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SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

WELCOME

SEVENTH GRADERS



L-R: Matthew Stump, Jessica Morrison, and Tyler Labin.

We would like to welcome our three seventh grade students who have come from the Elementary Department.

Tyler Labin, son of Ms. Marlene Labin, is from Morgantown.

Jessica Morrison, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Faircloth, is from Bunker Hill.

Matthew Stump, son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Stump, is from Summersville.

BIRTHDAYS

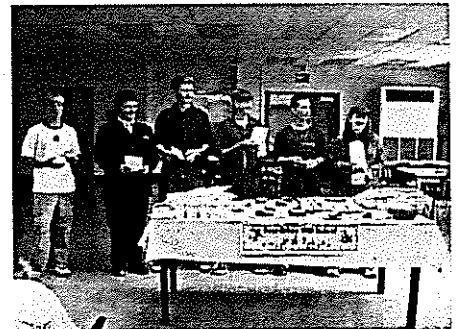


PHOTO BY SYLVIA ADKINS

We celebrated all of the August and September birthdays on September 13. L to R: Roger Allport (8/28), Dalton Christy (9/9), Wesley Jarrell (9/15), Billy White (9/11), Johnny Caudill (9/14), and Mindy Spencer (8/27).

NEW STUDENT



PHOTO BY
JEREMY CORNELL

Mindy Spencer, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman of Charleston, has transferred here from Stonewall Jackson. Although Mindy is enrolling in WVSD's freshman class for the first time, she is no stranger to our school. She has been attending summer camp on our campus for the past seven years.

Mindy says she loves it here and is happy making new friends. She says learning is so cool and she wants a good education. Her favorite hobbies include sports, especially playing basketball. "I always wanted to come to school here and I am so happy my mother allowed me to enroll this year. I was thinking it was time for me to come to WVSD."

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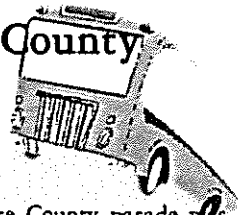
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Hampshire County

Fair

by Wesley Jarrell



The Hampshire County parade was scheduled for Thursday and we were looking forward to attending. All students and houseparents went to the parade and had a great time! When the parade was over, we all had to board the bus and leave to go back to the dorm. There were two ways to get out. One way was really full of cars and trucks. The bus driver decided to go the other way and got stuck! He was turning and went into a ditch. The back of the bus was dragging on the ground, and when he tried to back it up, that didn't work! All of the students had to get off the bus and push to try to get it out of the ditch. It was sooo heavy we couldn't push it. We had to wait for a while until a person with a tractor came to help us. Finally, they got the bus out of the ditch.

Some students wished that the bus would have been stuck for a long time so they could stay longer at the fair, but it was too late. So everybody got back on the bus and headed for the dorm. We arrived there and went to bed immediately.

Next day.. there were rumors about this story everywhere in the school building – even our parents heard about it!



Photo by Bradley Grey

Principal's Post

Welcome Back! Returning to school can be an emotional time for parents, especially when their child attends school in a residential setting. Although technology provides a means for inexpensive everyday communication, it is difficult to replace that "big hug" from mom and dad. Knowing that, it always warms my heart when a parent shares with me that a son or daughter "can't wait to return to school." It certainly leads me to believe that we are doing things right and providing a special place for some very special students.

Before school began this year, I had the pleasure of assisting a family wanting to enroll their child in our school. It was a decision that the family had wrestled with for several years. Many phone calls and questions confirmed the uncertainty of their difficult decision. After the first homegoing I received yet another phone call. However, it was not about questions or uncertainties. The words that were spoken touched this ol' Principal. The mother said she had never seen her child so happy. "(My child) was so excited that (my child) could not stop talking about the school where all of the other students are just like me!"

Calls like this give true meaning and purpose to our mission as a school. So, thank you parents for having the courage to make such a difficult decision and entrusting us with the education of your child. Former students have referred to WVSD as their "home away from home." I hope that the friendships and relationships made by your child will allow him or her to also have a "like home" feeling about our school.

I look forward to "new beginnings" and a great school year at WVSD.

(Right) Roger Allport is doing some painting to help refurbish the library. Mrs. Shirley Davy, former teachers' aide, is now our library aide. The library is now open 9:00-4:30 Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-4:00 Fridays.

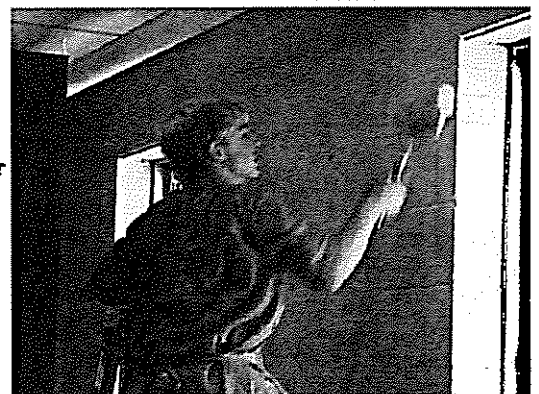


Photo by Sylvia Adkins

(Left) Tyler Labin, Matthew Stump and Jessica Morrison cut paper "chips" used to make recycled paper during Mr. Mals and Mr. Farris' Careers class.

October 2000

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	HHS JV Home 4:30pm	Moorefield Away 6:00pm		Career Day 2000	Homegoing	
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back to SCHOOL	ACT Explore Testing 8th Graders Volleyball - Beall (A) 7:00 p.m.	PawPaw Away 6:00pm		Theatre WV "School House Rock" 1:00 p.m. - MPR	VSD Home 6:00pm	
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	HHS Home 4:30pm	Moorefield Home 6:30pm	Report Card Math English Art Science		Homegoing	
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back to SCHOOL		Volleyball- Moorefield (H) - 6:30 p.m. Library Open House 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.				



The Director's Corner

Welcome to the West Virginia School for the Deaf. We hope that your year with us will be educationally/residentially profitable for you.

The student life program at WVSD, called the Secondary Residence Education Department at Seaton Hall, strongly plans to complement the academic program by offering after-school enrichment activities that should enhance the total development of each student. The three (3) components to the department are: residence education, student development, and athletic/intramural/recreation.

The Residence Education component should be primarily responsible for providing a safe, sane, pleasant and supportive living environment for each student. The residence life experience should be designed to promote the social, physical, intellectual, communicative, and emotional (S.P.I.C.E.) development of students after school hours (on weekdays) and on weekends. The residential living counselor is on staff to provide individual and group counseling as needed. For example, the first annual "Welcome Back" picnic was held at Cacapon State Park on Saturday, August 28th. The students enjoyed swimming, diving, playing football, eating, and more!

The Student Development component is responsible for identifying, developing, coordinating, and supervising after-school activities, which complement and support our mission and contribute to the student's S.P.I.C.E. development. Workshops, clubs, discussion and support groups, organizations, community activities, and educational/recreational field trips are included in this area. For example, Jr. NAD's first car wash activity was held on Saturday, September 9, from 10-2pm at McDonald's. Students are expected to participate in at least one of the many extracurricular activities. Participation is required for all workshops/programs on Wednesdays. For example, all students are required to take "town privileges" training before going to town. All have passed the test and are familiar with town rules. We're proud of them.

The Athletics, Intramural, and Recreation component is responsible for competitive sports through the WV Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) and Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletics Association (ESDAA). Eligibility, rules and regulations are described in the WVSSAC/ESDAA handbooks. Our team sports include cheerleading, cross-country, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball (junior high boys), softball, and track.

Student athletes usually practice every day after school. The Intramural/Recreation component also coordinates a variety of intramural and recreational programs designed to foster physical development and team spirit. Unlike sports, intramural/recreational activities have no limit on numbers or who may participate. The gym, weight room and swimming pool facilities (in the near future, we will try to schedule swimming on Thursdays and Saturdays) are open for students who want to develop their own skills, exercise, or simply have fun. For example, Mrs. Coleman, Director of Student Life at Maryland School for the Deaf (Frederick Campus), and I are discussing the idea of a First

Annual Intramural Tournament at MSD, tentatively scheduled for April 2001.

Good luck in your year at WVSD. We hope it will be your most successful year ever and years to come ever!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
(Update on the Class of 2000)



Ronald Lake is employed by Taco Bell in Flatwoods.

Chris Mick has enrolled in the auto body and paint program at the Mineral County Vocational Technical Center in Keyser.

Stephanie Smallwood has entered the Freshman class at Gallaudet University.

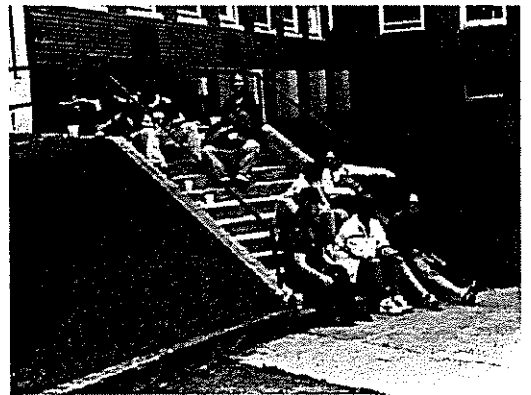


Photo by Sylvia Adkins

UAW Picnic

On September 8, the United Auto Workers (UAW) of Martinsburg, Local 1590, treated students and staff to a delicious picnic to begin the new school year. This is the fifth year the group has come to prepare a tasty meal and leave momentos for the students. This year, the UAW group presented each student with a navy blue fanny pack that says "WVSD/UAW, Partners in Education."

Thank you, UAW Local 1590!

Club Clips

J R NAD

This year is promising to be a good year for us. We have 30 members in the club now and officers were elected at the first meeting:

<i>Danielle Surber</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Tabitha Keplinger</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Patrick Collins</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Jason Wilson</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>L. Parent, M. Leake</i>	<i>Sergeants-at-Arms</i>

On Heritage Days weekend, we had a car wash as a fundraiser and made \$265.00. It was a fun but busy day, as we had to wash almost 50 cars. We are planning a Halloween party to be held sometime in October. Thanks to everyone who made our car wash a success!

FBLA

by *Diana Delfosse, Reporter*

Joanne Shaffer, Vice President, opened the first FBLA meeting on September 1. The elected officers for this year are:

<i>Sylvia Adkins</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Joanne Shaffer</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Sheena Smith</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Marcus Leake</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Diana Delfosse</i>	<i>Reporter</i>
<i>K. Richardson and</i>	

D. Cochran *Sergeants-at-Arms*

The first fund-raiser of the year will be the Old Fashioned Candy Sale. Please help support this club activity. Presently, there are 14 members in the club, but new members are always welcome to join. The FBLA continually schedules many activities. For example, Mrs. Charity Reedy-Hines will be the guest speaker at the next meeting on September 29th. So, why not try us out to see if we meet your club needs?

Hampshire County Special Services Sheltered Workshop

Six students from our school are on the job as part of their daily schedule. The workshop's job coaches are pleased with the work habits each student possesses and the amount of responsibility each one exhibits. The jobs include car detailing, lawn care, janitorial skills, kitchen skills, cutting and packaging industrial rags, and outside contracts.

"On the job" does not mean "all work and no play". Developing socialization skills is a part of the workshop concept. Many opportunities are available for our students to have fun, make new friends, and learn!



(Left) The Tech Ed Department will have a special lab in the future where students can try different careers. Students are preparing the room by giving it a fresh coat of paint.

Volleyball Team



Front row (l to r): Sylvia Adkins, Mindy Spencer, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, Holly Romanello, Joanne Shaffer. Back row: Lisa Parent, Jackie Fields, Carolyn Rockow, Mr. Marty Blakely, Athletic Director; Mrs. Beth Surber, Coach; Ashley Lease, Jessica Morrison, Diana Delfosse.



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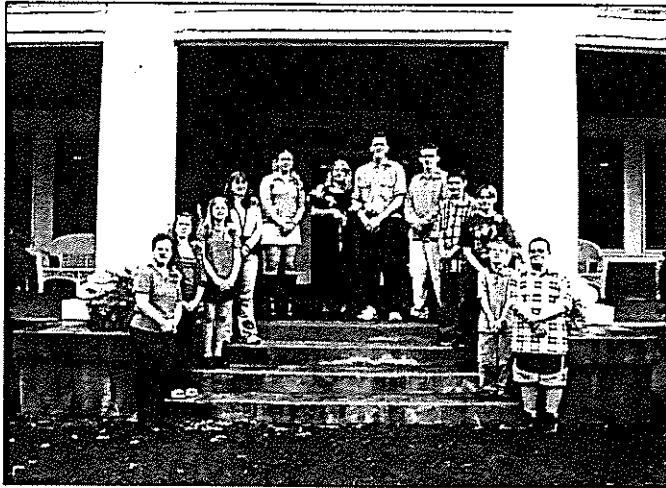
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Homecoming 2000

Mr. Sevigny, Master of Ceremonies for Homecoming 2000, announced this year's Homecoming Court. The ceremony took place on the steps of the administration building.

Seniors Joanne Shaffer and Marcus Leake were crowned Queen and King by Mr. Corbin. Princesses and Princes were juniors Danielle Surber and Patrick Collins; freshmen Mindy Spencer and Paul Parent; eighth graders Lisa Parent and Corey Grace;



seventh graders Jessica Morrison and Tyler Labin; and Becky Lett and Joe Canterbury.

Mrs. Staley and Mrs. Teter pinned carnations on members of the Homecoming Court.

Everyone participated in a "Spirit March" to the cafeteria, led by Johnny Caudill on the famous old WVSD drum.

Welcome, Mrs. Judd!

Interview by Tabitha Keplinger

Where are you from, Mrs. Judd?

I'm from Romney, West Virginia.

How did you become interested in teaching at WVSD?

When I was little, I was in Girl Scouts with some WVSD students and I learned a little sign language. Also, this past summer I talked with Superintendent McBride, who mentioned that this school had an opening for an art teacher. I was very excited about the possibility of working with deaf students, so I applied for the job, and here I am!

Where did you go to college?

West Virginia University. I studied Drama as an undergraduate, and my graduate degree is in Special Education.

You have taught here about a month now; how do you like it?

I like it very much. I like the students and teachers. This is a beautiful campus. Everyone is very helpful! Students and teachers have made me feel comfortable.

Do you have hobbies or other interests?

I like to paint, work in my garden, and knit.



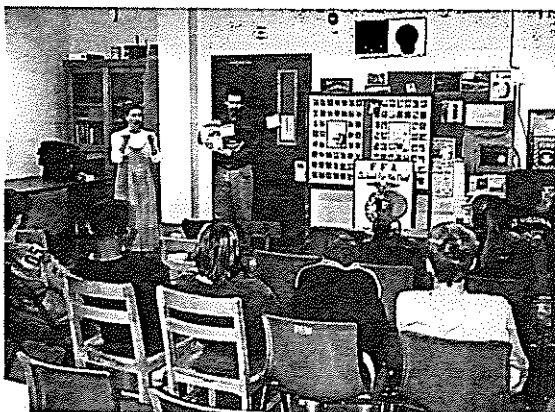
(LEFT) Mrs. Judd with students Keith Richardson, Ashley Lease, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello and Paul Parent.

New Horizons Editor Visits

by Patrick Collins

New Horizons editor, Erich Gaukel, came to our school to learn about our FFA Chapter and to interview some of our FFA members. Erich comes from West Des Moines, Iowa and travels all around the world to visit FFA chapters. In the past, the FFA *New Horizons* magazine was very unimpressive to a lot of the FFA members in America. When Erich was hired as editor, he and his staff discovered that the parents were the ones reading the magazines and that was not good! He decided to change the format in order to grab the reader's attention and to meet the needs of today's teen.

FFA members Sheena Smith, Wesley Jarrell, Patrick Collins, Corey Grace, and Daniel Cochran provided Erich with a tour of our school and then were interviewed. Sheena presented a Power Point presentation about the Judging Contest in Morgantown. Patrick presented a Power Point presentation about his experience at the State FFA convention in Cedar Lakes. During 6th period, the 8th grade and junior classes attended a short lecture on Erich's career/occupation. It was very worthwhile listening to Erich and several students asked questions. We encourage every student from WVSD&B to take the opportunity to experience agriculture and the FFA.



Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin



As the fall season brings forth much beauty in the mountains of our great state, it also brings forth the anticipation of good football and the ever yearned for TD (touchdown). At WVSD, we are attaining high scores and achieving much success due to TD. However, in our case, TD does not mean touchdown. It stands for a part of our wonderful scientific formula, $TD+SW=S$, that is leading our students to success and to a great school year. This mysterious chemical formula is simply: Teachers Doing (TD) + Student Work (SW)=Success (S).

This fall our teachers have been extremely busy doing, planning, attending, helping, training, and teaching our students. Our students have in turn responded to this dedication and commitment by working hard and attaining success in many forms. Aside from the several boys that are participating in football and scoring Td's and girls involved in volleyball and soccer, others have been successful in other areas. Three teams of FFA members participated in the recent FFA competition in Morgantown where our milk judging team placed 5th in the state. Other participants did well and gained much from this rich experience. Congratulations to the FFA Sponsors and all who supported our students in this effort. Our Junior National Association for the Deaf (Jr.NAD), Skills/USA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (SKILLS/USA - VICA), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have also been involving students in activities and planning.

Last week, students were taken "back to the future" where they explored future career opportunities through area business and industry representatives who shared the particulars necessary for employment. Congratulations to our hard working committees and all those who served to make the experience a huge success. Other teachers and staff members are working with Theatre WV as "shadow interpreters." This unique group shadows and interprets for each cast member enhancing the understanding and theater experience for a deaf and hard of hearing audience. Our homecoming events, including "spirit week" and the crowning of royalty, lifted our spirits and brought special recognition to some outstanding students.

These examples are proof that the right formula and chemistry is good for our children, and the formula for a successful school does begin with teachers doing. I would like to thank the teachers for their outstanding efforts and congratulate the students on their achievements.

FFA Judging Contest

by Wesley Jarrell

After five weeks of training, on September 27 and 28, the FFA (Future Farmers of America) officers went to Morgantown, WV, for the FFA Dairy and Forestry Judging contests. We all had a great time and stayed at the Econo-Lodge with the Hampshire, Mineral, and Jefferson County teams.

Dairy Team Placement

The WVSD team placed 5th in the state! Patrick placed 9th individually in the state, and 1st on the WVSD team! Wesley placed 13th individually in the state and second on the WVSD team! Jason placed third on the WVSD team. Sheena placed 4th on the WVSD team.

Forestry Team Placement

The WVSD team placed 24th in the state. Jason placed 1st on the WVSD team. Patrick placed 2nd on the WVSD team. D.J. placed 3rd on the WVSD team. Marcus placed 4th on the team.

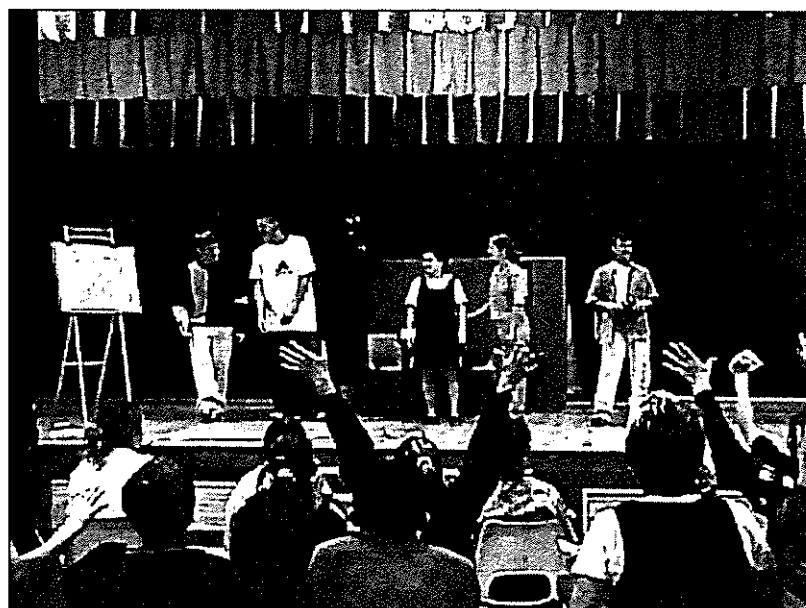
We would like to thank the following people: Mrs. McBride and Mr. Corbin for their support; Mrs. Cleaver for making sure our finances were squared away; Mr. Engelman for assisting in the preparation for the events; all the teachers for their assistance and patience with the class interruptions. These events measure skills in both academic and vocational areas.

Students Participate in Career Day Activities



Photos by Mr. Leatherman

On October 12, WVSD students participated in a full day of career oriented activities. Business people from Romney and surrounding communities gave presentations and answered questions relating to their jobs and companies. A sincere thanks to this year's guest speakers who gave presentations: Ms. Bonnie Smith of the Bank of Romney, Mr. Ron Winter and Mr. Chris Fraley of Wampler, Mr. Bill Pownell of the Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Mr. Gary Strawn of the Wildlife Division of DNR, Mr. Harvey Christy of Gourmet Central, Mr. Kevin Graham of RESA VIII, Ms. Summer Beal of Lowe's, Mr. Paul See of WV Department of Agriculture, Ms. Anita Shirk, Ms. Helen Saville, Ms. Selena Redman, and Ms. LuAnn Long of Wal-Mart.



The senior class performed a skit on Career Day which portrayed the "Do's and Don'ts" of interviewing for a job.

The Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

We, lifelong educators at WVSD, have a creed: "All students can learn." We strongly believe that effective management of modern secondary residential school students begins with an attitude of optimism, hope, and confidence in today's learners. This view of what is possible is most simply stated as, "All students can learn!" This is an attitude that starts with the residential School for the Deaf's educational administrators and must permeate the entire organization. Based on a growing body of research, this belief is expressed in a variety of ways: *All students can learn and learning should be lifelong. *WVSD expects all students to learn. *Every student learner can be successful -- the only variable is time. *WVSD has an obligation to teach every student/learner. We all believe that the optimistic concept, all students can learn, challenges time-honored beliefs about the capacity of houseparents/teachers to teach life/education and shatters the previous presumed patterns of failure for many students. Too often, the staff in this nation have been led to believe that they can teach only so much, that some students are unsalvageable, and that much of what's taught in the schools can be learned by only a limited portion of the student body. This belief system has tended to make schools a proving ground for failure and teaching a self-defeating profession. When the staff are convinced that they and many of their students can't succeed, it's no wonder that academic atrophy, discipline problems, and low morale flourish. At WVSD, we are determined to continue to improve in this area. The current attitude about students, however, is like a fresh breeze blowing new life into the organization. It changes the mindset and the entire environment of the school. It creates a new set of possibilities. The first step in managing today's secondary students is for the administrators at WVSD to champion the cause that every student/leader's success is the central focus of the school (a unity of school/dormitory resources). We believe that all students can learn, and if the students believe it, managing a body of students becomes a whole lot easier.

Believing that all students can learn implies a willingness to take on all comers -- to accept and accommodate whatever mix of ethnic, economic, and cultural diversity the student population presents.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Photo by Sylvia Adkins

The October birthday luncheon was held on Wednesday, the 11th. A delicious treat of cake and ice cream was served in honor of the following students: Janelle Ganoe (2nd), John Jordan (2nd), Ashley Lease (30th), Corey Grace (16th), and Matthew Stump

OPEN HOUSE



Photo by Sylvia Adkins

Mrs. Davy held an open house in the library on October 31st, hosting Trick or Treaters from all departments on campus. Do you recognize these treat givers?

CLUB CLIPS

JR. NAD

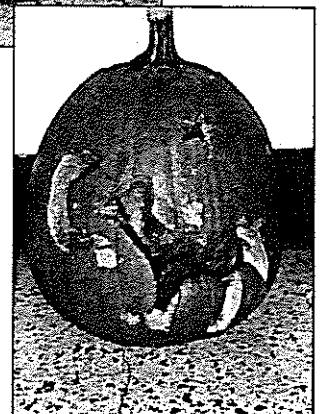
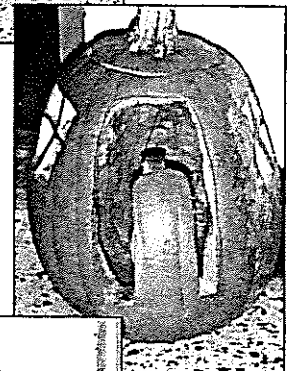
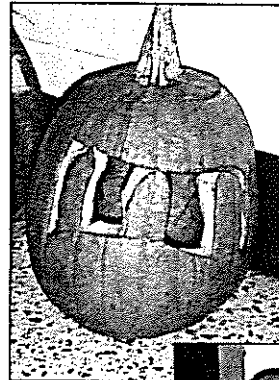
On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Student Union was transformed into a Halloween party and a "Haunted Hall," our version of a haunted house. The members worked all day decorating and planning to make the party a memorable event. We would like to give special thanks to all of the students, parents, and houseparents for assisting in the JR. NAD party. The party was so scary (but fun), that we're having an even better one next year! A Christmas party is planned for December.



Photos of the JR. NAD Halloween party by Joanne Shaffer

Pumpkin Magic

Some of Mrs. Judd's art students carved pumpkins for Halloween. Below are pumpkins carved by (starting from the top photo) Ashley Lease; Corey Grace and Johnny Caudill; Jeremy Cornell and Johathan Edwards; Jason Wilson.



FFA

On October 19, Corey Grace, DJ Christy, and Joe Canterbury attended the Northeast Region of the West Virginia Association FFA meeting. The region is comprised of all FFA chapters in Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson counties. They did a wonderful job representing our school. They received training on the duties of the secretary and the treasurer, listened to reports on the activities of each chapter, and elected regional officers. DJ was our delegate performing this duty. Amy Roomsburg was voted the Northeast Region Vice-President,

and Leona Smith was voted the Vice-President for Mineral and Hampshire counties.

SKILLS-USA VICA

The new officers of our organization for the 2000-01 year are Patrick Collins, President; Mindy Spencer, Vice-President; Sheena Smith, Secretary; Marcus Leake, Treasurer; Holly Romanello, Keith Richardson, Lisa Parent, and Jason Wilson, Sergeants-at-Arms.



WVSD SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

by Coach Surber

Beall Beats WVSD

On September 18 at WVSD, Beall beat the WVSD Lady Lions 3-0 by the scores of 15-3, 15-1 and 15-2. Danielle Surber had 3 service point for WVSD.



WVSD Tops PAW PAW

On September 19 at WVSD, Holly Romanello had 13 service points to lead WVSD to a 3-0 sweep of Paw Paw. The scores were 15-9, 15-11, and 15-5. Joanne Shaffer added 9 service points to help WVSD win. Tabitha Keplinger had 7 points, Danielle Surber and Sylvia Adkins had 5 points each, Carolyn Rockow had 4 points, and Jackie Fields had 2 points.

WVSD Defeats VSD

WVSD blanked VSD 3-0 Thursday, September 21, at WVSD. The WVSD Lady Lions won on sets of 15-13, 15-7, and 15-12. Holly Romanello had 12 service points, Sylvia Adkins added 11 service points, Joanne Shaffer had 8 service points, Tabitha Keplinger had 5 points, 4 kills, and 4 assists. Danielle Surber had 2 points, 7 kills, 7 assists, and 4 digs. Jackie Fields had 4 points. Lisa Parent had 2 points. Mindy Spencer had one point. Our record is 2-1.



Athletic Director's Report

by Mr. Blakely

As the new Athletic Director I would like to inform you about some of our student athletes at WVSD.

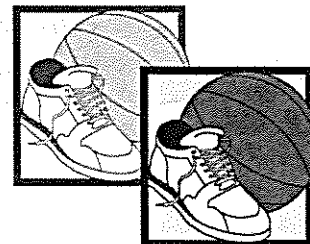
Those students who are participating in sports at public schools are:

- *Daniel Cochran (12) - varsity/junior varsity football at Hampshire High School
- *Keith Richardson (9) - 9th grade football at Hampshire High School
- *Patrick Collins (11), Brian Cross (9), and Jasor Wilson (12) - cross country at Hampshire High School
- *Joshua Bittner (8) and Jonathan Edwards (8) - football at Romney Middle School
- *Carolyn Rockow (9) - soccer at Hampshire High School

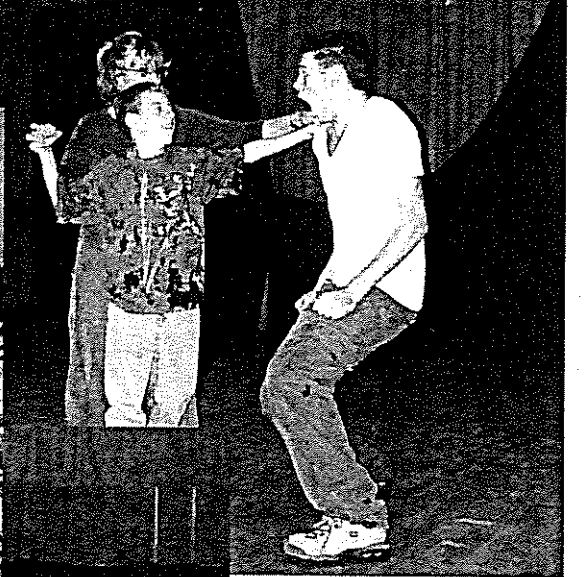
We are in the process of improving our athletic interpreting services for these students.

Also, our WVSD Volleyball team has a regular schedule this fall. They will be in the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament at Frederick, Maryland on November 3-4. They also participated in the PVC Volleyball Tournament on October 28, and will participate in the Sectional Tournament the last week of October.

WOW! Basketball season is coming soon!



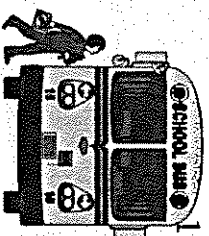


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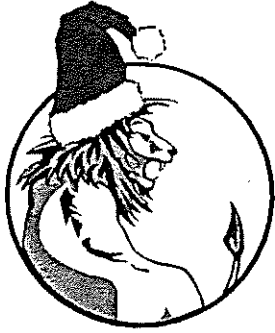


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November 2000

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Girls' first basketball practice	Election Day		Boys' first basketball practice	Veterans Day			
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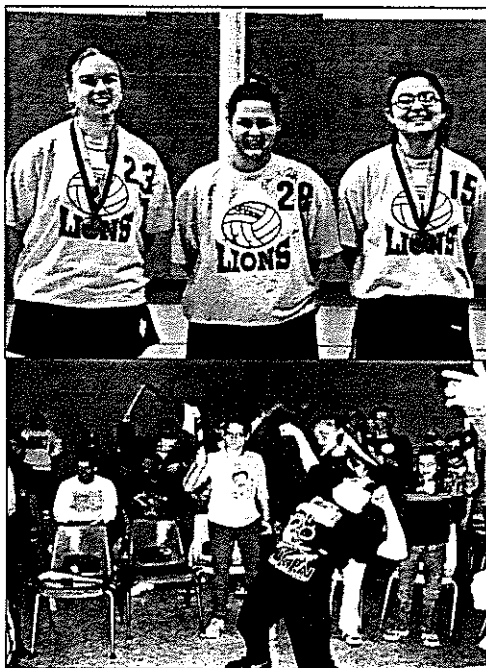
WVSD Wins ESDAA Division II Championship



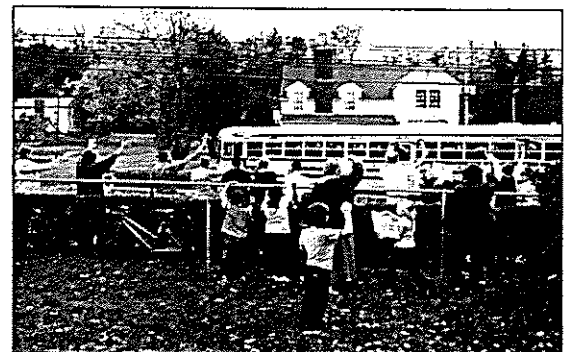
2000 ESDAA DIVISION II CHAMPS

Sitting: Jason Wilson, Manager; Mary Beth Surber, Coach; and Patrick Collins scorekeeper. Standing Sylvia Adkins, Carolyn Rockow, Danielle Surber, Tabitha Keplinger, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, Lisa Parent, and Joanne Shaffer.

The West Virginia School for the Deaf Lady Lions won seven games in two days to win the ESDAA Division II Championship Nov. 3 and 4, at Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick. The WVSD girls won all five of their games on Friday in the pool play and took the No. 1 seed play into Saturday's elimination round. The girls defeated Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf (NY) by sets of 15-2 and 15-0 to advance to the championship. Junior Danielle Surber led the team with 19 points. In the championship, WVSD beat the Delaware School for the Deaf 2-1 in sets of 15-10, 8-15, and 15-5. Senior Sylvia Adkins was the high scorer with 12 points. Junior Danielle Surber, freshman Holly Romanello, and junior Tabitha Keplinger were named to the all-tournament team. WVSD finished the season with a 13-11 record.



Clockwise, starting with top right: students and staff waved to the team as they left campus; Mr. Adrian gave out treat bags to each player; students cheered for the team during a pep rally; Danielle, Tabitha and Holly were named to the All-Tournament Team.

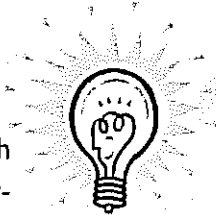


Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

Congratulations to coach Beth Surber and the lady lions volleyball team on their first place finish at the Eastern State Schools for the Deaf (ESDAA) Tournament.

On November 15th our students and staff members shared a wonderful Thanksgiving feast with all of the trimmings. Following that meal I met briefly with our young pilgrims and challenged them to count their blessings. I find it refreshing to count my blessings and hope that, as you count yours, you too will be lifted up. Best wishes for a safe and restful Holiday Season.



Athletic Director's Report

by Mr. Blakely

Greetings! It is hard to believe that the roundball is bouncing again this year!

We are all proud of our WVSD Lady Lions volleyball team for being champions in the ESDAA Division II volleyball tournament recently.

Boys varsity basketball team members are Roger Allport, Johnny Caudill, Daniel Cochran, Patrick Collins, Wesley Jarrell, Marcus Leake, Keith Richardson, and Jason Wilson. Head coach is Mr. Paul See.

Boys junior basketball team members are Joshua Bittner, Jeremy Cornell, Brian Cross, Jonathan Edwards, Corey Grace, Brad Grey, John Jordan, Steven Rebuck, and Billy White. Head coach is Mr. Bruce Moreland.

Girls basketball team members are Sylvia Adkins, Heather Braithwaite, Tabitha Keplinger, Lisa Parent, Carolyn Rockow, Holly Romanello, Joanne Shaffer, Mindy Spencer, and Danielle Surber. Head coach is Mr. Mike Surber and assistant coach is Mrs. MaryBeth Surber.

The Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

On behalf of the WVSD staff, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to: WVAD/WVDAA for their untiring support for Student of the Month awards, Domino's Pizza for the cleanest room awards, and McDonald's of Romney for the Certificates of Appreciation.

The following students received the October awards. Students of the Month: Jason Wilson and Holly Romanello. Cleanest Room recipients: ADV Boys, Wesley Jarrell; INT Boys, Billy White and Jonathan Edwards; ADV Girls, Joanne Shaffer; INT Girls, Ashley Lease. Certificates of Appreciation recipients: Pat Collins, Tyler Labin, Diana Delfosse, and Becky Lett. Flag bearers: Brian Cross and Paul Parent, Jr.



Wayside Theater
On November 29, the senior class traveled to the Wayside Theater in Middletown, VA, to see Charles Dickens' play, *A Christmas Carol*. Also attending were Mrs. Kuykendall and Mrs. Judd, senior class sponsors, and Mrs. Davy and Mrs. Loar, interpreters.

Apology

We inadvertently omitted Mr. Blakely's name as keynote speaker for Career Day in the last issue of the Lions' Tale. Our apologies to Mr. Blakely!

In The News!

October Students of the Month



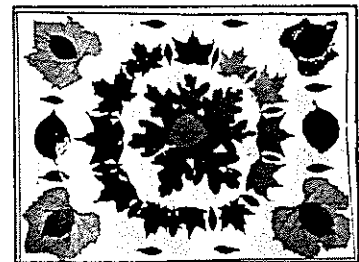
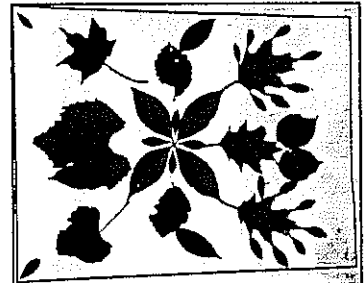
Senior Jason Wilson and Freshman Holly Romanello were named Students of the Month by Mr. Blakely, Director of Student Living.

Honor Roll

1st Nine Weeks

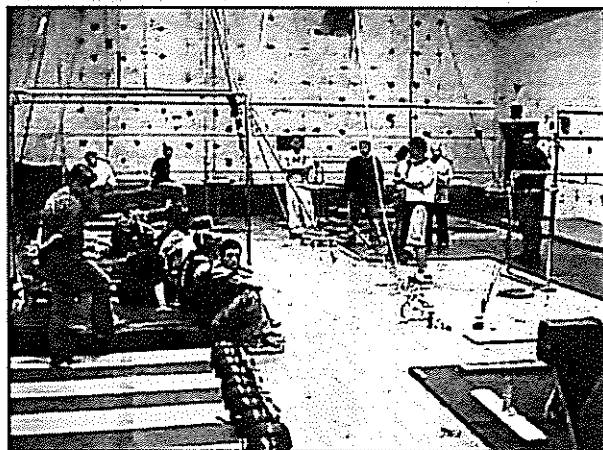
Grade	A	B
12th	J. Wilson	J. Shaffer S. Adkins M. Leake
11th	D. Surber	W. Jarrell S. Smith T. Keplinger P. Collins
9th		J. Fields P. Parent K. Richardson C. Rockow M. Spencer
8th	D. Delfosse A. Lease	B. White L. Parent J. Caudill J. Cornell J. Edwards C. Grace J. Jordan B. Grey
7th		T. Labin J. Morrison

Art Class Poster Contest



Top: First Place group, eighth graders Josh Bittner, Johnny Caudill, and Corey Grace. Middle: Second Place group, seniors Daniel Cochran and Jason Wilson. Bottom: Third Place group, eighth graders Brad Grey, John Jordan, and Billy White.

Swim Or Climb?



PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES TRAVEL TO FROSTBURG STATE

by Mr. Haines

Mr. Troy Strieby, Outdoor Adventure Instructor at Frostburg State University (FSU), hosted fourteen students from the WVSD PE class on November 8.

Our students participated in a "stroke clinic" taught by FSU students who participate on FSU's swimming and diving teams or are life guards. Each student attempted the different swim strokes along with their collegiate teammate. Classes were divided into small groups for a greater student-to-teacher ratio. WVSD students completed the morning session by playing water games with the FSU staff.

Mr. Strieby, who enjoys learning sign language, teamed up with the WVSD students. Following a picnic style lunch held outside in the warm weather, we traveled to the rock wall. The FSU climbing club and Mr. Strieby explained the safety equipment and rules prior to the WVSD students transforming into "Spidermen".

With helmets strapped on and harnesses snug, we broke into groups and practiced on the wall and climbing cave. After mastering the practice areas, it was on to the 20-foot high rock wall.

Having safety ropes in place and clips on, we were off to the top. Students showed strength, poise, and courage as they scaled to the top of this 20-foot high indoor wall and "walked" to the mat below. Wow, great fun! Exhausted and very satisfied with trying these new adventures, we returned to campus.

Happy Birthday!

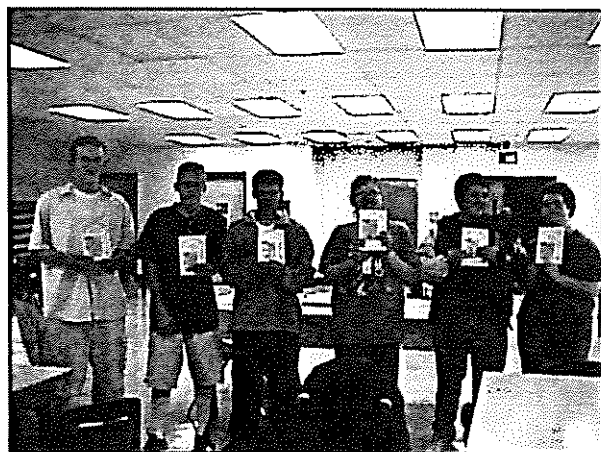


Photo By Sylvia Adkins

Another month of birthdays was celebrated on November 8th. Students recognized at the Wednesday luncheon were Patrick Collins, Jonathan Edwards, Brian Cross, April Dixon, Billy Anderson, and Becky Lett. Diana Delfosse, also born in November, was absent.

CLUB CLIPS

FBLA

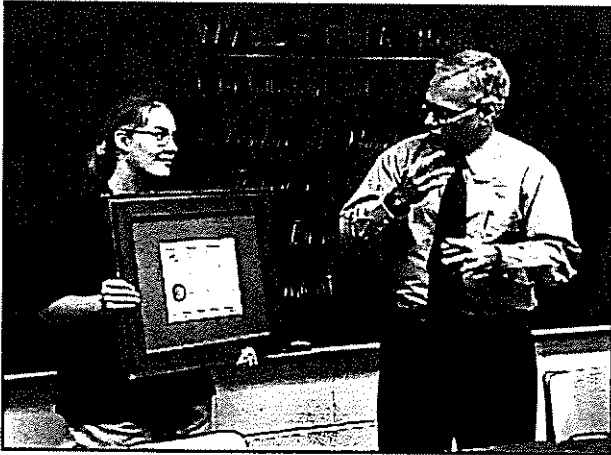


Photo by Danielle Surber

FBLA Vice-President Joanne Shaffer holds the WVSD Chapter Charter for Mr. Adrian.

Installation of FBLA Officers

On October 27, the West Virginia School for the Deaf's FBLA had an installation ceremony. Mr. Adrian conducted the ceremony. The first charter for WV FBLA #1390 has been signed by all FBLA members and advisors and is now framed and on display in the Business Education area. Presently, we have 19 active members, which also includes our newest member, Tyler Labin.

Our club netted \$150 in profit from the candy sale. It has been decided to purchase T-shirts with the money. Several members have volunteered to monogram the shirts with the WVSD FBLA logo. Also, individual names will be put on the sleeves.

Our next FBLA meeting will be held on December 15. A pizza party has been planned. A guest speaker, Pastor Calvin McCutcheon, from the First United Methodist Church, is scheduled to speak on various jobs in the ministry.

Good Luck, Mrs. Combs!

Photo by Wesley Jarrell

Mrs. Cindy Combs, our secretary, recently resigned her position at WVSD to accept a position as Director



of Human Resources at Hampshire Memorial Hospital in Romney. On her last day, students and staff gathered in the MPR to say good-bye and good luck. Mrs. Combs will truly be missed by students and staff. We wish her good luck in her new job!

Mrs. Jody Clem is serving as our secretary until the position is filled.



VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE/ CAREERS

Ms. Laah Broadwater, WVU student teacher at Keyser High, gave a Power Point presentation during 6th period on Dec 4th. Ms Broadwater is a former FFA member who will complete her agricultural degree in two weeks. The eighth grade Career Clusters class and the eleventh grade CRI classes attended the session which included topics relating to farming experiences, various areas in agriculture, and college courses.

WVSD Girls' Volleyball Stats
Fall 2000
(Regular Season, PVC Tournament, and ESDAA Tournament)



<i>Name</i>	<i>Serves</i>	<i>Aces</i>	<i>Kills</i>	<i>Assists</i>
Sylvia Adkins	112	6	9	12
Joanne Shaffer	66	4	7	9
Tabitha Keplinger	103	13	49	40
Danielle Surber	183	27	107	83
Carolyn Rockow	106	6	7	15
Holly Romanello	144	10	32	26
Mindy Spencer	112	5	41	22
Diana Delfosse	2	0	0	0
Ashley Lease	0	0	0	0
Lisa Parent	7	0	0	6
Jessica Morrison	1	0	0	0

WVSD Girls' Volleyball Record

					<i>Record</i>	
9/18/00	Home	Beall	Lost	0-3	0-1	
9/19/00	Home	Paw Paw	Won	3-0	1-1	
9/21/00	Home	VSD	Won	3-0	2-1	
10/3/00	Away	MSSD	Won	3-0	3-1	
10/5/00	Away	DSD	Won	3-0	4-1	
10/7/00	Away	NCSD & VSD	Lost Lost	1-3 1-3	4-2 4-3	
10/10/00	Away	Moorefield & Tygart Valley	Lost Lost	0-2 1-2	4-4 4-5	
10/16/00	Away	Beall	Lost	0-3	4-6	
10/18/00	Away	Paw Paw	Lost	1-3	4-7	
10/20/00	Away	VSD	Won	3-0	5-7	
10/23/00	Home	HHS JV	Lost	1-2	5-8	
10/24/00	Home	Moorefield	Lost	1-3	5-9	
10/28/00	PVC	Tygart Valley @ WVSD	Lost	1-3	5-10	
10/31/00	PVC @ Frankfort	Paw Paw & Frankfort	Won Lost	3-1 0-3	6-10 6-11	
Nov 3-4, 2000	ESDAA Tourney	ESDAA @ MSD				

Final Results

Division I

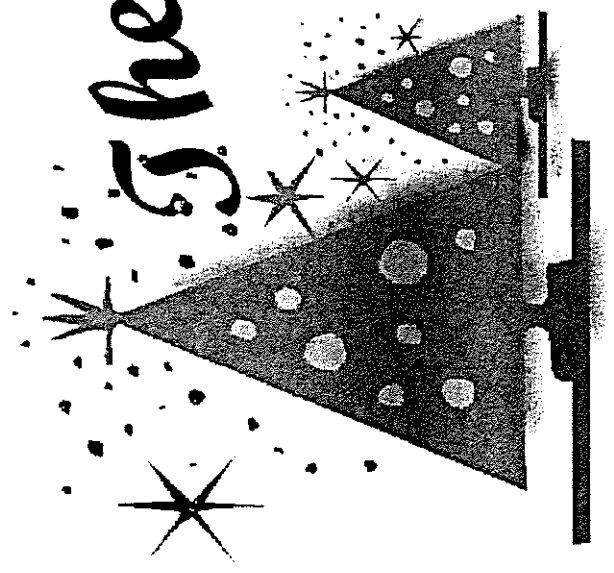
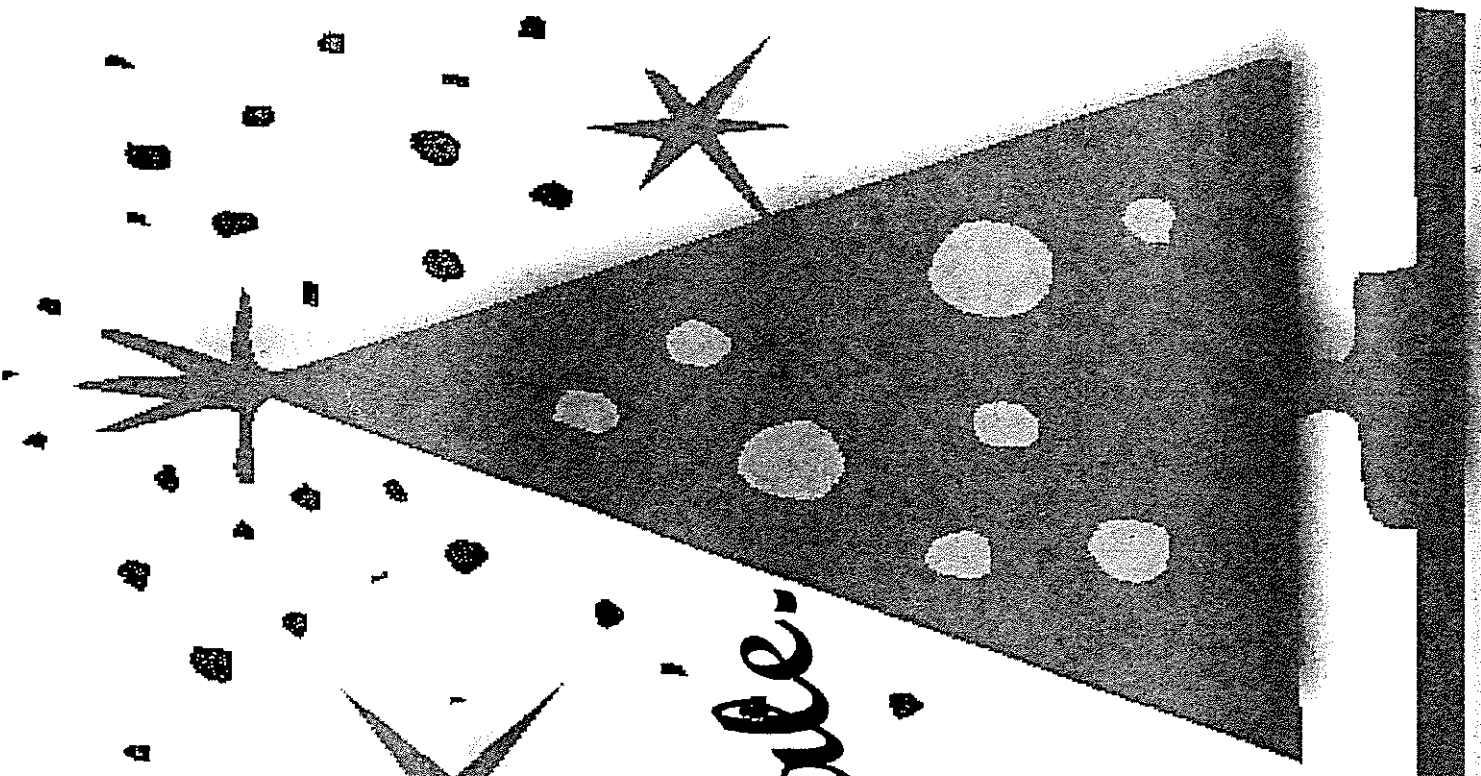
Champion- Maryland Deaf
 2nd place- Western Pennsylvania Deaf
 3rd place- New York (Fanwood) Deaf
 Sportsmanship- Lexington Deaf

Division II

Champion- West Virginia Deaf
 2nd place- Delaware Deaf
 3rd place- St. Mary's Deaf
 Sportsmanship- JHS 47 Deaf

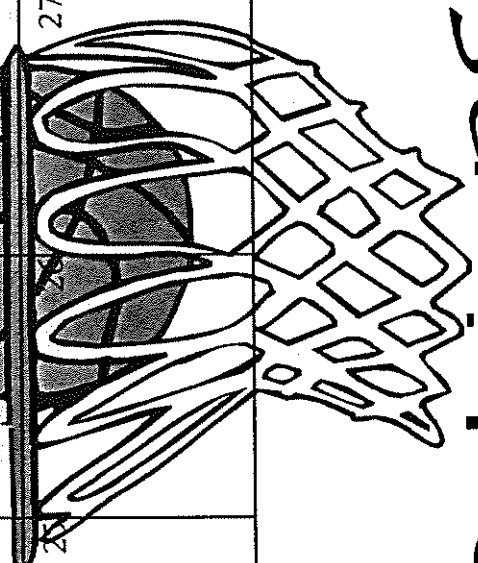
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From
The Lions' Staff



January 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 Return to school	3	4 Girls' BB & Boys' BB Game (A) @ VSD 5:00pm	5 Girls' BB Game (H) vs. Moorefield 6:00pm	6
	7 FFA Trip to P.A. Farm Show	8 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. Mt. View Christian 5:30pm	9 Girls' BB Game (A) @ Union 7:30pm Birthday Luncheon	10 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. MSSD-JV 4:00pm	11 Homegoing	12 Homegoing
	14 Return to school Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	15 Return to school	16 Chinese New Year	17 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. Paw Paw-JV 7:30pm	18 Girls' & Boys' BB Game @ NCSD Bad first Semester TBA	19 Girls' & Boys' BB Game @ NCSD BB Game (A) @ MSSD
	21 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. Union 7:00pm	22 Return to school	23 Chinese New Year	24 Homegoing	25 Homegoing	26 Homegoing
	28 Return to school	29	30 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. DSD 2:00pm	31 Girls' & Boys' BB Game (H) vs. MSD 5:00pm		



GO LIONS!



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January 31, 2001

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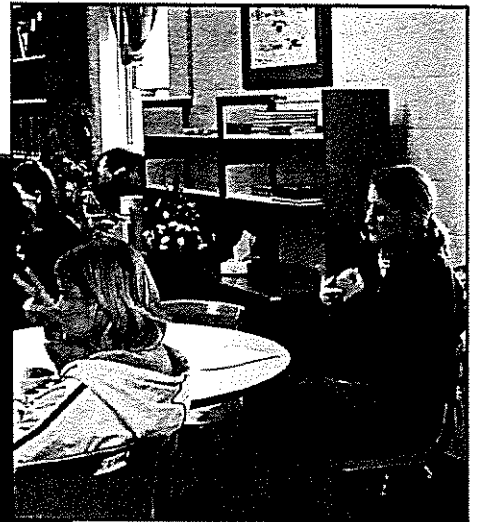
Tapestry To Perform in Charleston

The newly formed "Tapestry" began practicing on January 8th in preparation for its excursion to Charleston. The singers and signers from both WVSD and WWSB will perform for the WV Legislature on March 6. The 15 member group and sponsors are looking forward to this event.



WVSD TAPESTRY MEMBERS

Left to right, starting with front row: Lisa Parent, Jessica Morrison, Tabitha Keplinger, Diana Delfosse, Jackie Fields, Joanne Shaffer, Sylvia Adkins, Mindy Spencer, Holly Romanello, Danielle Surber, Corey Grace, Bradley Grey, Jason Wilson, and Billy White.



Mrs. Davy and the signers discuss the meaning of the songs to determine the appropriate signs.

Principal's Post

As we enter our second semester, it is obvious that our students have an abundance of opportunities at WVSD. Almost all students participate and fill roles of leadership in at least two clubs or organizations. Most students participate in athletics and many of these same students are also members of the Academic Bowl team or participants in Teen Insitute. Perhaps they are members of the new group, Tapestry, a chorus adding the language of signs to WVSB'S songs. Field trips for work-based learning and classroom reinforcement also provide wonderful enrichment, experience, and opportunity. Combining all of this (and much more too numerous to mention) with a highly skilled, caring staff and a quality academic program, and you have a great school for deaf and hard of hearing students.



ESDAA Tournament

The West Virginia School for the Deaf is looking forward to hosting the 69th Annual Boys' ESDAA Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition, which will be held February 15-17.

Other schools participating are: Austine School for the Deaf, Brattleboro, VT; Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, Portland, ME; JHS 47 School for the Deaf, New York, NY; Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, NY; New York State School for the Deaf, Rome, NY.

For further information, please contact Mr. Marty Blakely, Tournament Director, (304) 822-4865 (TTY); FAX (304) 822-4870.



Happy birthday to Danielle Surber (January 18), Jessica Morrison (January 28), and Joanne Shaffer (January 30)! Happy birthday also to Holly Romanello (January 13), who is not pictured.

Photo by Sylvia Adkins

Students of the Month



SYLVIA ADKINS

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball,
Jr.NAD, FBLA, & VICA

Goals: Work or go to college

Hobbies: Watch TV and movies with my
friends

Hometown: Glen

BRADLEY GREY

Activities: Basketball, Jr.NAD,
FFA, & VICA

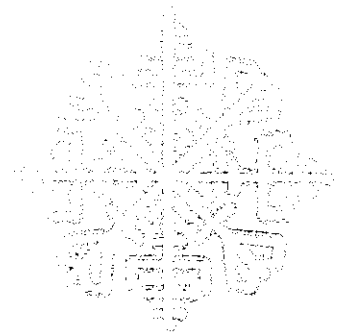
Goals: Go to college

Hobbies: Play with friends, sports,
N64, & Playstation

Hometown: Elkins



Let it snow!!



Thanks to Jeremy Cornell, Brian Cross,
Corey Grace, Bradley Grey, Billy White,
and Jason Wilson, our principal, Mr.
Corbin, has a new look. The proof is in
the tie.

Photo by Sylvia Adkins

CLUB CLIPS

FBLA

On December 15th, our club celebrated the Christmas holiday with a presentation by Rev. Calvin McCutcheon. He shared many wonderful stories about the career opportunities available in the ministry and also entertained us with descriptions of his sheep shearing experiences. Ask him sometime how he got started. The meeting was followed by pizza, chips, cookies, soda, and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

To start the New Year off on the right track, the FBLA members decided to hold another "Old Fashioned Candy Sale." Be ready for a member asking, "Would you like to buy a candy bar?"

On January 17, the FBLA members traveled to The Woods Conference Center. There were so many career opportunities to learn about, and we think the trip was most beneficial. In addition to the advisors, Mr. Adrian and Mrs. Brown, Mr. Sevigny and Mr. Brown also participated. Mr. Sevigny's son, Forrest, is the assistant manager at The Woods.

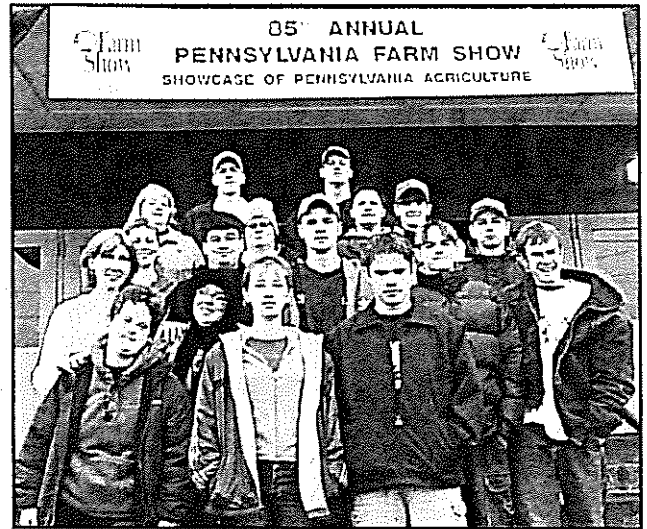
To finish off the month of January, Mrs. Charity Reedy-Hines, Executive Director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was our guest speaker. The entire student body, teachers, and staff were invited to her presentation.

FFA

by Daniel Cochran

Our FFA

Chapter traveled to the PA Farm Show on Monday, January 8. We arrived about 10:30 and broke into groups. We saw lots of things: rabbits, cows sheep, pigs, chickens and lots more. We were able to sit and watch a cow judging contest. There were many agriculture related displays, and there were people who had tables set up. For example, you could watch people cook, paint, and sew. There were also food stands so people could munch while viewing everything. There were several kinds of tractors, tools, trucks, and other farm equipment. We saw displays of competitions like wool from sheep, plants, hay, flowers, and decorated fish tanks. We didn't get to see everything, but we



all had a great time! I would encourage those of you who are not in FFA to join. We have many activities that are enjoyable for all. I would like to thank Mr. Leatherman for taking his time to plan this trip for us. I would like to thank Mrs. Heare, Mrs. Dodgins, and Mrs. Kuykendall for taking their time to go with us.

There was so much to see at the Farm Show! If you really want to know more, then you have to go and see for yourself:)

VICA

Due to the withdrawal of our president from WVSD, Mindy Spencer has moved from Vice-President to assume the role of President. Daniel Cochran has been elected to fill in the Vice-President's spot. At this time, our members are preparing for our Valentine's Day Party.



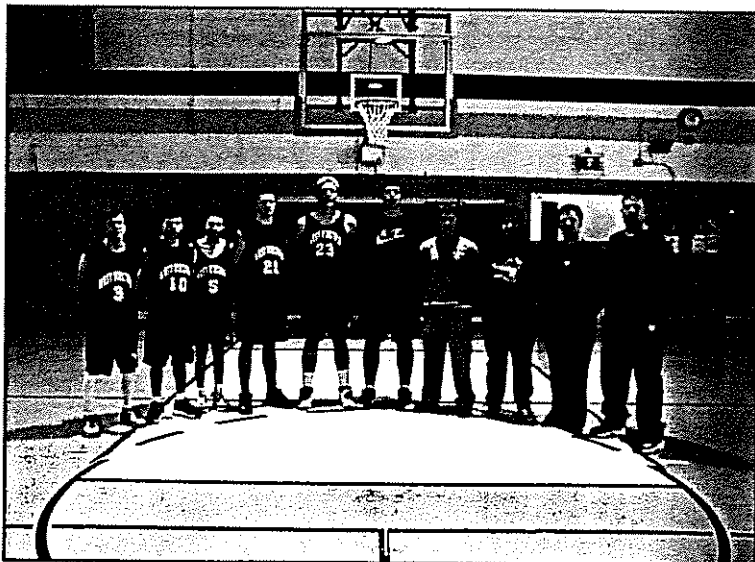
Mrs. Charity Reedy-Hines, Executive Director of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

WVSD ROUNDBALL



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Standing, left to right: Mindy Spencer, Joanne Shaffer, Carolyn Rockow, Dani Surber, Tabi Keplinger, Sylvia Adkins. Kneeling: Mr. Mike Surber, Coach; Lisa Parent, and Mrs. Mary Beth Surber, Assistant Coach. Not pictured: Holly Romanello, Heather Braithwaite, and Managers Jessica Morrison and Diana Delfosse.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right: Jason Wilson, Brian Cross, Paul Parent, Wesley Jarrell, Marcus Leake, Keith Richardson, Daniel Cochran, Managers Jared Hesel and DJ Christy and Mr. Paul See, Coach.

BOYS PARTICIPATE IN VIKING CLASSIC

The boys' team accepted an invitation to the Tennessee School for the Deaf for the 3rd Annual Viking Classic Weekend on December 8th and 9th. Other teams participating in the tournament were the Virginia School for the Deaf and North Carolina School for the Deaf. Our first game was against Tennessee on Friday evening. Our team did better than the score indicates: we lost 49 to 26. Marcus Leake led the team with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

We had two games on Saturday. The first game of the day was against Virginia. We improved offensively and defensively, but it was not enough to come up with the win. We lost 53 to 41. Marcus Leake had an outstanding game, leading the team with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Two hours later, we played our second game. The team played with heart, even though they were worn out from the previous game.

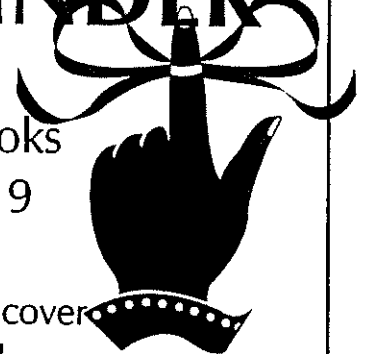
We are pleased to announce that Marcus Leake and Jason Wilson were selected to be part of the All-Star team.

The team is looking forward to a fun season.

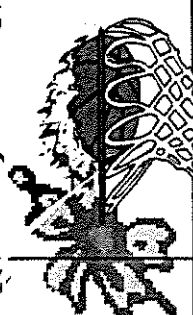

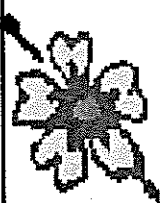
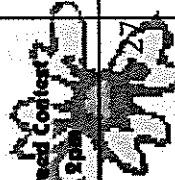
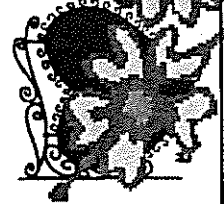
REMINDER

Money
for yearbooks
due Feb. 19

\$10.00 - soft cover
\$30.00 - hard cover



February 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Jr. High Boys' BB (H) Warm Spring M.S. 6pm	2
	4	5	6	7 Girls' & V Boys' BB (H) VSD 5:30pm & 7:30pm	8 Girls' & Boys' BB Jr. High and V (A) MSSD 4pm & 5:30pm
	11 Girls' & Jr. High Boys' BB (A) Paw Paw 6pm & 7:30pm	12 V Boys' BB (H) Moorefield 7pm Jr. High Boys' BB (A) Warm Springs 6pm	13 Birthday Luncheon Happy Valentine's Day! Jr. High Boys' BB (H) Capon Bridge 6 pm	15 ESDAA Tournament V Boys (H) Girls (A) NY *Homegoing	17 
	18 National YEA Week Girls' and Boys' BB V & Jr. High Mt. View Christian (A) 4pm, 5:30pm, & 7pm	19 Girls' Sectional BB Tournament 29, 30, and 31st. 7:30am 7:30pm	21 	22 Washington's Ball 7-9pm MPR Greenhand Awards 8pm	23 
	25 V Boys' Sectional BB Tournament 26 and March 2 Keyser	27 	28 		24



WVSD Has A New Secretary



Mrs. Joyce Barnes
Photo by Sylvia Adkins

by Sheena Smith

Mrs. Joyce Barnes is WVSD's new secretary. She lives in Romney with her husband and three daughters. Mrs. Barnes brings a lot of experience to our school, as she has held positions at The Department of Human Resources and the Department of

Natural Resources.

Mrs. Barnes decided to apply for the secretary's position at our school, because she loves to work with kids, she needed a change, and she wanted to learn sign language. She also stated that she has a hearing loss in her left ear and may need sign language later in life.

Mrs. Barnes immediately established four goals for herself: learn sign language, learn everything about her job, make new friends, and be as helpful as she can.

Mrs. Barnes enjoys reading and doing cross stitch, but she doesn't have much time to pursue those hobbies. Mrs. Barnes also enjoys spending time with her family.



WVSD Team Receives Sportsmanship Award

by Noelle Payton and Sheena Smith

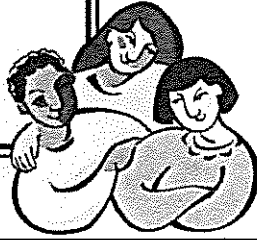
On March 2-3, WVSD's Academic Bowl Team traveled to the Gallaudet Academic Competition held on MSD's campus in Frederick, MD. Our team was one of twelve participating teams: nine from schools for the deaf and three from mainstreamed programs. Round Robin competitions were held on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Our first match was against Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. We were surprised that we actually knew the answers to some of the questions. "Listening" from News Class also helped us answer questions. I. King Jordan came to MSD to give a presentation and allowed us to watch a television program where he was a participant (*To Tell The Truth*). It made us laugh so hard some of us were crying. The semi-finals and the finals were held on Saturday, and later that evening, we went to a party where we had the opportunity to hang out with Mr Jordan and his wife. Music and pizza were provided and we also received free Gallaudet shirts. We were awarded the Sportsmanship Award and had a lot of fun. We would like to encourage WVSD students to join the Academic Bowl for a great experience.

Both Mr. Jordan and MSD's Superintendent Jamie Tucker said they were impressed with the teams' abilities and hard work.

Photo by Sylvia Adkins

Front row, left to right: Daniel Cochran and JoAnne Shaffer. Back row, left to right: Jason Wilson, Noelle Payton, and Sheena Smith.

Dorm News



by Mr. Blakely

Several students from WVSD have talked to me about how I should change the residential school. There is no easy way to change residential schools or people unless they want to be changed. A residential school is PEOPLE. It takes its personality from what they do, with or against each other.

If students want to change WVSD, then start now. Drop one less paper or can on the floor or grounds. Pick up one piece of litter. Be nice to one more person. Do one more assignment. Say hello or hi to someone you don't know. Pay someone a compliment. Say thanks to someone who did something for you. Learn something new both in/out of class everyday. Show respect for yourself and for others.

WVSD will always be a part of your life when you leave here. Take pride in it now. Help make it a better place, day by day, through the better ways you do things and the better ways you act.

Our residential school should be a community where people offer strength and support to each other. It should be a community that offers personal growth to everyone; a good place to learn, to work, and to be.

Golden Horseshoe

Nine WVSD eighth graders participated in the Golden Horseshoe test on February 2. Designed by the State Department of Education and given by the Social Studies Department, this examination centers around the amount of knowledge a student has of his/her home state. WVSD students compete against WWSB to become one of the two hundred and twenty one winners of the annual Golden Horseshoe award. This year's winner is Donovan Wright from WWSB. Diana Delfosse, WVSD, placed second, and Jeremy Cornell and John Jordan, WVSD, tied for third.

Principal's Post



by Mr. Corbin

A recent visit to the State Capital provided not only insight into the monumental task laid before our legislators, but also the opportunity to see the pride and joy of WVSD. Our singing-signing group, Tapestry, gave a dazzling performance during the opening ceremony of the legislature. While our students made us proud, our legislators pledged their support in building a better West Virginia for all of its citizens. The message that prevailed throughout the Capitol city was that education and the future of our youth is held in the highest regard.

Meanwhile, on the WVSD home-front, students and staff are engaged in the activities of the long awaited Spring. Our calendar is filled with many opportunities for our students - may they blossom as the spring flowers.



Photo by Sylvia Adkins

HONOR ROLL



GRADE	STUDENT	2ND 9 WEEKS	FIRST SEM.
12	ADKINS, SYLVIA	A	B
12	COCHRAN, DANIEL	B	B
12	HELSEL, JARED	B	B
12	LEAKE, MARCUS		B
12	SHAFFER, JOANNE	B	B
12	WILSON, JASON	B	A
11	COLLINS, PATRICK	B	B
11	KEPLINGER, TABITHA	B	B
11	SMITH, SHEENA	B	B
11	SURBER, DANIELLE	A	A
10	JARRELL, WESLEY	B	B
9	CROSS, BRIAN		B
9	FIELDS, JACKIE		B
9	PARENT, PAUL		B
9	RICHARDSON, KEITH	B	B
9	ROCKOW, CAROLYN	B	B
9	SPENCER, MINDY	B	B
8	ALLPORT, ROGER	B	B
8	BITTNER, JOSH	B	B
8	CORNELL, JEREMY	A	A
8	DELFOSSÉ, DIANA	B	B
8	EDWARDS, JONATHAN	B	B
8	GRACE, COREY	B	B
8	GREY, BRADLEY	B	B
8	JORDAN, JOHN	A	A
8	LEASE, ASHLEY	B	B
8	PARENT, LISA	B	B
8	WHITE, BILLY	B	B
7	LABIN, TYLER	B	B
7	MORRISON, JESSICA	B	B
UG	CHRISTY, DALTON	A	A

Students of the Month

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Noelle Payton

ADV Girls' Dorm

Activities: Jr. NAD, FBLA, score-keeper, Academic Bowl

Goals: Attend Callaudet University

Hobbies: Watching television and reading books

Hometown: Romney



Jared Helsel

ADV Boys' Dorm

Activities: FFA, FBLA, VICA, basketball manager (boys), workshop

Goals: Get a job

Hobbies: Talking with friends, watching TV and movies, Play Station

Hometown: Waynesburg

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Jeremy Cornell

INT Boys' Dorm

Activities: JR Boys' Basketball, Jr. NAD, VICA

Goals: Play pro basketball.

Hobbies: Basketball, playing N64

Hometown: Martinsburg



Diana Delfosse

INT Girls' Dorm

Activities: FBLA, VICA, volleyball, basketball manager (girls)

Goals: Attend technical school; become an art teacher or work at a bank

Hobbies: Skiing, rollerblading, drawing, bicycling, singing, and sleeping!!!!

Hometown: Moorefield



CLUB CLIPS

FBLA

On January 31 the WVSD Secondary had a Leadership Presentation by Steve Walker, Deaf Interpreter with Gallaudet's Interpreting Services, and Sherry Duhon, Assistant Director of Alumni Outreach/Student Programs at Gallaudet University. Steve is a close friend of Charity Reedy Hines, Director of the WVCDHH, and offered to come to the school and speak to all the students. He thought Sherry Duhon would add so much and asked if she could join him. Mr. Adrian introduced the speakers. They were so interesting, that the scheduled one-hour presentation continued into the late afternoon. The whole school appreciated their program and benefited from the afternoon assembly.

Our March meeting was a working meeting. The St. Patrick's Day Dance was held on March 16, and the WVSD FBLA invited students

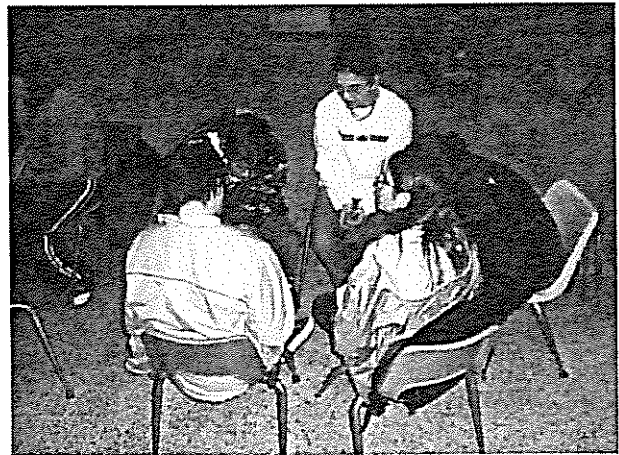
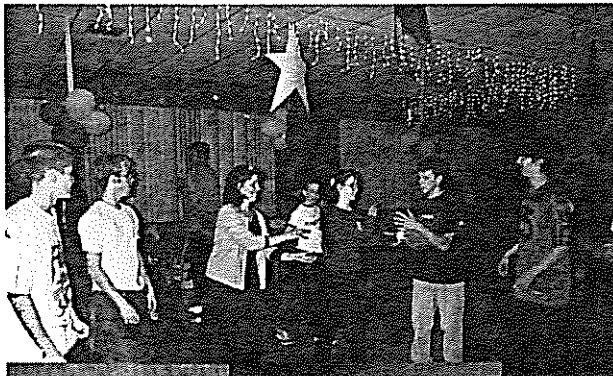


Photo by Mrs. Dodgins
Holly, Lisa, Noelle, Carolyn, Sylvia, and Tabitha practice teamwork skills during the leadership presentation.

from the Burlington Home to be our guests for the evening. Plenty of food, music and fun was enjoyed by both the FBLA and the Burlington Students.

The final meeting of the year will be held on May 4th. A big surprise may be in store for the school - an announcement will be forthcoming concerning our guest speaker.



FFA

WVSD celebrated National FFA Week Feb. 17-24. Greenhand candidates presented the Salute to the Flag and the FFA Creed to students and judges. D.J. Christy captured first place. Several members participated in hog butchering with Hampshire High School. All students were invited to "Washington's Ball" the following week, which was held in the rec room in the dorm.



Greenhand Candidates (left to right) Joe Canterbury, Billy White, Corey Grace, and D.J. Christy.

Photos by JoAnne Shaffer, Mrs. Dodgins, and Mr. Leatherman.

Tapestry is a new performing group on the campus of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Fourteen signers from the West Virginia Secondary School for the Deaf have joined with seventeen secondary students from the West Virginia School for the Blind Music Ensemble to form this new group. Tapestry transforms the beauty of individual threads to a singular and strong piece of art. Likewise, our union of singers and signers more effectively communicates the interconnectedness of all human beings while valuing the unique gifts of all. Stated simply, we are Tapestry... art born from rich threads of human spirit.

An appearance at the fall Hampshire County Choral Festival was the group's debut and featured presentation in the language of sign, choral presentation, and spectacular visuals including full-sized American flags. Tapestry and Mountaineer Melodies, a group of elementary-aged signers and singers from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, recently returned

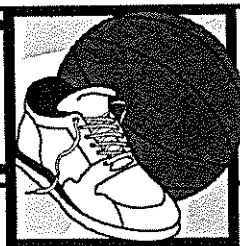
Tapestry



Front (left to right) Lisa Parent, Diana Delfosse Middle: Corey Grace, Billy White, Bradley Grey, and Jason Wilson. Back: Sylvia Adkins, Jessica Morrison, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, JoAnne Shaffer, Holly Romanello, and Mindy Spencer.

from a performance in Charleston. The combined groups presented a short program in the chamber of the West Virginia House of Delegates where they were warmly received by the Delegates and guests. They also received much attention and acclaim from local media and West Virginia Public Television. Tapestry is soon to enjoy a trip to our nation's capital. Our schools' Business Partner in Education, United Auto Workers Local #1590 from Martinsburg, is sponsoring the students' visit to Washington. The UAW arranged, through the office of WV Senator Robert C. Byrd, for the group to perform in the rotunda of The Richard B. Russell Senate Office Building on March 26. Senator Byrd, a long-time supporter of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, was in attendance.

Varsity Boys' Basketball News



by Coach See

WVSD Vs. Delaware School for the Deaf

The boys played an outstanding game, beating Delaware School for the Deaf with a score of 63 to 18. They played great in offense and defense. Marcus led the team with 19 points and 16 rebounds, while Keith Richardson added 14 points with 2 three 3-point shots and 12 rebounds. Jason contributed 14 points and 6 steals, while Daniel Cochran pulled down 20 rebounds. Also, Brian Cross added 6 points and Paul Parent Jr. scored 4. Each player scored points during this game. That was my dream!

WVSD Vs. Maryland School for the Deaf

This was a very difficult game for our boys, as Maryland School for the Deaf has a tough team. The boys tried their best but weren't able to pull out a victory. We had a lot of fouls. Wesley Jarrell and Keith Richardson fouled out. We lost with a score of 84 to 22. Marcus Leake led the team with 13 points and 11 rebounds. It was a good experience for the boys as they prepared for the ESDAA tournament which was hosted by WVSD in February. I was proud of the boys, because they tried their best. That is enough for me.

WVSD Vs. Union

This was the toughest team we faced all year. We lost with a score of 68 to 12. Even though we had only 6 players, we finished the game without giving up. For that, I am proud. Marcus Leake led the team with 8 points and 11 rebounds.

WVSD Vs. Virginia School for the Deaf

We had a slow start in the first half but improved in the second. The boys didn't give up and finished the game on a positive note. We lost with a score

of 82 to 48. We improved in breaking through the full court pressure which we had been struggling with since the beginning of the season. Marcus Leake led the team with 19 points and 12 rebounds, Keith Richardson had 10 points and 15 rebounds, Jason Wilson poured in 13 points with 9 rebounds and Daniel Cochran pulled down 12 rebounds. The boys' attitudes have improved a lot and I am proud of this. I was very impressed with the boys as they worked very hard until the end of the game. I am expecting them to continue to keep this positive attitude.

WVSD Vs. MSSD - Jv

This was a very close game. WVSD has improved in playing offensively and defensively, but it wasn't enough to come up with a win. The final score was 39 to 31. WVSD players were able to show the fans and the opponents that they were a better team than expected. Marcus Leake led the team with 21 points and 16 rebounds and Daniel Cochran contributed 4 points and 6 assists. Jason Wilson played most of the game with the flu and finished the game with 6 points. I have high expectations for the boys in finishing up the season with at least 14 games remaining. This includes the ESDAA tournament and the Sectional tournament.

WVSD Vs. MSSD JV

We traveled to our Nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to play basketball against Model Secondary School for the Deaf's junior varsity team. It was a close game in the beginning but we lost the lead by 14 points due to the injury of Jason Wilson.

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(Varsity Boys' Basketball continued from page 6)

That left only five players for the second period. We lost with a score of 46 to 32. Marcus Leake led the team with 23 points and 9 boards. Daniel Cochran took over Jason's position with 10 assists. The boys were brave enough to finish the game with only five players, and I was proud of them.

WVSD Vs East Hardy

We traveled to East Hardy High School to play against their junior varsity team. We had only five players due to the illness of Jason Wilson. The five boys played bravely with only 6 team fouls. They fought the hard battle, but it was not enough to come up with a win. We lost with a score of 70 to 42. Marcus Leake led the team with 34 points, his career high, and 5 boards. Daniel Cochran took over Jason's position of point guard and managed to get 10 assists. East

Hardy's outside shooting was WVSD's defense disaster. They made 7 three-points field goals. I couldn't think of anything to complain about, because the team showed a lot of courage due to the small number of players.

WVSD Vs. Mt. View Christian Academy

This was a very physical game, but we came up with a big win with a score of 51 to 34. Marcus Leake had a big night with 31 points and 24 rebounds, and Daniel Cochran added 7 points and 17 rebounds. WVSD boys enjoyed having two wins in a row, although we were pretty weary from the long weekend of the ESDAA tournament.

Final Statistics - Boys' Varsity Basketball Players

Daniel Cochran- 104 points: 5.8 points per game (18 games) 127 rebounds: 7.5 rebounds per game (17 games) 93 assists: 5.5 assists per game (17 games) 45 steals: 2.6 steals per game (17 games) 2 blocks (17 games)

Jason Wilson- 109 points: 6.8 points per game (16 games) 29 rebounds: 1.9 rebounds per game (15 games) 44 assists: 2.9 assists per game (15 games) 52 steals: 3.5 steals per game (15 games) 4 blocks (15 games)
Marcus Leake- 342 points: 19 points per game (18 games) 220 rebounds: 12.9 rebounds per game (17 games) 13 assists (17 games) 20 steals: 1.2 steal per game (17 games) 38 blocks: 2.2 blocks per game (17 games)

Keith Richardson- 58 points: 3.4 points per game (17 games) 104 rebounds: 6.5 rebounds per game (16 games) 18 assists: 1.1 assist per games (16 games) 4 steals (16 games) 16 blocks: 1 block per game (16 games)

Paul Parent Jr.- 18 points: 1.3 points per game (14 games) 30 rebounds: 2.3 rebounds per game (13 games) 3 assists (13 games) 6 steals (13 games)

Brian Cross- 36 points: 2 points per game (18 games) 20 rebounds: 1.2 rebounds per game (17 games) 7 assists (17 games) 20 steals: 1.2 steals per game (17 games)

The 69th Annual Boys' ESDAA Tournament and Cheerleading Competition

February 19, 2001



by Mr. Blakely

The 69th Annual Boys' ESDAA Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition held at the West Virginia School for the Deaf February 15-18 was a successful event. The effort and commitment of our committee members and the cooperation of the participating coaches made this event fantastic!

The Cheerleading Championship went to New York State School for the Deaf (NYSSD), Rome, New York. The Runner-up was Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (GBSD), Portland, ME. GBSD also won the team sportsmanship award. Making the All Star 1st Team were Sheen Foote (GBSD), Joanne Peppas (NYSSD), Matt Cutler (NYSSD), and Samantha Jaikin (NYSSD). Named to the All Star 2nd Team were Florence La Barr (NYSSD), Hilary Whitmore (GBSD), Lilia Palacios, and Hannah Casey (both from NYSSD).

At the "21" Competition, the championship went to us! Of the Team Foul Shooting Competition, the championship went to GBSD and the "Knockout" Competition went to Luis Quiles at first place from Junior High School 47 (JHS-47), and Brad Russell at second place from Rome. At the awards for the boys' basketball, the team sportsmanship went to Austine School for the Deaf in Vermont, and the individual sportsmanship went to Brad Russell of Rome. The players that received the 1st All Star award were: Luis Quiles of JHS-47, Brian Clotier from GBSD, Steven Erwin from JHS-47, Joseph Malone from Mill Neck, New York, Gerald Griffin from Rome, NY, and Marcus Leake of WVSD.

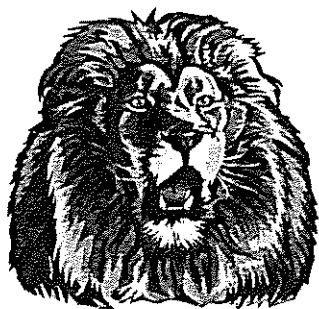
The Second All Star team were: Josh Johnson from Austine, Joey Guha from Mill Neck, Naquan Gabriel from Rome, Daniel Cochran from WVSD, Chris Dyndivk from GBSD, James Edwards from Mill Neck and Kyle Curtis from GBSD.

The third place team went to Rome, New York, the second place went to JHS-47 and the first place winner was GBSD. Congratulations to all!!!

by Coach See

WVSD hosted the ESDAA Tournament, an event we always look forward to each year. We participated in competitions such as "21" shooting and foul shooting. We clinched the "21" shooting championship and we came in third for foul shooting.

In the opening round, we played against a tough team, JHS-47. With 1 minute and 30 seconds remaining, we were only two points behind, thanks to a 3-point shot from Keith Richardson. However, we made some costly errors which gave JHS-47 the advantage until the end of the game. I was very proud of my boys. They fought hard with only five players on the team. We lost with the score of 53 to 42. Marcus Leake led the team with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Daniel Cochran taking over Jason Wilson's position, had 9 assists and 6 points. Keith Richardson pulled down 10 rebounds with 7 points. On the next round, we had Jason Wilson back after an illness. With Daniel Cochran back to his original forward position, WVSD rolled over Austine School for the Deaf from Vermont with a score of 49 to 37. Marcus Leake led the team with 16 points and 15 rebounds and Daniel Cochran added 14 points and 8 rebounds. Jason Wilson poured in 11 points with 6 assists. Marcus Leake was named to the All Star First Team and Daniel Cochran was named to All Star Second Team. We were heartbroken with our first round loss, but we left the tournament with some positive achievements such as "21" championship and some WVSD players being selected for the All Star Team. I am proud of our team.



WVSD LADY LIONS' BASKETBALL

December 8, 2000

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	3	12	18	32	32
Tenn. Deaf	14	32	46	52	52

Players	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Holly	12	0	9	0
Danielle	10	0	15	5
Tabitha	7	0	3	3
Heather	2	0	8	2
Mindy	1	1/2	1	0
Carolyn	0	0	2	0

January 4, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	7	20	31	34	34
VSD	6	10	16	24	24

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	14	3/5	23	3
Mindy	15	5/7	2	0
Carolyn	1	1/2	10	1
Sylvia	0	0/1	2	0
Tabitha	4	0	4	1

January 9, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	8	22	31	40	40
Mt. View Christian	3	13	25	31	31

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	26	12/19	25	2
Tabitha	0	0/1	7	1
Carolyn	4	0	15	2
Mindy	10	4/8	11	1

December 9, 2000

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	9	28	36	46	46
VSD	2	2	7	9	9

Players	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	25	0	21	2
Holly	12	0	0	2
Mindy	4	0	4	0
Tabitha	3	0	2	8
Heather	2	0/2	8	0
Carolyn	0	0	9	1

December 9, 2000

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	4	4	14	21	21
NCSD	15	25	42	54	54

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Heather	2	0/1	3	0
Tabitha	5	0	7	1
Carolyn	2	0/4	7	0
Holly	0	0/5	1	1
Mindy	12	3/6	3	0

January 10, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	8	17	18	22	22
Union	5	22	29	44	44

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	8	4/6	10	0
Mindy	6	0/2	8	0
Tabitha	3	1/4	1	2
Carolyn	3	1/2	10	2
Heather	2	0	6	1

January 11, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	8	18	33	52	52
MSSD JV	8	10	14	18	18

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	29	4/7	17	3
Tabitha	0	0	5	5
Carolyn	3	½	13	3
Heather	12	0/1	18	0
Mindy	8	0/1	6	1

January 22, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	5	19	23	27	27
Union	8	17	23	33	33

Player	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	9	4/4	15	1
Carolyn	4	0/2	9	0
Holly	5	0	3	1
Mindy	5	0/1	3	1
Heather	2	0/1	10	2
Tabitha	2	0	4	4

January 17, 2001

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
WVSD	9	23	31	45	45
Paw Paw	8	14	21	31	31

Players	Points	FTM/FTA	Rebounds	Assists
Danielle	25	3/5	17	10
Mindy	12	0	10	1
Heather	4	0	4	2
Sylvia	2	0	3	0
Tabitha	2	0	2	2
Holly	0	0	4	3
Carolyn	0	0	4	0

Record: 8-9

WVSD LADY LIONS BASKETBALL

WVSD Player	Class	Games played	FTM/FTA	Two points FG	Three points FG	Total points	Points average	Rebounds	Rebounds average	Assists	Assists average	Steals	Blocks
Sylvia Adkins	Senior	15	0-2 .000	1	0	2	.13	15	1.0	0	0	2	0
Joanne Shaffer	Senior	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	.20	0	0	0	0
Heather Braitwaite	Junior	14	0-5 .000	19	0	38	2.7	116	8.2	12	.85	14	4
Tabitha Keplinger	Junior	18	3-13 .230	12	4	39	2.1	54	3.0	34	1.8	21	2
Danielle Surber	Junior	16	48-76 .631	80	21	271	16.9	273	17.0	80	5.0	55	16
Carolyn Rockow	Freshman	18	8-32 .250	15	0	38	2.1	131	7.2	21	1.1	31	11
Holly Romanello	Freshman	14	2-13 .153	21	8	68	4.8	66	4.7	14	1.0	32	1
Mindy Spencer	Freshman	17	28-63 .444	79	3	195	11.4	79	4.6	13	.76	41	1
Lisa Parent	Eighth	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	.20	1	.10	2	0

Sunday

Monday

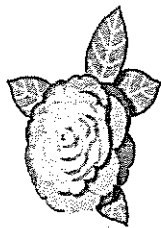
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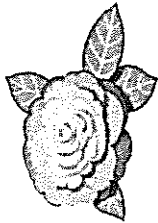
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April 2001



1	2 SAT-9 4/2-4/6 Senior Trip VR Center 4/2-4/3	3 	4	5	6 	7
8	9	10 Clothing Give-Away 	11 Birthday Luncheon. 	12	13 Parents' Day. 	14
15	16 Spring Break 4/16-4/20 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 New World Theatre Fire Eaters 10:00 am MPR	28
29	30					

May 16, 2001

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Meet Mr. Gusty

by Noelle Payton

Mr. Bob Gusty grew up in upstate New York, but his home is now in Connecticut. While working on his teaching degree, he lives in an apartment on the campus of NTID in Rochester, NY. He received his BS degree in Biology from the State University of New York at Oswego and is in the process of completing his MS degree in Education from NTID. He has chosen to become a teacher because, in his life, there have been teachers who encouraged him to do his best, even when he sometimes didn't feel like trying.

Before returning to school, he worked for a large drug manufacturing company named Pfizer. He requested placement in a school with a specific type of communication policy, preferably near the mountains. He feels lucky NTID selected WVSD!

Some of Mr. Gusty's hobbies include animals, playing basketball, camping, nature, reading and learning new things. Mr. Gusty thinks that he should either be permitted to drive on the wrong side of the parking lot, or there should be a sign explaining the RIGHT way to drive in and out of the parking lot so people won't tease him or laugh at him.

He was very honest during this interview, and I appreciate it! Smile Bob!



Photo by Sylvia Adkins

WVSD Welcomes Parents

by Noelle Payton

This year, Parents' Day was held on April 13. Parents were entertained with an excellent program performed by Tapestry. Parents also had the opportunity to see crafts that were made by students and Coach Surber and Ms. Rockow handed out volleyball jackets to this year's volleyball team and managers. The program ended with a delicious lunch. We were glad to see so many parents and students smiling as they departed for home!



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HONOR ROLL

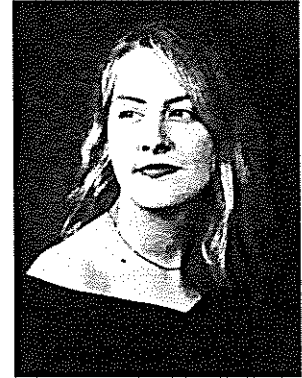


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12	PAYTON, NOELLE	A
12	SHAFFER, JOANNE	B
12	WILSON, JASON	B
11	KEPLINGER, TABITHA	B
11	SMITH, SHEENA	B
11	SURBER, DANIELLE	A
10	HELSEL, JARED	B
9	PARENT, PAUL	B
9	RICHARDSON, KEITH	B
9	ROCKOW, CAROLYN	B
9	SPENCER, MINDY	B
8	ALLPORT, ROGER	B
8	BITTNER, JOSH	B
8	CORNELL, JEREMY	A
8	DELFOSSÉ, DIANA	A
8	EDWARDS, JONATHAN	B
8	GRACE, COREY	B
8	GREY, BRADLEY	B
8	LEASE, ASHLEY	A
8	PARENT, LISA	B
8	WHITE, BILLY	B
7	LABIN, TYLER	B
7	MORRISON, JESSICA	B
UG	CHRISTY, DALTON	A

Students of the Month

MARCH AND APRIL

Activities: FBLA, Jr. NAD, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Academic Bowl
Goals: Become a PE or history teacher
Hobbies: Reading, playing computer games, playing with her dog
Home: Elkview



*Joanne Shaffer
ADV Girls' Dorm*



*Joe Canterbury
ADV Boys' Dorm*

Activities: Golf Club, Hampshire Co. Special Services Center, Sunshine Club, Special Olympics
Goal: Attend VR
Hobbies: Cars, drawing
Home: Charmco



Prom 2001
"Almost Heaven"

FRIDAY, MAY 18
Junior/Senior Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 19
Dance and Pictures

Field Trips

20th Century History Class Tours

Holocaust Museum

by Tabitha Keplinger

After studying the Holocaust in our class, Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler planned a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

When we entered the museum, we went up to 4th floor first and made our way down to the 1st floor. It was so sad. We learned so much about "Daniel's" life story. He entered a concentration camp when he was eight years old. The museum was an interesting place. Why did this have to happen?

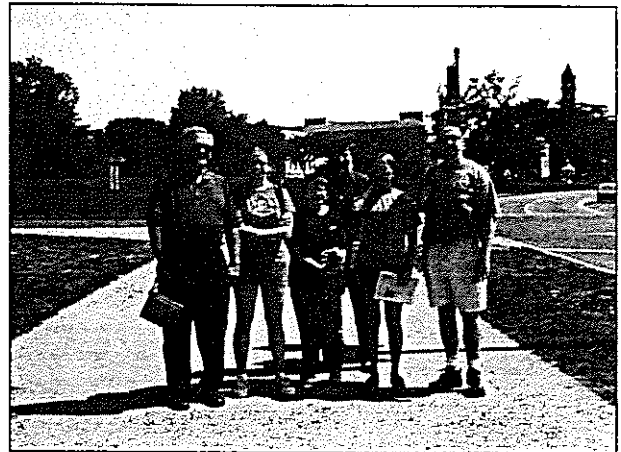
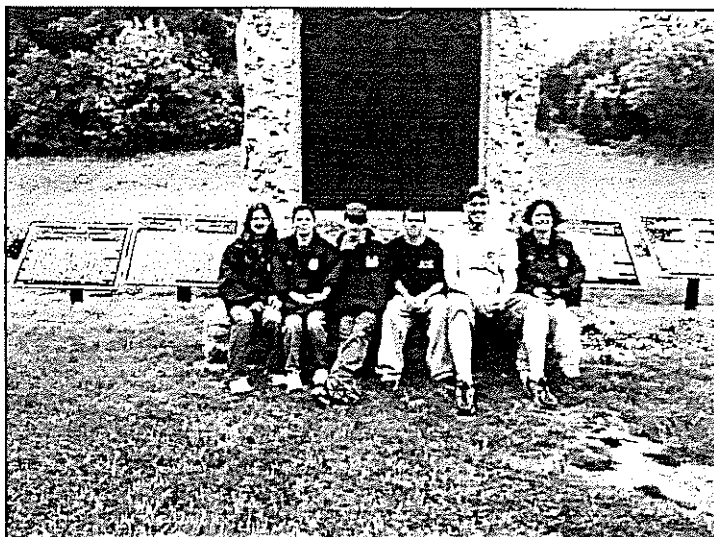


Photo by Tabitha Keplinger

Front (L to R): Mr. Adrian, Danielle Surber, Noelle Payton, Sheena Smith, and Mr. Kesler. Back: Richard, our bus driver.



U.S. History Class Visits

Antietam Battlefield

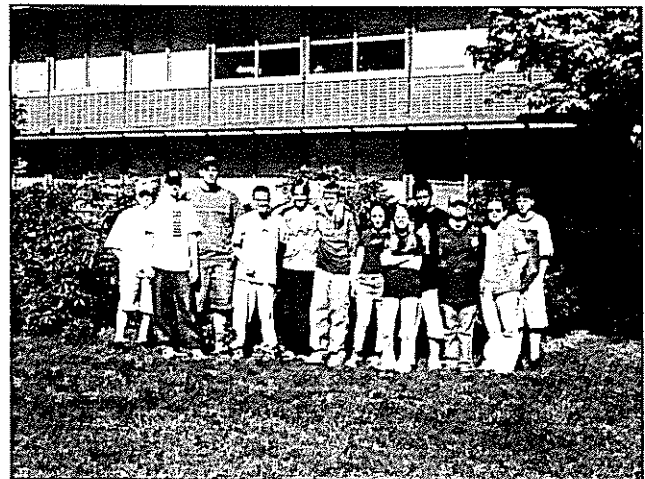
As part of a unit on the Civil War, Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler took the ninth grade U.S. History class to tour Antietam Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD.

The group not only read about and discussed the battle and viewed the many monuments, but they also visited the famous Burnside Bridge.

Left to right: Mindy Spencer, Sylvia Adkins, Paul Parent, Brian Cross, Keith Richardson, and Holly Romanello.

FFA And Career Clusters Class Visit Mineral County Vo-Tech

Members of Future Farmers of America and the eighth grade Career Clusters class toured Mineral County Vocational-Technical Center recently. Left to right: Josh Bittner, Billy White, Keith Richardson, Jason Wilson, Corey Grace, Jonathan Edwards, Diana Delfosse, Lisa Parent, Jeremy Cornell, Holly Romanello, Mindy Spencer, and Brad Grey. Sponsors were Mr. Leatherman and Mrs. Dodgins.





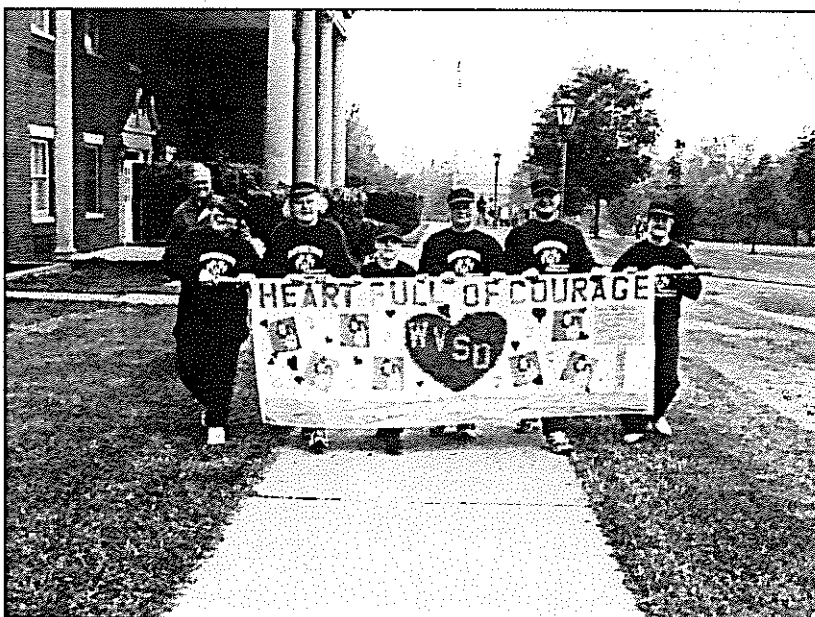
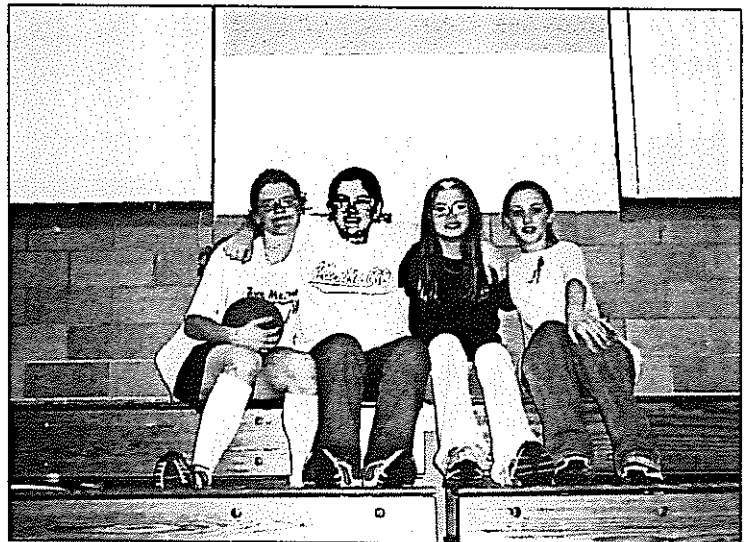
Community Service by FBLA

On Saturday April 7, a group of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members took part in the Spring Clean-Up Day at the WVSD secondary building. Seven industrious FBLA members, plus three students from WVSD who wanted to assist, raked leaves, weeded beds, and planted flowers to enhance the beauty of our school. Those participating in the clean-up were (front row): Mr. Adrian, FBLA advisor; D.J. Christy, Joanne Shaffer, Noelle Payton, Joe Canterbury, Brian Cross, Tyler Labin, Jared Helsel, Matthew Stump, Mrs. Brown, FBLA advisor; (back row): Mindy Spencer and Roger Allport.

A Fun VICA Dance

On April 11, VICA held a dance in the gym. We played hot potato and other fun games. We had music blasting in the background with delicious food to eat. The students seemed to really enjoy themselves and even the houseparents had a great time. They enjoyed playing dodgeball with us. We hope that VICA will have another dance soon!

From left to right: Carolyn Rockow, Mindy Spencer, Lisa Parent and Diana Delfosse.








WVSD Champions

On May 16, the 2001 Special Olympics was held at Hampshire High School.

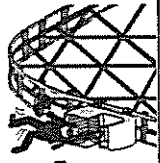
Participating WVSD students brought home many medals and our team won first place in the banner competition. We are proud of them and wish to say congratulations!

From left to right: Mr. Adrian, Tracy Marcum, April Dixon, Tyler Labin, Joe Canterbury, Jared Helsel, and Becky Lett. Sponsors were Mr. Adrian, Mr. Kesler, and Ms. Baldwin.

May 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11 th -12 th Grade Field Trip Holocaust Museum	3	4 Homegoing Clubs 	5
6	7	8	9 8 th Grade Field Trip Harpers Ferry	10 Theatre WW Sleeping Beauty 1:00 pm (MPR)	11 Alumni Open House 1-4 pm	12 Alumni Day
13 Mother's Day 	14 P.E./Health Students Field Trip Frostburg State	15 Tapestry Performance Martinsburg Lions Club	16 Birthday Luncheon  Special Olympics 	17 9 th Grade Field Trip Antietam	18 Prom 2001 Junior/Senior Dinner	19 Prom 2001 "Almost Heaven"
20	21	22	23 School Field Trip Washington, D.C.	24 Seniors Bowling Trip	25 Homegoing Clubs 	26
27	28 Students return to school	29	30	31 Seniors Canoe Trip		

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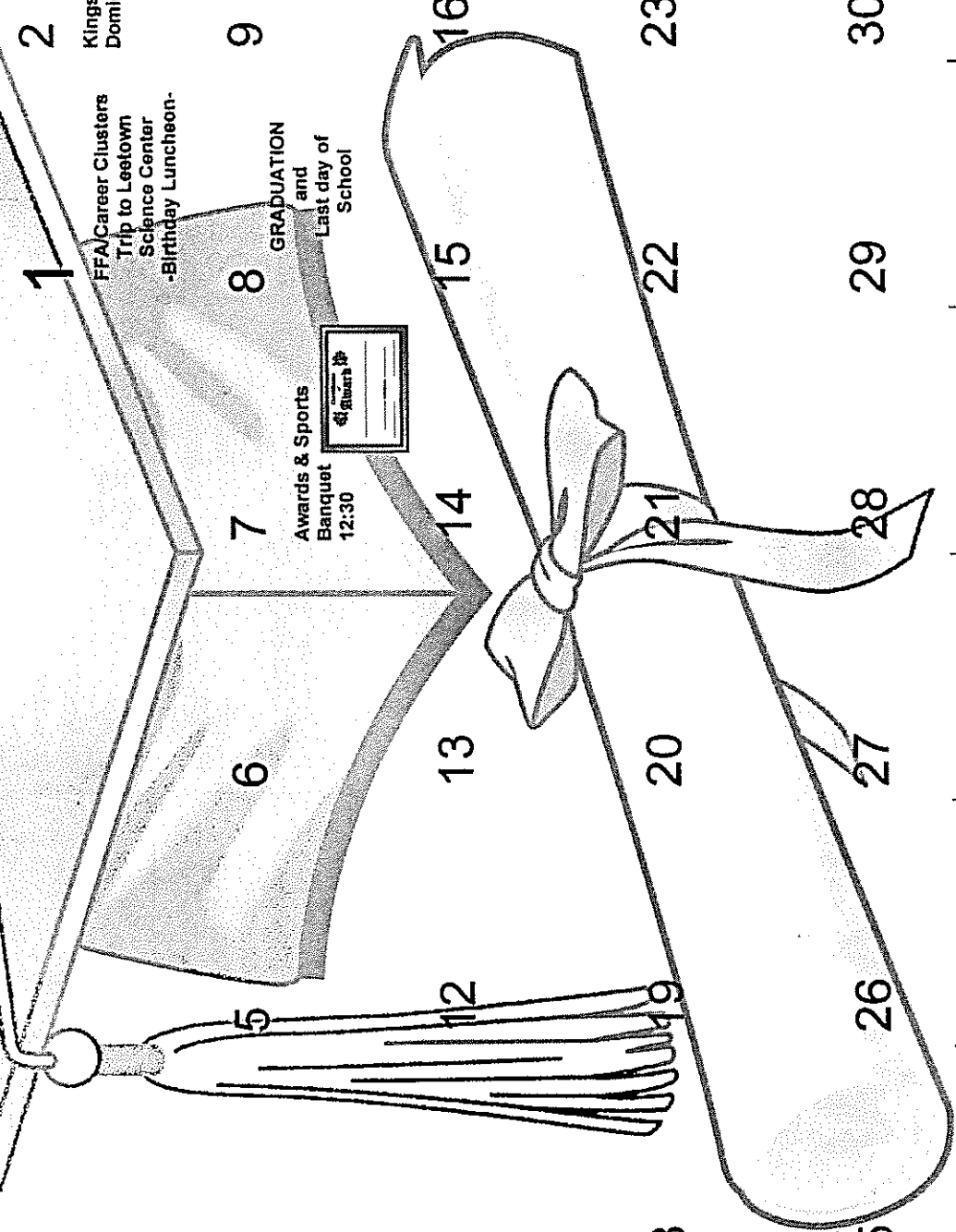


2 Kings Dominion

1 FFA/Career Clusters Trip to Leesown Science Center - Birthday Luncheon.

8 GRADUATION and Last day of School

7 Awards & Sports Banquet 12:30



WVSD Holds Annual Clubs Banquet

Photos by Sheena Smith

On April 12 WVSD held the Annual Awards Banquet honoring students for their accomplishments in FBLA, FFA, JR. NAD, and VICA. Jason Wilson, President of FFA, was the Master of Ceremonies. FBLA Secretary Sheena Smith introduced Hampshire High School FFA members and sponsors, Vocational Advisory Council members, parents, and other guests. Mindy Spencer, President of VICA, gave the invocation.

Club members decorated the tables and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to Seaton Hall cooks for preparing a delicious meal!



JR HIGH TEAM ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Six young men dedicated their time and talent to bring the Junior High Lions to 13 wins and 3 losses in the regular basketball season. They also participated in the Pendleton County Public School Tournament and finished seventh place with a win over Davis & Thomas. Coach Bruce Moreland commented that, "The boys worked hard in practice throughout the season and saw the results of their hard work in the games." The six boys played throughout the season with some sickness and injuries but never missed a practice or game. The 2000-2001 season was the second year that these boys played for the WVSD Junior High Basketball team. Coach Moreland said, "Their improvement over the year was 100%." When attending these games, one could feel the



BOYS' JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM

L to R: Mr. Moreland, Coach; Bradley Grey, Corey Grace, Billy White, Jeremy Cornell, Jonathan Edwards, Joshua Bittner, and Tyler Labin, manager.

excitement that the players and crowd exhibited. The team's rebounding and fast break produced many points and wins during the season. These boys are to be congratulated on representing their school with pride and dignity.

AVERAGE PTS. PER GAME

J. Edwards 14
B. White 13
J. Cornell 10
C. Grace 8
B Grey 4
J. Bittner 2

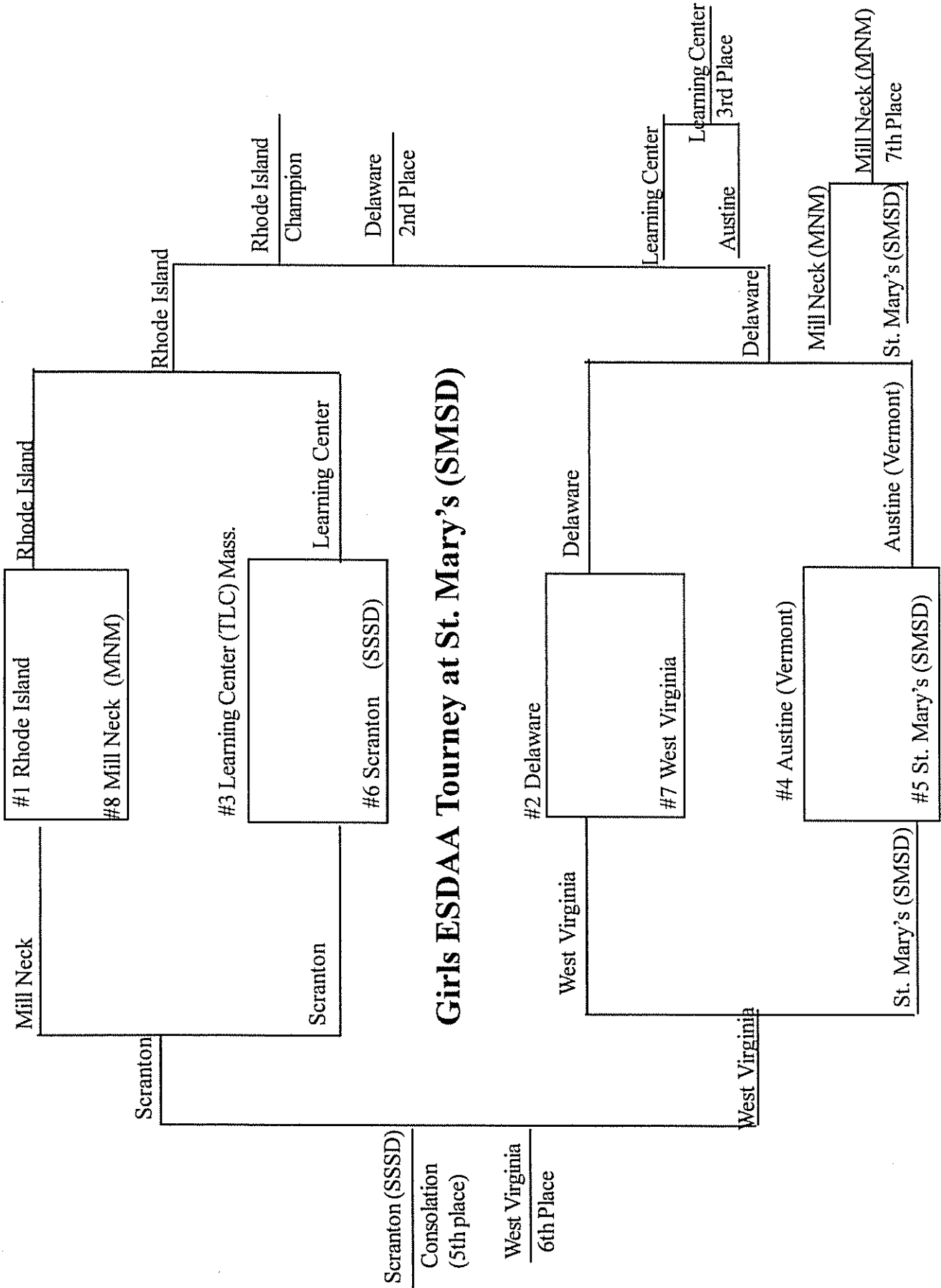
Jr. High Basketball Record 14-5

L	WVSD 37	Romney 43
W	WVSD 38	VSD 35
W	WVSD 2	Mt. View 0
L	WVSD 38	Union 45
W	WVSD 51	Paw Paw 26
W	WVSD 54	Union 24
W	WVSD 36	Moorefield 23
W	WVSD 53	W. Springs 17
L	WVSD 36	Union 44
W	WVSD 46	VSD 45
W	WVSD 58	Kendall 11
W	WVSD 76	Paw Paw 51
W	WVSD 57	W. Springs 19
W	WVSD 47	Capon Bridge 31
W	WVSD 57	MtView 16
-- Pendleton County Tournament --		
L	WVSD 27	Green Bank 40
L	WVSD 36	Marlinton 42
W	WVSD 58	D & T 26

HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK TEAM



Carolyn Rockow, WVSD freshman, was a member of the Hampshire High School girls' track team this year. Pictured are front row, L to R: Taylor Shipe and Brittany Haines. Back row, L to R: Lindsay Stewart, Jeanna Barnes, Kacey Largent, Jessica Dodson, Carolyn Rockow, Zoe Herriott, Jennifer Davis, and Crystal Hott.



Girls ESDAA Tourney at St. Mary's (SMSD)



Theatre



New World Theater and Theatre West Virginia Puppeteers Perform at WVSD

by Noelle Payton



On April 27, "New World Theater" came to WVSD to perform. While performing magic,



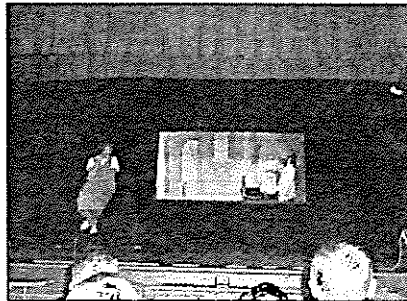
juggling, and "eating fire," they teach their audience about environmental issues. They even performed one skit in sign language!

They also showed us how to practice some acting techniques and it was fun. We had to use our imagination. It was hard! They let



Photos on this page by Sylvia Adkins, Tabitha Keplinger, and Mrs. Dodgins.

some of the students from our schools participate in their performance. Many of us enjoyed seeing our students involved. We hope they will come again and teach us more acting techniques.



On May 10th, two skilled actors from Theatre West Virginia came to our school to perform "Sleeping Beauty." Puppets were used to tell this beautiful story. There were some funny parts in this play, and five of our students were involved with the play as "guests" at the ball for the celebration of Briar Rose's (Sleeping Beauty) birth.

We were fortunate enough to have these two skilled actors allow us backstage to see the puppets and the costumes that were made for this story.



Birthdays

February

Jackie Fields

March

Bradley Grey

Jason Wilson

April

Sylvia Adkins

Jared Helsel

Noelle Payton

Tabitha Keplinger

May

Lisa Parent

Paul Parent

June

Carolyn Rockow

July

Tyler Labin

Tracy Marcum

Jeremy Cornell

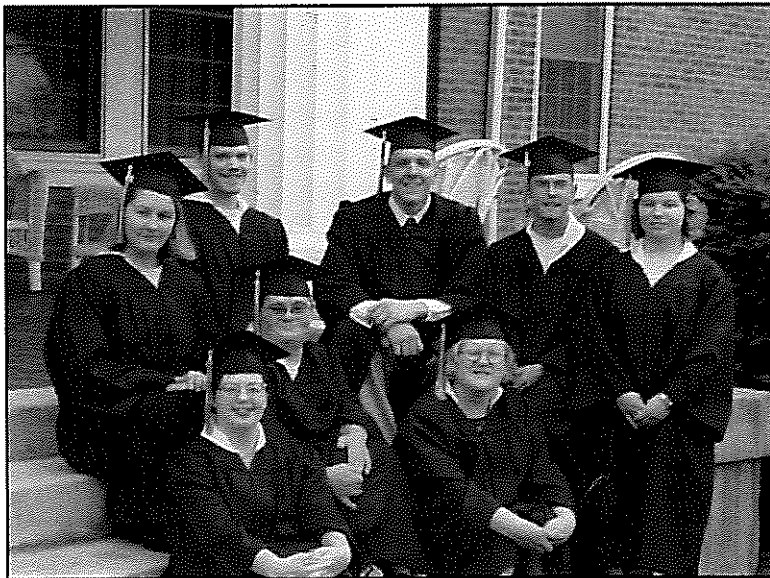
We wish you
all a
Happy
Birthday!

The Lion's Tale Staff



Class of 2001 Graduates June 8

DANIEL EDWARD COCHRAN, Valedictorian, is the son of Max and Vivian Cochran of Capon Bridge, WV. Daniel served as vice-president of VICA, secretary of JR. NAD, and reporter for FFA. He participated in the Mr. Deaf Teen Pageant and was a member of the Academic Bowl team. Daniel has been active in football, baseball, and basketball. During his



Front row, left to right: Noelle Payton, Joe Canterbury, and April Dixon. Back row: Joanne Shaffer, Daniel Cochran, Marcus Leake, Jason Wilson, and Sylvia Adkins.

senior year, he traveled to France, Italy, and Switzerland with East Hardy and Moorefield schools. Daniel plans to continue his education by studying auto repair and painting at the Mineral County Technical and Adult Education Center in Keyser.

NOELLE SERENA PAYTON, Salutatorian, is the daughter of Jennie Ackley of Dallas, Texas, and James Payton of Charleston, WV. She served as secretary for her class, secretary for the JR. NAD, and secretary for FBLA. Noelle received a best GPA award in 1999 and a certificate for having the highest math percentage. She represented WVSD as a member of the Academic Bowl team for two years and was voted Outstanding Student of the Month

during the 2000-01 school year. She was scorekeeper for four years for the volleyball and basketball teams. Noelle has been accepted to Gallaudet University and will begin pursuing a degree in business technology in the fall.

SYLVIA FLORA ADKINS is the daughter of Virgil and Renea Adkins of Glen, WV. During the past four years,

Sylvia has been involved in photography, graphic arts and food service classes. She has served as vice president of her class, president of FBLA, sergeant-at-arms for VICA, and was a member of JR. NAD. Sylvia participated in volleyball and basketball, and received the Most Improved Player award in both sports. She received the Student of the Month award twice during the 2000-01 school year. Sylvia performed with Tapestry and has been Homecoming princess for three years. She is an A Honor Roll student. Sylvia's future plans include attending the Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Institute, WV, to receive training in food service.

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JOSEPH WAYNE CANTERBURY is the son of Kenneth and Rebecca Canterbury of Charmco, WV. Joe began his education at WVSD in August of 1983. He has been a member of FFA, FBLA, VICA, the Golf Club, and the Sunshine Club. Joe has been a Homecoming prince, manager of the boys' basketball team, and water boy for Little League baseball. He participated in Special Olympics, the WVSD recycling project, and received job training at the Hampshire County Special Services Center. Joe will continue his education at the West Virginia Vocational Rehabilitation Center at Institute, WV.

APRIL LEE NICOLE DIXON is the daughter of Rowdy and Brenda Dixon of Albright, WV. She has been a member of FFA, FBLA, VICA, and the Sunshine Club. April participated in Special Olympics, the WVSD recycling project, and received job training at the Hampshire County Special Services Center.

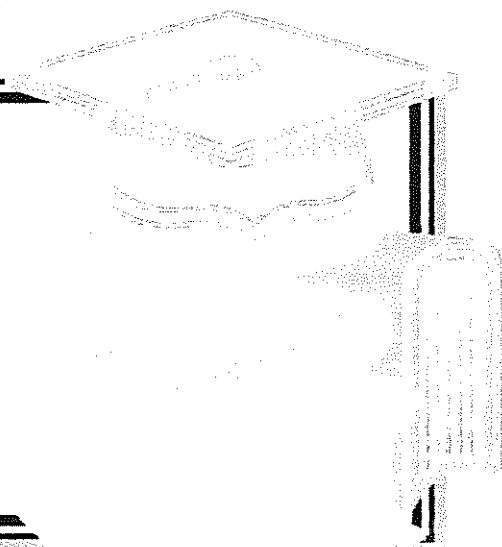
MARCUS EUGENE LEAKE, JR. is the son of Marcus Sr. and Kathy Leake, Romney. Marcus has attended WVSD for 13 years. He has been active in FFA, earning the Greenhand degree in 2000, VICA, JR. NAD, FBLA, Golf Club, and basketball. Marcus made the ESDAA All-Star Basketball Team in 2001. In the future, Marcus wants to attend technical school to study automotive engine repair.

JOANNE SHAFFER is the daughter of Christian and Bonnie George of Elkview, WV. Joanne served as second vice-president of her class; vice-president of FBLA, and was

performed with Tapestry. During her senior year, Joanne was named Homecoming queen. She participated in volleyball and basketball and was on the Hampshire High School softball team. Joanne plans to go to college and pursue a degree in secondary education.

JASON SHERWOOD WILSON is the son of Nancy Thompson, Moundsville, WV, and Sherwood Wilson of Fort Worth, Texas. He has been a student at WVSD for six years. During eighth grade Jason received the WV Golden Horseshoe award. In ninth grade, he received the MVP basketball award. In his sophomore year, he was named Best Offensive Player in basketball, and as a junior, he received the ESDAA 3rd place sportsmanship trophy in basketball. Jason was also on the Hampshire High School cross country team for two years. He served as FFA president, vice-president, and treasurer while at WVSD. Through FFA, Jason earned the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees. He participated in the FFA Career Development Event on the Dairy Judging, Forestry Judging, and Nursery Landscaping teams. He was awarded the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, and the DeKalb Award by FFA. Jason served as Senior class president; sentinel and treasurer of JR. NAD; reporter for VICA; and is a member of FBLA. He represented WVSD at the Academic Bowl competition for two years, and has toured with Tapestry. Jason plans to continue his education by studying computer repair at the Mineral County Technical and Adult Education Center in Keyser.

**Congratulations
Class of
2001!**





Class of 2001

Fondest Memory

SYLVIA ADKINS: Dani and I slammed into each other playing volleyball, and we both got hurt. But we were the ESDAA Champs!

JOE CANTERBURY: All my friends at WVSD and the workshop.

DANIEL COCHRAN: Ronald Lake and I got stuck in the elevator for 35 minutes!

APRIL DIXON: Mail trips, my school and workshop friends.

MARCUS LEAKE: All my good friends at WVSD.

NOELLE PAYTON: Hanging with my favorite person (he knows who he is)!

JOANNE SHAFFER: During warm-up for a softball game with Moorefield, I was running to catch a ball and ran into one of the umpires.

JASON WILSON: Being manager for the girls volleyball team the year they won the ESDAA championship.

What Will You Miss Most About WVSD?

JASON WILSON: Houseparents, teachers, and students.

JOANNE SHAFFER: Students and some teachers.

NOELLE PAYTON: Houseparents and students.

MARCUS LEAKE: Friends and basketball.

APRIL DIXON: I will miss everybody.

DANIEL COCHRAN: Sports and talking with Sheena and friends.

JOE CANTERBURY: Friends, houseparents, and teachers.

SYLVIA ADKINS: Houseparents, students, teachers, and coaches.



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ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN

NOELLE PAYTON: Think before doing something really awful/bad -- it will stay in your records!

SYLVIA ADKINS: Girls: don't flirt with too many guys. Find one good guy and stay with him.

JOANNE SHAFFER: Girls: practice really hard in basketball!

MARCUS LEAKE: Behave yourself when you get out into the "real world"!

JASON WILSON: I want to see all students stay away from trouble!

DANIEL COCHRAN: Study hard and don't play around. School is serious!

APRIL DIXON: Keep all the wonderful houseparents!

JOE CANTERBURY: Keep working. Everyone will graduate someday!

Whatever you are,
be a
good one.
— Abraham
Lincoln

The Director's Corner

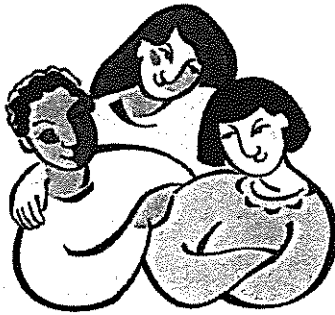
by Mr. Blakely

At WVSD, the Level System Committee is trying to do something positive and worthwhile. We are determined to maintain a high standard of excellence for our students and WVSD. Also, this year we are in the process of revising/updating the new Level System. We're asking for your help to support us in trying to teach youngsters that there are consequences for inappropriate behavior (unacceptable deeds/serious misdeeds). At WVSD, the consequences will be swift and sure. Likewise, when following the rules, privileges are earned. All students and parents will have a copy of the rules when we accomplish this task.

We believe the system is just and fair. But, remember, along with rights come responsibilities. There are times when our system is criticized. We feel that such criticism is unwarranted, self-serving, and sometimes actually detrimental to students who must learn to accept responsibility for their actions as young adults. Please do what you can to be sure your youngsters understand the rules at WVSD. Also, please remember that we are attempting to provide a safe and sound educational environment for your child and ALL of the children in our care.

If you agree with us and our position, we'll have taken one more step toward helping students achieve a healthy and happy adult life. If you have any questions about our disciplinary rules and regulations, feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Your help, cooperation, and support in these matters of discipline will be greatly appreciated.



Lions' Club Donates VCRs

by Mr. Blakely

I would like to recognize Mr. Bill Nichols, president of the Lions' Club, and his thoughtful friends for their generous gift of four new VCRs to our resident students at Seaton Hall. The Lions' Club has always been a valued supporter of WVSD&B, and this gift is further evidence of that support.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the students to thank Mr. Nichols and the Lions' Club members for the new VCRs!

The VCRs were installed immediately, one on each floor of Seaton Hall. The students are very grateful and will not forget the Lions' Club members' untiring support!

We would like to have our benefactors visit Seaton Hall, not only to see how their contributions are being used in the residential program, but also to observe the many ways that our resident students' literacy skills are being enriched.



Mr. Nichols, President of the Lions' Club, and fellow club members present Mr. Blakely with four new VCRs for the dorm.



PRINCIPAL'S POST

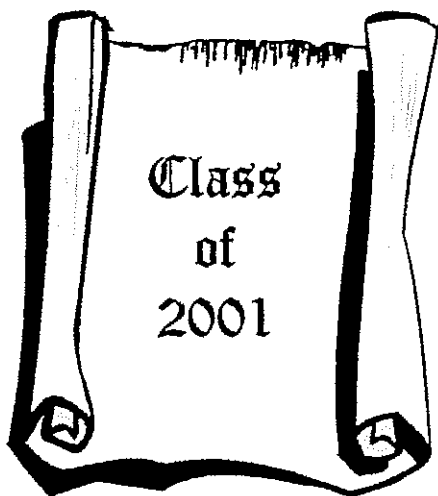
by Mr. Corbin

"Home away from home" is a phrase that we often use to describe our school as it relates to our students. If ever a person questioned the truth of that statement, it would be obvious that he or she had never attended our graduation, a day which traditionally marks the end of our school year. At no other time can the true ties that bind our school family together be seen and felt. For

our graduating seniors, the reality of leaving their home away from home is now upon them. Saying good-bye to the many friends they have grown up with and known as well as their own brothers and sisters is not an easy thing. For others, parting from a staff member who has provided inspiration, support, and perhaps even a shoulder to cry on can be difficult. As our seniors turn away and wipe the tears of sadness from their cheeks, may their eyes be filled with the light of a bright new future and their hearts be filled with fond memories of their days and friends at WVSD.



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The Senior Wills and Testaments

Noelle I leave my flirting skills to Holly, my courage to Diana, my sense of humor to Danielle, my affec-

tions to Tabitha, and finally my title "Sweet Angel Queen" to Carolyn and Lisa.

Joanne I leave my sense of humor to Danielle, my love for animals to Holly, my emotions to Jared, and finally my fashion sense to D.J.

Sylvia I leave my position as President of FBLA to Sheena, my good looks to Mindy, my bedroom to Lisa, and finally my sense of humor to Danielle.

Joe I leave my study habits to Jared, my locker to D.J., my teasing and hiding of cups belonging to Ms. Nealis and Mrs. Sipple to Becky Lett, and finally my church habits to Tracy.

April I leave my glow in the dark stars to Mr. Nealis, and my beautiful blonde hair to Mrs. Sipple!

Marcus I leave my basketball number to Keith, my skills in mechanics to Mr. Leatherman, my fun and good times to Mr. Nealis, and all the prettiest girls to Keith.

Jason I leave my basketball skills to Bradley, my position as President of the Senior Class to Danielle, my bedroom to Corey, and finally my locker to Billy.

Daniel I leave my drawing skills to D.J., my football number to Keith, and my loud and funny stories to Corey.

