



WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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## WVSD STUDENTS SHINE

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

We are proud to announce that, as of this date, five members of the Class of 2011 have received college acceptances.

**Samantha Johnson** of Romney has been accepted to Potomac State College. Samantha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson.

**Patrick Lee** has been accepted to Fairmont State University and Potomac State College. He is the son of Ms. Lori Hines of Romney.

**Brandon Lewis**, Elkins, has been accepted to Potomac State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lewis.

**Holly Ramos** of Romney has been ac-

cepted to Potomac State College. Holly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ramos.

**Shawna Weatherholt**, Morgantown, is the daughter of Ms. Debra Weatherholt and Mr. Dennis Weatherholt. She has been accepted to Fairmont State University and Potomac State College.

### WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN PROGRAM

**Senior Patrick Lee** received the 2010 Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Students who excel in academics, athletics, and leadership are chosen for this award. School-level

winners went on to compete at the state level and then a national winner was chosen from the state winners.

### WVSSAC WINNER

**Senior Cheslea Hill**, Springfield, was awarded a \$200 scholarship by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission for her winning State Volleyball Tournament cover design.

### WVSD&B CHRISTMAS CARDS

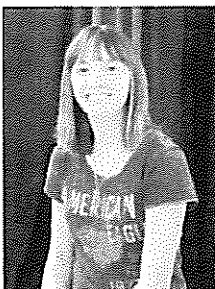
Last fall, Superintendent Shank held a school-wide competition for designing the WVSD&B 2010 Christmas card. Se-

**nior Shawna Weatherholt** won a gift certificate to Walmart for her winning design.



*Congratulations to Cassandra Heaster ('10) for her 3.75 GPA at Potomac State College.*

*Johnson*



*Lee*



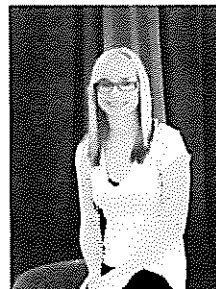
*Lewis*



*Ramos*



*Weatherholt*



*Hill*



# CHRISTMAS HOODIES

Featuring a new WVSD Lion Logo

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

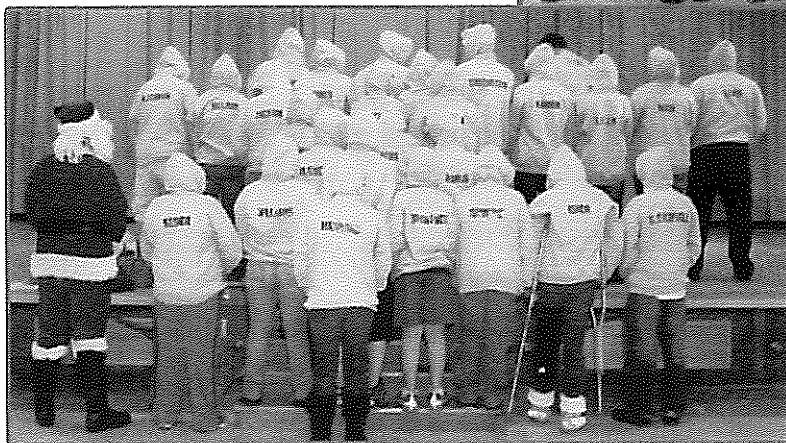
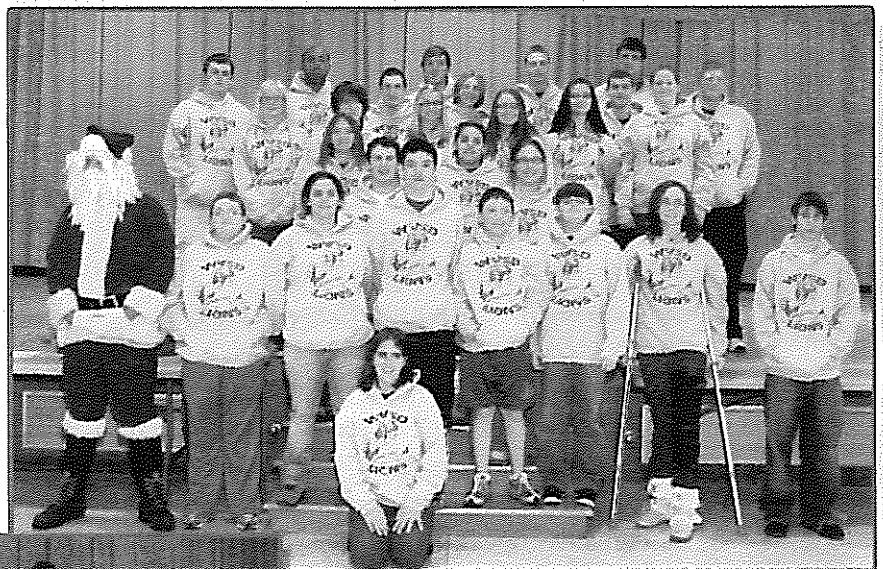
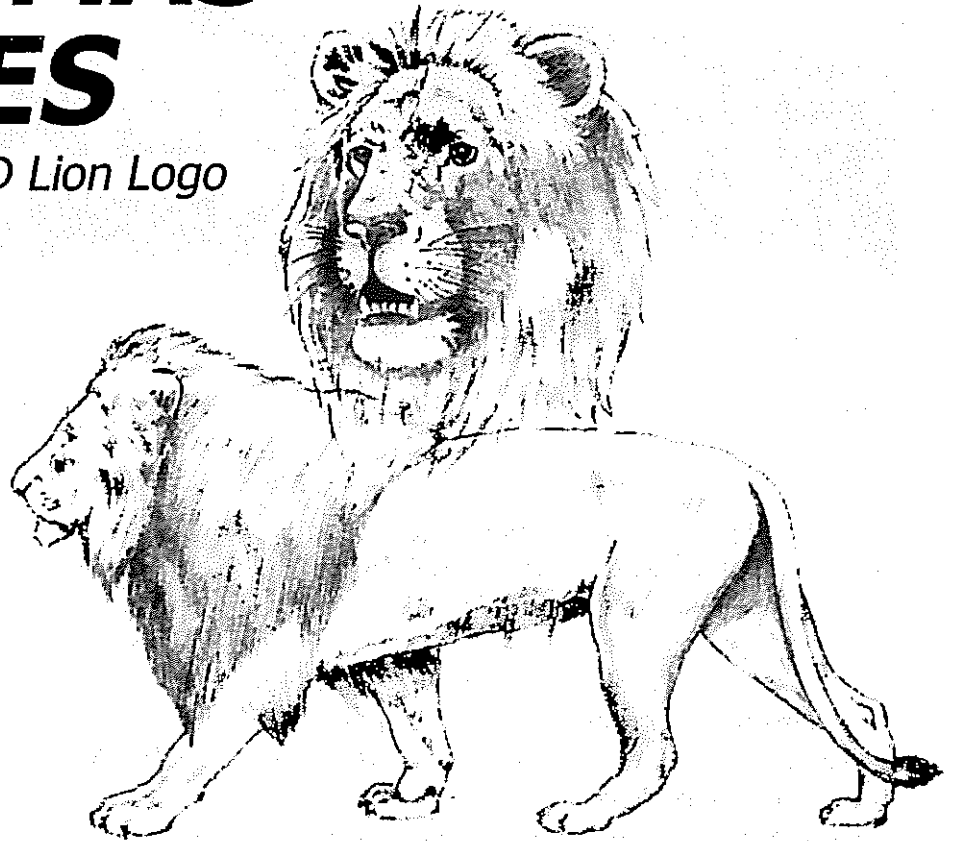
... cousin of WVSD alumnus Billy White ('05)

In the Fall of 2010, Mr. Corbin received a letter from WVSD alumnus Debbie White. Enclosed was a beautiful drawing of two lions; one was a lion's head and the other a walking lion.

Mrs. White had written a note to Mr. Corbin stating that the lions were drawn by her son's cousin. (Her son, Billy White, graduated from WVSD in 2005). The artist's name is Scott Cochran.

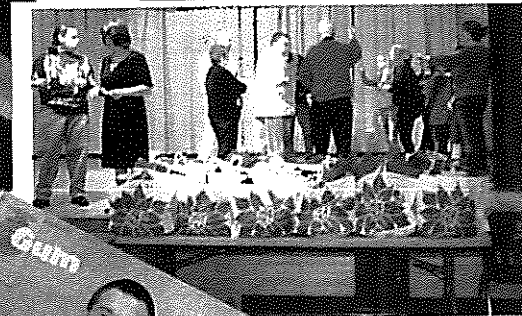
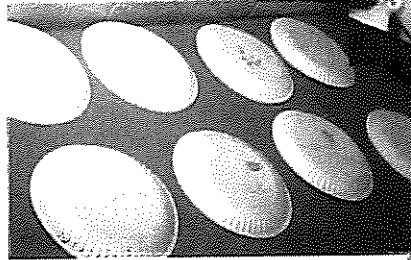
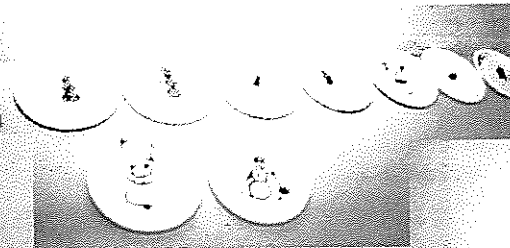
While Mrs. White was visiting Scott last summer, she began looking at his artwork and discovered these lions. She told Scott that WVSD's mascot is the lion and asked if she could send the drawing to her former high school.

When Santa decided to get hoodies for the students, he thought Scott's drawing would look beautiful on the gray background. We agree! Thanks,

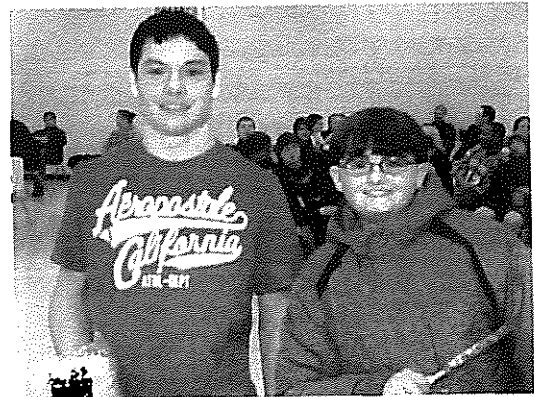


GO  
LIONS!

# CHRISTMAS PARTY



**Samantha Plum**  
Door Prize-Popcorn



**1ST PLACE**

**2ND PLACE**

**Patrick Lee and Jordan Simmons**  
Christmas Card Toss

# WVSD'S ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

by Mr. Blakely

A team from the West Virginia School for the Deaf will compete in the Gallaudet University National Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. All eighty-eight teams will compete in the same location this year under a new format. Previously there were regional AB competitions.

The Academic Bowl is a question and answer game of general knowledge and quick recall with questions being drawn from a variety of categories including history, literature, science, deaf culture, and current events.

The WVSD team is coached by teachers from WVSD and includes interested participants from WVSD as well. Students are selected for the team based on their cooperative integration and involvement in both academic and residential activities, as well as attendance and GPA. This is the seventh year that WVSD has competed in the Academic Bowl.

The head coach said, "The Academic Bowl is not only an academic event but a celebration in



Members of the WVSD 2011 Academic Bowl Team are (front row): Mrs. Debra Heare and Mr. Marty Blakely, Coaches. Back row: Shawna Weatherholt ('11), Katelyn Plum ('12), Patrick Lee ('11), and Samantha Johnson ('11).

the deaf community. It's a great way to provide more teaching and learning, but it also promotes high self-esteem and 'Deaf Pride' among the students. WVSD parents have also been wonderfully supportive of the team."

Gallaudet University established its first national Academic Bowl in 1997 with the goal of promoting academic competition among school teams and fostering academic

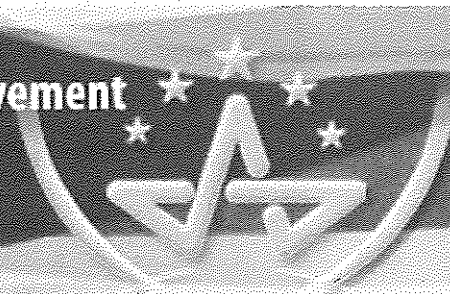
excellence and achievement among deaf and hard of hearing students across the country.

We are proud to announce the following as members of WVSD's Academic Bowl Team:

- + Samantha Johnson ('11)
- + Patrick Lee ('11)
- + Katelyn Plum ('12)
- + Shawna Weatherholt ('11)

Celebrating 15 Years of Academic Achievement

# Academic Bowl



# FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP



Juniors and seniors attended a financial aid workshop one evening to learn about their options for loans and scholarships when applying to colleges.

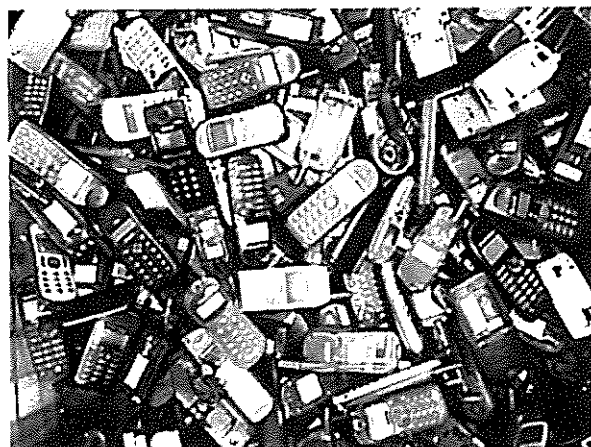
Autumn Perry, Educational Outreach Counselor with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, talked about the College Foundation of West Virginia web site and College Goal Sunday. College Goal Sunday will be on February 13, 2011 at Potomac State College. Families will receive on the spot assistance with the FAFSA.

Our second guest speaker was Amanda Sites, Director of Financial Aid from Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Ms. Sites covered financial aid for college as well as the FAFSA. All seniors planning to attend a college or technical program upon graduation from WVSD need to submit the FAFSA by March 1, 2011 to receive financial aid.

## FBLA PROJECTS



FBLA is collecting old cell phones, I-Pods, digital cameras, and MP-3 players for recycling. This will be an ongoing project. If you would like to donate any of these items, Secondary Deaf FBLA members will be happy to come and pick up any donations. Thanks for your support.



FBLA sponsored an angel tree for Christmas 2011. Members constructed and sold angels made from pipe cleaners. The angels were then used to buy gifts for five WVSD students. FBLA would like to thank all who purchased angels for this worthy cause

# BASKETBALL

by Coach Paul See

Welcome back to another season of WVSD boys basketball! We have fourteen players on the roster with nine returning players this year. We also have four returning starters: Patrick Lee, Jonathan Stokes, Ethan Bolyard, and DeSean Thomas. Jensen Greenstein has the chance to start this year. We have experienced players on the bench, Brandon Lewis and Jordan Clark. It is nice to have those two players ready to step in the game whenever they are needed. Trent McGee and Derrick Eversole are returning players, and I am eager to see them gain more experience. We have Daylen Brightwell, Matthew Kannon, Tyler Merriner, and Tyler Kesner moving up to our team from last year's middle school team. William Heflin has decided to join us. I am excited about this season, as we are a very balanced team with equal talents. As of January 12th, we hold a record of 3 wins and 2 losses. I am anxious to see how the team performs throughout this season.

Here are the game recaps.

## West Virginia 68 Virginia 39

We opened the season by traveling to Virginia School for the Deaf and clinched the victory. We opened the first quarter with 17-6 lead and never looked back. We maintained the lead 41-13 at halftime and closed the 3rd quarter with a 55-27 lead.

West Virginia 17 24 14 13 = 68

Virginia 6 2 14 12 = 39

Patrick Lee led the team with 31 points, and DeSean Thomas followed up with 14 points. Jonathan Stokes chipped in with 12 points. Jensen Greenstein and Jordan Clark each scored 2 points.

## West Virginia 47 Timber Ridge 63

We traveled to Timber Ridge in Cross Junction, VA. Timber Ridge took the lead 17-15 in the 1st quarter and never looked back. They maintained the lead 30-24. It was a good battle in the 3rd quarter, as we were only 3 points behind midway in the quarter, which ended 48-39. We made mental mistakes in the 4th quarter that helped Timber Ridge to extend their lead.

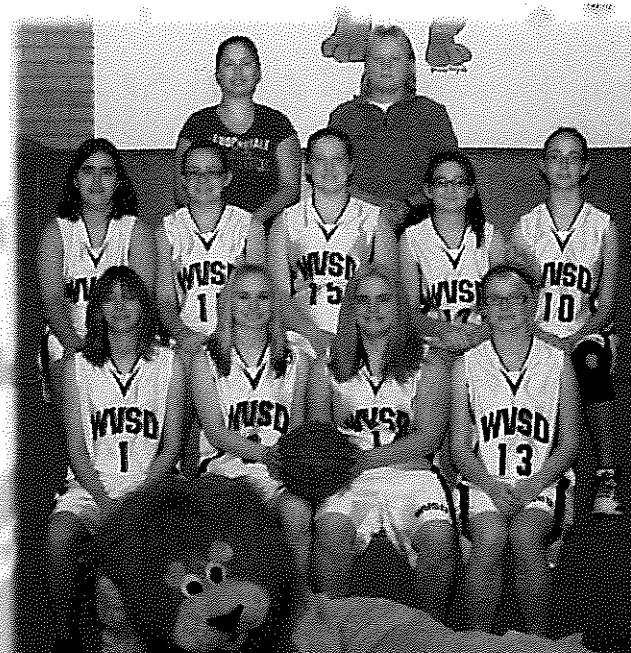
West Virginia 15 9 15 8 = 47

Timber Ridge 17 13 18 15 = 63

Patrick Lee led the team with 16 points and Jonathan Stokes followed up with 13 points. Jensen Greenstein chipped in 8 points. Ethan Bolyard and DeSean Thomas each scored 4 points.

## West Virginia 55 Hancock 71

After three weeks of no games due to winter storms and winter break back in December, we hosted Hancock on 1/6/11. Hancock opened the 1st quarter with an 18-17 lead and never looked back. They maintained the lead 35-27. The 3rd quarter ended with Hancock leading 48-45. The game was closely fought until



## Varsity Girls' Basketball

Front row, left to right: Samantha Johnson, Shawna Weatherhol, Amber Williams, Chelsea Tallman. Middle row: Chasity Hamm, Katelyn Plum, Ashley Moon, Samantha Plum, Sara Isner. Back row: Manager Holly Ramos and Coach Mary Buckley. Mascot: Lacy House.

the last 3 minutes of the 4th quarter. Hancock took advantage of our mental errors and fouls to extend their lead. Patrick Lee led the team with 18 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 15 points. DeSean Thomas fought his way to earn 10 points. Ethan Bolyard chipped in with 6 points. Brandon Lewis came off the bench to score 4 points.  
West Virginia 17 10 18 10 = 55  
Hancock 18 17 13 23 = 71

## West Virginia 70 Paw Paw 60

We traveled to Paw Paw for the conference opener and claimed the victory tonight. It was closely fought the entire game. We took the lead 17-12 in the 1st quarter. The score was an even 28-28 at halftime. We maintained the lead for the rest of the game with a 58-53 lead in the 3rd quarter.

West Virginia 17 11 30 12 = 70

Paw Paw 12 16 25 12 = 60

Patrick Lee led the game with 27 points and Jonathan Stokes followed up with 22 points. DeSean Thomas fought his way to earn 17 points, Brandon Lewis and Jordan Clark came off the bench and each scored 2 points.

## West Virginia 73 Virginia 44

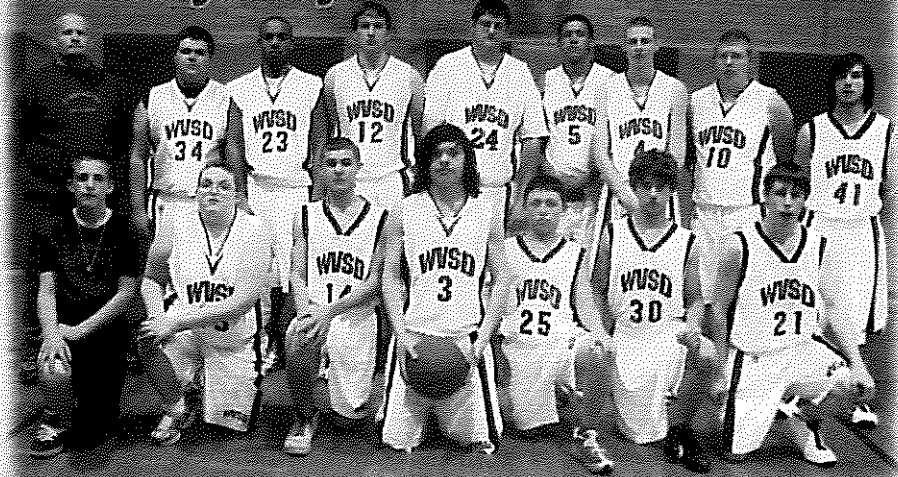
We hosted Virginia School for the Deaf and opened the 1st quarter with a 23-9 lead. We maintained the lead with the score showing 40-18 at halftime. We extended the lead 63-30 in the 3rd quarter. All players on the team got to play.

West Virginia 23 17 23 10 = 73

Virginia 9 9 16 10 = 44

DeSean Thomas led the team with 22 points and Patrick Lee followed up with 21 points. Jonathan Stokes scored 15 points. Ethan Bolyard fought his way to earn 8 points. Jensen Greenstein chipped in with 3 points, and Trent McGee came off the bench in the 4th quarter and scored 2 points.

## Varsity Boys' Basketball



Front row, left to right: Manager Wade Adams, Tyler Kesner, Matthew Kannon, Patrick Lee, Daylen Brightwell, Tyler Merriner, Derrick Eversole. Back row: Coach Paul See, William Heflin, DeSean Thomas, Ethan Bolyard, Trent McGee, Jordan Clark, Jensen Greenstein, Brandon Lewis, and Jonathan Stokes.

Check back with us in the next Lions' Tale for our team's progress.



Featuring Information for you *and* your Family  
On Important

# HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

*Come and Learn about...*

Bacterial Growth/Hand Washing	Mental Health/Bullying/ Dating Violence
Healthy Cooking	Reproductive Health
CPR/First Aid	Outdoor Safety
Dental Care	Massage Therapy
Asthma	Bicycle/Traffic/ ATV Safety
Drug/Tobacco Prevention	Poison Prevention
Fire Prevention	School Bus Safety
Health and Fitness	Prescription Drug Abuse
Wellness Services/ Nutrition	Sun Safety
Parent Network Specialist	Alcohol Awareness/AA

## FAIR

MARCH 23, 2011

9a.m. - 3p.m.

WVSD&B

In the MPR

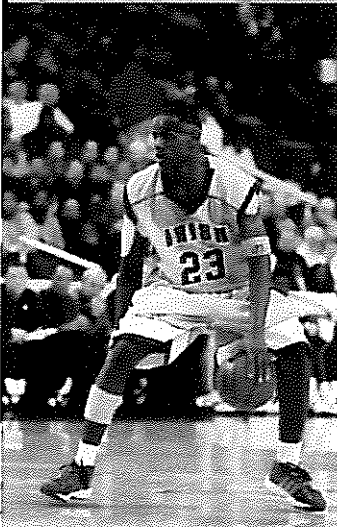


## Trivia Questions For February

Who won the first NFL Superbowl?

In what year was the first journalism class established for students to publish the Lions' Tale?

When did Lebron James join the National Basketball Association?



## December's Trivia Answers

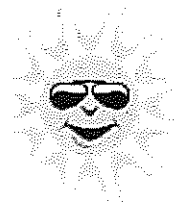
When did Elvis Presley die?  
August 16, 1977

When did the St. Valentine's Day  
Massacre occur?  
February 14, 1929

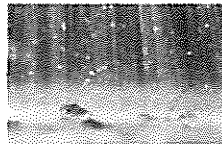
In what year was the National Football  
League (NFL) established?  
1920

**FEBRUARY 2011:** temperature 28.5 °  
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2" above south)

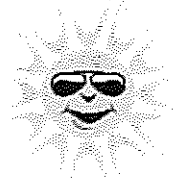
**Feb 1-2:** Sunny, seasonable



**Feb 3-8:** Rainy periods, quite mild



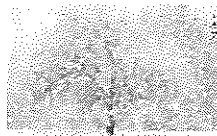
**Feb 9-10:** Sunny, mild



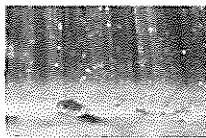
**Feb 11-15:** Snow showers, cold



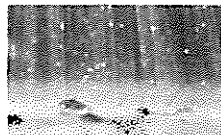
**Feb 16-19:** Snowstorm, then sunny, cold



**Feb 20-24:** Rain, then sunny, mild



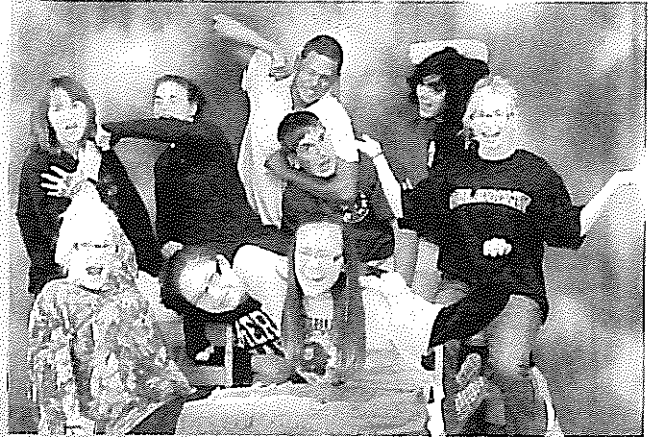
**Feb 25-28:** Rain to snow, turning cold





# MEDIA MANIA

The *Lions' Tale* staff has researched the latest in movies, DVDs and books. We hope our readers will enjoy our selections!



## Coming Soon to Theaters

*Rabbit Hole*  
Rated PG-13

*Country Strong*  
Rated PG-13

*The Tourist*  
Rated PG-13

*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*  
Rated PG

## Coming Soon to DVDs

*Grown Ups*  
Rated PG-13

*Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*  
Rated PG-13

*Charlie St. Cloud*  
Rated PG-13

*The Twilight Saga Eclipse*  
Rated PG-13

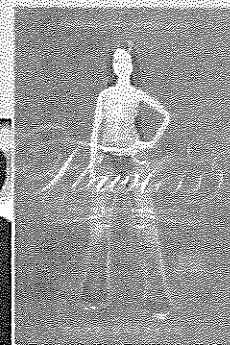
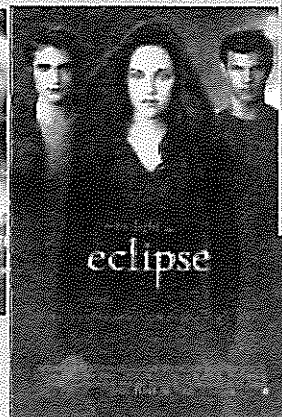
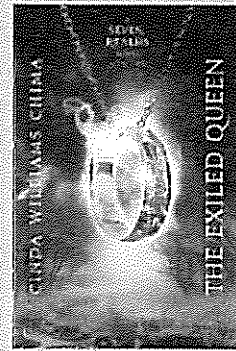
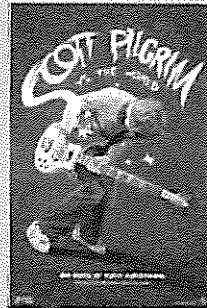
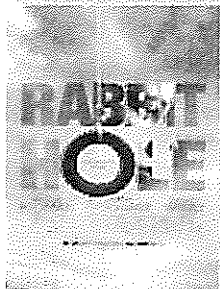
## Books

*The Exiled Queen* by Cinda Williams Chima

*Pretty Little Liars (Pretty Little Liars Series #1)* by Sara Shepard

*Flawless (Pretty Little Liars Series #2)* by Sara Shepard



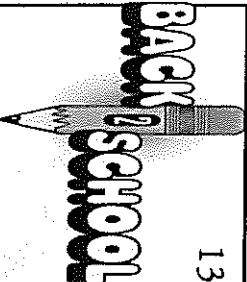
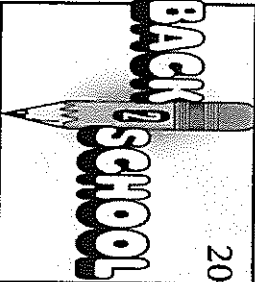
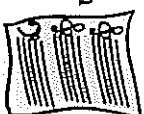

*Perfect (Pretty Little Liars Series #3)* by Sara Shepard

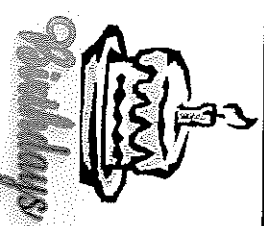


THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA  
THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

# February 2011

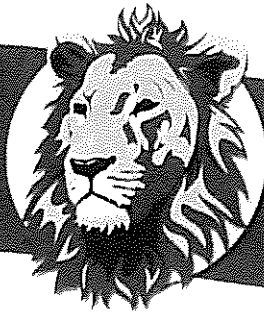
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		1 VG Basketball @ Bishop Walsh 7pm Opposite Gender Day Dorm Activity Movie Night 6:30-9:00 pm	2  Nerd Day Dorm Activity Homecoming Dance 7:30-9:30 pm	3 VG and VB Basketball Home v Paw Paw 6pm-7:30pm Senior Night Blue & Gold Day Pep Rally - 3:00 pm Spirit Stick and Paster Winners Announced	4 VG and VB Basketball to NJSD Paloma Day Wacky Tacky Day	5
6 Seasonal Hall Superbowl XLV 	7 VG and VB Home v East Hardy 6-7:30pm	8	9	10 VG and VB @ Harman 6-7:30pm	11 HOMEGOING	12
13 BACK TO SCHOOL 	14 VG and VB Basketball @ Union	15 VB and VG @ Hancock 6-7:30	16 Wellness Meeting @ 2:00	17 HOMEGOING	18 Boys' and Girls' ESDAA TOURNAMENT in Rochester, NY	19
20 BACK TO SCHOOL 	21	22	23 Tapestry to Charleston 	24 Ski Trip 	25	26
27	28					



- Holly Ramos-9th
- Samantha Plum-12th
- Patrick Lee-14th
- Chelsea Tallman-20th
- Patrick Epperly-20th
- William HeFlin-23th
- Shelby Hose-24th
- Tylar Merriner-24th

# THE LIONS' TALE



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## Tapestry Performs for State Legislature



Front row, left to right: RJ Garvin, Jordan Clark, Ms. Bonnie Sipple, DeSean Thomas, and Matthew Kannon. Middle row: Holly Ramos, Chelsea Tallman, Amber Williams, Shawn Weatherholt, and Chelsea Hill. Back: Mr. Barry Nealis.

by Chelsea Hill

Tapestry is not just a musical or a signing performance. It's more than that. It's an adventure and a wonderful experience for both participants and the audience.

Tapestry performed for acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in the Governor's Reception Hall prior to the performance

in the Legislative Chambers.

Tapestry performed "West Virginia My Home" and "Sweet Home West Virginia," which was performed in the style of Lynyrd Skynyrd with words written by WVSB students.

Mountaineer Melodies performed "Happy Trails."

## WVSD Seniors in the News

We are proud to announce that two more WVSD seniors have been accepted to college for the Fall 2011 term.

Chelsea Tallman of Ridgeley has been accepted to Potomac State College and Pierpont Technical and Community College. Amber Williams of Cabin Creek has been accepted to Allegany College of Maryland.



Williams



Tallman

## Boys Bring Home Championship

This year's ESDAA Basketball Tournament was held Feb. 18-20 at Rochester School for the Deaf in New York. Both the girls' and boys' basketball teams participated.

The WVSD boys' team brought home the championship trophy after a nail-biter game with the host team in the semi-finals and besting Delaware 54-27 in the final game. The boys also won the team foul shooting competition. Patrick Lee and Jonathan Stokes made the ESDAA First Team.

The WVSD girls took third place in the tournament. Seniors Amber Williams and Samantha Johnson were named to the ESDAA Second Team All Stars.

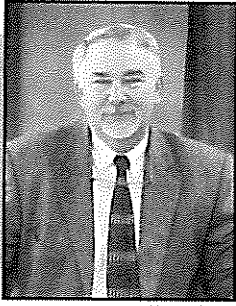
For more basketball news, see Coach See's column inside.

## AB Team Wins Two Matches in DC



The Academic Bowl team had a wonderful experience during this year's Academic Bowl held at Gallaudet University. Eighty-eight teams from all over the United States participated.

(More in the next *Lions' Tale*)



## PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin

If I were to title this school year, I would have to call it the year of change. We have been very busy implementing new programs geared toward improving student success.

Our new language arts program for instance, is supported by a 90 minute class period. These new initiatives have required countless hours of training and preparation but come with assurance that we are providing our students the greatest opportunity for success.

Our parents will experience with us a change in the way we develop their child's IEP this spring, as we will develop the entire document using the new online system. Today we installed additional distance learning/conferencing equipment in our multipurpose room. This year, for the first time, we connected with Roane County and shared through distance learning an American Sign Language (ASL) class. Our new equipment will provide more opportunities for such ventures with our fellow public schools.

This year, interactive whiteboards are being used in our classrooms. It is something special to behold our students using this great new educational tool in their classrooms.

Unfortunately, not all of the latest technology that our students have learned to use has been good for instruction, namely the cell phone. Like

most young people today, they love to send text messages. We started the school year allowing students to use their phones during lunch. That policy had to change after finding too many phones being used during class time. We now enforce a no cell phone use during school hours policy which has been a challenge to enforce. I fear that these new devices are rapidly moving to the top of the list in classroom distractions. We have found many students spending excessive time in the restroom due to using the devices. Our dilemma is finding a reasonable solution to this new problem. Many of our students are away from home and have limited opportunity for communication with their family and friends. At the same time, we cannot allow these devices to be a distraction to the students' education.

Some school systems have adopted extremely rigid disciplinary measures in dealing with cell phones during instructional hours. Although this subject has been on our Local School Improvement Council (LSIC) agenda, I welcome additional input, especially from parents, as we develop policy to resolve this new challenge. Anyone wishing to share their thoughts, comments, concerns or ideas in regard to cell phone use and abuse at a residential school, please send them to me in writing or email me at jcorbin@-

access.k12.wv.us. I am especially interested in hearing thoughts on appropriate disciplinary measures for students caught using their phones during class time for first time, second, and third offenses.

Students have been busy participating in activities that become their most memorable events: the Academic Bowl, the Tapestry performance at the Legislature, the ski trip, and the Eastern States Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) basketball tournaments. Congratulations to Coach Paul See and the boys' basketball team on their outstanding performance in bringing the championship trophy home to West Virginia.

ProStart students have been busy preparing and serving their huge annual dinners in conjunction with Gourmet Central and the WVU extension office. FFA students have grown their hogs and have prepared their hams and bacons for the state and county sales. Members of our archery team have been honing their skills in preparation for the State Archery Tournament in Huntington later this month.

In addition to their memorable extra-curricular activities and everyday class work, students have been engaged in state testing. We are currently doing the Online Writing Assessment in Language Arts and Workkeys testing for Career and Technical Education program completers.

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Ms. Christine Frye

The Seaton Hall students have enjoyed time together at both home and away basketball games. Both teams traveled to the ESDAA Tournament in New York. The girls' team took third place while our boys won the championship. Everyone showed great school spirit and the teams received high levels of support from school staff and alumni.

The students have participated in numerous celebrations since the beginning of 2011. The dorm held its Super Bowl Party, including a team poster contest. Congratulations to Shawna Weatherholt and Katelyn Plum for their winning Pittsburgh Steelers poster.

An annual Valentine Dance was hosted in the child care staff. The students enjoyed guessing jars, musical chairs, limbo, and the hug game. This was also the first night that they played on the dorm's new air hockey table.

The Lions Club sponsored a ski trip to Timberline. Everyone enjoyed the day that was full of skiing, food, fun, and togetherness. Even though the afternoon brought rain, the students still had smiles on their faces and took many trips up and down the slopes. Thank You, Lions, for your continued support.

The spring months promise to bring many trips and outdoor activities where we can bathe in the sunshine and enjoy the beauty of mother nature.

## Boys' Basketball

by Coach See



The article in the previous Lions' Tale showed that we had a record of 3 wins and 2 losses, and we finished the season with a winning record of ten wins and eight losses. It is the third winning season in my coaching career and the first one since 2007. Also, we won the ESDAA Boys' Basketball Division II championship! It is our sixth ESDAA Division II and Division III championship in the last eight years. It is our second Division II championship in three years. Also, for the second time in the last two years, we had a post season sectional tournament victory in the first round! The team's ten victories this season added up to the 80th total victory in my coaching career. As you can see, this season was filled with excitement! I am very proud to have had the opportunity to coach this outstanding team.

Here are the game recaps:

**WV 66 Timber Ridge 71**  
We traveled to Timber Ridge for another ferocious battle. We took the lead 25 - 20 in the first quarter. Timber Ridge took the lead 44 - 38 at half time and never looked back. Timber Ridge pushed the biggest lead of the game 64 - 51 at the end of the 3rd quarter. We fought back and cut their lead within 6 points but didn't have enough time for the win.

Box score

WV 25 13 13 15 = 66  
TR 20 24 20 7 = 71

Patrick Lee led the team with 26 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 18 points and Jensen Greenstein scored 13. Ethan Bolyard fought his way to earn 7 points and Jordan Clark came off the bench to score 2 points.

**WV 81 Union 45**

Box score

WV 34 18 18 11 = 81  
Union 10 5 15 15 = 45

Patrick Lee led the team with 26 points. DeSean Thomas followed up with 17 points and Jonathan Stokes scored 16. Ethan Bolyard fought his way to earn 13. Brandon Lewis scored 4 and Trent McGee and Derrick Eversole each scored 2 points. Jordan Clark scored 1 point.

**WV 37 Bishop Walsh 99**

We traveled to Bishop Walsh in Cumberland, MD. Bishop Walsh took a huge 40 - 6 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The halftime score showed Bishop Walsh leading 59 - 13. The third quarter closed with Bishop Walsh, 81 to WVSD 22.

Box score

WV 6 7 9 15 = 37  
BW 40 19 22 18 = 99

Patrick Lee led the team with 8 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 7 points and DeSean Thomas scored 6. Daylen Brightwell scored 5 points and Jensen Greenstein chipped in with 3. Ethan Bolyard, Brandon Lewis, Trent McGee and Tyler Merriner each scored 2 points.

**WV 63 Paw Paw 43**

We hosted our conference foe, Paw Paw. We took the lead 21 - 10 in the first quarter and maintained control through halftime, with WV leading 33 - 18. We closed the 3rd quarter with a 44 - 31 lead.

Box score

WV 21 12 11 17 = 63

Paw Paw 10 8 13 15 = 46

Patrick Lee led the team with 18 points. Ethan Bolyard followed up with 16 points and DeSean Thomas fought his way to earn 15 points.

Jonathan Stokes scored 12 points, and Brandon Lewis came off the bench to score 2 points.

**WV 46 New Jersey 49**

We traveled to New Jersey School for the Deaf and opened the first quarter with a 19 - 9 lead. We maintained the lead 27 - 24 at the halftime. New Jersey roared through the 3rd quarter and captured the lead with the score of 42 - 33. New Jersey controlled most of the 4th quarter until the last 2 minutes. We fought back to cut the deficit to 3 points with 6 seconds left. We attempted to tie the game with a 3 pointer and missed. It was a very exciting game. We would like to thank New Jersey for making our stay very pleasurable.

Box score

WV 19 8 6 13 = 46

New Jersey 9 15 18 7 = 49

Jonathan Stokes led the team with 15 points. DeSean Thomas followed up with 12 points, and Patrick Lee and Jensen Greenstein each scored 7. Ethan Bolyard chipped in with 4 points.

**WV 81 E. Hardy JV 79**

East Hardy's varsity team had a full schedule and decided to give us their JV team. It was a

hard fought game. East Hardy opened the first quarter with a 25 - 17 lead. They maintained the lead at half-time 46 - 39. East Hardy continued to maintain the lead 60 - 58 at the end of the 3rd quarter. We claimed the lead with one minute and 30 seconds left in the 4th quarter and won the game.

Box score

WV 17 22 19 23 = 81

EH 25 21 14 19 = 79

DeSean Thomas led the team with 35 points. Patrick Lee and Ethan Bolyard each scored 11 points, and Jonathan Stokes and Brandon Lewis each scored 10. Jensen Greenstein chipped in with 4 points.

**WV 76 Harman 70**

We traveled to Harman for the conference match up. We opened the first quarter with the score tied at 21 - 21. Harman took the lead at halftime 37 - 36. We took the lead in the 3rd quarter 56 - 55. We controlled most of the 4th quarter with our slow paced offense to take advantage of time and foul shootings. We claimed the first victory over Harman since 2005.

Box score

WV 21 15 20 20 = 76

Harman 21 16 18 15 = 70  
Patrick Lee led the team with 30 points. DeSean Thomas fought his way to earn 19 points and Jonathan Stokes scored 17 points. Ethan Bolyard and Jensen Greenstein each scored 5 points.

**WV 42 Union 64**

We traveled to Union and suffered the first conference loss of the season. We have a record of 4 wins and 1 loss for our conference. Union

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opened the first quarter with the lead 13 – 6 and maintained the lead 24 – 16 at halftime. Union continued to maintain the lead 37 – 28 at the end of the third quarter and never looked back.

Box score

WV 6 10 12 16 = 42

Union 13 11 15 25 = 64

Patrick Lee led the team with 15 points. Ethan Bolyard, DeSean Thomas and Jensen Greenstein each scored 8 points. Brandon Lewis scored 2 points and Trent McGee scored 1 point.

WV 47 Hancock, MD 90

We traveled to Hancock in Maryland. Hancock grabbed a big lead in the first quarter, 28 – 9, and never looked back. Halftime showed Hancock leading 39 – 22. Hancock closed the third quarter with a 58 – 39 lead.

Box score

WV 9 13 17 8 = 47

Hancock 28 11 19 32 = 90

DeSean Thomas led the team with 13 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 12 points and Patrick Lee chipped in with 11. Ethan Bolyard fought his way to earn 6 points and Jensen Greenstein came up with 3. Jordan Clark scored 2 points.

ESDAA Division II Boys Basketball Tournament

February 18 - 20

WV 63 RSD 58

We traveled to Rochester School for the Deaf and received first round bye. We faced the tournament's host school, Rochester School for the Deaf, in the semi finals. It was a very exciting game! We opened the first quarter with a 14 – 11 lead and maintained the lead 26 – 23 at halftime. Rochester grabbed the lead 39 – 33 in the third

quarter. We fought back late in the fourth quarter to claim the lead and finished the game with a victory.

Box score

WV 14 12 7 30 = 63

Rochester 11 12 16 19 = 58

Patrick Lee led the team with 28 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 20 points. Ethan Bolyard, DeSean Thomas and Jensen Greenstein each scored 5 points. We faced Delaware School for the Deaf in the championship round and clinched the title with the score of 54 to 27.

Jonathan Stokes led the team with 21 points. Patrick Lee followed up with 13 points and DeSean Thomas scored 9 points. Jensen Greenstein chipped in with 7 points, and Ethan Bolyard and Trent McGee each scored 2 points. We also won the Team Foul shooting championship.

Patrick Lee and Jonathan Stokes were elected to the First Team on the All ESDAA Team. Thank you, Rochester, and Mary Cook, for making our stay so pleasant.

Sect. Tourn., 1st Round  
WV 65 Paw Paw 62

We traveled to Paw Paw for the post season tournament. We opened the first quarter with a 19 – 14 lead. We maintained the lead 30 – 28 at halftime and never looked back. We had a 10- point lead, but Paw Paw fought back and kept fouling us, hoping we would miss the foul shots. We made 8 out of 13 free throws in the 4th quarter to help us clinch the victory.

Box score

WV 19 11 19 16 = 65

Paw Paw 14 14 10 24 = 62

Patrick Lee led the team with 30 points. Jonathan Stokes followed up with 26 points. Jensen Greenstein chipped in with 9 points, and Ethan Bolyard scored 4. Our record is 10 – 7. It is the first time in my coaching career to win 10 games in back to back seasons.

Sect. Tourn., 2nd round  
WV 52 E. Hardy 86

East Hardy opened first quarter with a 20 – 13 lead. East Hardy blew through

the 2nd quarter with a 46 – 20 lead at halftime and never looked back. East Hardy controlled the 3rd quarter with a 71 – 28 lead. Players from our bench got some playing time in the 4th quarter.

Box score

WV13 7 8 24 = 52

EH 20 26 25 17 = 86

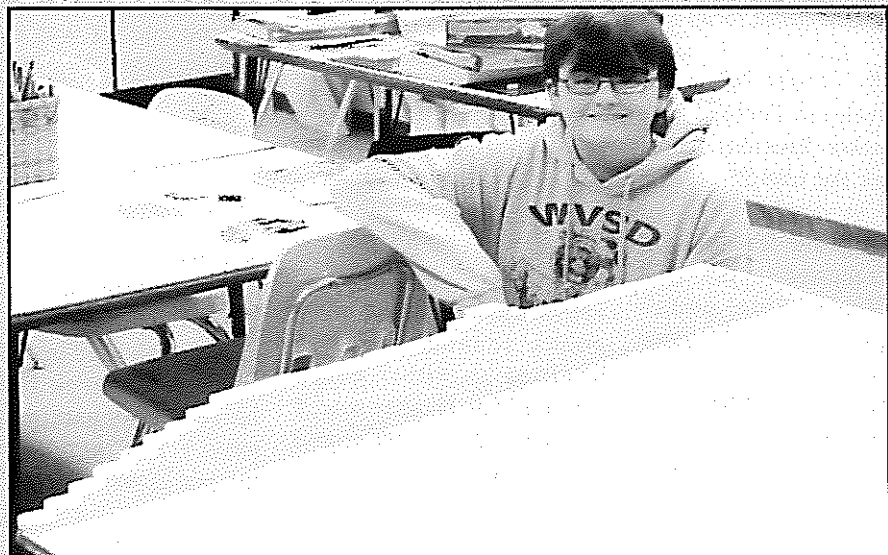
Jensen Greenstein led the team with 15 points and Patrick Lee followed up with 12 points.

DeSean Thomas chipped in with 11 points, and Jonathan Stokes and Ethan Bolyard each scored 3. Brandon Lewis, Jordan Clark, Trent McGee, and Matthew Kannon each scored 2 points.

We are sorry to lose our senior players, Ethan Bolyard, Patrick Lee, Jensen Greenstein, and Brandon Lewis, as they are graduating. I am honored to have coached these players for four years. I hope to see more players coming back next season, and I look forward to another year of coaching!

'Til next year, Coach See

## Jordan uses math to build wall



*Seventh grader Jordan Simmons got a real-world math lesson in Mrs. Hausrath's class. He built this wall by counting all the blocks, then dividing by two to find the center so each side would be symmetrical.*

# FFA Scholastic Event

## Power Point

## Voice Creed

1st Brandon Lewis

2nd Samantha Johnson

1st Trent McQueen

2nd Andrew Tripleheart

## Signed Creed

3rd Jay Distenfield

1st Daylen Brightwell

2nd Matthew Kannon

3rd Sara Isner & Ashley Moon





by Mr. Leatherman  
FFA Advisor

On March 13-15, School for the Deaf FFA members Chelsea Tallman, Trent McGee, Samantha Johnson, Brandon Eversole, Sara Isner, and Samantha Plum traveled to Charleston for the State Ham Bacon Egg Show and Sale.

Trent McGee entered a ham and a bacon in the event, but neither piece made it in the sale. We entered another ham and bacon in the event which was half of the chapter pig. One ham made it in the sale; Samantha Johnson showed it and will receive the money from it. The bacon didn't make it in so we donated it to the state FFA Association. It was sold at the end of the sale along with our chapter ham and chapter bacon.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to the state museum. It was great and maybe the most interesting museum we have ever visited.

We saw Brad Grey ('05) while eating lunch at the building, and Tiffany Friend ('09) met us at the sale.

We met the state treasurer, Mr. John D. Perdue, who is a past state president and a great supporter of the FFA. Sara and Daylen moved the vault door and Chelsea turned the wheel.





# Spirit Week January 31-February 4

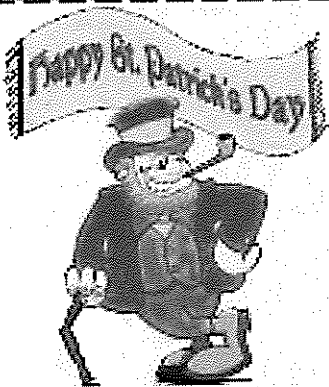


## Trivia Questions For March

\*How many planets are in our solar system?

\*How many championships have the Boston Celtics won?

\*According to legend, what should you never do if you catch a leprechaun?



## February's Trivia Answers

\*Who won the first NFL Superbowl?  
**The Green Bay Packers**

\*In what year was the first journalism class established for students to publish the Lions' Tale?  
**1991**

\*When did LeBron James join the National Basketball Association?  
**2003-04 season**

**MARCH 2011:** Mar 1-4: Sunny, cold, then mild.

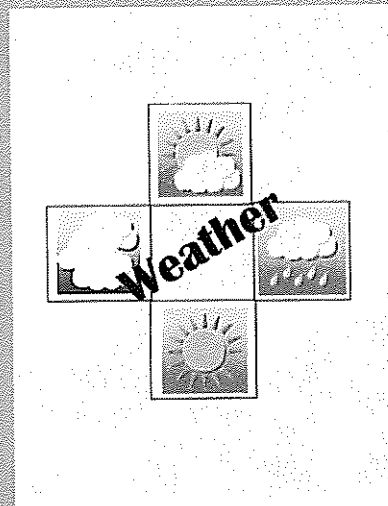
Mar 5-10: Rain, then sunny, cool.

Mar 11-16: Showers north, sunny south; warm.

Mar 17-22: Rain, then sunny, cold.

Mar 23-27: Rain and snow showers, chilly.

Mar 28-31: Snow showers north, sunny south; cool.



**APRIL 2011:** Apr 1-9: Sunny, then rainy periods; cool.

Apr 10-14: Sunny, turning warm.

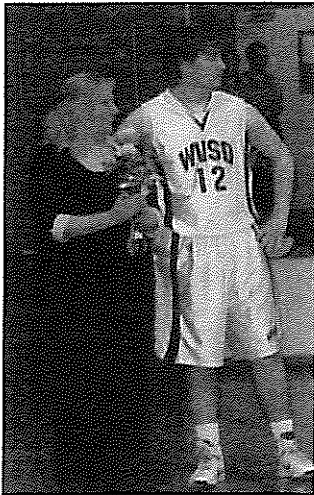
Apr 15-18: Showers, warm.

Apr 19-28: Rainy periods, then sunny, cool.

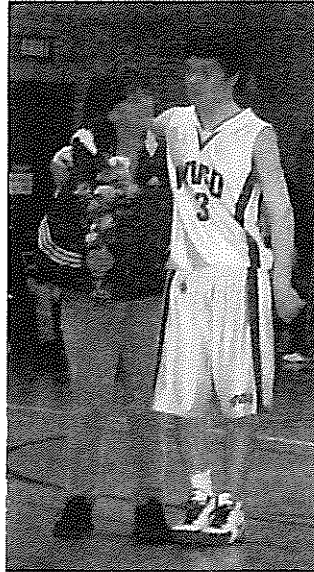
Apr 29-30: Rainy, cool north; sunny, warm south.

## Interesting Facts

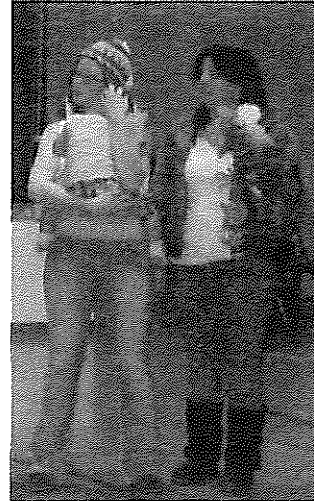
- ❖ West Virginia is the only state created by carving out territory from another state, without that state's permission.
- ❖ Barack Obama was known as "O'Bomber" in high school for his basketball skills.
- ❖ During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become The Steagles.
- ❖ In ten minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined!
- ❖ If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will eventually turn white.



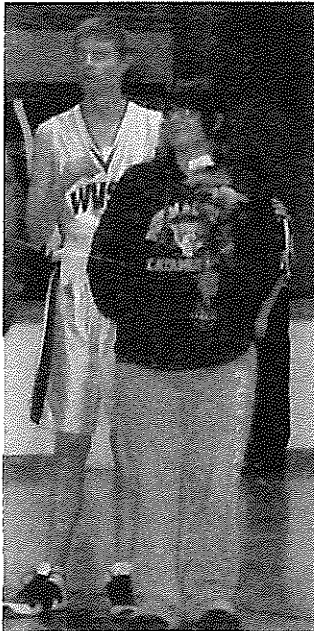
*Ethan Bolyard and Mom, Natalie Combs*



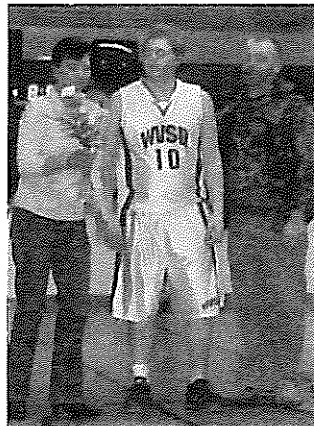
*Patrick Lee and Mom, Lori Hines*



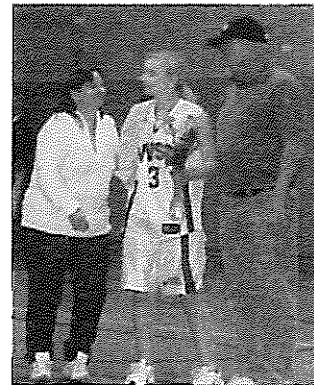
*Chelsea Tallman with Baby Mariska and Mom, Anna Tallman*



*Jensen Greenstein and friend, Cassie Heaster (former WVSD student)*



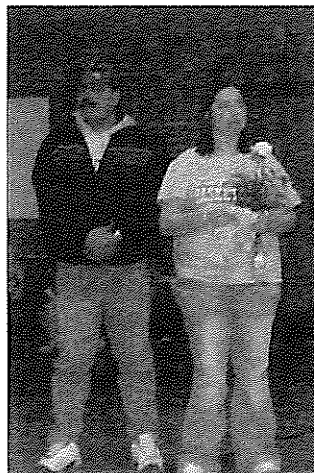
*Brandon Lewis with Mom and Dad, Tamara and Mark Lewis*



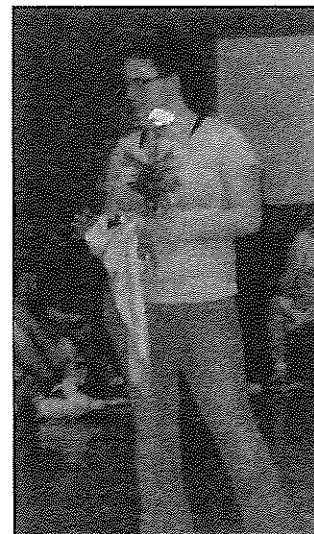
*Shawna Weatherholt with Mom, Debra and Dad, Denzil Weatherholt*



*Samantha Johnson and Mom, Lisa Johnson*



*Holly Ramos and Dad Antonio Ramos*



*Amber Williams*

# GREENGLORINGHER

# Valentine's Dance

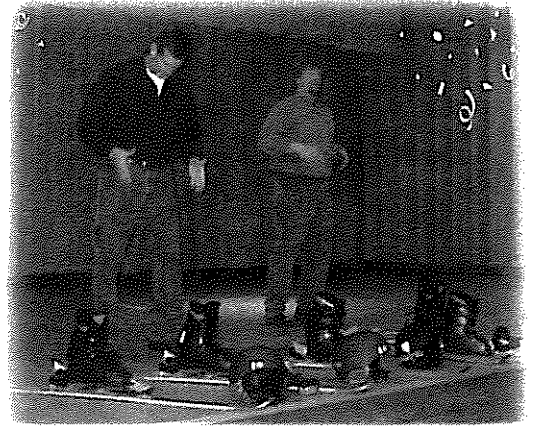


Winners of guessing game

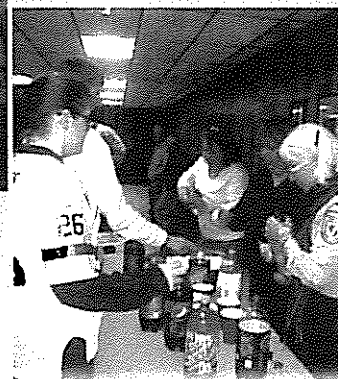
Winners of pizza coupons

Photos by: Katelyn Plum & Patrick Lee

# SKI TRIP

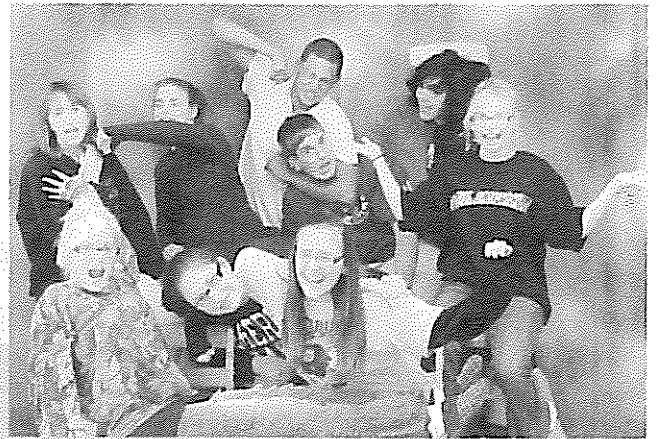


The Lions Club has been treating WVSDB students to yearly ski trips for more than twenty years. In addition, they also provide financial assistance for the school's student work program. The Lions Club's hospitality and generosity are greatly appreciated by everyone at WVSDB.



# Media Mania

The *Lions' Tale* staff has researched the latest in movies, DVDs, and books. We hope our readers will enjoy our selections!



## Coming Soon to Theaters in March

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*Unknown*  
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*I Am Number Four*  
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*Battle: Los Angeles*  
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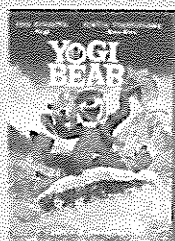
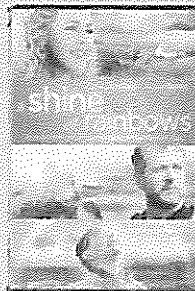
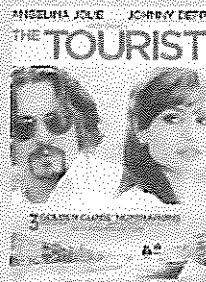
## Coming Soon to DVDs

*Yogi Bear*  
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*Skyline [Blu-ray] (2011)*  
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*A Shine of Rainbows*  
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*The Tourist*  
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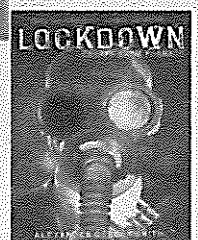
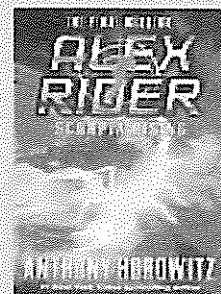
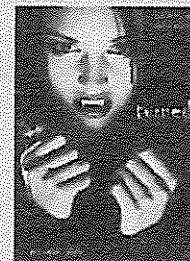
## Books

*Lockdown: Escape from Furnace 1*  
Alex Gordan Smith


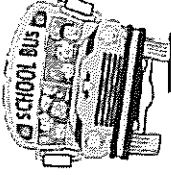


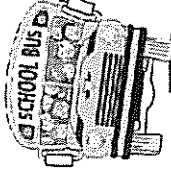

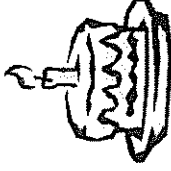
*Scorpia Rising (Alex Rider Series # 9)*  
Anthony Horowitz

*Beastly*  
Alex Linn

*Turned (Book # 1 in the Vampire Journals)*  
Morgan Rice



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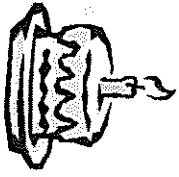
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# April 2011

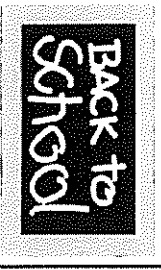
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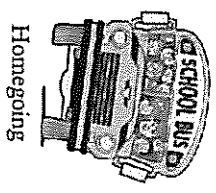
Jonathan Stokes- 13th  
Karelyn Plum- 23rd



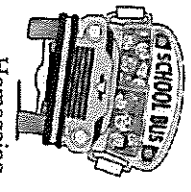
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APTA Testing



Homegoing



Homegoing  
Parents' Day

Senior Trip  
to  
Hershey Park

# Easter Break

Easter  
Sunday



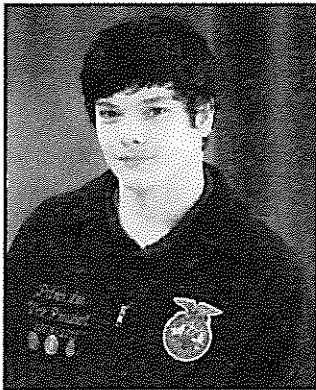
# THE LIONS' TALE



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## Principal Announces Class of '11 Top Seniors



*Patrick Lee*  
Valedictorian



*Samantha Johnson*  
Salutatorian

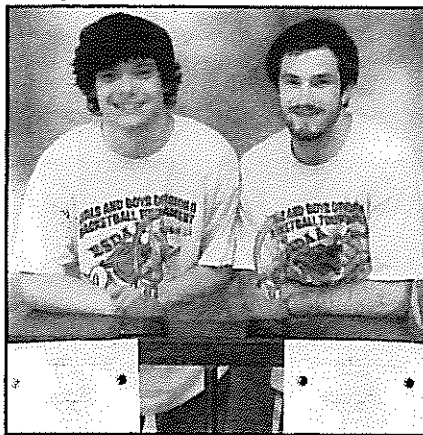
*Principal Corbin recently announced this year's top senior scholars:*

**PATRICK LEE**, son of Lori Hines of Romney and Freddy Lee of Winchester, VA, is the valedictorian of the WVSD Class of 2011. Patrick has been accepted to Gallaudet University and plans to become a physical education teacher.

**SAMANTHA JOHNSON**, daughter of Lisa and Richard Johnson of Romney, is this year's salutatorian. She plans to attend Potomac State College and is considering pursuing a degree in secondary education.

All the members of the Class of 2011 will be featured in the senior (final) issue of The Lions' Tale.

## Boys Win ESDAA Tourney



The WVSD boys' basketball team traveled to Rochester, NY for the ESDAA Basketball Tournament. On Saturday, the boys played Rochester in a close game. In the end, WVSD won, 63-58, which put the Lions in the championship round.

On Sunday, the team played Delaware for the championship.

The players started out strong, never looked back, and won 54-27.

Patrick Lee (above, left) and Jonathan Stokes (above, right) were selected to be part of the All ESDAA Tournament First Team.

## Lee Gets Top Honors in Basketball

*by Coach See*

I am pleased to announce that Patrick Lee, a senior, has been selected to receive several honors.

During the ESDAA Division II Boys' Basketball Tournament, Patrick was selected to be

on the All ESDAA Tournament First Team. Patrick led the Potomac Valley Conference in scoring. He is the first player in my coaching career to win this honor.

Patrick was also selected for the Deaf Prep All American Basketball Team.

## Lady Lions Win Team 21 Contest



*Amber Williams (left) and Samantha Johnson.*

*by Coach Buckley*

The Lady Lions traveled to Rochester, NY for the Div. II ESDAA Basketball Tournament. Coach Buckley's Lady Lions had a 54-26 win over Governor Baxter of Maine on Friday night. Saturday's loss to home team Rochester (26-55) put the ladies into the seeding for 3rd or 4th place.

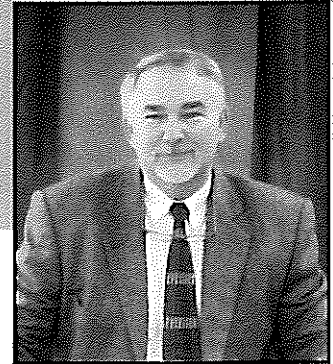
Sunday's game against Rhode Island was a win with a score of 47 - 42 which gave them a 3rd place standing in the tournament.

The Lady Lions won the Tom Berry Team 21 Championship Contest and placed second in the Foul Shooting Contest.

Amber Williams and Samantha Johnson were selected to the All-Star Second Team.

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

*Mr. Corbin*



The staff of the Secondary School for the Deaf joined together recently to celebrate the anticipated retirement of three of our teachers, Mrs. Jan Dodgins (Graphic Arts), Mrs. Debra Heare (English) and Mr. Herb Adrian (Social Studies). These three educators represent nearly 100 years experience in the field of Deaf Education. I suspect that there is a lot of truth in the saying "there is no substitute for experience" and I know that our school will greatly feel the loss of these great instructors. As I read through the long lists of the many duties and capacities in which these teachers have served, it was

impressive. I'm sure it is typical of small schools to wear "many hats" of responsibilities and these teachers did just that. We owe a debt of gratitude to each one for their service and the many lives they have touched through the years.

Congratulations to Samantha Johnson, Salutatorian and Patrick Lee, Valedictorian of the graduating class of 2011. Both of these students not only excelled in academics but were good role models, as well.

One of the highlights of Parent's Day was the opportunity to meet with our new State

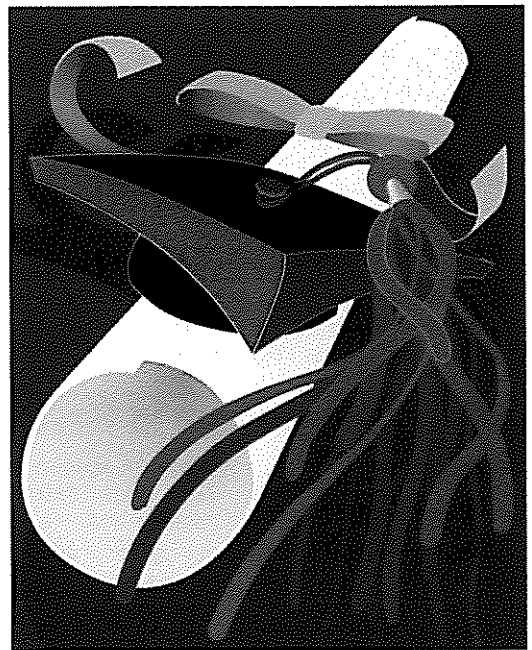
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jorea Marple, via video conference. Dr. Marple and members of her staff set aside an hour to meet with our parents. They discussed topics and concerns relevant to the future of WVSDB. After meeting with parents, Dr. Marple and the Department of Education staff spent the rest of the afternoon meeting with WVSDB staff. We are most appreciative of Dr. Marple and staff making time for us.

## WVSD&B GRADUATION

JUNE 10, 2011

MPR

10:00am



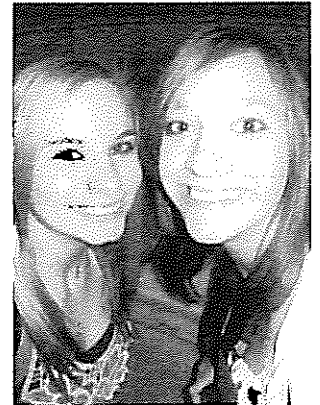
# Johnson Goes To Charleston

The State Journal, in conjunction with the EQT Corporation, held the Students of Excellence ceremony on April 9 in the Cultural Center at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston. Samantha Johnson, WVSD's scholarship recipient, traveled with her parents, Richard and Lisa Johnson, to attend the reception honoring high school seniors in each of the state's fifty-five counties. Samantha's

English teacher, Mrs. Heare, and her husband were also in attendance, as well as senior classmate, Shawna Weatherholt. In addition to a one thousand dollar scholarship, certificate, and medal presented to each by the governor, power point presentations of individual interviews were shown. After individual and group pictures were taken, a lovely buffet lunch was served.



*Left: Acting Governor Earl Tomblin presents scholarship to Samantha Johnson.*



*Right: Shawna Weatherholt (left) and Samantha Johnson after the ceremony.*

# Math Competition Goes To New York

*by Mr. Liller*

From April 9-11, WVSD's seventh grade students traveled to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York to participate in a math competition with twenty-six other teams. From east to west and north to south, teams arrived on the campus of NTID and were armed with calculators, school colors, and an eagerness to assess their knowledge in mathematics. Members of the WVSD team included Wade Adams, Anna Delozier, Patrick Epperly,

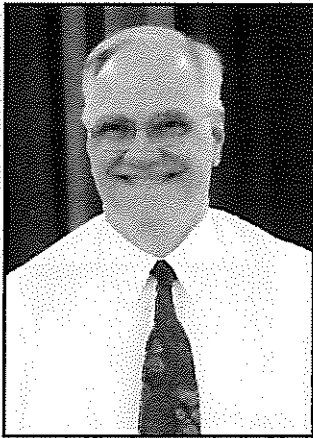
and Jordan Simmons, who were accompanied by their coaches Mrs. Hausrath and Ms. Davis. Each team competed in a series of rounds to solve math word problems and equations. Outside the competition, these exhausted mathletes were involved in various recreational activities from swimming, go-karting, and playing arcade games to spending time making new friends. The WVSD students ranked 20<sup>th</sup> out of the 26 teams. Though they were not the highest ranking players, they had

an educational experience in competing against other deaf students from across the nation.



*Students during the competition and activities.*

# WVSD RETIREES



*Mr. Herb Adrian (Social Studies)*

**How many years have you worked at WVSD?** I have worked at WVSD for 39 years.

**How did you find out about WVSD?** I learned about the school from the town newspaper and Ms. Virginia Pancake.

**What made you want to teach at WVSD?** I liked the challenge of teaching deaf and hard of hearing students.

**What do you like most about WVSD?** I like the students overcoming their obstacles and developing a love for learning.

**What is the most important thing you have learned from teaching at WVSD?** I've learned patience, compassion, pride in our students and joy in seeing them succeed.

**What are you planning to do after retirement?** I plan to do volunteer work (workshop, church), substitute at WVSD, relax, fish, read and play music.

**Will you come to visit us on campus?** Yes, of course :)

**What will you miss the most when you retire from WVSD?** I'll miss students and staff at Secondary and the many friends I've made here over the years.

**If you had it to do all over again would you do the same thing?** Absolutely, I would do it all again. The WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is a very special place!

*Mrs. Jan Dodgins (Graphic Arts)*

**How many years have you worked at WVSD?** I've worked here for 28 years.

**How did you find out about WVSD?** Well, of course I saw the school when I moved to Hampshire County. It's hard to miss! Not long after we moved here, my husband saw an ad for a cabinetmaking class at WVSD, and we signed up for it. It was taught by Mr. Pierre Sevigny. That was my first time on campus.

**What made you want to become a teacher at WVSD?** When I was in elementary school, I had a friend who had deaf parents. I learned to fingerspell, but I couldn't communicate with them very well. I was fascinated with the way they communicated, though. When I moved to Hampshire County, a group of deaf students toured the newspaper office where I was working, and the tech ed principal at the time was with the group. He encouraged me to take sign language classes and apply for a job at the school. Shortly after that, I signed up for sign language classes and later got a job here.

**What do you like most about WVSD?** I like OUR KIDS!!!

**What is the most important thing you have learned from teaching at WVSD?** One of the most important things I've learned is how to communicate with deaf students and staff and also about deaf culture. I think (I hope!) I learned how to be a better teacher from team teaching Quest and Journalism with Mrs. Heare. She is a wonderful teacher!

**What are you planning to do after retirement?** I plan on taking lots and lots of photos, biking, hiking, boating, gardening, traveling, and playing music. Also, my husband and I will be building a garage and doing some home improvement projects.

**Will you come to visit us on campus?** Yes!

**What will you miss the most when you retirement from WVSD?** I will miss THE KIDS!!

**If you had it to do all over again would you do the same thing?** DEFINITELY! I've had various jobs since I was 16 years old, but this has been my favorite job of all. Every day is different because of kids. They all have different ideas, different talents, different needs, and different personalities. Also, graphic arts technology has totally changed since I started -- I feel like I started out in the "cave man" days of photography and graphic arts, and look at what we can do now! Today's technology is so much fun! Teaching something that I love doing to a great group of kids has made my job very interesting and fulfilling.



*Mrs. Debra Hearse  
(English/Language Arts)*

**How many years have you worked at WVSD?** I have worked at WVSD since 1982 (twenty-nine years). Prior to 1982, I taught in Mineral and Preston counties for five years.

**How did you find out about WVSD?** I have always known about WVSD. My parents brought me here at an early age to visit my aunt (Class of '65). When we lived in CT, my parents traveled to the American School for the Deaf in Hartford to watch WVSD play ASD in football. That's when I learned other states had schools for the deaf.

**What made you want to teach at WVSD?** I watched my aunt and her friends communicate and was totally fascinated with sign language. I love language of any kind and studied foreign languages in school (French, German, and Latin), but I was never able to study sign until I became a teacher in the public school system. When I began taking sign classes, I knew I wanted more of a challenge using my English degree. When the new WVSD Science teacher and fellow sign student, Ms. Shank (now Dr. Shank), informed me about English positions opening in Secondary Deaf, I applied.

**What do you like most about WVSD?** I like WVSD students the most. They are my first priority and my reason for being here.

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# Honor Roll

## 12th Grade

3.5 GPA

Ethan Bolyard  
Samantha Johnson  
Patrick Lee  
Brandon Lewis  
Holly Ramos  
Shawna Weatherholt

3.0 GPA

Jensen Greenstein  
Chelsea Hill  
Chelsea Tallman  
Amber Williams

## 11th Grade

3.5 GPA

Katelyn Plum

3.0 GPA

Jordan Clark  
Derrick Eversole  
Richard Garvin  
DeSean Thomas

## 10th Grade

3.5 GPA

Brandon Eversole  
Alexander Jackson

3.0 GPA

Trent McGee

## 9th Grade

3.5 GPA

Sara Isner  
Samuel Kimble  
Samantha Plum

3.0 GPA

Ronald Garvin  
Shelby Hose  
Tylar Merriner  
Tyler Kesner

## 7th Grade

3.0 GPA

Wade Adams  
Patrick Epperly  
Anna Delozier

**GOOD  
JOB!**



## Congratulations to Seniors!



*Ethan Bolyard*

Ethan Bolyard of Romney has been accepted to Eastern West Virginia Community College.



*Patrick Lee*

Patrick Lee, Romney, has been accepted to Gallaudet University.

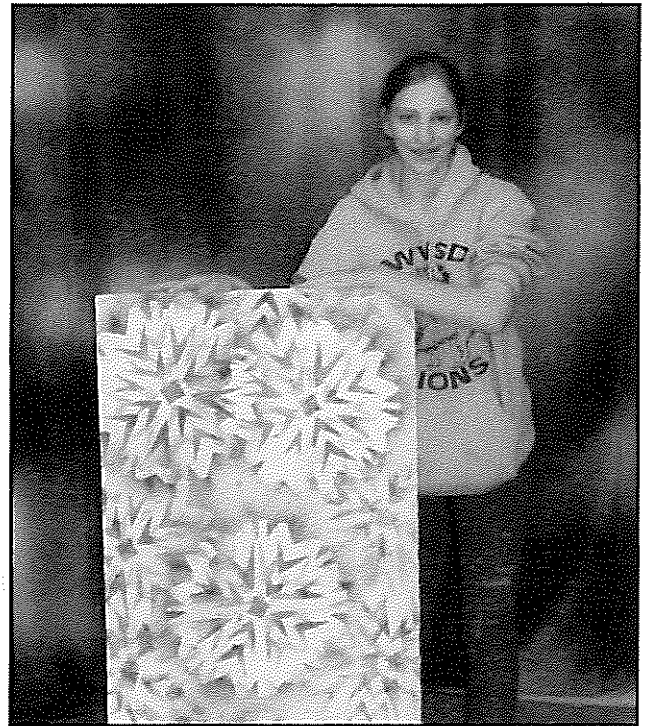
**GOALS**

# Students Complete Final Art Project

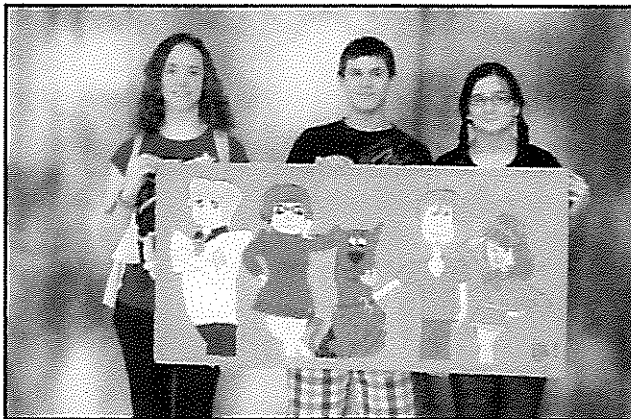
Each working with a partner, the ninth grade students under the supervision of Stella Walker, the art teacher, recently painted ceiling tiles as their last project for this school year. The painted tiles will replace some of the white tiles, which are on the ceiling in the art room now.



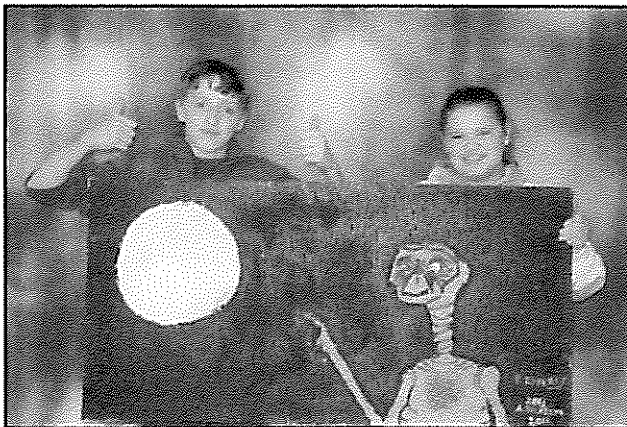
*Left to right: Daylen Brightwell, Ms. Walker, and Tylar Merriner*



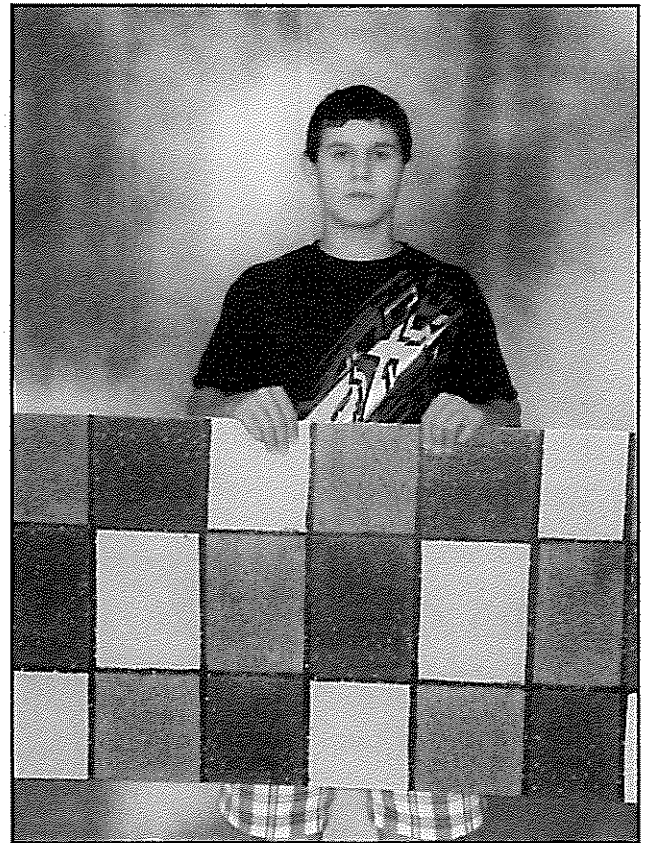
*Lacy House*



*Left to right: Sara Isner, Matthew Kannon, and Samantha Plum*



*Left to right: Patrick Epperly and Anna Delozier*



*Matthew Kannon*

# Retirees

(continued)

**What is the most important thing you have learned from teaching at WVSD?** There are three important things I have learned from teaching at WVSD:

\*Learning the language is imperative. Communication is the key to learning. It is the responsibility of the adult (teacher) to communicate clearly and effectively and lead the student to becoming an independent communicator. You can't do that if you can't speak the language.

\*Developing a respect for the culture is essential. There is a pride and communal identity in Deaf Culture. It is a social, communal, and creative force that encompasses all that any other culture possesses. It is also an attitude.

\*Understanding and appreciating the population is critical. A deaf student is not simply a hearing student who can't hear. And he is not learning English as a second language.

**What will you miss the most when you retire from WVSD?** I will miss the students and our daily communication through the beautiful language of signs.

**What are you planning to do after retirement?** I plan on pursuing my music interests, staying involved with the education of the deaf, traveling, volunteering, and having more time with my family.

**Will you come to visit us on campus?** Since I have such fond memories of my time on this campus, I'm sure I'll visit from time to time.

**If you had it to do all over again would you do the same thing?** In a word, unequivocally.

**How many years have you worked at WVSD?** I've worked here 10 years.

**How did you find out about WVSD?** I've lived in this area all my life and have always known about WVSD.

**What made you want to be a houseparent at WVSD?** I have always enjoyed working with children and this gave me a great opportunity to do what I like.

**What do you like most about WVSD?** I like working with the students, teaching them daily living skills, and seeing them grow in many ways.

**What is the most important thing that you have learned from being a houseparent at WVSD?** No matter the difference in the students, they all need attention and love.

**What will you miss the most when you retire from WVSD?** I will miss being with the students and staff.

**What are you planning to do after retirement?** I plan to spend time with my family and friends.

**Will you come to visit us on campus?** Yes.

**If you had it to do all over again would you do the same thing?** Yes, I would.



*Mrs. Cookie Hott  
Houseparent  
INT Girls' Dorm*

## WVSD Archery Team Shoots Best Ever

*Reprinted with permission from The Hampshire Review*

*by Jim King*

The Lions of the West Virginia School for the Deaf recorded their best score ever at the sixth annual archery tournament.

WVSD's high school team of eight boys and four girls piled up 3090 points March 26, just out of fifth place. The Lions scored 87 bull's-eyes.

High individual score for WVSD was sophomore Alex Jackson with 274 points and 12 ten pointers, two points ahead of senior Ethan Bolyard. Each contestant shoots 30 times, so a perfect score would be 300.

Other team members were se-



niors Samantha Johnson, Shawna Weatherholt, and Patrick Lee; juniors Josh King, Katelyn Plum, Chasity Hammond, and Derrick Eversole; sophomores Brandon Eversole and Trent McGee; and freshman

Tylar Merriner; seventh-graders Patrick Epperly and Wade Adams. They shot for the middle school competition.

The meet, sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, was March 26 at Huntington Veterans Memorial Field House. The largest-ever field, from 59 schools, competed.

Ripley dominated the meet, with boys and girls from there claiming first and second in the high school divisions.

Shady Spring won the elementary division with 3068 points. Ripley won the middle and high school divisions, with 3241 and 3319 points, respectively.

# HERSHEY PARK



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Lebanon, PA

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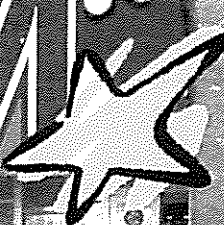
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# WVSDB Hosts Wellness Fair

by Mrs. Kuykendall

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind held their biennial "Spring into Health - Wellness Fair" in the multi-purpose room of the Secondary School for the Deaf. Students, staff, and parents were invited to the event. Serving as chairperson was Kara Griffith. Participants enjoyed holding live snakes, learning about electricity, exercising, having a massage, eating healthy snacks, getting pictures taken behind a giant carrot or apple, squeezing a stress ball, dressing as a fireman and much more. A huge thank you goes out to all those who made this event possible.

Presenters included: Allegany College of Maryland Dental Hygienist Program, Andrea Peltzer &

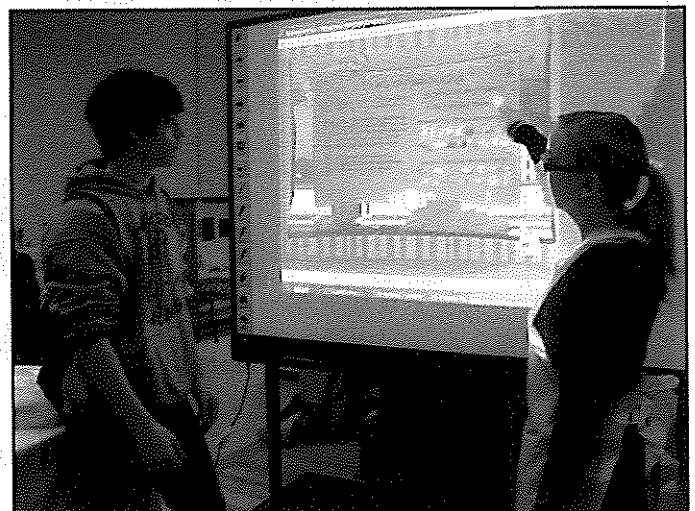
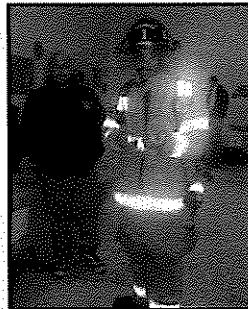
Mandy Fabbri - Dental Care; Mary Ann Corbin & Brandy Crites - Disability Awareness; Kara Griffith - Asthma Awareness; Hampshire County Health Department, Becky Arnold - Immunizations; Hampshire Wellness Center, Kristy Harvey - BMI and exercise; Hampshire Wellness Center, Rose Anna Puffenbarger - massage; Melanie Hesse - Poison Prevention; Cynthia Hinkle - Reproductive Health; Shair Loar - Stress Management & Bullying; Penny Maphis - Sun Safety; Sandra McCune - Bus Safety; Parent Network Specialist, Wanda Hedrick - Parent Network; Potomac Edison, Debbie Champ & Mark Dawson - Electric Safety; Potomac Highland Guild, Paige Moreland - Prescription Drug Abuse;

ProStart Program - Robin Ayers, Kathy Kuykendall & students - Healthy Snacks; Patty Ritter and Pat Webb - Coloring Station; Romney Volunteer Fire Department, Kenneth Rayer - Fire Prevention; RTPC, Angela Wolford - Tobacco Prevention; Hank Saville - Veggie/ Fruit Photo Stands; Dee Willis - Food Tasting; WVDNR, Kieran O'Malley - Outdoor Safety; and WVU Extension Service, Anita Fairley - Nutrition.

Also volunteering to make the health fair a success were: Becky Park & Claudia Mals - Welcome Booth; Pat Webb & Cookie Hott - Door Prizes; Becky Park & Kara Griffith -

Publicity; Ethan Bolyard - brochure; Kathy Smith, Patty Ritter & Pat Webb - Decorating; Claudia Mals - Shopping Bags; Lori Dawson - prizes; Jan Dodgins & students - Photography; Hank Saville & Bob Haines - Tear Down.

The WVSDB Wellness Committee thanks everyone for their support and will make plans for the next fair to be held in the spring of 2013.





SPECIAL OLYMPICS

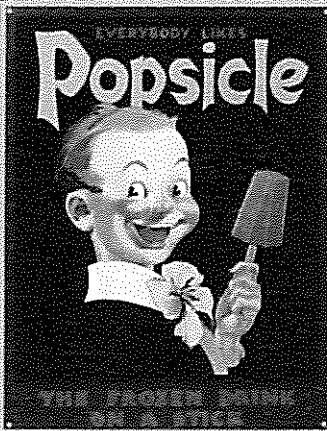
TAPESTRY

# Trivia And Facts For April/May

How many NCAA championships has Butler won?

Who invented "Google"?

Who invented the popsicle?



- Statistics prove that deaf people live longer than hearing people.
- In 1913, the bottom of the basketball net is left open for the first time - meaning it was no longer necessary to retrieve the ball from the net, once a basket was scored.
- 1,525,000,000 miles of telephone wire is strung across the U.S.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- Bank robber John Dillinger played professional baseball.

## March's Trivia Answers

\*How many planets are in our solar system?

**Eight**

\*How many championships have the Boston Celtics won?

**Seventeen**

\*According to legend, what should you never do if you catch a leprechaun?

**Never take your eyes off him**

### APRIL 2011:

- Apr 1-9: Sunny, then rainy periods; cool
- Apr 10-14: Sunny, turning warm
- Apr 15-18: Showers, warm
- Apr 19-28: Rainy periods, then sunny, cool
- Apr 29-30: Rainy, cool north; sunny, warm south

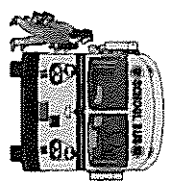
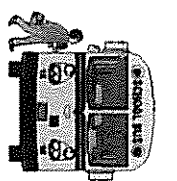
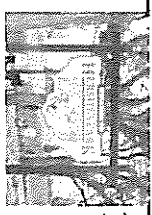
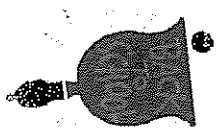

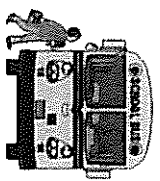
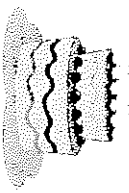
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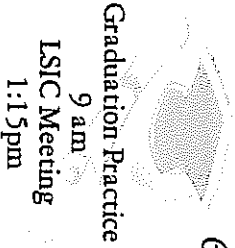


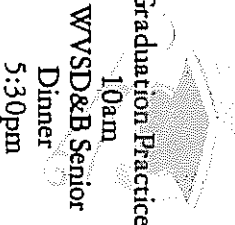

### MAY 2011:

- May 1-4: Rain, then sunny, quite cool
- May 5-8: Rainy periods, cool
- May 9-20: Scattered t-storms, turning warm
- May 21-26: T-storms, then sunny, cool
- May 27-31: Sunny, warm

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 Global 21 Performance Assessment Testing	5 Special Olympics and Tapestry Performance	6  Homegoing	7
8 	9	10	11 Global 21 Performance Assessment Testing	12	13  Homegoing	14  Senior Trip to Hershey Park 8am-8pm
15 	<b>WESTEST 16th-20th Grades 7-11</b>			19	20 Junior/Senior Prom Dinner @ Mario's 6pm	21  Prom Night 6-11pm
22	23	24	25	26  Seniors to Chiopyle, PA Whitewater Rafting	27  Homegoing	28
29	30	31 	<b>BIRTHDAY</b>  Josh King- 20th We wish to apologize to R.J Garvin for inadvertently omitting his birthday on March 1st. Happy Belated Birthday, R.J!!!			

# June 2011

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## BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

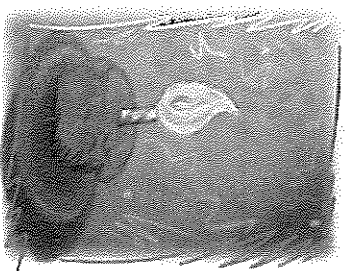
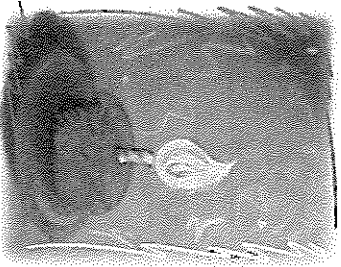
- 5-Daylen Brightwell
- 20-Rick Garvin
- 28-Ethan Bolyard

JULY

- 9-Wade Adams
- 23-Alex Jackson
- 26-Derrick Eversole

AUGUST

- 2-Samantha Johnson
- 8-Trent McGee
- 11-Steven Bow
- 22-Alex Barnes



**THE LIONS' TALE**



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# Congratulations to the Class of 2011!



**PATRICK LEE**, Valedictorian, of Romney is the son of Mrs. Lori Hines and Mr. Freddy Lee of Winchester, VA. Patrick was a member of FFA,

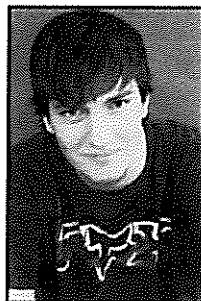
the archery team, the Academic Bowl Team, and the basketball team. During his years at WVSD, he received the FFA Leadership Award, was the Defensive Player of the Year, the top shooter on the archery team, was on the basketball team that won the ESDAA Championship three years, and was a PVC Shooting Champion. He was chosen for the All-American Deaf Team and was an ESDAA 1st Team All-Star. Patrick plans to attend Gallaudet University and major in teaching physical education.

**SAMANTHA JOHNSON**, Salutatorian, is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Johnson of Romney. She was in FFA, FBLA, archery, and Tapestry.



Samantha played basketball and volleyball and was selected for the 2nd All-Star basketball team. She received awards in English, drama, 21st Century history, attendance, good conduct, and yearbook. She also won a scholarship as an EQT Corporation Student of Excellence. Samantha plans to attend college.

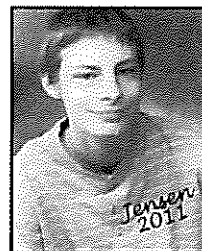
**ETHAN BOLYARD** of Romney is the son of Bradley Bolyard and Natalie Combs. Ethan was a member of FFA, FBLA, the archery team, and Skills



USA. He played basketball and football, was on the HHS track & field and soccer teams, and was on the ESDAA Championship basketball team. Ethan won awards for FFA Creed, logo design for the Deaf Tech Fair, and designing a WVSD Christmas card. Ethan plans to attend college to become a computer support technician and animation designer.

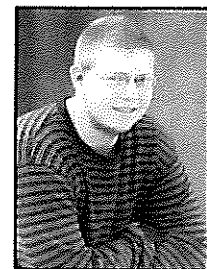
USA. He played basketball and football, was on the HHS track & field and soccer teams, and was on the ESDAA Championship basketball team. Ethan won awards for FFA Creed,

**JENSEN GREENSTEIN** is the son of Tera Greenstein of Parkersburg. He was secretary for FFA and the Class of '11 and was on the basketball team that won the ESDAA championship. Jensen plans to pursue a career in auto mechanics.



**CHELSEA HILL** is the daughter of Darrell and Autumn Hill of Springfield. She was a member of FFA, Skills USA, Tapestry, and was a member of the

archery team. Chelsea played basketball, volleyball, and tennis. She won two scholarships for WVSSAC tournament cover designs. She received attendance certificates and was on the Honor Roll. Chelsea plans to become a hair stylist.



**BRANDON LEWIS** of Elkins is the son of Mark and Tamera Lewis. Brandon was in FFA and was a member of the archery team, the

Academic Bowl team, and the basketball team. He was on the championship ESDAA basketball team and was on the Honor Roll. He is undecided about his future plans.

**HOLLY RAMOS** is the daughter of Antonio and Julia Ramos of Romney. She was a member of FFA, the archery team, and Tapestry. Holly was manager for the girls' basketball team, played tennis on the HHS team, and was on the basketball and volleyball teams. Holly was consistently on the Honor Roll during her years at WVSD. She plans to attend Potomac State College and become a dentist or a teacher.



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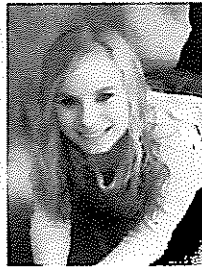
## Congratulations

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**CHELSEA TALLMAN** of Ridgeley is the daughter of Mark and Annamarie Tallman. Chelsea was a member of FFA and served as President, Vice-

President, and Reporter. She was a member of FBLA, the archery team, and Tapestry. She was on WVSD's basketball and volleyball teams and was on the HHS tennis team. Chelsea received the FFA Greenhand, Chapter Farmer, and Star Greenhand degrees, and certificates for Good Conduct, Art, and SRI Improvement. She was on the Honor Roll. Chelsea plans to get a job and later attend college and major in graphic design and photography.



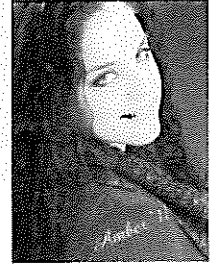
**SHAWNA WEATHERHOLT**, daughter of Denzil Weatherholt and Debra Weatherholt, is from Morgantown. Shawna was a member of FFA,

FBLA, Jr.NAD, Skills USA, and Tapestry. She was on the archery team, the Academic Bowl team, the basketball team, and the volleyball team. She received certificates for perfect attendance and good conduct and received the PE Award, Reading Vocabulary Award, and the Most Prolific Photographer Award. Shawna plans on going to Potomac State College, get a job, and continue to pursue her goals.

**AMBER WILLIAMS** of Cabin Creek is the daughter of Keith Ann Williams and Douglas Williams.

She was a member of FFA, FBLA, Jr.NAD, Skills USA, and Tapestry and was on the archery and Academic Bowl teams.

Amber was on WVSD's basketball and volleyball teams and on the HHS track team. She served as scorekeeper and statistician. Amber received an MVP Award and an Honorable Mention Volleyball Award. She was on teams that won the 1st place ESDAA Volleyball Tournament, 2nd Place ESDAA Basketball Tournament, and the ESDAA Sportsmanship Award. Amber was on the Honor Roll. She plans to attend Allegheny Community College to study child care and hopes to own her own daycare business in the future.



### JENSEN

When we were in Elementary we were bad! Jonathan and I pushed a TV over on the floor and it broke! Then we threw a chair and it broke too.

### PATRICK

Hanging out with all my friends, having fun, and being the leader to the younger kids.

### ETHAN

Winning three ESDAA basketball championships, of course! I had have lots of best memories, but most of all I have enjoyed time with friends and staff, laughing, telling jokes, and picking on each other.

### CHELSEA H

My senior prom with David M. He treated me like a queen!

### HOLLY

Winning the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament Championship. Also, I had a good time with my senior classmates at Hersey Park.

### SHAWNA

I have so many good memories, but my favorite is winning the ESDAA Volleyball Championship for the first time in my junior year. Another favorite memory is when I was a junior. My 6th period class was all girls. We tried to scare Mrs. Heare with a fake mouse, but I don't think we scared her, unless she was startled and didn't tell us the truth. We all had a good laugh. Another favorite memory is the junior and senior (Classes of 2010 & 2011) cake fight in Mrs. Heare's room after the prom dinner. We made a mess!

### AMBER

When I was in 9th grade, we went to Rhode Island School for the Deaf. Shawna and I forgot to bring our white uniforms. We had to borrow their basketball uniform and became rookies of that year.

### SAMANTHA

I left a hotel in Charleston without permission with Chelsea and Samantha during the FFA Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show. We went to McDonalds, and we did NOT get caught!

Class of 2011  
Best Memories

### BRANDON

I have many! One was last year. After the prom dinner we went to Mrs. Heare's room with the seniors to have cake and ice cream and to honor the seniors. We had a cake fight and it was fun!

### CHELSEA T

I have many, but I'm going with the FFA trips to Indianapolis and Cedar Lakes, WV with Mr. Leatherman and students.



# Last Will and Testament ~Class of '11~

## Patrick

- I leave my...
- \*maturity to Daylen
  - \*basketball skills to Jonathan & Alex J
  - \*sense of humor to DeSean & RJ
  - \*leadership skills to Katelyn & Trent
  - \*#3 jersey to Matthew

## Brandon

- I leave my...
- \*#6 locker to Shelby
  - \*basketball skills & #10 jersey to Shelby

## Chelsea H.

- I leave my...
- \*#21 locker to Tylar
  - \*athletic skills to Sara & Samantha
  - \*scorekeeping skills to Ricky
  - \*smile to Samantha
  - \*computer skills to Katelyn

## Holly

- I leave my...
- \*maturity to Chasity
  - \*nickname to Samantha (Purple Monkey)
  - \*ability to behave myself to Jordan C

## Amber

- I leave my...
- \*smile to Patrick E
  - \*weird facial expressions to Chasity
  - \*ability to pick on people to Jonathan
  - \*my locker to someone else
  - \*my sense of humor to Samantha

## Ethan

- I leave my...
- \*friendliness and maturity to Daylen
  - \*creativity for telling jokes to Patrick E
  - \*rebounding skills to DeSean
  - \*"Jailbreak" skills to Matthew (it's a game!)

## Shawna

- I leave my...
- \*blonde moments to Samantha
  - \*kindness to Daylen & Jonathan
  - \*smiles to Katelyn
  - \*wild & talkative moments to Jordan S
  - \*#17 locker to Patrick E

## Samantha

- I leave my...
- \*wildness to Samantha P
  - \*ability to stand up for myself to Chasity
  - \*jokes to RJ
  - \*"badness" to Alex J & Katelyn
  - \*"niceness" to Ricky

## Chelsea T.

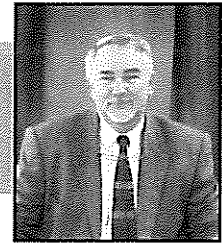
- I leave my...
- \*FFA officer skills to Sara
  - \*FBLA Vice-Presidency to Jordan C
  - \*clothing style to Samantha
  - \*limbo skills to Jonathan

## Jensen

- I leave my...
- \*gaming skills to Jordan S
  - \*basketball skills to DeSean

# PRINCIPAL'S POST

Mr. Corbin



## To the Class of 2011:

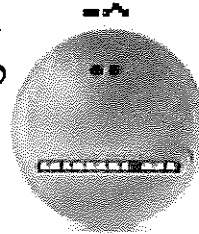
**C**ongratulations! You have traveled far in your educational journey and have arrived at a wonderful destination. It was the goal that you have thought about and planned for many years -- graduation. For some of you, the

journey began at WVSD; for others, it was public school, then WVSD. Now and forever you will all be the West Virginia School for the Deaf -- Class of 2011. You should be very proud, for during your journey, you overcame

many obstacles and your accomplishments were many along the way. Remember the good times, the friends you made and those who helped you as you traveled through the years. This is not the end of your journey, but merely

the beginning of a new journey. Move forward with confidence as you now have the tools for success and the ability to reach the destination of your choice. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Happy trails.

## Most Embarrassing



## Moments

### **PATRICK**

When I was in 10th grade, the boys were playing football in the mud. I decided to play, so they threw the ball to me. Some of them ran after me and dragged me in the mud with my new clothes on.

### **SAMANTHA**

A teacher knew my boyfriend and I were kissing and that teacher barged in and said, "HI"! We all laughed, but I was really red faced.

### **SHAWNA**

I have a lot of embarrassing moments, but the one I talk about the most is doing the "crank," a dance and song by Soulja Boy. I sprained my ankle!

### **BRANDON**

One day, Coach See punished me by making me stand on one leg with my finger on my nose like a statue near the traffic light at McDonalds!

### **HOLLY**

During a ski trip one year, I was not paying attention. Somehow I moved my chair to the edge of a raised floor and I ended up falling on the floor. Everyone looked at me -- I was so embarrassed!

### **AMBER**

I was in 6th grade and a few kids went to the gym. We were playing dodgeball. Ethan kept throwing at me and it made me mad. I ran to him and hit him. He pulled my pants down. I tried to get my pants up but Bob thought I was pulling my pants down. Bob punished me because of Ethan!

### **CHELSEA H**

In second grade in Ms. Diehl's classroom I ran around in the class naked.

**PATRICK:** When times get rough and you think you can't achieve your goals, just remember: never give up!

**BRANDON:** Be a leader.

**CHELSEA H:** Take responsibility for your actions and do your homework.

**SHAWNA:** Work hard, don't give up, and achieve your goals!

**ETHAN:** Keep your goals and try your best at everything you do.

**CHELSEA T:** Stay out of trouble, get good grades, and come to school every day.

**HOLLY:** Take care of yourself and don't give up on your career goals.

**JENSEN:** Work hard in school and do your best.

**SAMANTHA:** Work hard to achieve your goals and don't give up.

**AMBER:** Please stay out of trouble and have good behavior.

## PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT AT WVSD

*Patrick:* Winning three ESDAA Championships, the Leadership Award in FFA, and being chosen for 1st Team All Star.

*Brandon:* Winning the ESDAA championships.

*Chelsea H:* Winning two WVSSAC cover design scholarships.

*Shawna:* Earning two awards from Mrs. Dodgins for taking a lot of pictures.

*Ethan:* From elementary through the present, I have learned many different things at school and at my two jobs. I have worked as a computer support technician and as a website designer. Thanks to all of you!

*Chelsea T:* Being FFA President and Vice-President, FLBA Vice-President, and playing tennis at HHS for 3 years.

*Holly:* Being the Golden Horseshoe winner in eighth grade.

*Jensen:* Winning the ESDAA Basketball Tournaments.

*Samantha:* Being volleyball champions in 2009, Second All-Star basketball (been trying to get it since 8th grade), and EQT- Students of Excellence

*Amber:* Sports!



# WHITEWATER RAFTING

SENIORS 2011