LUCAS HELMICK -
GRADE 8**

Where are you from? I am from Moorefield.

Do you have any siblings? Three brothers and one sister.



**ASHLEY HOHMAN -
GRADE 9**

Why did you come back to WVSD?

I missed playing sports, missed the houseparents and

missed my friends.



**ELISHA DILLOW -
GRADE 10**

Where are you from? I am from Hedgesville.

Do you have any siblings? Yes, one brother.

Why did you choose

WVSD? I wanted to come back to school because two years ago I quit school.

How do you like this school so far? It is OK.

What is the difference between public school and this school? Really, here people are more caring and I am learning more.

What are your favorite hobbies? Hanging out with my friends.

What is your favorite subject? Math.



Welcome, New 7th Graders!

Front row, left to right: Warnie "Buddy" Brown, Capon Bridge; Mady Aldridge, Keyser; Samantha Johnson, Romney. Back row: Josh Duff, Smithville; and Roddy Stickley, Moorefield.

GO LIONS!





Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

On August 23, the School for the Deaf opened its doors to deaf and hard of hearing students for the one hundred and thirty fourth consecutive year. It gives me a special sense of pride to carry on the legacy of service to students from throughout our great state. Although the modes of transportation that brought our students to school have changed since 1870, the feelings and emotions of students were much like those who came before them to their home away from home.

This year our students arrived with much excitement and appeared to be eager to learn. It was the perfect match for a well prepared teaching staff and the learning process was initiated without delay. There are many new faces in our halls this year and the contentment and smiles on them lead me to believe that they are adjusting well to their immersion in a total communication environment.

The students' occasional moans that there is too much homework also sends a positive message. Many plans for students are being pieced together in what will offer them opportunities to learn and to enjoy throughout the school year. We have come a long way in the past 134 years, and it is my hope to make this the best year ever for the students at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.



Director's Desk

by Mrs. Wysopal

Greetings from the Director's Office! I thank the parents, students, and staff for the support and patience shown to me as I organized the Seaton Hall Director of Student Living Office.


I commend the students for their cooperation and exemplary behavior. The word of the week was *tolerance*. As students settled into new rooms and welcomed new students in the dorm, they learned to show *tolerance* for each other's differences.

The students had an enjoyable trip to Cacapon State Park on August 28th in spite of the extreme heat. Students went swimming, toured the nature center, and had a cookout. Child Care worker, Eddie Racey, served as chef and grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for all participants. The staff commended the students on their excellent behavior during the outing. Deaf pride abounds in the students.

The girls' volleyball team has worked hard after school each day in practice. After supper, the boys and girls go to the gym to play basketball. They've had some fast and furious games.

I hope to have Internet service available for parent-student e-mails later this fall. Some of the parents have voiced their concerns and requested the e-mail contact with their children. I will notify parents as soon as this service is available to students from the dorm.









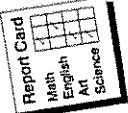
The students at Seaton Hall are great young men and women. I look forward to a good year with all of them. Parents, please feel free to call me at 822-4865. If you can't get me, leave a message on the dorm floor or with the secretary, and I will return your call.



WVSD Celebrates
**DEAF
 AWARENESS
 WEEK**
 September 20-24

October 2004

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| 10 | Students return to school  | 11 | Varsity Girls' VB 18 (H) HHS JV 4 p.m.  | 12 | Homegoing Clubs: FBLA, Jr. NAD and Tapestry | 13 | Varsity Girls' VB (A) VSD 6 p.m.  | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | Students return to school  | 18 | Varsity Girls' VB 26 (A) WPSD 5 p.m. FFA Seniors to Nat'L Convention → Louisville, KY 10/26-10/29 | 19 | Harvest of Connections WVSD&B Fall Conference | 20 | Harvest of Connections WVSD&B Fall Conference | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | Students return to school  | 25 | Varsity Girls' VB 28 (H) Mt. View Christian 6 p.m.  | 26 | Report Cards End of 1st 9 weeks  | 27 | Report Cards End of 1st 9 weeks | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | Happy Halloween to Everyone!!! | | | | | | | | | |

Trick or Treat

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Deaf Awareness Week

September 20 - 24, 2004

WHEREAS, the World Federation of the Deaf is an international organization composed of over one hundred twenty national associations of the deaf which, in collaboration with the United Nations (UNESCO, World Health Organization and international Labor Office), serves all countries in the enhancement of the social, economic and cultural lives of deaf and hard of hearing people; and

WHEREAS, the World Federation of the Deaf has, for more than fifty years, provided leadership at the international level in medicine and audiology, psychology of deafness, educational development and innovation, vocational rehabilitation, communications methodology, personal and social welfare, art and culture, parent education, and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) will participate as an integral part of the Deaf World Week celebration of the World Federation of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and West Virginia Association of the Deaf wholeheartedly endorse and support this public information effort; and

WHEREAS, representatives from a wide area of leadership in the United States of America serving deaf and hard of hearing population throughout the world will be observing this significant event in recognition of the contributions geared to the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia offers its wholehearted welcome and best wishes to all participants for a renewed spirit of togetherness tempered by intensified commitment to a quality life for the entire deaf and hard of hearing population of the nation;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the town of Romney, do hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 19 - 24, 2004

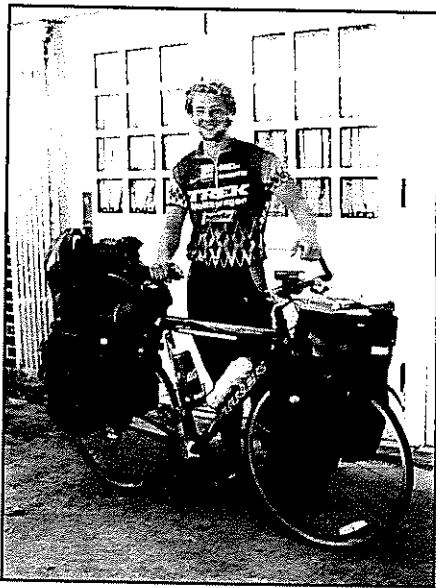
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DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

in the town of Romney, and I invite all of our citizens to join me in the observance of this week-long occasion.
Given under my hand and the seal of the city of Romney this 20th day of September, in the Two thousand and Four.

Cross-Country Cyclist Visits WVSD&B

by Mrs. Dodgins



A special visitor stopped by WVSD on the first day of school. Eighteen-year-old Matthew Brousseau of Logan, New Jersey rode his bicycle through Romney on his way back home from his starting point on the West Coast.

Matthew's older brother works for Trek Bicycles, so Matthew was able to get a discount on a new bike and free bike gear for his trip. On June 23, Matthew flew from his home in New Jersey to San Francisco, California. The next day he got on his bike and started the long trip home.

"I travel about six hours a day," Matthew said. "In the mountains I have to travel longer because I'm pedaling slower." He sleeps in a tent in city parks or sometimes just along the side of the road. "I eat at a diner or restaurant about once a week, to get a good meal, and I go grocery shopping the rest of the time." He also mentioned that in every state he cycled

through, at least one person took him home and gave him a good meal. In fact, someone he met at Sheetz in Romney took him home and treated him to a home-cooked meal.

Matthew said he should be home in about a week. His future plans include going to technical school to be an electrician.

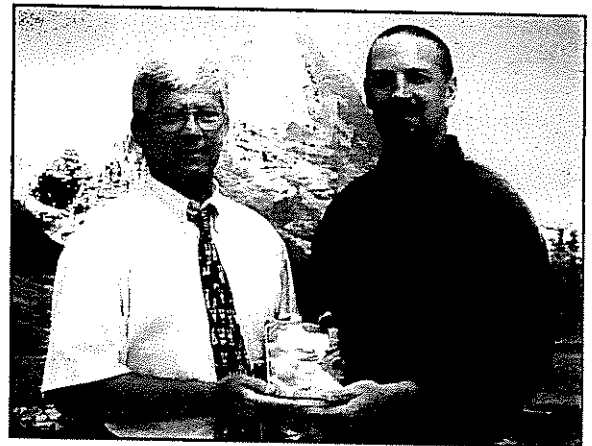
WVSD Media/Communication Coordinator

by Marty Blakely

Mr. Kesler presented an historic and exciting book to the WVSD library entitled OAKHURST: The Birth and Rebirth of America's First Golf Course by Paula Diperna and Vikki Keller.

This book points out that Mr. Russell Montague played an important role in his family's golf course history. His son, Cary, was the sixth superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, from 1910-1914.

Here is a summary of the book: In 1884, less than 20 years after the Civil War, golf finally came to America in a most unlikely place. Russell Montague, a 32-year-old Harvard-educated lawyer, had moved to White Sulphur Springs in the hills of West Virginia, to improve his health.

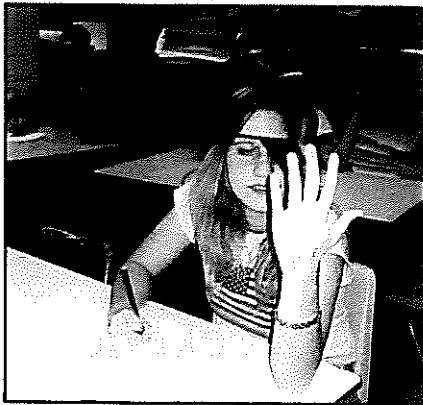


His Scottish neighbors, George Grant Alexander and Roderick MacLeod, were men of leisure. When Grant's golf-obsessed cousin, Lione Torin, arrived from Ceylon, these five built, purely for their own pleasure, a nine-hole course on Montague's land. They were unaware that their Oakhurst Links was the first formal golf course in America, or that the sport had any future.

The book is a wonderful addition to our library!

Welcome
WVSD Alumni
Homecoming
Weekend

Oct. 2 & 3

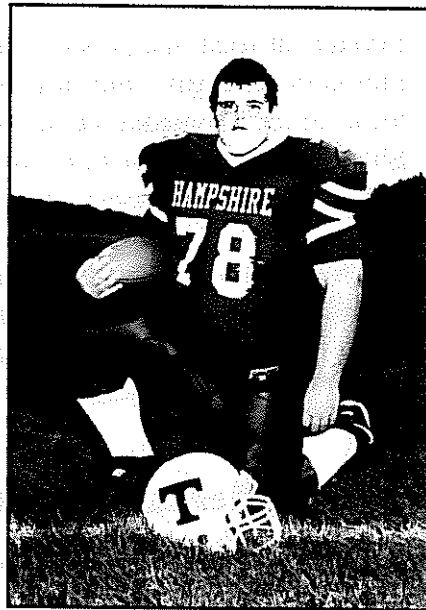


Pauley The Pirate?

What is senior Hannah Pauley doing? Has she joined the Pirates of the Caribbean? Or the Pittsburgh Pirates?

No, she's working on an assignment in Mrs. Judd's art class. If you're curious, ask Hannah, Sarah, Pam, or Justin G.

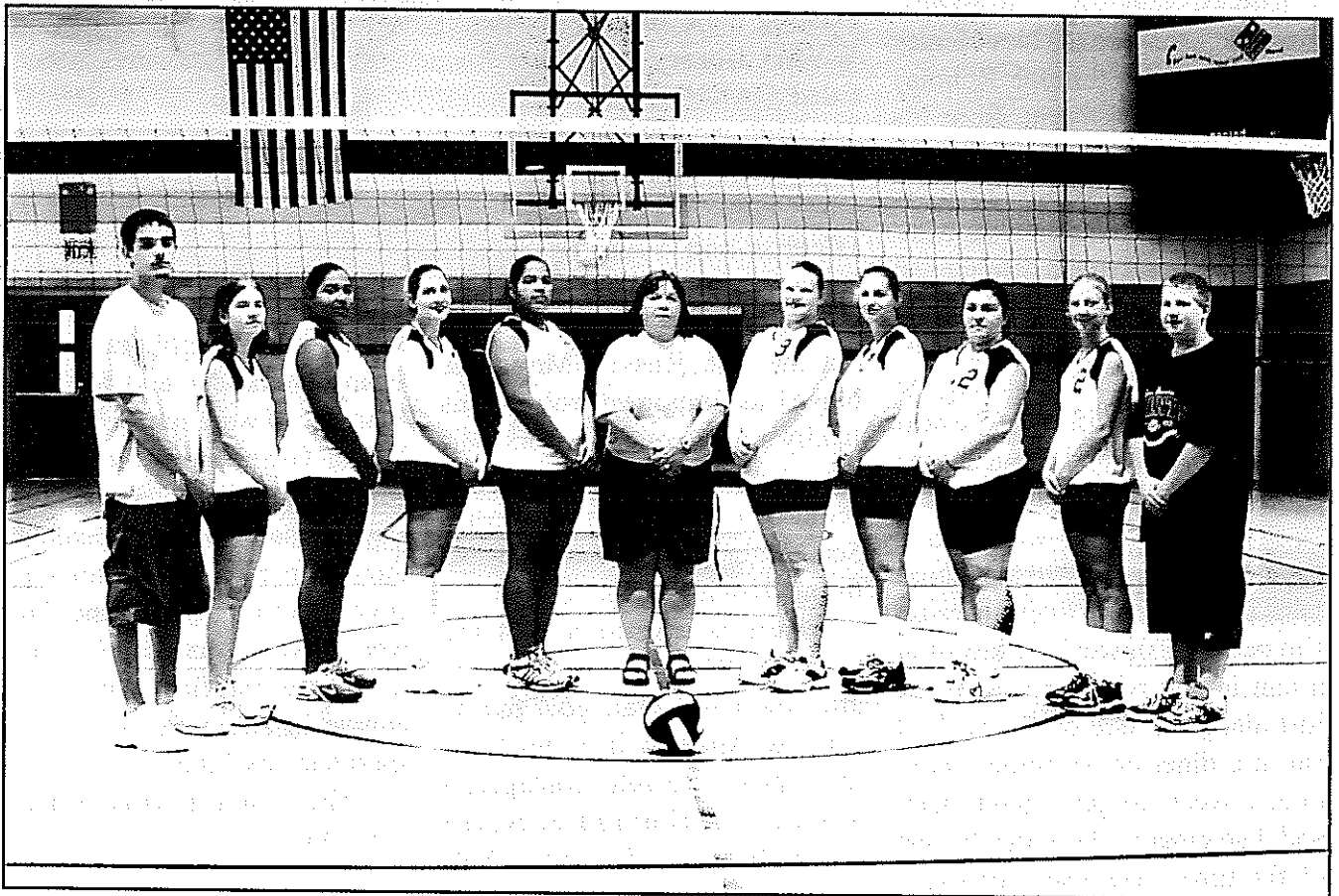
Withrow Playing HHS Football



Terry Withrow of Charleston (left) is playing football for Hampshire High School this year. Terry plays defense (tackle) on the varsity squad and offense (guard) on the JV team.

Want to see when and where the girls' Varsity and Middle School volleyball teams are playing? Check out the LT October calendar, or go online to <http://66.70.239.240>, click on Sports.

2004-05 VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Left to right: Corey Grace, Scorekeeper; Lisa Parent, Vanessa Cooley, Hannah Pauley, Zelina Cooley, Mrs. MaryBeth Surber, Coach; Sarah Abernathy, Ashley Lease, Ashley Hohman, Pam Thompson, and Justin Gregory, Manager.

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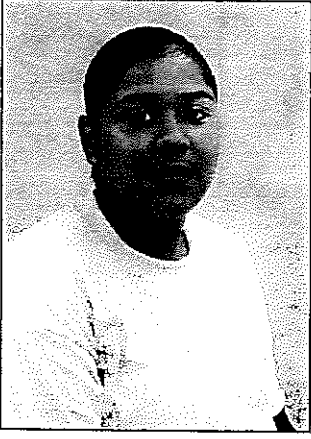
Homecoming 2004

WVSD Welcomes Four Students

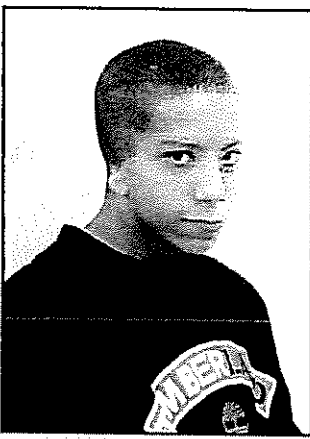
Four new students joined our school recently. Vanessa Cooley, Yellow Spring, is a senior transfer from the Virginia School for the Deaf. Page Miller, Martinsburg, is an eighth grader who transferred from the Model Secondary School for the Deaf. Seventh grader Levi Whetzel of Capon Bridge was a student in WVSD's Elementary Department, and Brittany Austin, also a seventh grader, transferred from public school in Morgantown.



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins
Students gathered in the MPR on the last day of Spirit Week. See inside for more photos.



Vanessa Cooley



Page Miller

Seniors Visit NRCC

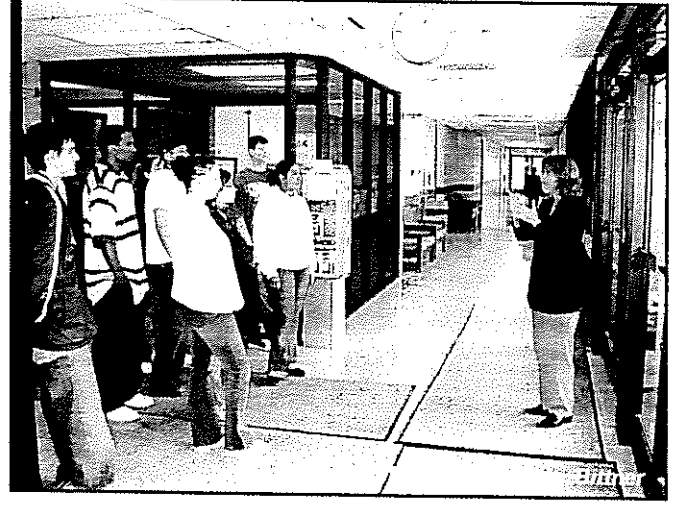
WVSD seniors recently traveled to New River Community College (NRCC) in Dublin, VA, to learn about the programs offered at that school. NRCC has a Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing which provides support services. Ms. Lucy Howlett provided a workshop on financial aid and college applications. Accompanying the students were Mrs. Kuykendall and Mr. Kesler, Career Preparation instructors.



Levi Whetzel



Brittany Austin



WVSD&B Celebrates Hampshire County's 250th Anniversary



WVSD&B students and staff recently gathered in front of the administration building to plant a tree in honor of Hampshire County's 250th anniversary.

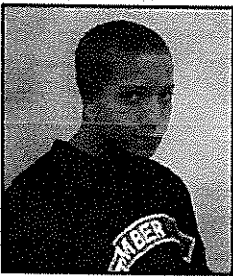
Superintendent McBride told the group that she had chosen her favorite kind of tree, magnolia, to be planted in the place of honor.

FFA members prepared the site and helped plant the tree.

Photo by Zellna Cooley

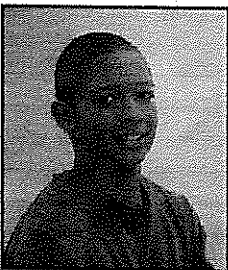
Miller and Stickley Playing for RMS

Eighth grader Page Miller of Martinsburg (top left) and seventh grader Roddy Stickley of Yellow Spring (below left) are playing on the Romney Middle School Pioneer football team.

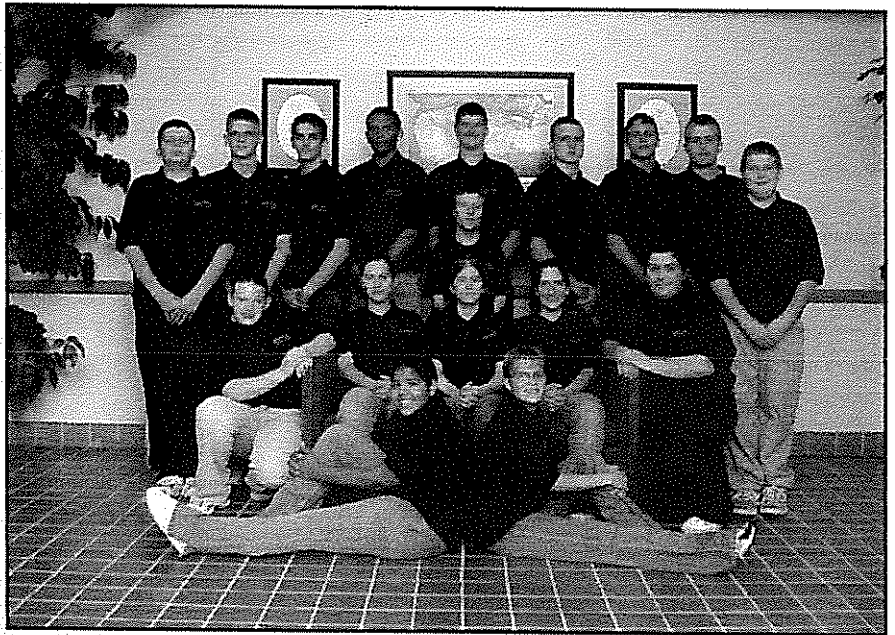


grader Roddy Stickley of Yellow Spring (below left) are playing on the Romney Middle School Pioneer foot-

Roddy plays both offense (tightend) and defense (defensive end) and Page plays offense (cornerback).



"Football is fun, and it teaches me how to stay tough," Roddy said.



Tapestry

Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Tapestry members are (left to right, front row) Zelina Cooley and Desiree Parmer. Second row: Sarah Abernathy, Ashley Lease, Lisa Parent, Hannah Pauley, and Ashley Hohman. Middle: Tyler Labin. Back row: John Oldaker, Lucas Turner, Corey Grace, Jeremy Cornell, Billy White, Josh Bittner, Brad Grey, Jonathan Edwards, and Justin Gregory. Not pictured are sponsors Mr. Barry Nealis and Mrs. Bonnie Sipple.

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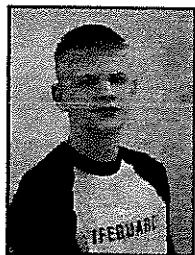
FBLA

by Mrs. Brown, FBLA Adviser

The first meeting of the new school year was held on September 24.

This year's President, Elisha Dillow, is a new student from Hedgesville. Vice-President Lisa Parent, Augusta, has been an active member for several years. A returning student to our school, Ashley Hohman, will serve as the FBLA's Secretary/Treasurer. Lucas Turner, an FBLA member for 4 years, will serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. Congratulations, Officers!

We look forward to a busy and productive year.



FFA



FFA Northeast Regional Vice-President Chris Livengood made a presentation to FFA members on October 15. Officers for the 2004-05 year are Justin Rhodes, President; Corey Grace, Vice-President; Brad Grey, Secretary; Terry Withrow, Treasurer; Sarah Abernathy, Reporter; and Josh Bittner, Sentinel.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

Some really good things have been happening at WVSD this fall.

During the week of September 20-24th, we celebrated Deaf Awareness Week which culminated in the Mayor's Proclamation.

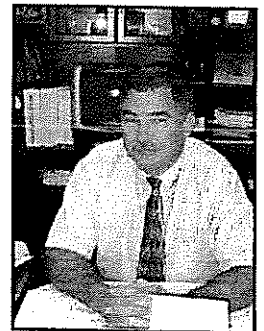
Spirit Week and Homecoming brought special guest speakers, door decorating and poster making competitions, daily games and activities, spirit plays and cheers, and even the crowning of royalty. Seniors accepted leadership roles and led the student body to a high level of school spirit and school pride. The Lions roared!

We recently completed a week of testing for 8th and 10th grade in

the ACT Explore and Plan. These nationally normed tests assess the students' academic standings and assist them in investigating a full range of career options.

Our Senior FFA members and sponsors are making plans to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. This trip should provide some wonderful learning opportunities and prove to be a memorable experience.

There really are some good things happening at WVSD this fall.





From The Director's Desk

by Mrs. Wysopal

Greetings from the Office of the Director of Student Life!

We have been enjoying the change in color on the mountains surrounding WVSD&B. The weather is cooler and some of the students are wearing fall jackets. Three students have enjoyed the good weather during football practice. Terry Withrow is playing for Hampshire High Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams. Roddy Stickley and Page Miller play on the Romney Middle School Team. The students return from practice tired, but their spirits are high. Three dorm staff, Barry Nealis, Tim Slocum, and David Nester, attend practices and games as interpreters. We are proud of the effort these boys are making to play football.

Houseparents selected Tyler Labin and Vanessa

Cooley for the August/September Student of the Month awards in Seaton Hall. Tyler and Vanessa exemplify good behavior, caring attitudes towards other students, and cooperation with dorm staff. The dorm staff is proud to recognize Vanessa and Tyler. Lisa Parent will make a photo poster of each Student of the Month winner in Fundamentals of Graphic Design class. The poster will be displayed in the Seaton Hall Lobby.

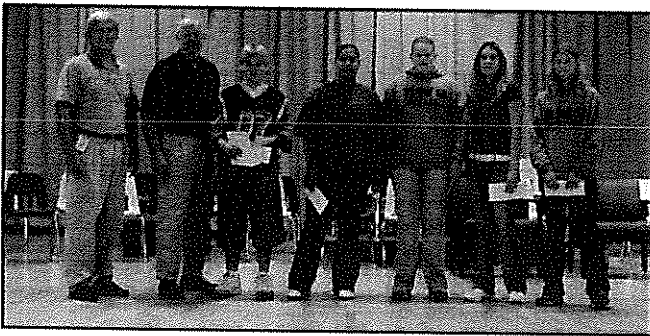
Student birthdays are celebrated one evening each month during snack time. Lucas Turner assisted with decorating the cake for students with birthdays in Augusta and September. Great job, Lucas! Any student can participate in the birthday cake decorating. Let the DSL know if you want to participate.

A change machine will be installed in the lobby area of the dorm. The machine has arrived!

There is a fresh look on Seaton Hall Girl's floor. Girl's dorm staffer, Cheryl Bell, has been painting! I walked by the laundry room the other day and thought I was in a hotel. She painted the laundry room, staff office, and the kitchen. Stop by and take a look the next time you are on campus.

Deaf Awareness Week - September 20-24

Photos by Lisa Parent



Winners of the poster contest: (left to right): Mr. Blakely and Mr. Devericks, Matthew Hart, Vanessa Cooley, Sarah Abernathy, Hannah Pauley, and Pam Thompson.

Mr. Marty Blakely arranged several activities during Deaf Awareness Week, from a "Silent Lunch" to a panel discussion on the "Deaf President Now" movement that took place on the campus of Gallaudet University in the 1990's. Panel members were Mr. Stan Mals, Mr. Pierre Sevigny, Mrs. Mary Kesler, and Mrs. Christie Sevigny. Students competed in a Deaf Awareness Week poster contest. Winners were

Pam Thompson, 1st place; Hannah Pauley, 2nd place; Matthew Hart, 3rd place; Sarah Abernathy, 4th place; and Vanessa Cooley, 5th place.



Left to right: Mr. Marty Blakely, Deaf Awareness Week Coordinator; Mr. Devericks, WVAD; Deanna Stone, Executive Director, WVCDHH; and William Hicks, Mayor of Romney, who read the Deaf Awareness Week Proclamation which was printed in *The Hampshire Review*.



From the Athletic Director's Desk

by Mrs. Barnes

I want to apologize for not having an article in the last edition of the *Lions' Tale*, but the start of the school year was rather overwhelming and I

missed the deadline.

As I sit here and prepare for this article, I see time "flying by" and the overwhelming events that were present in the beginning of school are still with us. But we are survivors here at the Secondary School for the Deaf and we will succeed with our mighty "LION" courage and strength.

To update you on our current sports:

The Middle School Girls' Volleyball team consists of nine girls from grades 6-8. Coach Mary Ennis Kesler is doing a great job of teaching these girls the skills which have brought the team to several victories. And several of those games that they lost were really close games. We see a lot of potential in the upcoming years for these girls. The Varsity Girls' Volleyball team consists of eight girls from grades 9-12. With such a low number of girls on the team, at times it can be difficult, but Coach Mary Beth Surber doesn't let that stop her determination to continue. It hasn't been a winning year for the team, but they are working together and many of their games were close. This team is preparing to travel to Massachusetts for their ESDAA Tournament the first week in November. We wish Coach Mary Beth Surber and her team the best of luck in their tournament.

Also busy in our sports world are Terry Withrow, Roddy Stickley, and Page Miller, all of whom are participating in public school football. They have been getting a lot of playing time, and we are so proud of them for their endurance, loyalty and contribution to the Romney Middle School and Hampshire High School teams. Hopefully we will see these boys next year wearing those helmets and pursuing their football careers.

I have finished the basketball schedules for the upcoming 2004-2005 season. Check our web site for those schedules or contact me, and I will be happy to give you copies of those games.

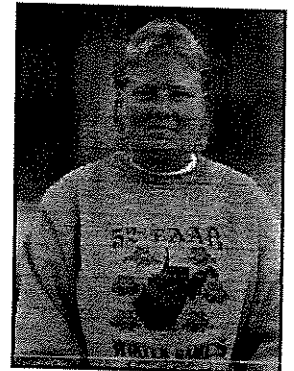
We will be starting our basketball season with two familiar faces. Coach Paul See will be coaching the boys' varsity team and Mary Ennis Kesler will coach the middle school girls' team. We are happy to have them return this year and hope they have a good season.

Our feature sports story for this month's *Lions' Tale*

is introducing our two new coaches for basketball. Ms. Melodie Brown will coach the girls' varsity team, and Ms. Mary Buckley will coach the middle school boys' team. In an interview with these two new coaches, I composed the following facts/information from them:

Melodie Grace Brown comes from Maryland. She is the oldest in her family, and has five brothers and one sister. Currently she is working at WVSD&B as a Child Care Worker in Seaton Hall and as an interpreter for sports. Melodie has a B.A. degree from Shepherd University, a Deaf Studies Certification from Frederick Community College, and has completed ASL and Deaf Culture courses at Gallaudet. Her background in the field of sports consists of playing basketball and softball at Harford Academy High School, playing basketball and softball at Cecil Community College, playing Div. II softball at Shepherd University, and was on the YMCA basketball team in the 6th grade. When asked her expectations for the team this year, Melodie said, "With four seniors, several additions to the team, and some experienced players, I feel there will be great potential." Melodie's desire to coach at WVSD stems from enjoying her work with the students at Seaton Hall and playing sports. Melodie also commented, "After following the Surbers as experienced coaches, it will be challenging, but I will try my best!"

Mary Buckley (right) is a lifelong Romney resident who comes from a family of 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Currently she is working as a custodian in the Physical Education Building and as a bus driver. She graduated from Hampshire High School in 1976. Mary's background in sports consists of playing basketball at Romney Middle School and Hampshire High School from 1971-1976. She played volleyball from 1972-1973. Her credentials include PVC All Conference 1st Team, Most Athletic Female, PE Student of the Year, and Outstanding Athlete. Mary also participated on the track team as high jumper, mile runner, and sprinter. When asked her expectations for the team this year she said, "To teach sportsmanship and develop athletic skills." Her reason for wanting to coach at WVSD comes from enjoying the sport of basketball and wanting the opportunity to contribute to the development of skills for the students. Mary also added, "I hope they enjoy playing as much as I did!"



ESDAA tournaments this year are being hosted in Millneck, NY for varsity girls and Vermont for varsity boys. Another highlight this year will be the Kentucky School for the Deaf coming to our school for socialization gatherings and games. There are a lot of games scheduled this year so come on out and cheer for our "Lions!"

Homecoming & Spirit Week

2004-05 Homecoming Court

Seniors: Ashley Lease and Josh Bittner

Junior: Tyler Labin

Sophomores: Zelina Cooley and Justin Rhodes

Freshman: Pamela Thompson

Eighth: Tiffany Friend and Mike Jarvis

Seventh: Cassie Heaster and Roddy Stickley



Photos by
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Mrs. Dodgins,
and Mr. Leatherman



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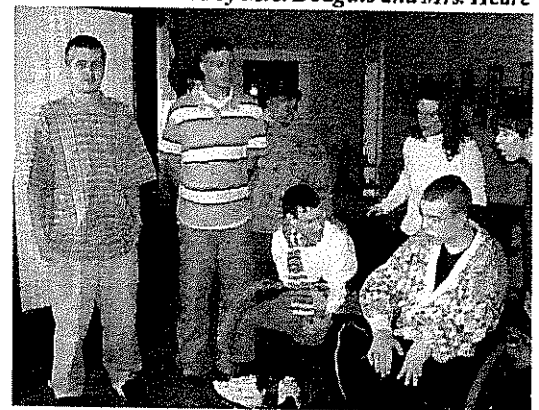
Happy Holidays!

Photos by Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare

On December 16 and 17 Mrs. McBride hosted the annual Christmas Open House at the Superintendent's Residence, an occasion that everyone looks forward to. Mrs. Kuykendall's and Mrs. Ayers' classes spent weeks preparing goodies, and as always, they were delicious!

Secondary students, alumni and retired WVSD&B employees attended the event Tuesday, and elementary students and staff went Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made an appearance Wednesday too!

The Lions' Tale staff wishes each of you a happy and safe holiday!



PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



Often I've heard the term, "squared away" used to describe when things are just right; everything in its proper place, looking sharp. After more years in the business of education than I care to mention, I have witnessed our educational system change from a loose, non-matching fit to being "squared away." Not yet perfect, but certainly making great strides in the right direction.

As a beginning teacher, my principal walked me to my classroom and said, "The textbooks are in the bookcase. Choose the one you like the best." There were no curriculum guides and the student achievement tests often included questions about material not covered in my textbooks. Teachers are now much better equipped to prepare today's students for tomorrow's workforce in a global society. In West Virginia, a beginning teacher would now receive content standards and objectives for every course. Course standards are devel-

oped by experts in the field with input from business and industry whose invaluable input insures that our instruction is appropriate for practical application. Students are given end of course tests to measure their progress. Our achievement test, now the WESTEST also measures student progress based on the same standards and objectives and identifies areas of weakness.

Many courses now offer dual credit. Students can earn college credit while in high school through a program called EDGE. This program has aligned college objectives with those taught in high school. Specially trained teachers present and test the material. The program provides excellent incentive for the highly motivated student working to get the "edge" on a college degree. Special Education students are also taught using the same content standards, but with necessary modifications and accommodations. Special needs students not capable of achieving content standards receive individualized objectives and are enrolled in the Alternate Assessment. The educational system of our state and our nation has truly made great strides. We teach what we test and test what we teach. There is accountability from bottom to top. It appears to me that we are getting "squared away" in education.

Dorm Director's Corner

by Mrs. Wysopal



Season's Greetings! It's time to decorate and prepare for the Christmas Season. The dormitory staff and students are decorating dorm rooms and the lobby areas of Seaton Hall. The students will be traveling to the Winchester Mall on December 9th to eat in a restaurant of their choice and to Christmas shop or to see a movie.

Barry Nealis and Bonnie Sipple, Tapestry sponsors, are busy fitting new uniforms and hemming slacks. The dorm residents will be busy this week learning the songs for their performance. The students will be performing on December 5 at the Augusta Church of Christ as part of the first Hampshire County Tree Lighting ceremony. All the schools in Hampshire County will have bands and/or choral groups performing.

Our Students of the Month for October were Brittany Austin and Roddy Stickley. Keep up the good attitude and cooperation in the dorm.

Dorm staff also recognized students who have very clean rooms. Domino's Pizza donated a small pizza to Justin Rhodes, Pam Thompson, and Polly Hodge to recognize their good work. The Director of Student Life checks rooms weekly and averages the points each month. The students in the rooms with the highest average receive a certificate for

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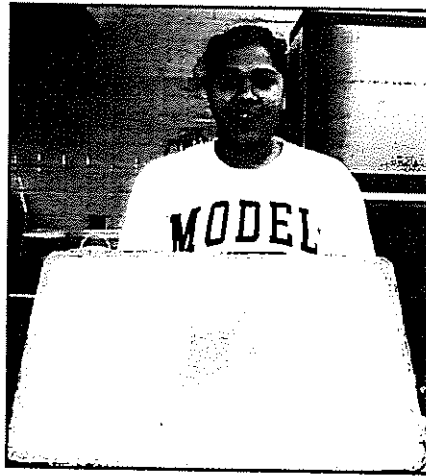
est average receive a certificate for a free pizza from Domino's.

A change machine has been installed near the phone/TTY. Francis Chilcoat and the Vending Class at the School for the Blind will service the change machine. The change machine should be up and running in the next week or so.

On November 7, Donna Williams from Winchester, VA talked to the students about her work and her hobby, quilting. Donna works for Access Independence as an Outreach Specialist for the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Donna is deaf and has been an avid quilter for the past 16 years. She brought beautiful quilts and wall hangings that she made. The favorite was the "I Love You" hand wall hanging.

The staff at Seaton Hall Dorm wishes you all a happy, safe, and peaceful holiday.

WVSD's New Cake Decorator



Senior Vanessa Cooley decorated a birthday cake in honor of students whose birthdays were in November.

This was Vanessa's first attempt at cake decorating, and she did a beautiful job!

Zelina Cooley, Lucas Turner and John Oldaker celebrated birthdays in November.

Photo by Pam Thompson

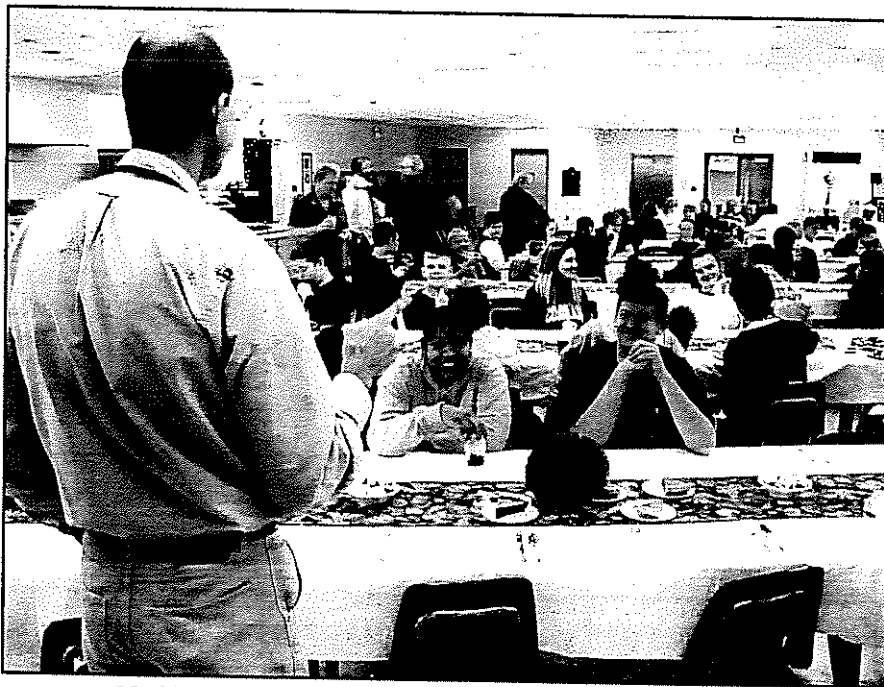
Thanksgiving Feast



Staff members joined students for Thanksgiving dinner in Seaton Hall before school adjourned for the holiday. It was enjoyable being together and being reminded of our many blessings.

The Seaton Hall cooks prepared a delicious meal: turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry/fruit sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie.

Photos by Justin Rhodes



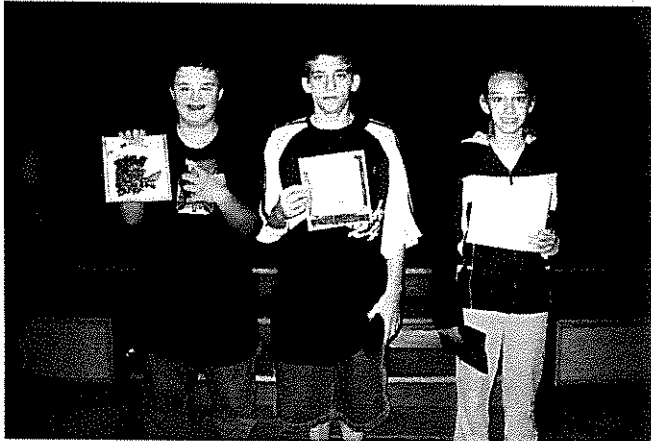
Mr. Mals talking with Billy and Zelina at the Thanksgiving dinner.



Art News

by Mrs. Judd

Students at WVSD Secondary took part in a turkey drawing contest the month of November. Students were to draw turkeys using any method they wanted. The art room was open to any student who had completed their regular class work and wanted



to use art room materials to complete their turkeys.

Thirty-three students participated in the contest. There were turkeys made of yarn, hand-print turkeys, realistic turkeys and fantasy turkeys. The entries were hung on the bulletin board in the main hall of WVSD Secondary. During the week before Thanksgiving vacation, the turkeys were judged in three categories: the most creative turkey, the most imaginative turkey, and pluckiest turkey. The staff members acting as judges for the turkey drawing contest were Mr. Blakely, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Dodgins. The award for the most imaginative turkey was given to Michael Jarvis; the most creative turkey award was given to Samantha Johnson; and the pluckiest turkey was created by Levi Whetzel. The winners received special art awards. All students who participated in the contest won a small participation prize.

Mrs. Judd, art teacher, would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest and the judges for making the contest fun and successful!

8th Grade Careers Class Visits WWSB Radio Station

The eighth grade career clusters class toured WWSB's radio station, Classic Country 104.1 FM, and talked with the instructor/head DJ, Mr. George Park.

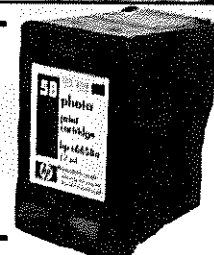
Mr. Park explained that technology has changed tremendously since he first started the radio station, which was over 20 years ago. Almost everything is automated now. Mr. Park and his visually impaired students work at the radio station Monday through Friday, and it "runs itself" on the weekends.

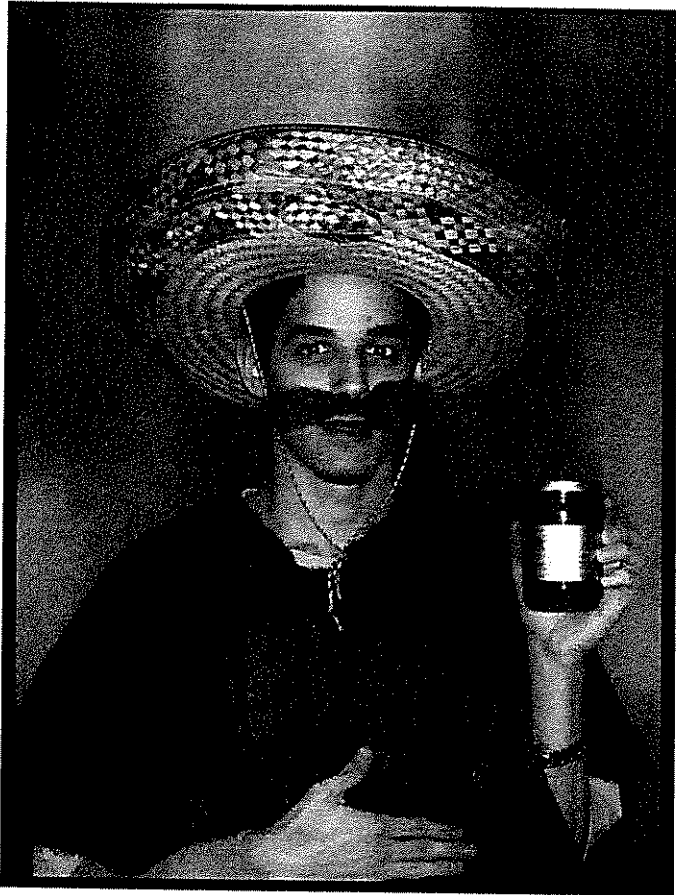
Several WVSD eighth graders are interested in taking Mr. Park's class in the future.



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Happy New Year!

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Our basketball teams are busy working hard to get ready for their games, which will start in the next few weeks. To get better acquainted with our teams the following are the rosters:

| VARSITY GIRLS | | |
|---|-----|------------------------|
| Coach: Melodie Brown, Manager: Desiree Parmer | | |
| Sarah Abernathy | #20 | 9 th grade |
| Vanessa Cooley | #34 | Senior |
| Zelina Cooley | #31 | 10 th grade |
| Lisa Parent | #5 | Senior |
| Jessica Spencer | #13 | 9 th grade |
| Pam Thompson | #15 | 9 th grade |

| MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS | | |
|---|-----|-----------------------|
| Coach: Mary Ennis Kesler, Manager: *position available* | | |
| Maddie Aldridge | #22 | 7 th grade |
| Tiffany Friend | #10 | 8 th grade |
| Cassie Heaster | #25 | 7 th grade |
| Chelsea Hill | #5 | 6 th grade |
| Polly Hodge | #30 | 7 th grade |
| Samantha Johnson | #23 | 7 th grade |
| Holly Ramos | #34 | 6 th grade |
| Shawna Weatherholt | #3 | 6 th grade |
| Amber Williams | #45 | 6 th grade |

| MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS | | |
|--|-----|-----------------------|
| Coach: Mary Buckley, Manager: John Oldaker | | |
| Darrel Beasley | #25 | 7 th grade |
| Ethan Bolyard | #11 | 6 th grade |
| Caleb Burleson | #10 | 6 th grade |
| Zach Cooper | #50 | 6 th grade |
| Joshua Duff | #5 | 7 th grade |
| Jensen Greenstein | #2 | 6 th grade |
| Matthew Hart | #32 | 8 th grade |
| Lucas Helmick | #23 | 8 th grade |
| Michael Jarvis | #3 | 8 th grade |
| Patrick Lee | #34 | 6 th grade |
| Page Miller | #15 | 8 th grade |
| Roderick Stickley | #1 | 7 th grade |

| VARSITY BOYS | | |
|--|-----|------------------------|
| Coach: Paul See, Managers: Tyler Labin, Lucas Turner | | |
| Josh Bittner | #3 | Senior |
| Jeremy Cornell | #23 | Senior |
| Jonathan Edwards | #12 | Senior |
| Corey Grace | #34 | Senior |
| Bradley Grey | #33 | Senior |
| Justin Rhodes | #10 | 10 th grade |
| Billy White | #42 | Senior |
| Terry Withrow | #50 | 10 th grade |

Hopefully, we will have team pictures in the next Lions' Tale. We welcome all supporters to attend the games to help cheer the "LIONS" onward to a "VICTORIOUS" season!

AD's Corner

by Mrs. Barnes



Here we are again...get prepared, because the cold weather, snowflakes, and the basketball games are about to begin...

Before we close the books on the 2004 volleyball season, I want to share the following information with everyone... the Varsity Volleyball Coach, Mary Beth Surber, submitted the end of year stats for the season:

| Players | Aces | Blocks | Digs Saved | Kills | Total Points |
|-----------------|------|--------|------------|-------|--------------|
| Sarah Abernathy | 9 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 131 |
| Vanessa Cooley | 31 | 1 | 33 | 72 | 477 |
| Zelina Cooley | 32 | 1 | 32 | 129 | 578 |
| Ashley Hohman | 2 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 172 |
| Ashley Lease | 7 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 163 |
| Lisa Parent | 12 | 0 | 13 | 20 | 335 |
| Hannah Pauley | 35 | 0 | 15 | 23 | 311 |
| Pam Thompson | 8 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 321 |

Results from the 2004 ESDAA Volleyball Tournament:

| | |
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| Volleyball Champions | Delaware |
| 2 nd Place | St. Mary's |
| 3 rd Place | West Virginia |
| Sportsmanship | TLC |

1st Place All-Stars Team:

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Vanessa Cooley | WVSD |
| Dante Hudson | DSD |
| Danielle Franks | DSD |
| Frances Sorrentino | MNM |
| Samantha Manguccio | SMSD |
| Gabrielle Unterhitzberger | SMSD |

2nd Place All-Stars Team:

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Zelina Cooley | WVSD |
| Helen Mane | TLC |
| Julisa Gangaway | SSSD |
| Marisol Morales | DSD |
| Emelin Castellanos | MNM |

The record for the season games was 3-12.

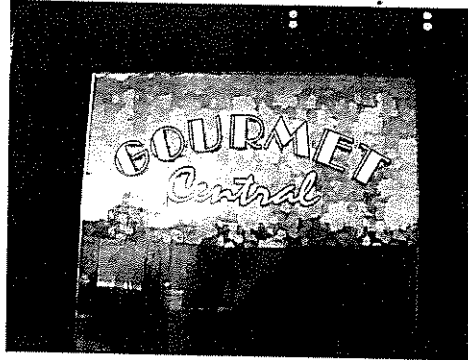
The record for the ESDAA tournament was 7-16.

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FFA Students Work With Chef Harv

by Lisa Parent

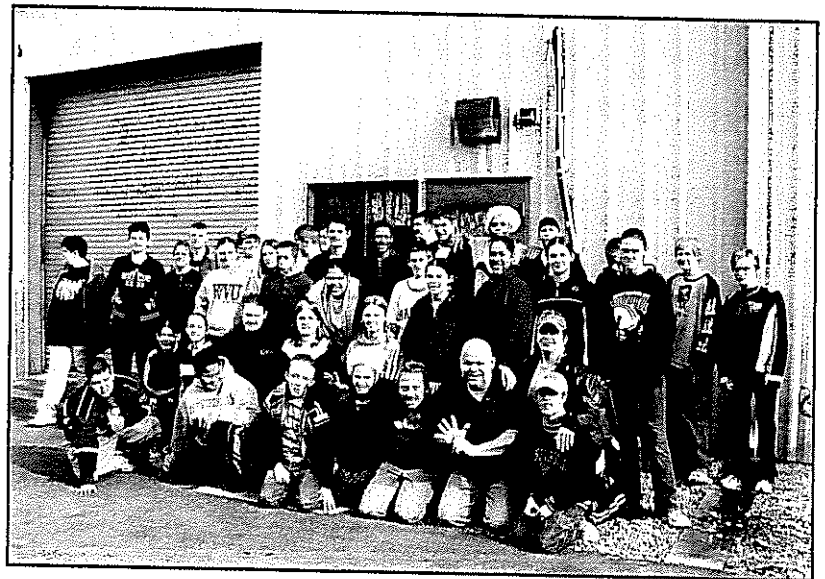
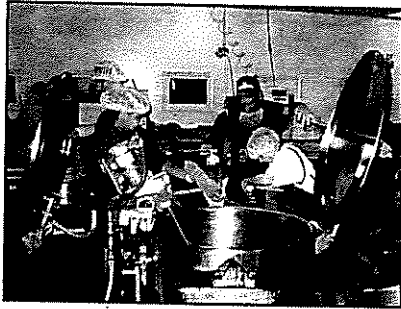
Photos by Hannah Pauley, Josh Bittner, Jan Dodgins, and Lisa Parent.

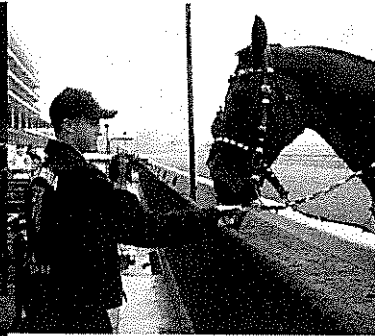


On November 15, WVSD's FFA members went to Gourmet Central in Romney to make salsa as a fundraiser for the organization. Students washed the jars, measured the ingredients, stirred the big vat of tomatoes, and designed the labels to put on the jars of salsa.

FFA members also made their own pizza for lunch. Chef Harv gave a Power Point presentation about his business and also discussed the differences between having your own business and working for someone else.

Chef Harv really likes having his own business because it is fun, but he works many long hours. He enjoys working with WVSD FFA members and he would like to learn sign language from our students.





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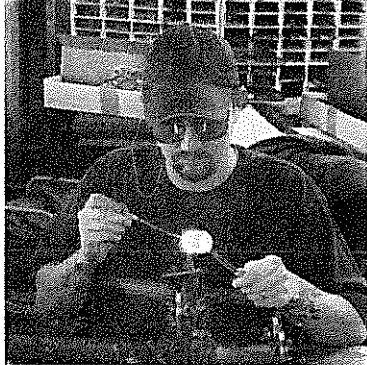
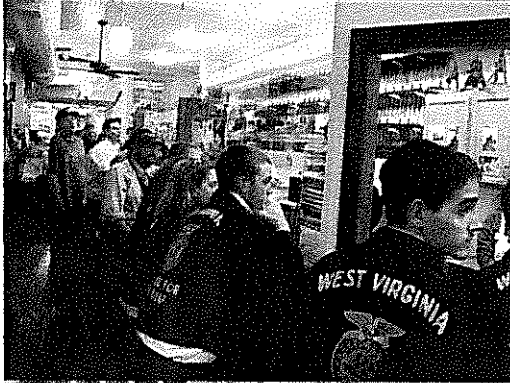
Seniors Attend FFA Convention

Nine FFA members from the Class of 2005 traveled to Louisville, Kentucky Oct. 25-28 to attend the National FFA Convention. The group attended the Opening Session with former Redskins quarterback Joe Theisman as speaker, visited career displays, and enjoyed meeting FFA students from all over the United States and Puerto Rico.

While in Louisville, students and sponsors also visited

Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum, the Glassworks factory, Louisville Science Center, and Schimpff's Candy Factory.

Sponsors accompanying the seniors were Mr. Leatherman, Mrs. Heare, Mrs. Dodgins and Mr. Sevigny.



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WVSD WELCOMES NEW STUDENT!!

Interview by Lisa Parent



Paige Kidd
Grade: 10

Where are you from? I am from Charleston.

How do you feel about staying in the dorm? I like staying in the

dorm. I feel more independent. My roommate is Elisha.

What are your favorite hobbies? Going to church, cheerleading, reading, and talking on the phone.

Do you have any siblings? I have 2 brothers.

What is your favorite subject? Gym.

Why did you choose WVSD? I think it is a good opportunity for me. Also, I am interested in learning sign language.

What is the difference between public school and this school? Public school is a whole lot bigger than this school.

How do you like this school so far? So far I like this school better than public school. I feel like I'm learning better and faster here.



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

These five girls had a great time at the PA Farm Show Jan 11th. See more pictures on page 2. (Pictured, left to right: Samantha Johnson, Polly Hodge, Pamela Thompson, Zelina Cooley, and Maddie Aldridge.)



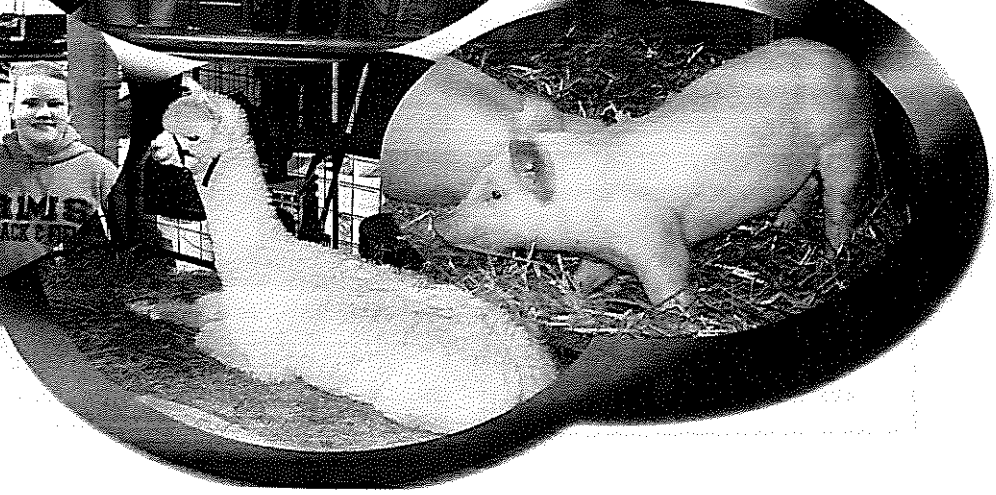
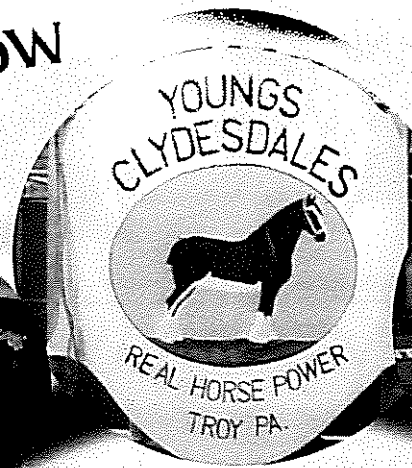
Career Majors students visited Fail Safe Welding on Jan 26.

(Front row: Megan Davis, Paige Kidd, Zelina Cooley, and Mrs. Loar, Interpreter. Back row: Lindsay Eversole, Desiree Parmer, Mrs. Brown, Justin Rhodes, Mr. Ken Krickler, and Terry Withrow.

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Pennsylvania Farm Show

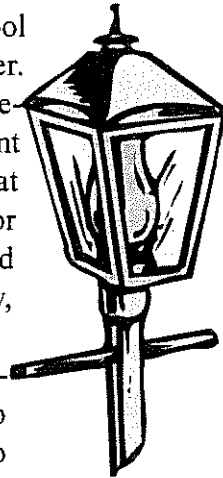


PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

The arrival of the midpoint of the school year led me to reflect and wonder. As I looked back through the first semester there came a sense of accomplishment and pride. Our students have made great strides and their accomplishments speak for themselves. The wonder that accompanied my reflection did so as a question. Namely, how did we arrive here so quickly?

My musings brought yet another question, this from the philosophical realm. Do good schools make good students? Or, do good students make good schools? If applied to our school a strong case could be made for either side. An obvious advantage of a small school such as ours would be the individual attention afforded each child. Not only does this allow us to better meet the educational needs of each student, but it also allows us to



deal with their developmental and social needs as well. Perhaps we help to bridge the communication needs between the deaf child and his/her parents. Regardless, we are blessed with a great group of young people who, aside from occasional growing pains, are a true pleasure to serve. It is this unique and nurturing environment of sign language immersion that lends itself to the name "home away from home" for many deaf and hard of hearing children from throughout our state.

The semester break led me to take a moment to look back upon this school year, and that brought a sense of satisfaction. The opportunities provided and the achievements attained by our students are good indicators of a successful school.

Director's Desk

by Mrs. Wysopal

The first snow of the year was not as big or as bad a storm as the weatherman forecasted. However, we did cancel the roller skating trip and will re-schedule for a later date.

The big excitement of the weekend was not the snow. Billy White scored his one thousandth point on January 21 at the home game with MSSD. Billy scored a total of 26 points to have a career total of 1,000 points to date. Congratulations, Billy!

Students made tie-dyed T-shirts on Saturday, January 22. Cookie Hott washed 50 T-shirts in preparation for the tie-dying project. Childcare workers Tim Slocum, Bonnie Sipple, Melodie Brown, Carl Shockey, and David Nester supervised the dying process. Parents, you should see your WVSD student wearing a crazy colored tie-dyed T-shirt!

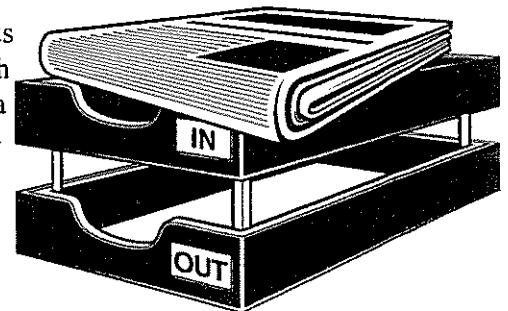
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Dorm staff also recognized students who had very clean rooms for the months of November and December.

Domino's Pizza donated a small pizza to Pam Thompson and Polly Hodge, Michael Jarvis and Lucas Turner, and John Oldaker to recognize their good work in November. Winners of pizza for the month of December were Vanessa and Zelina Cooley, Matthew Hart and Roddy Stickley, and Billy White and Jonathan Edwards. Students, keep up the good work on your rooms!

Students and staff are hosting the Kentucky School for the Deaf on February 25-27 for girls' and boys' basketball games. There will be a dance and snacks after the games in the Student Union. In February the girls' varsity basketball and boys' varsity basketball teams will travel to the ESDAA tournament in Millneck, New York and Brattleboro, Vermont, respectively. Good luck, teams!

Students and staff wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day.



From The Athletic Director

by Mrs. Barnes

Since the last edition of our Lions' Tale we have been fortunate enough to have some "celebrities" join our sports world here at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.



With the support of our Superintendent and Business Office, we now have an outstanding Lion mascot costume (to the left is a photo of Lucas Turner wearing the costume). We were delighted that the first "official" person to wear the costume was none other than our principal, Mr. J. D. Corbin. Following Mr. Corbin have been many student volunteers who wanted to be a part of our Lion mascot legion.

To the dismay of many of those volunteers, they are enduring an experience where their head is quite a load to carry upon their shoulders, their belly has grown considerably, walking is more difficult as now they have furry booties to endure, and last, but not least, the costume is HOT! This means the costume sure does make the volunteer sweat. But they keep volunteering and volunteering to be a special part of our games. Thanks to those who supported the funding for this costume and to those who have and will continue to wear the costume. You are GREAT!

WHITE HITS 1,000 CAREER POINTS

Now, for the other "celebrity" at our school. Senior William (Billy) White has reached a milestone in his varsity basketball career. He hit his 1,000th career point, scored during the home game with MSSD JV on January 21. What an accomplishment! We are so proud of him! I asked Coach See if he had

any boys reach 1,000 points during his coaching career, and he said that in his 5 years of coaching boys' varsity basketball at WVSD, Billy is the first. When Billy scored the 1,000th point, Coach See stopped the game, announced Billy's accomplishment, and handed him the game ball as a souvenir. Coach See remembers back in the 90's when he played at WVSD, Chad Gilman scored over 2,000 points in his career. Now Billy joins the "elite" and will go down in our history as being one of the West Virginia Secondary School for the Deaf's "BEST" basketball players!

ESDAA TOURNAMENTS

Plans are underway for the upcoming ESDAA February Basketball Tournaments. The varsity boys are traveling to Vermont and the varsity girls to Millneck, NY. If anyone needs any information, please contact me and I will gladly help you.

Until the next Lions' Tale, wrap up warm and attend as many of our games as you can!

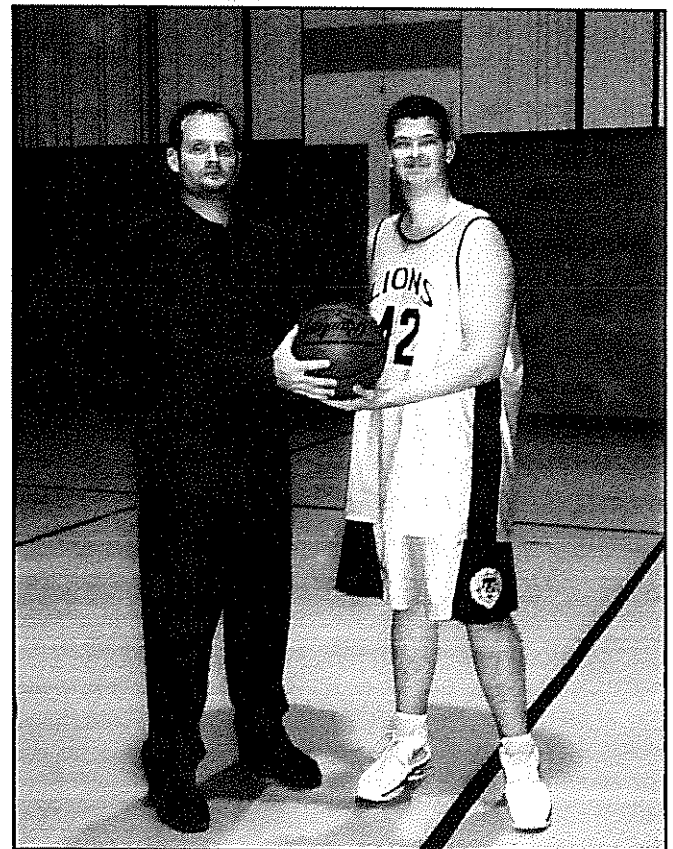
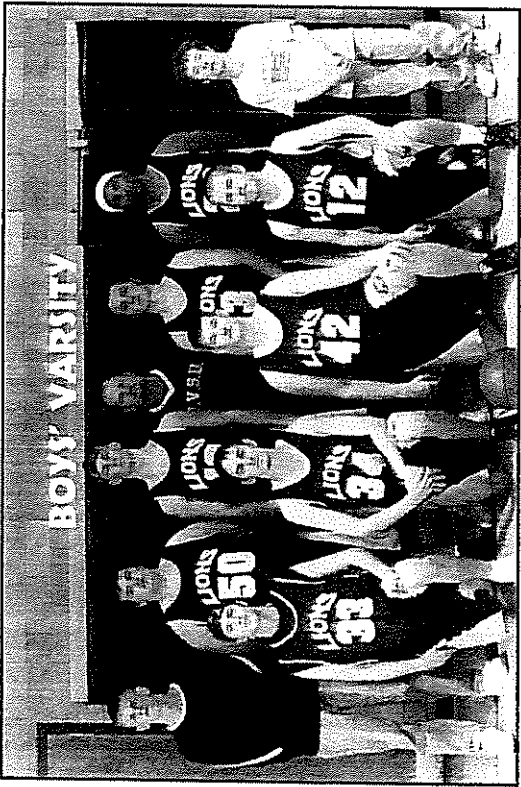


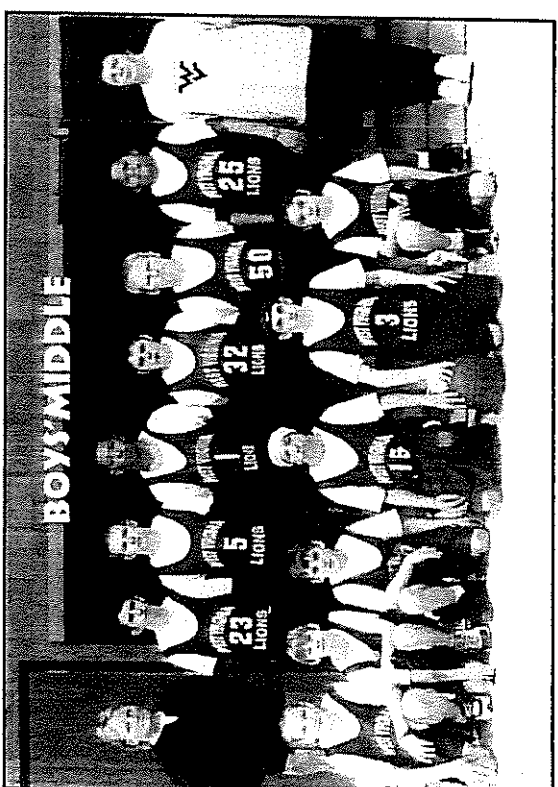
Photo by Zelina Cooley
Coach See presented Billy White with the game ball after the WVSD Lion scored his 1,000th point.

*Congratulations,
Billy!*

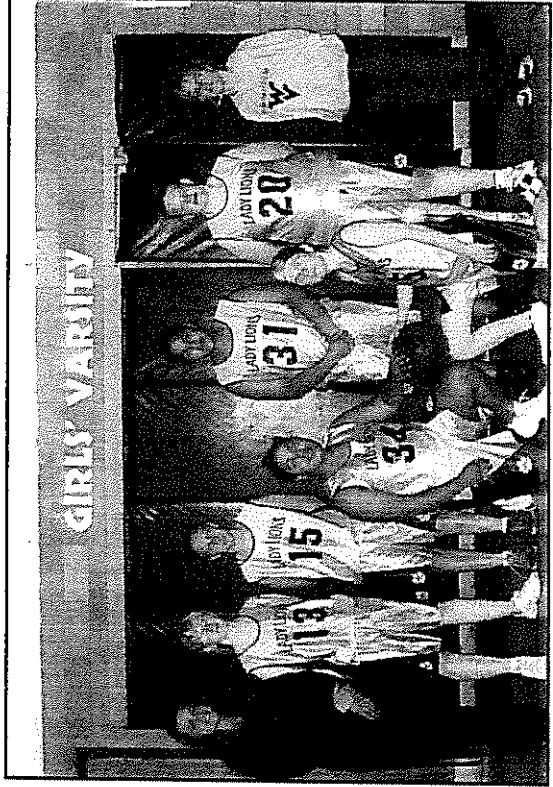
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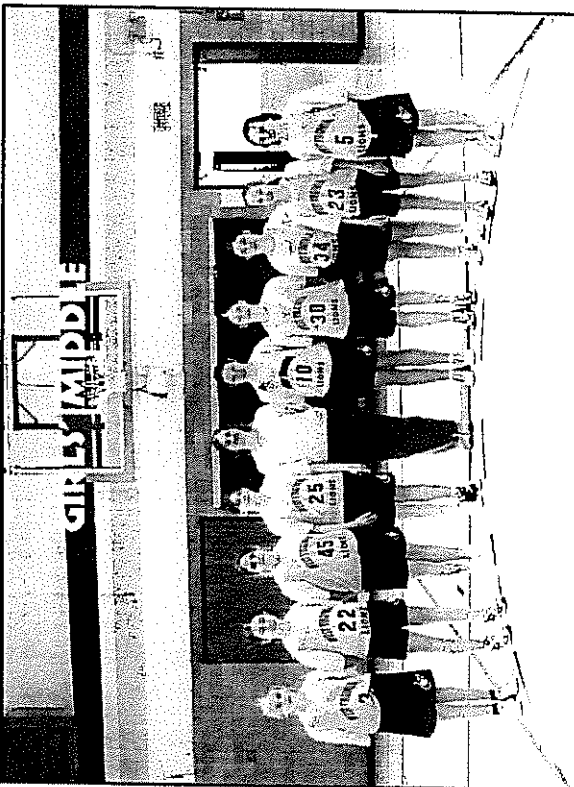
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Kneeling, left to right: Ethan Bolyard, Jensen Greenstein, Caleb Burlinson, Page Miller, Mike Jarvis, Patrick Lee. Standing, left to right: Coach Mary Buckley, Lucas Helmick, Joshua Duff, Roddy Stickley, Mattew Hart, Zackery Cooper, Darrel Beasley, and John Michael Oldaker, Manager.



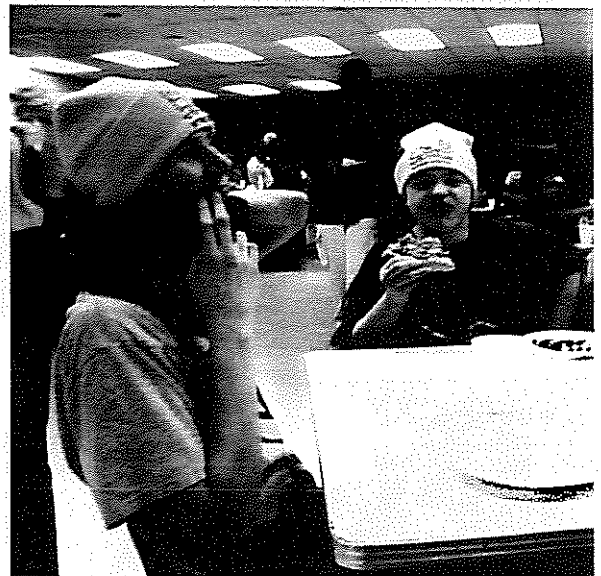
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Standing, left to right: Shawna Weatherholt, Maddie Aldridge, Amber Williams, Cassie Heaster, Coach Mary Ennis Kester, Tiffany Friend, Polly Hodge, Holly Ramos, Samantha Johnson, and Chelisea Hill.

UAW Hosts Christmas Pizza Party at WVSD

Before Christmas, UAW members from Martinsburg hosted a pizza party in the Seaton Hall cafeteria. UAW members handed out warm blue scarves and yellow toboggans to all students in Elementary Deaf, Secondary Deaf and School for the Blind. Both items were embroidered with UAW and West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind. To our friends at UAW: **THANK YOU!**

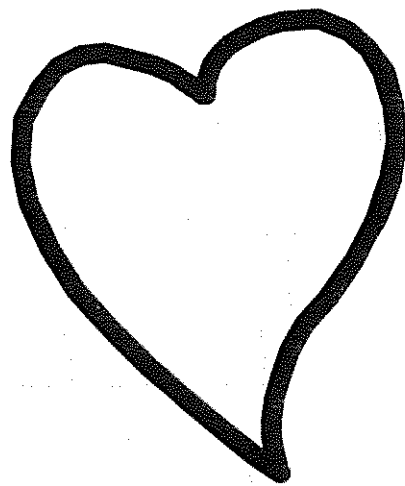


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| | | 21 BB (H) St. Joseph's Christian M Boys 6pm | 23 BB (H) MSD JV V Girls 5pm BB (A) MSD JV V Boys 6:30pm | 24  Ski Trip | 25 | 26 BB (H) KSD V Girls 4pm V Boys 6pm SENIOR NIGHT |
| | | 27 | 28 | | | |

Get Ready For The

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Date: Monday, February 14

Place: MPR, Secondary Deaf School

Time: Doors open 6:30 p.m. , Music 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Big Boom Sound)

Price: \$3.00 students and adults

Questions? Mr. Nealis, Mr. Chilcoat , WVSD Office or WWSB Office

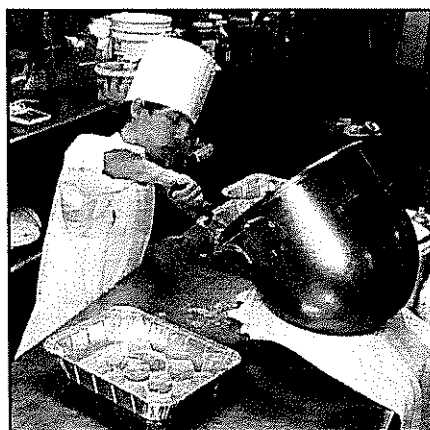
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Valentine Dance!



ProStart Class Travels to Gourmet Central

*An interview with Mrs. Kuykendall, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher
by Lisa Parent*



Tyler Labin

Why are the students going to Gourmet Central? To improve their food service skills and get practical experience.

When did your class start training there? The ProStart class started going to Gourmet Central in

January 2005.

Who teaches the students? Chef Harvey Christie works with the students.

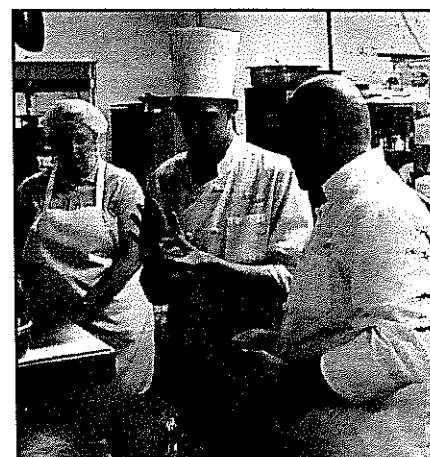
What are Lucas and Tyler learning from Chef Harv? Various skills in culinary arts.

How often do the students go? The class goes twice a month.

What kind of foods does your class make? At Gourmet Central, the students have made apple dumplings, biscuits, baked chicken, chocolate covered apples, and cakes.

What other things do the boys do? The students are preparing different foods and learning to operate commercial equipment.

Is this opportunity available to all students? Only the ProStart class participates in this activity.



Chef Harv shows Lucas Turner how to make chocolate covered apples. Mrs. Kuykendall interprets for the students.

Photos by Mrs. Dodgins

WVSD Boys Are ESDAA Champs Again!

For the second year in a row, our boys' varsity basketball team brought home the ESDAA Championship trophy! Our team also excelled in every other competition. See more photos and Mrs. Barnes' exciting account of the tournament inside.

Left to right: kneeling, Jonathan Edwards. Middle Row: Child Care Worker David Nester, Manager Tyler Labin, Corey Grace, Brad Grey. Back row: Coach Paul See, Athletic Director Joyce Barnes, Manager Lucas Turner, Terry Withrow, Jeremy Cornell, Justin Rhodes, and Billy White.



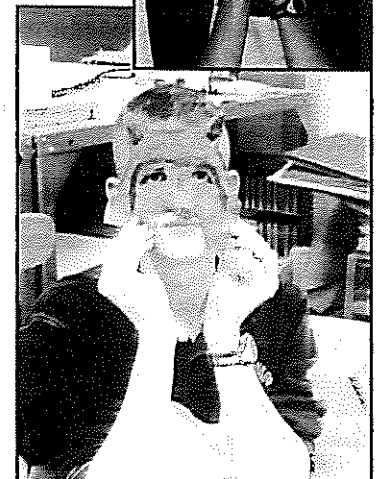
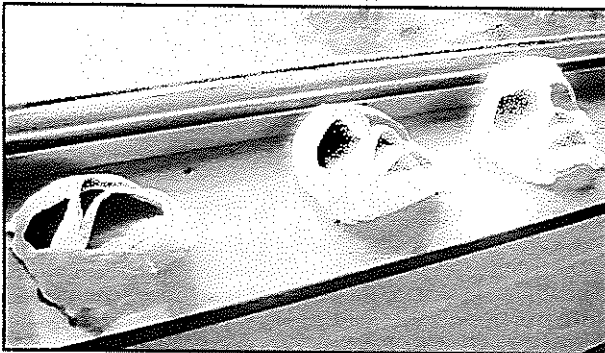
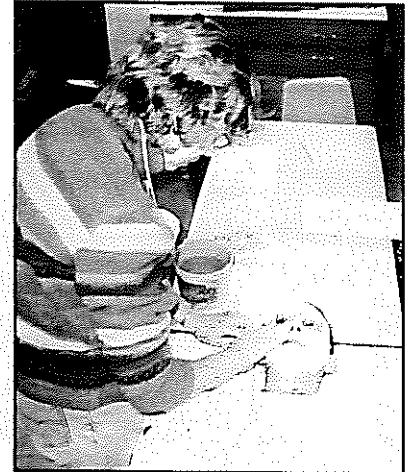
Art Classes Study Early Man

Mrs. Judd's art students are studying early man. They have divided into two tribes, The Lions and The Apes. Each group had to invent some words in a new language (not English or ASL). They had to create basic words such as "hungry," "hi," and "danger." The students learned about "rites of passage," such as when humans transform from being a teenager to an adult. Each tribe will make up a ceremony to celebrate this period of life.

As part of this unit, students made masks with their animal's spirit in mind. To begin, Mrs. Judd "painted" the material on each student's face (the same material doctors and hospitals use for casts). Then each person created his or her own mask from the mold. The art students learned how masks, like clothes, can help make it possible for a person to behave differently. Imagine going to the prom in blue jeans – it just wouldn't be as much fun, and we probably wouldn't use our best

manners! So we put on our fancy clothes and become Cinderella or the Prince for prom night! In the same way, a mask can symbolically give you an identity to use while you are changing inside – transforming from being a teenager to becoming a young man or a young woman.

Photos by
Hannah Pauley





From the
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

by Mrs. Barnes
 Photos by Lucas Turner

Trivia Question - How many states did the team travel through to get to the Boys' Varsity ESDAA Tournament in Brattleboro, Vermont?

If you answered West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont, then you are correct!

With the forecast of a possible "big snow" hitting the eastern states, our concerns were centered around "ole man winter." Several calls were made between the Athletic Directors in Vermont and West Virginia and the decision was made - load the bus and proceed as planned with a few changes to the scheduled games.

Gathering up the traveling trophy from last year (note: our WVSD

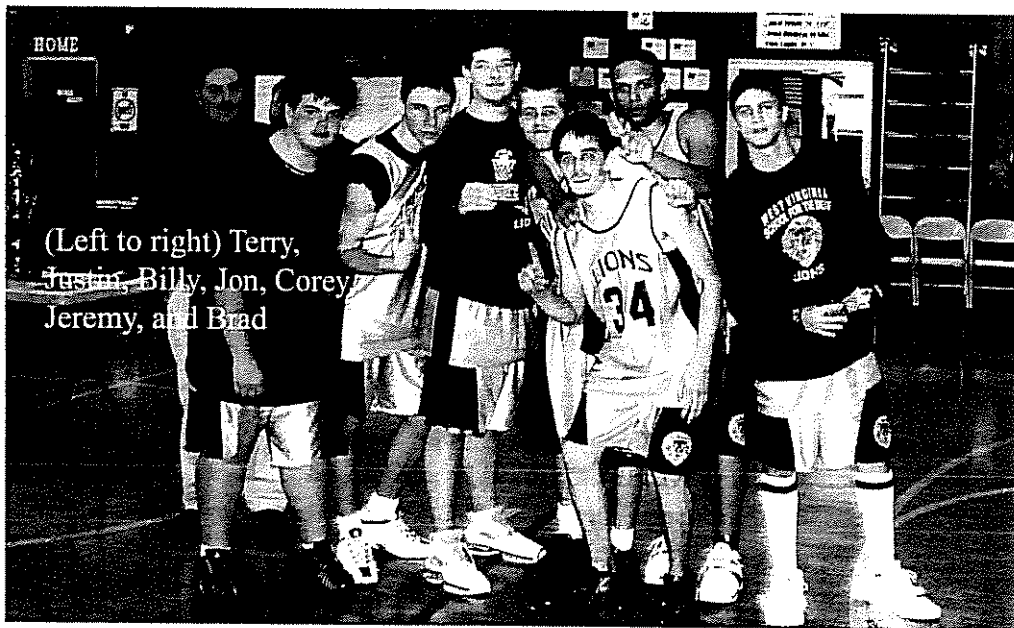
boys won the 2003-2004 championship in Manhattan, NY) the seven team players, two managers, one coach, one Athletic Director, one Child Care Worker and a bus driver left Romney on Thursday, 2-10-05. The group received a farewell "pep rally" on Wednesday evening and decorations in the cafeteria on Thursday morning to wish them the best of luck.

To eliminate a lengthy one-day trip of 10+ hours on a school bus, overnight accommodations were made at the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia, PA. Indulging in a buffet style meal at a local restaurant did not stop our team and coach from

quality practice time. Upon completing the meal, the boys changed clothes and went to the gym - whew!!! Is that commitment or what?

Rising early on Friday morning put us on the road to travel the next 300 miles to Brattleboro, Vermont. Stopping for a brunch at the Bulls Head Diner in Stamford, Connecticut, we knew our journey needed to proceed onward as fast as possible to meet our game time of 2:30 P.M. with Lexington, JV. Arriving at Brattleboro was surprising, as there was not as much snow as anticipated. Approximately four inches were on the ground and the roadways were clear.

Maine's team withdrew from the tournament because of the weather (reports were that they did receive the three feet of expected snowfall). Hosting a tournament takes a lot of planning and when a



(Left to right) Terry, Justin, Billy, Jon, Corey, Jeremy, and Brad

team cancels, it causes havoc. But the tournament continued and adjustments were made as needed.

Our first opponent was the team from Lexington, NY (exhibition game). WVSD proved to be a more powerful team and after a few quarters of exhibiting those strong abilities, Coach See changed the game plan. He used the remaining quarters to work on plays which incorporated player Terry Withrow at the side of the basketball court with the remainder of the team working the ball towards him for his attempts to score. The final score was West Virginia 54 and

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Lexington 28. And Terry scored 12 points!

Friday's games were as follows:

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|-----------|----|--------------|----|
| Mill Neck | 54 | *Mixed team* | 39 |
| Rome | 71 | Willie Ross | 51 |
| Austine | 42 | ASD | 12 |

Due to the Maine team pulling out of the tournament, a *mixed team* was established from all the teams. Each coach permitted at least one of his players to be a part of this mixed team. West Virginia's designated player was Terry Withrow, and I must add, he did an outstanding job. The conclusion of the day's events was ice cream for everyone in the snack bar area.

Saturday's events started at 9 am with the boys participating in the free throw and knock out competitions. Our WVSD boys won the free throw competition. A player from Rome, Ty Miller, won the knock out competition. Then to everyone's delight anyone wanting to take the floor (coaches, players, spectators) all joined in for a fun competition of knock out. That was quite an entertaining event, seeing the reactions of faces/laughing/good sportsmanship as coaches knocked out players and vice versa.

West Virginia's second display on the floor was a game with Mill Neck. The final results were West Virginia 58 and Mill Neck 12.

Later that day, the American School for the Deaf scored 33 and the *mixed team* scored 36. All the teams enjoyed a pizza party and movie in the snack bar area to end the evening.

Sunday morning started off with the Team 21 and 3-Point Shooting Competitions. In the Team 21 Competition, two teams take the court on each end. For those of you who do not know what a Team 21 Competition is, let me tell you, it can be quite exciting. Five positions, 12 feet from the basket, are marked off, and team players line up behind the first marked area. The time clock runs for 10 minutes. Players start shooting at the corner and follow through, moving to the next marked station after completing the previous station. Points are awarded worth three points for a long shot, rebound the ball and lay-up for 2 pts. and rebound the ball again and lay-up for 1 pts.

WVSD was paired up with Mill Neck for the first round. WVSD scored 289 points and Mill Neck had 200 points. Rome and Austine paired up with ending results Rome 193 and Austine 233. WVSD and Austine were the two highest scoring teams, and were therefore in the championship shoot-off. Final scores

found WVSD again a winner by scoring points of 249 and Austine 223. This was quite an exciting event, and our boys exhibited a great display of talented shooting abilities.

For the 3 point Shooting Competition, each coach selected two players. West Virginia shooters were Jonathan Edwards and Bradley Grey. Rules for the 3 point competition are: 5 areas are marked around the 3 pt. line; each shooter gets 3 shots at each spot. WVSD was paired up with Rome, and Jonathan scored 7 times and Bradley scored 9 times, for a combination score of 16. Rome shooters each scored 7 times, giving them a total of 14. The next pair of teams were Millneck scoring 9 and Austine 15 times. Therefore the final shootout was between West Virginia and Austine. Bradley shot for WVSD and scored 8 times beating the Austine player who scored 7 times. Once again WVSD a winner - way to go Bradley!

The conclusion of the tournament was on Sunday afternoon when Mill Neck and Rome met for the Consultation Game. Rome swept away Mill Neck by winning with the score of 61-24.

Anticipation was felt everywhere. Here were the defending '03-'04 champs (WVSD) who at this point and time in the tournament had excelled in proving their abilities and skills by winning the 3 Point Competition, Foul Shooting, Team 21, and the Lay-up Competitions and, needless to say, both of their elimination games. You just had to be there to experience the atmosphere and nervousness . . . Austine spectators were everywhere, beating their drum, doing cheers on the floor, and even chanting/stomping their feet while our boys were attempting their foul shoots. Playing on their home court was to Austine's advantage and their determination to take the mighty West Virginia team down was evident. At half time, our team was down by 3 points and everyone was anticipating Coach See's strategy when his team returned to the floor. I have to give Austine credit. They stayed with our WV boys and fought a very physical game. Even at the conclusion of the 3rd quarter, I thought, what is going to happen here? It's anybody's game! The cheering squad for West Virginia consisted of our bus driver, David Nestor, the Child Care Worker who was having difficulty videoing the game with all the excitement, our devoted managers, Tyler and Lucas, and me. That is quite a task, up against what seemed like the whole town of Brattleboro. But into the 4th quarter, West Virginia found their break. If any of you have had the opportunity to see any of their games this year, you

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would agree that these boys have endurance to the very end. And this is what they did. Once they started to pull away from Austine and score, they kept on until the final second when the buzzer ended the game, a VICTORY for the West Virginia Secondary School for the Deaf Boys' Varsity Team, beating Austine 49-34. Quite a showdown . . . seeing those boys gather at the center of the floor jumping up and down, holding onto each other, smiles on their faces, shoulder slaps in sheer delight was quite an memorable moment. I truly believe that moment will be embedded in the minds of those boys forever. They played hard and earned the title as the 2004-2005 Boys Division ESDAA

Tournament Champs! We are so proud of our Coach,



Paul See, and players Billy, Jeremy, Corey, Bradley, Jonathan, Justin, and Terry. And a special thanks to our hard working

managers, Tyler and Lucas.

The awards ceremony began with the Billy White and Jeremy Cornell being selected for the 1st Team All-stars and Corey Grace chosen for the 2nd Team All-stars. Bradley Grey received his award as the 3 Point Shoot Out winner.

Plaques were given to WVSD for winning the Foul Shooting, Team 21, and Lay-Up competitions.

Individual trophies were given to each team member in addition to a 2 foot team trophy. The 3 foot "Traveling Trophy" was once again in



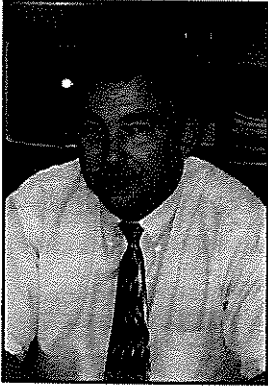
our possession to house until next year. We had so many trophies, that we had to look for a box to put them all in for transporting home - NO PROBLEM! Austine then brought a ladder over to the basketball net and the players and coach took turns climbing the ladder cutting the net off one strand at a time to include with our box of treasures.

Having the bus packed with all our awards, and an exhausted and proud team and coach, we left the Austine School for the Deaf around 4 P.M. on Sunday. Activities on the 10 hour+ bus trip home consisted of reminiscing about the tournament games, playing cards, and trying to relax and find a comfortable position to lay/sit/sleep. A highlight of the trip home was indulging in a hearty meal and dessert in Southbury, Connecticut, at Friendly's. We proceeded southward once we were on Interstate 81 and arrived in Romney at 4:15 a.m. Monday safe and sound, thanks to the expertise of our driver, Mr. Funk.

Yes it was a long, exhausting trip, but WV brought back the Gold. I want to add that they displayed outstanding attitudes and teamwork, and I was honored to share in their glory!

The chart below lists stats taken from the three games played at the tournament.

| Player | Points | Ft. Made | Ft. Att. | Rebounds | Assists |
|------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Bradley Grey | 10 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| Corey Grace | 31 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Billy White | 35 | 4 | 9 | 33 | 6 |
| Jeremy Cornell | 28 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 1 |
| Jonathan Edwards | 20 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6 |
| Justin Rhodes | 22 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 7 |
| Terry Withrow | 15 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |



PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

Through the support of special friends and partners in education, namely the United Auto Workers (retired), Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Evans, and the J. J. Memorial Sponsors, February 14, this Valentine's

Day, was far more than just another Valentine's Day at WVSD. It was a special day for every student in the Secondary Deaf Department as each received a personalized Valentine gift bag. What a wonderful surprise!

Also, a reception was held in honor of our boys' basketball team upon their return from Vermont where

they participated in and returned as champions of the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association's basketball tournament for the second consecutive year. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall and her foods class students. It was an outstanding event and a proud moment that offered something special for everyone in attendance.

In my address to our basketball team, I pointed out that the boys' ability to work together as a team is a key to their success, and teamwork is a skill they will be able to apply in the future. There could be no better example of a team effort than that which made our event so special and put smiles on the faces of so many. My sincere thanks to all who made it possible and truly something special.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Mrs. Wysopal



Tulips and daffodils are popping out of the ground everywhere. Crocus were blooming on the lawn in front of the administration building this week. Mrs. Wysopal is thinking of flower gardens. The students are dreaming of the ski slopes. Let's hope the snow holds out another two weeks on the slopes.

In January students and staff enjoyed a Super Bowl party. Childcare worker Mrs. Cookie Hott and students from the girls' dorm prepared vegetable trays and dip. Terry Withrow and Jonathan Edwards provided a crying towel for Philadelphia Eagles fans. All the students and staff had fun watching the game and eating party snacks.

Basketball season is almost over. The varsity boys' basketball team is still walking tall over their recent ESDAA championship win at Vermont. We

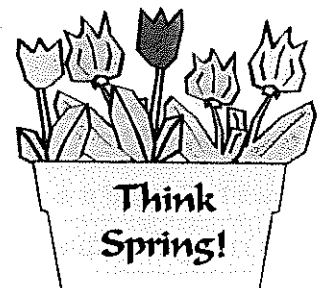
are proud of the team. The varsity girls' basketball team recently returned from the ESDAA tournament at Mill Neck, NY. Good try, girls! We are proud of your team effort.

The students enjoyed a Valentine Party on February 14th. Tapestry sponsors, Barry Nealis and Bonnie Sipple, helped Tapestry students decorate and get ready for the party. Many staff on campus donated cookies and brownies for the event. Principal J.D. Corbin won the basketball of chocolate in the Valentine raffle.

The January students of the Month are Brad Grey and Zelina Cooley.

Seaton Hall now has a change machine available for student use. We appreciate the support from school administration in helping make the change machine available to students. Students are looking forward to Senior Day, basketball games with Kentucky School for the Deaf, and a dance on February 26th. FBLA will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17 for the students.

Enjoy the last days of winter. Spring is around the corner!



TAKE A CHANCE!

- 1st BLANKET CHEST
- 2nd SCHOOLHOUSE CLOCK
- 3rd P. O. LOCK BOX BANK
- 4th CHEESE BOARD
- 5th-10th SIX BASKETS w/Goodies

*Hand made by
Mr. Sevigny's students!*

*Hand made by
FFA students!*

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Drawing will be held PARENTS' DAY

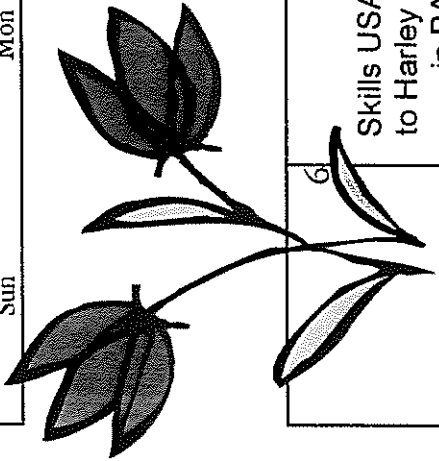
Friday, March 25

10:00 a.m. in the MPR

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March 2005

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| | | 1 State Writing Assessment Seventh Graders and Sophomores | 2 | 3 | 4 Homegoing Clubs: FBLA, JrNAD, and Tapestry | 5 |
| | 6 Skills USA Trip to Harley Plant in PA | 7 ProStart Class to Gourmet Central | 8 Tapestry to Charleston | 9 Skiing Academic Bowl | 10 ProStart Class to Gourmet Central | 11 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Gear-Up Meeting 11:30 Anti-Drug Program 1:20 MPR | 16 Regional FFA Mtg | 17 FBLA Dance 7pm - 9:30 pm | 18 19 | |
| 20 | 21  | 22 Tapestry's Springfest | 23 Annual Voc. Clubs Banquet 5:00 p.m. | 24 25 PARENTS' DAY Homegoing | 26 | |
| 27 Easter | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



Spring Break!



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PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES VAL(S) & SAL



Lisa Marie Parent and William Benton White have been named Co-Valedictorians of the Class of 2005 by Principal Corbin. Bradley Lee Grey is this year's Salutatorian.

Bradley Lee Grey is the son of Ms. Kim Grey and stepson of Ronald S. Thompson of Montrose. He will attend Allegheny College in the fall, where he will major in Culinary Arts.



Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent, Sr., of Augusta. She will attend New River Community College in the fall, where she will major in Photography and Graphic Arts.



William Benton White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton White of Charleston. He will attend NTID in the fall, where he will major in CAD.

WINNERS OF PARENTS' DAY DRAWING

(Benefit Class of 2005)

Blanket Chest: Mrs. Wendi Durst

Clock: Mrs. Melanie Hedrick

Bank: Mr. Joe Everett

Cheese Board: Mrs. Mona Childs

Baskets:

- Mrs. Sue Staley
- Mrs. Debbie White
- Mr. Henry Link
- Mr. Bill McDonald
- Mrs. Dixie Tell
- Ms. Risher

Academic Bowl

The 2005 Academic Bowl Team and coaches traveled to Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick, MD last month to compete against 11 other teams.

Team members used their homeroom period for several months in preparation for the competition. Seniors Jeremy Cornell and Vanessa Cooley and Sophomores Elisha Dillow and Justin Rhodes brought back the Sportsmanship Award.

Coaches Melodie Brown and Marty Blakely said they are very proud of our team's effort.



Seated, left to right: Mr. Blakely, Ms. Brown, Coaches. Standing, left to right: Elisha Dillow, Justin Rhodes, Jeremy Cornell, Vanessa Cooley.

Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

I recently heard "the greatest gift that we can give our children is our time." Realizing that time is not always on our side, I would like to thank those parents who were able to participate in our Parents' Day activities. Whether it was to witness your child being recognized at our annual Technical Education Organizations' Awards Banquet or to simply accompany your child to meet with his or her teachers, it was obvious that you made your child proud to be able to share that moment with you. To parents who were unable to attend and participate, we hope that next year, time will be on your side and you will take advantage of this opportunity.

There is much to be said for the giving of our time for our children. One great thing about that is that you really don't have to be a parent. You only have to be willing to take some time and spend it with a child. A special thank you to those who give such gifts to any or all of our children.

May your spring be filled with rejuvenation, fresh new life, and great gifts!

Colonial Housewife Visits WVSD

Secondary
by Mrs. Judd

On Tuesday, February 22, a housewife from the year 1750 visited the art classroom at WVSD Secondary. Mrs. Shirley Carnahan, a local craftsperson, invited students from the Art and Social Studies classes to watch as she demonstrated cleaning, carding, and spinning wool the way a woman from Hampshire County might have done in the early 18th Century. She also talked about her life in Hampshire County.

Wearing clothing from those times, she described the basic chemise and bonnet and the other clothing she would wear, depending on the weather. We were all very surprised to learn that she wore her chemise under her other clothing for a week at a time before washing it! She never took her bonnet off, even at night. She put another hat on top of her bonnet when she went outdoors in the summer to make sure her skin would be as white as possible. She took maybe 3 baths each year, usually only

in the summer time.

She was not allowed to have any money of her own. Her husband was the only person in the family allowed to have money but she could trade or barter for things she wanted with the wool from her sheep. She also told us that they paid their taxes depending on how many rooms her home had.



Mrs. Carnahan's talk was very interesting. We want to thank her as well as our interpreters, Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Loar for the look back in time.

Director's Desk

by Mrs. Wysopal



Spring has arrived and the students are enjoying outdoor activities. Students busy in the evenings with track practice at Romney Middle School and Hampshire High School are: Justin Rhodes, Roddy Stickley, Page Miller, Josh Duff, Vanessa Cooley, Polly Hodge, Maddie Aldridge, and Samantha Johnson. Track meets began the first week of April. Tim Slocum is teaching the Intermediate Boys how to play Frisbee golf.

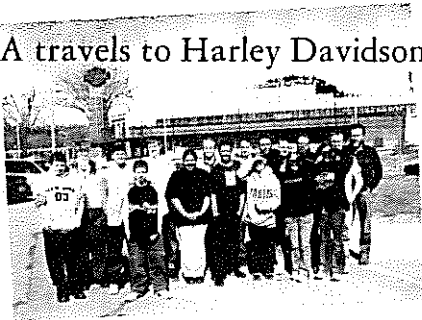
Childcare staff and I enjoyed visiting with the parents at the Tech Ed Organizations Banquet on Thursday evening and on Parents' Day. It was good to see you all. Special thanks to Mrs. and Mr. Paul Parent and Mr. and Mrs. Benton White for helping the students make a thank you video to give the Lions Club for sponsoring two ski trips for Seaton Hall students.

Students and staff enjoyed both ski trips. The students spent two fun-filled days at the Timberline Four Seasons Ski Resort. Lunch was available at the ski resort. The evening meal was provided by classy restaurants near the ski lodge. Lions Club member, Bill Nichols, met us each day and made all the arrangements with the ski resort and the restaurants. Parents, you can be very proud of your children. Lions Club members complimented the students on their positive behavior. The students and I extend a special thanks to the following ski trip chaperones: Eddy Racey, Kara Griffith, Hank Saville, Cookie Hott, Donnie Everett, Tim Slocum, and Melodie Brown. Parents, if you meet Lions Club members in your home communities, please thank them for their hard work in making the ski trips available each year. The money is raised by many Lions Clubs throughout the state of West Virginia.

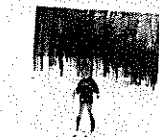
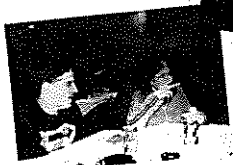
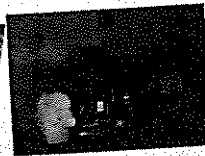
The February students of the month are Page Miller and Pam Thompson. Billy White and Hannah Pauley are students of the month of March. Childcare worker, Melodie Brown, was recognized as the Outstanding National Intern of the year at an educational conference in California on April 4. Melodie worked at WVSD as an intern the spring of 2004 as part of her education program at Frederick Community College.

Enjoy the beautiful weather. Students and staff are busy with spring activities. It seems impossible that students only have nine weeks of school. Graduation is just around the corner.

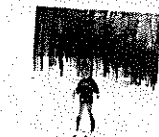
Skills USA travels to Harley Davidson Factory



FBLA St. Patrick's Day Dance



Ski Trip '05



FFA Holds Creed and Public Speaking Competitions

On March 22, FFA members competed in the annual FFA Creed and Public Speaking contests. Creed participants were required to recite the FFA Creed from memory, while Public Speaking contestants researched a subject related to agriculture education in which they were interested and prepared informative speeches on their topic.

Judges for the Creed competition were Mr. Blakely, Mrs. Heare, and Mr. Mals. Judges for Public Speaking were Mr. Sevigny, Mrs. Kesler, and Mr. Blakely.

Middle School winners of the Creed Competition were: 1st Place - Samantha Johnson, 2nd Place -

Michael Jarvis, and 3rd Place - Roddy Stickley. Ninth grade winners were 1st Place - Pam Thompson and 2nd Place - Sarah Abernathy. Sophomore winner was Terry Withrow. Other students who participated were Ashley Lease, Maddie Aldridge, Cassie Heaster, Brittany Austin, and Polly Hodge.

Winners of the Public Speaking Competition were: 1st Place - Billy White, "Engineering is Important to Agriculture," 2nd Place - Corey Grace, "Welding is an Important Skill for the Farmer," 3rd Place - Brad Grey, "Making More Food Available to the World," and 4th Place - Josh Bittner, "Mechanics Are Important to Agriculture."



Samantha Johnson
Seventh Grade



Michael Jarvis
Eighth Grade



Roddy Stickley
Seventh Grade



Pam Thompson
Freshman



Sarah Abernathy
Freshman



Terry Withrow
Sophomore



Billy White
Senior



Corey Grace
Senior



Brad Grey
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Josh Bittner
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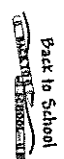




Last month, Tapestry, WVSD&B's singing/signing group, traveled to Charleston where they performed for the State Legislature.

WVSD's members are pictured with newly elected State Delegate Ruth Rowan.

Kneeling in front is Lucas Turner. Second row (left to right): Hannah Pauley, Zelina Cooley, Vanessa Cooley, Tyler Labin, Lisa Parent, Sarah Abernathy, and Ashley Lease. Standing (left to right): Jonathan Edwards, Josh Bittner, Billy White, Delegate Rowan, Jeremy Cornell, Corey Grace, and Bradley Grey.

May 2005

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| Back to School  | West Test 16-20th | | | | | |
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Friday, June 10
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10:00 a.m. - MPPR

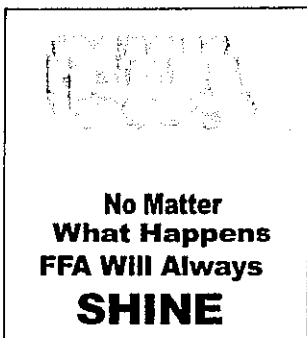
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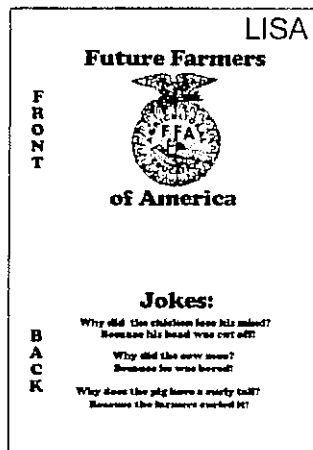
FFA T-Shirt Contest Winners

Congratulations!

JUSTIN



LISA



ZELINA



LISA



*Junior-Senior
Prom*

May 6, 2005

7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

WVSD Students Participate in Track and Field for Hampshire County Schools

If WVSD doesn't offer a sport, our students are eligible to try out for Hampshire County teams. This year eight students are members of Hampshire County Schools Track and Field teams. A ninth student, freshman Sarah Abernathy, suffered an injury early in the season and was not able to participate.

Seventh graders participating on Romney Middle School's (RMS) team are Maddie Aldridge of Keyser, 800 yd. dash; Josh Duff of Smithville, 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays; Polly Hodge of Kermit, 4x400 relay; Samantha Johnson of Romney, 440 yd. dash ; and Roddy Stickley of Yellow Spring, 400x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

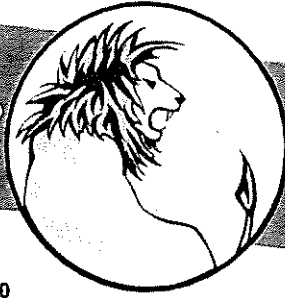
Eighth grader Page Miller of Martinsburg competes for RMS in the long jump and the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relays.

Sophomore Justin Rhodes of Alum Creek competes on Hampshire High School's (HHS) team in the high jump, 400 meter dash, and the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

Senior Vanessa Cooley of Yellow Spring competes for HHS track and field in discus throwing.



Photo by Hannah Pauley
Front row, left to right: Page Miller, Maddie Aldridge, Samantha Johnson, and Polly Hodge. Back row, left to right: Roddy Stickley, Justin Rhodes, and Vanessa Cooley. Not pictured: Josh Duff.

THE
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TALE

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"Music of the Night"

by Lisa Parent



Queen Hannah Pauley and King Jeremy Cornell

On May 6th, Juniors and their sponsors, Mr. Farris and Mr. Mals decorated for the prom all day. The Juniors and Seniors had a delicious dinner at the Administration Building and formal prom pictures were taken by Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare. The music was provided by Mr. Leatherman. Students enjoyed their evening. The Queen and King were crowned at ten o'clock. Juniors also gave away 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Tyler Labin won the 1st place Wal-Mart Certificate, Samantha Johnson won the 2nd place West Virginia University shirt, and John Oldaker won the 3rd place West Virginia University cap. Mr. Mals had a great time encouraging the students to dance when the music was fast. The Junior class did a beautiful job decorating!

Special Olympics Banner Takes 1st Place

WVSD's banner took first place May 11th at the Special Olympics competition. The banner featured this year's theme, "The Sky is the Limit," and pictures of all eleven athletes in "star" frames. First row, left to right: Buddy Brown and Levi Whetzel. Second row, left to right: John Oldaker, Paige Kidd, Natasha Wolford, Darrel Beasley, Mark Wheelwright, Nina Hedrick, Desiree' Parmer, Lindsay Eversole, and Megan Davis. Back row, left to right: Mrs. High, Robbie Cranfield, Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Judd.





PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

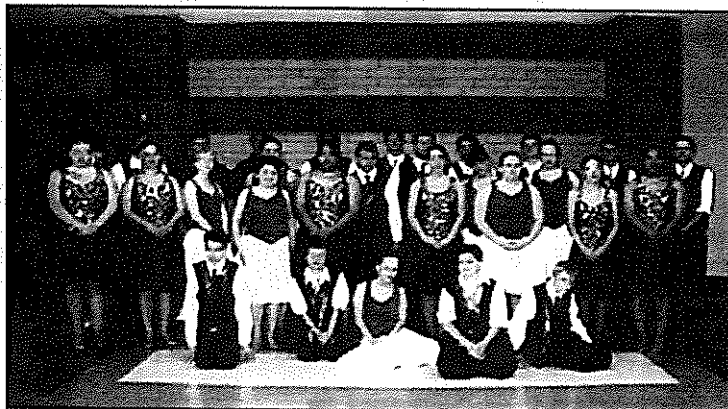
As we draw nearer to the closing of the school year, I begin to question my belief that the beginning of the year is the busiest time of year. The month of May proves to be a month that will rival any in terms of fast pace in school. It is a month loaded with testing. Besides regular course evaluations, we will be doing WESTEST and, in the technical education arena, Work Keys and end-of-course testing (EOC). It is also the month we do the majority of our Individual Education Plans (IEP's) and take the most field trips. All of this is in addition to Special Olympics, SpringFest Music Festival, spring sports, Jr./Sr. Prom,

banquets, senior trips and school trips to Ford's Theatre, Deaf Tech Fair and more. When all of that is crammed into a single month, it becomes a fast and furious month for everyone. In view of such an activity laden month, one might question if it is all necessary and worthwhile. My response would be that these types of activities make our special school a special place of learning for our students. In terms of the testing that we will do this month, I recently heard a presenter say that "testing is a celebration of learning." I've never thought of testing as a celebration of learning, but I do appreciate the beauty of this insight. It is obvious that the end of school is near, but there is much to be done in the month of May, perhaps the busiest month of our school year.

Tapestry Travels to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



Tapestry traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where they participated in the Heritage Music Festivals Competition. Tapestry returned home with a gold medal and the Spirit of Music Award, for best representing their community and state.





Dorm Director

by: Mrs. Wysopal

Only four more weeks remain in this school year. How time flies! The girls and boys are all excited about the Junior-Senior Prom. Students have been getting their prom attire together all week. Mrs. High, teacher's aide, has been busy tracking down shoes, trousers, jackets, ties, dresses etc., for many of the students. Mrs. Kuykendall, Family and Consumer Science teacher, has been hemming dresses and trousers for the past week too. Many childcare workers and teachers have been busy assisting the students in getting ready for the prom. Special thanks and a big "hats off" to all of the moms, dads, and staff who helped the students have a prom to remember!

This has been a busy spring! Elementary Deaf and Jr./Sr. high students traveled to Frostburg, Maryland to see the Shriner's Circus on April 10th. The singing pigs and a Russian couple who changed costumes in seconds fascinated the students.

On April 13th Mrs. Sipple, Mrs. Hott, Ms. Brown, and I took the Girls' Dorm students to Winchester for Girls' Night out. The students ate dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant, compliments of the West Virginia Lions' Clubs. Then the girls went shopping at Gabriel Brothers, Winchester Mall, and Wal-Mart. The girls shopped 'till the chaperones dropped! I'm only kidding, but we sure felt like it. The girls looked mighty fine in their new duds the next day at school.

On Saturday, April 16th, Intermediate Boys Dorm students traveled to beautiful Mountain Meadows Trout Farm near Scherr, to fish and picnic. We arrived about 9 a.m. Child care workers Tim Slocum and Eddy Racey, and teacher Mr. Adrian couldn't work fast enough to keep all the hooks and broken lines repaired for the boys. I was the bag lady and the boys kept me hopping removing hooks from the trout and putting the trout in the net fishing bags. Within an hour the boys caught 54 trout. The biggest trout was 17 inches and guess what? All seven boys

say they caught the whopper of the day. Tim Slocum says we didn't go fishing, we went catching. Mrs. Joyce Racey (Seaton Hall cook) and her husband Mr. Bud cleaned all the fish and froze them for the students. A week later Mrs. Racey prepared a delicious fish fry dinner for the students. A side note to this story is the Lions' Club of WV paid for the trout.

On April 21-24th I had the privilege of accompanying the Tapestry show choir to a competition in Myrtle Beach, SC. The students received a Gold Award for their performance and the Myrtle Beach Community Award for best representatives of their respective schools. Directors Wendy Durst and Barry Nealis, and the Tapestry students worked hard to prepare for the trip. While at Myrtle Beach, the students also spent time shopping, playing on the beach, playing miniature golf, visiting an aquarium, attending a Medieval Times show, and more shopping.

Please do not think we left out the Older Boys Dorm students. It just takes them a little more time to decide what they like to do. They traveled to Hagerstown Outlet Mall to shop. Another afternoon the boys will try their hand at playing golf at the golf course in Moorefield under the tutelage of golfers Mr. Kelser and Mr. Adrian. Parents, if your children arrive home for the summer exhausted, it is no wonder as they have had a whirlwind of activities planned for the last few weeks of school. It is a pleasure to serve your sons and daughters at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. We look forward to seeing parents at some of the end of the year assemblies and at graduation on June 10th.



Mr. Adrian and
Lucas Helmick
enjoyed fishing at
Mountain Meadows
Trout Farm.

FBLA Learns Flower Arranging from Mrs. Davy

Photo by Mrs. Brown

by Mrs. Brown

On April 22, Mrs. Shirley Davy of **The Bushel Basket**, Capon Bridge, returned to WVSD. Mrs. Davy retired in June 2004, but holds dearly all the students at WVSD&B, and was only too happy to share her knowledge of floral arranging with the students. Each of the FBLA students arranged a beautiful basket for their mothers. And, as a special thank you to some of the wonderful



“mothers” here at WVSD, arrangements were presented to Ms. Mary Davis, Mrs. Nancy Judd, and Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall for their help throughout the year.

The WVSD FBLA wants to convey our deepest appreciation to all the fine people who generously gave of their time and talent to come to the FBLA meetings throughout the year. Our club members benefitted greatly from your love of your occupations and the skills you shared. We thank you!

Class of '05 Tours Holocaust Museum



The Class of 2005 in the lobby of the Holocaust Museum. Front row, left to right: Ashley Lease, Hannah Pauley, Lisa Parent, and Vanessa Cooley. Back row: Jonathan Edwards, Josh Bittner, Jeremy Cornell, Corey Grace, Billy White, and Bradley Grey.

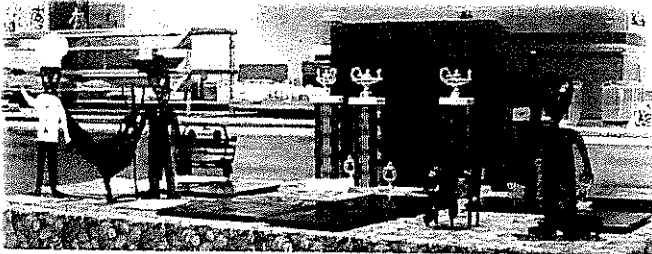
WVSD's senior class toured the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. on May 3, accompanied by social studies teachers Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler, and senior sponsors Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare.

The museum is a combination of old photographs, old video footage and artifacts from the Holocaust. It was a very moving experience for everyone. The actual bunk beds from one of the “concentration camps” are on display as well as a huge pile of shoes worn by Holocaust victims.

Only small groups are permitted in the museum at a time. Displays are arranged in chronological order, so visitors learn about what happened before, during, and after the Holocaust as they move through the museum.




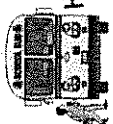

WVSD Holds Annual Tech Ed Organizations Banquet

The annual Technical Education Organizations Banquet was held March 24 in Seaton Hall cafeteria. FBLA, FFA, and Skills USA advisors presented various awards to the many outstanding students who participate in these clubs. We were happy to see many parents again this year.

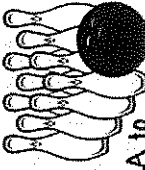
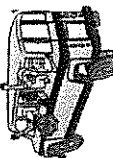
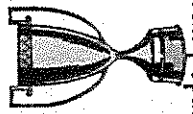



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|  FBLA to Mario's and Potomac Lanes | | |  King's Dominion Deaf Awareness Day |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Dorm Trip Lakemont Altoona, PA | | | |



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Congratulations to the Class of 2005!

JOSHUA N. BITTNER of Ridgeley is the son of Ms. Sherry Bittner and Mr. James Bittner.

HONORS & AWARDS: Homecoming King, FFA Greenhand ('02), FFA Creed ('02), Honor Roll ('04).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: Basketball ('02-'04), FFA ('02-'05), VICA ('02-'05), JrNAD ('02-'04), FBLA ('03-'04), Boxing ('02-'03), Football ('02), Tapestry ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain certification in Automotive Technology from Allegany College of Maryland.

VANESSA COOLEY, Yellow Spring, daughter of Ms. Melinda Stickley and Mr. Willie Cooley, transferred to WVSD in her senior year.

HONORS & AWARDS: Honor Roll ('04-'05), Volleyball All Star ('04-'05).

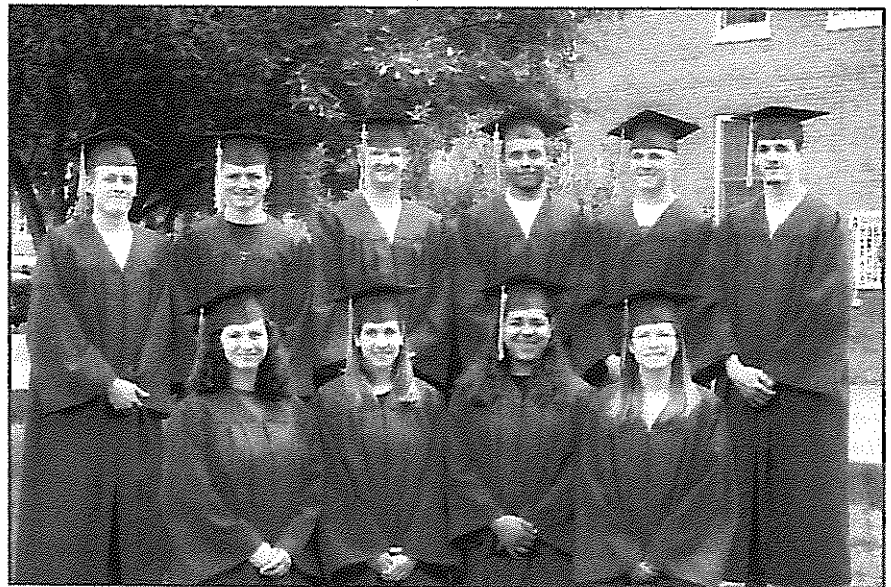
ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: JrNAD Vice-President, FFA, FBLA, Tapestry, Volleyball, Basketball.

FUTURE PLANS: Attend Gallaudet University.

JEREMY W. CORNELL of Charles Town is the son of Ms. Connie Cornell and the late Mr. James Berry.

HONORS & AWARDS: Class President, Charleston Optimist Club - 2nd place in Speech Competition ('04), FFA - 3rd place in Public Speaking competition ('04), ESDAA Championship Basketball Team ('04 & '05), All-Star First Team ESDAA Basketball Tournament ('05), Academic Bowl Sportsmanship Award ('05), Prom King ('05), Honor Roll ('02-'05).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: JrNAD Vice-President ('03-'04), FFA ('02-'05), VICA/Skills USA ('02-'05), VICA Vice-



WVSD CLASS OF 2005

Front row, left to right: Ashley Lease, Hannah Pauley, Vanessa Cooley, Lisa Parent. Back row, left to right: Jonathan Edwards, Joshua Bittner, Billy White, Jeremy Cornell, Bradley Grey, and Corey Grace.

President ('05), Basketball ('02-'05), Baseball ('03), Tapestry ('04-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain a business management degree from Gallaudet University.

JONATHAN I. EDWARDS is the son of Ms. Sherry Edwards and Mr. Ralph Edwards of Morgantown.

HONORS & AWARDS: ESDAA Basketball Championship Team ('04-'05), Honor Roll ('02-'05), FFA ('02-'05), Skills USA ('02-'05).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: Basketball ('02-'05), FFA ('02-'05), VICA/Skills USA ('02-'05), Tapestry ('04-'05), JrNAD ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain certification in

building construction through the Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Institute, WV.

SHAWN COREY GRACE of Wayne is the son of Ms. Mary Grace.

HONORS & AWARDS: Class Vice-President, WVSD Homecoming Court ('02 & '04), 2nd All Star ESDAA Basketball Team ('04), Honor Roll ('02-'05), FFA 1st Forestry Competition '02, FFA 1st & 2nd Nursery Landscape Competition '03 & '04).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: JrNAD ('02-'05), FFA ('02-'05) (FFA Vice-President '02-'05), Skills USA ('02-'05), Tapestry ('02-'05), FBLA ('03-'05), Bas-

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ketball ('02-'05), Volleyball Scorekeeper ('04).

FUTURE PLANS: Study welding technology at New River Community College.

BRADLEY L. GREY, SALUTATORIAN, is from Elkins. Brad is the son of Ms. Kimberly Grey and stepson of Mr. Ronald Thompson.

HONORS & AWARDS: Class Historian, Basketball PVC All-Star Team ('02-'03), ESDAA Basketball All-Star Team ('02-'03), ESDAA Basketball Championship Team ('04-'05), Basketball Offense Player of the Year ('03), Basketball Defense Player of the Year ('02 & '04).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: FFA ('02-'05) (Treasurer '03-'04, Secretary '04-'05), VICA ('02-'05) (Treasurer '03-'04, Vice-President '04-'05), Basketball ('02-'05), Tapestry ('02-'05), JrNAD ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain a Culinary Arts degree from Allegany College of Maryland.

ASHLEY L. LEASE is from Dellslow. She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hoopengartner.

HONORS & AWARDS: WVSD Homecoming Queen ('04), Honor Roll ('03).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: FFA ('02-'05), JrNAD ('04-'05), FBLA ('02-'04), VICA ('02, '03, '05), Tapestry ('02-'05), Basketball ('03-'05), Volleyball ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain training in Hotel Housekeeping at the Vocational Rehabilitation Center at Institute, WV.

LISA M. PARENT, CO-VALEDICTORIAN, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent, Sr., of Augusta.

HONORS & AWARDS: Honor Roll ('02-'05), FFA Top Salesperson for Apple Jam ('03-'04), Volleyball ('02-'05), Basketball ('02-'05), 1st Place in FFA T-Shirt Design Contest ('05).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: JrNAD ('02-'04) (JrNAD Secretary '03-'04, JrNAD Sentinel '02), FBLA ('03-'05)

(FBLA Secretary '02-'03, Vice-President '04-'05), FFA ('02-'05), VICA/Skills USA ('03-'05), Basketball ('02-'05), Volleyball ('02-'05) (Volleyball Team Captain '04-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain a degree in Visual Arts from New River Community College.

HANNAH J. PAULEY of Julian is the daughter of Mrs. Glenna Stickley.

HONORS & AWARDS: Class Secretary, WVSD Homecoming Princess ('03-'04), ESDAA Volleyball All-Star ('03), Honor Roll ('03-'05), Faithful Attendance Certificates ('03-'04), Optimist Club Speech Competition - 1st Place ('04), WVSD Prom Queen ('05).

ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: Basketball ('02-'05), Volleyball ('02-'05), JrNAD ('02-'04), FFA ('02-'05), Skills USA ('03-'05), Tapestry ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain an Elementary Education degree from Potomac State College/WVU.

WILLIAM B. WHITE, CO-VALEDICTORIAN, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton White of Charleston.

HONORS & AWARDS: Class Treasurer, Honor Roll ('02-'05), FFA Star Chapter Award ('05), VICA Honorary Chapter Award ('05), VICA "Spark Plug" Award ('04), ESDAA Basketball All-Star Team ('03-'05), Basketball MVP ('03 & '05), Social Studies Top Student ('02-'04), ESDAA Championship Basketball Team ('04-'05).

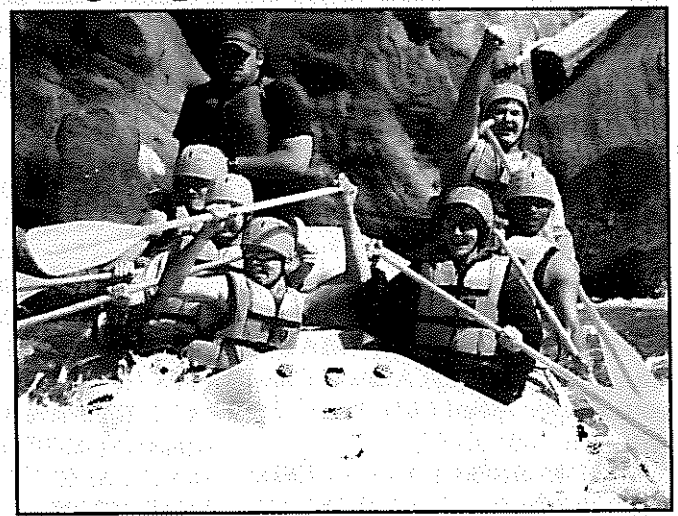
ACTIVITIES & SPECIAL INTERESTS: FFA ('02-'05) (FFA Vice-President '02, FFA President '03), VICA/Skills USA ('02-'05) (VICA President '04, VICA Sentinel '05), Tapestry ('02-'05), JrNAD ('02-'04), Basketball ('02-'05).

FUTURE PLANS: Obtain a degree in Computer Assisted Drafting from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

Seniors on Whitewater Rafting Trip May 18, 2005



Left to right: Hannah, Vanessa, Jonathan, Brad, and Lisa. (Not pictured: Mr. Saville.)



Left, starting in front: Josh, Ashley and Corey. Right, starting in front: Mrs. Heare, Jeremy, and Billy.

Class of '05 Last Wills & Testaments

LISA:

I leave . . .

my smile to Pamela
my manners to Zelina
my sense of humor to Roddy
my computer skills to Paige
my "Busy Bee" nickname to Polly, so she can steal the basketball during games. Then she'll be my partner!

HANNAH:

I leave . . .

my volleyball skills to Pamela
my basketball uniform to Polly
my seat in the cafeteria to Maddie
my laugh to Sarah
my quietness to Lucas H.

BRAD:

I leave . . .

my point guard position to Michael Jarvis
my "air conditioning" golf skills to Mr. Kesler
my locker (#24) to Michael Jarvis
my cooking skills to Tyler Labin
my sign language skills to Mrs. Kuykendall

JONATHAN:

I leave . . .

my basketball skills to Justin Rhodes
my big smile to Tiffany Friend
my fun stories to Terry Withrow
my locker number 22 to Tiffany Friend
my football skills to Terry Withrow

COREY:

I leave . . .

my video game skills to Michael Jarvis
my basketball fastbreak skills to Page
my art skills to Terry Withrow
my ag skills to Matthew Hart
my kickball catching skills to Roddy

BILLY:

I leave . . .

my skill at picking on others to Michael Jarvis
my wisdom to Roddy Stickley
my problem-solving skills to Pam Thompson
my sharp eye to Mr. Adrian
my ability to work hard to Terry Withrow

JEREMY:

I leave . . .

my clothing style to Page Miller
my dribbling skills to Justin Rhodes
my shyness to Josh Duff
my basketball Jersey to Roddy Stickley
my locker to Terry Withrow

ASHLEY:

I leave . . .

my big smile to Tyler Labin
my locker to Cassie Heaster
my best memories to Tiffany Friend
my clothing style to Elisha
my wildness to Paige

VANESSA:

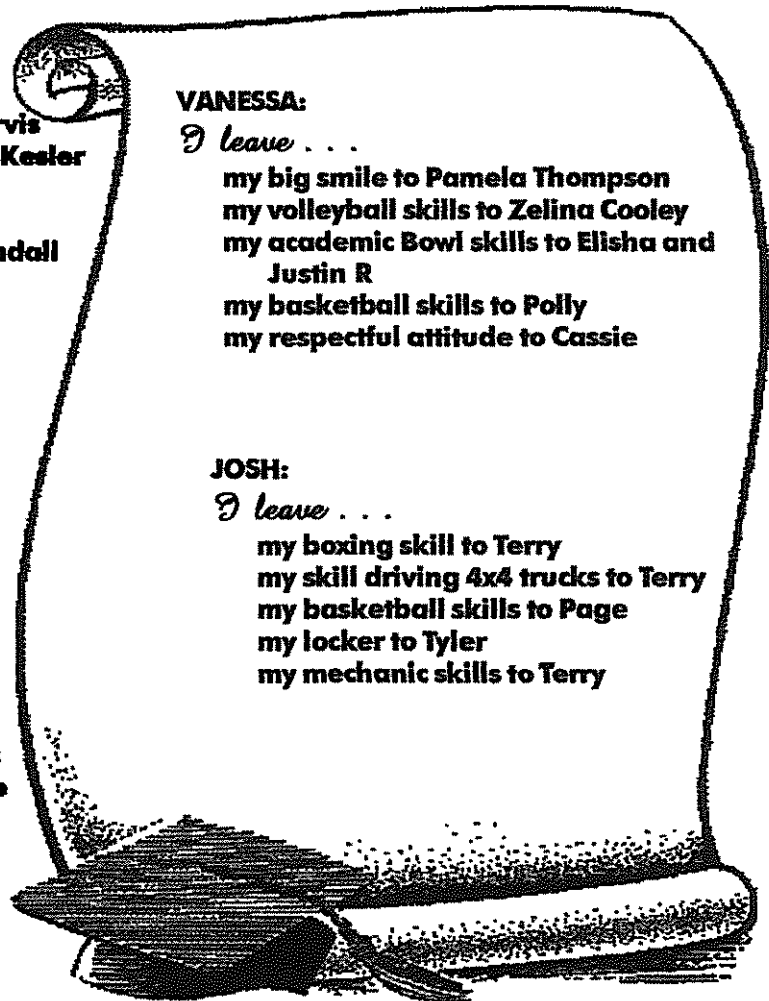
I leave . . .

my big smile to Pamela Thompson
my volleyball skills to Zelina Cooley
my academic Bowl skills to Elisha and Justin R
my basketball skills to Polly
my respectful attitude to Cassie

JOSH:

I leave . . .

my boxing skill to Terry
my skill driving 4x4 trucks to Terry
my basketball skills to Page
my locker to Tyler
my mechanic skills to Terry



—Class of '05 - Most Embarrassing Moments—

HANNAH

I was sitting in the cafeteria with Holly and Mindy, getting ready to eat Thanksgiving dinner. I spilled sweet tea all the way down the table and everyone was laughing at me.

ASHLEY

When Hannah first came to school in the fall, I was sitting on her bed in the dorm and she told a funny joke about me. My aunt was there, and she embarrassed me by fixing my shirt in front of Hannah.

VANESSA

One day in Mrs. Dodgins' class I fell off the chair. Lisa, Zelina, Mrs. Heare, and Mrs. Dodgins saw it happen. Zelina and Lisa laughed and laughed!

LISA

During the second quarter of a basketball game against East Hardy, Terry Withrow told Corey to tell me there was a lion's paw on the front of my basketball shorts. The lion's paw is supposed to be on the BACK of our shorts! I had my shorts on backwards! I was so embarrassed, but I just left it like that until the third quarter, then I switched the shorts around.

BILLY

When Tapestry was performing at Myrtle Beach, at the end of the song Mr. Nealis signed something to us, and I thought he wanted us to all sign "I LOVE YOU!" to the audience, so I signed it with both hands. Really, Mr. Nealis was just trying to get the girls' attention.

COREY

One year when I was participating in the FFA tractor skills contest, Mrs. Dodgins threw the rock down on the ground, which meant I had to stop, turn off the tractor and get off to remove the rock. But I got off the tractor too early, so I lost the contest to a GIRL— Pam beat me!

BRAD

One day at supper time I saw there were a few chocolate milks left, so I kind of jogged toward the milk box. The floor was wet, but I didn't notice that, and I fell. I was still holding on to the handle of the tray. Jonathan saw it happen and made fun of me. I was so embarrassed!

JEREMY

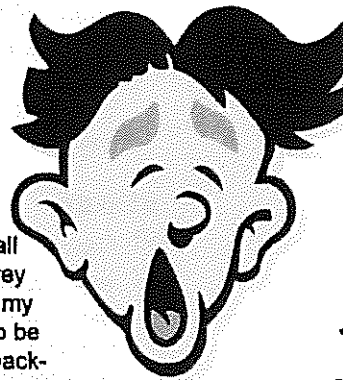
Mr. Nealis and Mrs. Sipple were pulling a joke on me by putting a bra in my desk. My mom came in to pick me up and when she saw the bra, she said "What is that doing in here?"

JONATHAN

After the senior whitewater rafting trip we ate at a restaurant in Pennsylvania. I asked Mrs. Heare where the bathroom was, but I went the wrong way, into the kitchen!

JOSH

When I first came to WVSD in 7th grade, Mrs. Heare sat me down and told me what she expected from the members of my class. After she finished, I smiled real big at her. She said, "Why are you smiling? My rules aren't funny! You better pay attention!" My face turned SO red.



Last Words

ASHLEY

I want all students to work hard and play hard in sports. Also, I will miss all the teachers and our sponsors, Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare. Good bye to all, and have a nice summer!

BILLY

I will not say good-bye to the students, because I will visit!

HANNAH

You guys need to work hard, have fun, and play sports. I will miss you all and also the teachers. But I can't forget to say good-bye to Tall Jan Dodgins, and Short Debra Heare.

COREY

Thanks to all the teachers who taught me! I am ready to get out of school!!!

VANESSA

Hey kids, please continue with your education and keep up your good grades!

BRAD

I came to WVSD 16 years ago. So, finally, my last words are that I want to say good-bye and good luck with your future.

LISA

To the underclassmen: Study very hard and do your homework, and you will be successful in the future. I'm glad I'm graduating from WVSD, and I feel that I've been successful here.

JEREMY

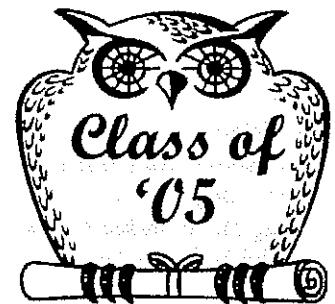
Throughout my 8 years at WVSD, I have learned a lot and I give a big thank you to the staff and students that made my journey fun and educational. To the underclassmen, study hard and keep a positive attitude throughout the rest of your years at WVSD and you will go far in life.

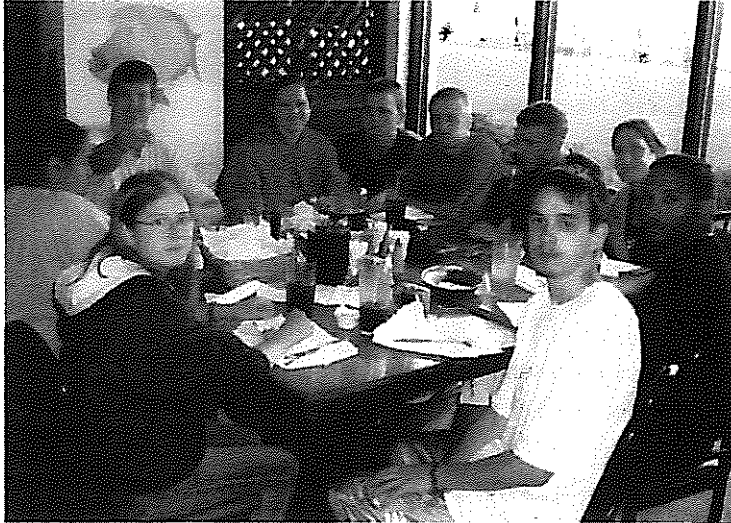
JONATHAN

I will miss all my friends at WVSD! Bye, Bye, Bye, and Bye!

JOSH

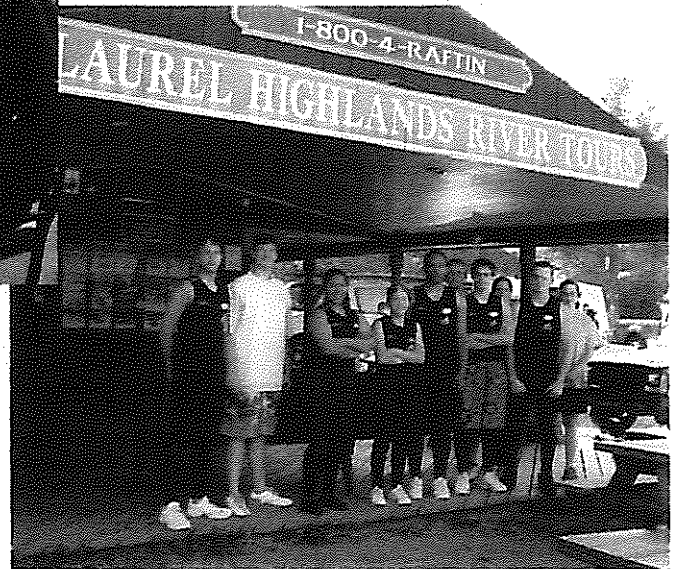
Thank you for teaching me everything that I need for my future. THANKS! Bye!





PHOTOS FROM SENIOR TRIPS

Clockwise, starting at top left: Dinner at Virginia Beach; the seniors after their whitewater rafting trip; cycling on the boardwalk at Virginia Beach; with Mrs. Heare and Mrs. Dodgins on the boardwalk at Virginia Beach.



**SENIORS,
MY SENIORS**

*My Wishes for you, because it is
All About YOU!*

TO:

- *Vanessa Cooley, Jonathan Edwards, and Billy White - ALL the TEA in CHINA for your lunchtime beverage.
- *Bradley Grey - SWEET SMELLING AIR for each time you jerk your nose up when things are not going your way.
- *Josh Bittner - a PERMANENT HAT HOOK for those times when you should take the hat off, and an ALARM CLOCK that works.
- *Lisa Parent - TIME IN SCHOOL, even if Corey is not there.
- *Ashley Lease - Many HELPERS to do your job.
- *Hannah Pauley - a PASS to go wherever at lunchtime.
- *Jeremy Cornell - the RIGHT to say what you are REALLY thinking.
- *Corey Grace - ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM every day so life is fair.

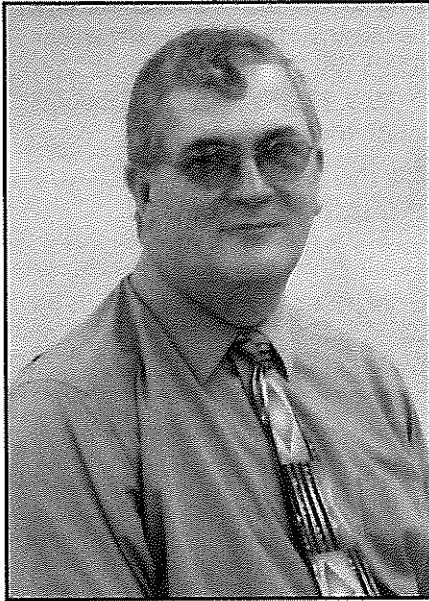


*I have taken great pleasure in seeing
and being a part of your "growing up."*

*With love and pride,
Mrs. Staley*



Mr. Farris Retires



On May 27, Secondary Deaf staff members held a luncheon to honor Mr. Earl Farris, who is retiring after 33 years at WVSD. As Principal Corbin said, "Mr. Farris strived to do things the right way, and did all that was

required and more. He remained calm through life's storms. Regardless of what was going on in his life, he remained on the 'sunny side,' doing his job cheerfully."

The primary subject Mr. Farris taught through the years was math. But he also taught computers, social studies and he even taught a language class! He also sponsored classes and clubs (VICA, 4-H and Trappers' Club).

In 1996, Mr. Farris began teaching Driver's Education. Mr. Corbin pointed out that is also when he earned the nickname, "Mr. Fearless." Mr. Corbin went on to say, "Many deaf drivers are on the road thanks to Mr. Farris."

Mr. Farris, students and staff alike will miss you very, very much. We wish you the best of luck, and hope you visit us often!



If you think the black and white photos weren't taken yesterday, you are correct! The color photo at the bottom was taken May 27 at Mr. Farris' retirement luncheon.