



WELCOME SEVENTH GRADERS

by Phillip Fraley

Sarah Abernathy

Age 13

I think it's great here! I feel I'm doing well in class and getting a good education. I enjoy talking with my friends in the dorm and in school.



Joshua Harpine, Sarah Abernathy, Justin Flick, Pam Thompson, and Justin Gregory. (Photo by Mrs. Dodgins)

Justin Flick

Age 12

It's harder here than in elementary school, but I think I'm learning to be more mature. My favorite things to do are watching TV and wrestling in the dorm with my friends.

Justin Gregory

Age 13

I like it here because we can be more independent than we were in the elementary dorm. I love to hang, talk, and learn things from the older kids. I enjoy talking with friends and playing basketball, video games, and football.

Josh Harpine

Age 13

The high school kids are more mature, so I feel better here than in elementary. I feel I'm getting a good education at WVSD. I like hanging out with friends at the dorm and playing around.

Mark King

Age 13

I am finding my way around pretty well. I can do a lot of things. I like using the computer and

joining in when we do signing in class. I love the thumbs up sign. I enjoy playing memory games.

Pamela Thompson

Age 13

I like the Secondary Department because it's fun. I feel I'm more mature now. I like my teachers this year. I love sports, walking to town with friends, playing around in the dorm, and talking in the dorm with a bunch of friends.

Nina Hedrick

Age 13

I'm happy to be here because I like my houseparents. My favorite thing to do is riding horses. I also enjoy picking on Ms. Nealis and Mrs. Sipple, my houseparents. I also love spending time with my mom.



Nina Hedrick and Mark King

(Photo by Mindy Spencer)



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

We're back! Back to school with all of its excitement and emotion is always very special at WVSD. Teacher-student relationships tend to be closer due to our small class sizes. Residential students typically build close relationships and seem to be more like brothers and sisters, not just friends. This makes our return to school much like a family reunion. Our students returned with smiles on their faces, and teachers, for the most part, sported a look of determination.

Despite increased challenges in policy and procedure, our teachers remain steadfast and determined to do the job and move our students and our school forward. One could liken it to the old adage, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." So, one might assume that our staff is tough. Trust me—they are!

Perhaps our greatest challenges, in terms of new policy, will come from the "No Child Left Behind Act" and the West Virginia Department of Education Standards-Based Reform for students with exceptionalities. It will be interesting to see the "far reaching implications" of this policy, not only for our school, but for schools across our

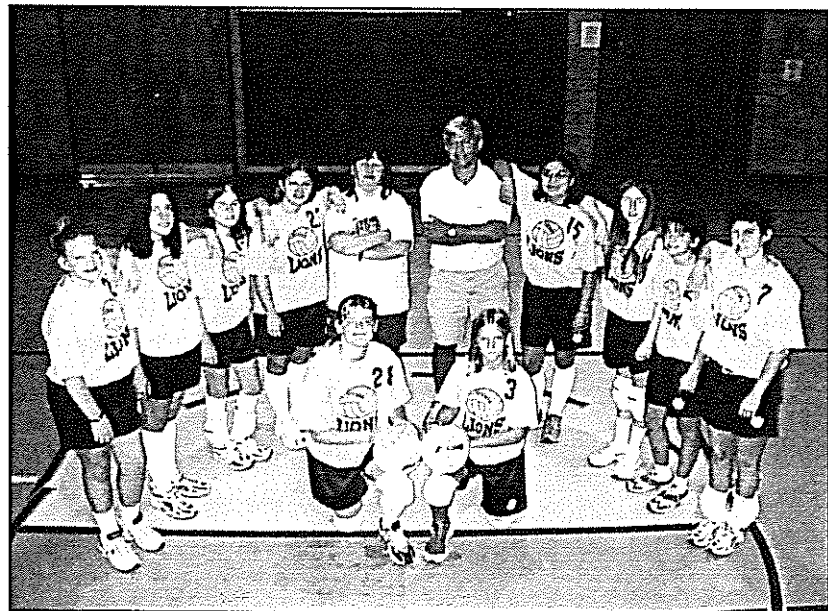
state. Regardless of these implications, our staff appears to be moving forward, on task, and doing what they do best—TEACHING!

Future Farmers of America

Future Farmers of America (FFA) officers for the 2002-03 school year are Billy White, President; Corey Grace, Vice-

president; Holly Romanello, Secretary; Carolyn Rockow, Reporter; Mindy Spencer, Treasurer; Brian Cross, Sentinel.

This year's State FFA Career Development events were held in Morgantown on Sept. 26. Members participating were Sarah Abernathy (7th), Josh Bittner (10th), Brian Cross (11th), Jonathan Edwards (10th), Corey Grace (10th), Justin Gregory (7th), Joshua Harpine (7th), Justin Rhodes (8th), and Terry Withrow (8th). Mr. Leatherman, Mrs. Sions, and Mrs. Baldwin accompanied the students. See the next Lions' Tale for more details.



2002 Lady Lions' Volleyball Team

Standing, left to right: Sarah Abernathy, Hannah Pauley, Lisa Parent, Mindy Spencer, Mrs. Surber, Coach; Mr. Blakely, Athletic Director; Holly Romanello, Jessica Morrison, Rachel Hutchinson, Ashley Lease. Kneeling: Carolyn Rockow and Pamela Thompson.

(Photo by Danielle Surber)

Future Business Leaders of America

The first organizational meeting for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was held on Friday, August 30. Mr. Adrian conducted a brief overview of the club's educational goals. Future activities and trips for the club were discussed.

Election of officers was held. The following are officers for the 2002-03 school year: President, Hannah Pauley; Vice-president, Keith Richardson; Secretary, Lisa Parent; and Treasurer, Phillip Fraley. Congratulations to this fine group of students. This will be an exciting year for WVSD FBLA!

Mindy Spencer and Carolyn Rockow then took pictures of the club and its newly appointed officers. The meeting was adjourned and all enjoyed refreshments.

During our September 27 we held a special ceremony to install this year's officers. Look for photos in the next Lions' Tale!

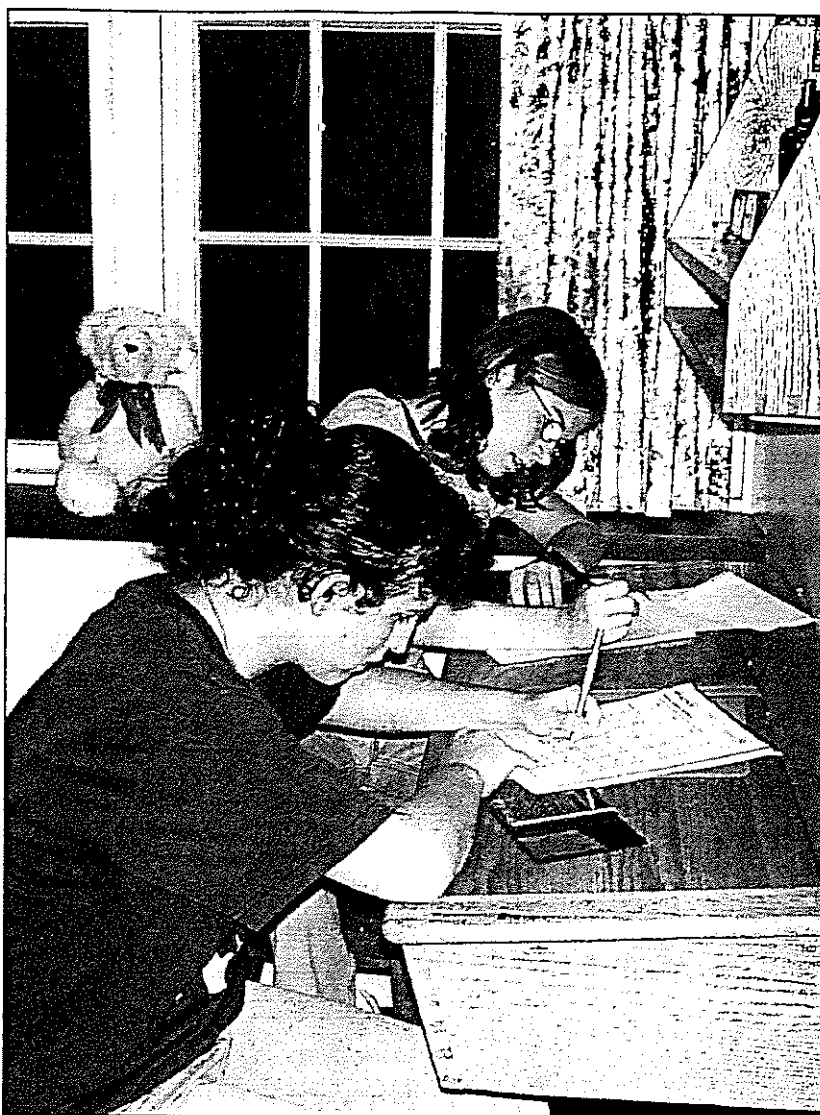


Photo by Mindy Spencer

Hey Parents! Look at Ashley and Lisa doing their homework at study time. Aren't you happy?

**HOMECOMING
WEEK
Sept. 30 - Oct. 5**

*See calendar
for special activities*



From the desk of the Director of Student Living

by Mr. Blakely

Welcome to the West Virginia School for the Deaf - Secondary Residential Educational program at Seaton Hall. We hope that your child's years with us will be educationally profitable.

Secondary Deaf Residential Program is a time of change. The work load and social adjustments are greater here than both at the elementary level and at their grade promotion. Students are expected to attend Secondary Residence Education sessions and complete all training sessions before Labor Day weekend. Hopefully your child's year will be exciting and filled with new opportunities. The following sessions have been completed:

- *Town Training/Bicycle Safety
- *WVSDB policy regarding bullying, harassment, and intimidation
- *Sexual Harassment/Dating
- *Safe School/Study Skills

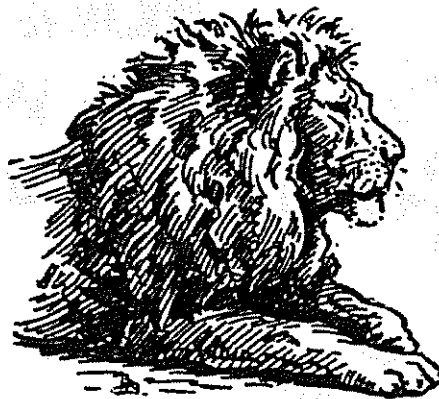
We are all hoping that this year is your child's best year ever. Good Luck!

WELCOME, PARENTS!

It seems as if it takes almost no time at all for the first semester to move into high gear. Only seven weeks have passed, and yet we are already well into the 2002-2003 school year.

This newsletter is the first of what I hope will be an informational monthly review that will give me an opportunity to let you know what is happening here at Seaton Hall.

This year, as some of you know, we have had a few changes in personnel. In the Intermediate Boys' Dorm, we have a new Child Care Worker, Mr. Bill Saville. He is also a bus driver. We are happy to welcome this new member to our faculty. He is well qualified in his work, and I am sure he will further enhance our exceptionally fine faculty.



TO THE PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS

Your daughter/son may already have filled you in on some of the details of life in Secondary Deaf Residential School- whether the other kids are friendly, what the teachers/houseparents are like here, the quality of the meals served, and whether WVSD is easier or harder than the Elementary Deaf Residential School your child last attended. We like to think that after the first ten days, all students feel like veterans.

Parents, we are pleased to have you involved in this educational year. As you become either more informed or more puzzled, we encourage you to call us and talk with those who might be of help. If your questions deal with class events, please ask to speak with the teacher. If they deal with in-house events (residence), or activities, please contact the houseparent (822-4866) or me (822-4865 TTY). If you don't have a TTY, then please contact the relay service at 711.

One of four goals is to see us as the parents and guardians of our students, to help them feel at

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home at WVSD. To support this, the Lions' Tale Newsletters are distributed to all parents and students throughout the year, providing information about events and activities.

We're glad to have you with us this year, and we want to assure you that we will do our best to help your child experience academic and residential (social and emotional) growth. With your help and cooperation, this should be an excellent school year.

Wow! Summer is gone and Fall is upon us. Our athletes are participating in interscholastic sports at Hampshire High School and Romney Middle School. The following students are involved:

***Keith Richardson (11th)**

***Billy White (10th)**

HHS Football

***Carolyn Rockow (11th)**

HHS Girls' Soccer

***Brian Cross (11th)**

HHS Cross Country

***Justin Rhodes (8th)**

RMS Football

Also, we really appreciate our athletic interpreters who are dedicated to helping our athletes succeed in their chosen sport:

***Barry Nealis**

***Bill McDonald**

HHS Football Interpreters

***Saundra Rockow**

HHS Soccer Interpreter

***Tim Slocum**

RMS Football Interpreter

***Nancy Williams**

HHS CC Interpreter

Secondary Residence Education Council

Hello! I'm afraid this may sound like an old song, but I really think it is a song worth singing over and over again. This song is about involving staff/students in the education of our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students and in the activities of WVSD Seaton Hall.

There is a reason for having residential schools for the deaf, that reason is Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students. Everything the administrators and the staff do should somehow be connected with making things better for students and helping students reach their full potential. Just as successful businesses are increasingly customer conscious and service oriented, so should the residential schools be student centered.

Effective residential schools for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing listen well, involve people in meaningful ways, care about learners as individuals and as a total community, and respond quickly and constructively when



problems arise. Where such residential schools exist, the administrators, more than anyone else, make them that way.

Managing the student body of a modern secondary residential school is different and difficult. Today's students are more assertive, more worldly, more questioning, and more at risk than previous generations of learners. They are also more vulnerable and more in need of coping and problem solving skills than ever before. Building a residential school that meets the needs of today's diverse student body is challenging, but it is also manageable, rewarding, and what the residential school is supposed to be about.

This council shows how we manage today's Deaf & Hard of Hearing students in ways that:

***Impose order and organization on the chaos of adolescence;**

***Remove barriers to learner growth;**

***Establish a safe, sane, and healthy environment for students to learn what they need to know;**

***Maximize opportunities for students to be the best they can be.**

We strive do our best everyday. We hope to have more news to report in the next Lions' Tale.

October 2002

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Homecoming

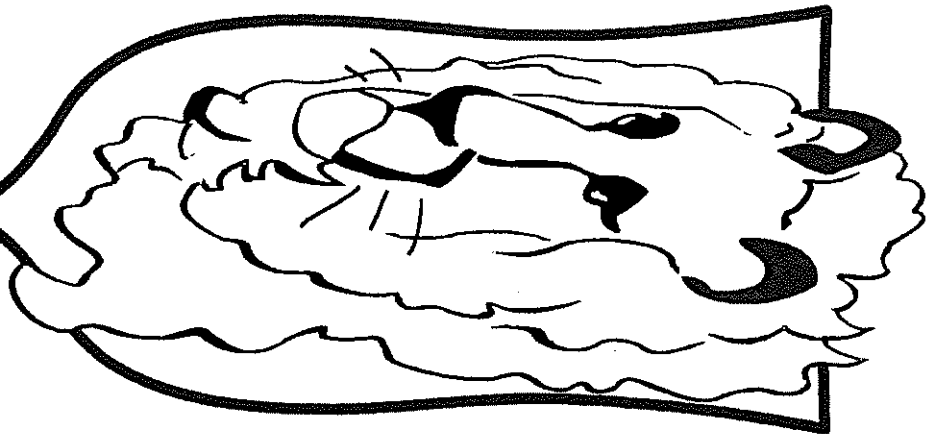
Activities

Sept 30 - Oct 5

Voting for HC Court


Homeroom 9/30

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27	28	29 End of First Nine Weeks	30 RMS F-ball (H)	31 HAPPY FOLLOWERS			



GO HOME!

THE LIONS' TALE



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HOMECOMING/SPIRIT WEEK 2002

by Carolyn Rockow

WVSD celebrated Homecoming/Spirit Week September 30 through October 5. During Monday's homeroom, we voted for the Homecoming Court. On Tuesday, we dressed up for the crowning ceremonies and luncheon. Mrs. Heare gave a presentation on the history of WVSD&B on Wednesday, and on Thursday, we wore blue and gold and performed Spirit Skits. The sophomore class won the Spirit Stick! Friday was Alumni Day.

Some of the Homecoming "royalty" talked about how they felt to be on this year's court:

King Phillip: I felt great! This was my

first time as Homecoming King. So, now I am the king 'til I graduate, and everyone must respect me!

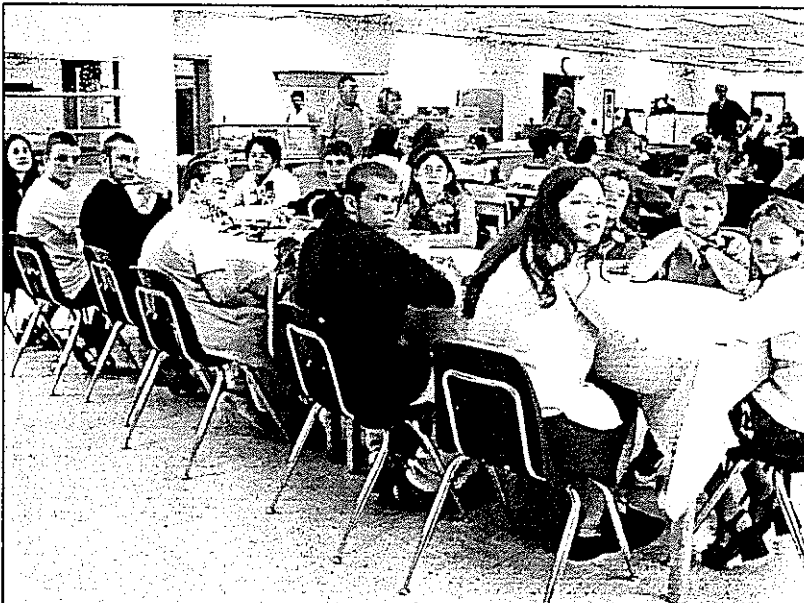
Princess Mindy: I felt great, because this was my third year as Homecoming Princess. I wasn't nervous because I had experience with it. I felt great about being elected. To "King" Phillip: "Oh really? We have to listen to the King?"

Princess Pamela: I felt nervous, because this was my first time on the Homecoming Court.

Prince Justin G.: I felt embarrassed, because this was my first time on the Homecoming Court.



The Class of 2005 won the Spirit Stick! Kneeling, left to right: Hannah Pauley and Lisa Parent. Standing: Jonathan Edwards, Bradley Grey, Corey Grace, Billy White, Josh Bittner, and Mark Wheelwright.



(Left to right) Hannah Pauley, Josh Bittner, Phillip Fraley, Becky Lett, Brian Cross, Mindy Spencer, Pamela Thompson, Justin Gregory, Tyler Labin, Jessica Morrison, Justin Rhodes, and Zelina Cooley.



The Spirit Skit Judges (left to right): Mrs. Combs, Mrs. Cookman, and Mr. Adrian. First place went to the Class of '05; second place to the Class of '06; and the Class of '07 captured third place.

Mr. Adrian:

The competition was tough, and it was difficult to decide which skit was best! We agreed that the students did a wonderful job on their skits! It was very

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challenging, but I enjoyed it. The only thing I didn't enjoy was Mrs. Teter slapping me in the face because the 11th graders didn't win! (Just kidding!) There was a lot of school spirit. The skits were the best I've seen in many years!

Mrs. Combs: It was a very hard choice! I had to rethink my decisions a few times! The students were very creative.



Mr. Sevigny (above): It was nice to look back at old memories. I love to be with the whole student body. I was a coach for many years, and it brought me back to the old Homecoming days.

Photographs for this article by: Phillip Fraley, Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer, Mrs. Dodgins, and Mrs. Heare.



(Above) Mr. James Ennis, Class of '72, spoke during the "Roundtable" discussions.

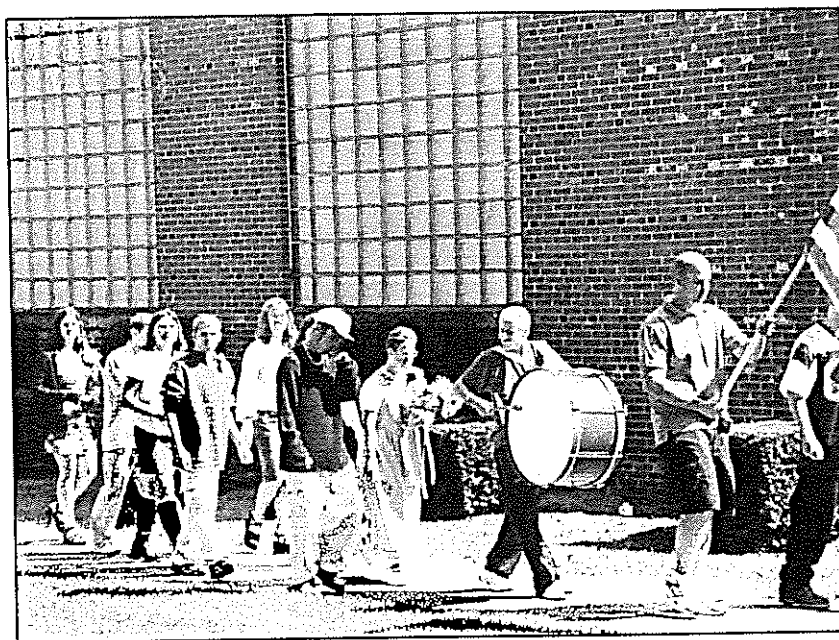


Staff and students gathered in the MPR for a roundtable discussion Friday afternoon, led by Mr. Adrian. Approximately twenty alumni and former staff members shared their best memories of their years at WVSD. Some of the stories were very funny, and some were sad. Some were recent graduates and retirees, and some graduated or taught many, many years ago. It was very interesting!

Jared Helsel (right) led students in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mrs. Heare (left): I'm so grateful for finally being allowed to teach a history lesson! Everything has a beginning. Isn't it interesting knowing how we came into existence?



Keith Richardson carried the flag during the traditional Homecoming parade to the cafeteria.

FBLA

FBLA members have been hard at work selling candy and earning money for club activities. Our members have been doing a great job raising funds for the club, but they are also doing well with FBLA business. The members have voted to save their earned money for activities and trips.

Plans include bowling, shopping at the Mall, going to the movies, tubing, and sponsoring a dance. Plans are still in the making for the dance and party, but our guest list includes students from the Burlington Home.

Club members expressed an interest in visiting the IRS division in Martinsburg and going with the Hampshire High DECA Club to visit the FBI facility in Clarksburg.



2002-2003 WVSD FBLA Membership: (starting left on first row) Hannah Pauley (President), Keith Richardson (Vice-President), Lisa Parent (Secretary), Phillip Fraley (Treasurer), Mrs. Bonnie Brown, Megan Davis, Justin Gregory, Pamela Thompson, Jessica Morrison, Becky Lett, Lucas Turner, Desiree Parmer, Mark Wheelwright, Sarah Abernathy, Joshua Harpine, Terry Withrow, Jared Helsel, Robbie Cranfield, Mr. Herb Adrian.



Members of Tapestry are, front row: Megan Davis; second row (left to right): Ashley Lease, Lisa Parent, Pam Thompson, Sara Abernathy; third row: Mindy Spencer, Paul Parent, Holly Romanello, Phillip Fraley, Carolyn Rockow, Hannah Pauley; fourth row: Bradley Grey, Billy White, Keith Richardson, and Josh Bittner. Not pictured: Sponsors Mrs. Shirley Davy, Mrs. Mary Teter, Ms. Becky Nealis, and Mr. Barry Nealis.

TAPESTRY

We have had a very busy, but exciting year. Top priority for Tapestry is our participation in the Heritage Music Festival with 580,000 students and directors! This involvement concludes with a competition for awards and trophies on a Carnival Cruise Ship to the Bahamas in May! Tapestry is appealing to our business professionals and parents for support, as well as fund raising events, for the trip. Our goal is to provide students with an educational, cultural, and social experience, as well as memories to last a lifetime.

Our first performance will be at Hampshire High on November 14. We will also travel to Charleston to appear before the Legislature and the state Lions Club. We are adding choreography along with costume changes to this year's program.

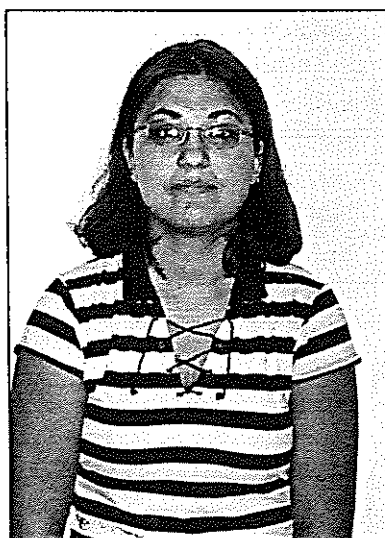
Secondary Residence Education Program Awards

by Mr. Blakely

On behalf of Seaton Hall staff and administrators, we congratulate Holly Romanello and Jared Helsel, September Students of the Month, for their outstanding efforts. What a wonderful way to begin your year at WVSD!

Holly and Jared consistently did their homework and put forth the extra effort that earns the honor of being selected for this award by the Child Care Workers. These students fulfilled the confidence and pride that their parents have in them.

Jared and Holly, you have begun the school year exceptionally well. We hope you'll maintain your untiring involvement in WVSD, continue your hard work and leadership, and continue to enjoy residential success.



Holly Romanello
Photo by Mindy Spencer

Cleanest Dorm Room Awards

(Winners received a free pizza from Domino's)

Adv. Boys: Bradley Grey
Adv. Girls: Mindy Spencer/

Holly Romanello

Int. Boys: Justin Gregory
Int. Girls: Pam Thompson



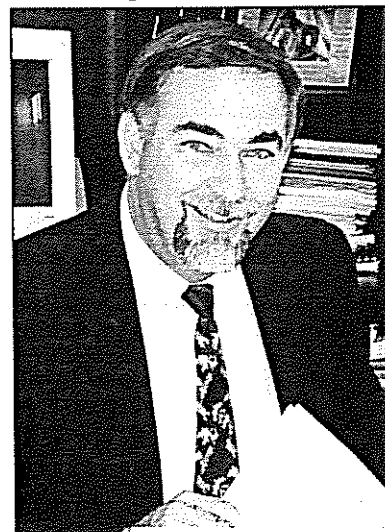
Front (left to right): Justin Gregory and Pam Thompson. Back: Brad Grey, Mindy Spencer, and Holly Romanello.

Photo by Carolyn Rockow



Jared Helsel
Photo by Mindy Spencer

Principal's Post



by Mr. Corbin

Shakespeare lives on at WVSD -- at least in terms of a middle school, for the most frequently asked question in that regard is, "to be or not to be?". In recognition of the developmental needs of middle school aged children the administration and staff of the Elementary School for the Deaf is working closely with the Secondary staff to develop a plan for middle school education. Our plan will include steps for action to include our residential living component as well. The feasibility of an entirely separate facility does not appear to be practical at this time. However, we are committed to doing all we can to ease the transition woes for our middle school aged youth. Included in the dilemma will be the determination of exactly which grades will comprise middle school. In West Virginia 67.4% of our schools include
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grades 6-8, while 17.4% include only grades 7 and 8. Additionally, one of our teachers submitted research that recommended ages 10-15 comprise middle school. Considering our diverse student population, that proposal provides a viable alternative. Thus, with many questions and few answers, the overriding question remains, and we press on to resolve the dilemma.

GEAR UP CELEBRATION

The West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind held its GEAR UP Awards Celebration Thursday, October 17. For the 2002-03 school year 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are involved in GEAR UP. WVSD GEAR UP Coordinator, Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall, welcomed the group to the celebration event. She introduced Hampshire County VISTA, Regina Whetzel, who explained what GEAR UP is and how educational monetary awards were earned. Students who were enrolled in GEAR UP during 2001-02 earned anywhere from \$300-\$500. Certificates were presented by WVSD Principal, J.D. Corbin and WVSJ Principal, Connie Newhouse. A slide show of many of last year's events was shown.

After the slide show, a door prize drawing was held. WVSD seventh grader Pamela Thompson won the big prize of a Game Boy Advanced for the School for the Deaf. WVSJ student, Jeremy Sirbaugh, won the big prize of a MP3 Walkman for School for the Blind. Other students won stadium blankets, sweat shirts, backpacks, hats, movies, music CD's, gel pen sets, notebook folders, and McDonald's gift certificates.

Ice cream, cake, and drinks were served by Bradley Grey and Lisa Parent. Carolyn Rockow took pictures during the celebration. WVSJ GEAR UP Coordinator, Mr. Francis Chilcoat, and his students operated the sound system. Mr. Herb Adrian served as interpreter.



Gear Up: Zelina and Justin look hungry!

Photo by Carolyn Rockow



First 9 Weeks HONOR ROLL

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Cooley, Zelina
Davis, Megan
Edwards, Jonathan
Eversole, Lindsay
Fraleigh, Phillip
Grace, Corey
Gregory, Justin
Harpine, Josh
Labin, Tyler
Morrison, Jessica
Parent, Lisa
Parent, Paul
Parmer, Desiree
Pauley, Hannah
Rhodes, Justin
Richardson, Keith
Romanello, Holly
Spencer, Mindy
Thompson, Pamela
Withrow, Terry

3.5 / B+

Grey, Bradley
Rockow, Carolyn
White, Billy
Wolford, Natasha



Girls' PVC Volleyball Tournament

by Mindy Sue Spencer

October 19, we traveled to Pocahontas County to participate in the PVC volleyball tournament. We played against East Hardy, Moorefield, and Paw Paw. We lost against Moorefield and East Hardy, but we tried our best. We beat Paw Paw. We tied for 3rd place with Paw Paw.

After the tournament, we went to eat at Pizza Hut in Moorefield.

We had a great time hanging out and enjoying ourselves at the PVC Tournament.



From The AD's Desk

by Mr. Marty Blakely

I have been asked to write a brief history of basketball. Here is my report :

James A. Naismith invented basketball in 1891. He was a P.E. teacher at the International YMCA Training School (now Springfield College) in Springfield, Mass. Luther Gulick, head of the school's P.E. Department, asked Naismith to create a team sport that could be played indoors during the winter.

James formed 13 basic rules for the game and then asked a janitor to nail two boxes to the gym balcony to be used as goals. But the janitor could find only some half-bushel baskets, which James accepted. This new sport became known as basketball. In December

1891, James' P.E. class played the first basketball game. The class had 18 men, so each team had 9 players. They used a soccer ball, and in spite of much running and shooting, the players scored only one basket in the game. Word of this game



Mr. Blakely

spread quickly, and basketball was soon being played by YMCA groups, high schools, colleges, and semi-professional and professional teams throughout the U.S. and Canada. James published his original 13 rules for the game in the YMCA Training School newspaper on January 15, 1892, but many groups established their own rules and were still playing by them as late as 1915.

Basketball, as played today, is basically the game James invented. But we thank James for this sport, because we are so excited to have our JV and Varsity basketball teams. And, this year we established a middle school coed basketball team.

Please come and join us and support all our WVSD teams!!

Perfect Attendance Awards!!



These students didn't miss any school the first nine weeks! (Back row, left to right) Terry Withrow, Mark Wheelwright, Cory Grace, Bradley Grey, Billy White, Justin Rhodes. Middle row: Joshua Harpine, Ashley Lease, Hannah Pauley, Pamela Thompson, Lisa Parent, Mindy Spencer, Paul Parent. Front row: Desiree Parmer, Mark King, Zelina Cooley.

2002-03 Lions' Tale Staff



Seated (left to right): Carolyn Rockow, Phillip Fraley, and Mindy Spencer.
Standing: Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare. *Photo by Holly Romanello*

November 2002

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Your invitation to
your delicious
Thanksgiving dinner
made my week...






ESDAA VB
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Delaware

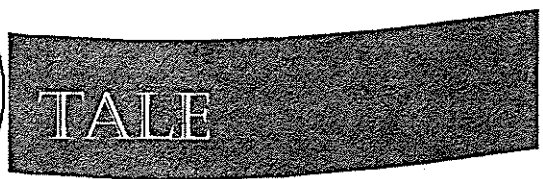
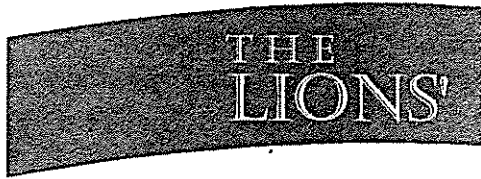


WVSSAC State
Championship
Mineral Wells



3	4 Middle School Boys' & Girls' Basketball Practice Starts	5	6	7	8 Homegoing 	9
10	11 Girls' Basketball Practice Starts	12	13	14 Tapestry Performance HHS	15	16
17	18 Boys' Basketball Practice Starts	19	20	21	22 Homegoing 	23
24	25 Thanksgiving Break 11/25-11/29	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day! 	29	30

...it ruined my diet, but it made my week! Thanks



WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Welcome, Bernadette Cewulka!

Interview by Mindy Spencer

Photo by Carolyn Rockow



"Bernie"
Cewulka

Where are you from? I recently moved to Keyser from Massachusetts.

Age/Grade: 19,
Senior

How did you hear about WVSD?
From a friend.

Why did you choose WVSD? I felt it would be a good school from which to graduate.

What's the difference between WVSD and public school? There was a lot of homework in public school and a high population of students in public school.

How do you feel about WVSD so far? It's okay, I just have to get used to everything around me.

What do you like the best about our school so far? Everything! And the teachers are so COOL!

Tapestry Tidbits

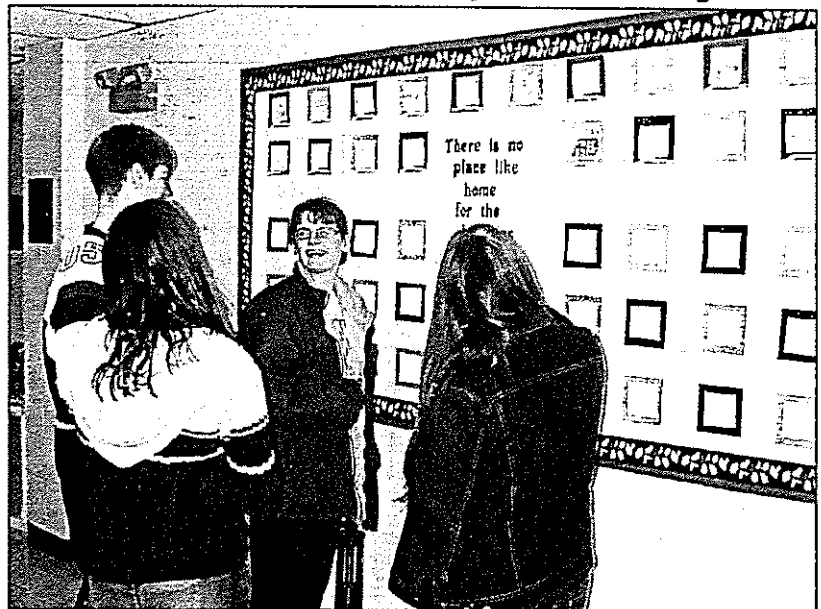
by Mrs. Davy

Tapestry is working hard to earn money for the Bahamas Cruise Competition in May. The first performance for Tapestry was at Hampshire High School November 14. The group sold "Sensationally Sweet" products during Thanksgiving break, and another 50/50 drawing was held December 3. Business profession-

als have been asked to help sponsor a student or donate to this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The group is planning a Christmas Performance and will have a special Christmas party. New polo shirts and khaki pants will be the casual outfits for Tapestry this year. Special formal wear will be worn for the spring performances.

There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays!



This month was Mrs. Judd's turn to decorate the bulletin board near the front door. She asked that all students and staff make a 4"x4" drawing of their home. Mrs. Judd and her classes put the drawings up as they were completed. Hannah Pauley, Billy White, Carolyn Rockow, and Mindy Spencer stopped to look at the drawings.

Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

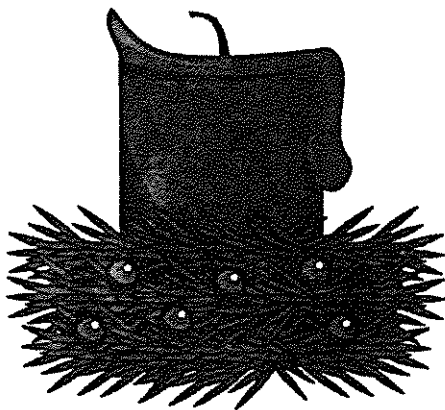
Principal's Post Farewell to 2002

by Mr. Corbin



As we draw nearer to the end of yet another year, I find myself in a state of reflection. I consider the direction in which we are moving as a school in hopes that our course is consistent with the expectations of those we serve. I consider the new direction in education with "No Child Left Behind." I consider my role in terms of leadership and wonder if there is more that I could do to move our school forward. I find myself thankful to be serving with outstanding personnel who consistently keep the needs of our students first and foremost. Finally, I am thankful to be serving in a great state where "Mountaineers are always free."

Happy Holidays!!



CHUMS

by Mrs. Shari Loar

Congratulations to the winners in our Chums drawing for valuable prizes! Folks sent in great reports of activities. Ideas included visiting children in the dormitory, playing board games, pool, foosball, and cards, as well taking walks, celebrating birthdays, baking cookies, eating out, and eating in (Chinese takeout, pizza, subs). Folks have walked to picnics and gone to on-campus athletic events. Thanks for all your time and creativity!

Now for the winners of the drawing . . . Diana Parker won a \$10 certificate from Fox's Pizza, Connie Lewis won a \$10 McDonald's certificate, and Bonnie Brown won a \$10 Sheetz gift card.

Happy Chumming!!

From The Director's Desk

by Mr. Blakely



Christmas is the time of year when I think of the special people in my life: family, friends, coworkers, staff, and substitutes with whom I would like to share Season's Greetings.

To all of you, I want to say thank you for your loving and dedicated approach to young people. Without this approach, WVSD would not be the special place it is. We experience many joys in our supervising/teaching, but we also know sorrow and frustration as we become involved

in the lives of our students. This happens because we care.

Also, we should be thankful that we have been permitted to be of service to others. We have helped students learn how to learn -- and learn how to live. The glory of education is the opportunity to work with and help students.

May these holidays also be a time of recreation and relaxation with family and friends, which is so important as we prepare to face the challenges and opportunities that come with the new year.

My wife, Janet, my daughter, Ashley, and I wish you Holiday Blessings.

McBride Takes Girls On Shopping Trip

by Phillip Fraley

The girls were so excited when they went on a trip to Wal-Mart and Ollies with Mrs. McBride in November. Mrs. McBride and the girls, along with Mrs. Barnes, bought blankets, shower curtains, and rugs that the girls selected for their dorm rooms. When all of the shopping was completed, the group had lunch in Cumberland. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the fun trip with Mrs. McBride!

RMS Coach Praises WVSD's Rhodes



Justin Rhodes

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent by RMS Head Coach Troy Crane to WVSD.

Justin Rhodes, a second year member of the Romney Middle School football team, played this season as a defensive end. This defense did not allow any touchdowns against itself throughout the 2002 campaign. Justin received defensive player of the game on three occasions, one of which was the championship game. Justin received "stick of the week" accolades twice throughout the season. Most impressively, Justin was named our "special teams player of the year." Out of our team's 41 kickoff and punt situations, Justin soloed or assisted in an astonishing 32 tackles. As Justin consistently proved himself throughout the season, it became apparent to the coaching staff that it was time for him to

run the ball. Even though Justin had little-known experience at tailback, he again shone with flying colors. Justin carried the ball 16 times for 149 yards and 1 touchdown with a 2 point conversion. There was an average of 9.3 yards for every carry. Though all of the above statistics and honors are impressive, it is Justin's heart of gold and contagious smile that place him in a league of his own.

Girls' Basketball

by Carolyn Rockow and Mindy Spencer

Jessica Morrison and Ashley Lease have joined the girls' basketball team for the first time! Hannah

Pauley is a second year member, Lisa Parent has 1-1/2 years' experience, and Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer and Holly Romanello are returning for their third year!

Mindy: I feel weird, because I am used to being with my partner Dani, but she graduated. I have to work hard, and of course my teammates will work hard too. We are rebuilding our team this year!

Lisa: I feel we can beat Delaware! I hope we will have a wonderful team!

Jessica: This is my first year, so I'm learning a lot from my teammates. I feel I'm improving every day! I've not played sports that much, but I love it!

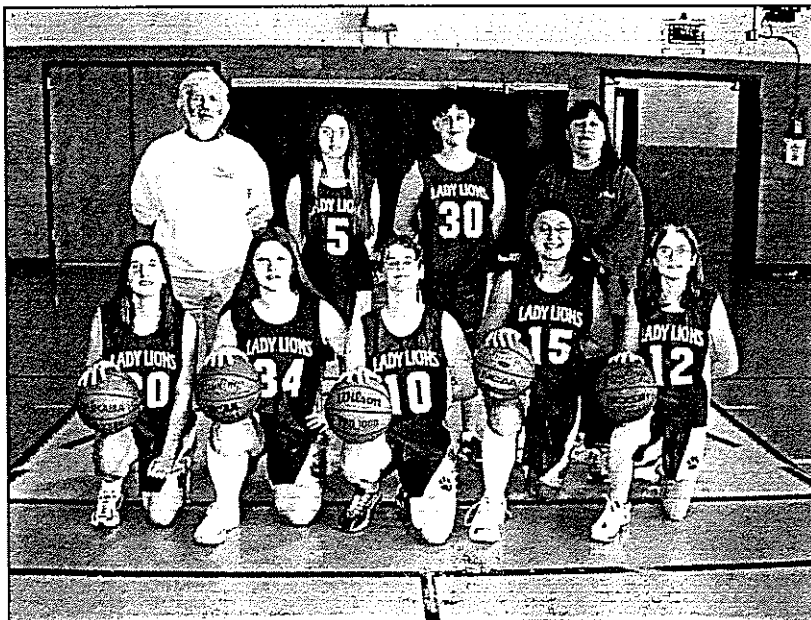


photo by Erin Surber

Standing (left to right): Coach Mike Surber, Jessica Morrison, Ashley Lease, Assistant Coach Beth Surber. Kneeling (left to right): Hannah Pauley, Mindy Spencer, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello, Lisa Parent. Not pictured: Ms. Sandra Rockow, Scorekeeper.

Boys' Basketball Team

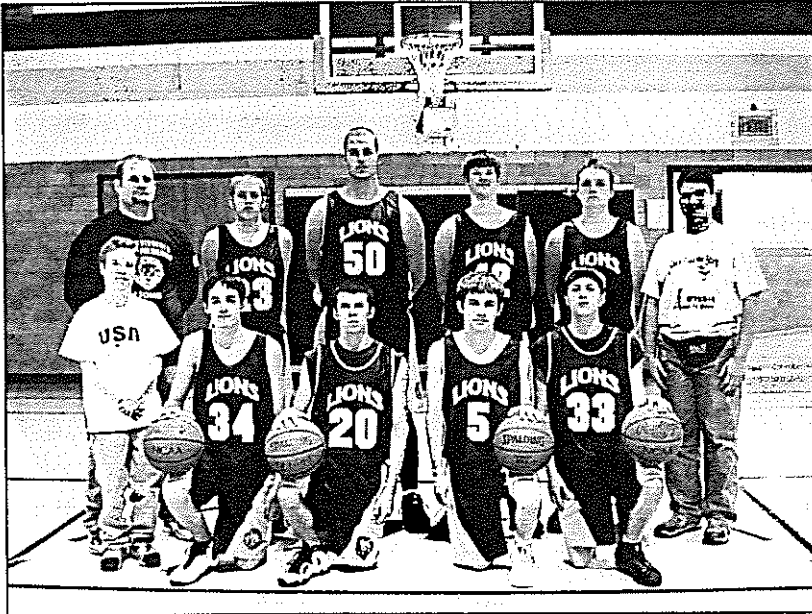


Photo by Mindy Spencer

Standing (left to right): Co-Manager Tyler Labin, Coach Paul See, Jonathan Edwards, Keith Richardson, Billy White, Josh Bittner, Co-Manager Jared Helsel. Kneeling (left to right): Corey Grace, Brian Cross, Paul Parent, Bradley Grey. Not in picture: Phillip Fraley, Scorekeeper.

WVSD Girls'

Volleyball Season 2002

Date	Opponent	W/L
9/9	East Hardy	L,0-2
	Moorefield JV	L,0-2
9/11	Virginia Deaf	L,1-3
9/17	East Hardy JV	L,0-2
9/19	Moorefield JV	W,3-2
9/26	Paw Paw	L,1-3
10/1	East Hardy JV	L,1-3
10/1	Hampshire JV	L,1-2
10/2	Delaware Deaf	L,1-2
10/8	Hampshire JV	L,2-3
10/15	Virginia Deaf	L,1-3
10/17	Petersburg	L,0-2
	Pocahontas	L,0-2
10/19	Moorefield	L,0-2
	East Hardy	L,0-2
	Paw Paw	W,2-0
10/22	Paw Paw	L,2-3
10/23	Hampshire JV	W,3-1
11/4	Paw Paw	L,1-3
	(Sectional PVC)	

Record: 4-16

11-1 ESDAA Tourney at Del. Deaf

Tournament All-Stars



Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Named as ESDAA All Tournament Stars were (Left to right) Hannah Pauley, Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer.

ESDAA Tourney Results

Champion- Delaware
 2nd Place- WVSD
 3rd Place- Mill Neck
 4th Place- St. Mary's
 Sportsmanship- JHS47



Girls' Middle School Basketball Team



Photo by Justin Rhodes

Front, left to right: Samantha Johnson and Mady Aldridge. Back row: Desiree Parmer, Cassie Heaster, Polly Hodge, Tiffany Friend, Pam Thompson, Zelina Cooley, Rachel Hutchinson, Sarah Abernathy, and Natasha Wolford. Not pictured: Coach Mary Ennis.

Boys' Middle School Basketball Scrimmage

by Justin Rhodes

Thursday, December 12, Coach Kesler brought five of his friends for a scrimmage with the WVSD Middle School Boys' Basketball team. Everyone tried their best to win the game, but the Middle School won! It was a hot game.

We played eight quarters. During the first four quarters the middle school boys were very far ahead. But the older team caught up during the second half of the game.

I was surprised how the older team kept on going all through the game! The final score was 61 to 57. The top scorers of the game were Justin Rhodes with 50 points, and Terry Withrow with 8 points.

We had a great time scrimmaging with the older guys!

Boys' Middle School Basketball Team


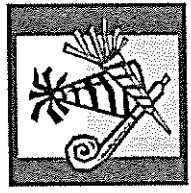
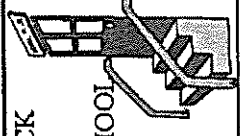


Photo by Zelina Cooley

Front row, left to right: Justin Gregory, Brandon Lewis, Michael Jarvis, Greg Bor-ing, Ethan Bolyard, Matthew Hart, Darrel Beasley, Roddy Stickley. Back row: Justin Flick, Terry Withrow, and Justin Rhodes. Not pictured: Coach Bill Kesler.

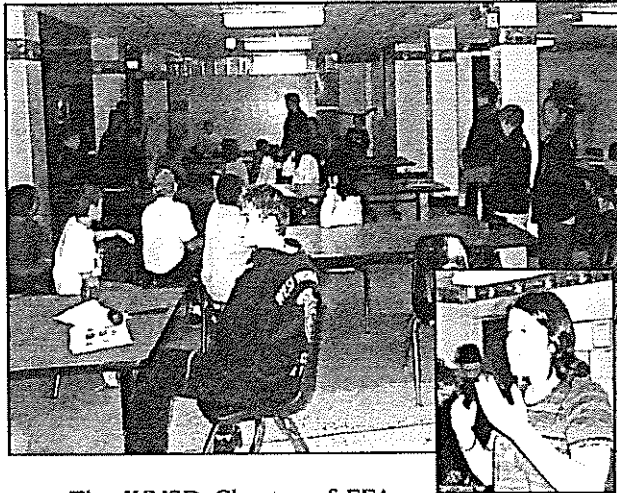


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Happy New Year!</i>						
5 BACK TO SCHOOL 	6 Boys & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs M-field (JV) 8:00pm	7 Boys & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs DSD 4:00pm	8 	9 Boys' Middle BB (A) vs M-field 6:00pm Boys' & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs Union 7:30pm	10 Boys' & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs Harman (JV) 7:30pm	11 Christmas Break
12 FFA Game Day @ Supt's Apt	13 Boys & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs MSSD 6:30pm	14 FFA Farm Show @ Harrisburg Girls' Middle BB (A) vs C-Town 6:30pm	15 Boys & Girls' Middle BB (A) vs Paw Paw 5:30pm	16 END 1ST SEMESTER Boys' & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs Paw Paw 7:30pm	17 HOMEGOING FBLA & Tapestry	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	21 BACK TO SCHOOL 	22 Boys & Girls' Middle BB (H) vs Romney 6:00pm	23	24	25
26	27 Boys & Girls' Middle BB (H) vs Union 6:00pm	28 Boys & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs VSDB	29	30 B&G Middle BB (A) vs Warm Springs 6:00pm Boys & Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs WestMar	31 Senior Class Clock Raffle	

CLUB NEWS

WVSD FFA Establishes New Branch



The WVSD Chapter of FFA is proud to announce that a Middle School FFA group has been established for the 2002-03 school year. Mr. Leatherman and Mrs. Julie Sions, a teacher in our Elementary Department, are advisors.

Officers presiding over the monthly meetings are Justin Rhodes, president; Josh Harpine, vice-president; Pam Thompson, secretary; Terry Withrow, treasurer; Justin Gregory and Michael Jarvis, reporters; and Roddy Stickley, sentinel.

Several middle school members attended the Career Development Events in Morgantown in September, and some have participated in recent FFA field trips.

FFA T-Shirt Contest

Several graphic arts students are participating in the second annual FFA Chapter T-shirt Design Contest.

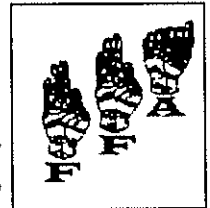
During the November 8 FFA meeting, members voted to submit the designs of Holly Romanello, Justin Rhodes, and Zelina Cooley to the National Contest.

Winning designs will be featured on t-shirts and sold in the 2003-2004 National FFA Blue catalog and online store from September 2003 through August 2004.

Winning T-Shirt Designs



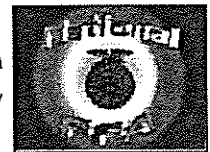
LEFT: Justin Rhodes



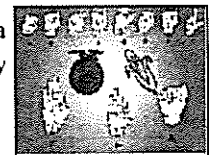
RIGHT: Holly Romanello



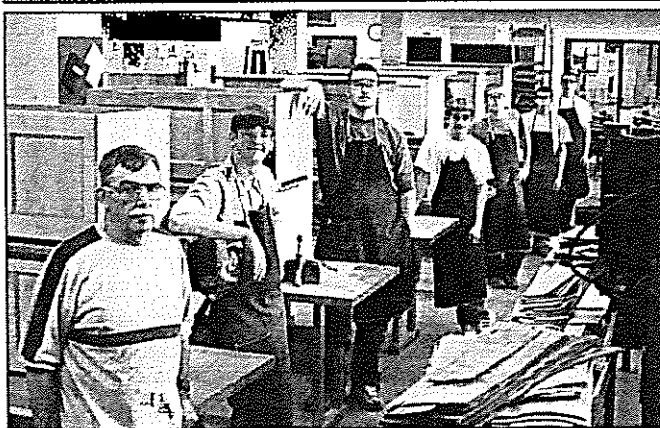
RIGHT: Zelina Cooley



RIGHT: Zelina Cooley



ABOVE: Holly Romanello



VICA

Photo by Carolyn Rockow

The VICA Club of WVSD is working hard to complete an order of 12 hope chests by Christmas. Profits from this fundraising project will be used to purchase one or two TV sets for our Seaton Hall dining room.

Pictured (left to right): Mr. Sevigny, Billy White, Keith Richardson, Paul Parent, Jonathan Edwards, Brian Cross, Josh Bittner.

Vocational Evaluations

photos by Carolyn Rockow



Jonathan Edwards

Last week, vocational evaluations were given to all sophomores and make-ups were given to those students who had previously missed them. The evaluations will help to plan appropriate vocational goals for future employment.



Corey Grace

Sheltered Workshop

by Mrs. Staley

Hampshire County Special Services Center is truly a "special" place. Students have enjoyed the services and support of HCSSC for several years. The partnership between WVSD and this work-based site has proven to be invaluable to our students.

Becky Lett, senior, enjoys not only the work opportunities but

also her friends and the socialization.

Senior Jared Hesel would rather work than do most anything else. Through his HCSSC experience, he has developed a good work ethic.

WVSD Secondary staff and students can see the skills and personal development that each of our students has gained. They bring and apply their training to the everyday happenings in our school, dorm, and in their homes. To us, special and success are synonymous!

Career Majors Class Tours Bank

On October 29th, students from the West Virginia School for the Deaf Career Majors Class walked to the Bank of Romney. Ms. Bonnie Smith, customer service representative, delivered an exceptional presentation of the banking business. The students had a list of questions which were answered at each of the areas involved in

From The AD's Desk

by Marty Blakley

My resignation as Athletic Director has been in effect since last week. Since traveling to Kansas and meeting with my committee advisor, it has become obvious that the Athletic Director position was affecting my commitment to my doctoral dissertation. At this time, all of my extra time is needed to pursue that goal.

I feel very fortunate to have been associated with WVSD staff, PVC staff, and ESDAA staff for the past two years. My learning experiences have been invaluable, and I leave with many pleasant memories.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. J. D. Corbin at 304-822-4860/4861 or jcorbin@access.k12.wv.us.

banking. Thank you, Ms. Smith, for taking time from your very busy schedule to explain the banking business. We appreciate all of your efforts.



photo by Mrs. Brown

Career Majors Class with Ms. Smith at the Bank of Romney.

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Homer Hickam Week at WVSD



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hickam

An interview with Mrs. Shirley Davy
by Bernadette Cewulka

Q: Why did you feel that it was important for the students to learn about Homer Hickam?

A: We wanted to focus on significant people from West Virginia (past and present). Homer Hickam became nationally known due to the popular movie, "October Sky." He is the author of six books as well as a recognized NASA engineer. We are proud of our successful West Virginians.

Q: Where did you learn about Homer Hickam?

A: Actually, until I saw the movie "October Sky," I was not fully aware of his accomplishments.

Q: Have you read his books?

A: I have read three of his six books.

Q: Do you feel it was worthwhile for the students to learn about Homer Hickam?

A: It was more than worthwhile bringing this man's accomplished life to

the awareness of our students. Many of us come from small towns such as Coalwood.

Q: Do you feel Homer Hickam week was successful?

A: With the help of the English and the Social Studies departments presenting information and activities on a daily basis and finalizing the week with an assembly, the study of one outstanding person from West Virginia was extremely successful. I felt we had a great week of "learning while having fun."

Rice Gives Presentation On Hickam, Coalwood

An interview with Mr. Rusty Rice
by Bernadette Cewulka

Q: Why did you become interested in Homer Hickam?

A: The first time I saw the previews for "October Sky," I was very interested in seeing the movie because of the rockets! Later, I made arrangements to go to Coalwood to see the town. The president of the Coalwood Restoration Association suggested a day for us to visit. As it turned out, Homer Hickam was in town that day, and my wife and I were able to meet him and to talk with him and his wife. The people of the town were so friendly and fun to be with, and they invited us to the October Sky Days. My wife and I have been going to Coalwood ever since, and we have become friends of the town and of the Hickams.

Q: Do you like the book or the movie better?

A: The book. It goes into more detail about the rockets, towns

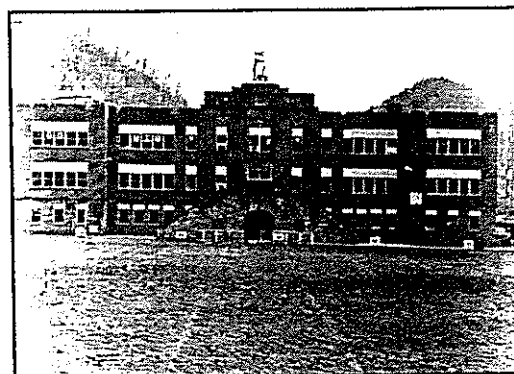
people and of course the Rocket Boys. I could see my younger self in the Rocket Boys, because I grew up during the space age and built rockets and had similar adventures. Also, I could see my mother and father in his parents.

Q: How did you feel when you met Homer Hickam?

A: I was pleased to meet someone who is so popular, but I was most impressed with his humbleness. It was more like meeting an old friend from high school. Homer and the other Rocket Boys, because of the help they received from their teacher, always thank teachers when they meet them, because they know teaching is difficult and often a thankless job.

Q: Do you feel that it was worthwhile to give a presentation to our students about Homer Hickam and Coalwood?

A: I was happy to discuss the books, the author, and the town. It was worth my time, and I hope everyone got to know more about a time that existed in the past. Hopefully we will be able to look back on the present with as much fondness.



Big Creek High, Coalwood, WV

Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



The onset of second semester took me somewhat by surprise, for it seemed that we arrived at the midterm so quickly. As a reality check, I thought back upon the elusive first semester in order to see the strides we have taken and the accomplishments we have made. My peek into the past brought a smile of pleasure as we have taken forward strides and accomplished many things. My reflections also brought me to the realization of what a unique pleasure it is to be in the business of working with young people as they grow and mature. It is especially

pleasurable to see the successes and accomplishments, great and small, as they move toward adulthood. As adults, imagine the quiet pride of serving as a board member for a state agency whose chairperson previously had a chair in your classroom, a pleasure that I currently have.

Clubs, organizations, school and dormitory activities have kept our students moving and have provided some excellent opportunities for growth. Our partners in education, The United Auto Workers, The Lions Club, and our community members continue to provide outstanding support and special opportunities for our students. Although it may not take a village to raise a child, it certainly benefits everyone when we work together for the common good.

From The Director's Desk

by Marty Blakely



Since the beginning of this school year, we have been very busy with weekend activities. During the week, many of our students are involved in games (our WVSD Lady Lions won 2nd place in the ESDAA Girls' Volleyball Tourney this year -- congrats to them!) and basketball practices/games (Boys' and Girls' Varsity and Boys' and Girls' Middle School teams.) Our weekend activities are both educational and recreational for both day students and residential students. The following activities have taken place:

- *Indian Pow Wow at Crystal Valley Ranch
- *Heritage Weekend in Romney, WV
- *Country Club Mall and Apple Blossom Mall trips
- *Haunted House in Green Spring, WV
- *Haunted Corn Maze in Fort Ashby, WV
- *Watching football games at Hampshire High School
- *Going to town for shopping, renting movies, etc.
- *Eating at McDonald's, ordering pizzas from Domino's Pizza and Fox's Pizza, Sheetz (after eating meals first)
- *Watching movies on Fridays (students feel like they are in a theater!)
- *Several extracurricular activities and parties in the Student Union Center

Our students attended educational sessions at the beginning of the school year. Topics included sexual harassment; town privileges and training; respecting others; not picking on weaker students, and other educational discussions.

Undoubtedly, our students are aware of what they have learned ... and try to apply it to their daily lives!

Terry Withrow Wins Gear Up T-Shirt Contest

by Phillip Fraley

Last fall, Hampshire County's Gear Up program sponsored a t-shirt design contest. Approximately 40 students from Romney Middle School, Capon Bridge Middle

School, Hampshire High School, and the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind participated.

The winner of the contest was eighth grader Terry Withrow! There was a special prize, picked out especially for Terry. He did a lot of fishing at Gear Up's Student Leadership Institute last May, so his prize was a fishing rod and tackle box.

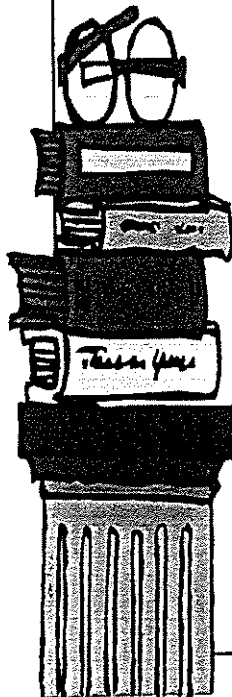
Terry said, "I've already caught 15-17 fish with the new rod, and I plan to use it the next time I go home!"

"If I continue to design clothes, maybe I can become famous one day! Maybe I will start a business of my own, selling and designing clothes."

Hopefully Terry will have that in his future!



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3.5 GPA

12TH GRADE

Bernadette Cewulka

11TH GRADE

Carolyn Rockow

Holly Romanello

Mindy Spencer

10TH GRADE

Bradley Grey

8TH GRADE

Justin Rhodes

7TH GRADE

Justin Gregory

3.0 GPA

11TH GRADE

Paul Parent, Jr.

Keith Richardson

10TH GRADE

Jeremy Cornell

Jonathan Edwards

Corey Grace

Lisa Parent

Hannah Pauley

Billy White

9TH GRADE

Jessica Morrison

8TH GRADE

Zelina Cooley

Megan Davis

Lindsay Eversole

Lucas Turner

Terry Withrow

Natasha Wolford

7TH GRADE

Justin Flick

Josh Harpine

Pam Thompson

FBLA

The WVSD FBLA Club was busy with activities during November and December. At the November 22 meeting, the update on the candy sale was given. The club made approximately \$300 in profits.

On December 3, twelve FBLA members, Mrs. Brown, Nina Hedrick (a volunteer signer/singer) and Mr. Richard Funk, our bus driver, went to the Hampshire Center and sang/signed Christmas Carols to the residents. We had a great time; however, if it weren't for Mr. Funk the music would have been seriously destroyed. Thank you, Mr. Funk! We even stopped at Burger King on the way back to the dorm -- it took a lot of energy caroling, and we needed a fill up!

Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall generously gave of her time again monogramming the FBLA logo on the shirts for the club. The club voted unanimously to present Mrs. Kuykendall with a Christmas flower arrangement in appreciation for her work for our club. Thank you, Mrs. Kuykendall!

The FBLA had a short meeting on January 17. Bowling was voted the next FBLA activity. This year's bowling trip is scheduled for FBLA members only. Following bowling at the Rainbow Lanes in Keyser, we will

eat at Pizza Hut. The club then went to WVSD&B's maintenance department, where retired director Tony Cooper had a wonderful presentation on "Careers on Campus." Areas covered included electrician, carpenter, plumber, painter, and general maintenance worker. Time was limited, so we were not able to see the laundry department.

Our club had to return to school at 9:25, where awards were given to the following people: First Place Candy Salesperson went to Phillip Fraley; Second Place Candy Salesperson went to Justin Gregory; and Third Place Candy Salesperson went to Hannah Pauley. The WVSD FBLA Club is very happy to report that all candy money has been turned in as of today! Great work, members, for a job well done!

Photo: by Mrs. Brown



FFA Members Get Work Experience At Gourmet Central

For the second year in a row, FFA members teamed up with "Chef Harv" and his Gourmet Central staff in making a product that members can sell.

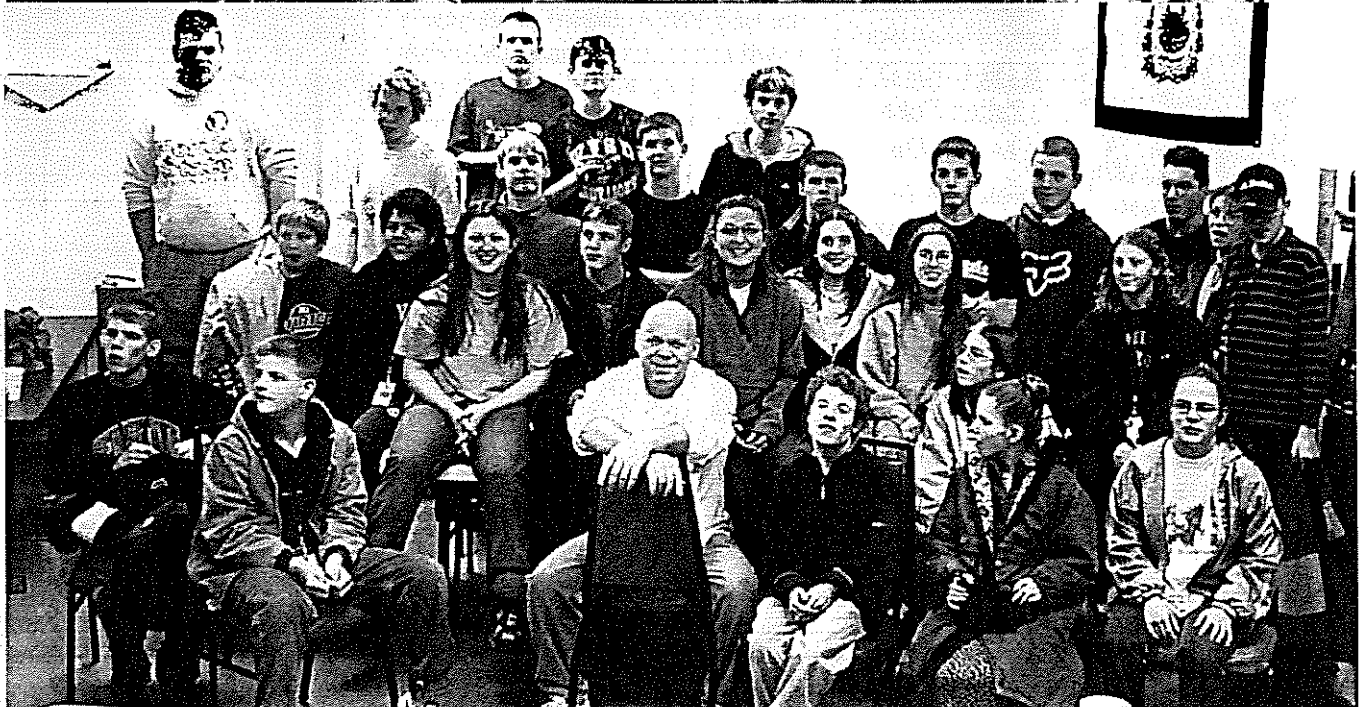
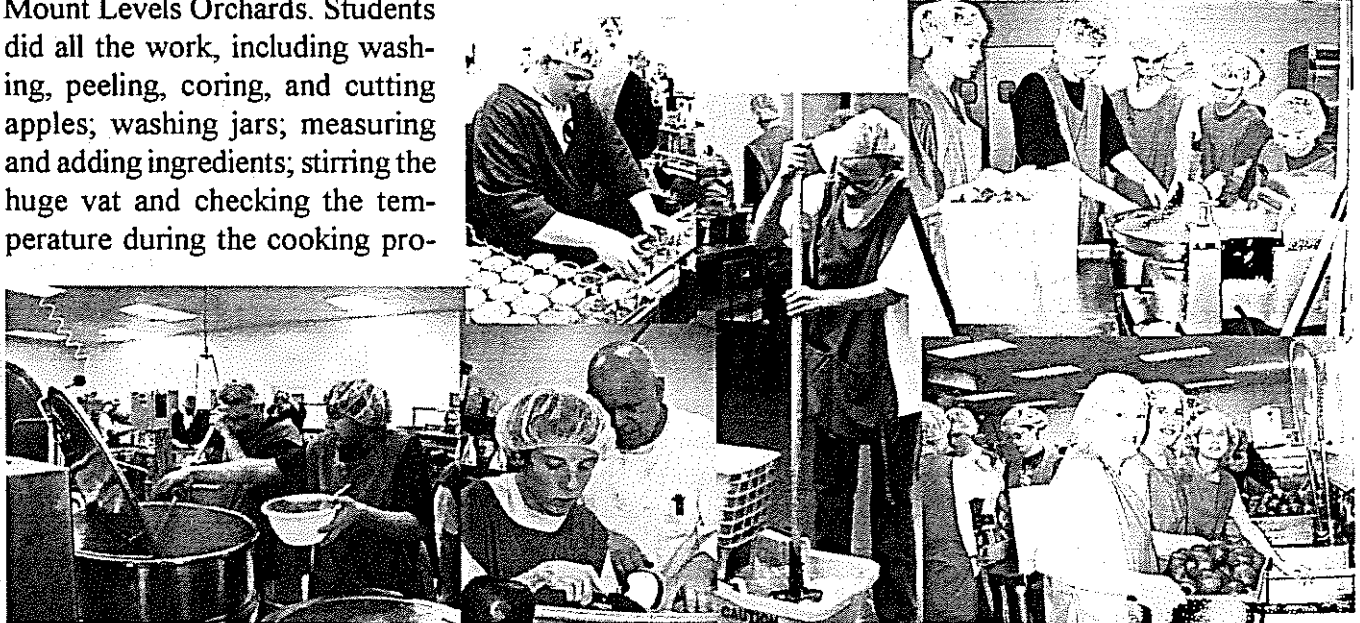
This year we made 511 jars of "French Apple Pie Spread/Topping" using apples donated by Mount Levels Orchards. Students did all the work, including washing, peeling, coring, and cutting apples; washing jars; measuring and adding ingredients; stirring the huge vat and checking the temperature during the cooking pro-

cess; putting the lids on jars; and labeling the jars. Students also swept the Gourmet Central warehouse, mopped the kitchen floor, and made labels for other products to help offset costs.

We appreciate Chef Harv and his staff giving our students the opportunity to participate in this educational activity. Students

gained valuable work experience and learned the meaning of teamwork. As always, Chef Harv gave the group words of wisdom regarding work ethics and the positive and negative aspects of owning a business.

Photos by Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Hearse and Mr. Leatherman



FFA members with Chef Harv

From The AD's Desk

by Mrs. Joyce Barnes

Since Mr. Blakely resigned as Athletic Director, I volunteered to try and fulfill these duties. The following is my perspective on this position:

- A** is for AVAILABILITY to be here, there, and everywhere when needed.
- T** is for TOLERANCE with those who don't realize I have, and will, make occasional errors.
- H** is for HAPPINESS I experience when I see our students "playing their hearts out".
- L** is for is for my LOVE that I have for the "children/students/young men and women", whom I cherish and attribute, as to why I have a job at WVSD&B.
- E** is for EFFORT that I will strive for, to keep everyone updated on all events.
- T** is for the TIME involved, and believe me, countless hours are needed!
- I** is for the INVOLVEMENT of our school supporters -- thanks, it is greatly appreciated!
- C** is for the COOKS who provide our teams with packed meals when we are on the road, and adjust eating times when needed
- D** is for the DEDICATION of our girls and boys to play hard, be polite, respect others, and cherish these sports experiences forever.
- I** is for IDEAS, which I will openly accept and evaluate to make our program succeed.
- R** is for the RESPONSIBILITIES of this position and my determination to fulfill them.
- E** is for EXTRA ENERGY that I may need on days when everything seems to be coming at me from all angles.
- C** is for our COACHES, who do a "super" job of teaching/coaching our teams.
- T** is for the TELEPHONE -- please call me if you have questions or comments! 822-4860 (work) or 822-5429 (home).
- O** is for the OFFICIALS: wearing that black and white striped shirt, at times, is tough!
- R** is for the RESPECT I have for the coaches, who have been wonderful and supportive of me.

Presentation On Niger

Last fall, WVSD&B staff members Maureen and Jim Wysopal traveled to Niger, Africa to visit their daughter, Jessica, who has been working there for two years as a member of the Peace Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Wysopal gave an interesting presentation on Niger for our students and staff January 30. The students were amazed at the totally different lifestyle of the people in Jessica's village. They don't have electricity or running water, and there are no cars! When it is not the rainy season, they sleep outside, because it is too hot to sleep inside.

The Wysopals brought African items such as bowls, carvings, crafts, and material to show our students. Some tried on skirts and hats. They also served traditional African food, typical of what families in Jessica's village would eat.

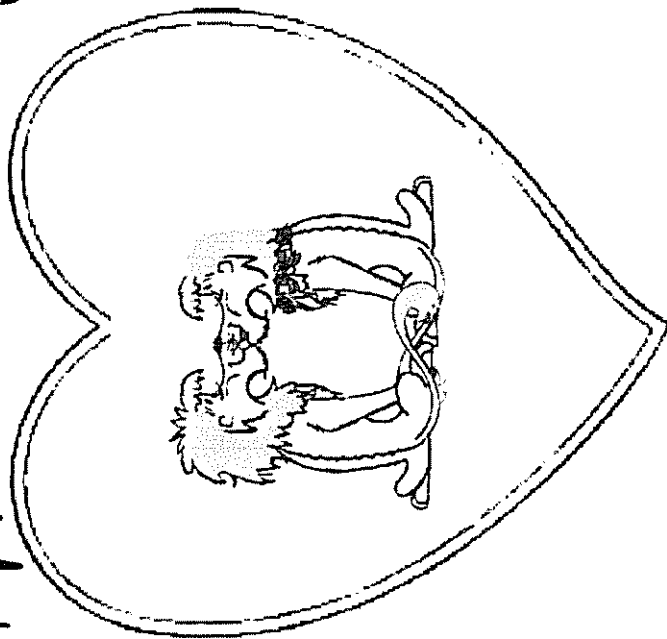
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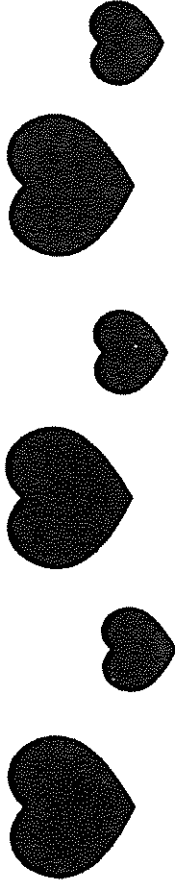
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Happy Valentine's



Day!

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Girls' Varsity BB (H) vs HHS 4:00pm Girls & Boys' Middle BB (A) vs Frankfort 6:15pm			Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	HOMEGOING Girls' Varsity BB ESDAA in VT (13th-15th)	Valentine's Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NATIONAL FFA WEEK Power Point Presentations	Boys' VBB (A) vs MSSD 5:30pm Girls' & Boys' Middle (H) vs Warm Springs 6:00pm FFA Scholastic	Boys' Varsity BB (H) vs East Hardy 6:00pm FFA Dance 7-9pm	Boys' VBB (A) PVC Playoff Boys' Middle BB (H) vs St. Joseph's 6:00pm	Gallaudet Open House Grades 9-12	George Washington's Birthday
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Girls' Varsity BB (A) vs. MSSD 5:00pm		Ski Trip			



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WVSD Ski Trip!



Ski Group Photo by Mr. Bob Allen

For more than fifteen years, the Lions Club has sponsored our March ski trip. WVSD students look forward to this annual activity and would like to thank the Lions Club for its many years of support! It is only through the generosity of this wonderful organization that most students have the opportunity to learn to ski.

Q-Why do you like the ski trip?

Phillip: *It is fun and great exercise. I prefer snowboards because it is faster. I am the Blazer!*

Carolyn: *It is lots of fun! I loved telemarking when I was skiing with my friend!*

*Thanks,
Lions Club!*

ESDAA Boys' Basketball Tournament

by Barry Strassler - Reprinted with permission from DeafSportZine

The ESDAA Division 3 Boys Basketball Tournament got under way Friday, Feb. 7 at the GBSD gym. Bad weather hampered travel for the teams, and unfortunately, Mill Neck Manor was unable to attend the tournament. However the tournament proceeded as scheduled. In first round action, WVSD's pressure was too much for Austine, Vermont, and

WVSD cruised to an easy 73-15 victory. Billy White led WVSD with 25 points, while Wayne Troumbley had 13 points for Austine. The final first round game was cancelled due to the absence of Mill Neck, and J47 was awarded the victory. J47 then moved into the semifinals against GBSD. In the other semifinal game, WVSD played Rome, NY.

ESDAA Tournament Day 2

Day 2 started with skills competitions, and WVSD won the Team "21" event with 286 points, easily outdistancing the GBSD. In the afternoon game, Vermont fell to the Grace Baptist Christian School of Portland in the 5th place game. In the final game NYSSD-Rome defeated WVSD 62-48. Billy White topped WVSD with 29, and Bradley Grey scored 10. The game was much closer than the final score, with Rome leading 25-24 at halftime and only 40-37 at the end of 3 quarters before pulling out the victory. Sunday's action got under way with the Team Free throw competition and the 3-point Shooting contest in the morning. WVSD and J47 faced each other in the 3rd place game, followed by Rome and GBSD squaring off for the championship in a rematch from last year.

Basketball Team Photo by Mindy Spencer



Principal's Post



by Mr. Corbin

The first signs of Spring are beginning to appear, and the snow from a most stubborn winter has melted away. It

seems that "ole man winter" is simply refusing to give way to the long awaited warmth of spring. Spring is perhaps most welcomed by our transportation director who coordinates travel throughout the state and beyond. This was a difficult task, considering the recent deep snow that kept us traveling like moles through tunnels for several weeks.

Our girls' basketball team returned from the Eastern States Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Tournament in Vermont, just ahead of the major snowstorm that delayed the return of other students for several days. Although they found themselves sort of "home alone", at WVSD, they seemed to enjoy the special attention they received as the only students on campus.

Spring sports have begun and we have students participating on the RMS track team. In a discussion with one of our female athletes who chose not to participate, she told me that, "she just likes being here and hanging out with her friends." I was a bit surprised at her response, but I guess everyone knows, "there's no place like home."

Athletic Director's Corner

by Mrs. Barnes

I had the wonderful experience of traveling to Saratoga Springs, New York, last week, to represent our school at the ESDAA Athletic Director's meeting.

The trip was rather lengthy (500+ miles), and I had to contend with "mother nature" as she delivered 2" of fresh snow to that area on my meeting day. "NO PROBLEM" as compared to what West Virginia has experienced this winter! Previously, I had met some of the people, but several of them I did not know. Mentally, I am still trying to associate faces with names, as they were from various states such as, Maine, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware, Vermont, and Rhode Island. I must add, a nice group of people!

I would like to share the following comments/info presented at the meeting:

Surf the Internet at www.esdaa.org for updates. (Lots of info!)

In 2003-2004, our boys will be traveling to 47 American Sign Language and English School in New York, NY for the Division III Basketball Tournament. Tentative dates are January 16, 17, 18, 19, 2004 (Martin Luther King Jr. weekend). Housing will be in the Gramacy Hotel.

After a detailed discussion, we voted to have two divisions in girls' basketball. WVSD will be hosting the Division II Basketball Tournament for the 2003-2004 year. Tentative dates are February 12, 13, 14, 15, 2004. To date, we are not sure how many teams will be in the tournament; possibly 8, 9, or 10 teams.

By the end of March, I will be announcing a male and female ESDAA Scholar-Athlete from our school. The winners' names will be listed on the www.esdaa.org website.

The ESDAA has a Writing Contest every year consisting of a Graphics/Photo Category and Sports Reporter Female and Male Category. I would really like to see some of our students participate next year. Winners receive \$100! Read this year's winning entries on the web at www.esdaa.org.

In conclusion, I want to thank the coaches, players, statisticians, managers, staff, family, and friends who made this "Sports Year" at the West Virginia Secondary Deaf School successful. Keep up the good work!

I am working on the schedules for next year and should have them finalized by the end of April. I will distribute them upon completion.

Senior Update

by Mrs. Staley

The Seniors have been selling raffle tickets for our senior class trips. So far, we have had two drawings. In the first drawing Jared Helsel sold the winning ticket to Robin Lahita who lives in his hometown area of Wellsburg. Mrs. Tana Lewis, Secondary Deaf employee, won the second clock. The next ticket sale is scheduled from now until April 18.



The drawing will be held on Parents' Day in the MPR at 10:00 a.m.


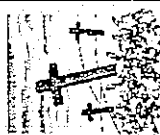
The mantel clocks were made by Phillip Fraley in Mr. Sevigny's class. Mr Sevigny has generously donated three clocks to the Class of 2003.

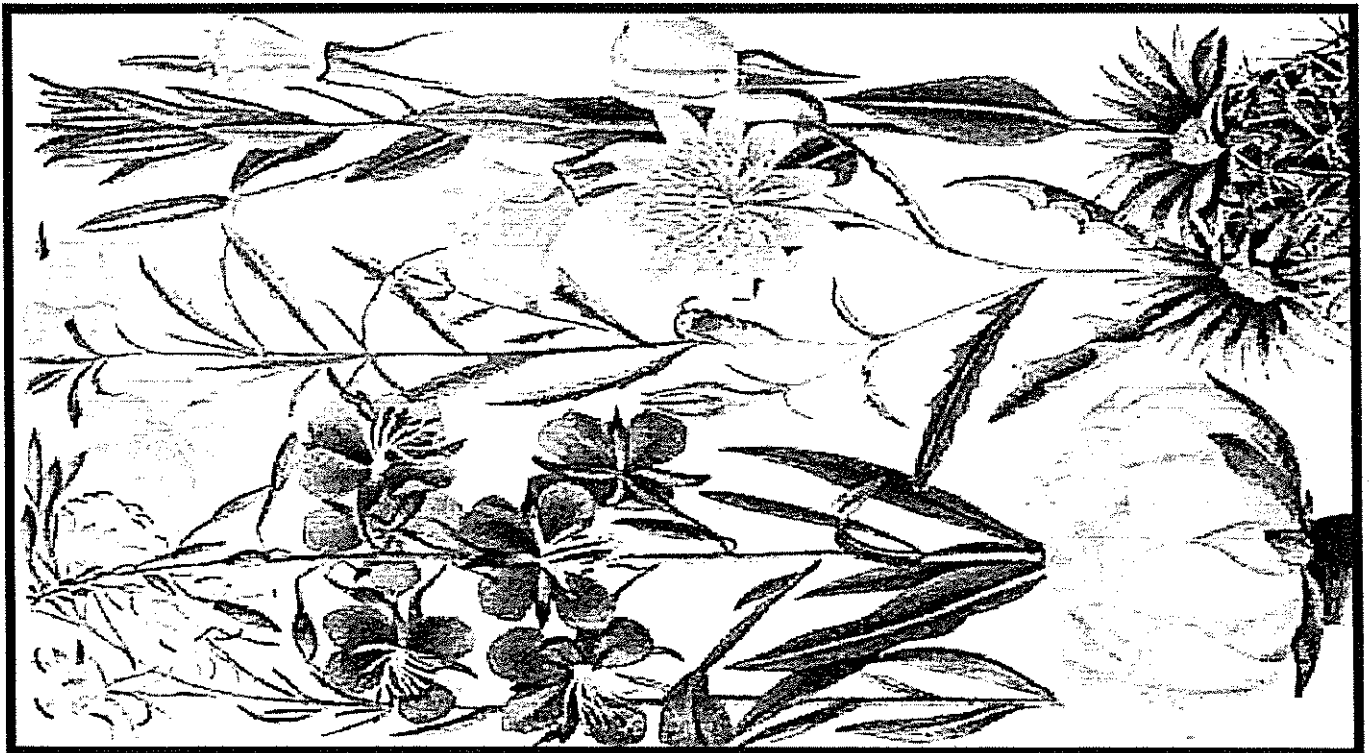
The Seniors and the sponsors have decided where to go on our senior trips. The first trip will be on April 3rd. We are going bowling, to the mall, and will eat at Pizza Hut in Keyser. The second trip will be on April 29 to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. and to some of the National museums. We will eat lunch or dinner at Hard Rock Cafe. Finally, the last trip will be May 14 to the Caverns in Luray, VA.

Honor Roll 3rd Nine Weeks 2003

3.0-3.4	3.5
Sarah Abernathy	Bernadette Cewulka
Megan Davis	Jonathan Edwards
Lindsay Eversole	Corey Grace
Justin Gregory	Bradley Grey
Josh Harpine	Lisa Parent
Ashley Lease	Justin Rhodes
Jessica Morrison	Carolyn Rockow
Paul Parent, Jr.	Mindy Spencer
Desiree Parmer	Billy White
Hannah Pauley	Natasha Wolford
Keith Richardson	
Holly Romanello	
Pam Thompson	

April 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 April Fools' Day!	2	3	4 Homegoing	5
6	7	8	9 RMS Track Charles Town/CB (A) 4:00	10 RMS Track Signal Knob (A) 4:15	11	12
13	14	15 RMS Track CT/CB/HF/CB (A) 4:00	16	17 RMS Track Harpers Ferry (A) 4:30	18 Homegoing Parents' Day Spring Vacation Begins	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Break						
27 Return to School	28	29 RMS Track Warm Springs (A) 4:00	30			



FFA Travels To PA Farm Show

by Matt Hanline, WVSB

When we arrived at the Farm Show, we rode the escalator up and down to the different floors. We had to walk down long halls to get from one area to another. The building was huge, and I had to follow the teacher around so I would not get lost.

The tractors were huge, bigger than the normal size tractor. The equipment area was the newest and biggest area they had.

The cattle were getting washed with a water hose. They used big fans to blow dry the cattle. We did not see the horses, because they were having a show that night. We sat in the new horse arena and watched the goats while we rested.

In one area there were lots of food samples to eat. Several vendors set up their tables to advertise their products. Pop was expensive to buy (\$2.50 for a 20 oz. bottle.)

We arrived in Winchester and ended our day eating at Denny's. Everyone was hungry. It started snowing before we got back on the bus to return to school.

I really enjoyed our trip to the PA Farm Show and would like to go again next year.



Photo by Mr. Leatherman
Pam Thompson and Justin Rhodes at the PA Farm Show.

Tapestry Performs At Spring Fling

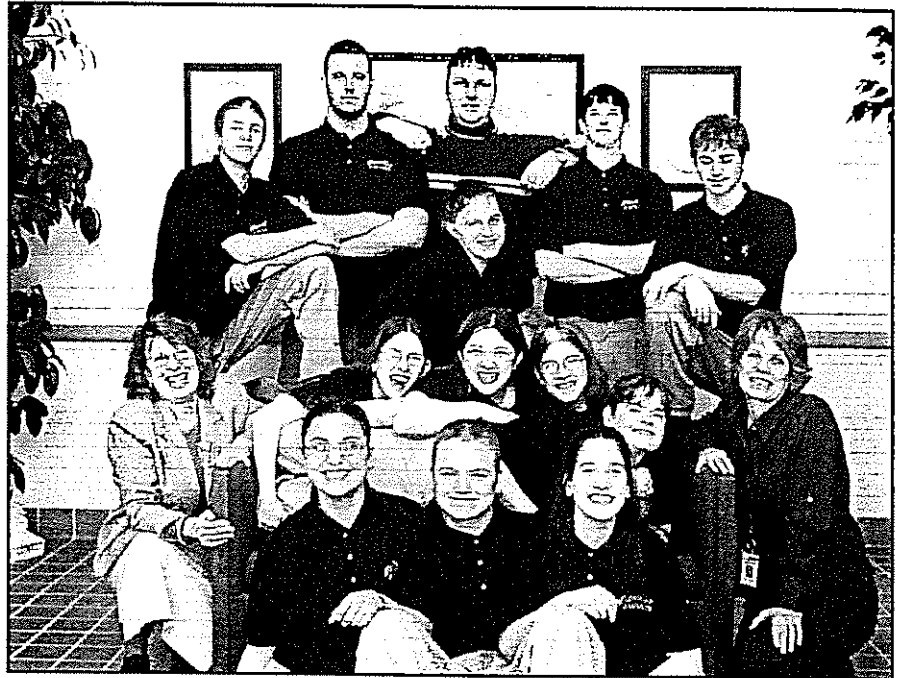


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Front row, left to right: Holly Romanello, Josh Bittner, and Hannah Pauley. Second row: Mrs. Shirley Davy, Jessica Morrison, Mindy Spencer, Lisa Parent, Carolyn Rockow, and Mrs. Mary Teter. Third row: Ashley Lease. Back row: Brad Grey, Keith Richardson, Mr. Barry Nealis, Billy White, and Paul Parent, Jr.

Tapestry, a music group comprised of students from both WVSD and WVSB, recently performed at WVSD's Spring Fling, which was held to raise funds for Tapestry's upcoming trip to Ocean City, Maryland. Also performing at the Spring Fling were The Millbrook Boys,

Francis & KC, Herb Adrian, Raven and Josh Miller, and Wendi Durst.

In February Tapestry performed for the West Virginia Legislature in Charleston. Billy White's parents, Hannah Pauley's mom, and Mindy Spencer's grandmother attended the performance!

CONGRATULATIONS FFA CONTEST WINNERS!

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

High School Officers: Billy White, Corey Grace, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, Carolyn Rockow, Brian Cross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st Matthew Hart
2nd Sarah Abernathy
3rd Josh Harpine

POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS

1st Mindy Spencer & Carolyn Rockow
2nd Justin Rhodes & Zelina Cooley
3rd Corey Grace

CREED

1st Pam Thompson
2nd Greg Boring
3rd Sarah Abernathy

WVSDB Loom Ready For Weavers

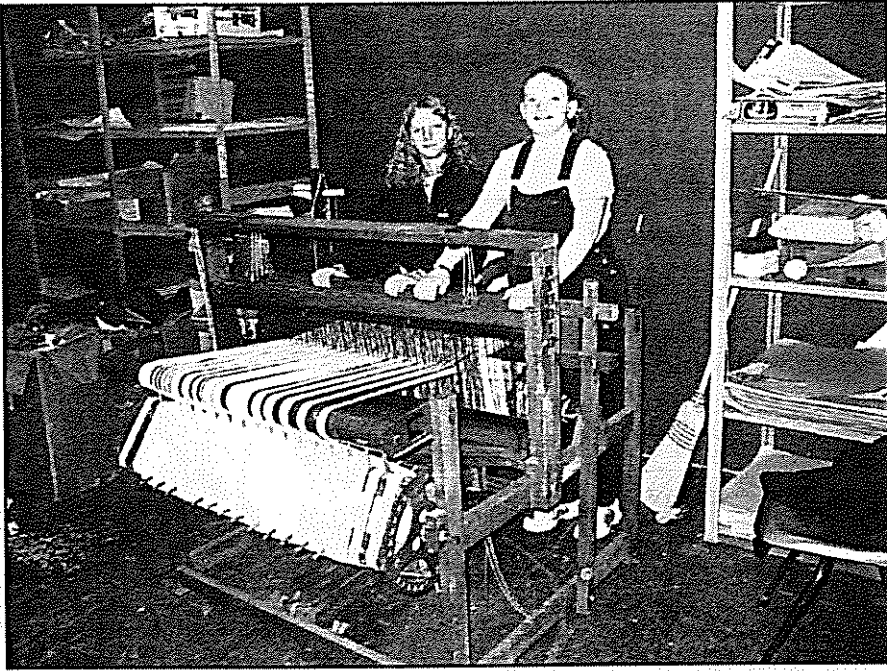


Photo by Justin Rhodes
Pamela Thompson (left) Sarah Abernathy (right) are using the loom.

by Mrs. Judd

The old loom at the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is now back in service. The loom has been a part of the school since the early 1900's. Mrs. Judy Buckbee, a former teacher at the School for the Blind, used the loom to teach weaving skills during the 1960's. At that time, Mr. Seldon Brannon, a fellow teacher and Hampshire County historian, told Mrs. Buckbee that he had learned to weave on the loom when he was a student at the school.

Although the school has had several looms in its past, this loom, in particular, was known for ease of use and for making a tight weave. When Mrs. Buckbee changed positions at the school, the loom went to the Crippled Children's Shop when it was located on East Main Street. The loom stayed on Main Street until it was returned to the school and placed in storage.

When Mrs. Buckbee retired from her position as secretary to the superintendent, she remembered the old loom. She and present superintendent, Mrs. Jane McBride, contacted Nancy Judd, a teacher at the secondary school for the deaf. The three decided the students might enjoy learning how to make rag rugs on the old loom. The loom was located and the pieces were brought to the art room located in the secondary building on campus. Each piece was scrubbed and washed, and the loom was put back together.

Several days were spent in "dressing the loom" or threading it. Mr. Gary Buckbee, Judy's husband, helped by making some badly needed small repairs and replaced hardware that had rusted or no longer existed. Mrs. Buckbee came to school in January and demonstrated beginning weaving techniques to the art students.

LAST CHANCE!

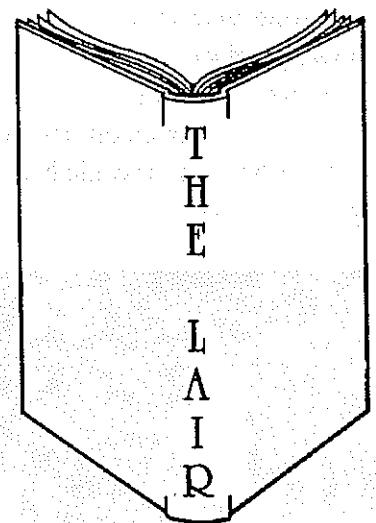
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Vocational Organizations Hold Awards Banquet



Photo by Holly Romanello

Mr. Leatherman presented Vice-President Corey Grace with FFA's highest honor, the Star Chapter Farmer.

Awards. **Discovery Degree** awards went to Sarah Abernathy, Pam Thompson, Justin Gregory, Josh Harpine, and Terry Withrow. Carolyn Rockow received the Agricultural Sales pin from Mrs. Kuykendall.

Mr. Leatherman presented the **Star Greenhand Award** to WVSB FFA member Matt Hanline, and Mrs. Kuykendall presented Holly Romanello with the **Chapter FFA** award.

Team awards in **Career Development Events** went to the **Ag Science Team** of Justin

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Each year Future Farmers of America (FFA) hosts the Vocational Organizations' Awards Banquet the evening before Parents' Day. This year we were thrilled to have more parents in attendance than ever before!

Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Sions presented awards for FFA Week competitions. **Scholastic Salute:** Matthew Hart, Sarah Abernathy, and Joshua Harpine; **Scholastic Creed:** Pam Thompson, Greg Boring, and Sarah Abernathy; **Scholastic Power Point:** the team of Mindy Spencer and Carolyn Rockow, the team of Justin Rhodes and Zelina Cooley; and Corey Grace; **Scholastic Opening Ceremony:** High School Team.

The **Leadership Award** went to Corey Grace. Billy White, Lisa Parent, Mindy Spencer, and Carolyn Rockow received **Scholarship**

VICA Raises Funds

Members of VICA and Mr. Sevigny's class crafted twelve blanket chests. With part of the profits, the club purchased a 36" TV which was given to Seaton Hall students to use in the lobby. Below are members of the club and the TV. See next page for a photo of one of the blanket chests.



Vocational Organizations (continued from page 1)

Rhodes, Justin Gregory, Josh Harpine and Terry Withrow; and to the **Forestry Team** of Brian Cross, Corey Grace, Josh Bittner, and Jonathan Edwards.

Mrs. Nancy Judd and Mr. Pierre Sevigny were given **Honorary Chapter** awards for their support of FFA. Chef Harvey of Gourmet Central received an appreciation plaque.

Officers from both the high school and middle school received **Officer Pins**: Billy White and Justin Rhodes, presidents; Corey Grace and Josh Harpine, Vice-Presidents; Holly Romanello and Pam Thompson, Secretaries; Mindy Spencer and Terry Withrow, Treasurers; Carolyn Rockow and Justin Gregory, Reporters; Brian Cross and Mike Jarvis, Sentinels.

Mrs. Brown and Mr. Adrian presented **FBLA Awards of Excellence** to Jessica Morrison,

Becky Lett, Phillip Fraley, Lisa Parent, Hannah Pauley, Megan Davis, Natasha Wolford, Desiree Parmer, Terry Withrow, Lucas Turner, Pam Thompson, Carolyn Rockow, Jeremy Cornell, Josh Harpine, Keith Richardson, Jared Helsel, Sarah Abernathy, Robbie Cranfield, Justin Gregory, Mark Wheelwright, Brian Cross, Lindsay Eversole, Ashley Lease, Bernadette Cewulka, and John Oldaker.

FBLA Community Service Awards were received by Terry Withrow, Josh Harpine, Hannah Pauley, Pam Thompson, Justin Gregory, Lisa Parent, Sarah Abernathy, and Desiree Parmer.

Justin Flick was given a **recognition award** for his assistance to the FBLA Club throughout the year.

Every year Mr. Sevigny honors his most deserving woodworking student with the **Spark Plug Award**. This year's recipient, Keith Richardson, is pictured below.

VICA Raises Funds

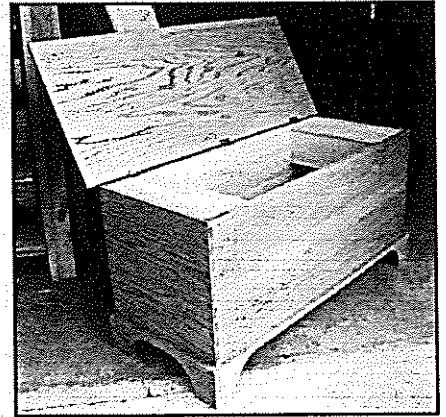


Photo by Lisa Parent
Pictured above is one of the blanket chests made by Mr. Sevigny's students.

AD's Corner

By Mrs. Joyce Barnes

Does time really fly? It seems like only a short time ago that I submitted an article for the Lions' Tale and here again it is another month.

Josh Harpine, Justin Rhodes, and Terry Withrow have been busy representing our school by participating on the Romney Middle School Boys' Track Team. We are very proud of their devotion and outstanding participation they are exhibiting by attending practices and meets.

I would like to recognize the following students who have been chosen as the ESDAA Scholar-Athlete students for the 2002-03 year: Mindy Spencer and Keith Richardson. They will receive a certificate at the Awards Banquet in June. It is quite an accomplishment to honor students who not only excel in sports but have high academic achievements as well. Congratulations to you both!

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Keith Richardson was the recipient of this year's Spark Plug Award. Pictured are Keith (left), Mr. Sevigny, and Billy White.
Photo by Carolyn Rockow

AD's Corner

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You both represent our school with pride!

To help speed up the process next year, parents filled out the Student Athletic forms on Parents' Day. Between now and the end of this year, June 6th, the Infirmary will schedule student physicals with the doctor. Then, when the sports season starts next year, we will be "ahead of the game" and ready for practices to begin! I mailed out forms for those who were not here on Parents' Day, and hopefully we will receive them back promptly.

And, finally, the 2003 Varsity Girls' Volleyball schedule has been completed.

(Editor's Note: Look for the volleyball schedule elsewhere in the Lions' Tale.)

Group Attends Gallaudet Open House

by Mrs. Nancy Judd

Our Gallaudet Open House trip was great!

Charity Reedy-Hines gave us a big welcome when we arrived. We ate a light breakfast and heard the welcoming speech by the President of the university, Dr. I. King Jordan. We toured the campus and saw all the wonderful and historic building, statues, and state-of-the-art technology. There were lots of computers!

We had a great lunch and talked with a current Gallaudet student.

In the afternoon we toured the gym with Mr. Sevigny. We saw the studio where the Gallaudet Dance Troupe practices. The director

played music so we could feel the vibrations. We started home and felt we had learned a lot about Gallaudet.

Right: Mr. Sevigny, Mrs. Loar and Mrs. Kuykendall were hungry!

Below: Brad, Mindy and Tyler enjoyed lunch!



WVSD students and staff attending the Gallaudet Open House were (left to right, starting in front) Tyler Labin, Mindy Spencer, Ashley Lease, Mrs. Judd, Jeremy Cornell, Mr. Sevigny, Billy White, Brian Cross, Corey Grace, Brad Grey, Mrs. Kuykendall, and Mrs. Loar.

Principal's Post



Parents' Day, held just prior to spring break, was truly a very special event. In addition to the traditional teacher-parent conferences, there were displays of student work, guessing games, drawings, and a performance by our signing group, Tapestry. Also, there were Power Point presentations created by students and teachers that recapped the year's most outstanding events. It was very entertaining and enjoyable for everyone. My sincere appreciation to all who actively participated and helped to make it a special day.

Spring, by simple definition, is the season when plants begin to grow. As I ponder springtime in terms of our students, it is my hope that the seeds of education and life, planted by our teachers and staff, will continue to grow within our students throughout their lives. Have a wonderful SPRING!

Dorm Students Learn About Army Life

An Interview with Randy Simpson
by Mindy Spencer and Jessica Morrison



Where do you live? Morgantown, WV.
What made you decide to join the Army? My grandfather and Uncle were in the Army.

From the Director's Desk

This letter is specifically for the parents of the elementary deaf students who will be moving to the Secondary Residence Education Program at Seaton Residence Hall for the '03-'04 school year.



Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to attend a Secondary Residence Education Program orientation session with your son or daughter on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the lobby of Seaton Residence Hall. At this meeting we will introduce you to the Intermedi-

ate CCWs (houseparents) and the program which is in the process of being developed for Secondary Residence Education. Much of our time will be spent explaining the after-school schedule and the programs for next year, but we will also discuss how you should plan for the following secondary residential school year.

Intermediate CCW personnel will be available for discussion with parents and students regarding the program and after-school activities. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM. This is an important meeting for both parents and students. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Marty Blakeley at 822-4865 (TTY) for any questions. If you do not have a TTY you may contact me by dialing the Relay Service 711.

Do you like Army? Yes, because it is a good job. Also, it is fun! It will help me to pay for college.

How old were you when you joined the Army? I was 17 years old.

How long have you been in the Army? Five years.

What do you like most about the Army? The people I have met in the Army. I've made a lot of friends.

Did you dream about being a soldier when you were a little boy? Yes, I did!

Would you like to go to war some day? I wouldn't mind going.

What is boot camp like? It was eight weeks long. We had to get up at 4:00 every morning. We ate breakfast at 8:00, then we worked all day and went to bed at 9 p.m.

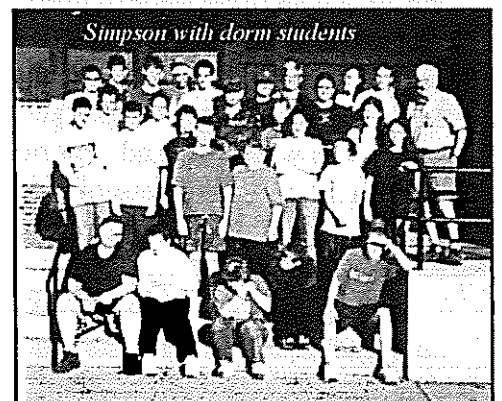
Do you have friends who are in the Middle East? Yes, I do. They call me on my cell phone

and tell me what it is like over there.

How far do you have to walk/run with your rucksack? 13 miles!

What do you hate most about the Army? The food.

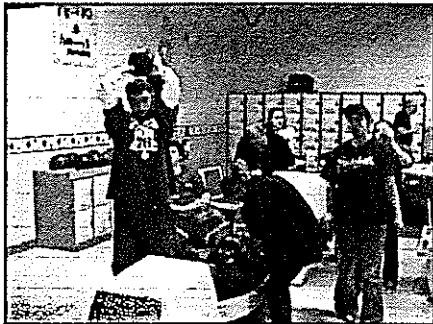
Is this your first time making a presentation at a deaf school? Yes, it is. I've enjoyed talking with the students, and I hope they enjoyed it too! Thank you for letting me come and speak to you about my journey in the Army. I had fun showing you all of the stuff we have to carry with us!



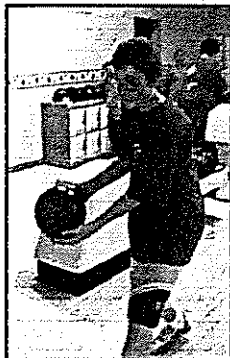
Simpson with dorm students

Club News

FBLA



Twenty-three club members and sponsors, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Adrian, recently enjoyed an evening of bowling and pizza. After bowling at the Rainbow Lanes in Keyser, the club drove back to Romney for pizza at Mario's.



As this year's special activity, members chose bowling, which was paid for by profits from their candy sales. Looks like they had a ball! (Tee Hee)

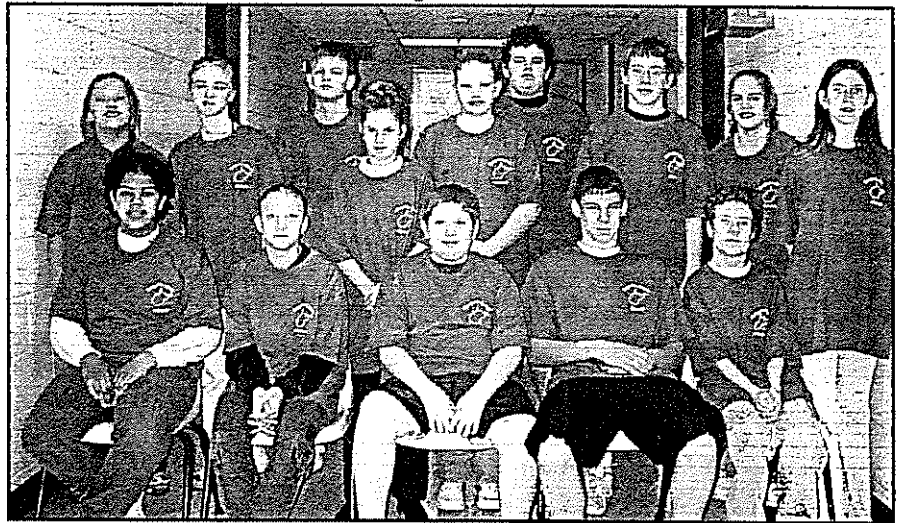
Senior Trips

by Bernadette Cewulka

For our first senior trip, our class went bowling in Keyser. We had tons of fun and everyone won at least one game. Then we went to Pizza Hut and had some good pizza from the buffet. We also went to Wal-Mart and bought some nice things.

On April 29th the seniors took their second trip to Luray Caverns. Part way into our 2 hour ride, we went to McDonalds and had a little snack. Finally we arrived at the caverns and experienced the 1-1/4 mile walk through the beautiful rocks and minerals. We also heard interesting stories involving its discovery a long time ago. The stories were pretty cool. On the way out of the caverns we

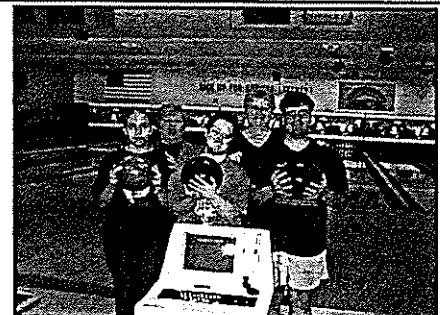
Gear Up T-Shirts



Last fall, Terry Withrow won a county-wide Gear Up T-shirt Design Contest. Pictured above are Gear Up participants wearing the t-shirts that Terry designed. Seated (left to right): Zelina Cooley, Pam Thompson, Justin Gregory, Justin Rhodes and Tyler Labin. Standing (left to right): Natasha Wolford, Lindsay Eversole, Lucas Turner, Megan Davis, Sarah Abernathy, Terry Withrow, Josh Harpine, Desiree Parmer, and Jessica Morrison.

Photo by Lisa Parent

ended up in a nice store and bought some things. We decided on the way out to check out the Antique Car Museum. It had nice old classic vehicles from the 1800's to the early 1900's. We really enjoyed seeing them. We also ended up in another store and bought some more nice things. The sponsors bought us some fudge, which was really good. Then I asked Mrs. Staley about Dippin' Dots. I had never tried it, so she bought peanut butter ice cream and we all tasted it. It was good but weird. After that, we went to the Golden Corral and ate a variety of delicious food. Everybody had what they wanted to eat. Finally, we arrived home. After a long day, our second senior trip ended.



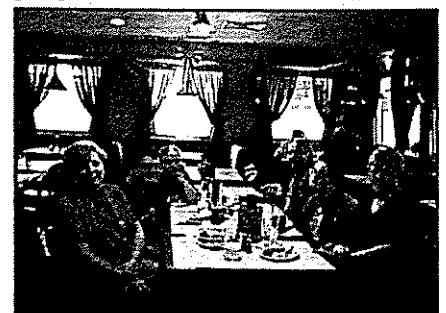
Bernie, Mrs. Brown, Becky, Mrs. Staley and Jared are ready to bowl!



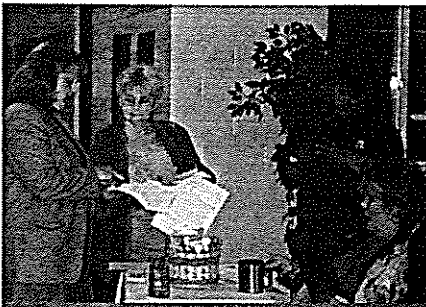
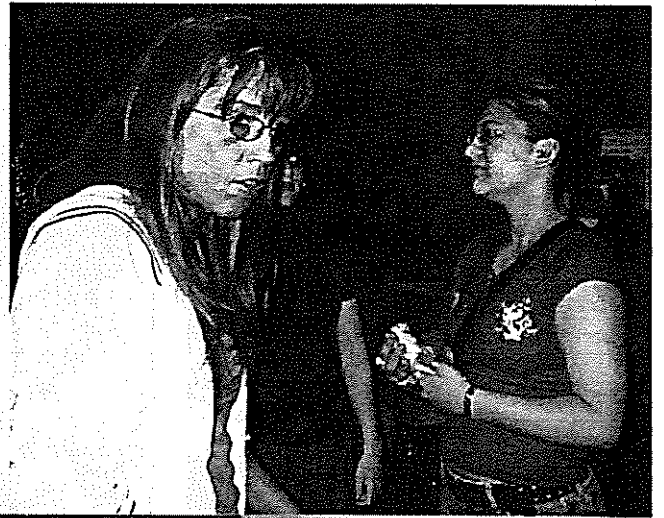
Above: Bernie, Jared and Becky; below, the group at Pizza Hut.



The group at Luray Caverns: Mrs. Staley, Becky, Jared, Bernie, and Mrs. Brown.



Scenes From Parents' Day





Jane McBride, Superintendent
Joseph Corbin, Principal

Joyce Barnes, Athletic Director
Mary Beth Surber, Coach



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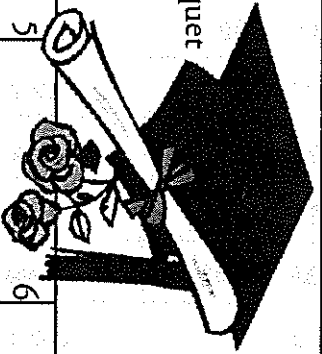
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September 15, 2003	Home	Virginia School Deaf	6 pm
September 16, 2003	Away	East Hardy (JV)	6 pm
September 18, 2003	Home	Moorefield (JV)	6 pm
September 22, 2003	Away	Mt. View Christian	6 pm
September 25, 2003	Home	Paw Paw	6 pm
September 29, 2003	Home	East Hardy (JV)	6 pm
September 30, 2003	Away	Virginia School Deaf	6 pm
October 2, 2003	Home	H.H.S. (9 th grade)	4 pm
October 7, 2003	Away	Moorefield (JV)	6 pm
October 9, 2003	Home	H.H.S. (9 th grade)	4 pm
October 14, 2003	Home	Western PA School for Deaf	7 pm
October 16, 2003	Away	Tri-Match @ Petersburg w/Petersburg w/Pocahontas	6 pm 7 pm
October 20, 2003	Away	Paw Paw	6 pm
October 22, 2003	Away	Tri-Match @ MSD w/Delaware W/Maryland School Deaf	6 pm 7 pm
October 25, 2003	Away	PVC Division II Playoffs @ East Hardy	TBA
October 28, 2003	Home	Mt. View Christian	6 pm
November 3-6, 2003	TBA	Sectionals	TBA
November 7-8, 2003	Away	ESDAA Division II Tournament at Mill Neck Manor, NY (6 teams)	TBA
November 8, 2003	TBA	Regionals	TBA
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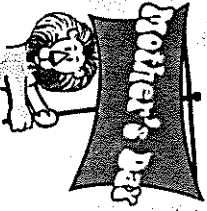
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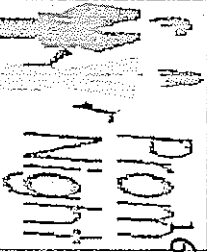


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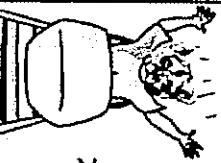
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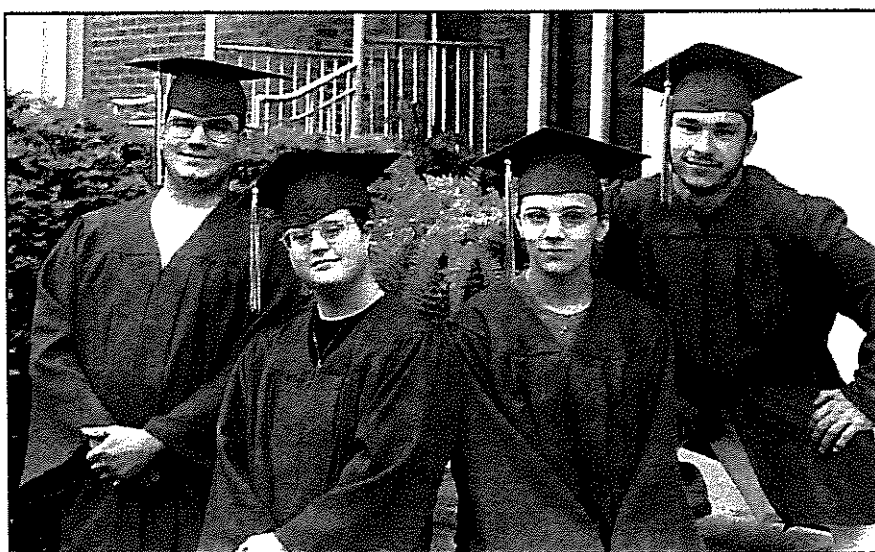
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BERNADETTE MARIE CEWULKA, Valedictorian, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Conklin and stepdaughter of Mr. Edward Conklin of Keyser. Bernadette participated in FBLA, VICA, and was a member of the Lions' Tale staff. Her plans include furthering her education in criminal law on animals, working for the ASPCA, and owning her own business.



CLASS OF 2003

Left to right: Jared Helsel, Becky Lett, Bernie Cewulka, and Phillip Fraley.

PHILLIP DWAYNE FRALEY is the son of Mrs. Phyllis DeBruyn and stepson of Mr. James DeBruyn of Martinsburg. During his two years at WVSD, Phillip participated in JR. NAD, VICA (2 yrs.), Tapestry, FBLA (2 yrs.), Track for HHS, Basketball, and was a member of the Lions' Tale staff. His plans include a summer job and attending the University of Illinois in Chicago. Also Phillip has an interest in James Rumsey Technical Institute and business.



JARED LANCE HELSEL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Helsel of Wellsburg. Jared participated in FBLA, VICA, FFA, JR. NAD, Special Olympics, HCSSC workshop, HCSSC Sunshine Club, and Boys' Varsity Basketball as manager. His plans include working at Wal-Mart in his home town and having his own apartment.



AMY REBECCA LETT is the daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Lett of Berkeley Springs. Becky participated in FBLA, VICA, FFA, JR. NAD, Special Olympics, HCSSC workshop, and HCSSC Sunshine Club. Becky's plans include volunteering at the library in Berkeley Springs.



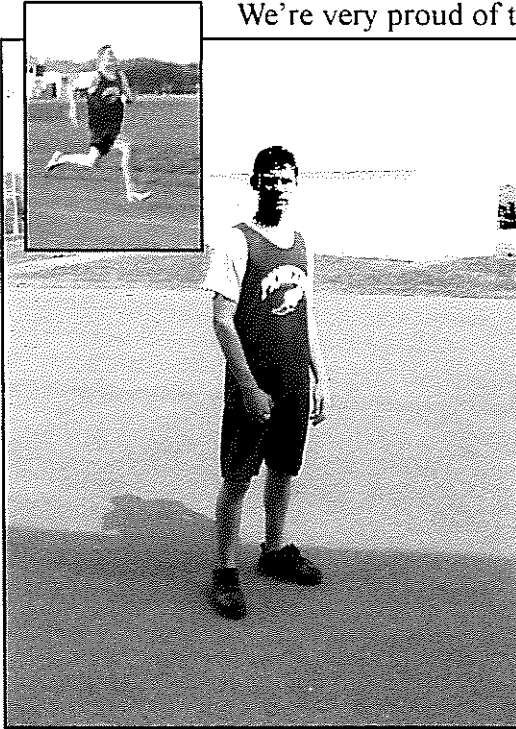
WE WILL MISS YOU!

WVSD Middle School Track and Field Athletes

Eighth graders Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow competed in track and field this year on the Romney Middle School (RMS) team.

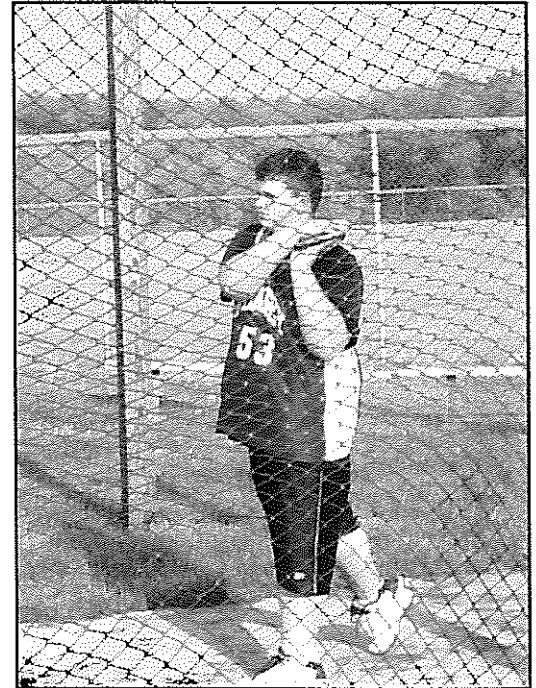
Justin was on relay teams and competed in the high jump. His teams frequently took first and second place. Congratulations to Justin on his first place 5'4" high jump which was a school record for both WVSD and RMS. Terry competed in discus events.

We're very proud of these young men for their commitment and dedication!



Justin Rhodes (left) before a relay race, and during a race (inset).

Terry (right) gets ready to throw the discus.



Photos by Carolyn Rockow

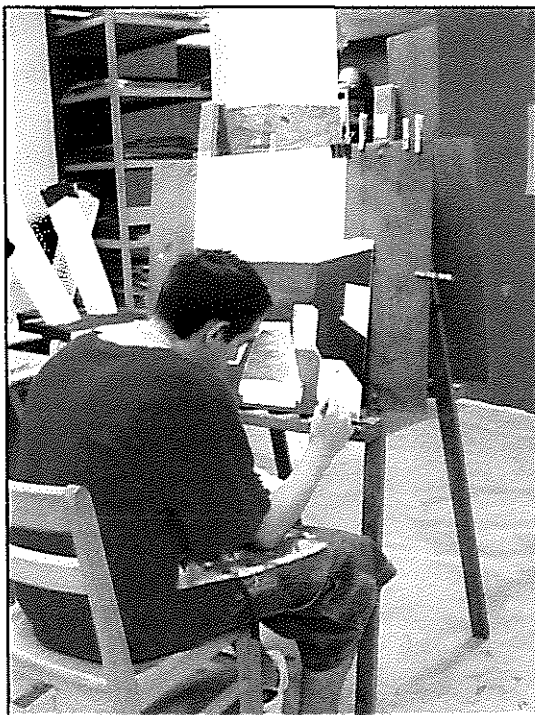


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins

Artist Corey Grace in Action

Sophomore Corey Grace is studying "perspective" in Mrs. Judd's art class. Corey decided to make a painting of his room at home as an example of this technique.

Congratulations

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Vice-President	Corey Grace
Secretary	Brian Cross
Treasurer	Brad Grey
Reporter	Paul Parent, Jr.
Sentinel	Josh Bittner

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MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Becky: When Rhonda tried to steal my boyfriend.

Jared: When I behaved immaturely and put a hole in the wall.

Phillip: When Mrs. Brown took Lisa, Holly, Jeremy, Paul, and me to Fox's Pizza for a birthday luncheon, she went around pulling our ears once for each year of our lives.

Bernie: I wasn't here long enough to get embarrassed!

What will you miss the most?

Bernie: I will miss Mrs. Heare's and Mrs. Dodgins' classes, all those great conversations! Mrs. Heare, don't forget that day we had you rollin' — it was good to see you laugh. The bus ride home daily, having great conversations with Christie. I will miss everyone who gave me joy.

Jared: School, dorm, friends, workshop, teachers, and houseparents.

Becky: I'll miss my houseparents, workshop, and teachers.

Phillip: Mrs. Heare and Mrs. Dodgins, 'cuz I love being in their classes! And chillin' in the dorm, playing around.

Last words to classmates

Phillip: Have fun without me, you all. Take care of my room, locker, books, chairs, and desks. It's about time that I'm out of here for good! Thanks for the opportunities at WVSD and thanks for your help. I will miss you all!

Becky: Hope you enjoy Special Olympics as much as I did!

Bernie: "Sky is the limit and you know that you keep on, Just keep on pressing Sky is the limit and you know that you can have what you want, pressing what you want, Pressing what you want. What you want, Be what you want, Have what you want." Have fun while I'm out, take care of the teachers, respect them, and you'll earn it too. I will miss you all. Remember me. I brightened your days.

Jared: Hope you have great homerooms like I did with Mrs. Staley, Ms. Cosner, Mr. Kesler, Mrs. Boley, and Mrs. Brown.

I Bequeath . . .

Becky: My CDs to some of the girls.

Jared: My special Olympics abilities to the other students.

Phillip: My *Fast and the Furious* stories to Keith; my laugh to Jeremy; my firing skills to Hannah; my sense of humor to Lisa; my stubbornness to Brad and Corey; my smile to Lisa; my friendliness to Jon Boy, my love to Lisa.

Bernie: My smiles and laughs to Mrs. Heare, my shining days to Mrs. Dodgins, hearing aids to Mr. Mals, my history smile to "Mr. Man," my booty shaking skills to Mr. Corbin, my place in the senior class to Mindy, my sense of humor to Jess, my ghettoness to Jeremy, my quietness to Lisa, my maturity to Zelina, my desk, seats, locker to some lucky person, my answer book to Ashley, and the books to the trash. Don't worry Mrs. Heare, they're not your books I'm throwing out.

Gear-Up Camp at Cedar Lakes

by Mrs. Judd

Students from WVSD participated in the West Virginia statewide Gear-Up Camp held at Cedar Lakes May 27-29. The camp is just one activity designed to encourage middle-school students to stay in school and develop the skills needed to attend college.

Activities during the 3-day camp included more than 20 classes from which to choose, an academic bowl, talent show, dance, pizza party, trips to local historic sites, swimming and sports activities, and getting to know other campers from around the state. Each camper was presented with an award for participating in the camp during the awards ceremony.

Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall, WVSD instructor, was a class presenter. She showed the videotape about our school and taught some basic signs to campers from across the state.

All of the WVSD students had a great time at the camp. Those attending were Sarah Abernathy, Megan Davis, Justin Gregory, Josh Harpine, Tyler Labin, Desiree Parmer, Justin Rhodes, Lucas Turner, and Terry Withrow.

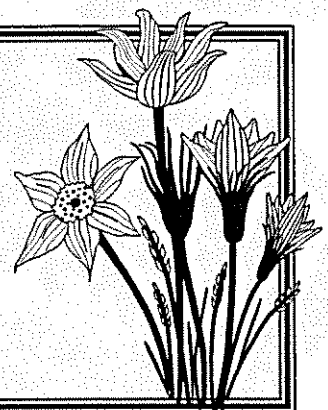


Thank You...

for the wonderful flowers and balloons during my stay in the hospital:

Bonnie Sipple, Cookie Hott, Becky Nealis, Mike Surber, Tim Slocum, Kirk Shanholtz, Al McKee, Mary Buckley, and Marty Blakely

-- Barry Nealis



Tapestry Performs at Ocean City

by Lisa Parent, Carolyn Rockow,
and Mindy Spencer

Why did you go to Ocean City?

Mindy: We performed on the Boardwalk. But we also worked hard to earn the money so we could go there. This was my first trip to Ocean City! I really loved it! It is such a pretty place for a vacation. I have some great memories of our Ocean City trip, and I'll never forget our experiences. I hope we can go somewhere like the Bahamas next year.

Jessica: Lisa, Carolyn and I saw many cute boys. Carolyn and I laughed so hard at Lisa because she got a tattoo. I had lots fun with Mindy, Bradley, Carolyn, and Lisa. **Mrs Davy:** Everything about Ocean City was perfect, especially our WVSD students! They are great! My favorite evening was going to Seacret's and watching our students have a good time!

What do you like the most about Ocean City?

Mindy: Ocean City is such a wonderful place, and everywhere you go, there's a great view! I just think it is a wonderful place for anyone to go and enjoy laying on the beach with no one to bother you, and relaxing.

Lisa: All the many pretty places and the views of the ocean and all the lights! I loved going to Seacret's for dinner — the food was delicious! What I also liked was walking on the boardwalk and looking at all the different styles of clothes, shoes, etc. I also liked riding the Ocean City Rocket Boat (but it was very



Photo by Mr. Bill Saville

Front row, left to right: Jessica Morrison, Carolyn Rockow and Lisa Parent. Second row, left to right: Ashley Lease, Hannah Pauley, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello. Back row, left to right: Josh Bittner and Bradley Grey. Not pictured: Paul Parent, Keith Richardson, and Billy White.

cold!). I had to wear a sweatshirt and blue jeans shorts over my swimsuit, and so did Jessica. Jessica and I thought we were going to freeze to death!

What is the funniest thing that happened at Ocean City?

Mindy: Bradley, Lisa, and I went to a real cool place. As we walked in, a guy give us a lighter that we thought was real, but when we pushed the button, it shocked us! We laughed so hard that we looked like we were crying. We bought one and tricked the other kids and staff into trying it. You should have seen the expressions on their faces as they pushed the button!

Lisa: We entered a place where

they did fake tattoos and wrapped hair. Carolyn thought that wrapping hair cost one dollar. She told the woman which color she wanted, and the woman wrapped Carolyn's hair. Then the woman wrote on a piece of paper telling Carolyn how much it cost — \$11.50! Carolyn looked at me and I looked on the poster, which said "\$1.00 per inch". I told Carolyn, "No, it costs \$1.00 *per inch*!" Carolyn said, "I don't care, and I'll pay for it!" So I laughed at her. Then Carolyn dared me to get a fake tattoo, so I told her I didn't know if I wanted to do that. She told me that it would be only fair, because I laughed at her for paying \$11.50 to get her hair wrapped. So I told her, "Fine I'll do it then!" So, I did it.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

by Mrs. Judd

The 2002-03 Special Olympics were held May 14 on Rannells Field at Hampshire High School. WVSD had 11 students participating in the games. We marched in the parade. Becky Lett and Jared Helsel held our school's banner. We saw the torch being brought onto the field. We saw several people speaking to the crowd and reciting the Special Olympic Pledge together: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Then the games began. We ran, and ran, and ran. We walked as fast as we could. We threw softballs, tennis balls, and shotputs. We received many ribbons and medals. We played a fishing game and got our faces painted.

We all had lunches of pizza, brought to the games by many different pizza places in Romney. We had soda and cookies. Mr Corbin came to see us at lunch time and helped with the races. WVSD received first place for our banner. The theme was "Everyone is a Champion."

Participants were Becky Lett, Jared Helsel, Mark King, Megan Davis, Nina Hedrick, Mark Wheelwright, Desiree Parmer, Natasha Wolford, Robbie Cranfield, John Michael Oldaker, and Lindsay Eversole. Mr. Adrain, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Kesler, and Mrs. Judd were chaperones.



Special Olympians holding the winning banner.

Very Special Arts Festival

by Mrs. Judd

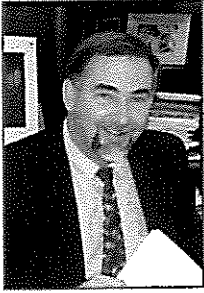
On May 21, students from WVSD traveled to Morgantown to participate in the Very Special Arts Festival at Mylan Park.

In the morning, participants made many different kinds of art. A variety of music played while many kids tie-dyed t-shirts, made beaded necklaces, worked on spinning art, finger-painted, tipped painted marbles over paper, painted murals, layered colored sand in bottles, wove god's eyes, and got their faces painted. Kids in wheelchairs put paint on their tires and covered a very big piece of paper with colorful tracks. They used chalk to color the ground. We also hugged a unicorn riding a wheelchair.

We watched a ball game played on The Miracle Field. The ground is covered with a spongy covering, so it is very soft and safe for anyone to run, play on, and fall down. Governor Wise came to the park at 1 p.m. to cut the tape for the opening of the field.

Everyone had a lot of fun at the VSA Festival. Students attending were Nina Hedrick, Mark Wheelwright, Robbie Cranfield, and John Oldaker. Chaperones were Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Baldwin.





Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

One of the most profound statements that I ever read stated that "the best climber on the mountain is the one having the most fun." Application of this principle could be made for most all we do in life in that we should enjoy and make the most of everything we do. It could be referred to as staying on top, allowing nothing to get us down.

For the most part I see this kind of attitude reflected in the staff at our school. What a great advantage for children to work with adults who are passionate about their job and enjoy doing the task at hand. They freely give of themselves for the benefit of those they serve, often going far above and beyond the call of duty and enjoying it. In my humble opinion, they are the best climbers on the

mountain. Without a doubt our students, if they haven't already, will some day realize that WVSD is a very special place because there are so many special people who serve here.

So, on behalf of the students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the many times they have gone the "extra mile" for them. I also would be remiss not to mention that I consider it a privilege to serve with them.

Without a doubt, graduation day at WVSD is an incredibly emotional day for all of us but especially for our graduating seniors. Leaving their "home away from home" will not be easily done, and the special relationships they have made here will be long remembered. We extend our very best wishes to our graduates for a happy and successful future.



ences with the parents and their children. Pam Thompson and Josh Harpine, seventh graders, did a fantastic job with their presentation. Also, the Intermediate CCW personnel were open to suggestions and concerns from parents and students regarding the programs and after-school activities.

Refreshments were served, and we sensed that the parents and Elementary Deaf students enjoyed every minute of this orientation session!

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of '03

On behalf of our Seaton Hall staff, congratulations to Bernadette Cewulka, Phillip Fraley Jared Helsel, Becky Lett on the occasion of your graduation from West Virginia School for the Deaf! We commend you most highly for your untiring efforts and your achievements. You have impressed us through your formative years as truly wonderful students. You have always tried your best to fulfill your potential.

During the past few years, we have watched as you have grown in poise and confidence, and we have been pleased to see that growth. You have contributed much to WVSD, and that contribution has helped your own development.

We know you will do well in any endeavor you attempt in the future and will continue to make all of us, including your parents, proud of your accomplishments. More than that, we know you will continue to be the fine young citizens you have become.

Best wishes in all the years ahead. May they be happy and fulfilling ones for you!



The Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

A Secondary Residence Education (SRE) Program orientation session was held in

the lobby of Seaton Hall on Thursday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. The orientation session was attended by parents of Elementary students moving to the SRE Program at Seaton Hall for the 2003-04 school year.

At the session, we introduced the parents to the Intermediate

CCWs (houseparents), the nearly completed SRE program, and our voice interpreter. Much of the time was spent explaining the after-school schedule and the programs/activities for the '03-'04 school year. Also, we discussed how the parents should plan for the secondary residential school years.

Two of our students, who moved from the Elementary Deaf dormitory last year to our dormitory, then shared their learning experi-