

# THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WV

SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

## WVSD&B Celebrates 125th Birthday

Plans to celebrate WVSD&B's 125th birthday have been underway since last spring. This week's events include a tree planting, an open house, a country fair and picnic, a field day, historical skits, and a panel of former staff and alumni. In addition, a video about the school has been made, and a commemorative booklet has been published.

### SOME HISTORICAL FACTS

In the late 1860's, Howard Johnson, a blind teacher from Franklin, WV, convinced the state Legislature of the need to establish a state school for deaf and blind students. The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind opened their doors for the first time on September 29, 1870, one hundred twenty-five years ago. Twenty-five deaf and five blind students were enrolled. Just three years later, the population jumped to 60 deaf and 17 blind students.

From 1863 (when West Virginia became a state) until 1870, the deaf and blind students of West Virginia either did not go to school, or went to schools of neighboring states, especially Maryland and Ohio.

When the school first opened, and up until around 1970, many of the teachers lived at the school. In 1870, room and board cost \$12.50 a month for teachers living at the school.

In the early days, many students traveled to school on trains and wagons. Students went home only twice a year. In

the 1930s the school transported some students on buses, but most still traveled on trains. In 1941, all students began traveling to and from school on buses.

From 1874 to 1900 boys wore gray uniforms every day to school. Until 1920, girls wore uniforms on Sundays and holidays: blue for winter, and white for fall and spring. The boys' and girls' uniforms were made in the school's tailoring department.

Over the years, some instruction was done using the oral method, but sign language has always been used at our school.

## NEW STUDENTS

### JOSH BALLENGEE

Joshua Ballengee is the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ballengee of Alderson, WV. Asked why he came to WVSD, he said, "I came to WVSD because I think coming here gives me an opportunity to make a lot of new friends. I really enjoy staying in the dorm because it is very peaceful." During his free time he enjoys rafting, watching TV, and reading.



This picture was taken many, many years ago, on the front steps of the administration building.

### APRIL DIXON

April Dixon, a thirteen-year-old seventh grader from Albright, in Preston County, likes to walk her dog and pet her cat. On TV, she likes to watch "Full House" because her favorite character is DJ. Purple is her favorite color. Pepperoni pizza is her favorite food. April likes this school better than her other school because she can make new friends. Already she has made some friends. She enjoys class with Mr. Kesler but still thinks fondly of her old school. Her future goal is to come back to summer camp again.

### J. R. ROGERS

James Earl Rogers, the son of Mr. Earl Rogers, is a fifteen-year-old freshman. On his free time, he enjoys playing basket-

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New students (left to right) Josh Ballengee, Amy Simons, April Dixon, and J.R. Rogers.

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ball, football and baseball. He came to WVSD because he wants to learn more sign language and make new friends. J.R. has one sister and two brothers.

#### AMY SIMONS

Amy Irene Simons is a sixteen-year-old transfer student from Preston High School in Kingwood. Amy has many hobbies including playing baseball, reading, listening to country music, and writing poetry and sad stories. Her favorite foods are pizza, potato soup, and pizza crackers.

### Principal's Post

Starting a new school year is always exciting, but this year is especially so because of the many plans for the year.

Principal Dan Haught, who is starting his eleventh year at WVSD, feels that the staff here is the most highly certified and the most dedicated of any of the staffs at schools which he has visited the last twenty-five years.

In the spring, Sunshine Too and other cultural groups are scheduled to perform.

Everyone is excited about the

celebration of the schools' 125th birthday. Many activities are planned.

For the first time in many years, WVSD will host the tournament of the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Association this year.

Using a new language program will, hopefully, produce many positive results.

At the present, WVSD has three new students enrolled and expects more this school year.

As indicated by student requests for advanced classes, students are serious about education.

It looks as if this school year will be a great one!!

### TI Conference

by Ila Baber

For the first time, I went to Wesleyan College, a very big place, from June 18-22 for the West Virginia Teen Institute Conference. There, I learned about drug abuse and child abuse and taught sign language to hearing people. I would love to teach all hearing people sign language. I participated in swimming, bowling, and playing volleyball and other games. Meeting many new friends thrilled me. Individuals in my family group were like brothers and sisters to me. Each expressed his/her feelings, and we all helped each other by listening and offering advice. To remember the conference, I took home a WVTI shirt and a WVTI book I had such a good time!

**GOOD LUCK,  
FFA JUDGING TEAMS!  
OCT. 4, 5, 6**



#### WELCOME, SEVENTH GRADERS!

Kneeling: Ben Mellot (left) and Marcus Leake. Front row, seated (left to right): April Dixon, Jared Helsel, Jason Wilson. Back row: Daniel Cochran, Sylvia Adkins, Joanna Shaffer, Barbie White.

## Class Comments

### AGRICULTURE/SCIENCE

by Mr. Engelman

Once in the while something done for one reason turns out to benefit in other ways. So it is with the flower-vegetable garden planted and maintained by the WVSD agriculture/science classes. The garden has been a part of the ag/science program for two years now. The site of the garden was previously an unnoticed grass plot between a sidewalk and the rear of the junior/senior high school building.

Students built the bed, loaded, hauled, and unloaded the soil, and planted vegetable seeds and flower sets. The process provided experience in construction, soil preparation, seed and flower identification, proper methods of sowing seeds, and setting out young plant starts.



Jason Hanshaw is holding one of the huge sunflowers in the flower-vegetable garden.

Plastic weed shield material was used to cover the ground to minimize weed growth, but students worked to eliminate those weeds that managed to grow through the shield. Students also learned to mix plant food, to use automatic watering

sprinklers, and how to connect the feeding system and watering system together. When students left for summer break, the garden was established. During the summer, the garden was maintained. When students returned for fall term, they began again maintaining the garden.

Students also planted, mulched, and maintained several ornamental shrubs and trees in the fall of 1995. Students continue to maintain these plantings. We had great success with our ornamentals, losing only one to the dry weather we had in Romney this summer.

All the ornamental bushes and trees, flowers, and some of the vegetable plants are included in the horticulture and landscaping/nursery vocational contests each fall at WVU in Morgantown. Judging team members will use the living examples here at school to practice for the contests held on October 4-6.

This ongoing agriculture/science project has added to the participating students' knowledge and working skills, and has helped them to begin to develop good working habits necessary for finding and keeping a job in today's work world.

Along with the intended educational goals, this project has benefited others in several ways. People arriving at school in the morning get a small lift as they pass by this beautiful collection of flowers. Romney residents who often exercise by walking on the WVSD campus have expressed appreciation for this small effort to improve the setting on campus. What had



Huge, delicious tomatoes were harvested from the garden.

been a rather drab location has now become a pleasant place to pass by. We have birds feeding on the sunflower seeds and hummingbirds feeding on the many impatiens.

Plans are in the works to establish a tree arboretum on campus. We hope to plant twenty-five different varieties of trees this fall.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Adrian and Mr. Kesler

In 7th grade, the students are working with Geo-Safari learning their 50 states. In 8th grade, the students are learning about the geography of West Virginia, the flora, fauna, state symbols, elevation, precipitation, climate, waterways, and land areas.

In 9th grade, the students are studying life in the ancient times, beginning with prehistoric man, life in ancient Egypt, and life in the Middle East.

In 11th grade, the students are learning about events in the United States from 1900 to 1917. Most classes will begin a study of world news to sharpen their knowledge of current events.

The SILSU class is learning about neighborhoods, groups, their families and their home addresses.

All of the students are doing a good job. Keep up the good work!!

## CLUB CLIPS

### FFA

#### 95-96 FFA OFFICERS

President: Tressie Mitchell  
Vice President: Tasha Goodrich  
Secretary: Heather McKinney  
Treasurer: Josh Liller  
Reporter: Tammy Ennis  
Sentinels: Eric Crawford and Tim Garton

The FFA Judging Contest will be in Morgantown October 4-6.

### GOLF CLUB

The WVSD golf club has about twenty-five members. The first meeting went well. Gripping the golf club was the first thing discussed. Also, we practiced chipping outside the MPR. Trips to a driving range and to an instructional golf clinic are being planned.

### VICA

The flashing sign message system, which VICA recently purchased with club funds and Faculty Senate money donated by Mrs. Ann Getty, the communication arts instructor, and Mr. John Deuel, the dry cleaning instructor, is a conversation piece.

Each morning before the start of classes, Joshua Liller programs the day's important information. After lunch, Chris Remsburg makes the insertions and deletions, as needed.

Hopefully, this system will reduce

the number of announcements in each morning sheet and expedite the information to the faculty, staff, and students.

Future plans call for placing the same type of message system in the dining room and in the gym.

## DORM DIARY

The Seaton Hall dormitory staff has been very busy getting students settled in for the 1995-96 school year. Houseparents have been planning and looking forward to a great school year.

Our goals for the year include emphasizing the use of study hour, providing a variety of activities, and better serving and providing for the needs of our multi-handicapped student population.

We will once again have our clean room competition. A large pizza will be awarded to the student(s) on each floor that attain the highest score on random room checks. These will be awarded monthly throughout the year.

Students have been involved in daily activities such as volleyball, basketball, touch football, horseshoes, hiking, archery, swimming, board games, table tennis, pool, and weight training. Our girls' volleyball team has been working hard in practice everyday.

To date, special activities include attending the Hampshire County fair and parade and attending and participating in the Hampshire Heritage Days held in Romney.

## SPORTS SCENE

### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The WVSD girls' volleyball team started practice on August 21. This season, the team will play fifteen regular season matches and play in the Potomac Valley Conference tournament. In addition, the team plans to participate in the ESDAA girls' volleyball tournament for the first time.

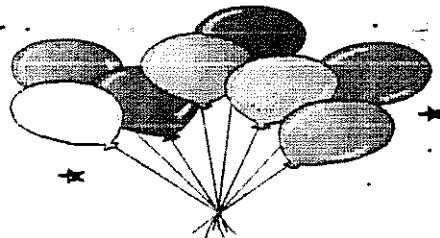
At this time, eleven girls are on the team with, perhaps, more joining after Labor Day. Bringing experience from last year's team are seniors Mary Ennis, Rebecca Yeater and Ila Baber. Juniors include Heather McKimney, Tasha Goodrich and Tressie Mitchell. Tammy Ennis is the only sophomore on the team and Stephanie Smallwood is the only eighth grader. New to the team this year are senior Jada Clark, seventh grader Barbie White and seventh grader Jo Shaffer. The team manager is Josh Ballengee; the scorekeeper is Jason Hanshaw.

The team's first match is on August 31 at home. Moorefield and Paw Paw will come to WVSD for a tri-match beginning at 5:30p.m. After the Labor Day break, the next match is on September 11 at Frankfort.

For the first time, the volleyball team will compete against the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Maryland School for the Deaf. Hopefully, volleyball will grow and gain more support now that it is played during the fall.

### AUGUST

Mrs. Shirley Davy - 2  
Mrs. Nancy Pownell - 9  
Mrs. Velma Woods - 12  
Ronald Lake - 14  
Mrs. Debra Heare - 16  
Stephanie Smallwood - 24  
Mrs. B. Shoemaker - 24  
Mrs. Ann Getty - 26



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## SURVEY

**QUESTION:** If you could have lunch with one person from the past, who would he/she be and why?

Mrs. Dodgins- Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians, because he was a very wise man.

Rebecca Yeater- Albert Einstein, because science is one of my favorite subjects.

Heather McKinney- Martin Luther King, because he helped alot of black people.

Mr.Farris- Abraham Lincoln, because I respect him. Also, he was a wise man.

Stephanie Smallwood - George Washington, because he was the first president of the United States.

Mrs.Boley- Abraham Lincoln, because I think he would be an interesting person to tell stories.

Mr.Czernicki - George Washington, because he had alot of experience as a president, explorer and surveyor.

Amy Simons- Mickey Mantle, because I've always wanted to meet him and talk with him.

Sue Cosner- Shakespeare, because I've always admired his brilliance in writing.

Mr.Sevigny- Sir Winston Churchill,the greatest statesman who ever lived.

Mrs. Czernicki - Benjamin Franklin, because of his many wonderful inventions.

Mrs.Davy- "Stonewall" Jackson, because of his bravery, intelligence, courage, and risk taking during the Civil War.

Liz Baldwin- Ponce De Leon who discovered the "Fountain of Youth." Maybe he could help me find one now.

Patsy Shank- Thomas Jefferson because



**'95-96 LIONS' TALE STAFF**

**Seniors (front row, left to right): Ila Baber, Mandy Weasenforth, and Rebecca Yeater. Juniors (back row, left to right): Tasha Goodrich, Josh Liller, Heather McKinney, and Tressie Mitchell.**

he is one of the people I most admire. His tremendous intelligence in terms of science, mathematics, government history, politics, education and the arts has always greatly impressed me.

Mary Teter- My great grandparents, because I never got the opportunity to meet them.

Ann Getty- Helen Keller, to find out how she became proficient in language and if she would have suggestions for us.

Mary Ennis- John Kennedy, because he

supported the state of West Virginia.

Tammy Ennis- Elvis Presley, because he was a hunk.

Herb Adrian- Harry Truman, because I would like to buy him a lunch. I admire him.

Joshua Liller- M.C. Escher, because I like his art work and also his imagination toward art.

Tasha Goodrich - My grandfather, because I wish that I knew him.

## YEARBOOKS

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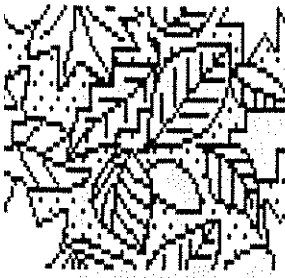
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SEE ANY YEARBOOK STAFF MEMBER: TAMMY ENNIS, TRESSIE MITCHELL, TASHA GOODRICH, ILA BABER, AMANDA WEASENFORTH, REBECCA YEATER, HEATHER MCKINNEY

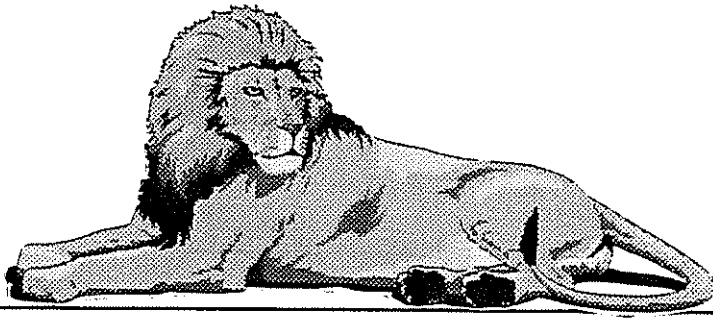
Debra Heare- Martin Luther, because I would like to discuss the nailing of his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg and the ensuing Protestant Reformation.

# October 1995



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Girls' VB MSD JV (A) 6:00pm	6	7 Homecoming
8	9 Girls'VB 3 Tri Match At Moorefield (A) 6:30pm	10 Girls'VB East Hardy JV 6:00pm (A)	11 Girls'VB PVC Tournament at E Hardy (A) 5:30	12 Columbus Day	13 Homegoing Faculty Senate 1:15 pm	14
15	16	17 Girls'VB East Hardy JV (A) 6:00pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 Girls'VB Frankfort JV (H) 6:00pm	24 Girls'VB Hampshire JV (H) 4:00pm	25 Girls'VB Paw Paw (A) 7:00pm End First Nine Weeks	26 Homegoing Fall Conference	27 Fall Conference	28
29 Daylight Saving Time Ends	30	31 Halloween				

Deaf Awareness Week will begin on first week of October



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ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA

OCTOBER 31, 1995

## FFA Dairy Team Places Sixth In State Competition

by Rebecca Yeater

We members of the Future Farmers of America enjoyed our trip to the State Competition in Morgantown.

On October 4 at 8:45 a.m., on the first part of the trip, we travelled to an Army Training site at Camp Dawson, where we saw military weapons and equipment, including a large Marine Corps Chinook helicopter. Then, we separated into two groups. While one learned about support vehicles and guns, the other rode an M-88 tank recovery vehicle. At 1:30 p.m., a very hungry group ate and then travelled on to Morgantown for the competition. That evening, our nursery/landscape team, which was comprised of Tasha Goodrich, Heather McKinney, and Ila Baber, participated in that contest. Some of us went to the mall and later returned to the motel for the night. Early the next morning, all, except the dairy team, who had to save their taste buds for competition that afternoon, ate at Shoney's.

After breakfast, Tim Garton, Josh Ballengee, Eric Crawford, and Jason Hanshaw, the forestry team, competed.

At the end of competition, the very hungry dairy team went to Wendy's to eat, and the others went to the mall.

When the floriculture team of Leslie Jessie, Tressie Mitchell, and Clifton Brunty finished their competition, we went to Pizza Hut for supper.

For breakfast the next morning, we ate at Bob Evans. Later in the morning, we went to the Creative Arts Center to wait for the announcement of the awards. Mr. Engelman's dairy team placed 6th. All of the sponsors were proud of our



Photo by Tasha Goodrich

**SAY "CHEESE"!**

Members of the FFA dairy team are signing "cheese" because part of their contest involved tasting and identifying different kinds of cheese. Left to right: Joshua Hamilton, Rebecca Yeater, Stephen Daniels, and Chris Remsburg.

teams.

We left Morgantown and headed back to school.

At lunch time, we ate at the Ponderosa in Cumberland Maryland, and, then, arrived back at school at 3:00 p.m. What a great time we had in Morgantown.

## 125th Birthday Celebration

by Mrs. Shirley Davy

The week of September 25-28 was a very special week for everyone on

campus. The week began with the planting of the State tree on the lawn in front of the main office. Mr. Carpenter kicked off the week's ceremonies. On Wednesday the school had a huge birthday party with cake, balloons and all the trimmings. WHAG TV station was here to televise the day's events. Mr. Michael Coleman and Mrs. Marj Boley decorated the birthday cake with a picture of the school. Thursday brought forth a full day of the history of our school with slides from the past to present. To add to the enjoyment of the

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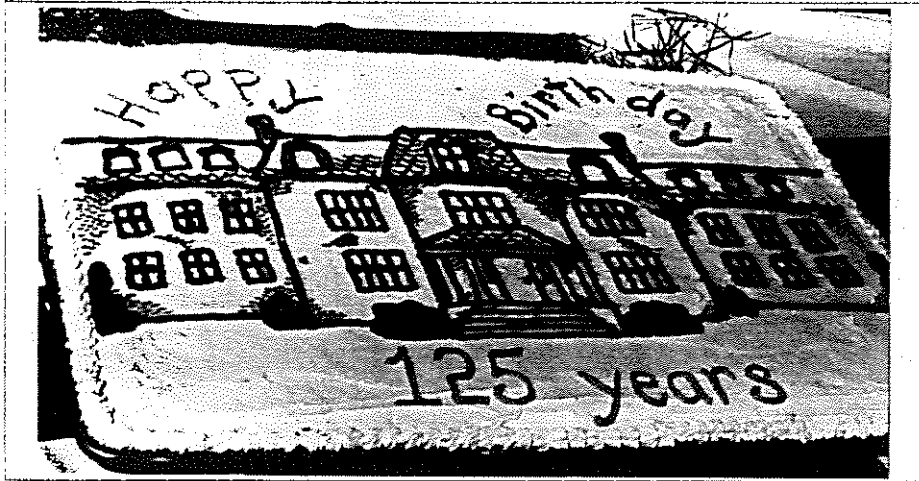


Photo by Tasha Goodrich  
125th birthday cake decorated by Mrs. Boley and Mr. Coleman.

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group, students and teachers portrayed the progress of our school through skits. To summarize the day's events, a panel of former teachers discussed their experiences in the classroom. Everyone enjoyed this joyous occasion.

## Homecoming '95

by Mrs. Teter and Heather McKinney

Monday, Oct. 2 was Blue and Gold Day. All students showed their spirit by wearing school colors. That day ended with competition among the classes for

the Spirit Stick which is presented to the class that shows the most enthusiasm. The winner this year was the Class of '96. The class of '98 took second place.

Tuesday was Dress-up Day and the crowning of the King and Queen and members of the court. The following students were elected to the 1995 Homecoming court: Senior King and Queen, Joseph Cosner and Mary Ennis; Junior Prince and Princess, Joshua Liller and Tressie Mitchell; Sophomore Prince and Princess, Timothy Garton and Tammy Ennis; Freshman Prince and Princess, Leslie Jessie and Tracy Marcum; 8th grade Prince and Princess, Chris Mick and Olivia Stuart; 7th grade Prince and Princess, Daniel Cochran and



Photo by Tasha Goodrich

### 1995-96 HOMECOMING COURT

Left to right: Barbie White, Daniel Cochran, Tracy Marcum, Leslie Jessie, Tressie Mitchell, Josh Liller, Mary Ennis, Joe Cosner, Larry Runyon, Rebecca Yeater, Timmy Garton, Tammy Ennis, Chris Mick, Olivia Stuart.

Barbie White.

We had a special lunch with beautiful decorations on the tables.

On Friday evening, Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian, with help from Mr. Steve Dawson, were our disc jockeys. The students danced well and played games with alumni. All had a great time!

Lots of thanks to Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian.

## Deaf Awareness Days

The Secondary School for the Deaf celebrated Deaf Awareness Days on October 4-6th. On Wednesday, Oct. 4th, two movies were shown. Grades 7-9 watched Born To Be Wild, and grades 10-12 viewed Hear No Evil. On Thursday afternoon, both groups joined together in the MPR to play games for the deaf. Friday was wrap-up day with Doyle Workman presenting \$200.00 to Special Activities for DAD and other alumni adding to the celebration. On Friday evening, the students, teachers, and alumni danced the night away in Seaton Hall to celebrate the end of DAD and Homecoming Week.

## SEPTEMBER

- Mrs. Lena Haines-2
- Tressie Mitchell-5
- Mrs. Rue Worles-13
- Charity Tucker-16
- Mrs. Linda Mullins-16
- Barbie White-18
- Ben Mellott-18
- Heather McKinney-20
- Mr. Carl Shockey-22
- Mr. Jim Dodgins-25
- Mrs. Beth Surber-25
- Larry Runyon -26
- Ila Baber-26
- Mrs. Christie Sevigny-26
- Douglas Martin-29



## CLASS COMMENTS



by Tasha Goodrich and Mrs. Dodgins

Mrs. Dodgins' 8th period class (Tim Garton, Stephen Daniels, Tammy Ennis, Tasha Goodrich, and Jada Clark) learned how pictures are made by taking pictures with a "pinhole" camera. It is an empty, light-tight box (#1-camera) with a tiny pinhole (#2-lens). Inside we put photographic paper (#3-film). The pinhole was covered with black tape (#4-shutter). We went outside near the gym to have our picture taken. Mrs. Dodgins put the "camera" on a stool, then took the tape off the pinhole so light could strike the film (#5-light). The tape was off for about 3-1/2 minutes! It was really hard to keep still and not move. A long time ago, people couldn't move when they had their pictures taken. That's why, when you see old pictures of your great-grandparents or great-aunts, they look really serious. It is harder to keep still while you are smiling! It is easier to keep still with a serious face.

## CLIB CLIPS

### VICA

#### 1995-96 VICA Officers

President - Olivia Stuart  
 Vice-President - Chris Mick  
 Secretary - Joshua Hartman  
 Treasurer - Joshua Liller  
 Reporter - R.T. Lake  
 Sergeant-at-arms - Jada Clark

**AMERICAN EDUCATION  
 WEEK  
 November 12-18**

## CLASS OF 1998

by Timothy Garton

The Sophomore Class recently elected officers for this school year. Those elected are:

President: Jason Hanshaw  
 Vice-President: Stephen Daniels  
 Secretary: Timothy Garton  
 Treasurer: Eric Crawford  
 Sponsors: Mr. Tom Engelman and Mrs. Sue Staley

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Haught

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind have a proposal before the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. The proposal adds language to Rule 3.2, page 18, which is "The exception that not more than ten students from WVSD&B

are eligible to participate in Hampshire County sports. (Only those sports not available at WVSD&B). This a long process, and it is rare that such proposals pass. We are requesting parents to contact the local principals to support this proposal. All principals have the final vote on this issue.

We recently had the state monitoring team visiting our school. There will be recognition of our good programs and recommendations for improvement. We will have the results later in November.

This is the end of the first nine weeks of school. Congratulations to the students who have demonstrated hard work and good grades. The students who want to improve will have another nine weeks to bring up their grades. Report cards will be completed in the near future and will be sent to parents early in November.

## SPORTS SCENE

### VOLLEYBALL

by Coach Kesler

The WVSD volleyball team has completed one half of their season. As of Oct. 16, the team has a record of 3 wins and 7 losses. WVSD will play seven more matches before going to the ESDAA volleyball tournament Nov. 3-5. Mary Ennis is leading the team with 56 service points. Rebecca Yeater is second with 49. Tammy Ennis has 35 points and Tasha Goodrich has 33.

#### MATCH RECORD

Moorefield	2	WVSD	0	Home
WVSD	2	Paw Paw	0	Home
Frankfort JV	2	WVSD	0	Away
WVSD	2	Va.Deaf	0	Away
Hampshire JV	2	WVSD	0	Home
WVSD	3	Va.Deaf	0	Home
Circleville	2	WVSD	1	Away
Moorefield	2	WVSD	1	Away
Moorefield	2	WVSD	0	Away
E. Hardy JV	2	WVSD	1	Home



**1995-96 VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Front row, left to right: Sylvia Adkins, Rebecca Yeater, Ila Baber, Jo Shaffer, Tressie Mitchell, and Barbie White. Back row: Jason Hanshaw, scorekeeper; Heather McKinney, Tasha Goodrich, Mary Ennis, Tammy Ennis, Coach Kesler, Stephanie Smallwood, Jada Clark, and Josh Ballangee, manager.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The WVSD girls' basketball team will begin practice on Nov. 6. All girls are encouraged to join the team, which will play a regular season schedule of eighteen games. Later, the team will play in the ESDAA girls' basketball tournament in Vermont. For this, WVSD's Alumni Association donated money for new uniforms and warm up shirts. On Nov. 30, the team will travel to Union High School for a practice game. On December 5, the team will play its first regular season game at home against Paw Paw.

## Haunted Tales

by M. J. Ennis and Rebecca Yeater

On October 31st morning, the students are standing, waiting for the school to open. Mr. Haught opens the door, the smoke comes out of the hallway and bats are flapping around. Mr. Haught cackled, "Bad Morning!" The students walk into the hallway. It is

completely dark!

Tressie trips over a corpse and lets her scream out. Clifton runs to her and signs to her, "Are you O.K.?" They hold each other.

While the students are downstairs, Rebecca, Tammy, Tasha, and Mary walk upstairs to the Computer Lab to work on their projects. The computers go crazy, blinking on and off. There are bats flapping around. They are puzzled over the bats. They look out the window, and there she is! Mrs. Herriott, a witch, is flying through inside and cackling toward them. They faint!

The Rap Boys are bored with the girls' screaming, so they go downstairs to Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Engelman's room. They are looking for them, but they can not find Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Engelman. They go to see the animals instead and find a BIG rat and a BIG spider. Of course, they are Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Engelman. Rap Boys think it is cool! They go over to pet them, but Mr. Leatherman and Mr. Engelman grab two of them and throw them on the web that Mr. Engelman spun. However, Mr. Engelman does not eat human beings, so he just spins other webs on them.

The rest of the students go into the M.P.R. and suddenly, they fall in a big

hole. They arrive in the mud hole which is filled with mud and rotten leaves. Mr. Haught oozily says, "Have a great nightmare!" He vanishes into a bat and flies up. The students scream for help. No one heeds them. They die of swallowing mud. Tragic, isn't it?

## The Dark Halloween Night

by Josh Liller

It was a dark, dark night.  
There was a dark, dark graveyard.  
In the dark, dark graveyard, there was a dark, dark being.  
The dark, dark being was a dark, dark goblin.  
The dark, dark goblin saw a dark, dark raven,  
flying through the dark, dark sky.

The dark, dark raven saw a dark, dark street.

On that dark, dark street there were several dark, dark trick-or-treaters, walking door to door and knocking on people's dark, dark doors.  
The dark, dark trick-or-treaters were collecting many dark, dark treats.  
But it only lasts that one dark Halloween night!

## We Heard

by Ila Baber

We heard the ghost make a noise.  
We heard the footstep with a chain.  
We heard the ghost BOOOOO!  
We heard the glass crack in the door.  
We heard the person yell.  
We were scared to death!  
We heard something fooling us.  
We thought it was the ghost  
The cat jumped on the stove  
Spilling the glass of milk on the floor.

## October 13th - Friday Night!!!!

by Stephanie Smallwood

The year was 1995. I was 13 years old, and I was staying at my friend, Mary Anne's home. She had 2 other girls there named Kelly and Amanda. Three girls met me at the door for an overnight party. Mary Anne asked me, "Please walk to the store and pick up some coke and snacks." I told her, "If you want me to do that, I want somebody to go with me." So Amanda came with me. As we were walking, we saw something on the road. We went to the middle of the road and looked at it. It was a snake! It suddenly turned into a boy. The boy asked, "Where is the little road that leads us to the little house?" We said, "It is this way, sir." He said, "Don't call me sir. My name is Edward." "Oh, that's a pretty name," we said. Amanda fell in love with him. I said, "Hello, are you coming, or not?" She said, "Yeah, in a minute!" So we started off to the store.

We came to the little store, and it had many motorcycle gangsters around the gasoline pumps. We didn't know what was going on, so we just ignored them and went inside. We bought our things and left.

We started to walk home. When we arrived at the house, there was one cop at the door. I asked, "What are you doing? Do you need help?" The policeman said, "Yeah. Do you live here?" I said, "No, but my friend does. She's inside." So the policeman said, "Can I see her?" "Sure,

come in." When I got in the house she was nowhere to be seen, so I told the policeman, "I don't know where she is." So the policeman said, "Okay, I will come back. When the policeman left, we hunted everywhere, even the attic.

Suddenly, when I opened the closet, I saw her dead body hanging in the closet on the pole where you hang your clothes. Blood was dripping from her body. Then after Amanda saw it, she got sick. Then Amanda asked me, "Where's Kelly?" I said, "Oh, no, I hope he didn't get her too!!" So we started to hunt for her (Kelly)!

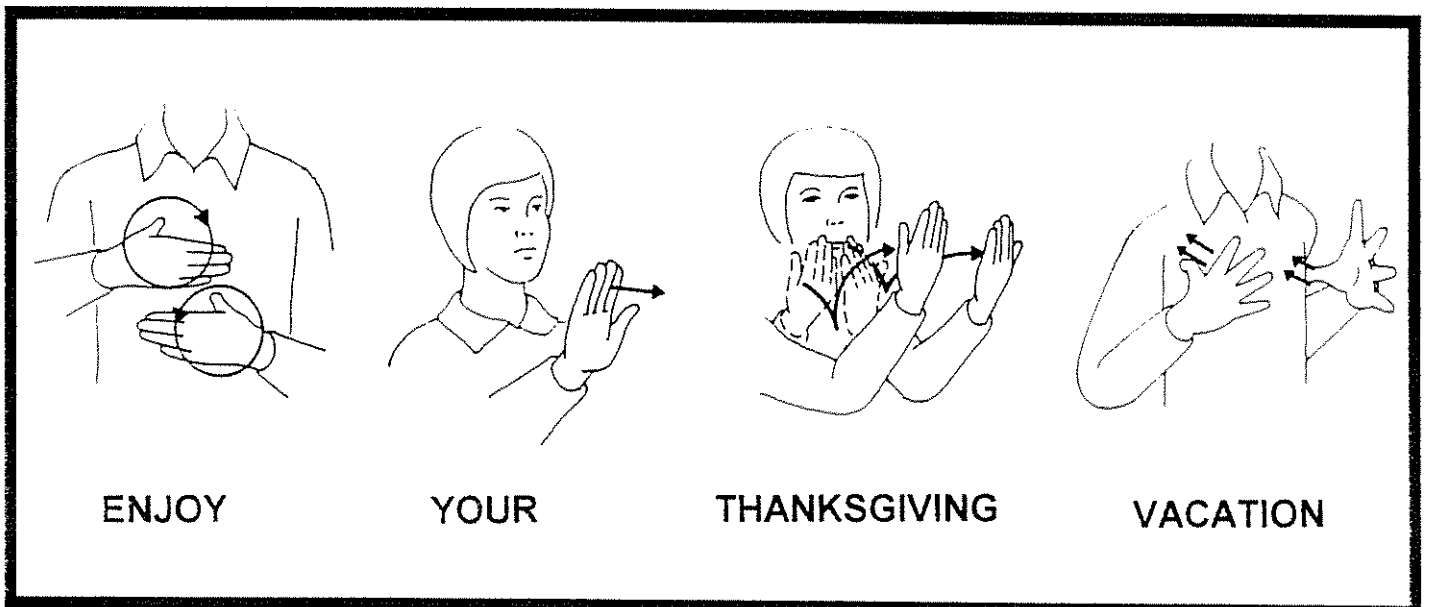
Suddenly all the lights came on and off, flashing. I hollered out, "If you want me, come and meet me here!!!" So it did! It met me in the living room and left the lights alone. It told me that it wanted to kill Amanda and not me. So that's why he was playing with the lights.

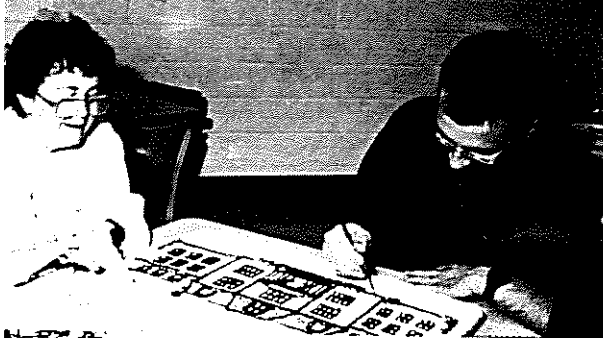
# WHO IS HE??

## IF A GENIE GRANTED YOU ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

by Ila Baber

Dr. Shank- a rich man  
Ms. Cosner- riches  
Marcus Leake- money  
Sylvia Adkins- red limo car  
Bill Wright- Sega game with TV  
Mr.Engelman- Life long peace of mind  
Mrs. Cz- a trip to the moon  
Mr. Sevigny- win the lottery  
Chris Remsburg- Monster pick-up  
Edward Quinn- a rich house  
Mrs. Wysopal- travel to Russia and Poland  
Mr. Deuel- hurry to be retired!!!!!!!!!!  
Betty Pack- hurry to graduate now!!!!!!!!!!  
Michael Sizemore- video games  
Ronnie McCraw- a limo car  
Mrs. Herriott- 200 hours of free time  
Jada Clark- limo car  
Tressie Mitchell- a positive, successful future  
Mrs. Staley- an original carousel horse  
Ben Mellot- a trip to Florida  
Michael Riggio- public school  
Lennie Stamper- to be rich  
Jared Helsel- white van  
Ila Baber- to go to RIT in Rochester, NY and become involved in drama like Sunshine Too!!!!!!!!!!  
Amy Simons- to go back to the Taylor's  
Tasha Goodrich- that my parents will give me a Nissan truck for my senior gift  
Heather McKinney- to attend college and become a successful veterinarian!!!




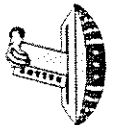













# November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 N. Dakota and S. Dakota admitted to the Union (1889)	2 N. Dakota and S. Dakota admitted to the Union (1889)	3  Girls' ESDAA VB Tournament	4  Girls' VB Con't ASD, Hartford
5	6  Girls' BB Practice Begins	7  Election Day	8  Trip to WVU Juniors and Seniors	9	10	11  Veterans Day
12	13  Boys' BB Practice Begins	14	15 Oklahoma admitted to the Union (1907)	16 Oklahoma admitted to the Union (1907)	17  Homegoing Fac. Sen. 1:15	18
19	20	21	22  Thanksgiving Day B	23  Thanksgiving Day B	24	25
26  Students Return to School	27	28	29  Girls' BB (A) Union - 7 PM	30  Girls' BB (A) Union - 7 PM		

# THE LIONS' TALE



WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

DECEMBER 13, 1995

## Welcome, Mrs. Herriott!



Mrs. Vera Herriott

An interview by Mandy Weasenforth  
Photo by Tasha Goodrich

**Q:** Where are you from?

**A:** I have lived in Romney most of my life, but I have also lived in Winchester, Mississippi, Alabama, and Morgantown. I am married to Lucian Herriott and we have five children: Michael, Casey, Jenny, Zoe, and Nathan.

**Q:** How did you become interested in teaching at WVSD?

**A:** I wanted to teach high school, because I enjoy being with teenagers. My favorite subjects are Business Law and Business English. I have been a substitute teacher in Hampshire and Mineral counties for two years. I was looking for a permanent position. I

worked here as a teachers' aide when I was a senior in high school. Also, my mom worked here as a houseparent until she retired about ten years ago. I thought I would enjoy working here. I really wanted to teach in my field. I am not a computer whiz, but I really enjoy working with computers.

**Q:** Where did you go to college?

**A:** I graduated from Shepherd College, but I also attended WVU and Selma Community College in Alabama.

**Q:** Do you have hobbies or other interests?

**A:** I keep busy going to my children's activities. I am taking the Service Learning Class, and my yearbook students will be happy to know I am taking a sign language class here on campus. Actually I had two other sign classes, but they were several years ago. Teenagers always talk fast, but some of my students sign so fast it makes my head spin. My favorite sport is basketball. I used to play it, and now I like watching it. My favorite teams used to be Duke University and the Boston

Celtics. Now I am looking for some new teams. I think it is sad that Larry Bird had to retire. He was my favorite player of all time. He was unselfish and led the Celtics to many championships. I collect plates, mostly nursery rhymes or plates about children. I am in 4-H, the Woman's Club, and I am a leader in our church youth group. So far I am enjoying my job. The students and staff have all been nice to me.

## Pen Pals

by Ila Baber and Mrs. Heare

Last August, Mrs. Heare asked students if they would like to participate in a pen pal program with her sign language students at Potomac State College in Keyser. Twelve of us said "yes!" We have written letters to each other and have met three times; twice on PSC's campus and once at WVSD. At PSC we help them practice signs and use their signs in conversations. When our

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Pen pals from WVSD and PSC in Mrs. Heare's classroom. (Photo by Ila Baber)

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pen pals visited WVSD, we gave them a tour of our campus and showed them the historical slide presentation and school video developed for our 125th birthday celebration. After their final exam on Dec. 13, we will meet for a Christmas get-together. We've had a great time making new friends.

## College Fair '95

by Mr. Adrian

The West Virginia School for the Deaf hosted College Fair '95 on Tuesday, October 24.

Representatives from five schools spent a very busy morning with our

students and parents. The WV Division of Rehabilitation Services was represented by Ms. Nancy Haught. Ms. Haught spoke to the students about the many services which the state of West Virginia offers to its students.

Each representative spoke to the group about their programs and answered questions. Students and parents were then given the opportunity to meet on an individual basis to ask more questions and get applications for financial aid, enrollment, etc.

Schools represented were Gallaudet University, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, New River Community College, St. Petersburg Jr. College, and the University of California at Northridge. It was a special treat to have Ms. Ruby Ennis visit with us as a representative of New River Community College. Ruby is a graduate of WVSD and was on her break.

The College Fair was a successful event, because students took the opportunity to stop and think about their future. The representatives helped the students to plan their next step to becoming independent, successful adults.

## CLASS CLIPS

### English Class Sand Project

by Heather McKinney

On November 2, Mrs. Boley went to the store to get sand for our class project. Mrs. Boley brought in jars for us (Tammy, Timmy, Tressie, and Heather), because we couldn't find any. Mrs. Boley got a pitcher of water and food coloring and had us mix the water and coloring in with the sand. All of us stirred it. We left it in Mrs. Boley's classroom. The next day, Nov. 3rd, we took the sand out of the jars and put it in a box with thick newspaper. The sand dried. Several days later on Nov 9th, we got a jar and the different colors of sand and began putting the sand in our jars. All of us really enjoyed the sand project. Our jars of sand were very beautiful. This project was part of our unit on the desert and how Indians made sand things with different colors.



Above: Students Heather McKinney (left, seated), Tressie Mitchell (right, seated), Timmy Garton (standing, left) and Tammy Ennis show their finished product. Below, the group is diligently working on the project.



## JUNIORS!!!!!!

An excellent opportunity is available to you (and your parents) this summer!!!

NTID is inviting all students who have completed their junior year of school to come to NTID this summer for one week to explore their future!

If you are curious about a technical college education but are uncertain about a specific career, this is the program for you. See Mr. Adrian for more information.

## Telephone Pioneers Donate TDD



Pictured above are (left to right) Elementary Department students Mitchel Miller, Melody Holt, Tiffany Pennepacker, and Destiny Boyd. Standing are: Mrs. Ann Getty (left) and Mrs. Carol Mongold, (right) WVSD teachers, and Mr. John Brooks, president of the Eastern Panhandle Council of Telephone Pioneers of America.

WVSD students will soon begin training on how to use TDDs and the WV relay system, thanks to the Eastern Panhandle Council of Telephone Pioneers.

The group recently presented a TDD and training loop to both the Elementary and Secondary departments.

Mrs. Getty will work with our students to help them learn TDD abbreviations and manners, as well as business use (ordering things, making doctor's appointments) and even friendly chats.

## WVU Trip

by Mary Ennis and Joe Cosner

On Wednesday, October 8, eleven students and three adults went to Morgantown to visit the campus of West Virginia University. After several hours of driving on bad road conditions, we arrived at the Visitor's Center to meet our tour guide, Greg Jones. He took us to several buildings and streets where most students go for entertainment. In addition

to that, he also showed us around five residence halls. After we hopped off the bus, we felt like we were freezing! We walked into the Chemistry building and the Mountainlair. Greg showed us a lecture hall. It was enormous! Then, we walked up to the top of a garage to see some sorority and fraternity apartments. There are 250 different clubs, according to Greg. Finally, we went inside the Mountainlair to see many different activities going on and many different food vendors. We came back to the Visitor's Center to get some information about WVU. We enjoyed the tour around the Evansdale campus and the downtown campus. Thanks to Mrs. Davy for organizing this trip, Mr. Farris for driving us, and Mrs. Teter for making this trip more fun!

## Martinsburg Field Trip

by Mrs. Boley's 6th period  
Language Class

Yesterday we went on a trip. We wanted to see different jobs for deaf people.

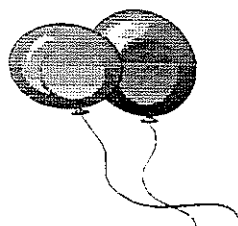
We visited the laundry. We saw tons of dirty clothes, a folding machine, washing machines, a drying machine, and other folding machines. A deaf woman, Patty Lower, showed us her machine. Then she talked about working there. Clean clothes go to the hospital every day.

Next, we visited a cafeteria kitchen. We had to put on hats and bonnets. We saw refrigerators and freezers. They were very cold. We saw a dish washer, food weigher, mixing machine, and soup pans. We met a deaf woman. She liked her job. We saw a tray line. They made a tray for the patients.

Next we went to the canteen kitchen. We saw where they made the food. We saw a woman making hamburgers. We saw where they stored food. We went through the food line. We got our food to eat. We finished eating and put our dirty dishes on the belt. We got on the bus. Mrs. Patterson made chocolate cupcakes for us. We all had a good time.

Mrs. Faye Deuel -2  
Mr. Tom Engleman -9  
Mrs. Tana Lewis -10  
Mr. Herb Adrian -10  
Samuel McCraw -13  
Mrs. Alma Liller -15  
Mrs. Maureen Wysopal -21  
Mr. Pierre Sevigny -27

**WINTER**





Stephanie Smallwood

April Dixon

Chris Romsburg

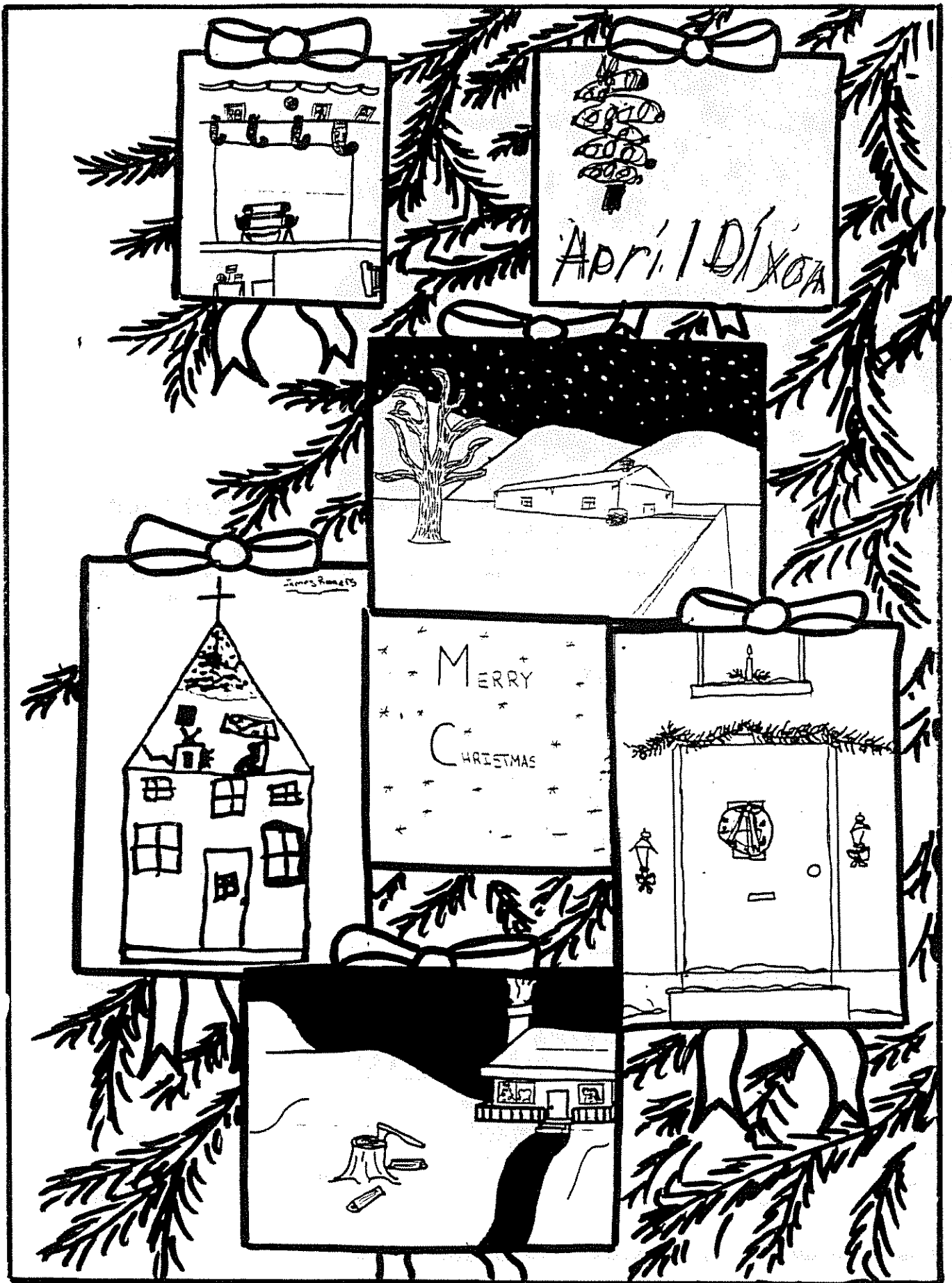
Doug Martin

J.R. Rogers

Julie Fessio

Mary Everts

Jason Wilson










Holiday Drawin

# January

1996

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 Happy New Year	 Students Return		 Boys BB (H) Flintstone 7pm		
7	Girls BB (H) East Hardy 6:15pm Boys BB (H) East Hardy 7:30pm	 Girls BB (A) MSD 5:30pm	Girls BB (H) Hampshire JV 4pm Boys BB (H) Elk Garden 7:30pm	Girls BB (H) VSD 2pm Boys BB (H) VSD 3:30pm	Homegoing Faculty Senate 1:15pm	13
14	Martin Luther King's Birthday Students Return	Boys BB (A) Flintstone 7pm Girls BB (H) RJHS 6pm	Girls BB (A) OSD 6:30pm Boys BB (A) OSD 8pm			Boys BB (A) Oldtown 2:30pm Girls BB (H) RJHS 4pm
21	 Girls BB (A) Union 7pm	Boys BB (A) Oldtown 7:30pm End First Semester	 Girls BB (A) Harman 6pm	 Boys BB (H) Union (JV) 6pm (V) 7:30pm	Girls BB (H) RJHS 4pm	27
28		Girls BB (A) Paw Paw 6pm Boys BB (A) Paw Paw 7:30pm				

Daniel Cochran

Kenny Collins

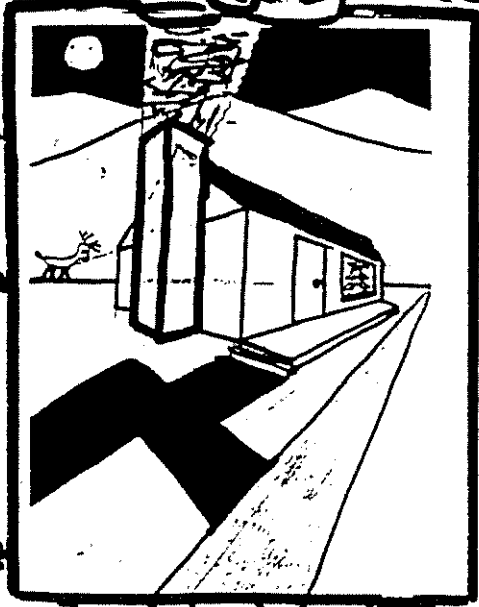
Cliffon Bundy

Ernie White

Olivia Stewart

Marcus Jakes

Chris Mick



By The Art Classes

## My Christmas Story

by Stephanie Smallwood

On Christmas eve in 1984, I got so excited! When I went to bed, I had a good dream.

When I got up in the morning, I ran to the Christmas tree that my mother and I had decorated. I brought my pillow and blankets too. I got under the tree, turned on the lights, got comfortable, and fell asleep.

My parents got up and saw me sleeping under the tree with the biggest present I got for Christmas. They took pictures of me. Then I woke up. They had breakfast ready for me. I had eggs, bacon, biscuits and orange juice.

They asked, "Ready for the gifts?" I said, "Yeah." Then my mother said, "You can go first." I picked from smaller to bigger.

As soon I finished opening my gifts, my parents opened their gifts. I went to my room to play with my new things. I was very excited!!

After I finished eating lunch, my family went to see my Dad's family. I got more presents. All the little kids went first. Then the older people opened presents. I ate supper with my dad's family. My grandma invited my dad, mom and me to eat with them. After eating, we went back home. I was tired. I fell asleep right away.

## My Wish Is

by Ila Baber

My wish is for happiness.  
 My wish is for peace with Jesus.  
 My wish is for peace for Mary.  
 My wish is for wealth.  
 My wish is for a wonderful life!  
 My wish is for many nice presents.  
 My wish is for good times with family.  
 My wish is for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

## What Are Your Plans For Christmas Vacation?



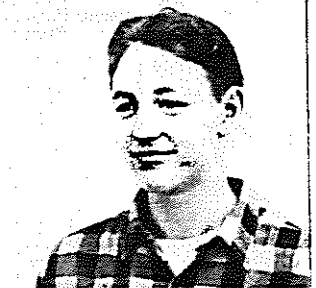
Joe Cosner  
(senior) - stay home with my family.



Heather McKinney  
(junior) - spend time with my family and friends.



Tammy Ennis  
(sophomore) - spend time with my family.



James Rogers (freshman) - I wish to spend time with my dad.



Chris Mick  
(eighth) - play in the snow, ride on my skate board, and help mom wrap gifts.



Sylvia Adkins  
(seventh) - shop for presents for my family and play in the snow.



Tracy Marcum - put beautiful Christmas lights and an angel on our Christmas tree, go shopping at the mall, buy presents for my mom and dad, help my mom bake the turkey, and play with my kitten.



## CLUB CLIPS

### JR. NAD

by Heather McKinney

On November 9, members, officers, and advisors, Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian, had a great time. Some kids played volleyball, some played basketball, and some kids went to the swimming pool. Our party lasted from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Mr. Kesler and Mr. Adrian ordered 3 boxes of Big Daddy pizza. We ate it. We want to thank Mr. Hughes and Jada Clark for life guarding. Mr. Hughes also ate pizza with us. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis were visiting and joined us for the evening. We had a great time, and everyone behaved very well.

### FHA

Officers for this year are

President - Mandy Weasenforth

V. President - Ila Baber

Treasurer - Doug Martin

Reporter - Bill Wright

Sentinel - Leroy Dumphy

### Sewing Workshop

by Ila Baber

On October 18, the West Virginia School for the Deaf's FHA Club and Hampshire County's 4-H Club invited Sallie J. Russell to WVSD's campus to display her creativity and share her many sewing skills. Ms. Russell has been involved in the sewing industry for more than 25 years, with experience in sewing machine sales, designing, teaching, and writing. She began SJR Sew With Class in 1990 and exhibits at numerous consumer sewing shows around the country. Ms. Russell can be found eagerly sharing her creativity with class participants and traveling nationwide offering seminars and hands-on classes to those eager to share her extensive sewing knowledge. We appreciated learning about Ms. Russell's different sewing projects and her involvement with writing books and newsletters on this topic. The Future Homemakers of America made and served refreshments.

## SPORTS SCENE

### Volleyball

by Tasha Goodrich

On November 3, 4, and 5, the girls' volleyball team traveled to the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut for the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament. Eight schools, including WVSD, participated. The following girls scored points during the competition: Rebecca Yeater, 18 pts; Mary Ennis, 14 pts; Tasha Goodrich, 10 pts; Stephanie Smallwood, 9 pts; Heather McKinney, 7 pts; Tammy Ennis, 6 pts; and Sylvia Adkins, 1 pt. We all had a wonderful time playing volleyball, making new friends, and talking with old friends.

### Cheerleaders

by Heather McKinney

There are four seniors and two juniors on our cheerleading squad. New members this year are Betty Pack and Ila Baber. Returning from last year are Heather McKinney, Tressie Mitchell, and Jada Clark. Our coach is Mrs. Shoemaker. Right now, we have a 6 girl squad for boys' basketball. We taught the new girls a sideline cheer and a floor cheer for time out and half time. We also have a dance routine during half time. In



Photo by Ila Baber  
Ms. Russell displays some of her handiwork.

February, we will participate in the ESDAA cheerleading tournament. We can't wait!

### Girls' Basketball

by Coach Kesler

Girls' basketball is underway. The girls have been practicing and working out to prepare for this season. Mary Ennis, Jada Clark, Tasha Goodrich, Heather McKinney, Tressie Mitchell, and Tammy Ennis return from last year's team. Barbie White, Jo Shaffer and Sylvia Adkins are first year players. Scorekeeper for this year is Rebecca Yeater. The season will be difficult and challenging. Each girl will have to realize her important role on the team.

### Boys' Basketball

by Coach Deuel

The WVSD boys' basketball team began practice on November 13th.

Twenty-five good sized boys showed up to play Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball. They will play a regular twenty game season.

We are very excited that WVSD will host the ESDAA Boys' Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament scheduled for February 22-25. We hope all our fans will come to watch the five teams participating in this competition: Vermont, St. Mary's of Buffalo, Rochester, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.

On Dec. 6, our team will travel to Frederick, MD, to play against the Maryland School for the Deaf. This will be a strong team for our first game opener.

On Dec. 12, the team will travel to Streck (Delaware) School for the Deaf for our second regular game.

John Deuel, head coach, stated that the Varsity team expects a good season with lots of improvements.

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See Yearbook Staff

# SILENT NIGHT

Words by JOSEPH MOHR, 1818  
Music by FRANZ GRUBER, 1818

**B<sup>b</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup> 6** **F**

Si - lent night, ho - ly night. All (is) calm,

Hand signs: A boy praying with hands clasped; hands crossed in front of a person's chest; a boy with hands clasped; hands crossed in front of a person's chest; hands holding a baby; hands holding a baby.

**B<sup>b</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>**

all (is) bright. 'Round yon [vir - gin] moth - er and

Hand signs: Hands holding a baby; hands held up in prayer; hands holding a baby; hands held up in prayer; a boy with hands on his head; a boy with hands in prayer; hands held up in prayer.

**E<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>**

child, Ho - ly in - fant [so] [ten - der] and [mild]

Hand signs: A boy with arms crossed; hands holding a baby; a boy with arms crossed; hands holding a baby; a boy with hands on his head; hands held up in prayer; hands holding a baby.

**F** **F7** **B<sup>b</sup>** **E<sup>b</sup>/F** **F** **B<sup>b</sup>**

Sleep [in] \* heav - en - ly peace. — Sleep — [in] heav - en - ly peace.

Hand signs: A boy with hands in prayer; hands holding a baby; a boy with hands in prayer; hands holding a baby; a boy with hands in prayer; hands holding a baby; a boy with hands in prayer; hands holding a baby.



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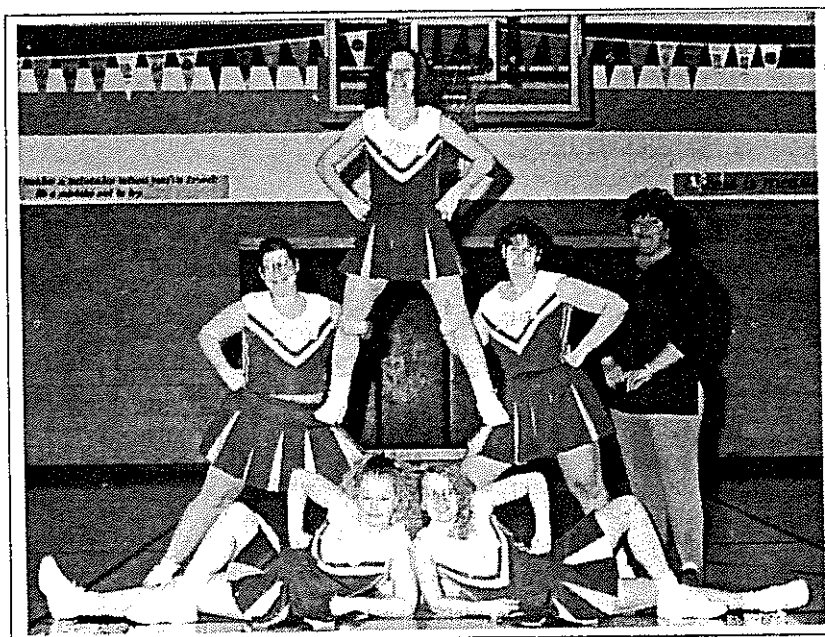
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## 1995-96 Basketball Team And Cheerleaders

(RIGHT) Kneeling, left to right:  
Mr. Mike Surber, Assistant Coach;  
Olivia Stuart, Statistician, Mr. John  
Deuel, Coach. Standing, left to  
right: Doug Martin, Assistant  
Manager; Josh Hartman, Clifton  
Brunty, Larry Runyon, Josh Liller,  
Leslie Jessie, Steven Daniels, Eric  
Crawford, Joe Cosner, Kenny  
Collins, Chris Mick, Manager;  
Jason Hanshaw, Scorekeeper.



(BELOW) Front, left to right:  
Tressie Mitchell and Heather McKinney. Back: Ila Baber, Jada Clark,  
Betty Pack, and Mrs. Brenda Shoemaker, Coach.



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## Mrs. Deuel And Mr. Shawver Retire

by Ila Baher and Tressie Mitchell

### MRS. FAYE DEUEL

"I tried to teach the girls in my dorm at Elementary and Seaton Hall right from wrong. I hope it will remain in their lives and help to make them strong. I have enjoyed working with the children and staff for many years, and I love each one of them. As I look back through the years, I'm happy with what I have done. It has been a big responsibility and the days have not all been good, but I'm going to count my blessings and remember the happy times like I should. My time here has phased out, and I will miss you one and all without a doubt. I do not want to say good-bye, because I know I will cry."

**Q - Mrs. Deuel, what are your retirement plans?**

A - I plan to become a homebody, go to yard sales, and do crafts.

**Q - How else will you spend your time?**

A - I need to spend more time with my granddaughter, Regan, in Winchester.

### MR. HERMAN SHAWVER

Last December, after forty years of service to the West Virginia School for the Deaf, Mr. Herman Shawver retired from his position as a houseparent.

Mr. Shawver answered the following questions during a recent interview.

**Q - Where were you born?**

A - I was born in Corliss, WV.

**Q - Where did you go to school?**

A - I attended WVSD and graduated in 1955.

**Q - Why did you become a houseparent?**

A - I love to help and teach the kids how to solve problems. I also enjoy taking them places.

Both Mrs. Deuel and Mr. Shawver were honored at a recent gathering at Seaton Hall.

## JR. NAD

by Mary Ennis

Jr. NAD members have sponsored two projects. First, we are corresponding with residents living in the Nursing Home-Hampshire Health Care Center. We sent cards and pictures of ourselves. Our second project was the Christmas Gift Program. We gathered essentials for the people to show our belief in the Christmas spirit. We learned the true meaning of that spirit. They really enjoyed the surprises we gave. It was a great experience. The members will continue to write letters to the Hampshire Health Care Center residents.

### NOVEMBER

Betty Pack-6  
 April Dixon-9  
 Joseph Cosner-11  
 Michael Riggo-17  
 Mr. Herman Shawver-17  
 Mrs. Marjorie Boley-18  
 Olivia Stuart-19  
 Mandy Weasenforth-25  
 Justin Catlett-26  
 Mrs. Elaine Hott-30

### DECEMBER

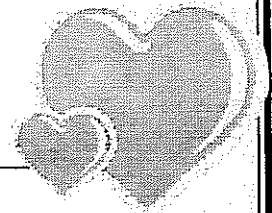
Daniel Cochran-3  
 Jason Hanshaw-4  
 Mr. Stan Mals-9  
 Mrs. Vera Herriott-9  
 Mary Ennis-14  
 Chris Remsburg-15  
 Jefferey Wright-21  
 Leslie Jessie-22  
 Marcus Leake-23  
 Mr. Edward Czernicki-30

## Girls' Basketball Results

WVSD-vs-Paw Paw (L) 8-35  
 WVSD-vs-Elk Garden (L) 22-35  
 WVSD-vs-RJHS (L) 23-25  
 WVSD-vs-HHS JV (L) 8-31  
 WVSD-vs-Delaware Deaf (W) 34-21  
 WVSD-vs-Harman (L) 25-32  
 WVSD-vs-RJHS (L) 26-28  
 WVSD-vs-RJHS (L) 13-29  
 WVSD-vs-Ohio Deaf (L) 27-28  
 WVSD-vs-Union (L) 16-42  
 WVSD-vs-RJHS (L) 14-24

\* WVSD-vs-Virginia Deaf has been rescheduled for January 31 at home at 2:00pm.

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# February

1996

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Homegoing	2  Groundhog Day	3
4	5 Girls' BB (H) Paw Paw 7:00 pm  Boy's BB (A) Flintstone JV 6:15 Varsity 7:30	6  Ronald Reagan (1911)	7 Girls' BB (H) MSD 4:00 pm Boys' BB (H) MSD 5:30 pm	8 Girls' BB (H) DSD 2:30 pm  Boys' BB (H) DSD 4:00 pm	9 WM. H. Harrison (1773)	10
11	12 Abraham Lincoln (1809)  Girls' BB (A) VSD 4:00 pm Boys' BB (A) Union 7:00 pm	13	14 Girls' BB Tournament Vermont Feb. 14-17 Boys' BB Timber Ridge (H) 7:00 pm	15 Boys' BB (H) Oldtown 7:00 pm  Susan B. Anthony (1820)	16	17  Boys' BB Davis Center (H) 2:00 pm
18	19 Boys' BB East Hardy (A) 7:00	20  1st American in orbit (1962)	21 Boys' BB Elk Garden (A) 7:00 pm	22 George Washington (1732)  Boys' BB Tournament WVSD 22-25 Homegoing	23	24
25	26	27	28  1st R.R. Chartered (1847)	29  Leaf Year		

## Survey: What is your personal goal for 1996?



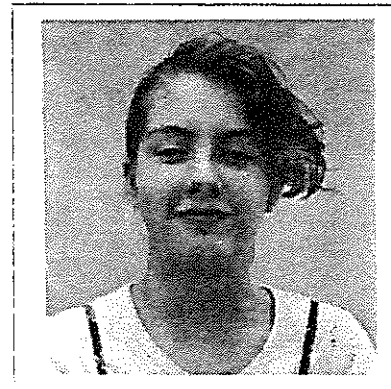
**Mary Ennis, senior:**  
Tie any loose ends  
before I leave the  
school.



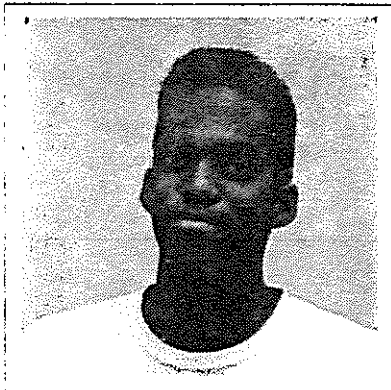
**Ronald Lake, eighth  
grade:** I hope to lose  
weight and become  
more muscular.



**Tressie Mitchell,  
junior:** I want to break  
my habit of biting my  
fingernails and stay  
positive and healthy in  
my attitude and  
decisions.



**Jo Shaffer, seventh  
grade:** I hope to find  
time to try and learn  
how to ice skate.



**Eric Crawford,  
sophomore:** I'll try to  
focus on my  
basketball skills.



**April Dixon:** I want  
to learn more  
science.



**Sammy McCraw,  
freshman:** I would like  
to find a beautiful  
girlfriend for myself.  
Also, I hope to  
improve my math  
skills.



**Mr. Leatherman:**  
Take some FFA  
members to the State  
FFA convention.

by Mary Emmis  
**HEART  
 RED, SOFT  
 PUMPS, BEATS, TALKS  
 BEAUTIFUL, STRONG  
 CORE**

**THE MEETING**

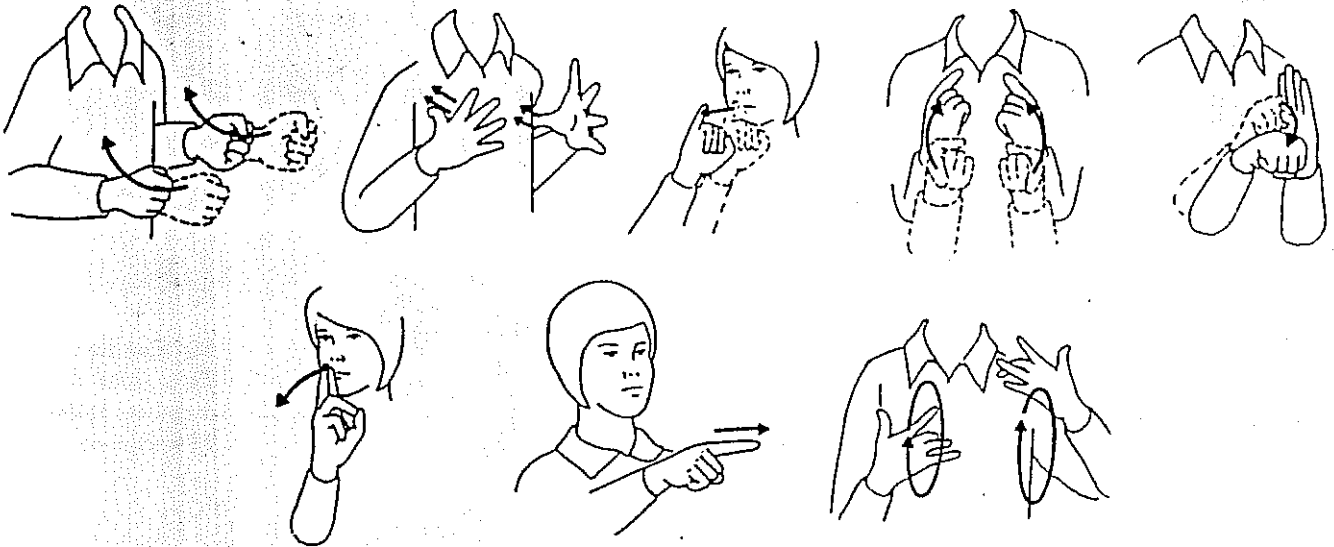
by Rebecca Yeater

Many students were walking around the hall. I couldn't see where to go for my next class. A junk boy pushed me, and I fell. He laughed at me and walked away. I said to myself, "Oh, no, my books are all over the floor!" A handsome boy picked up my books and gave them to me. I blushed and said, "Thanks!" He smiled at me. He had an absolutely great smile, I thought! He said, "You don't have to blush." I kept looking at the floor and then looked at him, "What is your name?" I couldn't believe he asked me about my name! I said, "Rebecca." He nodded and left. I opened my mouth because he didn't tell me his name. I knew that I would not see him again

anyway. At lunch, I walked alone toward the cafeteria. I had my own lunch bag that my mother gave me when I entered college. I ate some of my lunch. The handsome boy came and asked me to save a seat for him. I said, "Sure." He left to get his food. I couldn't believe that he came to me again! I thought that I would never meet any deaf students in the hearing college, but I did meet that handsome boy. He said, "Are you spacing out dreaming?" I giggled, "No, I was just wondering." He sat down and started to eat. He said, "Oh, Do you want to know my name?" I nodded lightly. He said, "Okay. Mine is Kenneth." I smiled, "Nice name." We talked for a long time. I could tell that I liked him very much. He really was a funny boy! We had a lot in common! He said, "Would you like to go out with me tomorrow? I mean, for a date, actually." Oh, wow, he finally asked me for a date for Valentine's night! I said, "Sure, I would like that!" He stood up and said, "Meet me here around 7 pm." I nodded. He left the cafeteria. I looked up and saw Kenneth peeking at me from

the door. I stared at him. He giggled and left. I got as red as a beet! I went home to get ready for tomorrow! I didn't know what to wear. What about a black dress? What about a red dress? That is it! In the morning, I woke up and smiled. I was thinking about Kenneth's name. I went back to bed again. I overslept! Oh, wow, I missed my breakfast and lunch. It was 3:45! I took a bath. After that, I put on my red dress. I was wondering what Kenneth would think. Oh, come on, I was worrying very much! Wow, I have taken too long. It was 6:30! Oh, I grabbed my purse and car keys. I drove off to the college and saw Kenneth waiting for me. I got out of my car. He said, "Look at you! So beautiful!" I blushed, "Thank you very much!" We rode in his fancy car to the restaurant. We got out of his car. My stomach was really growling! Oh, good, he couldn't hear it. We entered and sat down. I smelled the wonderful food! He kissed me. I kissed him back. He said, "Happy Valentine's Day!"

**SIGNIFICANT SIGNS**



Skiing vacation is coming soon ...  
 Are you excited?



# THE LIONS' TALE

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA 26757

FEBRUARY 29, 1996

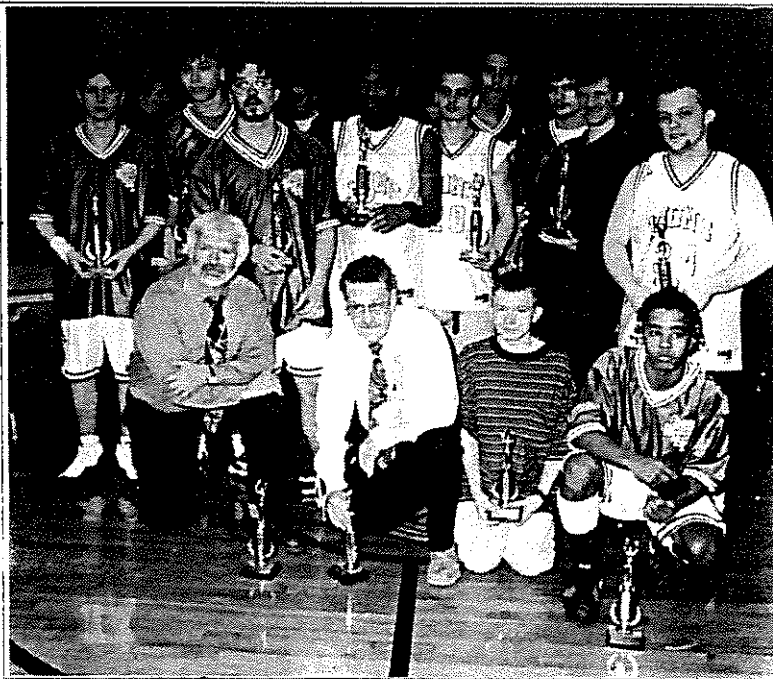
## WVSD - 1996 ESDAA CHAMPIONS!

For the first time in 13 years, WVSD captured the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) tournament title, defeating Rhode Island 62-51 in the championship game. The 64th annual tournament was hosted by WVSD February 22-24.

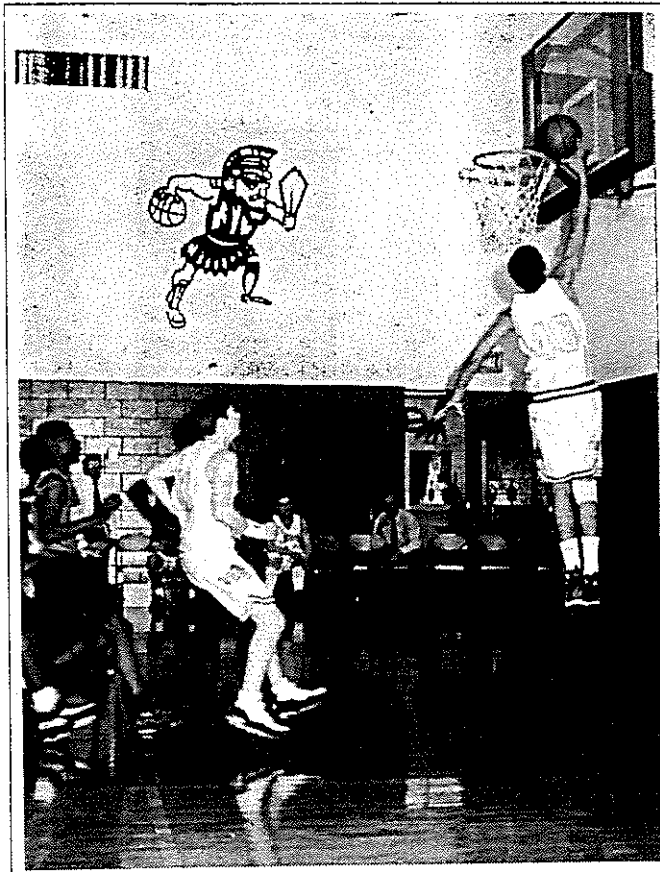
Although it was a "hot game," the WVSD Lions led the Roosters the whole way. Freshman Leslie Jessie was the game's high scorer with 22 points, with sophomore Stephen Daniels close behind at 20. Sophomore Eric Crawford scored nine, sophomore Kenny Collins added six, senior Joe Cosner scored three, and freshman Clifton Brunty added two.

WVSD's Leslie Jessie and Stephen Daniels also made the all tournament team.

WVSD boys swept the tournament, winning the "Team 21" competition, as well as the Foul Shooting contest. Clifton



The 1996 ESDAA Champs proudly pose with their trophies.



Brunty, Josh Hartman and Josh Liller were the top scorers during the "Team 21" competition. Clifton Brunty led the team in foul shooting.

The Lions are coached by Mr. John Deuel and Mr. Mike Surber.

Other teams participating in the tournament were Austine School for the Deaf, Brattleboro, Vermont; Rhode Island School for the Deaf, Providence, Rhode Island; Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester, New York; and St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Buffalo, New York.

By winning the ESDAA title, WVSD put a halt to Rhode Island's 4-year streak as champions. Go Lions!

(Left) Sophomore Leslie Jessie stole the ball and flew down court for a lay up during the championship game at Hampshire High School February 24.

Photo by Tasha Goodrich

## Eighth Graders Participate in Golden Horseshoe

In 1716, Alexander Spotswood arranged for an exploring party to cross the Blue Ridge Mountains and enter the Valley of Virginia. On the trip they discovered one of the sources of the river and drank to the health of England's King George I. They also came upon a river that they named the Euphrates. This was the Shenandoah River.

In memory of the successful expedition, Spotswood gave each of his followers a small "golden horseshoe". His companions called themselves "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe". Today, West Virginia students who have demonstrated their knowledge of West Virginia history and geography are awarded a golden horseshoe pin, a memorial to Spotswood and his men.

### DORM NEWS

January pizza winners for having the cleanest rooms: Advanced Girls, Betty Pack; Intermediate Girls, Stephanie Smallwood; Advanced Boys, Michael Riggio and Kenny Collins; Intermediate Boys, Jason Wilson and Chris Mick.

January highlights: ice cream social, pizza party (Juanita Combs' specials) and watching movies.

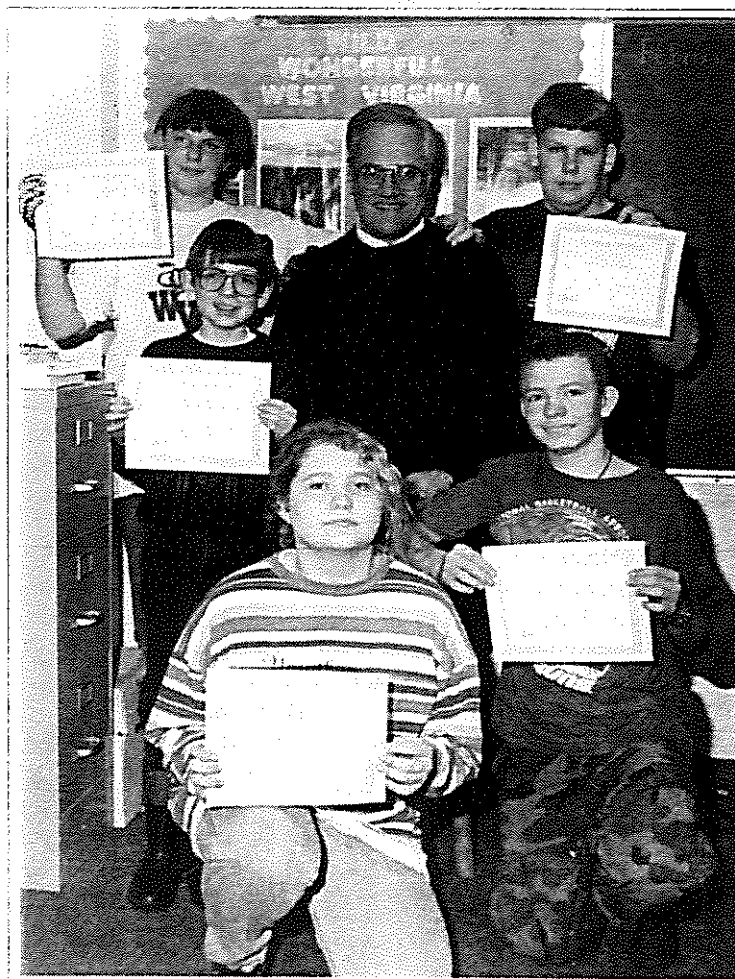
Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams were very busy participating in games and practicing, and they've done really well.

The annual ski trip, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be March 4, 5, and 6, at Canaan Valley. Students and adult chaperones are looking forward to a very exciting time!!!

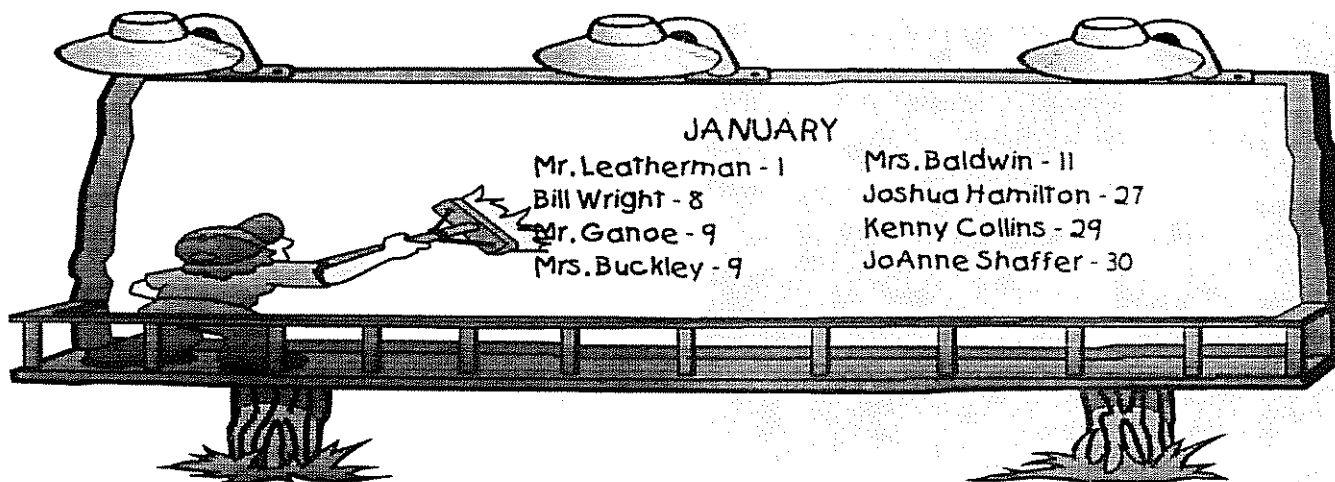
Amicore personnel, Becky Moore and Jeff Mezzatesta, have been meeting with students and planning additional activities. We look forward to working with them.

Staff news: Welcome to new houseparents, Miss Becky Nealis (Advanced Girls) and Mr. Donald Everett (Intermediate Boys). Mr. Jim Dodgins transferred to the overnight shift.

Best wishes to Mrs. Faye Deuel and Mr. Herman Shawver for a wonderful retirement!
















Eighth graders received certificates for participating in the Golden Horseshoe. Pictured above are their West Virginia History teacher, Mr. Adrian, and (clockwise, from top right) Ronald Lake, Chris Mick, Olivia Stuart, Bill Wright, and Stephanie Smallwood.



1996

# March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31						
Alexander Graham Bell (1847)	3 1st Constitutional Congress (1789)  Ski Trip Canaan Valley 4-6	4 Boston Massacre (1770)  Ski Trip Canaan Valley	5  Students Return From Skiing	6 Homegoing  Staff Development PM	7 President Kennedy Established the Peace Corps (1961)	8 Monitor vs. Merrimac 1862
1st Telephone Used (1876) 	11 Girl Scouts Founded (1912)	12 1st Day of Spring 	13 Andrew Jackson (1767) 	14 James Madison (1751) 	15 "Give me liberty or give me death" Patrick Henry (1775)	16 "Fate of the Columbian" 
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 WV Theatre 19-21 	19 Homegoing  Faculty Senate 1-1:15PM	20 Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution Ratified (1870) 	21 Dr. Jonas Salk announced cure for polio (1953)	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



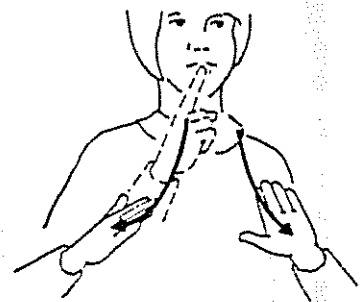
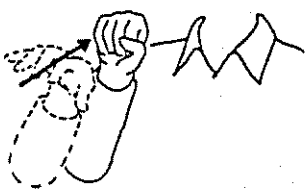
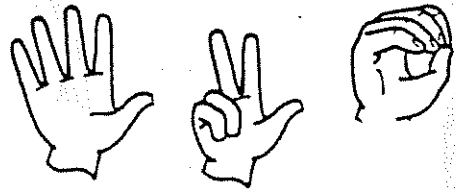
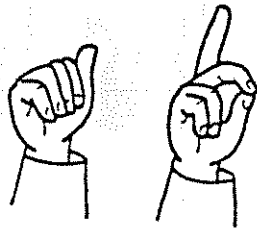
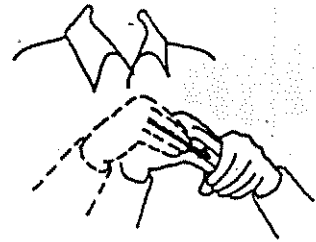
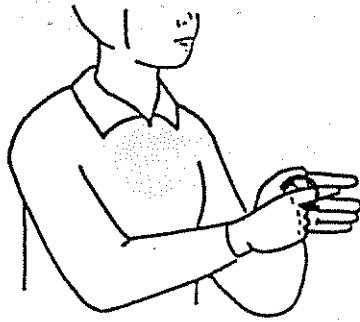
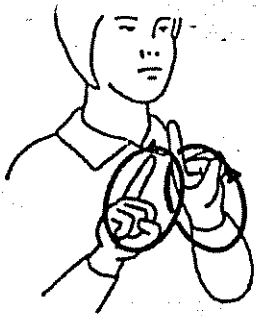
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**NOW....**



**Sign language began in A.D. 530, by hearing monks who had taken vows of silence!**

# HONOR ROLL

## A Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

Joe Cosner  
Mary Ennis  
Rebecca Yeater  
Joshua Liller  
Amy Simons  
Timothy Garton  
Tammy Ennis  
Tasha Goodrich  
Leslie Jessie  
Stephanie Smallwood

## B Honor Roll - 2nd Nine Weeks

Mandy Weasenforth  
Joshua Hartman  
Ila Baber  
Betty Pack  
Larry Runyon  
Tressie Mitchell  
Sherman Knight

Lennie Stamper  
Ronnie McCraw  
Heather McKinney  
Jason Hanshaw  
Kenneth Collins  
Eric Crawford  
Justin Catlett  
Jeff Quimby  
Chris Remsburg  
Clifton Brunty  
Doug Martin  
Damron Walton  
Ronald Lake  
Olivia Stuart  
Bill Wright  
Chris Mick  
Ben Mellott  
Barbie White  
Jason Wilson  
Jared Helsel  
Sylvia Adkins  
Daniel Cochran  
Joanne Shaffer  
Marcus Leake  
Michael Riggio  
Tracy Marcum  
Stephen Daniels  
Joshua Hamilton

## A Honor Roll -

**1st Semester**  
Joe Cosner  
Mary Ennis  
Rebecca Yeater  
Joshua Liller  
Amy Simons  
Kenny Collins  
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**GREAT  
JOB!**

## Girls' Basketball Tournament

by Tasha Goodrich

The girls' basketball team went to Vermont for the ESDAA Basketball Tournament. We placed sixth out of nine teams. We all did our best.

## FFA CLUB

by Tasha Goodrich

On Feb 20 the FFA members had a Valentine's dance. Kenny Collins, our DJ for the event, provided our music as we all danced, played games, and had refreshments. The officers and advisors led the Greenhand ceremony. Tim Garton and Kenny Collins received their Greenhand certificates.

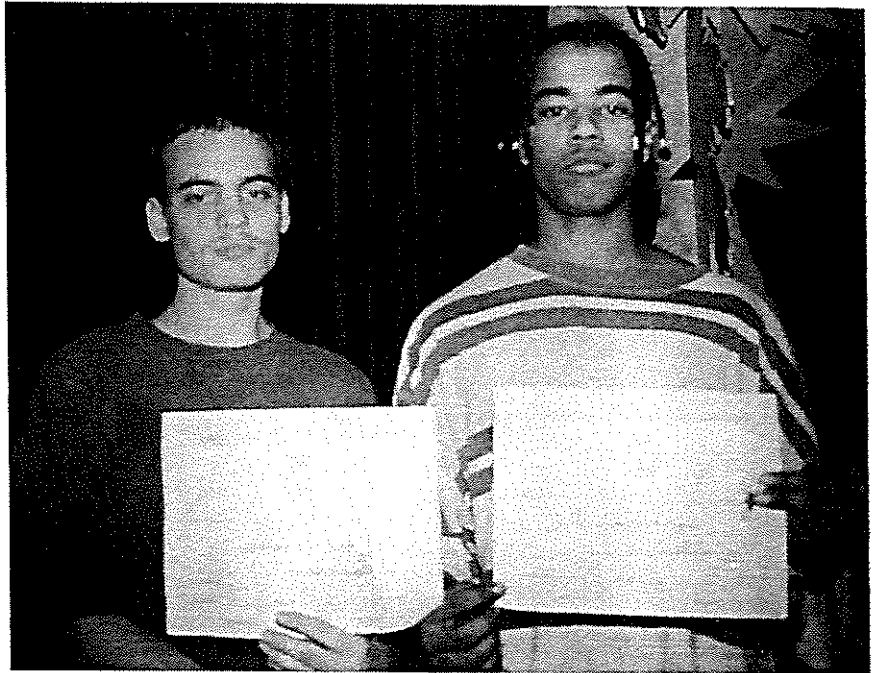


Photo by Tasha Goodrich  
Tim Garton (left) and Kenny Collins received their Greenhand certificates during the FFA dance.



# What Does The Word "FRIEND" Mean To You?

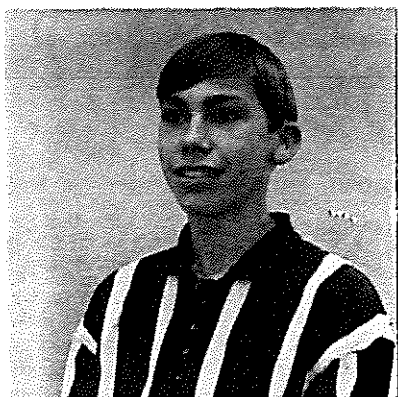
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**Amanda Weasenforth, senior:** A friend is someone who supports me, cares about me, and is honest.



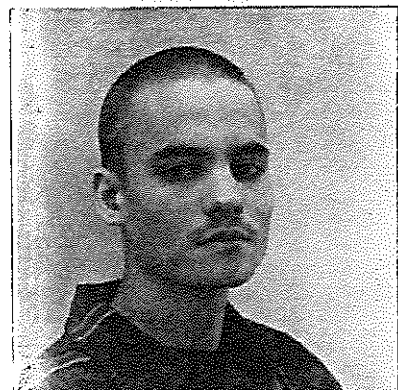
**Stephanie Smallwood, eighth grade:** Somebody I can trust, who is honest and enjoys doing lots of things with me.



**Josh Liller, junior:** A friend is a person who is trustworthy, loyal, honest, and will talk to me.



**Daniel Cochran, seventh grade:** Someone who is friendly and talks to me.



**Timmy Garton, sophomore:** Someone who is honest, cooperates with me, and likes sports.



**Charity Tucker:** Someone who is nice and makes me laugh!



**Clifton Brunty, freshman:** Someone who talks with me, is honest, and likes sports.



**Mrs. Dodgins:** Someone who listens to me, supports me, and doesn't gossip about me.



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APRIL 5, 1996

## WVSD&B Students Enjoy "Theatre West Virginia"



**Craig Johnson of TWV conducted workshops on theater make-up. Believe it or not, this "Frankenstein" is our own Lennie Stamper!**

Theatre West Virginia, a professional drama group based in Beckley, visited WVSD March 19-21.

Many people only associate Theatre West Virginia (TWV) with the Mountain State's outdoor dramas "Honey in the Rock" and "Hatfields and McCoy's." However, this touring company has been educating and entertaining students in West Virginia and surrounding states for more than 20 years. In 1994 TWV played to more than 120,000 in-state students. This sort of experience enriches young lives by exposing them, often for the first time, to the performing arts.

TWV performs classic literature for young adult audiences, self-esteem-oriented children's theatre for elementary and middle school students, and fairy tales for preschool and elementary school children.

This year, TWV's classic literature performance was Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein". Through humor, "It's Not Magic, It's Me!" gave students a lesson in self-esteem. Thursday, acting and behind-the-scenes workshops were held with the students.

Theatre West Virginia's visit here was made possible through a 50/50 grant from the Arts and Humanities Section of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

## Teen Institute Rally

On Saturday, March 2, the Secondary School for the Deaf hosted a dynamite Teen Institute Rally for 115 high school students in the RESA VIII region. Twenty-three students from WVSD&B were part of this rally. Twenty percent of the rally participants were from our campus. Topics included "Resist Peer Pressure," "Avoid Drugs," "Aids Awareness," and the opportunity for fellowship and socialization with teens from different schools.

Ila Baber, a senior from WVSD, gave two workshop presentations on sign language. Ila also served on the teen planning committee for this conference. Dominique Taylor and Jessica Gallion,

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Students from WWSB sang two songs for the workshop participants. All of the students from WVSD&B participated in a skit titled "HUGS." Future Homemakers of America Club prepared and served the morning snack and part of the lunch as a fund raising project. Consumer and Family Science students helped set up the MPR and classrooms for the rally.

Staff who participated and chaperoned our students for the day were Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Boley, Mrs. Loar, Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Delawder, and Mrs. Wysopal. Mr. Lippold and Mr. Haines provided activities at the gym from 4 to 5:30 for all conference participants. Four students from WWSB offered a demonstration on goal ball. Students and staff were great! At the end, all the chairs in the MPR were stacked in the back. All trash was picked up and carried to the dumpster. Heather McKinney mopped up soda spills before returning to the Seaton Hall dorm. At least eight Dominator pizzas were donated to our dorms for the students about 9 pm on Saturday night.

## Class Comments



Photo by Josh Liller

Mrs. Boley's language class with the puzzle they put together.

### The Puzzle

Mrs. Boley's first period reading class recently completed a neat project. The theme for the reading class was Teamwork. We decided that teamwork could put a 3-D puzzle together. The class worked on the puzzle for about 4 weeks. Some other reading classes helped, too. Everyone was excited when it was time to put up the walls. We invited other classes to view the castle. We learned that teamwork can accomplish many things.

### Ag/Science Field Trip

In early March, students in the agriculture/science classes and three students from the blind department traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian Institute Museum of Science and Technology.

Students toured the current display "The Electronic Age." Included in this display were the first commercial television set, the first prototype Apple computer (made from a wooden box and a typewriter keyboard), an FBI fingerprint identification computer system, a Japanese made high resolution television set (the

picture looked three dimensional and as sharp as a photograph), a robotics computer controlled welding arm used in modern automobile manufacturing, and interactive computers that allowed us to design a bicycle and a building. There were many other attractions in this area as well.

We also enjoyed the hands on science laboratory and participated in an experiment exploring acids and bases and ph. This area of the museum is relatively new and is a very popular attraction. We were very fortunate to be invited into the lab as we did not have reservations. We were well received and our sign language enchanted the people working in the lab. Eric Crawford had an individual lesson in the use of lasers in measuring distances. We also toured the "see it, feel it, smell it, hear it" room where we saw such things as a working cotton gin, a harpsichord, a farm mule with working tack, and so many other things to play with that we did not have time to do it justice.

We also saw many of the old stand by exhibits. The full size railroad locomotive, the old time motorcycles, the "Big Daddy" Garlitz dragster, the Headsville, WV post office, and the

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Hope diamond.

It was a beautiful spring day on the Mall, and we enjoyed the sea gulls as much as they seemed to enjoy us. At one point, Eric Crawford looked like Saint Francis of Assisi with his flock of birds.

Returning to Romney, we stopped at a computer store where we got to see all the latest consumer computer dreams. Much like flipping through a Sears catalogue, we could only wish we had this one and two of that one.

The trip was most agreeable and we were very proud of the students' behavior.

## Photography Class Trip To Washington, D.C.

by Joshua Liller

We left school at 7:30 am. We drove for three hours, arriving in Washington D.C., at 10:30. We found the street that we were supposed to take. But, we went the wrong way. Then we stopped at a stranger getting out of his car and asked him for directions. He was glad to give directions. We started on our way again. We saw the entrance to Gallaudet. We all sighed in relief. Mr. Leatherman stopped the van and we all got out and stretched.

We walked into the building where our pictures are hung. We spent some time looking at other students' work. There were photos from deaf students all over the

United States. Some of us were impressed with the quality of the pictures. But, all of us were disheartened because we expected to see more pictures. There were only about 80 photos. We loaded ourselves back on the van and drove out of Washington, D.C. We stopped for lunch at Pizza Hut. We all ordered the lunch buffet. It was so good! Mrs. Dodgins said she went to high school across the road from where we were eating. We were amazed! We climbed into the van again and rode to a computer store, where we learned about some of the new computer technology. Mr. Leatherman bought some things for the computer at school.

We arrived back at school in time for supper.

## Principal's Post

by Joshua Liller

At this time of year, WVSD is a busy place.

Principal Dan Haught is working on a proposal to permit up to ten students to participate in public school sports not offered at WVSD. On Parents' Day, April 5, Principal Haught will announce the final decision.

Planning a trip for the students and staff to the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, the Special Activities Committee has raised money by selling tickets for special occasion cakes and a dinner theater. If the group raises enough money, all will attend a Baltimore Orioles' baseball game.

## CLUB CLIPS

**FFA**

by Tasha Goodrich

The FFA has been involved with selling Bio-mats. We are working hard on planning the April 4th banquet.

**FHA**

by Jada Clark

FHA members served the meal for the Frankenstein dinner theater held on March 20. We set up the Seaton Hall dining room with wine cloths and pink candles covering the tables. We had an enjoyable evening. The food was delicious. Servers for the dinner were Sylvia Adkins, Joshua Hartman, Marcus Leake, Ben Mellott, Ila Baber, Tressie Mitchell, Amy Simons, Betty Pack, Joanne Shaffer, and Larry Runyon.

FHA members prepared and served snacks for the TI Rally on March 2, RESA VIII workshop on February 21 & 22 and for RESA VIII Drug Advisory, February 13. The FHA earned money for the club activities by preparing and serving snacks for these meetings.

**JR. NAD**

Any member interested in attending the NAD Youth Leadership Camp June 19 -July 17, see Mr. Adrian for more information and an application by April 19.

**VICA**

At the last meeting the members worked on a take-apart play loghouse as a Service Learning project. A discussion of a field trip followed.



Mrs. Dodgins, Mr. Leatherman, and photography students in Fowler Hall at Gallaudet University.

### MARCH

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Mrs. Mary Gance-7

Eric Crawford-12

Mr. Michael Coleman-18

Mrs. Joyce Racey-18

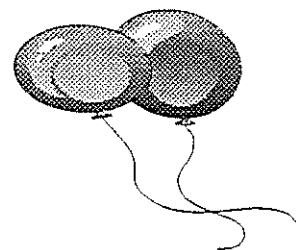
Jason Wilson-19

Mrs. Mary Ellen Teter-19

Mr. Barry Nealls-20

Michael Sizemore-22

Mr. Joseph Corbin-27



# SPORTS SCENE

## Basketball Tournament Played

by Mr. Kesler

On March 9th and 10th, a team of boys from WVSD and Romney Jr. High played in the first annual Timberidge Titan basketball tournament. The tournament was held at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. WVSD, Timberidge Academy, and the Grafton School and Caretakers of Winchester competed.

WVSD defeated Grafton School on March 9th (106-41). Joe Davis from RJHS had 31 points for WVSD and Stephen Daniels and Chris Webb had 22 points each. WVSD lost in the championship game on March 10 (74-68) to Caretakers of Winchester. WVSD finished in 2nd place. Leslie Jessie led WVSD with 24 points. Also scoring in double figures for WVSD were Stephen Daniels, Chris Webb (RJHS) and Joe Davis (RJHS). Leslie Jessie and Joe Davis made all-tournament team. Other boys from WVSD who played were Joey Cosner, Tim Garton, Clifton Brunty, and Jason Hanshaw. Former WVSD student Tommy Cosner also played with WVSD. The boys played very well. It was a good opportunity for our boys to be seen by other coaches. Some of the boys may have the chance to play in other tournaments in the coming weeks.

Mr. Kesler and Mr. Leslie Jessie, Sr., coached the team. We would like to thank the families who let their sons play.

## Girls' Softball Begins

by Tasha Goodrich

The Lady Lions softball team is eager to play this year. The following girls signed up for 1996 girls' softball. Tasha Goodrich (pitcher, 2nd base), Tressie Mitchell (pitcher, 2nd base), Jada Clark (catcher, 3rd base, outfielder), Heather McKinney (catcher, outfielder), Tammy Ennis (first base), Mary Ennis (short-stop, 2nd base), Barbie White (outfielder), Stephanie Smallwood (outfielder), Jo Shaffer (outfielder), Sylvia Adkins (outfielder), Danielle Surber (outfielder), Kristi Gillespie (outfielder), Rebecca Yeater (pitcher, 3rd base), Tabitha Keplinger (outfielder), Sheena Smith (outfielder), Betty Pack (manager), Mrs. Juanita Combs (assistant coach), and Mrs. Beth Surber (coach). Our first game was on March 30th against Flintstone.

## Ski '96

by Ila Baber

From March 4-6, thirty-four WVSD students and ten adults enjoyed the annual ski trip to Canaan Valley.

Most individuals fell at least once, but the ski classes helped the first-time skiers stay on their feet more.

On the first day, many skied, although it was quite cold. The following day, the rain and the wind put a damper on skiing for many. In the evenings, individuals enjoyed swimming, playing games in the game room, shopping, ice skating, and watching the deer and the skunks. Because of the rain and the cold, most did not go skiing on the final day. Hesitantly, the group returned to campus Wednesday afternoon after spending time on the slopes.

**SIGNIFICANT SIGNS**

**We hope you have a safe and fun spring break!**

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# If you were a millionaire, how would you spend your money?

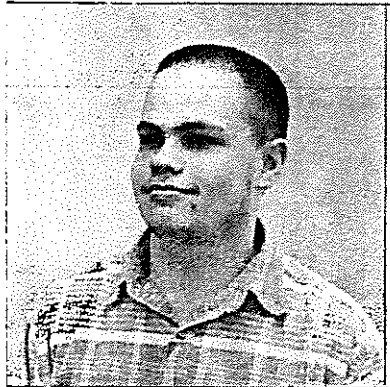
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**Betty Pack, 18:** I would vacation at Florida and South Carolina beaches, and I'd buy a big house and a truck.



**Bill Wright, 14:** I'd buy a computer and a cool sports car.



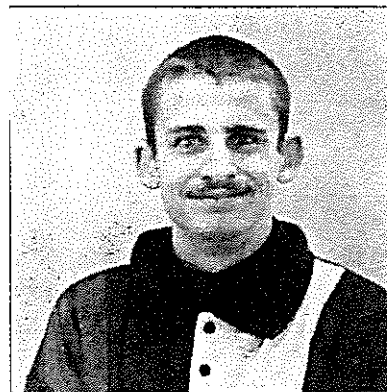
**Michael Sizemore, 18:** I would travel to other countries.



**Jason Wilson, 14:** I'd buy a fancy Ford car and take a long vacation in Texas.



**Kenny Collins, 16:** I'd buy a Camaro, build my own basketball court, buy clothes, build a big house with a pool, and help poor people.



**Michael Riggio, 19:** I'd buy a Chevrolet, a baseball glove, and Nike baseball shoes.



**Doug Martin, 16:** I'd buy a sports car.



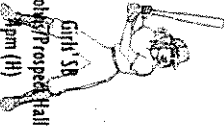






**Mrs. Mary Teter:** I'd pay for my nieces' and nephews' college; and I'd buy a 100 acre farm in the middle of nowhere.

1996

# April

1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All Fools Day				Good Friday	
7	End Third Nine Weeks	Girls' SB Hartinsburg Christian Academy 4pm (H)		 Passover Begins	Parents' Day	 Thomas Jefferson 1743
14		 Girls' SB St. Johns/Prospect Hall 4pm (H)			 Girls' SB Hinton 4pm (A)	
21	Three Year Review Meeting with Parents	Three Year Review Meeting with Parents	Three Year Review Meeting with Parents	 Three Year Review Meeting with Parents Homegoing		 U.S. Grant 1812
28	Girls' SB Hartinsburg Christian Academy 4pm (A)	 Girls' SB St. Johns/Prospect Hall** 4pm (A)	Girls' SB Berkeley Springs (V)** 4pm (A)			
James Monroe 1758						



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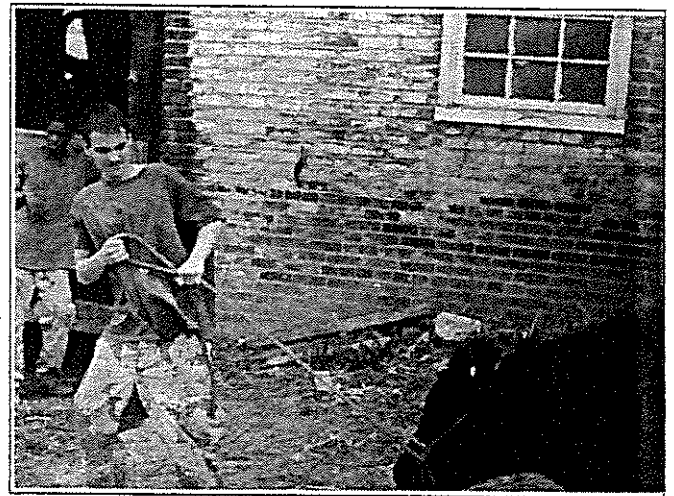
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## Ag-Science Students Get Some Hands-On Experience

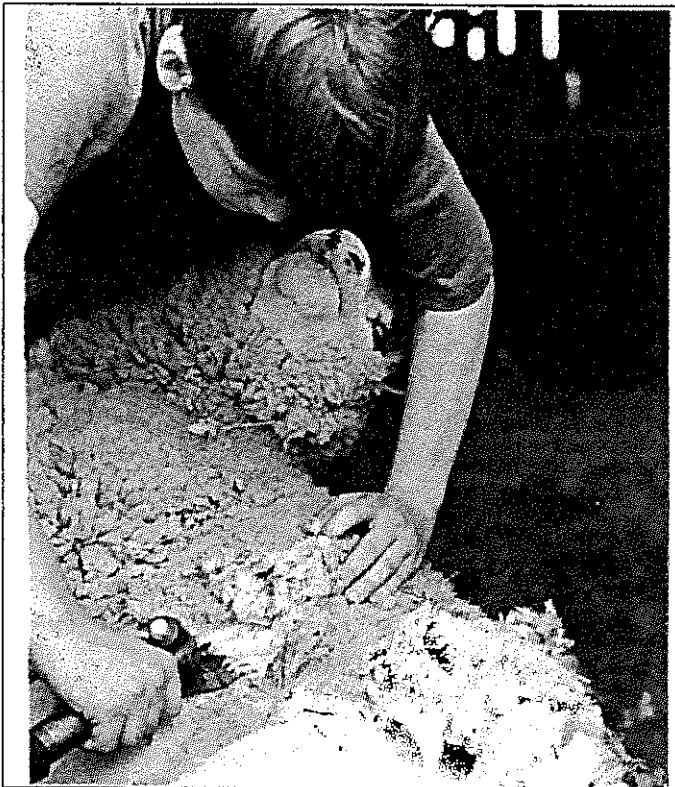
Students in the afternoon agriculture/science classes recently enjoyed two afternoon field trips. The first trip was to the Civil War trenches located southwest of Romney on a ridge overlooking the South Branch of the Potomac. Students got field experience in tree identification, fungus identification, firsthand experiences with some of the local reptiles and amphibians, river bottom plants, local geology, and a lesson in property lines and survey marks.

The second field trip was to the Clyde Bonar family farm located in Mineral County, adjacent to Hampshire County. On the afternoon of our visit, Reverend Calvin McCutcheon, a methodist minister and professional sheep shearer, was shearing the Bonar flock of ewes.

As we watched, Rev. McCutcheon sheared 10 to 12 sheep. As one of the sheep was sheared, we timed the procedure. We were amazed that the sheep went from fully fleeced to sheared in three minutes and fifteen seconds.



Timmy Garton leads a heifer.



Jason Hanshaw takes a turn shearing.

After watching, we were offered the chance to shear. Timothy Garton, Eric Crawford, and Jason Hanshaw tried their hand at shearing. All agreed that shearing sheep is a lot harder than it looks. Rev. McCutcheon complimented Tim by saying that he has a natural knack for shearing.

While at the farm, we also had the opportunity to get up close and personal with two of the Bonar's heifers. We put halters on them, and the students got the chance to lead them. Mr. Charles Bonar also showed us how the cattle are tattooed in the ears for identification purposes, how bulls are neutered, and how sheeps' tails are docked.

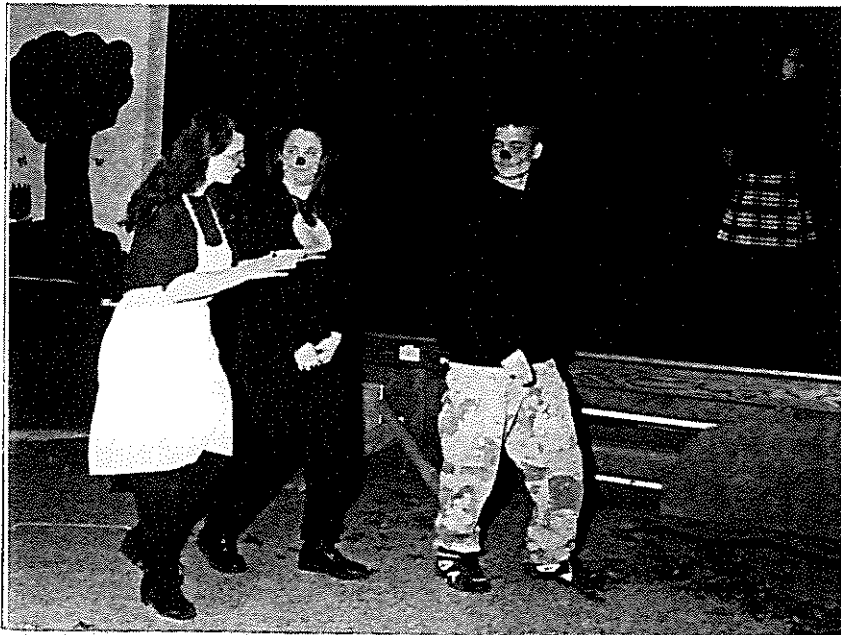
Recently in ag/science classes, we have been in the greenhouse transplanting flower and vegetable plants that we started from seed. Our greenhouse is smaller than years past, because the school does not have the funds to repair or replace the ancient greenhouse we use.

We have been studying farm livestock and trying to become acquainted with much of the vocabulary we would be using on our farm visit. Also, we have been repairing our lawn and garden equipment to get ready for the spring weather and the renewal of the lawns and plants that we care for on our campus.

The FFA recently had a fund raising sale of Biomats. We sold over \$1200 worth of seed mats. This raised more than \$500 for our chapter treasury. Tasha Goodrich led in sales and won a prize of her choosing from the FFA catalogue.



## Drama Featured On Parents' Day



The performance of Goldilocks and The Three Deaf Bears was enjoyed by parents and faculty on Parents' Day. Director Mary Ennis said that after a difficult beginning, the cast and crew worked very hard to make this play a success. In the photo above are Amy Simons, "Mama Bear," Tasha Goodrich, "Baby Bear," Tim Garton, "Papa Bear," and Heather McKinney, narrator. Not pictured: Tressie Mitchell, "Goldilocks."

## VOCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Vocational evaluations were given to WVSD juniors April 22-26. Vocational counselors use these results to learn about each student's aptitude, abilities, interests, and skills. With these same results, the student obtains a better understanding of him/her self and is more equipped to set goals and make decisions concerning the future.

## CAREER DAY

On April 18, WVSD juniors and seniors participated in Hampshire High School's Career Day activities. Students selected 4 areas of interest and attended a 30 minute session on each area. Teachers from WVSD interpreted for the students. The students were very interested and said they learned a lot about their career interests.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On May 15, our special students participated in the Hampshire County Special Olympics Track and Field Games at Hampshire High School. Each student entered 3 events, competing for ribbons or medals. We will publish the results in the next Lions' Tale.

## HONOR ROLL

### A - HONOR ROLL

#### SENIORS:

Joe Cosner  
Mary Ennis

#### JUNIORS:

Josh Uller

#### SOPHOMORES:

Tammy Ennis  
Timothy Garton

#### EIGHTH GRADERS:

Stephanie Smallwood  
Olivia Stuart

### B - HONOR ROLL

#### SENIORS:

Ila Baber  
Jada Clark  
Josh Hartman

#### Betty Pack

Larry Runyon  
Amanda Weasenforth  
Rebecca Yeater

#### JUNIORS:

Tasha Goodrich  
Heather McKinney  
Amy Simons

#### SOPHOMORES:

Justin Catlett  
Kenny Collins  
Eric Crawford  
Stephen Daniels  
Jason Hanshaw  
Jeff Quimby  
Chris Remsburg

#### FRESHMEN:

Clifton Brundy

#### Leslie Jessie

Doug Martin  
Damron Walton

#### EIGHTH GRADERS:

Ronald Lake  
Chris Mick  
Bill Wright

#### SEVENTH GRADERS:

Sylvia Adkins  
Daniel Cochran  
Jared Helsel





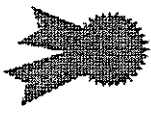


#### UNGRADED:

Michael Riggio  
Lennie Stamper

1996

June







1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30						 Students travel to King's Dominion
	 Jefferson Davis (1808-1889)					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	 Athletic Banquet 5:00 p.m.		 George Bush (1924)	 Awards Luncheon 11:35 a.m.	 Graduation 10:00 a.m. Flag Day	 Benjamin Franklin Discovered Electricity (1752)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

# May

1996

1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  MOTHER'S DAY	13	14	15	16	17  MASKED PROM DINNER-6:00 DANCE-8:00	18
19	20	21 	22	23	24 	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28 SCHOOL TRIP TO BALTIMORE 	29  J.F. KENNEDY (1917-1963)	30	31 HOMEGOING	

## CLUB CLIPS

### VICA

VICA is in the process of planning an annual educational field trip. Hopefully, every member will enjoy it.

### JR. NAD

Jr. NAD traveled to Pittsburgh to watch the Pirates and Dodgers play on May 5.

### GOLF CLUBS I & II

During the last golf club meeting in the MPR, we worked on chipping. Now that it is warmer, we will be meeting outside.

## Ennis Inducted Into HHS Honor Society

Congratulations to Mary Ennis, who was one of seventeen high school students selected to be inducted into the Hampshire High School (HHS) National Honor Society this spring.

To be eligible for National Honor Society, a student must be a senior, have a 3.5 grade point average, be involved in the community and show interest and involvement in school.

Mary took Latin I at HHS two years ago, Latin II last year, and is taking Latin III and a speech/English class this year.

## CLASS NEWS

### Class of '97

On Sunday, April 21, the Junior class went bowling at the Rainbow Lanes in Keyser. We had a lot of fun and were very surprised when Dr. Shank had the highest score. After bowling three games, we rode to Pizza Hut and stuffed ourselves. We are now busy decorating for our prom, Tropical Enchantment, which will be held on May 17th.

### Class of '98

The WVSD sophomores have been active in raising money for the class treasury. During the ESDAA basketball tournament, the class raffled a basketball. Some of the students working with Mr. Pierre Sevigny, woodworking instructor, built thirty-four wooden can crushers. On Parents' Day, class members sold six of the crushers. These durable crushers will last a lifetime. Anyone interested in buying a can crusher should contact a sophomore class member.

## SPORTS SCENE

### SOFTBALL

March 30 - We played our first game with Flintstone. We lost this game. The score was 23 to 3. Barbie White had the lone extrabase hit for WVSD with a double.

April 2 - We played our second game with Martinsburg Christian Academy. We won. The score was 25 to 16. Tressie Mitchell led a 27-hit attack with five hits. Tammy Ennis and Jada Clark added four hits each. Tasha Goodrich had three hits for WVSD. Mary Ennis pitched the entire game to pick up the win.

April 16 - We played a doubleheader with St. John's Prospect Hall. We lost this game. The score was 18 to 1. Jada Clark was very excited about her home run in this game!

April 19 - We played with Flintstone. We lost this game. The score was 22 to 12. It was a pretty hot afternoon.

### APRIL

Amy Simons-2  
Stephen Daniels-2  
Sylvia Adkins-3  
Mrs. Kay Odom-7  
Mrs. J. Keister-11

Jared Helsel-14  
Timothy Garton-21  
Mr. Steve Davis-25  
Damron Walton-27  
Jeff Quimby-27



## What is your favorite pizza topping?

(Photos by Tasha Goodrich and Tammy Ennis)



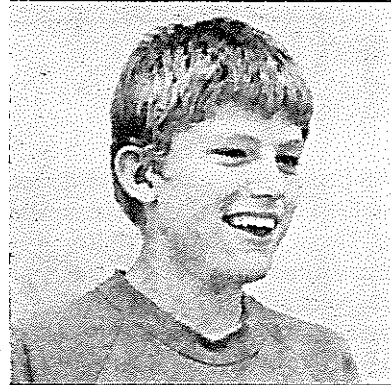
**Rebecca Yeater, 18: mushrooms, pepperoni, and green peppers.**



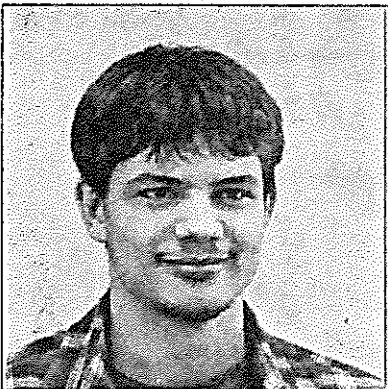
**Olivia Stuart, 14: mushrooms, extra cheese, and pepperoni.**



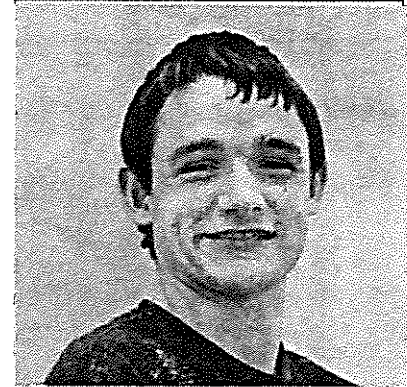
**Tasha Goodrich, 17: mushrooms and extra cheese.**



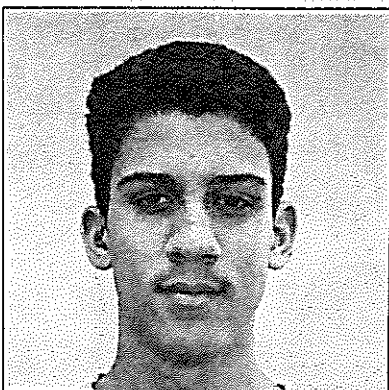
**Ben Mellott, 14: pepperoni and cheese.**



**Stephen Daniels, 17: mushrooms and pepperoni.**



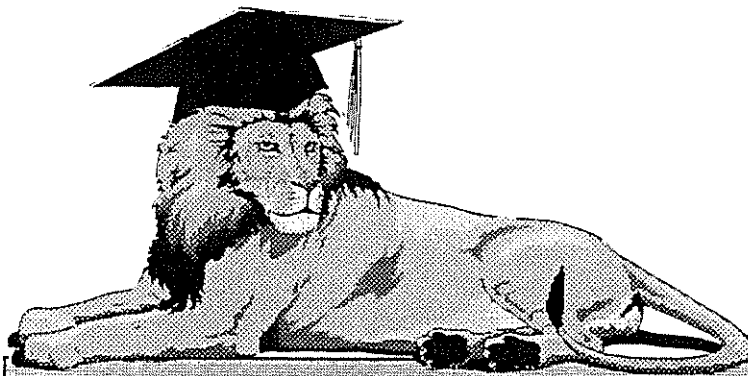
**Lennie Stamper, 18: pepperoni and cheese.**



**Leslie Jessie, 15: pepperoni and cheese.**



**Mrs. Heare: refried beans, lettuce, tomato, and cheese.**



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JUNE 14, 1996

## Congratulations to the Class Of 1996

### ILA MARIE

**BABER**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baber, is from Paw Paw.

### SCHOOL

#### ACTIVITIES:

FFA (Dairy Products Judging Silver Medal, Floriculture Judging Bronze Medal, 5th place Dairy Products Judging); VICA (secretary); Jr. NAD; FHA; Teen Institute; WV State Teen Institute; Service Learning Projects.

#### SPORTS:

Basketball (Most Improved Player, Most Dedicated Player, Tournament All Star); Volleyball; Cheerleader (Most Dedicated); Softball (Most Dedicated).



**Seniors (front row, left to right): Mandy Weasenforth and Rebecca Yeater. Back: Joshua Hartman, Jada Clark, Ila Baber, Joe Cosner, Mary Ennis, Betty Pack, and Larry Runyon.**

PHOTO BY JOSH LILLER

### SCHOOL

**ACTIVITIES:** Jr. NAD; Trappers; FFA (Turf and Landscape Awards, 2nd Place Tractor Contest; Entomology Gold Medal); VICA; Honor Roll; Outstanding Citizenship; Best All Around Student; Best Manners; Outstanding Performance in Integrated Thematic Science and English; Excellence in American & World History; Excellence in Current Events; Outstanding Achievement in Keyboarding and Work in WV History/Government; Homecoming Prince; Homecoming King; Highest Achievement Awards; Service Learning Projects.

**JADA NICOLE CLARK**, Fort Ashby, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Clark.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Girl Scouts, FFA (Sentinel); VICA; 4-H (4-H Camp, Treasurer); Teen Institute, Teen Rally, Service Learning Projects; Honor Roll; Most Improved Student in Photography and Darkroom Skills; Photo published in *One Day in America*; Most School Spirit.

**SPORTS:** Basketball (Basketball Medal, ESDAA Honorable Mention Team); Volleyball; Softball (ESDAA All start Softball Team, All Tournament Team); Cheerleader (Most Improved).

**JOSEPH EDWARD COSNER, JR.**, Salutatorian, is the son of Joseph and Alice Cosner of Kirby.

**MARY JOAN ENNIS**, Valedictorian, Orlando, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ennis.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** A Honor Roll; Highest GPA; Outstanding Citizen; National Science Foundation Award; Toshiba/NSTA Team; Outstanding Reading Awards; Excellence in World History; Excellence in Art; FFA (Vice-president, Treasurer, Reporter, FFA Scholarship Medal, Dairy Judging Products Gold Medal, Entomology Judging Silver Medal, Floriculture Gold Medal, Dairy Judging Products Coach); Jr. NAD (President, Secretary); WVSD Booster Club; Foreign Club;

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Governor's Honors Academy, Youth Scholars Program, Deaf Awareness Week Projects, Class President, Teen Institute Camp, Service Learning Projects.

**SPORTS:** Basketball (Most Valuable Player, Most Dedicated Player, ESDAA Tournament); Volleyball (Most Dedicated Player, Most Valuable Player); Softball (Most Improved Player, Most Dedicated Player, Most Valuable Player, ESDAA Tournament).

**JOSHUA PAUL HARTMAN**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hartman, is from Cherry Grove.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** VICA (Sergeant-at-Arms); FFA (Sergeant-at-Arms); FHA (Sergeant-at-Arms).

**SPORTS:** Basketball, Baseball, Mountaineer Physical Education Award.

**BETTY REXANNA PACK**, of Oak Hill, is the daughter of Mrs. Shirley McCoy.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FHA; Jr. NAD; FFA.

**SPORTS:** Cheerleader; Girls' Basketball Manager; Girls' Softball Manager.

**LARRY RUNYON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runyon, is from Delbarton.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA; VICA; VICA.

**SPORTS:** Basketball; Baseball.

**AMANDA WEASENFORTH**, Burlington, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Weasenforth.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** VICA; FFA, FHA, Teen Institute Rally; Service Learning Projects.

**SPORTS:** Softball (ESDAA Tournament).

**REBECCA FAY YEATER**, of New Martinsville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Yeater.

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** FFA (Sentinel, Treasurer, Nursery Landscape Judging Silver Medal, Floriculture Judging Bronze Medal, Greenhand Degree); Jr. NAD (Sergeant-at-Arms); VICA; WVSD Booster Club; Outstanding Science Award; Excellence in Consumer Economics and History; Outstanding Achievement in Business Education; Most Improved in English; Darkroom and Photo Finishing Skills; Independent Reading; Basic Keyboarding; Best Effort in Nutrition; Reading Achievement; Girls' State; Marine Science Camp.

**SPORTS:** Volleyball; Basketball; Cheerleader; Softball; Softball Scorekeeper.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA LILLER

Story by JC Catlett

Mrs. Wysopal's class made and donated thirty-four tablecloths to the food manager, Mrs. Kris Willard, and to a cook, Mrs. Kay Odom, as a service learning project. Standing left to right: Justin Catlett, Eric Crawford, Mrs. Odom, Mrs. Willard, Jada Clark, and Ronnie McCraw.

## Spring Sports Scene: Girls' Softball and Special Olympics



1995-96 SOFTBALL TEAM

### SOFTBALL

by Coach Beth Surber

On May 19, the softball team went to Rocky Gap to celebrate finishing our season. It was very hot -- around 100 degrees! We went swimming and sunbathing. Some of us looked like red lobsters. Tasha Goodrich was the reddest one of all. We had a delicious picnic. We had fun.

Funny awards were presented to each of the girls: Mary Ennis, Joe Cool; Tammy Ennis, The Nervous Wreck; Rebecca Yeater, The Girl with a Beautiful Smile; Jada Clark, The Joker; Heather McKinney, The Fastest Roadrunner; Tasha Goodrich, The Hottest Temper; Tressie Mitchell, The Most Flexible Klutz; Stephanie Smallwood, The Motor Mouth; Barbie White, The Giggler; Sylvia Adkins, The Quietest Mouse; Jo Shaffer, The Funniest Clown; Danielle Surber, The Most Innocent Girl; Sheena Smith, The Sweetest Player; Tabitha Keplinger, The Most Excited Player

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On May 15, eight students traveled to Hampshire High School to participate in the Special Olympics. It was a cold and rainy day, but everyone had a great time! Our students won the following medals:

Joe- **2 Gold:** 100m walk; 200m walk.

April- **3 Gold:** 100m run; 200m run; Long jump.

Jared- **2 Gold:** 100m run; 400m walk.

Tracy- **2 Gold:** 100m walk; 200m walk.

Jeff- **1 Silver; 1 Bronze:** 100m run; 200m run.

Michael- **2 Gold; 1 Silver:** 800m run; 1500m run; 800m walk.

Lennie- **3 Gold:** 100m run; 200m run; Softball throw.

Charity- **1 Gold; 1 Silver:** 10m assisted walk; Tennis ball throw.



Photo by Tasha Goodrich  
Pictured with the banner they made for the parade are Special Olympics participants, coaches and helpers. Front row, left to right: Joe Cosner, coach; April Dixon, Lennie Stamper, Tracy Marcum, Joe Canterbury, Charity Tucker. Back row: Mrs. Liz Baldwin, coach; Mr. Bill Kesler, coach; Michael Riggio, Jared Helsel, Jeff Quimby, Mr. Herb Adrian, coach; Mrs. Shirley Michaels, aide.



## Baltimore Trip

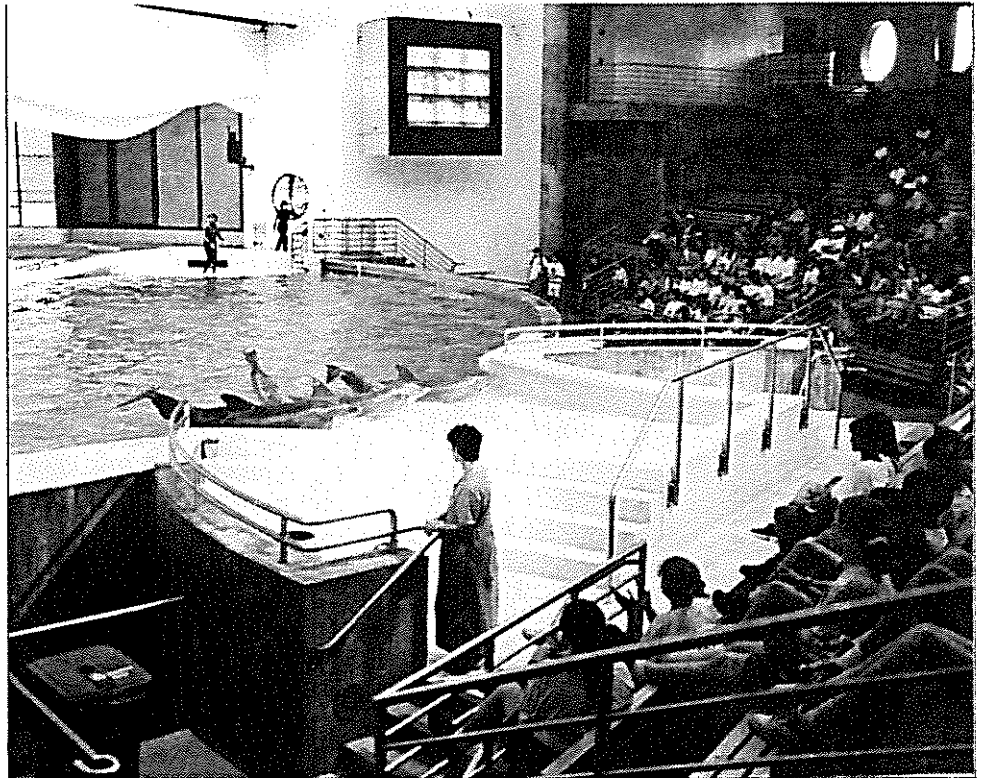
by Heather McKinney

Students and teachers in the Jr.-Sr. High School went to Baltimore, Maryland for a school trip. We left campus at 8:30 a.m. on two buses. We stopped in Augusta to pick up Mrs. Dodgins, Mrs. Michaels, and Mr. Wysopal and son.

We arrived at the Inner Harbor, and went to eat lunch at Phillips Harbor Place. It seemed like all students and teachers enjoyed the delicious food! Then we went to the aquarium, where we saw different kinds of fish, including jellyfish and stingray. We also went to the "Rain Forest" area of the aquarium and saw beautiful birds. Later we went to a dolphin show, which was very cool.

We ate subs on the bus, then drove to Camden Yards baseball stadium. Mrs. Davy passed out tickets to everyone before we went in to watch the baseball game. All of us were very, very excited. The game was supposed to start at 7:35 p.m., but it was delayed because of rain. We patiently waited a very, very long time, and finally the game started at 10:00 p.m. The game ended about 12:40 a.m. The Orioles lost to the California Angels, 2-5.

We started home at 1:00 a.m., made a rest stop, and finally arrived back at Seaton Hall around 5:30 in the morning.



The dolphin show at the aquarium was cool! (Photo by Josh Liller)

Some students and adults slept on the buses, but all students went to the dorm and slept until lunch time. Then we had school from 1:10 until 3:32 p.m., but all students and teachers seemed like they

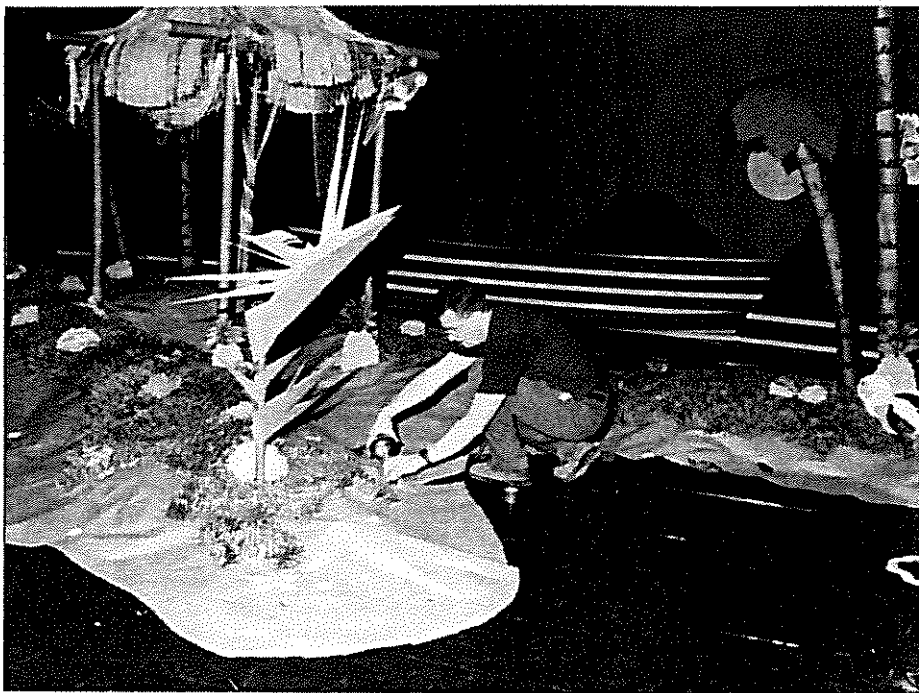
were still tired sleepyheads!

WE WANT TO TELL MRS. DAVY A BIG MILLION THANKS for working so hard to make this trip possible! Thanks also to Mrs. Boley for making the beautiful cakes and cupcakes throughout the year!

## Tropical Enchantment

by Tasha Goodrich

On Friday, May 17, the Junior class completed decorating for our prom. The MPR looked like a tropical island with palm trees, a grass hut, and sea life. Before the prom, we enjoyed a delicious dinner in Seaton Hall, which was served by the underclassmen. Most of us enjoyed dancing, winning door prizes, and eating refreshments. Seniors, Rebecca Yeater and Larry Runyon, were crowned prom queen and king. The Junior class gave each of the seniors a gift. We want to thank Mrs. Jan Dodgins, Mr. Bill Kesler, Mr. Herb Adrian, Mrs. Kris Willard, the Seaton Hall cooks, Mrs. Wysopal and her classes, and Dr. Shank for helping us.



Mr. Coleman working on decorations for the prom. (Photo by Tasha Goodrich)

## SERJON WILLS

### BETTY - I WILL:

my glasses to Ronnie McCraw;  
all my shoes to Tressie Mitchell;  
my maturity to Timothy Garton;  
all my sweets to Sylvia Adkins.

### ILA - I WILL:

my skill in picking on Mr. Farris to Barbie White;  
my love of Days Of Our Lives to Tasha Goodrich;  
my maturity to Michael Spemore.

### REBECCA - I WILL:

my boy craziness to Stephanie Smallwood;  
my beautiful smile to Sylvia Adkins;  
my Mountain Dew to Kenneth Collins;  
my red face to Timothy Garton.

### JOE - I WILL:

my baseball skills to Eric Crawford;  
my flirting to Josh Liller.

### MARY - I WILL:

my locker to any 7th grader;  
my gophering to someone who loves it here as much as I do!  
my sponsors to the class of '02;  
my strength to all students.

### AMANDA - I WILL:

my blonde hair to Heather McKinney;  
my ability to waste time to Jason Haughaw;  
my happy life to Jennifer Lofton.

### JOSHUA - I WILL:

my pebbles to Heather McKinney;  
my sportsmanship to Stephen Danick.

### LARRY - I WILL:

my ability in sports to Sherman Knight.

### JADA - I WILL:

my love of watching Pittsburgh hockey on TV to Mr. Adrian;  
my love of running and sports to Tasha Goodrich;  
my ability NOT to embarrass easily to Tressie Mitchell;  
my skills in photography to Josh Liller.

## What's the thing you will miss the most about WVSD?

Ila Baber- I will miss some of my friends here at WVSD&B.

Jada Clark - Pestering Mr. Farris!

Joe Cosner- Teachers yelling at other kids.

Mary Ennis- I'll miss working on the computer and talking with my friends.

Joshua Hartman- I'll miss the basketball team.

Larry Runyon- Some of the teachers and students.

Betty Pack- I'll miss all of WVSD!

Amanda Weasenforth- I'll miss my friends and the teachers.

Rebecca Yeater- I'll miss all of my boyfriends!

## FUTURE PLANS

Ila - I plan to get a degree from National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), and become an art or drama teacher. I'd like to move to another state, and do some traveling.

Mary - I plan to get several degrees and travel as much as I can in a lifetime!

Amanda - I plan to go to cosmetology school to become a beautician.

Rebecca - I plan to go college, maybe get married a few years later, and to have a child.

Joe - I plan to go to vocational technical school, and become an auto mechanic.

Jada - After summer vacation, I plan to go to college. I would like to be a mortician.

Joshua - I plan to work at Wampler Longacre in Moorefield.

Larry - I plan to go to vocational technical school and become an auto mechanic.

Betty - I plan to go to vocational technical school.

## Senior Trip to Ocean City, Maryland

by Rebecca Yeater

WVSD's senior class and their sponsors left on Monday, June 3, at 7 a.m. for Ocean City. We were very excited about going to the beach. We drove about five hours in the rain. We really appreciated Mr. Farris's driving for all those long hours. We arrived in Ocean City around 12:30 p.m. We thought that there was no place for us to sleep, but Mrs. Teter and Mr. Farris discussed our situation with a nice woman for about thirty minutes. We finally found three rooms for us. It was raining hard, but we were still excited. We walked around and shopped while it was raining. Tuesday and Wednesday were very pretty days. We went to the beach, soaked up the sun, and got sunburned. We really enjoyed the beach and shopping!! We left on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. We rode the van for a long time, but it was a beautiful sunny day. We arrived at school at 8:15 p.m. We all seemed to miss the beach, because we had a great time together!

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Standing, left to right: Mrs. Jan Dodgins, Ila Baber, Amanda Weasonforth, Rebecca Yeater, Mrs. Debra Heare. Sitting, left to right: Joshua Liller, Tressie Mitchell, Heather McKinney, Tasha Goodrich.

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