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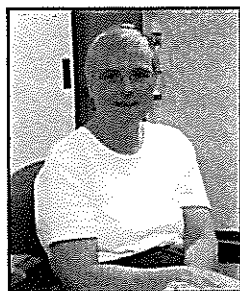
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WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Dr. Patsy Shank is New Superintendent

Interview by P. Thompson and J. Holliday
Photo of Dr. Shank by Pamela Thompson



Dr. Shank, how did you become interested in teaching at WVSDB? Before I came to WVSD, I taught at the Medical School at West Virginia University.

I wanted to be a scientist, but one day I was home (Keyser, WV) and a woman at my church mentioned that there was a one-year position available as a science teacher at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. I took that job in 1981 and loved it, so I stayed. **How did you become interested in being the Superintendent of WVSDB?** I took this job because I wanted a challenge, and because I have some new ideas. I have about ten more years until I retire, and I thought it would be a good way to continue my years here.

When did you begin your career at WVSDB? October 5, 1981 - twenty-six years ago!

What positions have you held since coming to this campus? I started as a science teacher at the Secondary School for the Deaf (grades 7-12). During my last few years there, I taught half a day and served as the campus coordinator of grants and federal programs, staff development, and technology the other half of the day. In July 1997, I became principal of the Elementary School for the Deaf.

Where is your hometown? Keyser, WV. I graduated from Keyser High School and still have a home there, but part of the time I live here on campus.

Where did you receive your degrees? I have a BA degree in biology from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA; I have an MA degree in deaf education from McDaniel College, Westminster, MD; and my doctorate is in school administration and supervision from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. I've also completed a lot of graduate work at WVU in Morgantown.

What do you think is the most positive thing about our school? The sense of community, the support of staff and students - these make us feel like a family. The fact that we have a small number of students is a positive thing in regard to everyone getting to know each other.

What are your goals for WVSDB? To be the best school for the Deaf and the Blind in the United States. I want students to learn about 21st Century technology. I think technology will be everyone's future, including those with vision and hearing issues. I hope we can work with other schools to give students more education. I would like to see a lot more collaboration for the deaf. I would like to see more interaction between staff and students. I would like to see more involvement with alumni and other groups. I am trying to find ways that we can spread the word about our school.

Do you think you can improve our school? I really hope to succeed in improving our school!

What are your feelings about being named Superintendent? It is a huge honor, because I never expected it. If someone had told me 25 years ago that I would be appointed as superintendent of WVSDB, I would have never believed it. This is a big responsibility, but it is also a huge honor.

Deaf Awareness Week 2007

by Mr. Marty Blakely,
DAW Coordinator

On behalf of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, we are honored to host Deaf Awareness Week (DAW).

WVSD&B is the hub of West Virginia's deaf community and that is why we are so proud to annually host DAW. We want to thank everyone who makes this event happen in order to help make WVSD&B a strong and growing unity between Deaf and Hard of Hearing people.

The real purpose of DAW is to show the community that Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) people can make a difference. DAW is one of our favorite weeks of the year because it makes us realize how much D/HH people have achieved. We hope that everyone here will learn about the Deaf Community through our kickoff on Monday, some of the workshops we will be having throughout the week, and learning about the famous deaf boxer, "Fitzie" Hilton Fitzpatrick. A Deaf magician and Deaf Russian dancer are scheduled for our last night.

If you want to know more about this event, email Marty Blakely at mblakely@access.k12.wv.us. We hope everyone learns something new and enjoys every minute of DAW.

Have a wonderful Deaf Awareness Week!

WVSD Welcomes New Students



Photo by Pamela Thompson

Left to Right: Scott Dotson, Brandon Lewis, Brandi McGowan, and Ashley Moon.

New Students Interviewed

What is your name? *Scott Michael Dotson*

How old are you? *15*

Where do you live? *Parkersburg*

What are your parents' names?

Pamela Dotson

Do you have siblings? *One brother and one sister*

What is the name of your former school? *Van Devender Junior High*

What grade are you in? *9th*

What is your favorite class? *Math*

Why did you choose this school? *WVSD makes me happy.*

Do you have hobbies? *Video games and playing basketball.*

What is your name? *Brandi Lee McGowan*

How old are you? *17*

Where do you live? *Mt. Storm*

What are your parents' names? *Jeff McGowan and Betty Hartzell*

Do you have siblings? *One brother and one sister*

What is the name of your former school? *Warren County High School*

What grade are you in? *12th*

What is your favorite class? *English*

Why did you choose this school? *I wanted to come to a deaf school.*

Do you have hobbies? *Reading*

What is your name? *Brandon Allan Lewis*

How old are you? *15*

Where do you live? *Elkins*

What are your parents' names? *Mark and Tamara Lewis*

Do you have siblings? *Two sisters and one brother*

What is the name of your former school? *Elkins High School*

What grade are you in? *10th*

What is your favorite class? *Math*

Why did you choose this school?

Public school has too many people. Here, I can understand teachers better.

Do you have hobbies? *Playing basketball*

What is your name? *Ashley Moon*

How old are you? *13*

Where do you live? *Romney*

What are your parents' names? *Ms. Kimberly Cain*

Do you have siblings? *Five sisters and two brothers*

What is the name of your former school? *Warm Springs Middle School*

What grade are you in? *8th*

What is your favorite class? *Science*

Why did you choose this school?

Public school couldn't provide for my needs.

Do you have hobbies? *Playing volleyball*

Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

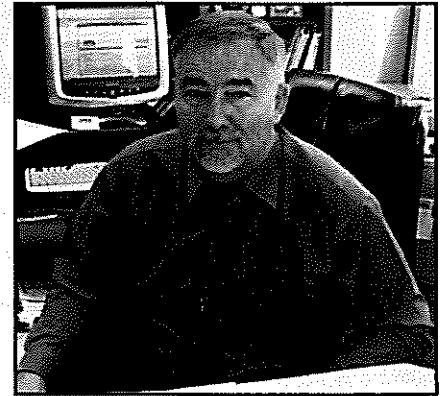


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Throughout the school year there are some very special times for a principal, but my absolute favorite is the first day of school. Our opening day tradition is to begin by meeting with all students and staff. It is a real treat for me to see the faces of our students so eager and anxious to get their education started in a new school year. Their excitement and intensity levels are off the scale. It is fun and it inspires me to work with the students when they are so excited.

The faces of our teaching staff indicated an equal match for the students. They appeared to be well rested and ready for a fresh start. It is good to see well rested teachers, as that look seems to fade as we move further into the school year.

Our students have the good fortune of teachers who work very hard to maximize their educational experience by providing curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities. Our small but mighty teaching staff wears many "hats" in addition to their teaching duties. They serve as coaches, class sponsors, and club sponsors to name a few. The school calendar is already beginning to fill with some excellent learning experiences for students.

The smiles and contentment that I see in the hallways and in the classrooms are good indicators that our school year is off to a good start. I, too, look forward to "new beginnings" and a great school year at WVSD.

From the Director of Student Life

by Mrs. Williams

The Seaton Hall new year started August 19 with smiles and hugs as staff members greeted returning and new students. Everyone helped get suitcases and boxes moved into dorm rooms and once again Seaton Hall was transformed into home-away-from home for our residential students. As we begin our new year, we continue to be grateful to parents who support our high expectations for responsible and respectful student behavior.

We have some new students to welcome in the dorm this year. On the girls' side, our new students are Ashley (8th grade) and Brandi (12th grade). On the boys' side are Chris (7th grade), Scott (9th grade), and Brandon (10th grade). Several local students opted to be dorm students and all dorm floors are almost at capacity. The dorm atmosphere is always lively!

Our students are ambassadors of good will as they participate in community events, and we are especially proud of their polite and respectful actions on and off campus. Since returning to school, dorm trips have included the Hampshire County Fair, Hampshire High JV and varsity football games, a Romney Middle School football game, and an all-you-can eat dinner in Keyser. We also enjoyed Hampshire Heritage Days. Some dorm students went to see a Civil War encampment and reenactment and others took advantage of the many exhibits and demonstrations set up around town. We try to post photos of dorm events, so look for them if you are in Seaton Hall.

Girls' volleyball season has started and the team is looking forward to traveling to the ESDAA volleyball tournament in New York the weekend of October 19-21. Girls participating in volleyball will stay at Seaton

Hall before and after the trip as it occurs during a homegoing weekend.

Some WVSD students are participating in sports at Hampshire High. Junior Page Miller is currently the "7th man," on the HHS cross country team and contributes to HHS team points at area meets. Sophomore Roddy Stuckley is playing JV and Varsity football. DeSean Thomas is playing football at Romney Middle School. Athletic interpreters include Seaton Hall staff members Barry Nealis, David Nester, and Tim Slocum.

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

There have been a few staff changes at Seaton Hall this year. Elsie Carlson has moved from night floater to the regular CCW in advanced girls. Brenda Blaylock has moved into Elsie's former position. We welcome Barb Kidwell who has taken the day floater position. Our regular staff assignments are: Advanced Boys: Barry Nealis and Kirk Shanholtz; Intermediate Boys: Eddie Racey and Tim Slocum; Advanced Girls: Becky Axel and Kim Buckley; Intermediate Girls: Henry Fields and Cookie Hott. Regular night staff assignments are Advanced Boys: David Nester; Intermediate Boys: Susan Swenson; Advanced Girls: Elsie Carlson; and Intermediate Girls: Liz Arnold.

This month, Seaton Hall child care worker Becky Axel is featured. She has worked on the advanced girls' floor for the past three years. Becky worked at the Special Services Workshop for seven years prior to

coming to Seaton Hall where she worked in a supervisory capacity with workshop clients. Becky brings an energetic and thoughtful approach as she works with our students. She often helps with gym activities and provides a listening ear for our older girls. Outside Seaton hall, Becky enjoys motorcycle riding and fishing.

All of us were excited to see our new superintendent, Dr. Patsy Shank, as she welcomed students at dinner the first night back. Dr. Shank brings new ideas and great support to residential life, and we are fortunate to have such an interested and enthusiastic leader.

Principal J.D. Corbin continues to be involved in our dorm life. Having spent many years as a teacher, director of student life, and principal, his input is particularly helpful with day-to-day events and concerns in the dorm. Of course, our business director, Kristin Willard, and director of maintenance, Steve Triplett, have assisted behind the scenes with our building maintenance and improvements. The boys' dorm is scheduled to get a kitchen soon and that will add great depth to our residential emphasis on independent living skills. Custodians Lisa Ganoe and Tim Shoemaker have made Seaton Hall sparkle as they managed to complete a record number of major maintenance tasks while working around the many activities over the summer in Seaton Hall.

As Director of Student Living, I am privileged to work with the outstanding staff and inspiring students who work and live in Seaton Hall. As the year progresses, I will continue to have an open door for students, parents, and staff. You may reach me by email: nwilliam@access.k12.wv.us or by phone in the Seaton Hall DSL office, 304-822-4865 voice/TDD.

SEATON HALL CHILD CARE WORKERS



(Left) Seated, left to right: Eddie Racey, Susan Swenson, Barry Nealis, Cookie Hott, David Nester. Standing: Tim Slocum, Liz Arnold, Becky Axel, Elsie Carlson, Kim Buckley, Henry Fields, Brenda Blaylock, Kirk Shanholtz.



Right: Barb Kidwell.

Lady Lions

VOLLEYBALL

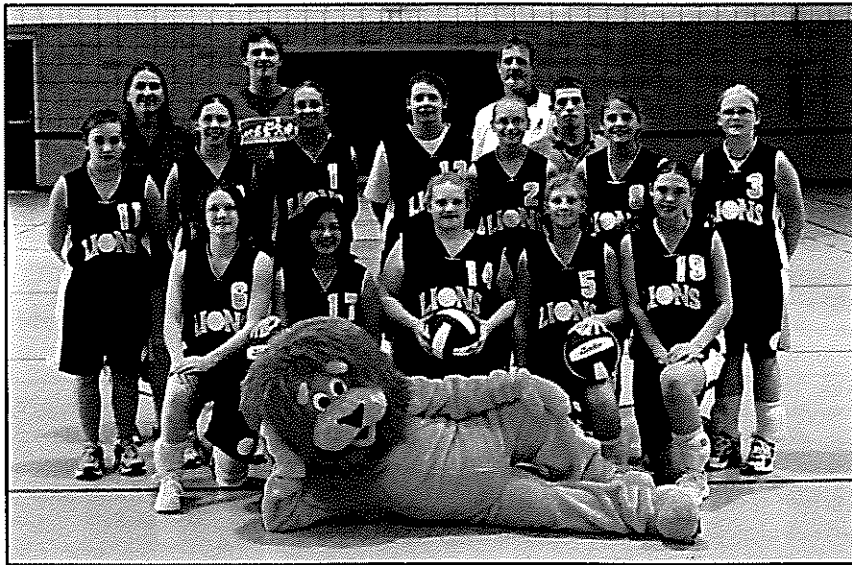


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VARSIITY TEAM

Front: WVSD Lion Mascot. Kneeling, left to right: Polly Hodge, Brandi McGowan, Sarah Abernathy, Pam Thompson, Tiffany Friend. Standing, left to right: Chelsea Hill, Mrs. Mary Kesler, Coach; Maddie Mongold, Jason Holliday, Manager; Samantha Johnson, Cassie Heaster, Shawna Weatherholt, Mr. Bob Haines, Athletic Director; Michael Jarvis, Scorekeeper; Amber Williams, Chelsea Tallman.



Photo by Justin Gregory

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

Front: WVSD Lion Mascot. Standing, left to right: Shelby Hose, Miranda Minor, Ashley Moon, Taylor Shipley, Sara Isner, Chasity Hammond. Back, left to right: Mrs. Mary Kesler, Coach; Mr. Bob Haines, Athletic Director; Jason Holliday, Manager; Michael Jarvis, Scorekeeper.

by Mr. Bob Haines
Athletic Director

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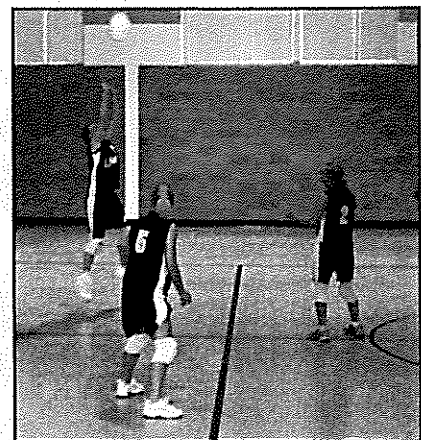
The varsity volleyball team opened the season at home against the Pirates of Paw Paw. After a slow start, the girls hustled in game #3 but fell short 25-23.

The Lions traveled to Winchester, VA and came home with a 3-2 advantage followed by a 3-0 sweep at home vs. Shenandoah. The varsity record stands at 2-1 matches and 6-5 game record.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school girls' team has won matches against both Mt. View and Shenandoah Valley. Game record is 4-1. The teams are coached by Mrs. Mary Kesler.

Attendance has been good at the games with parents, staff, friends, alumni, and one big lion showing support!



Polly Hodge sets the ball for a spike.

FFA's Top Salesperson

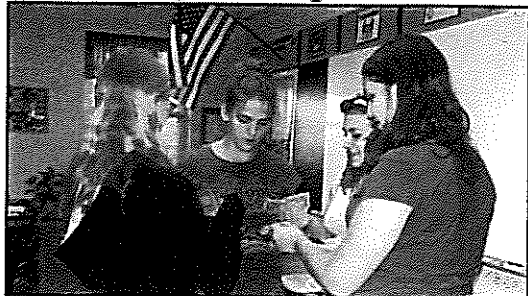
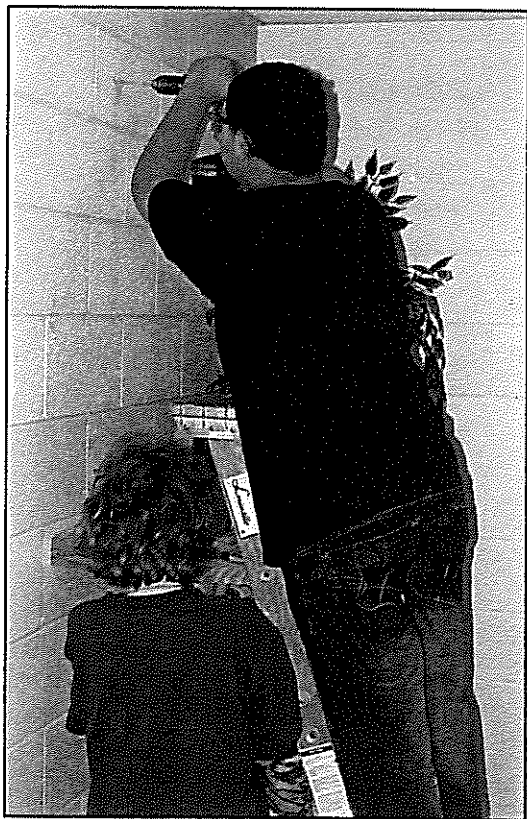


Photo by Chelsea Tallman
Amber Williams is selling meat sticks during homeroom to fellow freshmen Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Hill, and Holly Ramos.

Several members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization will be going to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana Oct. 23-26. In order to raise money, this group has been selling meat sticks all over campus.

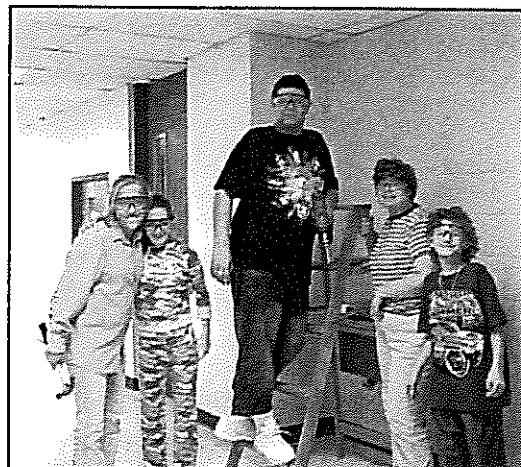
When asked who the top salesperson is, Mr. Leatherman said, "Amber Williams is our top salesperson so far. She has sold more meat sticks than all the other students combined!"

Sprucing Up The Halls



Mrs. Heare and Mrs. Staley would like to thank Mr. Saville's 4th and 5th period classes for helping to prepare the walls for the new inspirational artwork being hung on the second floor. Great job!
(Left) Josh King using a drill.

(Right) Natasha Wolford, Megan Davis, Josh King, Stephanie Bailey, and James Hudson.



Photos by Mrs. Heare

OFF CAMPUS SPORTS

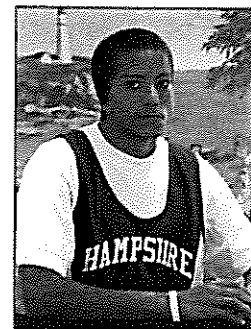
by Mr. Bob Haines, Athletic Director

Roddy Stickley and Page Miller reported to campus early this summer to prepare for their upcoming sport seasons as members of the Hampshire Trojans.

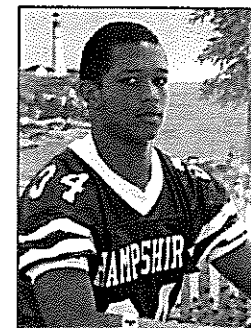
The Trojan cross country team has Page Miller again, running like the wind. The junior spent the summer running and playing basketball. Page has a personal best time of 19:15 and finished 2nd in Huntington competing against over 100 runners. The HHS coaches are very pleased with his performance and boast a strong team for State competition.

Roddy, a freshman standout on last year's squad, came into the "athletic dorm" in very good condition. He is now 6'1" and weighs 178 lbs. Roddy will be playing full-back and defensive end. He has scored three TD's to date.

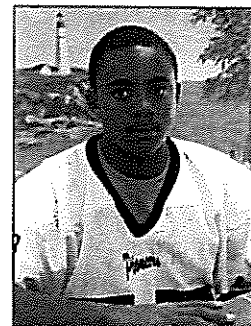
The third member of our off-campus squad is DeSean Thomas of Keyser. DeSean showed up in August to join the Romney Middle School Pioneers football team. The 165 lb. tackle is enjoying his time on the field. During his game at Shepherdstown, he recorded seven tackles. The eighth grader is being used in multiple positions on offense and defense.



Junior Page Miller



Sophomore Roddy Stickley



Eighth Grader DeSean Thomas

ABCORNER

by Mr. Blakely, AB Coordinator

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind will host the 2008 Gallaudet University High School Academic Bowl (AB) for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, Mid-Atlantic Region, March 6-9. This is the first time WVSDB has been selected to host an Academic Bowl in the Mid-Atlantic Region since Gallaudet University established its first Academic Bowl in 1997.

This year we have ten highly motivated high school students who will be participating in AB tryouts through February 2008.

AB participants made the following comments:

Sarah Abernathy, Senior: It is my last year, so I want to participate in the AB tryouts. It will be great learning more in AB this year. I hope I make the team!

Tiffany Friend, Junior: I hope we go all the way and become champions!

Chelsea Hill, Freshman: What a new learning experience for me, but I love it!

Jason Holliday, Junior: Good luck, contestants, and have fun!

Mike Jarvis, Junior: Two thumbs up!

Brandi McGowan, Senior: This is my first time trying out for AB, and hopefully I'll make the team and learn new things.

Page Miller, Junior: Go, Go, Go Lions!!!!!!!

Maddie Mongold, Sophomore: We are Number One!

Jessica Spencer, Senior: It's truly a great experience to participate on such a great team!

Roderick Stickley, Freshman: It has been an honor for me to come back and compete again.

SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 1-5, 2007



MONDAY - Dress Up Day

*King/Queen & Prince/Princess crowned in the MPR - 11:45 a.m.

*Picnic Lunch at School for the Blind pavilion - 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - PJ Day

*Class Skits (all grades) in the MPR - 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY - Favorite

Sports Team Shirt & Hat Day

*Food Handlers class - 1:15 - 3:30 p.m.

*Dorm Activities

THURSDAY - Blue & Gold

Day (Show your WVSD Spirit!)

*Pep Rally at 12:00 noon

*VB vs. Moorefield in the WVSD gym - 2:00 p.m.

*Homecoming Dance in the Student Union - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY - Casual Clothes Day

*Spirit Stick awarded in the MPR - 10:30 a.m.

Show Your Pride!

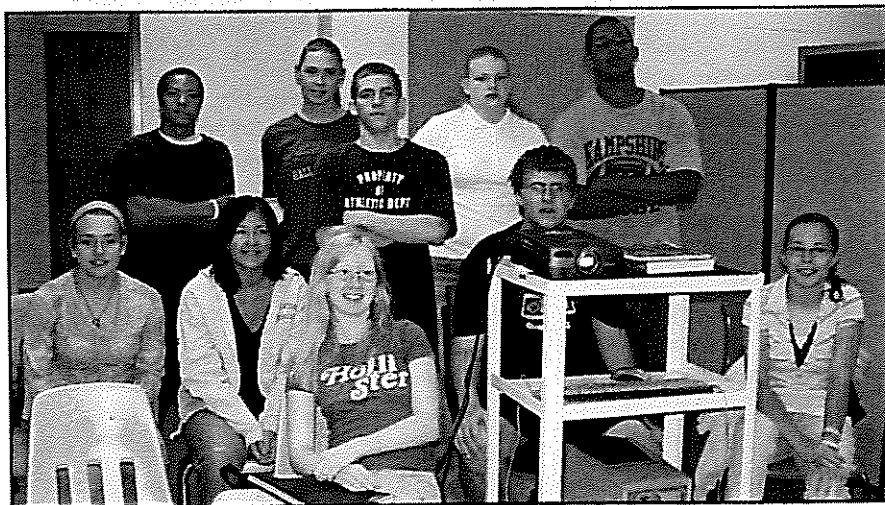
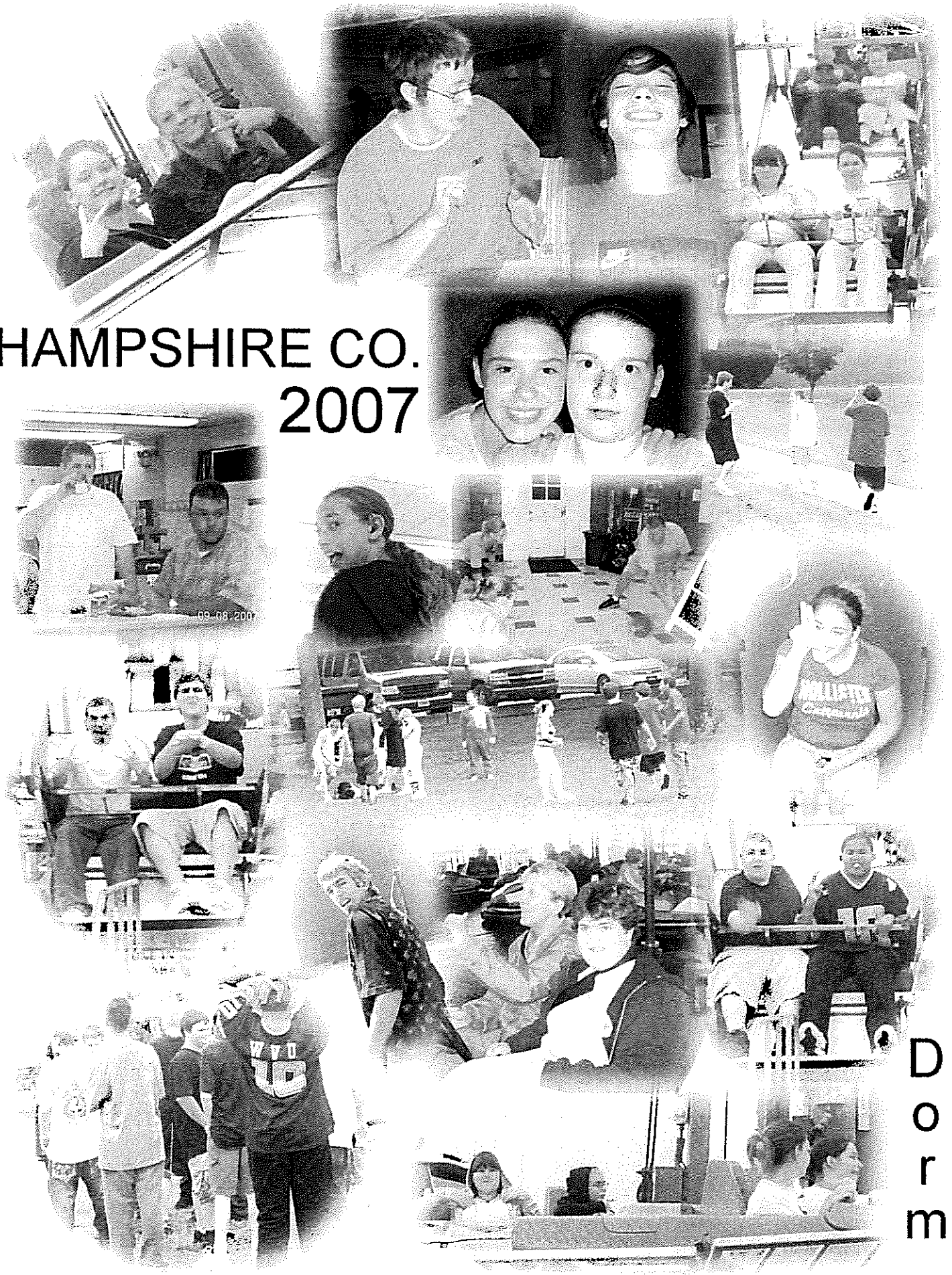


Photo by Mr. Blakely

Seated, left to right: Chelsea Hill, Brandi McGowan, Jessica Spencer, Jason Holliday, and Maddie Mongold. Standing: Page Miller, Tiffany Friend, Michael Jarvis, Sarah Abernathy, and Roddy Stickley.

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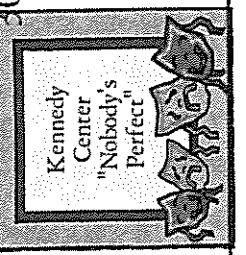
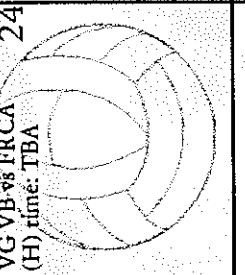
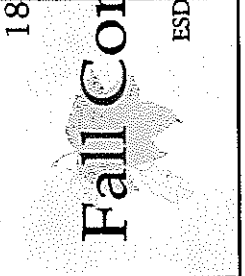
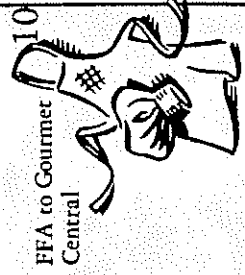
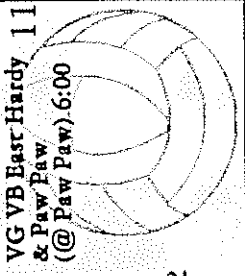
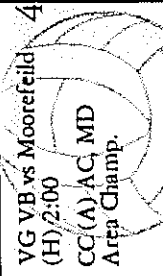
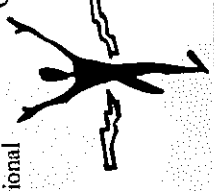


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RETURN TO SCHOOL	7 EXPLORE & PLAN Testing - 8th & 10th Grades - a.m.	8 VG VB @ Moorefield 6:00 CC(H) Frankfort	9 FFA to Gourmet Central	10 VG VB East Hardy & Paw Paw (@ Paw Paw) 6:00	11 HHS V FB @ Fort Hill, MD	12 CC(A) Northern, MD Invitational
14	15 EXPLORE & PLAN Testing - 8th & 10th Grades - a.m.	16 EXPLORE & PLAN Testing - 8th & 10th Grades - a.m.	17 HOMEGOING	18 HHS V FB (H) vs Musselman	19 Fall Conference ESDAA Volleyball Tournament @ RSD	20
RETURN TO SCHOOL	21 VG VB vs HHS JV (H) 4:30	22 VG VB vs FRCA (H) time: TBA	23 VG VB vs FRCA (H) time: TBA	24 HHS V FB @ Southern, MD	25 HHS V FB @ Southern, MD	26 HHS V FB @ Southern, MD
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WVSD Spirit Week



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David Worlobah: Our Visit to WVSD

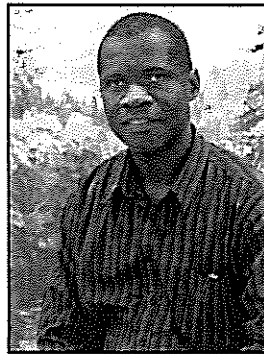
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Editor's Note: We have had some very special visitors from Liberia at WVSD&B this year. We asked Mr. David Worlobah to tell their story.

I am Mr. David T. Worlobah, II, the Director of the **Hope For The Deaf School** of the United Methodist Church, situated in the city of Monrovia, specifically on the compound of the United Methodist Church in Sinkor. I am responsible for coordinating and planning programs, as well as monitoring instructor and student performance to make sure that it is in accordance with the school's own

academic requirements.

Our school is a renovated 4 classroom building, with an enrollment of about 50 students and 4 instructors. This building is owned by the Conference United Methodist Women of the Liberia Annual Conference, United Methodist Church. Our academic year begins in September and ends in June, and our classes run from 8 AM to



1:30 PM daily. We begin our classes at 8 AM, because our kids have to commute to and from school. This is a problem we are trying to solve.

Our government has a high interest in the education of the disabled, including the deaf. But, because of financial constraints, our government is not able to do much for this community, especially in the area of training

in Special Education, and in the provision of needed equipment for the deaf and blind, as well as the construction of schools.

The Liberian team visiting WVSD is very grateful to God for such a wonderful and educational trip. We came here through a special arrangement initiated by Mrs. Sheila Hamilton. At the time, she was a member of the State Board of Education and a chairlady of the Asbury United Methodist Church Mission Committee and was highly supported by a dedicated man of God, the

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WVSD Celebrates Spirit/Homecoming Week

WVSD students and staff celebrated Spirit/Homecoming Week October 1-5 with several fun activities. Judges had a tough time choosing the Spirit Stick winners: seniors and sophomores tied for showing the most spirit during the week.

Monday was "Dress-up Day," and the Homecoming King and Queen and class Princes and Princesses were crowned. Seniors Brandi McGowan and Justin Gregory were voted as Queen and King. Other Princesses and Princes were juniors Tiffany Friend and Mike Jarvis, sophomores Samantha Johnson and Roderick Stickley,

freshmen Amber Williams and Patrick Lee, eighth graders DeSean Thomas and Taylor Shipley, and seventh grader Brandon Eversole.

Tuesday was "Skit Day," with homerooms performing 10-minute skits. The judges, Mrs. Suddath, Mrs. Kesler, and Mrs. Wetzal, selected the winners: sophomores won 1st place; 2nd place went to the seniors, freshmen earned 3rd place; in fourth place were the seventh graders; and 8th graders got 5th place. Tuesday was also "Pajama Day."

On Wednesday, everyone wore shirts and hats supporting their favorite teams.

Thursday was blue and

gold day in honor of the school's colors, and on Friday,

casual clothes were worn and the Spirit Stick was awarded.



Seniors showed their spirit during "Blue and Gold Day."

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Rev. Rudolph Bropleh, Pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church of Shepherds-town and the entire congregation of that church.

This idea was warmly received and approved by the then superintendent of WVSDB, Mrs. Jane McBride and the Board. The selection of WVSDB was made through an understanding between Rev. Rudolph Bropleh and Mrs. Sheila Hamilton. I was then contacted in Liberia by Rev. Bropleh to arrange a trip to WVSDB for 10 deaf and blind students and teachers. According to the communication from Rev. Bropleh, the group was to be divided into two, with the first group being from the School for the Blind in Liberia. The second group will be from the School for the Deaf and is supposed to arrive at WVSDB around April of 2008. Tickets have been provided by the president of Liberia, Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

Our visit here at WVSDB is twofold; exposure to new teaching methodologies with the deaf and blind, and exposure to the use of modern technologies as far as deaf and blind education is concerned.

Activities

In order to achieve this goal, we have organized and engaged ourselves in various academic and after school activities. We have been privileged to have witnessed and sometimes participated in activities such as swimming, weight lifting, sports, and an introduction to a game for the blind called Goalball. We are also involved in learning the language (Sign Language) of the deaf as far as their culture

is concerned to enable us to interact effectively with them, as well as the use of modern equipment for the blind such as Jaws computer software, Braille Note, etc. Most of our interaction with the students and teachers is basically centered on teacher-student relationships with each other. This is vital to us, considering the students' levels of comprehension and specific strategies in lesson planning and presentation to the deaf and blind in a given situation.

Trips

We have also been able to make a couple of trips with the students at different times. We have been able to travel with the blind on Orientation and Mobility trips to places such as Cumberland, MD, Winchester, VA, and Washington DC. With the deaf, we were able to visit the prestigious Gallaudet University in Washington DC. These trips were very educational and rewarding, giving a clearer picture of what the deaf and blind are capable of doing outside of their own environments. Indeed, the deaf and blind can do anything when the opportunity is given to them.

Observation

During our time here at WVSDB, the following were observed:

- a. the availability of instructional materials is vital in deaf and blind education.
- b. a comfortable and responsive classroom should

have no more than 10 students in a class.

c. teacher position in class is very critical, thereby easily maintaining student attention.

d. in spite of their different languages, the deaf and blind coexist comfortably, something I believe to be a sign of progress.

Classroom

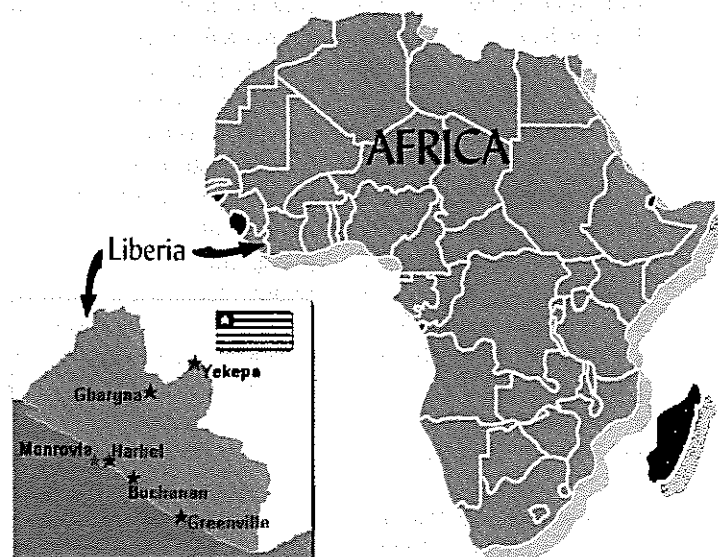
One important aspect of our activities concerning lesson planning and presentation is our regular classroom visitations. Our regular classroom visitations have given us brighter ideas on developing a lesson plan format, lesson design, and performance model for the deaf and blind. In this, we were privileged to have been exposed to the use of some modern equipment such as a video phone, TTY, a Sign Language Tutorial CD for the deaf, Braille writer, and the use Jaws computer software.

"I will also be taking home the need for the deaf to know that they are blessed with the capacity to do anything, and need, therefore, to make use of every opportunity to develop themselves."

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities have been of great importance to us in considering the activities of our kids back home. We were able to learn a new type of sport for the blind called Goalball. We observed and sometimes participated in activities such as swimming, volleyball, and basketball. We're encouraged to see the students' (deaf) involvement in the publication of the school newspaper and their yearbook, supervised and monitored by the instructors in a classroom setting. This is very exciting. The students (deaf) are also involved in productive organizations such as FFA.

What I hope to take home to Liberia is the uniqueness of the deaf and blind communities. I am going to take home the need to stress the importance of the teacher-student relationship and the importance of developing a special curriculum for the deaf and blind. I will also be taking home the need for the deaf to know that they are blessed with the capacity to do anything, and need, therefore, to make use of every opportunity to develop themselves.



PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



To best describe what is taking place at WVSD, I borrow a line from one of my favorite speeches by the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King -- "We're on the move now!"

Our movement really picked up its pace throughout the past several weeks. We moved from Deaf Awareness Week to Spirit Week/Homecoming, and then to ACT Plan/Explore testing, followed by Fall Conference.

In addition to these activities, students have been involved in club meetings and activities including

the FFA's project at Gourmet Central. Volleyball games and the ESDAA tournament in New York, football and cross country practice and games, dormitory trips and activities, and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana must also be mentioned.

The first quarter reporting period will be posted by the time this edition of The Lions' Tale is published, and all indications show that the students have been able to keep up with their coursework. No doubt the grades will tell the tale. A really interesting tale that I occasion-

ally hear from students is that they are "bored" and have "nothing to do." I have to ask, "Are you kidding me?"

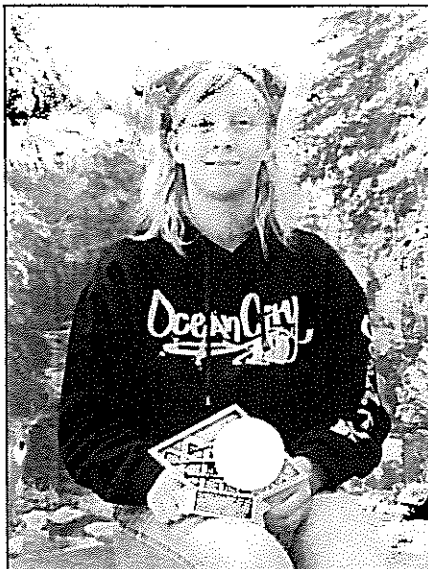
If it is cultural enrichment they seek, perhaps their needs will be met by our upcoming school-wide field trip to the Kennedy Center to watch the play, Nobody's Perfect. This play is based on the book written by Marlee Matlin and Doug Cooney.

Truly, we are on the move now!

Volleyball Team Earns Sportsmanship Trophy

The varsity volleyball team traveled to Rochester, New York October 18-20 to participate in the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament.

The girls took 4th place and came home with the Sportsmanship Trophy.



Pam Thompson

During ESDAA tournaments, coaches vote for which players earn the right to be named to the

All-Tournament Team. This year, WVSD Senior Pam Thompson was selected for this honor.



The girls are listening intently to Coach Kesler . . . well, SOME of them are! Left to right are Maddie, Polly, Shawna, Pam, and Sammie.

Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Williams



Seaton Hall is a dynamic setting for communication and socialization. Our students enjoy residential life and the many activities that become shared experiences and wonderful memories. Students have enjoyed the lingering summer-like weather in the afternoons and have spent many long hours playing tag football, kickball, and basketball outdoors. This month, the girls' dorm took a trip to Smoke Hole

Caverns and the boys' dorm made a trip to Winchester to Gander Mountain and out to a steakhouse. All the residential students enjoyed a trip to the Arnold Farm corn maze and hayride. A trip to the Greenspring Haunted House and a dorm Halloween party rounded out our October special events.

Seaton Hall tradition includes selection of students of the month

by the child care workers. Our CCWs selected students from the advanced dorms on the basis of good attitude, helpfulness, neatness, friendliness and other positive character traits. Pam Thompson and Roddy Stickley are our August-September students of the month.



HALLOWEEN PARTIES!



CAREER MAJORS TRIPS

BANK OF ROMNEY

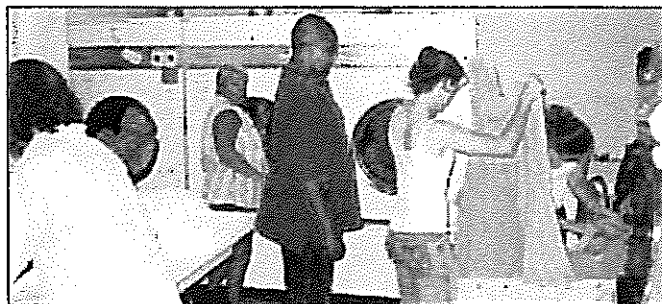
The WVSD Career Majors class has been exploring various job opportunities. Recently they visited the Bank of Romney. Ms. Bonnie Smith, Customer Service Director, discussed various banking departments, their functions, and what training is required to be successful in the job. Fortunately, Mr. Foley could join the class and Ms. Smith for a group picture.



First row: Cassandra Heaster, Joshua Duff, Samantha Johnson and Madaline Mongold. Second row: Darrel Beasley, Mr. L. Foley, and Ms. Bonnie Smith.

WVSD LAUNDRY SERVICES

During the first part of October, several students from the WVSD Career Majors class job shadowed under the direction of Ms. Mary Patterson. Ms. Patterson discussed the importance of keeping linens, towels, bedding, etc. clean and disinfected. She also demonstrated to the students the most efficient way to clean clothes, how to dry properly, and how to fold. The students loved the hands-on experience and were even able to assist Ms. Patterson with this week's laundry. Thank you, Ms. Patterson, for sharing some of your expertise with us.



Warnie Brown, III, Ms. Mary Patterson, Darrel Beasley, Polly Hodge and Cassandra Heaster.

CTE Students Visit *The Review*

In September, five students from the Desktop Publishing (Yearbook) class, along with Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Brown, visited *The Hampshire Review*, Hampshire County's weekly newspaper. Mrs. Sally See, editor, greeted the group. Mr. Don Kesner, news editor and photographer then guided the students through the making of a weekly newspaper. Marketing, how sections are costed out, placement of ads, and tabloids were discussed in detail. Without the advertising from local businesses, there would be no profitability nor a newspaper. Each area was discussed and the students asked many relevant questions.

Our students learned why Mac computers are used more in the newspaper and graphic arts industry, although PCs are a close second. Our students were appreciative of their tour of the *Hampshire Review*. The correlation between school and real life work situations was evident. Who knows---we may have another Dan Rather or Diane Sawyer in our midst!



Front: Mr. Don Kesner and Mrs. Sallie See. Second row: Mrs. Brown, Madaline Mongold, Samantha Johnson, and Pamela Thompson. Back row: Ethan Bolyard, Jason Holliday, and Mrs. Dodgins.

WVSD is on the move to the ...

Kennedy Center

... to see the play

NOBODY'S PERFECT

based on the book by Marlee Matlin & Doug Cooney

Tues., Oct. 30

artsedge.kennedy-center.org/nobodysperfect

FFA NEWS

by Justin Gregory

For the past several years, FFA members have raised pigs to earn money for both FFA activities and for themselves. Each student is responsible for one pig. This year, Justin Gregory, Michael Jarvis, and Page Miller are participating in this activity.

In mid-September, we bought the pigs. We traveled to Hampshire High (HHS) after school four or five times a week to clean out the pen and to feed and water them.

In mid-October, our members slaughtered the pigs at Eddy's Farm and Slaughter. The next day, we processed the meat at HHS. Sausage and pork chops are some examples that were shrink-wrapped to sell.

Our goal is to take our hams and bacon to the State Ham, Bacon and Egg Sale in Charleston on March 9, 2008.

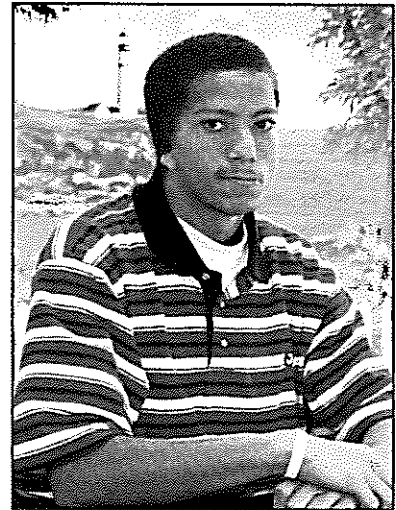


Left to right: Page Miller, Amber Williams, Justin Gregory, Warnie Brown, and Michael Jarvis.



Mr. Leatherman supervising Michael Jarvis and Justin Gregory cleaning the pig pen.

Miller Elected Regional VP



Page Miller

At the October regional FFA meeting, Page Miller was elected Northeast Regional Vice President. The Northeast Region includes Mineral and Hampshire counties.

This is the first time in WVSD's FFA history that one of our members has been elected to a Regional Office.

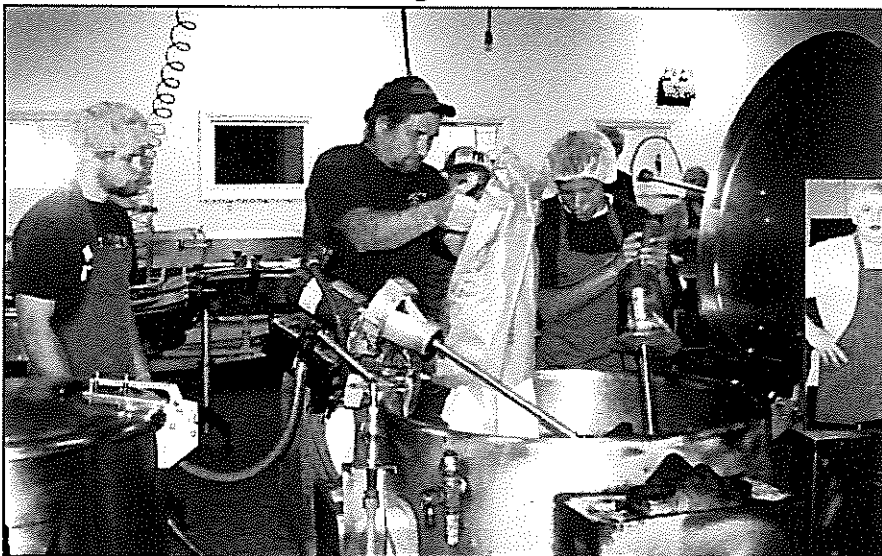
Congratulations, Page!



◆ Learning to Do
◆ Doing to Learn

◆ Earning to Live
◆ Living to Serve

FFA Members "Learning to Do" at Gourmet Central



In mid-October, a group of FFA and ProStart students went to Gourmet Central in Romney to make pumpkin butter and hot pepper jelly. These two products are being sold as FFA fund raisers.





FIRST MEETING

The first WVSD FBLA meeting was held on September 21 in the MPR and started out with a bang! Students from WVSD Secondary and approximately 30 secondary students from WWSB learned how good food choices and nutrition go hand in hand. Ms. Vicki Vertig, Nutrition Instructor from WVU Extension Services, presented many good and bad food choices. Do you know what 5 pounds of fat looks like? Our students know now. Examples of projected calcium loss content at various stages in life were shown, as well as containers showing how much sugar is consumed in an average week of drinking soda. Ms. Vertig also had 12 students arrange a food or drink item by calories. The results surprised all. Poor little "Yogurt" came in last. A recipe



provided by the WVU Extension Services was made by ProStart students Pamela Thompson, Sarah Abernathy, Matthew Hart and Mrs. Kuykendall. Thank you! Students and staff were given samples to try. In unison, "Awesome" was the word of choice. The recipe is simple and so delicious:

Caramel Apple Salad

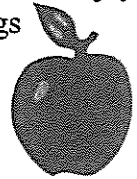
Ingredients: 2 large apples or 4 small apples, 8 oz. Lite whipped

topping, 1 four serving package of sugar free instant Butterscotch pudding, 15 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice.

Instructions: Dice apples to bite size. Pour whipped topping on top, then pudding mix, and finally pineapple. Stir together and enjoy.

Yield: Makes 8 servings

Calories: 198



SECOND MEETING

Congratulations to the following 2007-08 WVSD FBLA Officers: Danny Juskowiak, Parliamentarian; Jessica Spencer, Treasurer; Cassandra Heaster, Vice-President; Pamela Thompson, President;

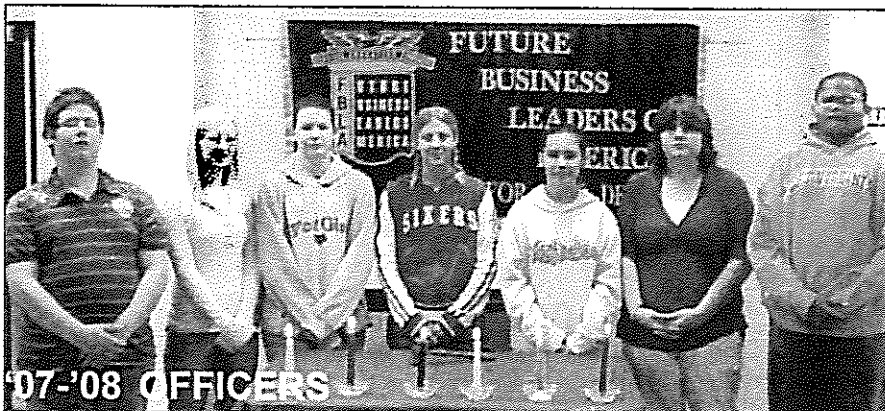
Madaline Mongold, Secretary; Taylor Shipley, Parliamentarian; and Darrel Beasley, Reporter.

Our Installation of Officers was conducted on October 17 in the Eastern Computer Lab. This year, we had five new members to welcome to our club: James Hudson,

Danny Juskowiak, Brandi McGowan, and two students from the West Virginia School for the Blind: Jessica Spencer and Charles McCormick. Each new member was presented an FBLA pin to be worn at all meetings.

The Pinecone Bird Feeder Fundraiser began. Each member was given five feeders to sell to support their club. As in the past, the FBLA will honor the top salespeople. Good luck to all.

Our next meeting will be held on November 16 in the Photography Lab on the second floor, Vocational Wing. At this time, each member will make a pinecone door hanger for the holidays. See you there.



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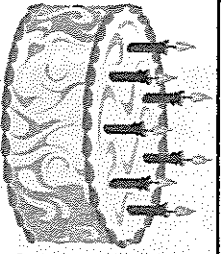
Volleyball Tournaments

Rochester, New York

Graphics by Pam Thompson

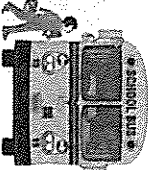
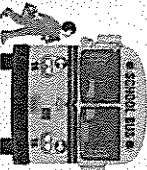

November 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Brandon Lewis 3rd
 Megan Davis 7th
 Roderick Stuckley 8th
 Christopher Shaler 22nd


Happy Birthday

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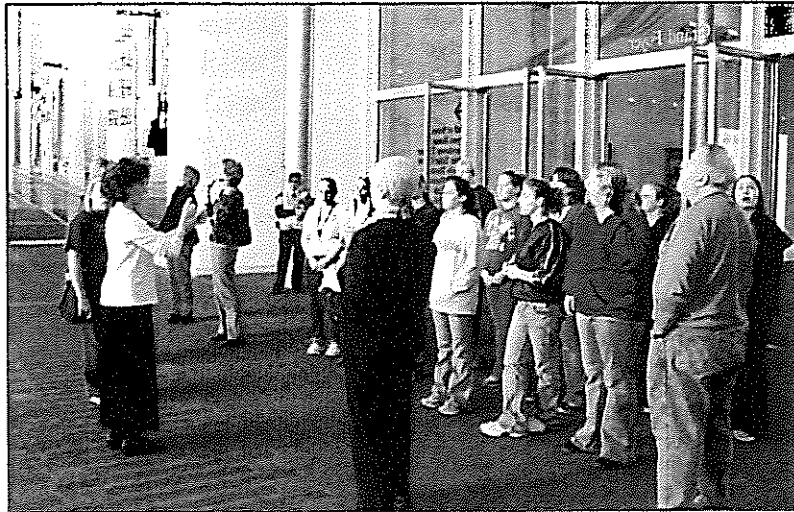
THE LIONS' TALE



WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Students and Staff Attend Play at Kennedy Center



In October, students and staff attended Nobody's Perfect, a musical based on the novel written by the famous deaf actress Marlee Marlin and performed in both ASL and spoken English. For some students, this was their first trip to the Nation's Capitol; and for others, it was their first experience watching live performers.

fusing for Megan when Alexis doesn't want to come to the party. Megan thinks it's because she is deaf.

Focusing on two very different girls learning to understand each other, this play's main character, Megan, is a deaf girl planning her birthday party. She has invited all of the girls in her class, including Alexis, the new girl. Things become con-

English classes prepared for this wonderful field trip by studying various aspects of a play, the elements of literature, the Kennedy Center's web site, and the special invitations (full of interesting facts about Nobody's Perfect) that were sent to all of the students.

Prior to the play, WVSD students and staff were given a tour of the Kennedy Center.

Thank you, Mrs. Staley, for working so hard to provide us this special opportunity.

Above: WVSD students and staff toured the Kennedy Center before watching Nobody's Perfect.

Dorm Students of the Month

OCTOBER



Josh King



Amber Williams

NOVEMBER

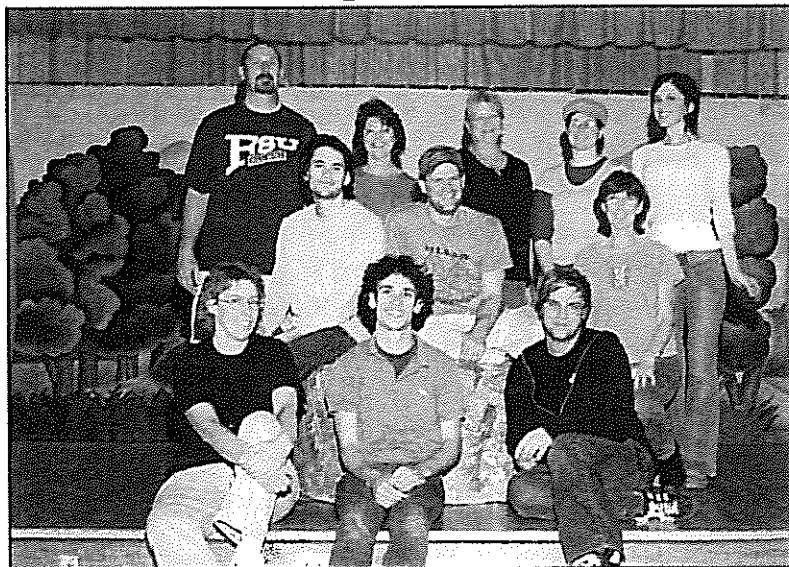


Cassie Heaster



Jason Holliday

Theatre West Virginia Coming in March



Theatre West Virginia will be here again this year! They will be performing Merlin and the Cave of Dreams. Pictured above are the actors and WVSD's shadow interpreters.

Principal's Post

by Mr Corbin



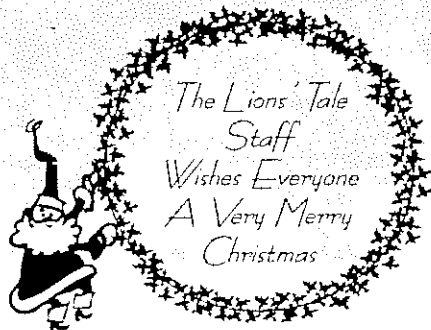
Old Man Winter made his opening debut in Romney by covering the area with several inches of snow this week. Several students moaned that it wasn't fair that the county schools were closed, and because students stay on campus, we were open for business. I reminded them that the counties were often required to make up snow days in June and then asked if they wanted to have school now or during the summer? They decided that now would be just fine.

Our winter sports teams are practicing in preparation for their respective basketball seasons. More students are involved and participating in our winter sports than any other season. Gordon Redden has joined West Virginia School for the Blind's wrestling team and is doing a great job according to head coach Dennis Wolenski.

Student clubs and

organizations have been active including Tapestry, whose special performances have been spreading holiday cheer. Speaking of holidays, Jason Holliday, an 11th grade Graphic Arts student, created a design that was selected by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) to be the cover for this year's state volleyball tournament. Several of our Graphic Arts students entered their designs in the WVSSAC tournament cover design competition for other state tournaments to be selected later this year.

Talented freshman art student, Ethan Bolyard, designed the Christmas Card selected by Superintendent Shank and the central office staff to be this year's card from WVSDB. Congratulations, Jason and Ethan!



HONOR ROLL

1st 9 Weeks

7TH GRADE

3.0 GPA

Brandon Eversole
Trent McGee

9TH GRADE

3.0 GPA

Ethan Bolyard
Scott Dotson
Holly Ramos

3.5 GPA

Patrick Lee

10TH GRADE

3.0 GPA

Darrel Beasley
Warnie Brown
Josh Duff
Cassandra Heaster
Polly Hodge
Samantha Johnson
Madaline Mongold

3.5 GPA

Roderick Stickley



11TH GRADE

3.0 GPA

Matthew Hart
Michael Jarvis
Daniel Juskowiak
Page Miller

3.5 GPA

Jason Holliday

3.75 GPA

Tiffany Friend

4.0 GPA

Brandi McGowan

12TH GRADE

3.0 GPA

Sarah Abernathy
Justin Gregory

3.75 GPA

Pam Thompson

Thank You

DOMINOS PIZZA

FOR SUPPORTING THE WVSD CLASS OF 2009



Director of Student Living

by Mrs. Williams

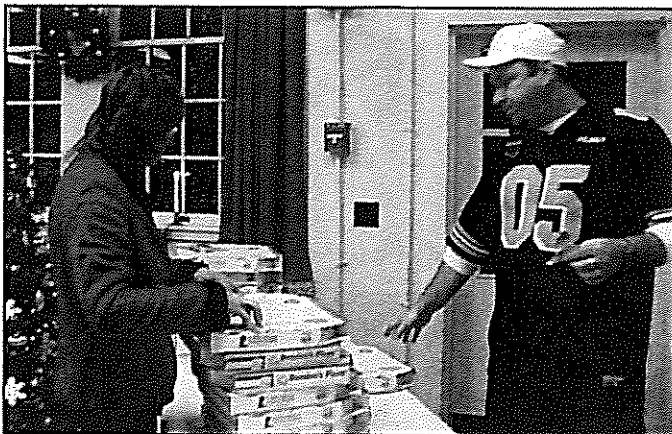
As I reflect on the special people, both students and staff, at the school for the deaf, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to have worked as the Director of Student Living. On a daily basis the job has provided rich experiences. The wide range of job responsibilities has been professionally fulfilling and was deeply satisfying. With an open door philosophy, many of my hours have been spent getting to know students better, discussing their hopes and dreams, and counseling them when they had tough decisions to make. The door was also open for students when they made poor choices and needed to discuss the consequences of their actions.

The Director of Student Living plans activities for students, counsels and advises students and staff, celebrates student accomplishments, as well as oversees

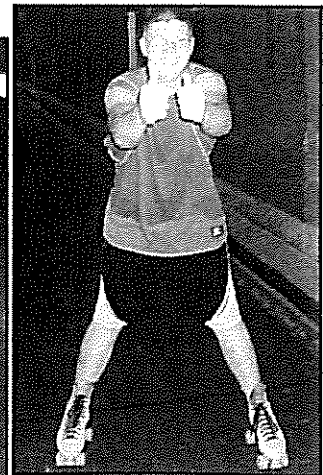
student discipline. A much smaller, but critical element, is managing three shifts of dorm staff to ensure quality supervision for our students. As I write my final Lion's Tale column, I look back at a job to which I truly gave my all. Many weeks I spent more than fifty hours in Seaton Hall. The Director of Student Life is on call 24/7 for weeks at a time, and the phone frequently rings just around midnight. My total commitment to the students has often meant that I put the needs of Seaton Hall before those of my family or myself.

It is with great reluctance that I leave the campus community that has been my professional home since 1983. While a compelling opportunity for additional professional growth has lured me away, my heart will remain here in Romney at WVSDB with the students and staff I truly love. I have best wishes for the futures of those people and for the future of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

With my good-bye wishes said, it is comforting to see that tradition is strong at Seaton Hall. This December our dorm is once again beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The United Auto Workers hosted the annual holiday pizza party and were given commemorative ornaments as gifts from our students. Special ornaments with photos of each student adorn the Seaton Hall tree and are given to the students as keepsakes. Child care workers have made special foods and crafts with dorm students. The excitement is winding down as our last homegoing of 2007 approaches. We know that students will be glad to go home. But in January 2008, if the past holds true, they will be happy to return to their home-away-from-home here at Seaton Hall to communicate freely with friends. In closing, the Seaton Hall staff sends a warm and friendly wish for a safe and happy holiday to you and yours!

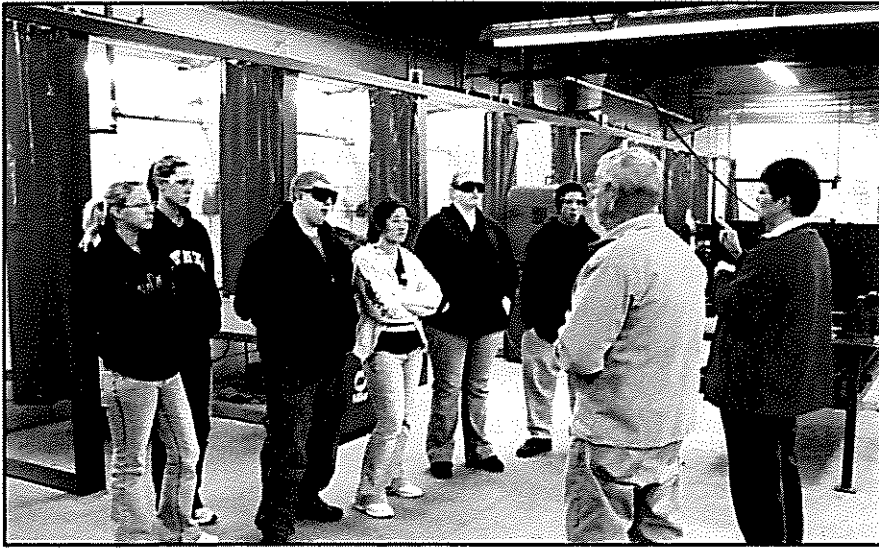


Pizzas arrive for the UAW-sponsored party!



(Above) Polly Hodge and Brandon Lewis having fun at Moon-Glo Roller Rink.

Juniors and Seniors Tour NRCC



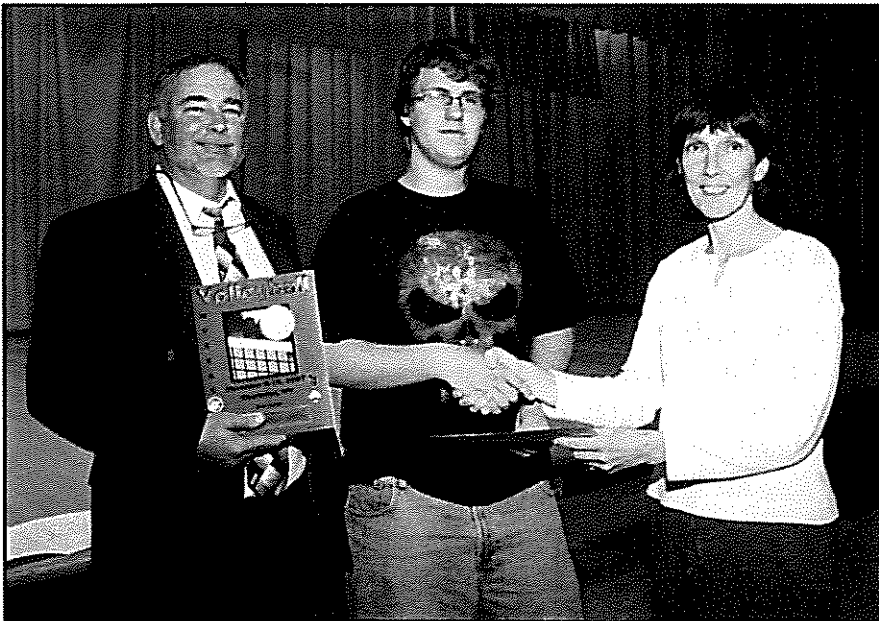
Above: Students toured the welding shop where they talked briefly with WVSD alumnus Corey Grace (Class of 2005).

On November 6, juniors and seniors, accompanied by Mrs. Dodgins and Mrs. Heare, toured New River Community College (NRCC) in Dublin, Virginia. The tour was conducted by Ms. Lucy Howlett, Coordinator, Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Ms. Howlett explained the courses NRCC offers, the services available to deaf and hard of hearing students, and financial aid for students.

NRCC offers all of the traditional academic courses, as well as a full range of career studies certificates and occupational/technical programs.

Jason Holliday's Cover Design Wins WVSSAC Competition



Pictured above are Principal Corbin, Jason Holliday, and Mrs. Dodgins.

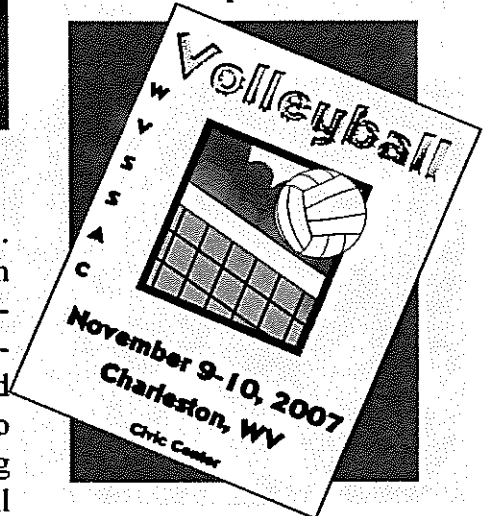
In the beginning of this school year, the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC), of which WVSD is a member, invited students in all participating schools to design booklet covers for 14 WVSSAC tournaments that will take place throughout the school year.

Mrs. Dodgins' and Mrs. Brown's yearbook students took on the challenge. Each student designed a cover for one sport's final tournament. Winners are picked as the tournaments take place, so the winning designs for spring sports won't be announced until

later in the year.

Jason Holliday, Class of '09, designed a cover for the WVSSAC volleyball tourney and was notified in late October that his design won. Jason will receive a \$200 scholarship from WVSSAC upon graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education.

Other students who participated are Samantha Johnson, Maddie Mongold, Roddy Stickley and Pam Thompson.



Above: Jason's winning cover design

Career Majors Class Tours Romney Post Office

by Mrs. Brown

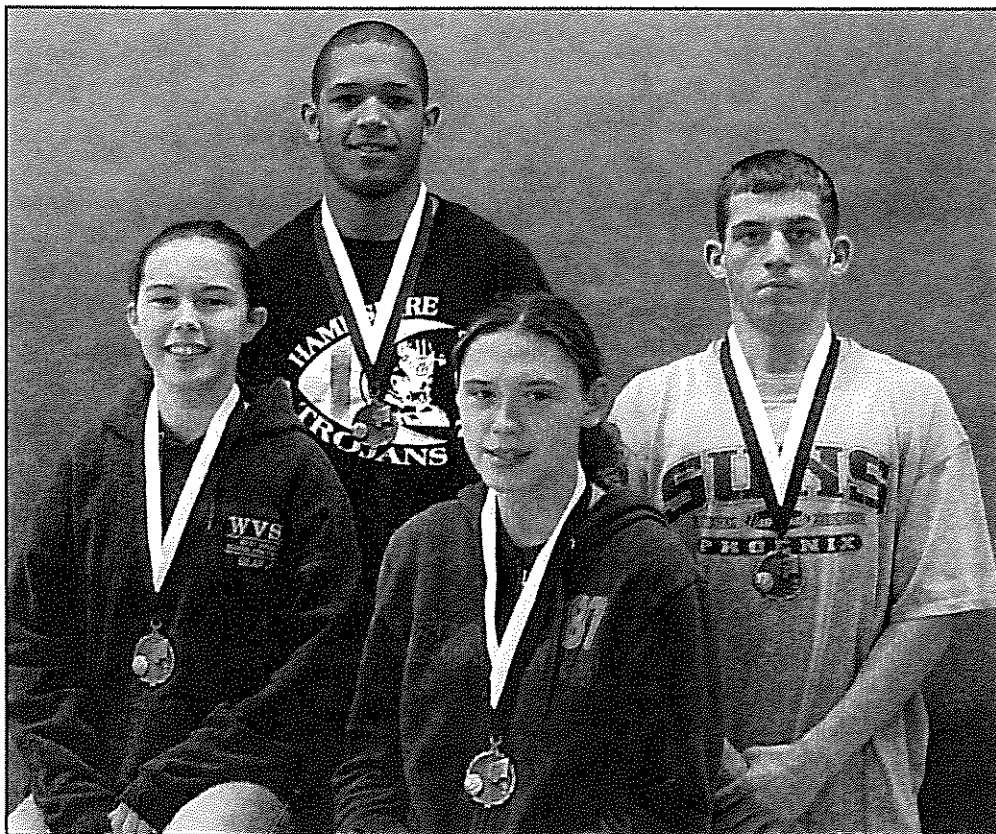
Recently, eight students from the WVSD Career Majors Class visited the United States Post Office in Romney. Mr. Jim Marsh, Romney's Postmaster, provided the students with very valuable information. The importance of accuracy, detail management, how the mail is separated, how many homes in Romney are served, the employee benefits of the postal system, and hours



First row: left to right, Samantha Johnson, Polly Hodge, Madaline Mongold, Cassandra Heaster, Warnie Brown, III. Back row: Mr. Jim Marsh, Roderick Stickley, Darrel Beasley, and Joshua Duff.

worked were just a few covered. The class thanks helping them in their of the areas that were Mr. Marsh very much for career search.

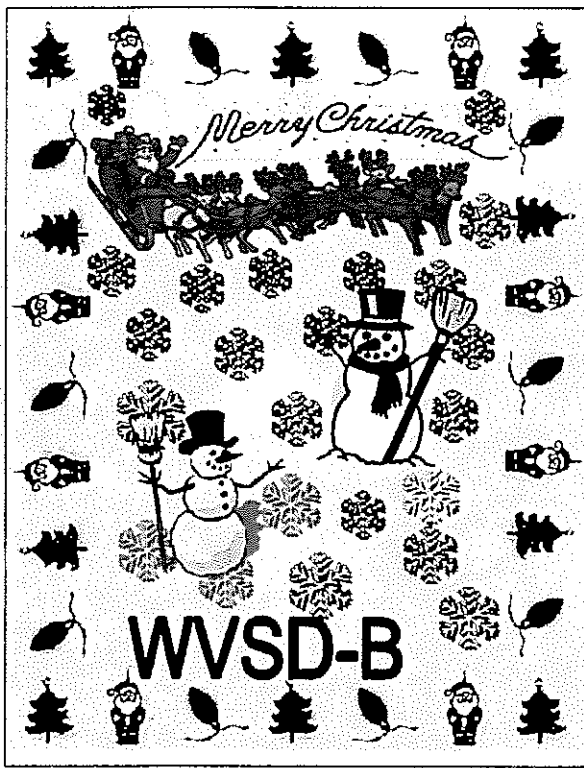
Four Students Named All-Stars at OSD Tournament



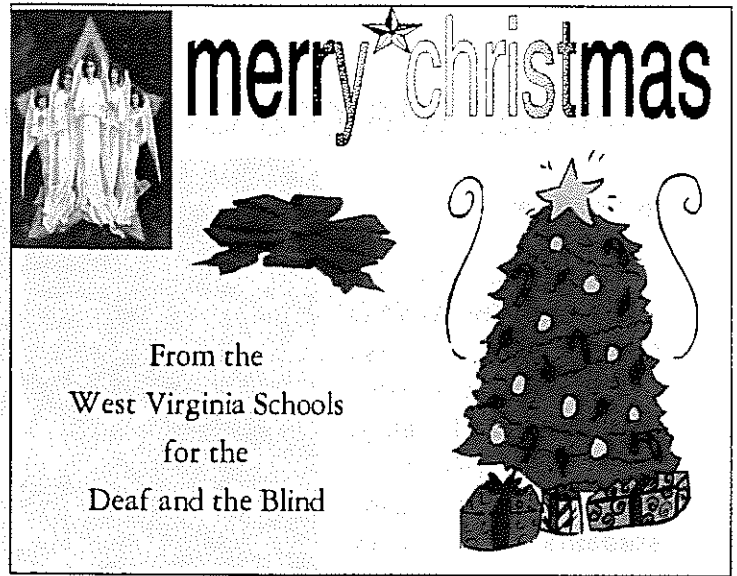
The girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams traveled to Columbus, Ohio December 7-8 to participate in a three-way tournament with Ohio School for the Deaf and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Both teams placed second in the tourney. In addition, four WVSD students were named as All-Stars: sophomores Madaline Mongold and Roderick Stickley; and juniors Tiffany Friend and Michael Jarvis.

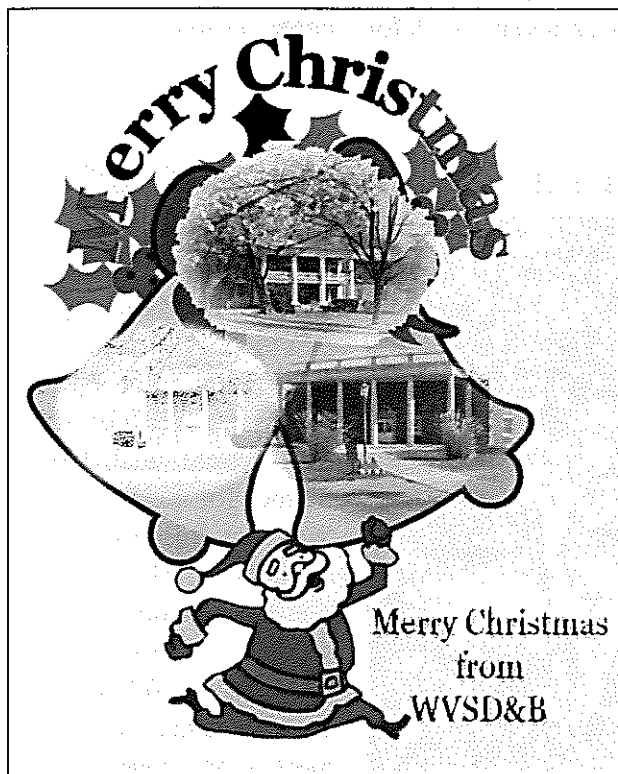
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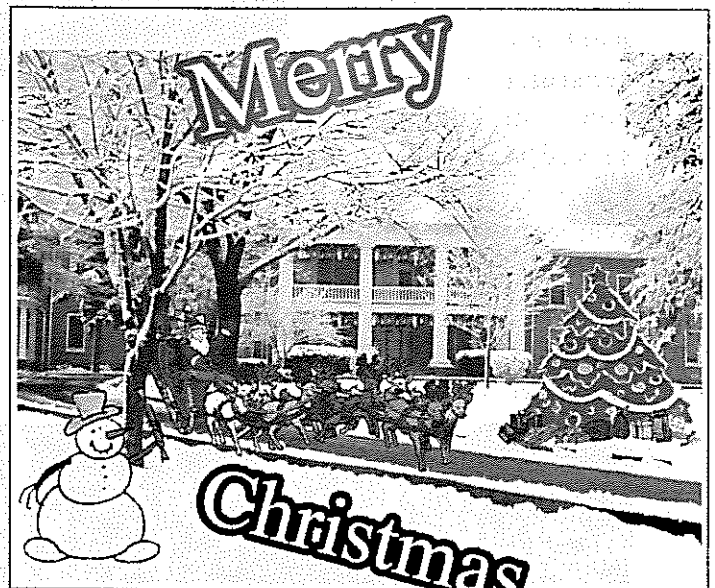
Maddie Mongold



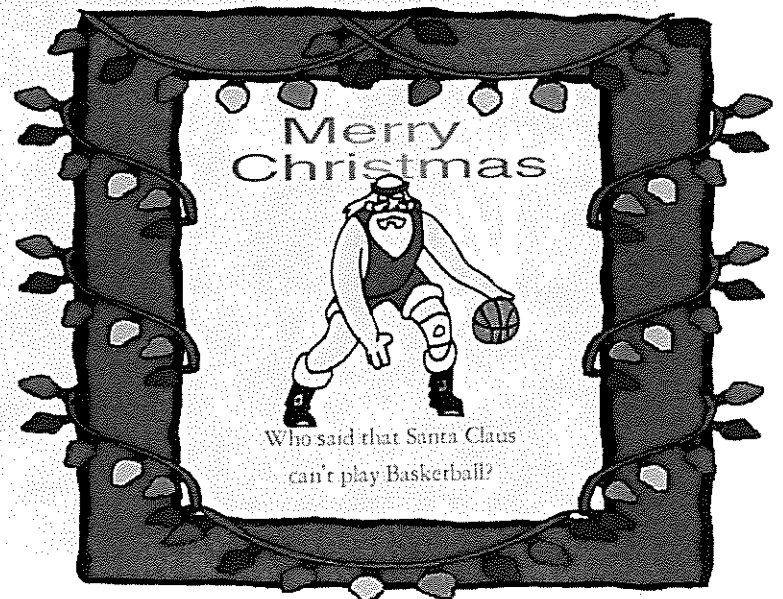
Ashley Moon



Roddy Stickley

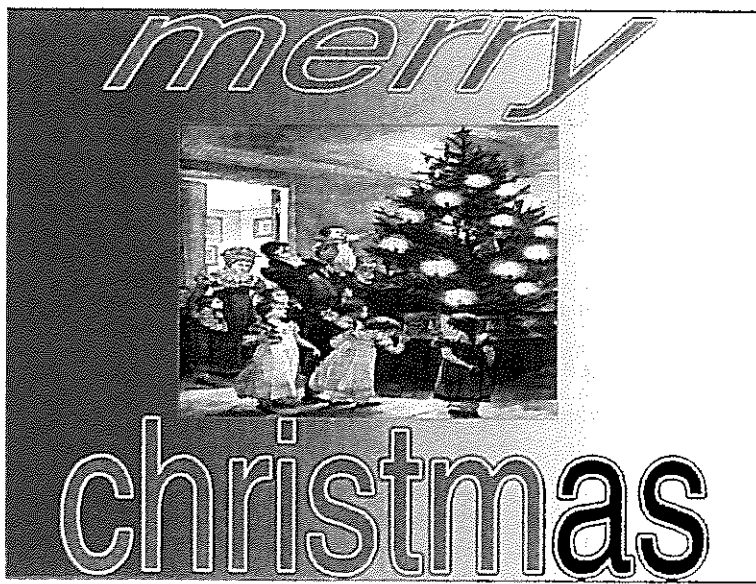


Pam Thompson



DeSean Thomas

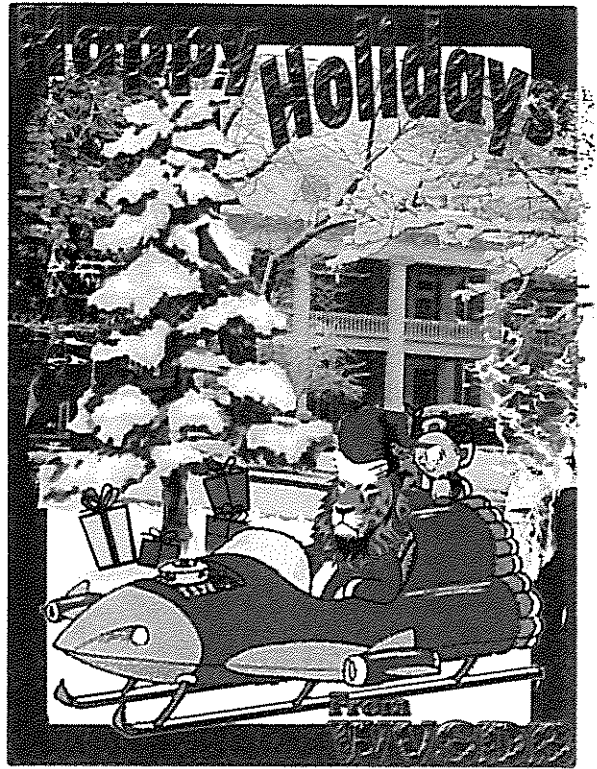
Superintendent Shank asked WVSD&B students to design a Christmas card for our school. We are proud to include some of the students' designs in The Lions' Tale!



Taylor Shipley



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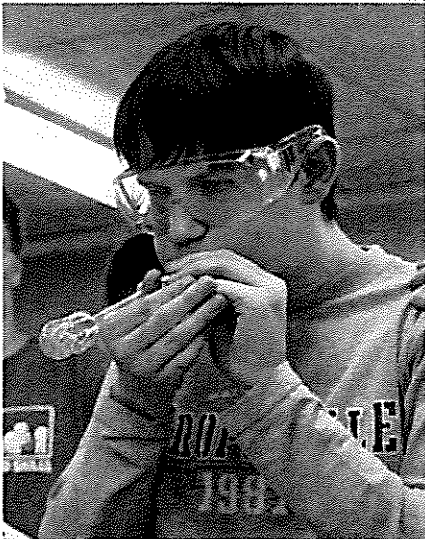
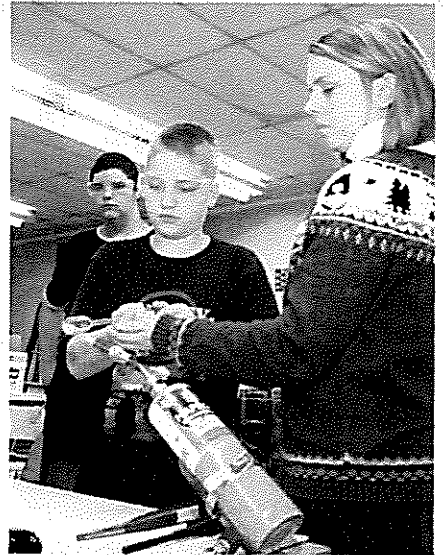
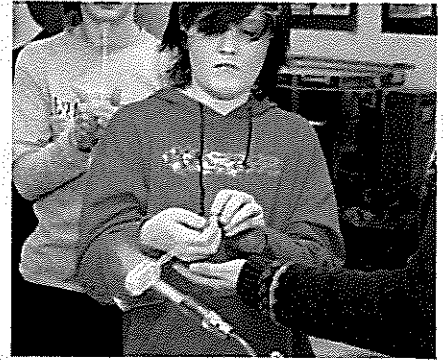


Samantha Johnson

Ms. Livingston Teaches the Art of Glass Blowing

On December 13, Ms. Anne-Rene Livingston, owner of Glass House Studio in Augusta, spent the day teaching glass blowing to Mrs. Judd's art classes. After demonstrations from Ms. Livingston, students were encouraged to make their own ornaments and many students eagerly tried their hand at a totally unique experience.

Many thanks to Ms. Livingston for sharing her talents with our students! Visit her web site at www.glasshousestudio-wv.com



Photos by Taylor Shipley and Mrs. Dodgins

Career Majors Students Tour Wellness Center

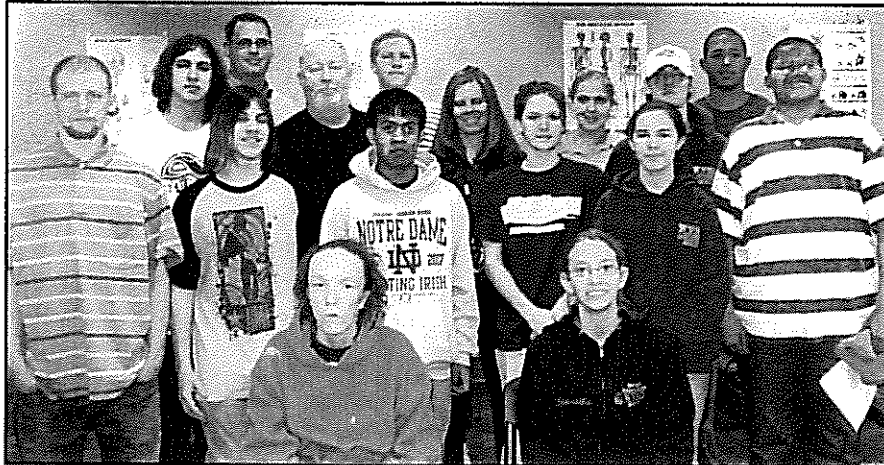


Photo by Mrs. Brown

Interest soared while on a career trip to the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center in Romney. Students from both WVSD's and WVSB's Career Majors Classes got a firsthand look at the facility. Under the tour guidance of Trina Cox, Assistant Director and Jeff Jeran, Director, all were able to see the areas in fitness at the facility. Included

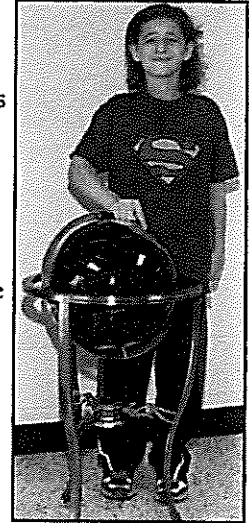
areas of the tour were the Olympic size pool, the indoor track, the child care center, the weight section and other exercise equipment. Our students were impressed. Maybe there will be a future sports trainer from the group? Thank you, Trina and Jeff, for sharing your time and expertise with our students.

Photos from Christmas Tea 2007



Hudson Donates Globe

We want to thank James Hudson and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Hudson, for generously donating this beautiful globe to our Social Studies Department.



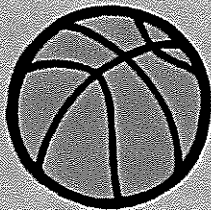
Jeter Donates Bikes



Thanks goes to Mrs. Hayley Jeter, who recently donated two 27-inch, 7-speed Mongoose bicycles to our students.

Mrs. Jeter is the daughter of retired cabinetmaking instructor Pierre Sevigny and retired child care worker Christie Sevigny.





Boys' Varsity Basketball

by Coach Paul See

Here I am again, entering the 8th season of coaching our school's basketball team. It is difficult to believe the new basketball season is here already!

Our team consists of five returning players; Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, Jason Holliday, Joshua Duff and Roderick Stickley. We lost two players, Justin Rhodes and Terry Withrow to graduation. However, we have some new additions to the team. Ethan Bolyard,

Jensen Greenstein, Brandon Lewis and Patrick Lee have moved up from the middle school boys' basketball team. We have a new transfer, Scott Dotson. Warnie Brown has decided to join our team. This means we will have six players on the bench which will benefit us after years of not having enough players to meet our starters' need of rests during games.

I have high expectations for our returning players as they led the team

to claim the ESDAA Division III championship last February. I expect them to provide leadership and experience to the younger boys. We don't have any seniors on the team this year, but that will provide us two good years of basketball!

We will open the regular season with the first three games on the road and host our last two games at home before Christmas break.

We will travel to Ohio School for the Deaf to play

against their team and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf from Pittsburgh. It will take place on December 7th and 8th.

On December 13th, we will travel to Timber Ridge Academy in Virginia. On December 17th, we will host our Potomac Valley Conference rival, Union. On December 19th, we will host Moorefield Junior Varsity.

We hope all of you will come to our games and cheer us on!!

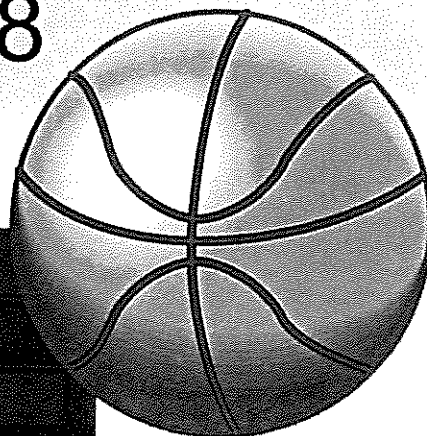


Kneeling, left to right: Co-Manager Darrel Beasley, Scott Dotson, Jensen Greenstein, Michael Jarvis, Page Miller, Patrick Lee, and Co-Manager Danny Juskowiak. Standing: Josh Duff, Jason Holliday, Roddy Stickley, WVSD Lion Mascot (Justin Gregory), Ethan Bolyard, Brandon Lewis, and Coach Paul See.

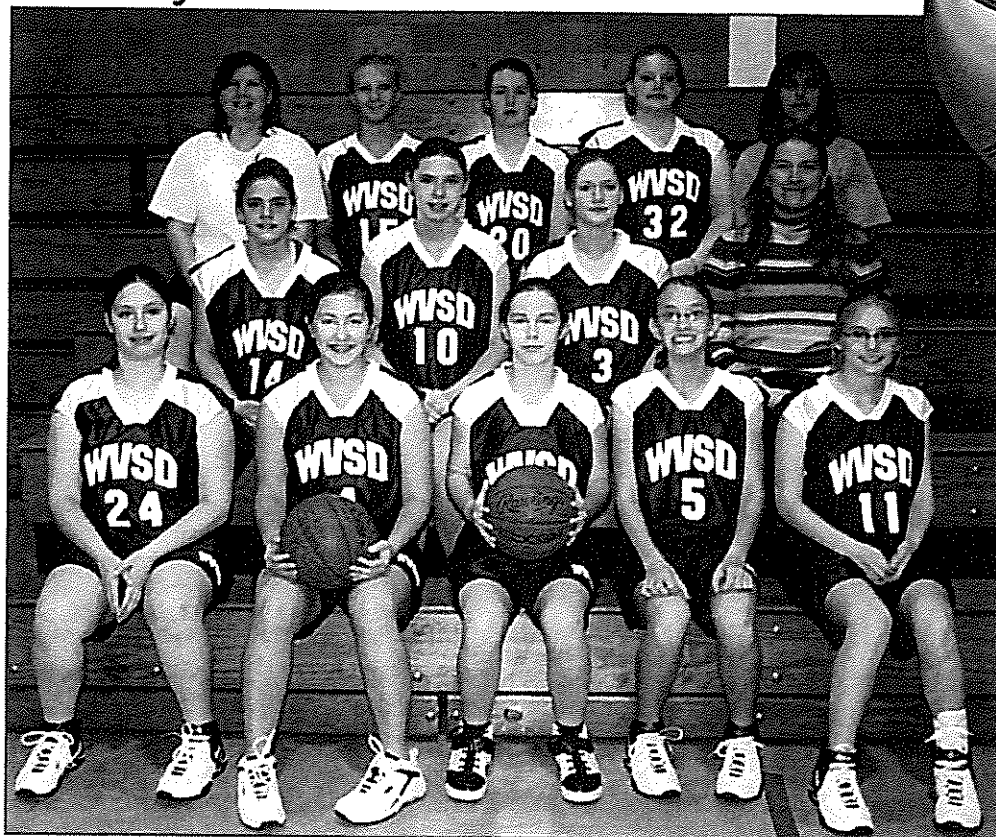
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Varsity Girls' Basketball Team



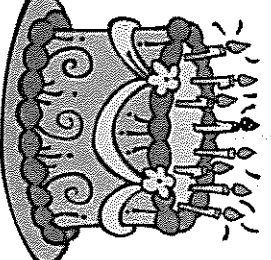
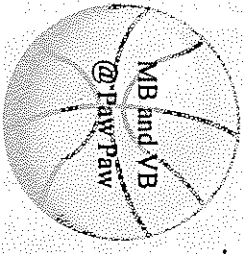
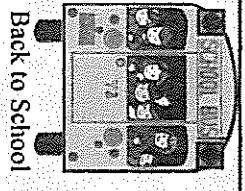
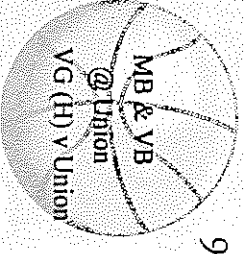
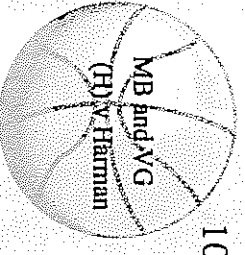
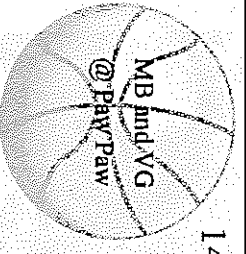
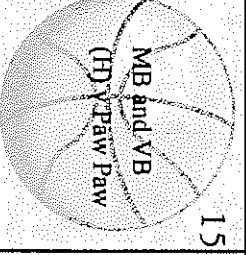
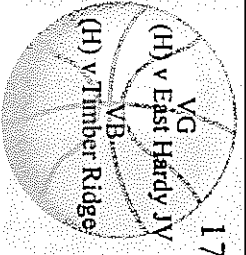
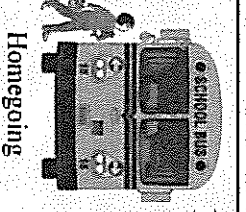

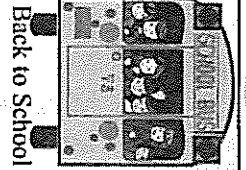
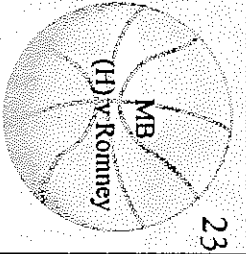
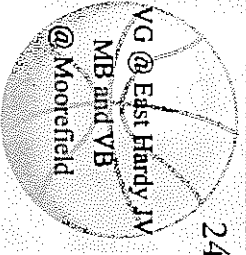
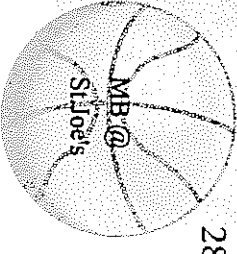
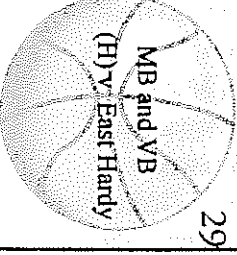
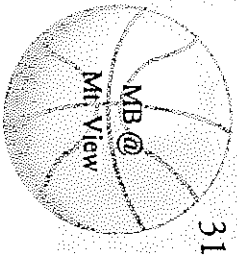
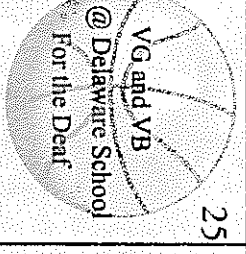
Front row, left to right:
Holly Ramos, Brandi McGowan, Maddie Mongold, Samantha Johnson, Shawna Weatherholt. Middle row:
Amber Williams, Tiffany Friend, Polly Hodge, Coach Mary Kesler. Back row: Co-Manager Taylor Shipley, Pam Thompson, Cassie Heaster, Sarah Abernathy, Co-Manager Chasity Hammond.

Middle School Boys' Basketball Team

Front row, left to right:
Coach Mary Buckley, Chris Shaler, Tyler Kesner, Brandon Eversole, Derrick Eversole, Interpreter Tim Slocum. Back row:
William Heflin, DeSean Thomas, Jonathan Stokes, Jordan Clark, Josh King.



January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
 Tiffany Friend 4th Chelsea Hill 10th Amber Williams 16th Ashley Moon 17th James Hudson 25th									
6	 MB and VB @ Paw Paw	1	 Back to School	2	Classes Resume	4			
7		8	 MB & VB @ Union VG (H) v Union	9	 MB and VG (H) v Hannan	10	11	12	
13	 MB and VG @ Paw Paw	15	 MB and VB (H) v Paw Paw	16	 VG (H) v East Hardy JV VB (H) v Timber Ridge	17	 Homegoing	18	19
20	 Martin Luther King's Birthday	22	 Back to School	23	 MB (H) v Romney	24	 VG @ East Hardy JV MB and VB @ Moorefield	25	26
27	 MB @ St Joe's	29	 MB and VB (H) v East Hardy	30	 MJB @ Mt View	31	 VG and VB @ Delaware School For the Deaf	VG and VB return to Dornn	

VG= Varsity Girls
 VB= Varsity Boys
 MB= Middle Boys
 (H) = Home
 @ = Away