

The LIONS' Tale

The West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

September 30, 1997



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SMALLWOOD

New students (left to right) Dalton Christy, J. C. Plants, and Patrick Collins.

DALTON CHRISTY

by Stephanie Smallwood

Dalton James Christy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Christy, is from Parkersburg, WV. He moved from Palm Springs, California. Dalton says he thinks it is nice here. He also says that the dorm has everything that makes him happy, including a computer, games, and friends. On his free time Dalton likes to draw pictures on the computer and on paper. Dalton is in the eleventh grade. "DJ" enjoys watching MTV. His favorite kinds of music are Michael Jackson, Elvis, and soul music.

PATRICK COLLINS

by Chris Mick

Patrick lives in Pennsboro. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Collins. He is in the 9th grade. What he likes about WVSD is learning more here. He says he likes everything about this place! He found out about WVSD from a friend. His hobbies are computers and collecting model cars.

J. C. PLANTS

by Stephanie Smallwood

J. C. Plants is a 15-year-old freshman. He is from Point Pleasant. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Plants. J. C. has three sisters and one brother. He likes to talk and play games in his spare time. He likes spaghetti, chicken sandwiches, and steak. J. C. likes to collect a lot of things. He says he likes it here at WVSD.

An Interview With Superintendent McBride

by Olivia Stuart

Q: What goals do you have for the whole campus?

A: My goal is to bring our schools into full compliance with the Senate Bill 300 and everything involving that legislation. Also I want to make WVSD&B the best -- and I say the *best!* -- school for the deaf and blind it can be. I want to improve our dorms and our schools by making them more "student friendly".

Q: What are your long range plans for the schools?

A: I want WVSD&B students to see the importance of education. I want to see us serving more students. I want to make the schools more curriculum and success oriented.

Q: How do you feel about this new school year?

A: I think we are off to a wonderful start. We have many activities planned. This will be a year for many successes and positive changes.

Q: Do you have anything you want to tell our readers?

A: I appreciate all the cooperation and all the help from the staff and students. Together, we can make WVSD&B the best!

School Begins Smoothly!!

by Stephanie Smallwood

Some students say they had a really long relaxing vacation where they could rest. On August 19th, students and staff gathered around once again to begin a brand new 97-98 school year. WVSD welcomed new students and the "old" students too. All the kids had a great summer vacation. Some kids are happy to come back to see their old friends. We have a couple of new students who felt really welcomed when they arrived here. The "old" students made all the new students feel right at home.

On Wednesday, students walked over to the school and started the day off with a meeting in the MPR. Everyone seemed happy returning to school. Some were happy to learn more.

CLASS COMMENTS

Flags

The students in Mrs. Boley's 5th period language class received a special treat. They learned to write and to sign the pledge to the flag. Each student was rewarded with a small flag pin. The students were Sheena Smith, Tabitha Keplinger, Daniel Cochran, Jason Wilson, Brandon Hall, and Patrick Collins.

CLUB CLIPS

FFA

FFA members are getting ready for the annual judging contest in Morgantown. The contest's name has been changed to "Career Development Events."

In the near future, FFA members and some of Mr. Leatherman's students will be going to Zett's Fish Farm to get catfish fingerlings.

FFA members worked in cooperation with Hampshire County FFA to provide a petting zoo during Hampshire Heritage Days. There were a lot of kids helping with care of the animals. We had many of our FFA members participate: Jason Wilson, Stephanie Smallwood, Ed Quinn, Jeff Quimby, Chris Mick, Justin Catlett, Lennie Stamper, D.J. Christy, Josh Hamilton, Sylvia Adkins, Kristie Gillespie, Tabitha Keplinger, Patrick Collins, and Doug Martin. Many other members stopped by. James See and his son, JW, of Purgitsville, brought two calves, a Jerusalem donkey, a goat, and a bunch of rabbits. Other animals were a chinchilla, a pigmy goat, kittens, and a puppy. As soon as the donkey came out of the trailer, Lennie grabbed it and didn't let go until it was loaded back up. He had it rolling over and had to show it to everyone who came. He was leading it while small children rode it. People were calling him Juan Valdez before it was all over. Jeff, D.J., and Jason lead the large goat. Stephanie, Kristie, and Chris bought baby rabbits. Many people enjoyed the petting zoo.

GOLF

The students have signed up, but we haven't received the schedule from Mr. Haught. The golf club is getting ready for the new school year. We will be taking advantage of the warm weather to practice outside. When the weather is bad, we'll stay inside and learn the basic rules of golf and how to behave on the golf course.

We may take an early trip to the golf course for a golf clinic.

DORM NEWS

Students returned on August 19 very excited and happy to see friends and share summer experiences. On the 20th, all students attended the Hampshire County Fair. Everyone had a great time there. Students returned to find some new staff members. Mr. Carl Shockey, advanced boys night houseparent, retired, and Mr. Eddie Racey was hired in his place. Mr. Joe Everett, floater, transferred to WVSB, and Mr. Tim Slocum has taken his place. Ms. Linda Bennett was hired as a one year temporary houseparent in the intermediate girls' dorm. We welcome these new staff members.

Students have been enjoying the beautiful September evenings by participating in evening activities, including golf, football, frisbee, roller-blading and skating, bicycling, and croquet to name a few.

Recent and upcoming special activities include: Sept. 15, a trip to Cumberland Mall; Oct. 10, HHS football game; Oct. 11, Luray Caverns, Oct. 24- HHS football game; and Oct. 25, WVU football game. Many girls have been practicing volleyball everyday and their busy regular schedule has begun. Students will enjoy swimming a couple of nights a week as soon as a lifeguard schedule can be worked out.

A room cleaning competition will be held for each dorm unit every month this year. A large Domino's pizza will be awarded to the students with the cleanest room for the month. Random inspections will be conducted by the director and scores will be posted. The dorm staff is looking forward to an exciting school year.

WELCOME ALUMNI!

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50th
Birthday!**

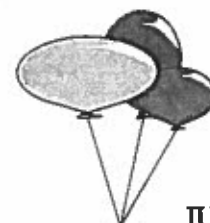


SPORTS SCENE



1997-98 VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right: Ms. Nealls, Assistant Coach; Sheena Smith, Stephanie Smallwood, Joanne Shaffer, Tammy Ennis, Mrs. Surber, Coach. Back row: Stephen Daniels, Manager/Scorekeeper; Olivia Stuart, Kristie Gillespie, Danielle Surber, Latasha Hackett, Sylvia Adkins.



JULY

LENNIE STAMPER - 18
TRACY MARCUM - 24

AUGUST

RONALD LAKE - 14
LATASHA HACKETT - 23
STEPHANIE SMALLWOOD - 24
BRANDON HALL - 30

SEPTEMBER

DALTON CHRISTY - 9
CHARITY TUCKER - 16
DOUGLAS MARTIN - 29

WVSD Spikers Open Season

by Stephanie Smallwood

The Lady Lions lost three seniors from last year. The following starters are back: Tammy Ennis, Latasha Hackett, and Danielle Surber. The other team players are Stephanie Smallwood, Sylvia Adkins, Jo Shaffer, Kristie Gillespie, Tabitha Keplinger, and Sheena Smith.

A schedule will be given as soon as possible. The Lady Lions would love to have you all come out and support them. You are their #1 fans!

KSD Defeats WVSD

by Coach Surber

At the MD School for the Deaf in Frederick, the Kentucky School for the Deaf volleyball players beat the WVSD Lady Lions 2-0 by scores of 15-4 and 15-8 Saturday, September 13.

Tammy Ennis and Kristie Gillespie scored high with 5 service points each. Stephanie Smallwood and Danielle Surber had one service point and one kill each.

MSD Rolls Over WVSD

On Saturday, September 13 at MSD, the Orioles defeated the Lady Lions 2-1 by scores of 15-5, 11-15, and 15-9.

Jo Shaffer had 8 service points. Tammy Ennis had 5 points and 4 kills. Danielle Surber had 4 points and 1 kill. Stephanie Smallwood had 4 points. LaTasha Hackett and Olivia Stuart had 3 points each. Kristie Gillespie had 2 points.

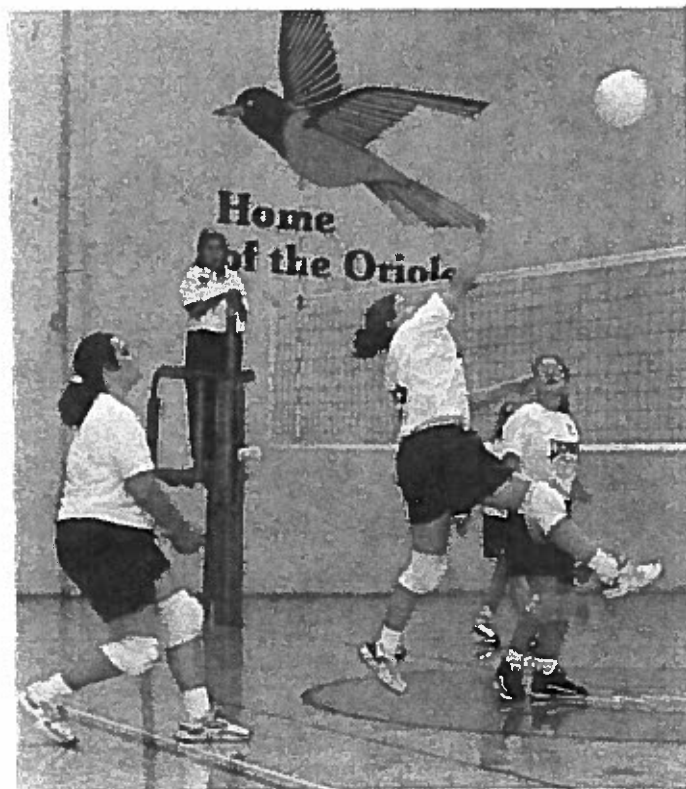













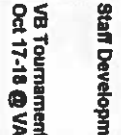










PHOTO BY SYLVIA ADKINS
Danielle Surber jumps high for the kill during the game with Maryland School for the Deaf.

October 1997

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 HOMEcomings '97 Backwards Day 	2 Class Colors Day Magic Show 1:30 MPR Sock Hop 	3 Dress Up Day Crowning of King and Queen Homegoing 	4 Alumni's 50th Birthday Celebration 
5 	6	7	8 VBall @ DSD DSD 2 PM NYSD 3 	9 Tamarack WV Arts and October 8-9 	10 HHS Football Game 	11 Lurray Caverns 
12 	13 	14 VBall WPSD (H) 2:30 	15 16 Clubs VB @ VA Deal 6 p.m. 	17 Staff Development Day 	18	
19 	20	21 VBall HHS JV (H) 4:30 	22	23 Clubs 	24 HHS Football Game 	25 WVU Football Game 
26	27	28 VBall MSSD JV(A) 4 p.m. 	29	30 Clubs 	31 Staff Development Day 	



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WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA

November 7, 1997

Spirit Week Ushers In Homecoming Activities

by Stephanie Smallwood

WVSD celebrated Homecoming and Spirit Week September 29th- October 5th. Every year during Spirit Week, students dress differently each day. This year our schedule included get-up and go day on Monday, school colors (blue & gold) day on Tuesday, sdrawkcab yad no yadsendeW, class colors and class skit or cheer on Thursday.

On Thursday afternoon, students gathered in the multipurpose room for a thrilling performance by the deaf magician Matthew Morgan. On Friday, students, friends, alumni, parents, and staff gathered outside the Superintendent's office for the announcement of the Homecoming Court. Everyone was anxious to find out the winners! Crowned as the 1997-98 Homecoming Queen and King were Tammy Ennis and Stephen Daniels. The princesses and princes were, SILSU April Dixon and Lennie Stamper; eighth graders, Sheena Smith and Patrick Collins; freshmen, Sylvia Adkins and Jason Wilson; sophomores, Stephanie Smallwood and Ronald Lake; juniors, Latasha Hackett and Damron Walton. When the ceremony concluded, brunch (meaning breakfast and lunch together) was served. By noon students were on their buses and vans, ready for going home. Some kids stayed for weekend activities, because their parents are alumni of WVSD.

Afterwards, the alumni and guests moved to the fire hall for games, music, and refreshments. They all partied "til the cows came home." (That was around midnight, when most people left to get plenty of rest for the trip back home). Most left between noon and 3 p.m.



Photo by Olivia Stuart

Seated (left to right): King and Queen Stephen Daniels and Tammy Ennis. Standing are princes and princesses April Dixon and Lennie Stamper, Patrick Collins and Sheena Smith, Jason Wilson and Sylvia Adkins, Ronald Lake and Stephanie Smallwood, Damron Walton and Latasha Hackett.



Photo by Stephanie Smallwood
Joshua Hamilton assisted deaf magician Matthew Morgan during Thursday's performance.

Approximately two-hundred twenty-two alumni and guests came to Romney to participate in the weekend activities. On Saturday, they celebrated the fiftieth birthday of the Alumni Association.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

My position as principal of the secondary school will end on December 31, 1997, with retirement. My twelve and one-half years as principal is the second longest term in the history of the school. Haldrige Chidester had seventeen years as principal in the 1800's.

It has been a pleasure to work with parents, students, and staff over my twenty-seven year career at WVSD. The cooperation with the WVSD Alumni Association, WV Association for the Deaf, and the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing has been great.

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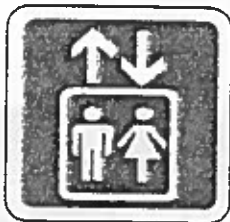
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Our Alumni are in many different careers, and it is gratifying to see them meeting success in life. When there are meetings, it is good to see that the leadership of the WVSD Alumni and WVAD are in the hands of the generation of my tenure at WVSD.

The educational staff at WVSD are highly educated professionals who work hard for all students. It has been a privilege to work with such an outstanding group of student oriented staff. The additional time that is spent with and for students is a true measure of staff commitment.

The Secondary School for the Deaf will not be without a knowledgeable and capable person for the remainder of the school year. Superintendent McBride will select an interim principal.

It will be exciting for the staff to have a new person who will move into the 2000's and lead the school and educational initiatives of Senate Bill 300. The great WVSD will continue to meet the needs of the students.



STUCK IN THE ELEVATOR!

by Chris Mick

On October 21, Mrs. Boley walked from the office to the elevator. Mrs. Boley stood and waited for the elevator to come. The elevator opened, and Mrs. Boley stepped inside. She stood in the elevator and waited to go to the 2nd floor. When the elevator arrived

on the 2nd floor, the door did not open!

Mrs. Boley was worried. She was stuck in the elevator! She yelled for help. While in the elevator, Mrs. Boley thought not to worry. She had her lunch, a book, and tissues. Mr. Engelman heard her yelling. Mr. Engelman listened at the elevator and walked down to the office to ask Mr. Haught to call Mr. Shaw to open the elevator door.

Mrs. Boley heard Mr. Haught talking to her. She yelled back to Mr. Haught, too. Mrs. Boley was calm. Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Heare chatted with Mrs. Boley, so she would not feel forgotten.

Mr. Shaw arrived and walked up the steps. He got a special key to open the elevator door. Finally, Mrs. Boley got out of the elevator. She had been trapped for 20 minutes!

At first Mrs. Boley was embarrassed, but then she laughed. Mrs. Boley said, "Thank you," to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Engelman. Both men said, "You're welcome."



Pottery Demonstration By Tamarack Artisan

by Mr. Coleman and Olivia Stuart

In early October, a jury of Tamarack artists from across the state traveled to our campus to display their artwork and judge the craftsmanship of area residents. We were fortunate to

have a visiting potter, Ms. Marcia Springston, spend two days with us.

Ms. Springston is from Forest Hill, WV. She is a Tamarack artist who came to our school to share her pottery and speak to our students. She shared her life experiences. She has her studio and shop in her own home with 22 years of experience as a potter.

She first became interested in pottery when she was in high school. She went to college and became a rehabilitation counselor. Later, as a museum guide in Ohio, there was a pottery studio and her interest was sparked again. She went to the University of PA as a graduate student in pottery. Since that time, it has been her profession. Her hobby is equestrian riding. She was on the U.S. Paralympic team in the past and it is her hope and dream to be part of Team USA in the year 2000.



Students from the Elementary Deaf Department receive "hands-on" instruction from Ms. Springston and WVSD Art teacher, Mr. Coleman.

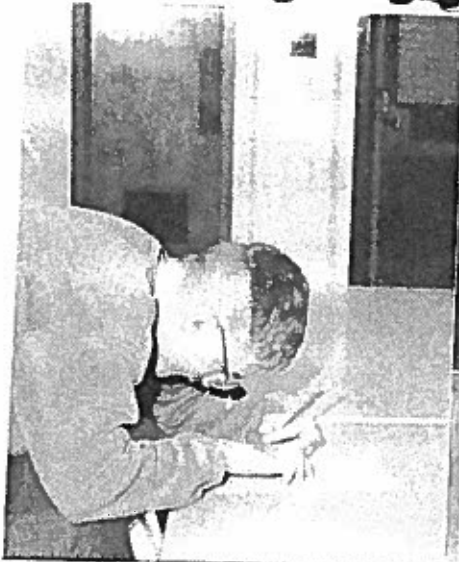
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Clarence Arthur - 2
Samuel McGraw - 13

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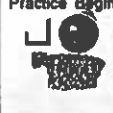






Forest fires are more likely to occur in spring and fall.
Be Careful!





Photos by Stephanie Smallwood and Olivia Stuart

November 1997

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2	3	4	5	6	7 Girls' VB Tournament Lex. School ft Deal 7-9	8 
9 Girls' VB Team Returns	10 Girls' BB Practice Begins  SIC Meeting - 12:00	11	12 Sunshine Tool 	13 Sunshine Too 10 a.m. "The Painting" 2:30 p.m. Workshops	14	15 WVU Football 
16	17 Boys' BB Practice Begins 	18	19 Thanksgiving Dinner 5 p.m. 	20 FFA Harvest Balk 	21 	22
23	24 Thanksgiving Break 24-26 	25	26 	27	28	29
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CLUB CLIPS

FFA

STATE JUDGING CONTEST

by Olivia Stuart

In October ten FFA members traveled to Morgantown for the annual competition.

WVSD students participated in the forestry and nursery/landscape competitions.

The students involved with the nursery/landscape had to take two different tests, and they had to identify twenty-five different plants. The students in the forestry competition had to take one test, measure trees, and identify trees.

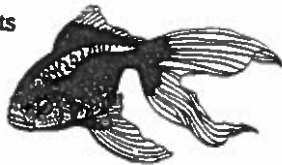
The students would like to thank Mr. Leatherman, Mr. Coleman, and Mrs. Dodgins for their support and interpreting.



Photo by Olivia Stuart
Chris Mick and Tammy Ennis identifying plants during the nursery/landscape contest.

Field Trip to Martinsburg by Chris Mick

On October 8th, the students from Mr. Leatherman's aquaculture class left about 10:00 a.m. for Zett's Fish Farm. Mr. Leatherman let us look around the lake. He talked with a woman about the fish called "koi" and "catfish." We left about 12:15 p.m. As soon as we got back, Mr. Leatherman poured the fish into the tank.



Field Trip to Burlington by Jason Wilson

On October 10th, Mr. Leatherman's groundskeeping class left at 1:00 p.m. to go to a Burlington church to help a group of people to trim bushes.

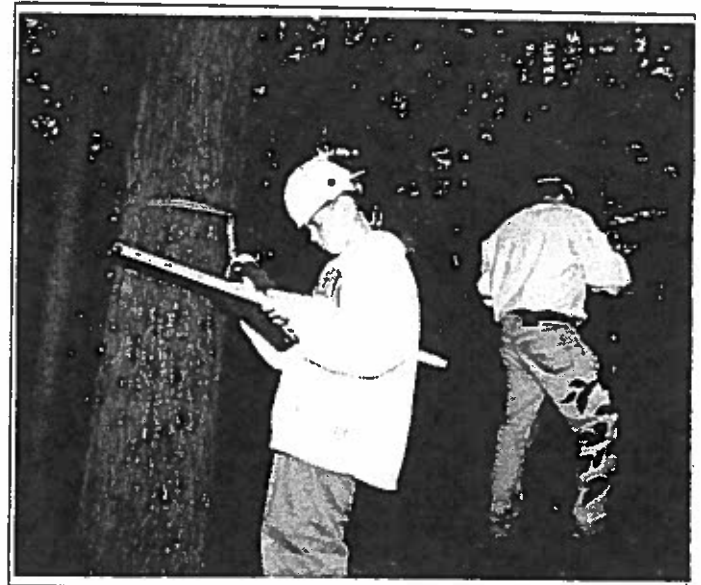
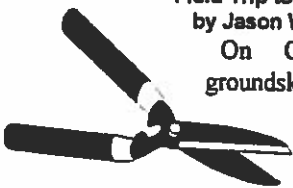


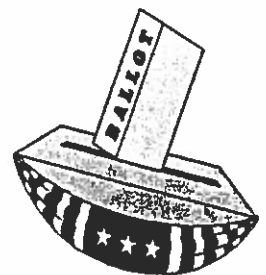
Photo by Olivia Stuart
Daniel Cochran "cruising timber" which was part of the FFA judging contest in Morgantown.

Students helping were Jason Wilson, Stephen Daniels, Edward Quinn, and Doug Martin. We were so tired because it was hard work! After we trimmed the bushes, we cleaned up the leaves that were left. We put the leaves in plastic bags. Mr. Leatherman worked too. The people of the church were happy that we helped them. We arrived back to school at 3:00 p.m.

VICA

1997-98 OFFICERS

President: Chris Mick
Vice-President: Edward Quinn
Secretary: Danielle Surber
Treasurer: Stephanie Smallwood
Sergeants-At-Arms: Chris Rensburg, Doug Martin, Kristie Gillespie



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SPORTS SCENE

by Coach Surber

WVSD Lost to WPSD

Sept. 16 - The WPSD Lady Lions beat the WVSD Lady Lions 3-0 by scores of 15-2, 16-14, and 15-4 at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Tammy Ennis scored high with 8 service points. Olivia Stuart had 6 service points. Stephanie Smallwood had 3 points and 2 kills. Danielle Surber had 1 point and 1 kill. Tabitha Keplinger had 2 points.

WVSD	WPSD
2	15
14	16
4	15

WVSD Rolls Over MSSD JV

September 24 - WVSD's LaTasha Hackett served for 18 service points and Tammy Ennis served 11 at WVSD against MSSD JV to lead the Lady Lions over the Eagles.

Trip to DSD

October 8 - A tri-meet was held at the Delaware School for the Deaf. The Lady Lions beat the DSD Blue Hawks 2-0 by scores of 15-6 and 15-12.

Danielle Surber scored high with 10 service points and 3 kills. Stephanie Smallwood had 7 points and 5 kills. Kristie Gillespie had 5 points and 1 kill. Jo Shaffer and Latasha Hackett had 3 points each and Tammy Ennis had 2 points.

The Lady Lions played the NYSD (Fanwood) team who were the champs in the ESDAA tourney last year. The Lady Lions lost with scores of 15-3 and 15-10.

Danielle scored high with 4 service points and 1 kill. Jo had 3 points, Tammy had 2 points and 1 kill, and Stephanie had 2 points and 3 kills. Kristie had 1 point and 1 kill and Tabitha had 1 point.

WVSD Lady Lions Win

October 14 - The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Lady Lions beat the WVSD Lady Lions 3-0 by the scores of 16-14, 15-0, and 15-9 at WVSD.

Tammy Ennis and Latasha Hackett scored high with 6 service points each. Kristie Gillespie had 4 points and 1 kill. Stephanie Smallwood had 3 points and 3 kills and Danielle Surber had 2 points and 2 kills. Olivia Stuart had 2 points.

VSD Cardinals Win

October 16 - There was an exciting match at the Virginia School for the Deaf when the Lady Cardinals beat the Lady Lions 2-0 by scores of 21-19 and 15-2.



Danielle Surber (left) and Tammy Ennis made the All-Star Team at the Virginia Homecoming Tournament on October 19.

Danielle Surber scored high with 9 points and had one kill. Tammy Ennis had 3 points and 2 kills. Kristie Gillespie had 3 points and one kill. LaTasha Hackett and Sylvia Adkins had 2 points each.

Virginia Homecoming Tournament

October 16-19 - The WVSD Lady Lions and coaches spent three nights in a dormitory at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind for a small tournament. Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and West Virginia schools for the deaf participated in the Virginia School for the Deaf Homecoming Volleyball Tournament.

The Lady Lions took 4th place. Tammy Ennis and Danielle Surber made the All-Star team. They received nice plaques. Everyone did a good job.

**GO,
LADY
LIONS!**





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ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA

DECEMBER 19, 1997

Mr. Dan R. Haught Retires

by Chris Mick

Mr. Dan R. Haught, principal of the Secondary School for the Deaf, will retire on December 31, 1997. He started working here on Jan. 1, 1971, teaching drafting and industrial arts. During Mr. Haught's career, he served in several different positions: as a teacher, vocational coordinator, vocational principal, and principal. When asked if he had any parting words, Mr. Haught said, "I wish the school much success in the 2000's. I will miss the students, staff, and parents." In addition, he commented, "Old principals just fade away."



Mr. Dan R. Haught

In Memoriam



Mr. Hubert Anderson, Jr.

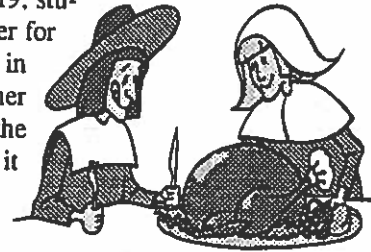
Students and staff at the West Virginia School for the Deaf were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Hubert Anderson, Jr., Nov. 29.

Mr. Anderson was the executive director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He was a strong supporter of our school and visited here often. Mr. Anderson was beloved by students and staff alike. We will truly miss him.

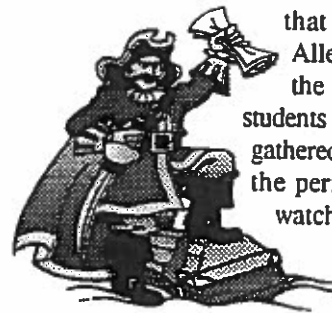
An Evening To Remember

by Stephanie Smallwood

On Wednesday, November 19, students and staff gathered together for the annual Thanksgiving dinner in Seaton Hall. Thanksgiving dinner has always occurred in the evening, but for the first time, it occurred at noon. We had a really delicious Thanksgiving meal. The cooks fixed turkey, green beans, stuffing, corn, and mashed potatoes along with the hot dinner rolls. We had milk and water for drinks. For dessert we had pumpkin pie with Cool Whip on top. The sad thing was that the cooks fixed a delicious meal, and we all ate and didn't realize that we needed to save some room for the delicious pie. After we were all stuffed with the savory meal, we were ready to go to bed. But we couldn't, because the students and staff had to return to school to finish up the day.



After supper, Mr. Corbin announced that all students were invited to Allegheny High School to attend the play, Peter Pan. WVSD students left around 6:15 p.m. Everyone gathered together in the auditorium for the performance. The play was fun to watch. Some elementary students came with us for this special viewing. When we arrived on campus, some of the kids were ready for bed. We arrived around 10:30 p.m.



Congratulations, Mr. Sevigny!

Superintendent Jane McBride recently named Mr. Pierre Sevigny Acting Principal of the Secondary School for the Deaf. Mr. Sevigny, who has taught here for 37 years, will serve in this new capacity until the end of this school year.

Sunshine Too

by Stephanie Smallwood

The theater group, Sunshine Too, from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester, New York, came to our school on November 12. This year, the group had three hearing and four deaf actors. On November 12, the play for the Elementary Department was Special Delivery. They performed the play The Painting for our department on the following day. Sunshine Too also had an evening performance for the public. On the afternoon of the 13th, the troupe conducted a workshop for our department.

Members of Sunshine Too are: Ashanti Brown, Florida; Cathy Friedlander, Florida; Kent Godfrey, New Jersey; Stephanie Heaney, Pennsylvania; Matt Hochkeppel, Massachusetts; Sitara Sheikh, Canada; and Julie Stewart (road/stage manager), Ohio.

We hope Sunshine Too they will return next year.



Photo by Olivia Stuart
Students and Sunshine Too got together for a farewell party.

CLASS COMMENTS

AQUACULTURE

Students have been maintaining the system. The tilapia are averaging one pound, three ounces. The catfish developed channel catfish virus disease, and students have been observing the symptoms and trying different treatments to save them. However, after Thanksgiving vacation, they all died. Other aquaculture programs are experiencing the same problem with catfish. We are now considering obtaining more tilapia or koi carp.

GROUNDSKEEPING

Students have learned how to safely operate the chipper/grinder and hedge trimmer and are presently studying tractor safety. They have also been busy constructing outdoor decorations for the school.

CLUB CLIPS

FFA

by Olivia Stuart and Mr. Leatherman

The officers are demonstrating their leadership skills. Tammy is modifying the opening ceremony in ASL and placing

it in Power Point to help the officers better learn their parts.

All students were invited to the MPR for an FFA-sponsored Harvest Ball on November 20. We learned how to square dance. It was so much fun! Then we all got in a big circle for some "cake walks". Prizes were cupcakes, brownies, and cakes. We had a blast, and everyone enjoyed themselves. When it was time to go, nobody wanted to leave!

GOLF

The sponsors and members met on October 16. The weather was cooperative and the group was able to go to the baseball field to begin practicing with the short irons. Each person was given an eight or nine iron or a pitching wedge to begin. The boys and girls are working on making good contact with the ball and practicing proper swing mechanics.

Everyone had a good time and we are looking forward to the next golf meeting. During the cold months, we will practice indoors with putting and more instruction on proper swing techniques. The rules of golf will be discussed, as well as proper golf etiquette.

VICA

On November 20, 27 members, three VICA sponsors and Mrs. Dodgins visited Shingleton's Quality Wood Products in Augusta. It was awesome watching the sawyer who had both of his hands and feet at some kind of controls in the cab while sawing the logs on a carriage. Another site, S. J. Morse in Capon Bridge, amazed the students with the value and use of various kinds of veneer obtained from Central America and South America and used to manufacture panel products. Everyone seemed to enjoy the field trip.

SPORTS SCENE

WVSD Volleyball Season Over

by Coach Mary Beth Suber

It's hard to believe the volleyball season is over. The Lady Lions' record is 3-12 (not including the ESDAA tournament).

Last November 7, we went to Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City to attend the ESDAA Tournament with seven other teams. We enjoyed the view of New York City, especially the Statue of Liberty.

We played games all night on Friday and all day Saturday. Some of us had stiff necks from sleeping on the hard floor in the classroom Friday night.

On Saturday evening, trophies were presented to Western PA School for the Deaf for the championship, to the American School for the Deaf for the second place, and to us, WVSD, for team sportsmanship. Tammy Ennis was chosen for the All Star Team. After the awards, we left New York around 6:00 p.m. for WVSD. We arrived back home around 2:45 a.m.

Congratulations to our Lady Lions on their team sportsmanship. Congratulations to Tammy Ennis for making the All Star Team. We are going to miss her leadership next year

Boys' Basketball



Front row, left to right: Jason Wilson 5'3-½" (G), Chris Remsburg 5'8" (G), Chris Mick 5'6" (F, G), Daniel Cochran 5'4-½" (G). Back row: Mr. Mike Suber, Coach, Patrick Collins 6' (G, F), Stephen Daniels 6'1" (F), Ronald Lake 6' (F), Marcus Leake 6'6" (C, F), Damron Walton 6'2-½" (F), Justin Catlett 6'1" (C, F), Doug Martin 5'9-½" (G), Tammy Ennis, manager. (Not pictured: Olivia Stuart, scorekeeper.)

1997 Volleyball Statistics

	Service		
	Points	Kills	Assists
Tammy Ennis	124	31	53
Danielle Surber	108	44	14
Latasha Hackett	90	18	6
Stephanie Smallwood	69	61	10
Kristie Gillespie	47	14	6
Olivia Stuart	28	5	0
Joanne Shaffer	22	0	0
Tabitha Keplinger	13	2	2
Sylvia Adkins	11	2	4
Sheena Smith	0	0	2

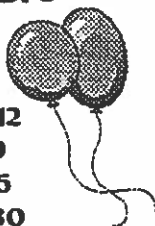
Girls' Basketball



Kneeling, left to right: Jo Shaffer 5'8-1/2" (F), Tabitha Keplinger 5'3" (F), Sylvia Adkins 5' (G), Carolyn Rockow (Elem.), Holly Romanello (Elem). Back row: Mrs. Beth Surber, Coach, Kristie Gillespie 5'5" (G, F), Danielle Surber 5'7-1/2" (G, F), Latasha Hackett 5'9-1/2" (C), Tammy Ennis 5'8-1/2" (F), Mr. Mike Surber, Coach. (Not pictured: Olivia Stuart, scorekeeper and Stephen Daniels, manager.)

November

APRIL DIXON - 9
 JUSTUS C. PLANTS - 12
 OLIVIA STUART - 19
 JUSTIN CATLETT - 26
 PATRICK COLLINS - 30



December

DANIEL COCHRAN - 3
 CHRIS REMSBURG - 15
 SHEENA SMITH - 20
 JEFF WRIGHT - 21
 MARCUS LEAKE - 23

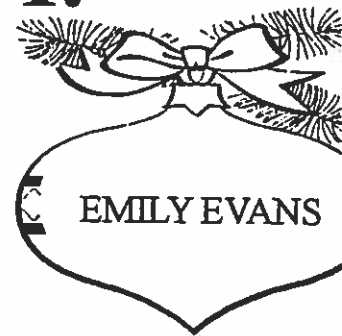
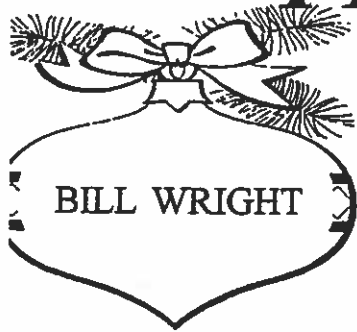
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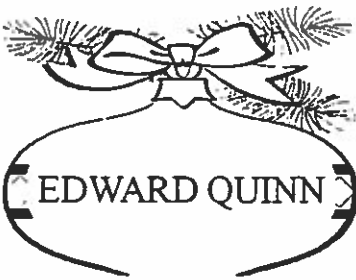
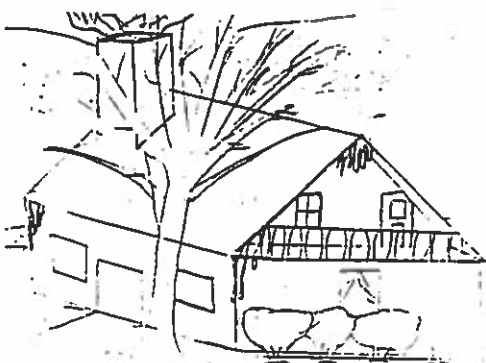
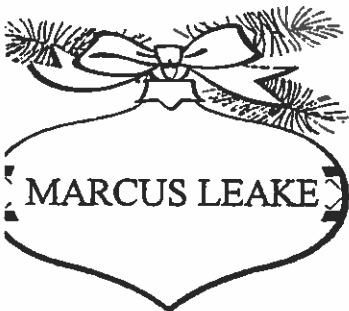
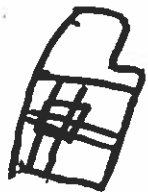
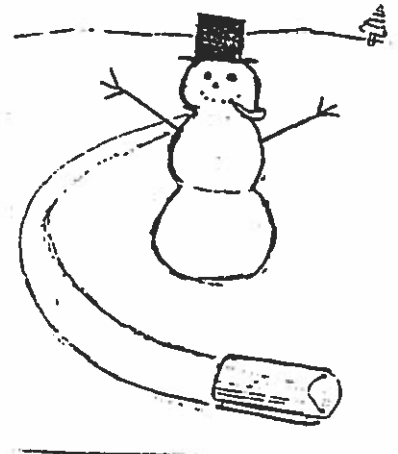
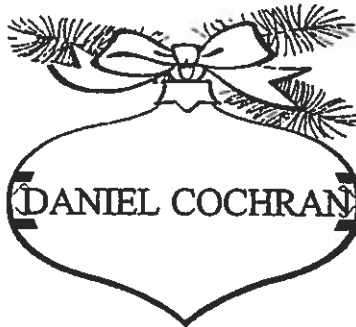












Merry Christmas

FROM THE ART DEPT.



Merry Christmas



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4 	5	6 Girls' B.E. East Hardy (H) @ 7:00 	7	8 Boys' B.E. WPSD 	9	10
11	12 Boys' B.E. Flintston (A) @ 7:00 	13 Girls' & Boys' B.E. Del. Deaf (A) @ 2:00 	14	15 Girls' & Boys' B.E. WPSD (A) @ 4:00 	16 	17
18	19 	20 Girls' B.E. Flintston (A) @ 6:30 	21	22 Girls' B.E. Heall (H) @ 4:00 	23	24
25	26 Boys' B.E. WPSD (A) @ 7:00 	27	28	29 Girls' B.E. Va. Deaf (H) @ 6:30 Boys' B.E. Oldham (A) @ 7:30	30	31



January 1998



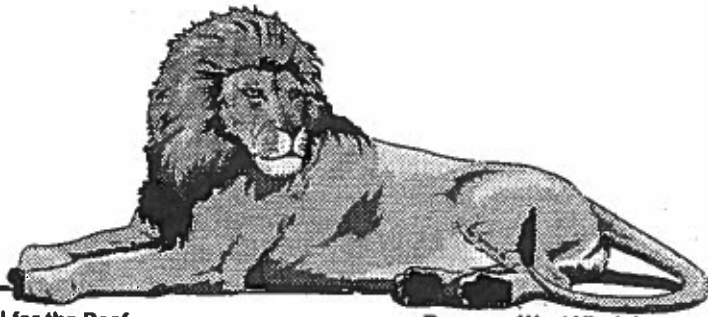
COMING IN JANUARY

Body By Choice - My Choice

WVSD students will participate in a six week nutrition education program beginning January 21.

Students will benefit from cross-curricular activities such as food tasting, new recipes, exercise, and guest speakers.

Funding for this project is provided by the Office of Healthy Schools.



The Lions' Tale

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

January 30, 1998

Interview with Mr. Sevigny

by Chris Mick

Q: What are your feelings about being named acting principal?

A: I am happy to be the principal because I spent the last 37 years in the cabinetmaking shop, standing on a concrete floor. Now I have a chance to sit down in my office!

Q: What are your goals for our school?

A: I want the students to be happy in their educational environment.

Q: What is the most positive thing about our school?

A: I am trying to get the most out of the students' leadership skills. Being a VICA sponsor for a number of years, I have seen the students' leadership skills.

Q: Do you think we can improve our school? **A:** There are many forgotten and untouched areas that can help us become a better school.



Mr. Pierre Sevigny

Body By Choice - My Choice

January 19 - February 27, 1998

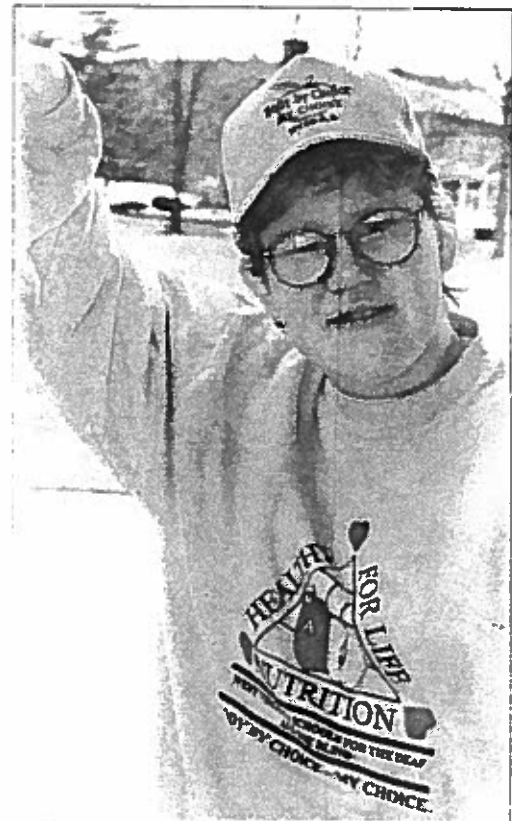
Our school has initiated a special nutrition education program in the cafeteria and in the school environment called Body by Choice - My Choice. Body By Choice is a six week program designed to encourage high school students to choose:

- *foods reduced in fat, sugar, and salt
- *foods high in iron
- *more whole grain foods
- *meals that have more variety

This program is another way that West Virginia schools are promoting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommended by the U.S. Surgeon General.

Body By Choice entrees, desserts, fruits, vegetables, breads and low-fat milks are featured throughout the six weeks with a special focus on Wednesday at lunch time. The special activities happening in the cafeteria and the classroom help to reinforce the students' awareness and to help them make healthy food choices.

Be sure to ask your son or daughter about the Body By Choice program. Encourage them to tell you about any new foods they may have tasted/eaten.



April Dixon is wearing her Body By Choice - My Choice sweatshirt and cap.

Each Wednesday students are encouraged to sample various foods they may not have tasted before. When finished, students are asked to fill out an opinion survey on the samplings. Surveys are put into a bag, and each week a winner is drawn. Our first winner, April Dixon, won a sweatshirt and cap.

Christmas Tea Party

by Stephanie Smallwood

On December 16, WVSD students gathered at the Superintendent's house for an annual Christmas tea party. The seniors greeted all guests at the door. Some of the refreshments prepared by the food classes were: fruit drop cookies, pumpkin bar cookies, sugar cookies, and LeAnn's cheese ball. Retired teachers served coffee and holiday punch. Students and staff had a good time. The Christmas tea gives students the opportunity to prepare food, learn social etiquette, learn how to handle a buffet table, and how to clean up.

Cleanest Rooms in the Dorm

(Winners of pizzas!)

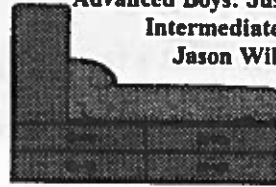
Advanced Girls: Stephanie Smallwood

Intermediate Girls: JoAnne Shaffer

Advanced Boys: Justin Catlett/Stephen Daniels

Intermediate Boys: J. C. Plants/

Jason Wilson/Jared Helsel



Keep up the good work!

CLUB CLIPS



Photo by JoAnne Shaffer
Members of the VICA Club took a field trip last December to Shingleton's Lumber Company in Augusta. Also pictured are Mr. Seigny, VICA sponsor and acting principal, and Mr. Mark Dodd, of Shingleton's.

FFA

by Olivia Stuart

Right before Christmas break began, FFA had another square dance. This dance was the last dance of 1997.

Chris Mick, an FFA member, quoted "I had fun and I really enjoyed the cakewalks." Many of the students enjoyed themselves, but I think every one enjoyed the cakewalks most of all. The FFA sponsors, officers, and members are very fond of these dances.

Thanks again to Mr. Steve Dawson, Mr. Dick Everett, and Mr. & Mrs. Leatherman for providing the music.

Jr. NAD

by Tammy Ennis

The Jr. Nad members and sponsors had a Christmas party in early December. We exchanged gifts and ate delicious food. We hope to have a Valentine party in February.

JANUARY

William Wright - 8

Danielle Surber - 18

Kristie Gillespie - 17

Joshua Hamilton - 27

JoAnne Shaffer - 30

SPORTS SCENE

Girls' Basketball by Coach Surber

December 9, 1997	WVSD	Flintstone
(Home game)	20	34
S. Smallwood - 9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals		
T. Ennis - 4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals		
D. Surber - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals		
T. Keplinger - 2 points		
L. Hackett - 7 rebounds		
J. Shaffer - 1 points		

December 10, 1997	WVSD	East Hardy
(Away Game)	19	34
T. Ennis - 13 points, 13 rebounds		
L. Hackett - 6 points, 4 rebounds		
D. Surber - 9 rebounds, 2 steals		

December 11, 1997	WVSD	WPSD
(Home Game)	18	27
T. Ennis - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists		
D. Surber - 4 points, 9 rebounds		
S. Smallwood - 4 points		
L. Hackett - 2 points		
K. Gillespie - 2 points		

December 15, 1997	WVSD	VSD
(Away Game)	17	30
T. Ennis - 13 points, 10 rebounds		
D. Surber - 4 points, 11 rebounds		

December 16, 1997	WVSD	MSSD
(Home Game)	22	36
T. Ennis - 12 points, 11 rebounds		
D. Surber - 8 points, 7 rebounds		
L. Hackett - 2 points		
K. Gillespie - 8 rebounds, 3 steals		

January 6, 1998	WVSD	East Hardy
(Home Game)	13	28
T. Ennis - 4 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals		
D. Surber - 3 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals		
L. Hackett - 2 points, 6 rebounds		
S. Smallwood - 2 points, 3 rebounds		
K. Gillespie - 2 points		



Photo by Olivia Stuart
Lady Lions Kristie Gillespie (#35) and Danielle Surber defend against Delaware.

Boys' Basketball by Coach Surber

December 11, 1997	WVSD	WPSD
(Home Game)	11	76
Jason Wilson- 6 points		
Daniel Cochran- 3 points		
Chris Mick- 1 point		
Doug Martin- 1 point		
Justin Catlett - 6 rebounds		
Marcus Leake- 5 rebounds, 6 blocks		

December 15, 1997	WVSD	VSD
(Away Game)	20	51
Marcus Leake- 7 points, 6 rebounds, 5 blocks		
Justin Catlett- 5 points, 7 rebounds		
Jason Wilson- 4 points		
Daniel Cochran- 2 points		

December 16, 1997	WVSD	Timberidge
(Home Game)	19	68
Chris Mick- 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals		
Marcus Leake- 4 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals		
Justin Catlett- 4 points, 4 rebounds		
Daniel Cochran- 3 points		
Jason Wilson- 2 points, 3 steals		
Damron Walton- 1 points, 3 rebounds		

December 18, 1997	WVSD	Oldtown
(Home Game)	32	83
Patrick Collins- 14 points, 12 rebounds, 5 steals		
Justin Catlett- 8 points, 3 rebounds		
Marcus Leake- 6 points, 9 rebound, 5 blocks		
Chris Mick- 2 points, 3 rebounds		
Daniel Cochran- 2 points		

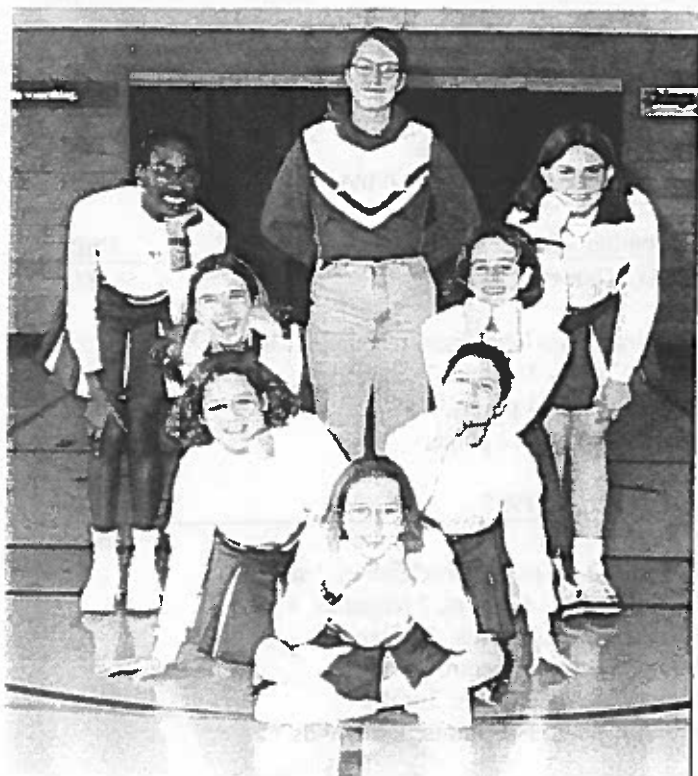


Photo by Danielle Surber

Jason Wilson dribbles the ball down court during an away game with Delaware School for the Deaf.

CORRECTION:

Stephanie Smallwoods' name was inadvertently omitted from the Girls' basketball team photo last month. Sorry, Stephanie!



WVSD Lions' Cheerleaders

Sitting: Sheena Smith, eighth grade. Second row (l to r): Tabitha Keplinger, eighth grade; Sylvia Adkins, freshman. Third row: Danielle Surber, eighth grade; Kristie Gillespie, eighth grade. Fourth row: Latasha Hackett, junior; Stephanie Smallwood, sophomore. Standing: Spotter JoAnne Shaffer, freshman.

What was the best thing that happened to you in 1997?

by Olivia Stuart

Let's see ...
1997

Ed Quinn, Senior - I improved in my art skills.

Latasha Hackett, Junior - I improved in my school work.

Olivia Stuart, Sophomore - The day I got out of the hospital.

Jason Wilson, Freshmen - I got my car.

Sheena Smith, Eighth Grade - The volleyball team went to the Lexington School for the Deaf. We had a lot of fun.

Lennie Stamper, Senior - I got new clothes.

Mr. Coleman, teacher - December 31, when the year ended!

COMING IN MARCH

**THEATRE WEST VIRGINIA
and WVSD**

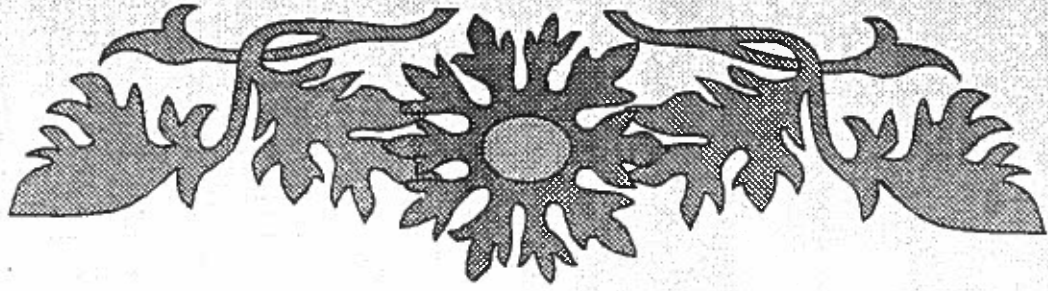
present for the first time on tour

HONEY IN THE ROCK





a theatrical extravaganza surrounding
the birth of West Virginia

Mark your
calendars for
March 19th.

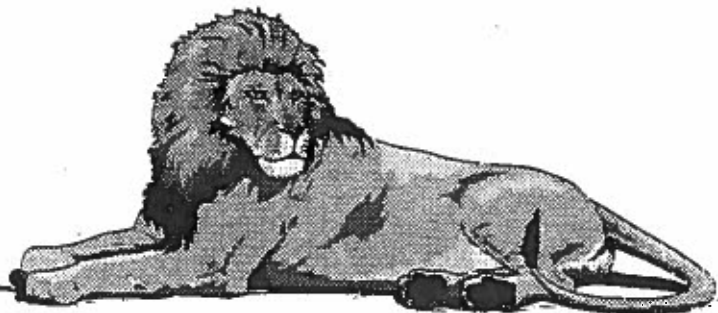




February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Boys' B.B. Paw Paw (H) 7:30	3 Girls' B.B. Boat (TV) (A) 6:00 Boys' B.B. MSD	4 Boys' B.B. V.S.O. (H) 8:30	5 	6	7
8 	9 Boys' B.B. MSD (A) 8:30	10 Boys' B.B. Timberidge (A) 7:00	11 ESDAA Girls' Tourney Del. Deal 11 - 14	12	13	14 Valentines Day 
15	16 Boys' B.B. Flintstone (H) 7:00	17 Girls' B.B. MSD (H) 8:30 	18	19 Girls' B.B. Boys' B.B. Ohio Deal (A) 8:00	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28





The Lions' Tale

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

February 28, 1998

WVSD's New Student, Noelle Payton

by Olivia Stuart

Noelle Payton is a fifteen-year-old from Charleston, WV. She transferred from MSSD in Washington D.C. and says she heard about our school from a friend.

Her hobbies include writing, reading, dancing, signing and singing to music. Her favorite class is photography, and she really enjoys her science teacher.



Noelle Payton

Noelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Payton.

Jeff Wright Lucky Winner Of Body By Choice Drawing

The second week's "Body By Choice - My Choice" drawing was won by junior Jeff Wright.

Chris Remsburg, senior, won the third week's drawing. See page 4 for more "Body By Choice" photos.



Photo by Olivia Stuart

Eighth Graders Participate In Golden Horseshoe

by Mr. Adrian

Once again the eighth grade class participated in the WV Golden Horseshoe testing. The students who completed the test this year from our school were Danielle Surber, Patrick Collins, Tabitha Keplinger, Sheena Smith, and Kristie Gillespie. There were 100 questions and the class had to prepare for it sooner than in the past. Traditionally, February 14th was the date for the test but this year it was February 4th. The students had to answer an essay question as well.

We are very proud of our students and we are looking forward to hearing about the campus winner.



Photo by Olivia Stuart

Eighth graders display their Golden Horseshoe certificates. Seated, left to right: Sheena Smith, Kristie Gillespie, Danielle Surber, Tabitha Keplinger. Standing: Mr. Adrian and Patrick Collins

Job Shadowing

WVSD's eighth graders were treated to a "job shadowing" experience on the First Annual National Groundhog Job Shadow Day, February 2.

Job shadowing gives young people the chance to learn by doing — to spend part of a day in the workplace, getting a first-hand look at what a "real job" is like. Even more important, job shadowing shows students how the skills they learn in school will be put into action in the workplace.

Mrs. Nancy Haught, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, arranged for our eighth grade students to spend time with workers in four area businesses. Mrs. Maureen Wysopal prepared these students for their job shadowing experience through classroom instruction. She helped them understand the purposes of job shadowing, discussed appropriate questions for the students to ask, and assisted them with thank you notes after their experience was over.

Kristie Gillespie and Patrick Collins visited veterinarian Lowell Hott, where they witnessed two minor surgeries and x-ray procedures.

Danielle Surber went to The Hampshire Review, where she shadowed Ms. Lana Bean, Ms. Jean Clower, and Ms. Vickie Horton. Danielle learned various aspects of the newspaper business.

Tabitha Keplinger visited with Ms. Pat Cosner, Director of Social Work for the Long Term Care Unit at Hampshire Memorial Hospital, and Ms. Tracey Glenn, Director of Nursing at the Hampshire Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

Sheena Smith went to The Bank of Romney, where she shadowed Ms. Brenda Hasalew, New Accounts.

We appreciate these workers taking the time to let our students experience a few hours of their jobs.



Tabitha Keplinger visited with Ms. Pat Cosner (left) and Ms. Tracey Glenn, of Hampshire Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit.



Ms. Vickie Horton of The Hampshire Review showed Danielle Surber how computers are used in the newspaper business.



Sheena Smith learned about "New Accounts" from Ms. Brenda Hasalew at The Bank of Romney.



Patrick Collins (center) and Kristie Gillespie learned about being a veterinarian from Lowell Hott, DVM, while "Falko" looked on.

Sports Scene

Girls' Basketball

Record as of 1/22 : 2 - 7

Jan 6 WVSD East Hardy

(Home) 13 28

Tammy Ennis - 4 points, 9 rebounds, 4 blocks

Danielle Surber - 3 points, 10 rebounds, 4 steals

Stephanie Smallwood - 2 points, 3 rebounds

Latasha Hackett - 2 points, 6 rebounds

Kristie Gillespie - 2 points

Jan 13 WVSD Del Deaf

(Away) 31 13

Stephanie Smallwood - 12 points

Tammy Ennis - 11 points, 14 rebounds, 2 steals

Danielle Surber - 6 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists

Latasha Hackett - 2 points, 7 rebounds

Kristie Gillespie - 4 rebounds, 3 steals

* First game the Lady Lions won !!! Great Job !!!!

Jan 20 WVSD Flintstone

(Away) 17 48

Stephanie Smallwood - 10 points

Tammy Ennis - 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assist, 2 blocks

Latasha Hackett - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 blocks

Jan 22 WVSD Reall

(Home) 19 18

Kristie Gillespie - 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals

Steph Smallwood - 6 points

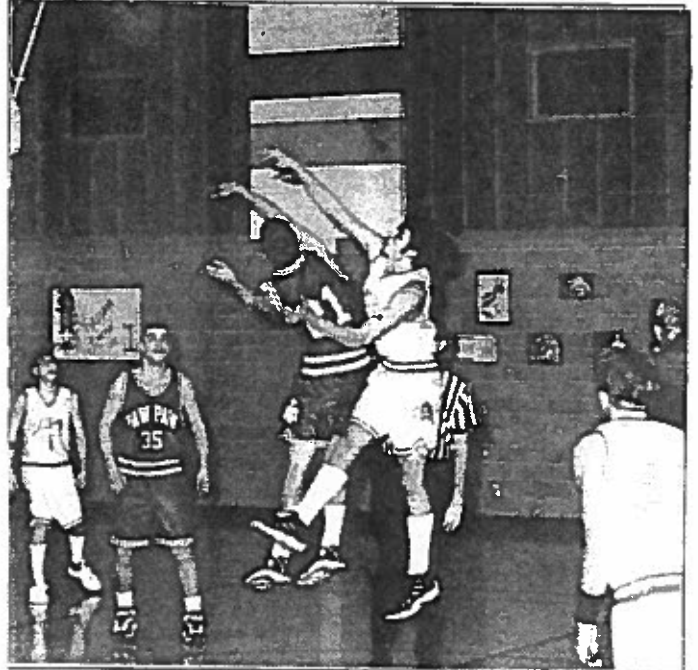
Danielle Surber - 4 points, 16 rebounds, 4 steals

Latasha Hackett - 2 points, 7 rebounds

Tammy Ennis - 9 rebounds, 3 assist, 2 steals, 3 blocks

Boys' Basketball

Record as of 1/20 : 0-7



Stephen Daniels going for a jump ball.

Photo by Olivia Stuart

Jan 8 WVSD MSSD

(Home) 5 74

Jason Wilson - 3 points, 3 steals

Marcus Leake - 2 points, 4 rebounds

Justin Catlett - 4 rebounds

Jan 15 WVSD Del Deaf

(Away) 29 73

Chris Mick - 12 points, 3 steals

Jason Wilson - 8 points

Patrick Collins - 4 points, 4 rebounds

Marcus Leake - 3 points, 6 rebounds, 5 blocks

Damron Walton - 2 points

Jan 20 WVSD Flintstone

(Away) 49 83

Jason Wilson - 15 points

Damron Walton - 12 points

Marcus Leake - 9 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists

Patrick Collins - 8 points, 3 steals

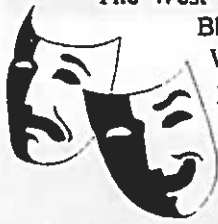
Daniel Cochran - 3 points

Chris Mick - 2 points



WVSD girls playing The Learning Center in a tournament held at Delaware School for the Deaf.

"Shadowing" at WVSD



The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind have been privileged to host Theatre West Virginia (TWV) for the past four years, bringing such cultural experiences as Huck Finn, The Man in the Iron Mask, and Cyrano de Bergerac to our rural area. This year, the group will bring for the first time on tour, Honey in the Rock. Through a grant from the WV Department of Cultural and History's Arts and Humanities section, we are able to present TWV to our school and our community on March 17.

The recommendation from our staff, students, and Cultural Arts Committee to provide our students with an improved method for interpreting plays prompted us to search for a better way. While researching, we discovered "shadows", a concept utilizing one interpreter for each actor, following the actor on stage, and assuming that particular role. Dressed in black, a Shadow is not a distraction but rather an enhancement to the understanding of the characters and the plot.

Since October, the shadows' responsibilities have included understanding the characters, translating dialogue into sign language, thinking about positions on stage, reviewing the video tape of the performance, and educating our students to the idea of shadowing.

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind sincerely appreciate the grant provided by the WV Department of Cultural and History's Arts and Humanities section and the opportunity to bring this cultural experience to our rural area.

DORM NEWS

Mr. Randy Henderson, counselor, has been conducting group meetings with students in each dormitory unit. These meetings provide the opportunity for students to discuss their problems and concerns.

Students have enjoyed swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Cleanest Room winners for January:

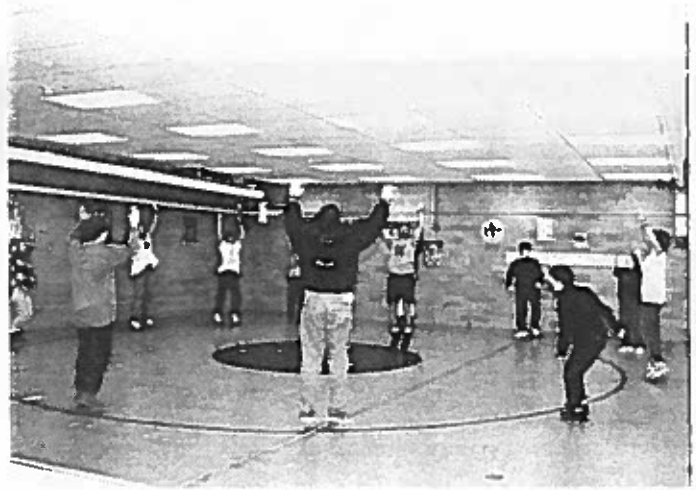
Adv. Girls - Stephanie Smallwood

Int. Girls - Joanne Shaffer

Adv. Boys - Damron Walton, Chris Remsburg, & Sammy McCraw

Int. Boys - Jared Heisel

Keep up the good work!
Enjoy your pizzas!



In conjunction with the Body by Choice - My Choice program for 30 minutes each Wednesday students and staff go to the gym to exercise. Above, Mr. Haines is doing calisthenics and stretching with the females. Below, the males are walking laps with light weights.

Photos by Olivia Stuart

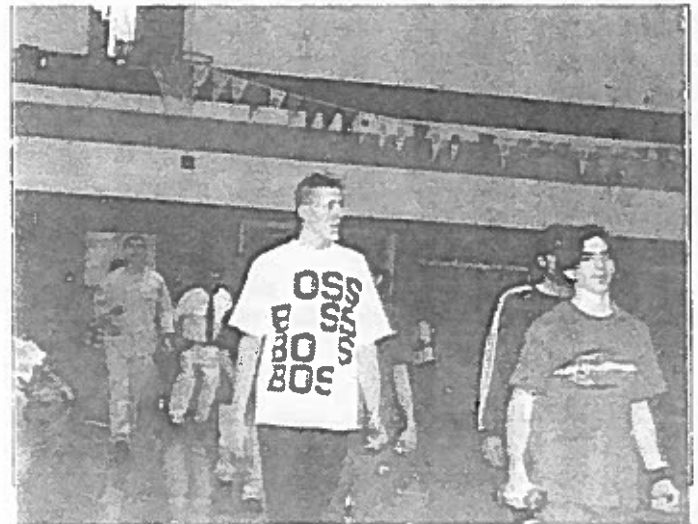







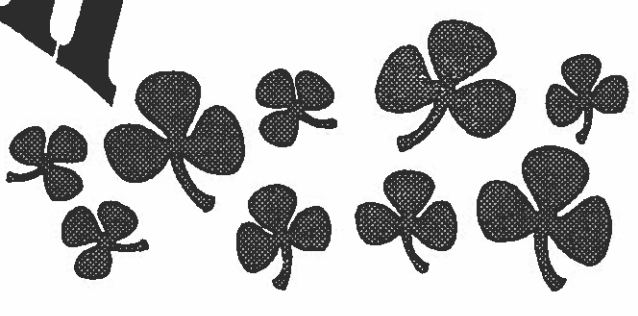
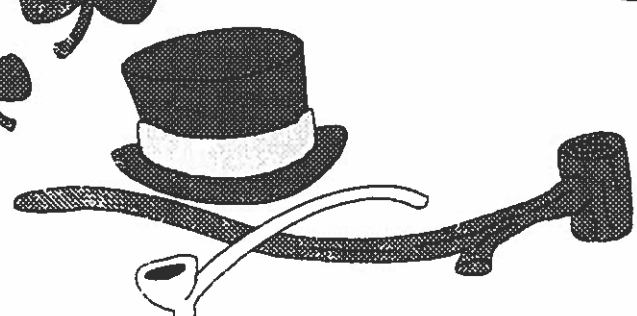


Photo by Olivia Stuart
WVSD Cheerleaders (left to right) Sheena Smith, Latasha Hackett, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, and Kristie Gillespie.

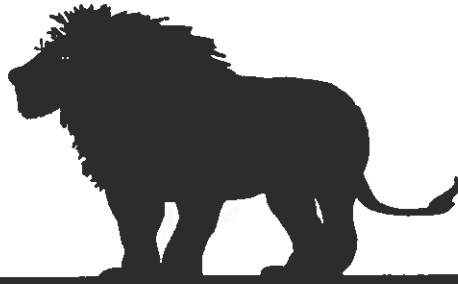
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1 In 1961 JFK established the Peace Corps	2	3 Alexander Graham Bell's Birthday (1847)	4 "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" FDR (1933)	5 The Boston Massacre took place (1770)	6 The Dred Scott case took place (1857)	7
8 The First Hot Dog License was enacted in NYC (1894)	9 Amerigo Vespucci's Birthday (1451)	10	11	12 	13	14 The cotton gin machine was made (1794)
15 	16 James Madison's Birthday (1751)	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Johnny Appleseed died (1847)	19 Theatre WW "Money in the Bank" 	20 Spring Begins 	21
22	23 "Give me liberty or give me death" Patrick Henry (1775)	24 Harry Houdini's Birthday (1874)	25	26 Robert Frost's Birthday (1875)	27 	28
29 	30 In 1870 15th Amendment to US Constitution ratified	31 The Eiffel Tower was completed (1889)				



March



The LIONS' TALE



West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

March 31, 1998

WVSD's New Student, Wesley Jarrell

by Olivia Stuart

Wesley Jarrell is a fourteen-year-old from Flatwoods, WV. He transferred from a Christian School. Wesley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cogar.

He heard about WVSD from his mom. He is really enjoying his new friends here at WVSD.

Some of his favorite things to do are playing with and teaching tricks to his Dalmatian, and riding different kinds of bikes, go carts, and four wheelers.



Wesley Jarrell

WVSD's TV Program

by Olivia Stuart

For the first time in WVSD history, we have a TV news program. In this program, we announce the daily news and events. Since this is a school for deaf, and all of the students have a hearing loss, we couldn't announce the news over the intercom, like public schools. So, in working towards this goal for a long time, and we have finally accomplished it.

Senior Tammy Ennis, pictured below, has put a lot of time and work into this program. She types the script every afternoon in Mrs. Herriott's class, and in the morning she signs the news to the students and staff over closed circuit TV. Other students who have participated in the news program are: Justin Catlett, Brandon Hall, Sheena Smith, JoAnne Shaffer, Stephanie Smallwood, Olivia Stuart, Lennie Stamper, and Jeff Quimby. We would like to thank Tammy; Mr. Leatherman and his classes for hooking up everything; Edward Quinn, Class of '98, for drawing the background; and all of the other people who helped make WVSD-TV Morning News a reality.



ESDAA Tournament

by Olivia Stuart

Last month, WVSD's basketball players and cheerleaders prepared themselves for the annual ESDAA Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament. This year's event took place in Rochester, NY, during a cold weekend in February.

The boys placed fourth out of five basketball teams. Stephen Daniels was named to the All Star Team.

The cheerleaders placed fourth out of four teams.. Stephanie Smallwood made the All Star cheerleading team.

BBC - MC Has Come To A Successful End

by Olivia Stuart

Students and staff at WVSD completed a six-week program of Body by Choice - My Choice. The goal of this nutrition education program, planned and implemented by Mrs. Staley, was teaching students how to make healthy food choices, and to think about nutrition and exercise. It also taught the students how all three of these are related to a healthy lifestyle.

The students and staff had an opportunity to taste new foods and learn about individual fitness. The students and staff really enjoyed this program.

We would like to thank Mrs. Staley for all of her hard work and Mr. Sevigny for allowing us to change Wednesday's schedule so we could go to the gym the last 30 minutes of the day. All of our teachers and staff were involved. If we didn't have everyone's cooperation, it wouldn't have been possible.

Remember, making healthy food choices is for life!



JASON WILSON · MARCH 19

When the Cat's Away . . . The Mice Will Play!



While Mr. Sevigny attended a meeting, many of our students were on the annual ski trip, and ten of our faculty were participating in Instrumental Enrichment, the remaining students and staff ordered pizza for lunch.

The Seaton Hall cooks were the guests of honor. Everyone had their fill of pizza, veggies, fruit, chips, pretzels and milk.

The cooks enjoyed having lunch served to them and the students and the teachers were also pleased with the surprise menu of the day.

Theater WV

by Olivia Stuart

Theatre WV is an acting troupe based in Beckley, WV. For the last five years they have been coming here to perform a variety of different shows.

This year Theatre WV performed Honey in the Rock. The story is based on the birth of WV. Normally the play is performed in Beckley with a cast about 100. For their WVSD&B performance, the cast was pared down to six.

Also here at school we had a new way of interpreting. This year staff members provided us with "shadow" interpreting for Honey in the Rock. They dressed all in black, and each followed a character, interpreting what he or she said. All of the kids had great comments about the play and the shadowers.

On Friday, Theatre WV did another play called Imagination Station. This play was funny but had a moral to it. The moral was that even though some people are different from you, they shouldn't be picked on.



Theatre WV Actors and Shadow Interpreters

SPORTS SCENE

1997-98 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

	Games Played	FG-2 pt.	FG-3 pt.	FTM-FTA*	Pt. Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Assist Avg.	Steal Avg.
Ennis	15	55	0	14-37	8.2	9.8	1.6	1.9
Surber	14	22	0	14-36	4.1	10.7	1.5	2.2
Smallwood	13	44	1	10-28	7.6	1.5	1.1	1.0
Hackett	15	12	0	2-8	1.7	3.9	.80	.53
Gillespie	11	6	3	1-3	2.0	2.1	.36	1.5
Keplinger	12	0	0	2-5	--	1.5	.41	.66
Shaffer	10	0	0	1-2	--	--	.10	.30
Adkins	8	0	0	--	--	--	--	--

*Free throw made-Free throw attempted

1997-98 BOYS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

	Games Played	FG-2 pt.	FG-3 pt.	FTM-FTA*	Pt. Avg.	Rebound Avg.	Assist Avg.	Steal Avg.
Leake	20	51	--	23-68	6.2	8.3	.73	.78
Wilson	20	37	4	5-26	4.5	1.4	1.5	1.3
Catlett	17	9	3	2-8	1.7	3.7	.68	.43
Cochran	20	5	2	7-19	1.1	3.0	.84	.84
Mick	20	16	1	10-23	2.2	1.1	.57	.42
Collins	15	14	--	--	1.8	2.7	.06	1.0
Walton	18	12	2	6-15	2.0	2.7	.22	.16
Daniels	11	113	59	33-62	39.6	12.2	2.2	4.1

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Booker T. Washington's Birthday (1896)

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Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King reached the North Pole (1957)



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The first edition of Noah Webster's dictionary was published (1828)

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Titanic sank (1912)

16
Wilbur Wright's Birthday (1867)

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Parents' Day

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Spring Break has begun!!!

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Paul Revere's Midnight Ride (1775)



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April 20 - 24 Juniors - Vocational Evaluations

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Rome was found by Romulus (753 B.C.)



23
Robbin Knox-Johnston first person to sell around the world alone. (1969)

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The Boston News-Letter - First American newspaper to be printed regularly

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International conference to establish United Nations (1945)

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William Shakespeare's Birthday (1564)

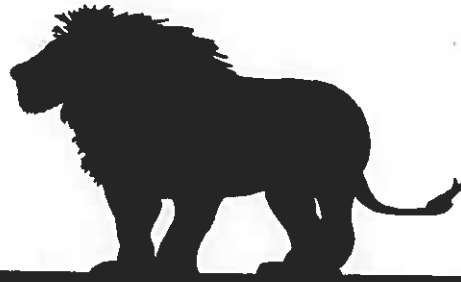
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April 27 - May 1 Seniors - Job Club



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Birthday of the Zipper (1893)

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The LIONS' TALE



West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia

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Tammy M. Ennis
Valedictorian

Tammy Ennis, of Orlando, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ennis. She is President of the Jr. NAD and also serves as President of the Future Farmers of America. She is a member of the Golf Club. Tammy has received the following awards: Basketball Most Valuable Player, Girls Softball Most Valuable Player, Girls Volleyball Most Valuable Player, Photography Award, World History Award, Biology Award, and High Academic Award.



Stephen G. Daniels
Salutatorian

Stephen Daniels, Jr., is from Martinsburg, and is the son of Mrs. Judy Noll. He is a member of the Future Farmers of America and the Golf Club. Stephen has received the following awards: Most Valuable Player in Basketball, the Mountaineer Award, the Best All Around Student Award in 1995 and was on the ESDAA All Star Team.



Edward J. Quinn

Edward Joseph Quinn is from Ripley, and is the son of Mrs. Susan Benoit. He is a member of the Future Farmers of America, Golf Club, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and the Military Philosophy Club. He has participated on the baseball and basketball teams. Eddie plans to work with his father after graduation.



Christopher Lee
Remburg

Christopher Lee Remsburg is from Gerrardstown. He is the son of Ms. Ruth Stone. Chris is a member of the Future Farmers of America, the Golf Club, Future Homemakers of America, and the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He also participated in basketball. Chris won the History Award.



Lynn (Lennie)
Stamper

Lynn (Lennie) Stamper is from Falling Waters, and is the son of Mrs. Nola Wilson. He is a member of the Golf Club, the Future Farmers of America, the Military Philosophy Club, and the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He has participated in baseball, wrestling, basketball, and Special Olympics. For two years, Lennie has learned job skills at the Hampshire County Special Services Workshop in car detailing and other areas. He plans to continue job training in his home county after graduation.



Joshua Hamilton

Joshua Hamilton is the son of Ms. Virchie Hadley and Mr. Delmar Hamilton, of Springfield. He participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA), Golf Club, and Future Homemakers of America. As a member of the FFA Dairy Team, his team placed sixth in the Annual State Judging Contest.

April

Stephen Daniels - 2

Damron Walton - 24

Sylvia Adkins - 3

Jeff Quimby - 28

Jared Helsel - 14

Tabitha Keplinger - 29

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Chris Mick - 7

Tammy Ennis - 22

Eddie Quinn - 23

CLASS COMMENTS - THE CIVIL WAR

Editor's Note: *For the past two months all students have participated in a cross-curricular study of the Civil War. The academic classes have been doing activities such as reading novels and journals from the Civil War, learning about slang popular during the Civil War era, studying different battles of the Civil War, and making graphs and charts relating to casualties of the war; and vocational classes have been learning about Civil War artillery, photography, and food. Students have done research on the World Wide Web, and we have taken several field trips to show students where some of the events occurred.*

Harpers Ferry

by Olivia B. Stuart

This year, some of the teachers decided to have a cross-curricular study of the Civil War. We are learning about what happened before, during, and after the war.

One of the things we learned about was John Brown and the raid on Harpers Ferry. And of course, what is the best way to learn? Hands on experience. So, right before the last home going, the students went to Harpers Ferry. In the box to the right are some short comments from the students.

Antietam

by Olivia B. Stuart

On May 14th the school traveled to Antietam, a Civil War battlefield located in Sharpsburg, MD.

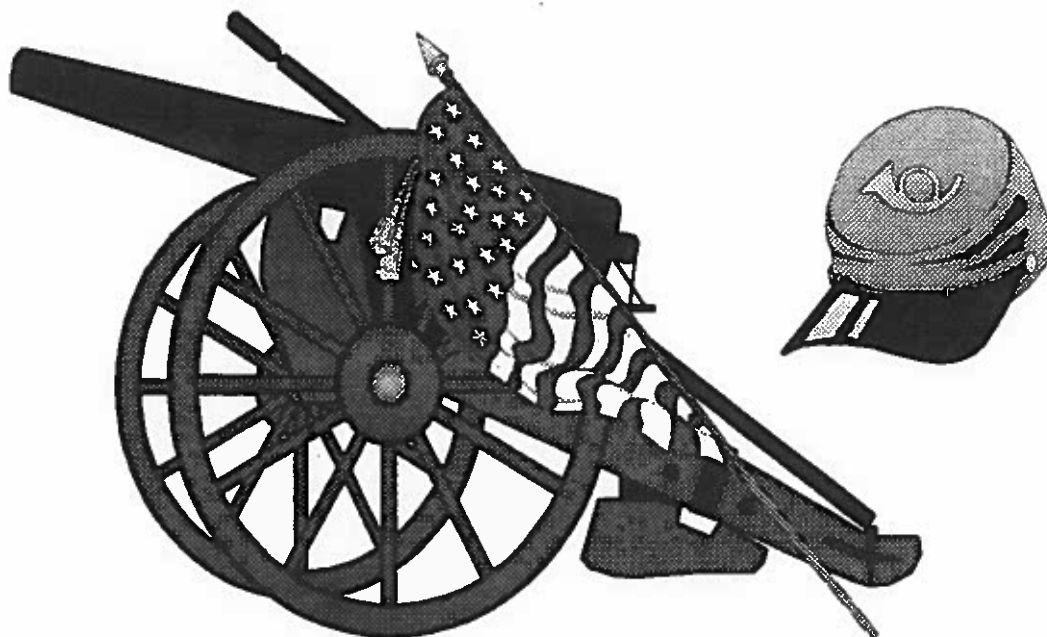
Antietam was the bloodiest single day battle during the whole war (1861 - 1865). This battle had three different parts to it, and we were able to see where two of them took place. (We couldn't find the Burnside Bridge. I think it was because it was the music we were listening to on the bus. After this battle President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves.

I liked the museums and seeing historical facts. Everything was really neat, but I liked the John Brown wax museum the most. - Patrick Collins

I think the John Brown wax museum was interesting. There were a lot of good things about the Civil War history there. We learned a lot of interesting things about WV and Civil War history. We had a good time. - Tabitha Keplinger

I liked the museum that told the story of John Brown and Harpers Ferry. Also I enjoyed crossing the bridge. - Jason Wilson

I LIKED JEFFERSON'S ROCK AND THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW. - LATASHA HACKETT



FFA Banquet

by Olivia Stuart

The FFA Club held its annual banquet in April. This year's menu was different because we ate the fish we grew in the greenhouse. The name of the fish is Tilapia.

Also during the banquet, a past president of our FFA club, Ruby Ennis Losh, gave a speech about leadership, the importance of team work, and cooperation.

One of our FFA members, Chris Mick, thought it would be a nice idea to buy the all of the seniors a gift. He collected money from the members and took his time to select gifts. These were presented to the graduating seniors at the banquet.

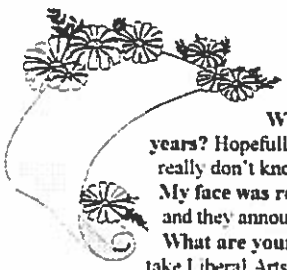
Theatre West Virginia

by Olivia Stuart

Each year Theatre West Virginia comes to WVSD&B to put on a puppet show for students from all departments. This year the program was called "Dredlocks and the Three Bears"

The story taught the students that they should accept each other no matter what race, religion, or place you are from.

After the program, the puppeteers answered questions from the audience.



Tammy Mae Ennis

Where do you picture yourself in ten years? Hopefully have a job and maybe a family. I really don't know!


My face was red when..... My contact got stuck and they announced it over the PA system.

What are your future plans? Go to NTID and take Liberal Arts courses for a few years.

I Leave:
My humor to Joanne Shaffer;
My friendliness to everyone;
My leadership skills to everyone.

Last advice to the students: Understand this school's meaning.

What is your fondest memory here at school? When my friends and I put dead bugs in another friend's bed.



Stephen Gerald Daniels Jr.

Where do you picture yourself in ten years? Married and maybe some children.

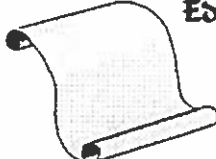
My face was red when..... One night I was washing some clothes in my boxer shorts and Becky caught me.

What are your future plans? Hopefully get a good job.

I Leave:
My basketball skills to Jason Wilson;
My duty of picking on Becky and Barry to Daniel Cochran;
My friendliness to Jason Wilson, Daniel Cochran, and RT Lake;
My messy locker to Olivia Stuart;
My ability to stay out of trouble to Clarence Arthur.

Last advice to the students: Get a good education.

What is your fondest memory here at school? My cabinetmaking and agriculture classes.



Ed Quinn

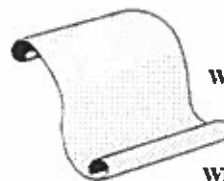
Where do you picture yourself in ten years? Having a job that involves some kind of art skills.

What are your future plans? Get a good job.

I Leave:
My art skills to Daniel Cochran;
My friendliness to Jason Wilson;
My bus seat to J.C. Plants;
My big mouth to Olivia Stuart;
My locker to Jason Wilson;
My humor to Daniel Cochran.

Last advice to the students: Study really hard.

What is your fondest memory here at school? All of my friends.



Lennie Stamper

Where do you picture yourself in ten years? Being married and have some children.

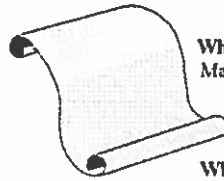
My face was red when..... I missed the van to go back to school.

What are your future plans? To find a good job.

I Leave:
My singing skills to D.J. Christy;
My horse to Jared Helsel;
My big mouth to Jeff Quimby.

Last advice to the students: Finish school. It's really good for you.

What is your fondest memory here at school? Going to town with my friends.



Chris Remsburg

Where do you picture yourself in ten years? Married with children.

My face was red when..... I was in seventh grade and this girl had a huge crush on me!





What are your future plans? Find a job that makes good money.

I Leave:
My locker to Chris Mick;
My art skills to Daniel Cochran;
My old room to Damron Walton;
My driving skills to Sylvia Adkins.

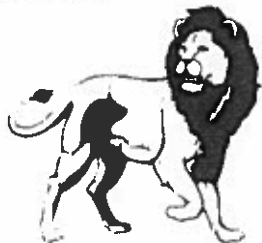
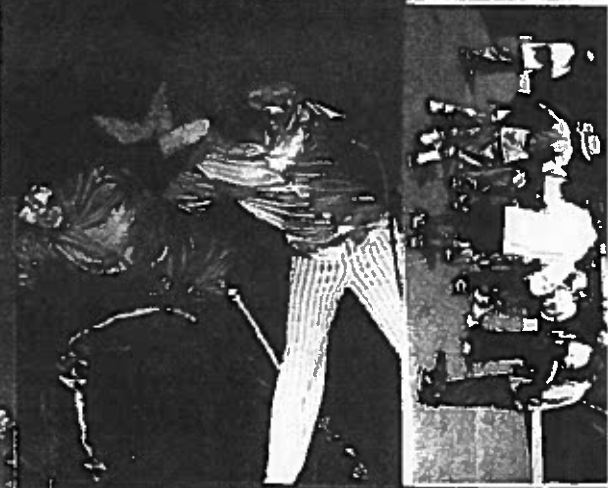
What is your fondest memory here at school? When Chris Mick and I were horseplaying with the other students.

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	1 "Don't give up the ship" Captain James Lawrence 1813	2 American Indians became U.S. Citizens 1924	3 Jesse James robbed Obocock Bank 1871	4 "We shall not flag or fail." Winston Churchill 1940	5 Last Friday of school	6 D-Day WW II 1944
7 Daniel Boone began exploring Kentucky 1769	8 Ice cream was sold in the US for the first time 1786 	9 Cole Porter's birthday (1892)	10 Athletic Banquet  @ 5:30	11 Awards Luncheon @ Noon and Picnic @ 5:30 p.m.	12  10:00 am	13
14 Harriet Beecher Stowe's birthday (1811)	15 Ben Franklin famous electricity experiment (1752)	16 First woman in space (1923)	17 1st woman to fly across the Atlantic as a passenger	18	19 Blaise Pascal's birthday (1623)	20 West Virginia became a state (1863)
21 1st day of summer 	22	23 Leni - Lenape Indians signed a treaty with William Penn (1683)	24 Kenneth Arnold made the first recorded report of "flying saucers"	25 "Custer's Last Stand" (1876)	26 The campaign to eliminate Yellow Fever (1900)	27 Helen Keller's birthday (1880)
28 Richard Rodgers' birthday (1902)	29 William James Mayo's birthday (1881)	30 Ada Kepley - first woman to graduate from law school (1870)				





Memories of WVSD '98

