

# The Lions' Tale

September 30, 1999

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, WV 26757

304-822-4860

## Welcome Seventh Grade Students!

## Principal's Post

Our school opened this year at a pace that would intimidate an Olympic runner. It seems that we hit the ground running and we haven't slowed down much since. The teachers arrived only to be quickly shuffled into mandated staff development training sessions. A great deal of time and effort was placed upon keeping our school safe. In light of the Columbine incident and the other senseless brutal acts that occurred in schools throughout our nation, safe schools awareness is surely a good thing for our children. There appears to be irony in the fact that schools have been plagued by these terrible acts, when in fact, schools should be the last place that these acts should occur. I believe that schools should be safe havens for children. The question that everyone seemed to be asking was, "Why our schools?" I have no answer. Our children hold the keys to the future and schools are the gateway to their success. We have little control of home environment, but we can work to make our schools the places where young people can expand their knowledge and learn without fear and intimidation. Hopefully, we are moving in the direction of providing our youth with the skills to build a world free of prejudice, hatred and aggression. We continue to move forward by making unprecedented strides in education. Our school seems to be rising with the tide as we push forward to achieve quality programming for our students. We are meeting academic challenges by working toward the attainment of West Virginia's Instructional Goals and Objectives. We are preparing for the future through school-to-work activities. We are learning to think on higher levels through Instrumental Enrichment activities, and we are keeping fit through interscholastic participation in football, volleyball, and cross-country. We are also participating in an after school swimming program. We are moving fast and we are moving forward with hopes for a bright future for a new generation.

I view education as the most important subject we as a people can be engaged in.

---Abraham  
Lincoln

### CLASS OF 2005

Front row, left to right: Billy White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton White of Charleston; Jonathan Edwards of Morgantown, son of Ms. Sherry Edwards; Joshua Bittner, son of Ms. Sherry Bittner of Ridgeley; and Corey Grace, of Wayne, son of Ms. Mary Grace. Back row: Bradley Grey, son of Ms. Kimberly Grey of Montrose; Lisa Parent, Romney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent, Sr.; and John Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Jordan of Inwood. Not pictured: Jeremy Cornell, Martinsburg, son of Ms. Connie Cornell.

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# Dorm News

by: Marty Blakely, Director of Student Living



Welcome to the Secondary Residential Education Program at Seaton Hall! I trust you have had an exciting summer and we are looking forward to the 1999 - 2000 residential school year. We hope that this will be the best year you have ever had. We are so proud of WVSD and of the accomplishments of our students, academically, residentially, and athletically. We feel confident that we have the best secondary school in the state of West Virginia and your help is needed to make it even better.

Probably you have noticed a term, "Secondary Residential Education Program" at Seaton Hall. Let me explain that we all know that there is a legitimate reason for having a residential school for the deaf. It's called Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Everything the Director and the staff do should be somehow connected with making things better for students and helping them become what they need to be. Just as successful businesses are increasing customer awareness and becoming service oriented, the best residential schools understand that they must be student-centered.

I am so pleased with our residential school staff who listens well, involves people in meaningful ways, cares about our learners as individuals and a total community, and responds quickly and constructively when a student's problems or needs arise. We call our

staff case managers, with the teachers as advisors.

Managing the student body of a modern secondary residential school is different and difficult. Today's students are more assertive, worldlier, more questioning, and more at risk than previous generations of learners. They are also vulnerable and more in need of coping and problem solving skills than ever before. Building our residential school to meet the needs of today's student body is challenging - but it is also manageable, rewarding, and what the residential school is supposed to be all about. That's why we are determined to do something about our program:

- \* Impose order and organization on the chaos of adolescence.
- \* Remove barriers for learner growth.
- \* Establish a safe, sane, and healthy environment for students to learn what they need to know.
- \* Maximize opportunities for students to be the best they can be (to release the hidden hero in every adolescent learner).

The Director's Creed: " All students can learn". I am certain that all the staff agree. This year we are working hard to build an effective management of modern secondary students. It starts with an attitude of optimism, hope, and confidence in today's learners. This view of what is possible is most simply stated as, "All Students Can Learn!" This is an attitude that starts with our residential school's leading administrators and staff and must permeate

"It starts with an attitude of optimism, hope, and confidence in today's learners."





Neither you  
nor the  
world knows  
what you can  
do until you  
have tried.  
-- Ralph  
Waldo  
Emerson

the entire organization. That's what we are doing this year.

The current attitude about students, however, is like a fresh breeze blowing new life into this organization. It changes the entire organization of our residential school for the deaf. It creates a new set of possibilities. If we believe that we can teach every single student and that they, in turn, can learn and be successful, teaching becomes fun again.

Here are some educationally exciting activities that are called after-school activities:

**\* Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
Tutoring Center- students who have difficulty understanding some subject areas may receive help. This has been in effect since August 24th.

**\* Wednesdays**  
Special Topics- Students' rights and responsibilities, Deaf Heritage Study (to learn more

about their own deaf leaders in history) and more.

**\* Progress Report at Seaton Hall** is not the traditional A,B,C progress report. It is information to parents about their child's progress in activities such as after-school activities, intramural activities, outdoor education activities, etc. The dormitory owes students and parents more complete and definitive information about individual progress and mastery of specific student outcomes. We are in the process of improving the SRE Portfolio this coming fall.

**\* Believing that all students can learn** implies a willingness to take on all comers. We accept and accommodate whatever new activities from which our students can benefit.

Let us thank you for your efforts to make the WVSD student body stand above all others. May we work together "in the spirit of excellence towards the 21st Century" to make our residential school the best it can be.

## Sports

### Girls' Volleyball

by Noelle Payton

The 1990-00 volleyball season opened with an away match against Moorefield. Although WVSD lost, the team

is looking forward to a terrific season. Mrs. Beth Surber is coaching again this year, with Cathy Hensley as assistant. Look for more news about our matches in the next issue. Go Lady Lions!

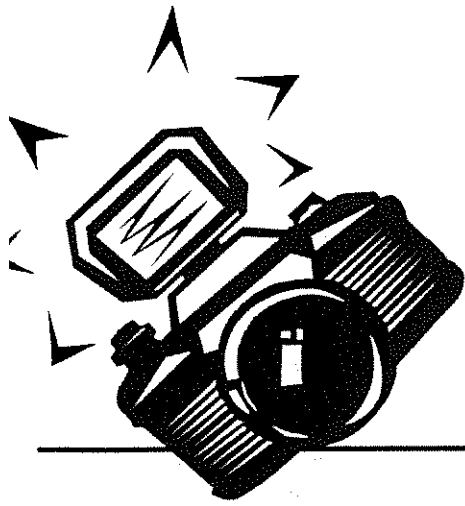
#### The players include:

- # 2 Sylvia Adkins
- #33 Heather Braitwaite
- # 6 Jackie Fields
- #28 Tabitha Keplinger
- #12 Lisa Parent
- # 3 Holly Romanello
- #24 Joanne Shaffer
- #10 Stephanie Smallwood
- #11 Sheena Smith
- #23 Danielle Surber



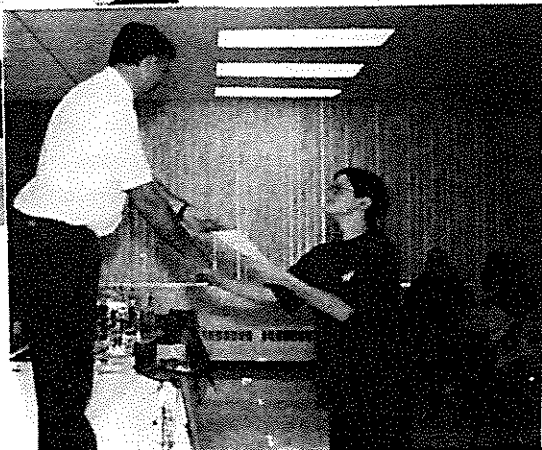
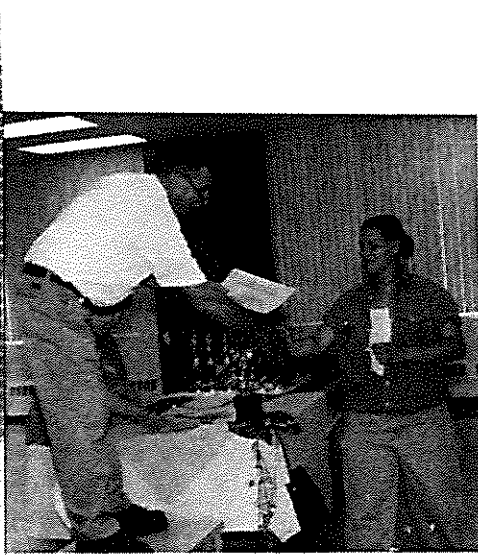
Scorekeeper - Noelle Payton  
Manager - Latasha Hackett  
Water Girl - Amelia Hensley





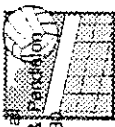
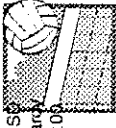
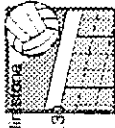


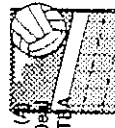
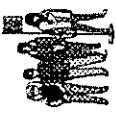

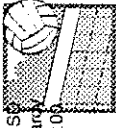





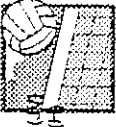
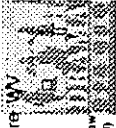





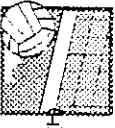






# WVSD Scrapbook

We'd like to share some photos with you!



*Photos by Stephanie Smallwood, Olivia Stuart, Mr. Rusty Rice and Mrs. Jan Dodgins*

# October 1999

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| 10<br>   | 11<br>Columbus<br>                              | 12<br>VB DSO<br>E. Hardy<br>(H) 3:00<br>                 | 13<br>  | 14<br>                              | 15<br> | 16<br> |
| 17<br> | 18<br>VBall<br>HHS (A)<br>4:30 (H)<br>         | 19<br>Theater<br>VW<br>VBall<br>Paw Paw<br>6:00 (H)<br> | 20<br>Theater<br>VW<br>VBall<br>VSD (A)<br>7:00 (A)<br> | 21<br>                              | 22<br> | 23<br> |
| 24<br> | 25<br>  | 26<br>VBall<br>MHS<br>6:30 (H)<br>                      | 27<br>  | 28<br>VBall<br>MSSD<br>6:00 (A)<br> | 29<br> | 30<br> |
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November 19, 1999

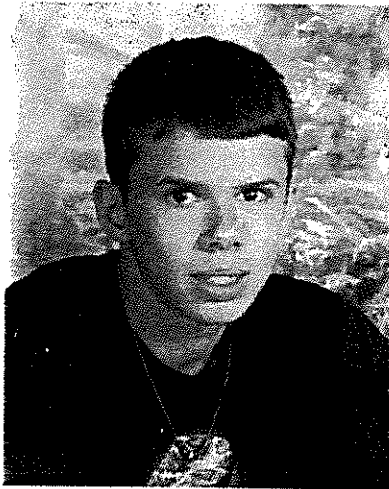
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## WVSD Welcomes Two New Students!

by Noelle Payton



*Brian Cross*



*Diana Delfosse*

WVSD proudly announces the arrival of two new students. Diana Delfosse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Delfosse is a seventh grader from Moorefield. She likes to ride her bike, draw, dance, and talk with her friends. In her free time, she enjoys reading and drawing. Diana says that she came here because her cousin said it was a good school to attend. She agrees!

This is Diana's first time experiencing a deaf school and living in the dorm. She likes being here, because she likes the education and the students. Her favorite subjects are math, reading, and science. Before coming here, she attended Moorefield Middle School.

Brian Cross is from Brooke, WV. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cross and has two brothers and two sisters. He likes to socialize with his friends. He came here to have more interaction with deaf people his age.

This is also Brian's first time attending a deaf school and living in the dorm. He says he likes it because of the good friends that he has made and the education that this school provides. He enjoys math. Bryan participated in Hampshire's Cross Country program. Before attending this school, he went to Brooke Middle School.



"There is  
no limit to  
the amount  
of good  
that people  
can accom-  
plish, if  
they don't  
care who  
gets the  
credit."

-  
Anonymous

# WV History Comes to the Stage

by Mrs. Davy and Noelle Payton

"If the dead could speak, the lies of the living would surely be revealed."

-- Cotton Top

The story of The Last Hanging in Pike County, The Hatfields and McCoys, was presented at the WV Schools for the Deaf & Blind on Oct. 19. The production was shadow interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing and described for the visually impaired. This production brought to life the real tragedies that occurred between the two families in the late 1800's. The Social Studies classes developed a mini unit and a time-line to help understand the sequence of events

The costuming, set design, and acting were outstanding. The play was made possible through a grant funded by WV Parkways, Economic Development and Tourism Authority. Staff members commented that our students were "spellbound" by the production.

On Wed. Oct 20th, the children's fairy tale, "Beauty and the Beast" was presented to our campus and to the 4th graders of Capon Bridge Elementary. The show was also shadow interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing and described for the visually impaired. The English department prepared our students with a study guide by Theatre WV and a movie for clearer understanding. The costuming was beautiful and the actors involved the audience throughout the production. Everyone was thrilled with "Beauty and the Beast".

In the spring, we will welcome Theatre WV marionettes presenting "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Some of the students had these thoughts regarding the play:

"I thought the actors were cool. I like the way they acted. I liked all the scenes. They were good plays."

--Chris Mick, Senior

"They were all very good. I was impressed with their willingness to learn sign language and put some of it in the performance. They were all very sociaable with the deaf students. I enjoyed seeing that!"

-- Noelle Payton, Junior

"I felt that the show was very good. It contained a lot of history. Jason and I loved Rosanne so much that we asked her out! (Just kidding.) The show was exciting and sad at the same time. I hope the Theatre WV comes back soon!"

--Patrick Collins, Sopmore and Jason Wilson, Junior

"Cotton Top was my favorite actor. I liked both of the plays. I liked the characters. I thought it was funny. I liked the character who played the father in 'The Last Hanging In Pike County.' I enjoyed eating lunch with the actors."

--April Dixon, 9th Grade

"I think the actors were cool and silly. My favorite actress was Leslie. My favorite play was "Beauty and the Beast." I loved watching the sisters argue."

--Carolyn Rockrow, 8th Grade

"I thought it was ok. The actors were good in the roles they played. It taught me more about the history of the Hatfields and McCoys, and there was a good lesson in 'Beauty and the Beast.' My favorite actor was Valerie."

--Billy White, 7th Grade



## AG Field Trip

by Danielle Surber



On Oct. 13, agriculture students Patrick Collins, Wesley Jarrell, Tabitha Keplinger, Sheena Smith, and Danielle Surber went to the Wetsel 1999 Annual Lawn & Garden Dealer show in Chantilly, VA with Mr. Letherman. We had the opportunity to look at many new products. We saw many different kinds of ponds, lawn gardens, and some ladybugs, praying mantis, and bird houses. We also saw some water foundation statues.

After touring the area and eating lunch, we went to a big computer store. It was almost like Walmart, except there were many computeres. We looked at iMac computers, played many different games, and saw a lot of different kinds of digital cameras. It was great. We all had fun.

## September Field

### Trip To Mt. Vernon

by Noelle Payton

On Monday, Sept. 29, our school traveled to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. There we learned about the life of our first president.

Washington lived in a house called The Mansion. There were many rooms filled with various things such as a crib that was used for his step-daughter's Nancy's child, books and a wind chair that kept him cool in the hot summers, and a miroscope that he liked to use to see the river and the boats. Some of the rooms were used for supper and some for guests. There was a large dining room that was used for guests and for celebrations. The slaves took care of the food and some of the chores, clothes, and the barn.

The round barn was filled with different animals. The horses would crunch the wheat and the seeds would come out. The wheat, would then be taken to the mill to make flour.

Washtinton also had a lovely piazza that overlooked the Potomac River.

We visisted his tomb where he was buried with his wife Martha and 25 other family members. The slaves were buried not too far from



Washington's burial site

Some of the people visited the museum and express how much they enjoyed it. Jo, Stephanie, and Sylvia took some wonderful photos of our trip. Mrs. Davy and Mrs. Baldwin made our trip so enjoyable. We even stopped for dinner in Winchester. I feel we learned so some new things about Washington and his life.

## Students

### Learn Pledge



In October, Mrs. Boley's 7th grade class learned how to write the pledge to the flag. They practiced signing the pledge and then practiced how to write it. They had many big words to spell. All were successful and Mrs. Boley rewarded each one with a flag pin. The students who earned the reward were: Diana Delfosse, Jeremy Cornell, John Jordon, Bradley Grey, and Billy White. Congratulations to all!



## Principal's Post

Abraham Lincoln has been quoted as saying, "I move slowly, but never backward." It may be difficult to gauge edcationl change, especially as it pertains to schools, but for certain we are changing, and I believe moving forward. If we were to be gauged according to findings of the recent Special Education Monitoring Team, then we certainly have proof.

A team of representatives from the State Department of Education recently completed an on-site visit which included reviewing student files and interviewing randomly selected staff and parents. The results of their visit were for the most part very positive and reflected a staff dedicated to the task of best serving students and providing them with programs of the highest quality. The team noted our high expectations for our students and commended us on several of our outstanding programs.

We are moving forward!

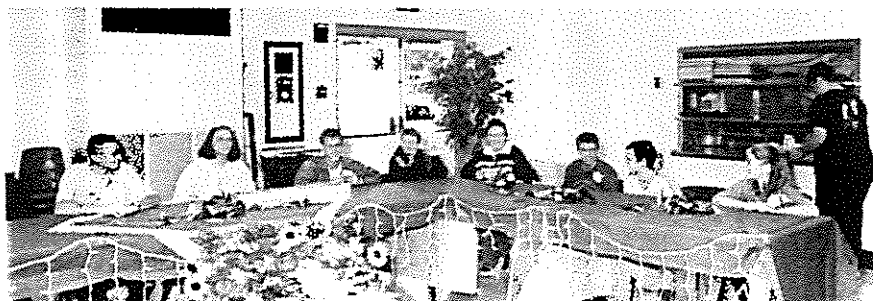
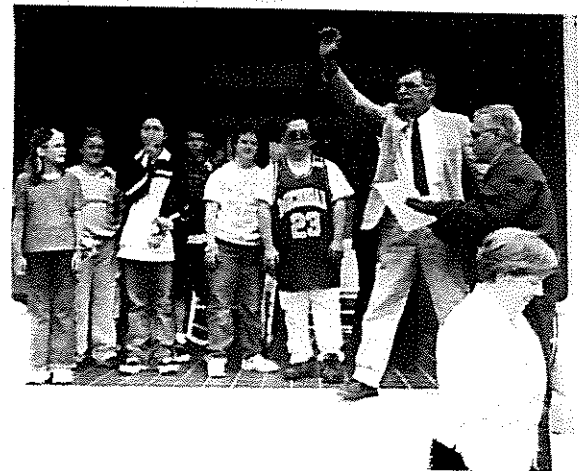
"I move slowly, but never backward."

-Abraham Lincoln



# Homecoming

# 1999



Homecoming photos by Mel Brock and Joanne Shaffer



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## New WVCDHH Director Visits WVSD



*Photo by Stephanie Smallwood*

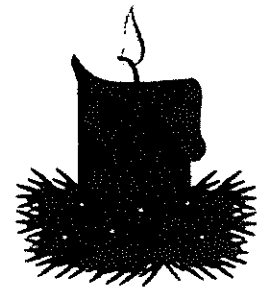
Mrs. Charity Reedy Hines, recently appointed director of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, visited our school and spoke with our students. She has been working for the WVDHHR since October 1, 1999. She grew up in Harrisonburg, Virginia and is married to Daniel Hines, a Deaf/Blind interpreter by profession. They have two deaf children; Amberlin, who will soon be 5 years old and Reedy, who is 2 years old. Her children are the sixth generation in her family to be deaf. She is a proud graduate of Gallaudet University, receiving a BA in 1989 and an MA in 1997.

Mrs. Hines' long term goal includes everyone who is a deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, late-deafened, and deaf multiple-disabled individual. She wants all to achieve maximum participation and productivity in society. This means no gaps in

the program and service delivery to these populations. This would mean no more barriers to every day life and having the opportunity to live independently. This would also mean no more isolation regardless of the degree of hearing loss or status.

In order to reach this long term goal, Mrs. Hines has many short and on-going goals. They range from establishing one and five-year strategic plans for the Commission, to establishing interagency collaboration, maintaining a census/register of the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind population, attending Town Hall meetings throughout the state and hopefully having a task force formed to study programs and service delivery. The report from the Town Hall meetings and task force will enable the Commission to give supporting documentation to the legislators for certain bills the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind community needs and funding for those needs. Right now, the Commission is in its planning stage. Results are unavailable until all the reports are compiled. However, concerns are most welcome any time!

Mrs. Hines says she decided to work for this program because she enjoys working with people. Health and Human Resources is about and for people. Therefore, working at the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is a perfect place to continue working with people.



For additional information, you may

### Write to:

Charity Reedy Hines  
Executive Director  
WV Commission for the  
Deaf and HH  
State Building Complex  
Building 3, Room 215  
Charleston, WV 25305

### Call:

304-558-2175 (V/TTY)  
304-558-2719 (FAX)

### E-mail:

[Creedy@wvdhhr.org](mailto:Creedy@wvdhhr.org)

### Homepage:

[www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/  
default.htm](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/default.htm)

### Town Meetings:

Beginning January 22, and continuing through to May 6, town meetings will be scheduled at various sites across the state. Flyers will be coming soon!

### Mailing List:

To add your name to the WVCDHH's mailing list, please contact [www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/  
census\\_dhh.htm](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/census_dhh.htm)

# Students in the News

## All American Reading

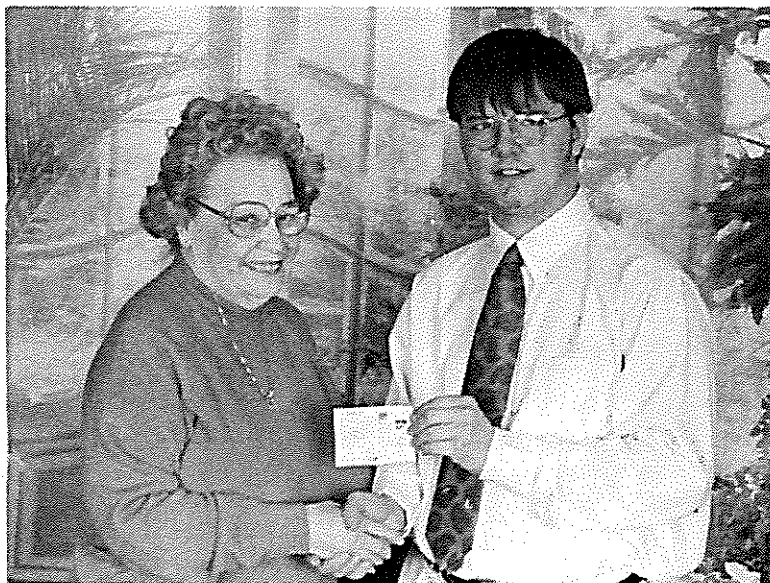
### Challenge

by Mrs. Czernicki

Our school is participating in the McDonald's All American Reading Challenge sponsored by McDonald's and Scholastic, Inc. When a student completes a book, he or she gives a brief explanation to the librarian. All books read by the student are recorded in a book log. When 10 books have been completed, the student is given a coupon signed by the librarian. With it, the student can get a free All American Meal which includes a hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, and a small soft drink at McDonald's.

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

-Chinese Proverb



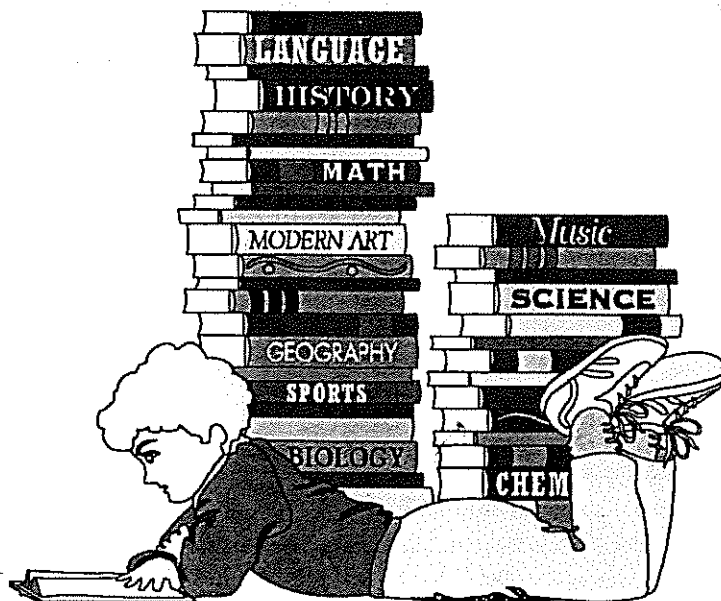
Mrs. Czernicki, librarian, and DJ Christy.

## A Trip to Potomac

### State College

by Noelle Payton

Several sophomores, juniors, and seniors traveled to PSC to learn about the campus and to determine the availability of programs for the deaf and hard of hearing. We toured classrooms and visited one dorm. Our guide was very helpful in answering our questions and explaining some of the college's history. We learned that PSC is part of WVU. We had a very informative experience.



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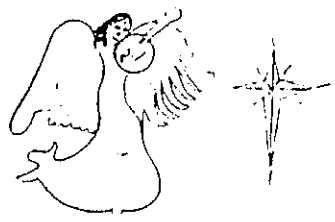
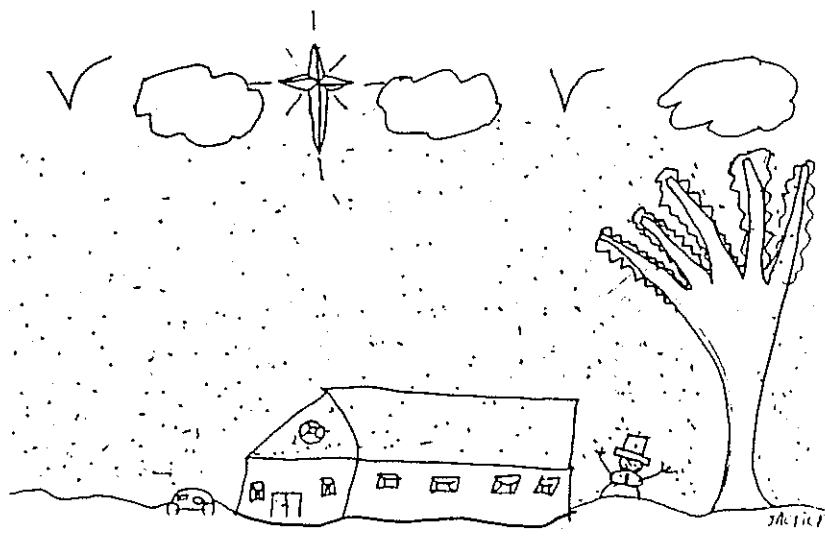
Ashley Lease



Keith Richardson

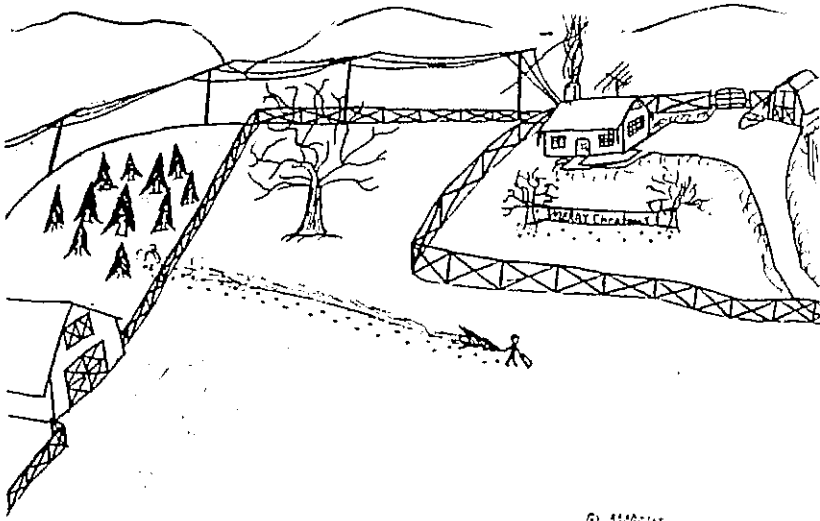
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Carolyn Rockow



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Jackie Fields

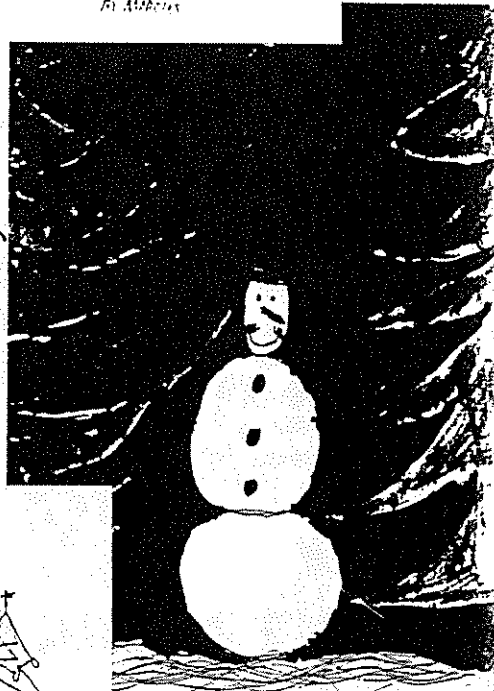


Marcus Leake

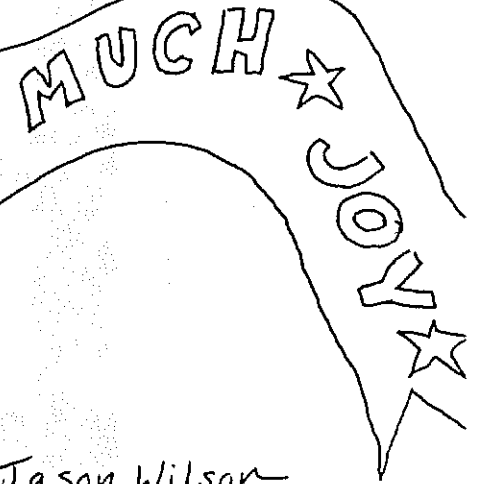


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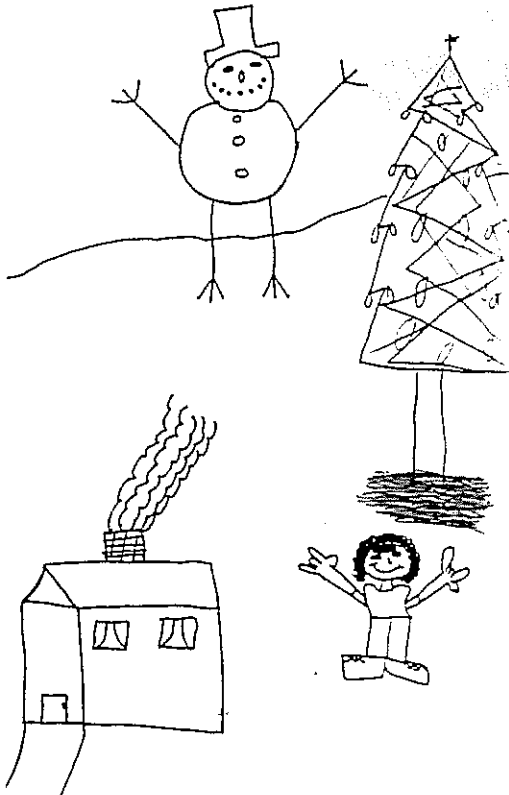
Paul Parent



Jason Wilson



Sylvia Adkins





# Dorm News

by Mr. Blakeley

"We anticipate a very productive residential year, as the students have been most cooperative."

It seems that our activities and programs, initiated at the beginning of the school year, are up and running smoothly. We anticipate a very productive residential year, as the students have been most cooperative.

Following is a list of our weekly scheduled activities:

**Monday-** Swimming 7:30-9:00 pm

**Tuesday-** Tutoring 7:30- 9:00 pm

**Wednesday-** Special Topics

**Thursday-** Tutoring 7:30-9:00 pm

**Friday-** Swimming 7:30-9:00 pm

The recipients of the Student of the Month Awards are:

**September-** April Dixon/Billy White

**October-** Diana Delfosse/RT Lake

Each student received a T-shirt with "Student of the Month" on it, a certificate, and had their picture taken for a display in the lobby.

The recipients of the Cleanest Room Awards in October are:

**Adv. Girls:** Sylvia Adkins/Noelle Payton.

**Int. Girls:** Diana Delfosse/Ashley Lease.

**Adv. Boys:** DJ Christy, Jared Helsel, and RT Lake.

**Int. Boys:** Jonathan Edwards.

Each received a Domino's Pizza certificate.

\* Nov/Dec. Awards will be announced on the first Monday of Jan. 2000.

An Orientation to Deafness class was held October 4 - 8. Teacher participants from across the state were presented an Introduction to American Deaf Culture.

Secondary Residential Education Advisory Council - the first meeting was held on Nov. 10.

The WV Fur Trappers' Convention was held in Glenville- RT Lake, Marcus Leake, Chris Mick, and Mr. Donnie Everett (houseparent) attended.

Safe Schools workshop was held on October 22.

Brian Cross and Brad Grey arrive early every morning to raise the flags. Also, they lower flags every afternoon after school. They are reliable and responsible boys!

The 7th graders have begun basketball practice for the Jr. High team. Their coach is Mr. Bruce Moreland.

\* The WVSD Boys Cross Country News: Patrick Collins and Jason Wilson were on Hampshire High School's Cross County team this year. Brian Cross also competed on the 8th grade CC team. They are tough competitors!



# WVSD Sports

by Coach Surber



|              | W/L | Match | Games | Scores                  |
|--------------|-----|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| Moorefield   | L   | 0-1   | 0-3   | 2-15, 7-15, 2-15        |
| Flinstone JV | L   | 0-1   | 1-2   | 3-15, 19-17, 8-15       |
| Moorefield   | L   | 0-1   | 0-2   | 1-15, 6-15              |
| Paw Paw      | L   | 0-1   | 0-2   | 9-15, 7-15              |
| WPSD         | L   | 0-1   | 0-3   | 14-16, 5-15, 3-15       |
| VSD          | W   | 1-0   | 3-0   | 15-11, 15-8, 16-14      |
| Pendleton JV | L   | 0-1   | 1-2   | 15-12, 7-15, 12-15      |
| HHS          | L   | 0-1   | 0-2   | 12-15, 4-15             |
| Flinstone JV | L   | 0-1   | 1-2   | 5-15, 19-17, 9-15       |
| DSD          | W   | 0-1   | 2-0   | 15-9, 15-9              |
| DSD          | W   | 1-0   | 3-1   | 15-13, 3-15, 15-3, 15-9 |
| Moorefield   | L   | 0-1   | 0-3   | 1-15, 6-15, 6-15        |

## VOLLEYBALL

The WVSD Lady Lions ended their volleyball season with a record of 3-9. Recently, the team was one of the 10 participating schools at the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) Volleyball Tournament which was hosted by the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City. The team made it to the championship game after defeating several teams in the round robin play. They lost to Delaware School for the Deaf and ended up in 2nd place. Danielle Surber and Tabitha Keplinger were chosen by opposing coaches to be on the All-Tournament team because of their outstanding performance during the tournament.

| Player              | STATS |       |         |      |           |
|---------------------|-------|-------|---------|------|-----------|
|                     | Serve | Kills | Assists | Digs | Total Pts |
| Sylvia Adkins       | 77    | 5     | 11      | 5    | 98        |
| Jackie Fields       | 6     | 0     | 0       | 0    | 6         |
| Tabitha Keplinger   | 52    | 12    | 16      | 6    | 86        |
| Lisa Parent         | 2     | 0     | 0       | 0    | 2         |
| Holly Romanello     | 32    | 1     | 7       | 0    | 40        |
| Joanne Shaffer      | 2     | 2     | 2       | 0    | 6         |
| Stephanie Smallwood | 85    | 40    | 3       | 10   | 138       |
| Sheena Smith        | 43    | 2     | 11      | 1    | 57        |
| Danielle Surber     | 93    | 39    | 35      | 13   | 150       |

|                   | STATS at the ESDAA Tournament |       |         |      |           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------|------|-----------|
|                   | Serves                        | Kills | Assists | Digs | Total Pts |
| Sylvia Adkins     | 17                            | 2     | 2       | 1    | 22        |
| Tabitha Keplinger | 21                            | 3     | 7       | 1    | 32        |
| Holly Romanello   | 20                            | 2     | 0       | 0    | 22        |
| Sheena Smith      | 10                            | 2     | 3       | 0    | 15        |
| Danielle Surber   | 20                            | 12    | 5       | 3    | 40        |

## 1999-2000

### Lady Lions Basketball Team

Pictured from left to right: Holly Romanello, Tabitha Keplinger, Danielle Surber, Latasha Hackett, Stephanie Smallwood, Jackie Fields, Sylvia Adkins, and Lisa Parent. Not pictured: Joanne Shaffer and coaches, Mary Beth Surber and Mike Surber.





# The Lions' Tale

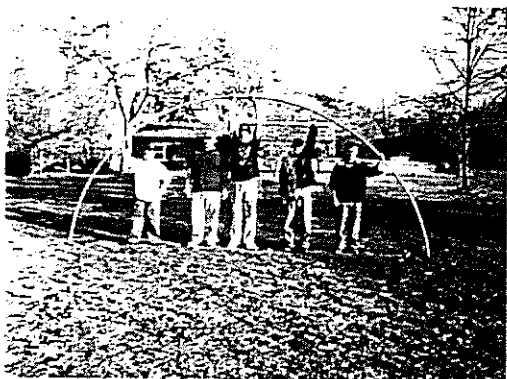
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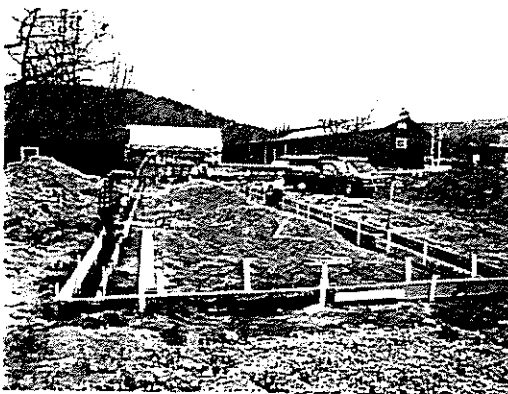
## New Greenhouse Will Become A Reality in the New Millennium



by Noelle Payton

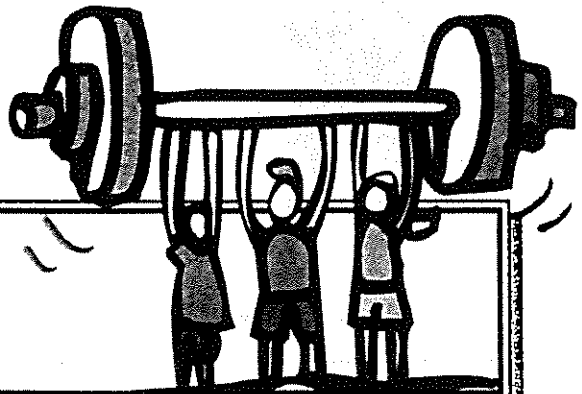
a resource for students and reinforce skills learned in vocational and academic classes. Plans for the new greenhouse include an aquaponics system and a plant growing area. WVSD agriculture education students, FFA members, and Hampshire High students will construct the greenhouse from the pad up. Mr. Leatherman feels that it will be up by May of this year and operational in the fall of this year.

**T**here is a new greenhouse under construction at our school. Mr. Leatherman, Agriculture instructor and FFA advisor, has wanted a new greenhouse for quite some time. His dream finally came true with help from the Hampshire High School Agriculture Education program, Faculty Senate funds, grants from Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District, School to Work funds, vocational funds, a modernization grant, and agriculture grants. The purpose of the new greenhouse is to provide





# TEAMWORK



## Club Clips

### New Year's Resolutions

*Lynette- keep in shape and walk more.*

*Anonymous- maintain a positive attitude on my job.*

*Diana- study more.*

*Stephanie- be a better person.*

*Danielle- meet more people and*

*when I travel to other deaf schools, not be shy.*

*Noelle- set more goals and accomplish them.*

*Anonymous- lose weight*

*Mrs. Heare- listen more and speak less.*

*(continued on pg. 3)*

### VICA Officers

**President-** Chris Mick  
**V. President-** Danielle Surber  
**Secretary-** Tabitha Keplinger  
**Treasurer-** Stephanie Smallwood  
**Reporter-** Jason Wilson  
**Sergeant at Arms-** Holly Romanello, Sheena Smith, R.T Lake, and Marcus Leake

### FFA Officers

**President-** Jason Wilson  
**V. President-** Danielle Surber  
**Secretary-** Tabitha Keplinger  
**Treasurer-** Sheena Smith  
**Reporter-** Daniel Cochran

### Jr. NAD Officers

**President-** Danielle Surber  
**V. President-** Sheena Smith  
**Secretary-** Tabitha Keplinger  
**Treasurer-** Stephanie Smallwood

### FBLA News

The "new club on the block" - the FBLA or Future Business Leaders Of America has made its home at the West Virginia School for the Deaf. We are proud to say there are 15 active members, and we are looking forward to much fun this year. Some of the activities planned include a dance this spring, a culinary arts project, and several guest speakers. This year's officers include:

**President-** Stephanie Smallwood  
**V. President-** Dalton J. Christy  
**Secretary-** Noelle Payton  
**Treasurer-** Sylvia Adkins

Mr. Adrian, Social Studies teacher, and Mrs. Brown, Business Education teacher, serve as co-advisors for the West Virginia School for the Deaf FBLA.

The FBLA Club always has a **WELCOME SIGN** for any interested students wanting to join!!!!



## Dorm News

by Mr. Blakely

### New Year's Resolutions

(continued from page 2)

**Becky Nealis-** *Don't worry, be happy!*

**Bonnie S.-** *lose weight*

**Mr. Blakely-** *Don't bite my nails, try to spend more time with my family, exercise more.*

**Barry Nealis-** *Live each day as it comes. Stop having birthdays.*

**Al Mckee-** *Live and enjoy the new millennium.*

**Anonymous-** *Stop making up stories and stop thinking I know everything, so I can get a nice boyfriend.*

**Sylvia Adkins-** *Have a good relationship with my boyfriend and stay together as long as possible.*

This year several exciting committees are in the process of laying out the nuts and bolts of succeeding as we, secondary residential school leaders, are trying to relish the renewal and challenge of change. Here are some observations:

No matter what form the residential school for the deaf of tomorrow assumes, it is almost certain to have some of the same look of the residential school we manage today. Education in America tends to move forward in waves and cycles. Despite all the clamor for radical reform/major restructuring, much of what changes in educational organizations is more a matter of recycling than of total transformation.

The pattern of secondary residential school education in our country reflects a number of movements that come and go and reappear later with new twists and additional trappings. Back to basics, accountability, and humanizing the residential schools are among the many recurring themes that periodically take center stage in educational discussions across the nation.

The important thing is for us to appreciate that each time residential schools retry an old idea or resurrect a past picture, we do better. We have to remember that the trick is to avoid becoming cynical.

It is a mistake to view the cyclical nature of educational change as an exercise of going in circles - getting nowhere. Progress in education is more like a spiral than a circle. Each time residential schools revisit a program or a practice, it is cranked up a notch, improved, and refined. We at WVSD&B understand this and make the most/best of it.

The best way to manage the future is to be a student of the past and present. When an old idea resurfaces, remember and learn from what may have gone wrong in the past and stay fresh to new possibilities towards the new millennium!

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

As many of us entered the new millennium with great anticipation and uncertainty, I, for one, was not disappointed with its eventless entry. If nothing more, the millennium hoax did help us to be better prepared for emergencies... but who is going to eat all of those beans? The beginning of a new year tends to take me back to where we were a year ago and reflect on our educational system at the turn of the previous century. I believe many would agree that "we have come a long way." I must confess that I believe that we, as a school, have also come a long way. We are not just doing a good job; we now have the documentation to prove it. But above all of this, one can see the fruits of our labor reflected in the faces of the students we serve, and that makes me proud. Our students are also proud of their extracurricular accomplishments in sports, clubs, or serving on school committees. Whether they serve as an officer or as a starter on the basketball team, we are character building and preparing our students for life . . . life in the new millennium.



*'Tis a lesson you should heed; try,  
try again. If at first you don't  
succeed; try, try again.  
-- W.E. Hickson*

# WVSD Sports

## Girls' Basketball Results - December

by Coach Surber

December 9, 1999 WVSD 31 MSSD JV 36  
**Stephanie Smallwood-** 16 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists  
**Danielle Surber-** 13 points, 15 rebounds, 5 assists & 5 steals  
**Tabitha Keplinger-** 5 steals  
**Sylvia Adkins-** 6 rebounds & 3 steals

December 13, 1999 WVSD 29 Union 37  
**Danielle Surber-** 15 points, 16 rebounds, & 3 assists  
**Stephanie Smallwood-** 11 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists  
**Tabitha Keplinger-** 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists  
**Sylvia Adkins-** 6 rebounds

December 15, 1999 WVSD 40 VSD 18  
**Danielle Surber-** 24 points, 18 rebounds  
**Stephanie Smallwood-** 10 points, 5 rebounds  
**Tabitha Keplinger-** 4 points  
**Sylvia Adkins-** 4 rebounds, 4 steals  
**Holly Romanello-** 2 points, 9 rebounds

December 16, 1999 WVSD 25 WPSD 42  
**Stephanie Smallwood-** 11 points  
**Danielle Surber-** 7 points, 19 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists  
**Tabitha Keplinger-** 3 points  
**Sylvia Adkins-** 4 points

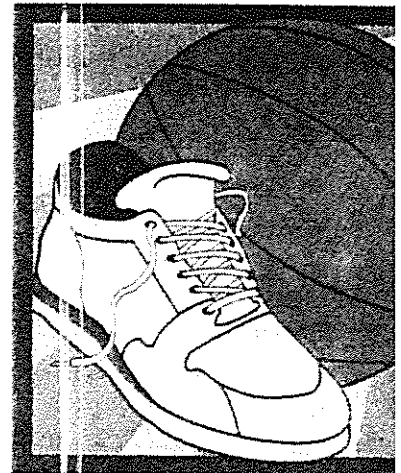
The record: 1-3

## JV Boys'

## Basketball News

by Coach Mooreland

This year, a new Junior High School basketball program began at the West Virg School for the Deaf. Eleven young men consist of six seventh graders and five eighth graders make up the squad. The team has very little experience and will play this season to learn the basics & build a program for future years. The Lions play a full schedule that includes five public schools and two deaf schools. Their difficult schedule will help them become better competitors. With every practice and game, the boys continue to improve their skills. They wear the Blue and Gold colors and show good sportsmanship as they represent the school with pride.



Boys' JV team photo by Sylvia Adkins

# THE Lions' TALE

February 29, 2000

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia 26757

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## Golden Horseshoe



Photo by Stephanie Smallwood

On Wednesday, February 9, four eighth grade students completed this year's West Virginia Golden Horseshoe Test.

The students were Keith Richardson, Brian Cross, Holly Romanello, and Carolyn Rockow. The test is comprised of 100 multiple choice questions on all areas of West Virginia, including economics, history, geography, sports, etc. The students finished by answering one of two essay questions.

When asked about the test, most of the students said it was a "little hard."

Each student completing the test received a certificate from the State Department of Education.

## 2nd Story Theatre Company

Physical theatre came to WVSD&B on February 23 when the 2nd Story Theatre Company of Lewisburg performed for our campus.

With lots of crowd interaction, Chally Erb and Beth White entertained the students with juggling, magic tricks, balloon characters, music, dance, and stilt walking.

This program was made possible through a grant from Arts in Education under the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



<Photo by Stephanie Smallwood

The world  
itself rests  
upon the  
breath of the  
children in  
our schools.

-- Talmud

# Classes

# Clubs



## Grant Awarded

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind were recently awarded a Title VI grant by the West Virginia Department of Education. This grant was used to purchase mathematics materials titled, "Touch Math." These materials will be used with students at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. Implementation of this project will promote student learning by increasing skills in and knowledge of basic mathematics functions, e.g., decimals, percents, fractions, checkbook balancing, and measurement.

For more information about this project please contact Mr. J. D.

Corbin, Principal, Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf, phone (304) 822-4860 or Dr. Patsy K. Shank, Coordinator of Grants, The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, phone (304) 822-4840.

## FFA

In January, members of the Future Farmers of America Club went to the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. We enjoyed seeing many different farm animals, displays, and the latest in farm equipment and implements.

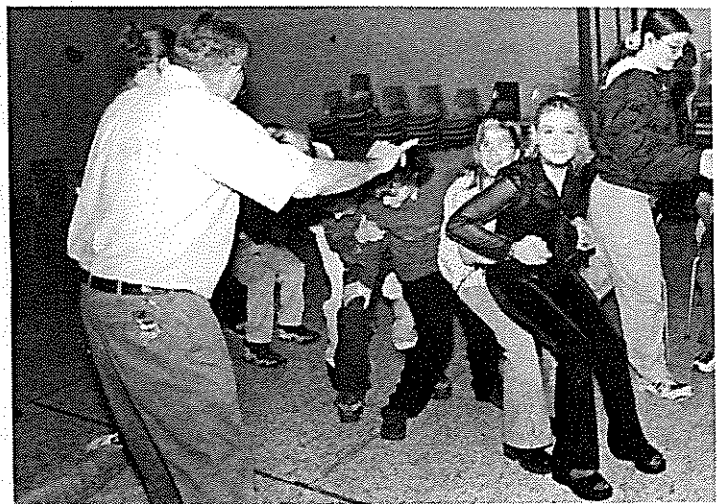
Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, "Certainly, I can!" Then get busy and find out how to do it.

— Theodore Roosevelt

## VICA

by Jason Wilson, Reporter  
Photo by Sylvia Adkins >

On February 11, the Skills-USA-VICA members held their annual Valentine's Day dance. We also enjoyed refreshments.



# WVSD Sports



by Coaches Marybeth and Mike Surber

## 1/4 WVSD Girls @ Maryland Deaf

| QTR  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD | 2  | 5  | 15 | 18 | 18    |
| MSD  | 20 | 35 | 51 | 57 | 57    |

## WVSD 18 MSD 57

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Keplinger | --      | 1       | 1-1     |     |     | 4         |
| Surber    | 4       | 1       | 2-4     |     |     | 13        |
| Romanello | --      | --      | 1-2     |     |     | 1         |

## 1/6 WVSD Girls @ VA Deaf

| QTR  | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD | 8 | 19 | 33 | 40 | 40    |
| VSD  | 7 | 12 | 24 | 26 | 26    |

## WVSD 40 VA Deaf 26

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Smallwood | 5       | 2       | 1-2     |     |     | 17        |
| Surber    | 4       | 4       | 3-6     |     |     | 23        |

## 1/7 WVSD Girls vs. Moorefield Middle

| QTR  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD | 0  | 0  | 2  | 9  | 9     |
| M.F. | 16 | 18 | 26 | 30 | 30    |

## WVSD 9 Moorefield 30

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Keplinger | 3       | 1       | 0-0     |     |     | 9         |

## 1/18 WVSD Girls vs. Mt. View Christian

| QTR     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD    | 10 | 21 | 33 | 40 | 40    |
| Mt.View | 5  | 9  | 17 | 23 | 23    |

## WVSD 40 Mt. View 23

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Smallwood | 2       | 1       | 3-5     | 6   | 1   | 10        |
| Surber    | 4       | 3       | 8-13    | 24  | 2   | 25        |
| Keplinger | 1       | --      | --      | 1   | 1   | 2         |
| Romanello | --      | 2       | --      | 7   | 4   | 3         |
| Adkins    | --      | --      | --      | 5   | --  | --        |
| Shaffer   | --      | --      | --      | 2   | --  | --        |
| Parent    | --      | --      | --      | 1   | --  | --        |

## 1/19 WVSD Girls at Delaware Deaf

| QTR  | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD | 2 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 36    |
| DSD  | 8 | 20 | 31 | 39 | 39    |

## WVSD 36 DSD 39

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Smallwood | 3       | --      | 0-2     | 5   | --  | 6         |
| Surber    | 12      | --      | 4-11    | 20  | 2   | 28        |
| Keplinger | --      | --      | --      | 2   | --  | --        |
| Adkins    | --      | --      | --      | 7   | 2   | --        |
| Romanello | 1       | --      | --      | 6   | --  | 2         |
| Shaffer   | --      | --      | 0-2     | --  | --  | 0         |

# WVSD Sports

## 1/27 WVSD Girls at Flintstone JV

| QTR     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD    | 13 | 22 | 29 | 42 | 42    |
| F.Stone | 6  | 12 | 23 | 32 | 32    |

## WVSD 42 Flintstone 32

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Smallwood | 2       | 1       | 2-3     | 7   | 1   | 9         |
| Surber    | 6       | 2       | 6-16    | 23  | 4   | 24        |
| Keplinger | --      | 1       | 0-2     | 4   | 1   | 3         |
| Adkins    | 2       | --      | 2-4     | 5   | --  | 6         |
| Shaffer   | --      | --      | --      | 2   | 1   | 0         |

## 1/28 WVSD at Beall JV

| QTR   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|-------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD  | 2  | 10 | 17 | 37 | 37    |
| Beall | 10 | 18 | 19 | 29 | 29    |

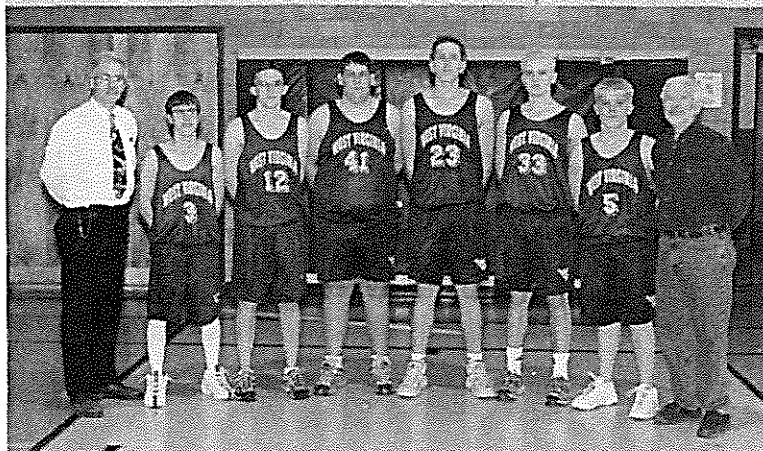
Girls' Record: 5-5

## WVSD 37 Beall JV 29

| Player    | 2 Pt FG | 3 Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Reb | Ast | Total Pts |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Smallwood | 4       | 1       | 0-2     | 10  | 1   | 11        |
| Surber    | 5       | 4       | 1-5     | 20  | 4   | 23        |
| Keplinger | --      | --      | --      | 2   | --  | 0         |
| Adkins    | 1       | --      | --      | 2   | --  | 2         |
| Shaffer   | --      | --      | 1-2     | 8   | --  | 1         |

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

| PLAYER          | CLASS | HEIGHT | NO. | POS. |
|-----------------|-------|--------|-----|------|
| Ronald Lake     | 12    | 6'2"   |     | F    |
| Chris Mick      | 12    | 5'     | 10  | F    |
| Daniel Cochran  | 11    | 5'9"   | 5   | G    |
| Marcus Leake    | 11    | 6'6"   | 23  | C    |
| Jason Wilson    | 11    | 5'5"   | 3   | G    |
| Patrick Collins | 10    | 6'2"   |     | F    |
| Wesley Jarrell  | 10    | 6'2"   |     | F    |



## 1/19/2000 WVSD Varsity Boys vs. Del. Deaf WVSD 37 DSD 51

|         | 2 pt FG | 3 pt FG | FTM-FTA | Total Pts | Reb | Asst | Steals | Bl |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----|------|--------|----|
| Lake    | --      | --      | 0-4     | 0         | 3   | --   | --     | -- |
| Mick    | --      | --      | 0-1     | 0         | 1   | --   | --     | -- |
| Cochran | 3       | --      | 6-10    | 12        | 4   | 2    | 1      | -- |
| Leake   | 3       | --      | --      | 6         | 12  | 1    | --     | 5  |
| Wilson  | 3       | 2       | 0-1     | 12        | 1   | 2    | --     | -- |
| Collins | 3       | --      | 1-4     | 7         | 6   | 2    | 2      | 4  |
| Jarrell | --      | --      | --      | --        | --  | --   | --     | 1  |

Boys' Varsity  
Basketball Team

# Principal's Post

by Mr. J. D. Corbin

While recently attending an administrators' conference, one specific theme continually surfaced: preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow; being relevant in the 21st century; teach to the future. One speaker even introduced the *new* three R's: reading, writing, and relevance.

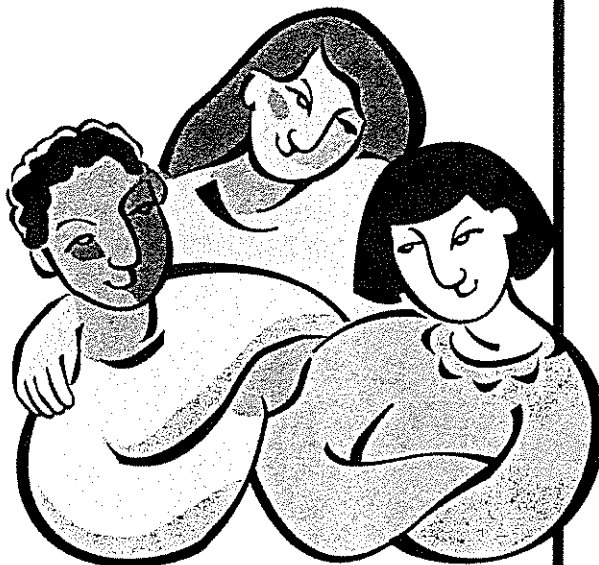
In bringing these ideas home and applying them to our school, it becomes largely apparent that we are preparing our students for the challenges of tomorrow. Beyond all of the technology being utilized in the classrooms, we participate in clubs such as *Future Business Leaders of America* and *Future Farmers of America*. Preparing for the future surely has its place, but let us not forget about today. In fact, may each of us learn to (*carpe diem*) seize the day.

## Dorm News

by Mr. Marty Blakely

Spring is approaching more quickly than we expected! We have some exciting, educational activities planned:

\*Model Secondary School for the Deaf Student Life Department is hosting the second annual Mr./Miss Deaf Teen America Pageant on April 29, 2000 at Gallaudet University. Exciting prizes will be given to the winners, including college scholarships! Students between the ages of 13 and 21 who are residential or day students will have a wonderful opportunity to display their leadership skills, talents,



fellowship, and congeniality. This is also an exciting opportunity for teens to get together and experience fun-filled educational events and to meet new and old friends. Our sponsors are Mr. Barry Nealis and Mrs. Christy Sevigny.

\*Some of our students plan to participate in interscholastic sports or intramural activities this spring. The seventh and eighth grade boys are excited to begin playing baseball, since they are last year's champions. Some of our students plan to try out for next year's track teams at Hampshire High School and Romney Middle School. Also, some of our students would like to try out for the baseball teams at these schools.

\*The Lions' Club is again sponsoring a ski trip for our secondary students. This year's trip will be to Timberline Ski Resort on February 28, 29, and March 1.











More information on these matters will be announced in the next Lions' Tale.

Parents: If you have any concerns about any aspect of your son's or daughter's residential schooling, please feel free to contact me!

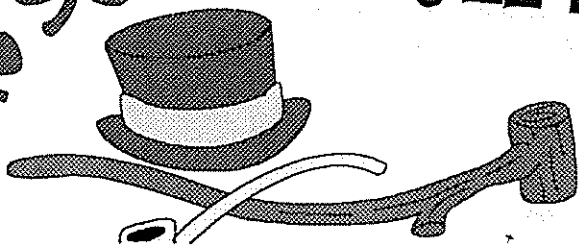
A spring  
day feeds  
the whole  
year.

— Russian  
Proverb



| S   | M   | T  | W   | T   | F   | S   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |  | 1   | 2<br>Grades<br>10-11-12<br>to WVDHR,<br>Institute   | 3<br>Students<br>return from<br>Institute   | 4   |
| 5   | 6   | 7<br>Town Hall<br>Meeting<br><br>3-6 pm | 8<br>State Writing<br>Assessment<br><br>7th & 10th | 9   | 10<br> | 11  |
| 12<br>   | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17<br> | 18<br>TI Rally<br>WVSD&B<br> |
| 19  | 20<br>Spring<br>Begins!<br> | 21   | 22  | 23<br>                   | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br> | 27<br>3/27-31<br>Artist-In-<br>residence<br>Marcia<br>Springston<br>(potter)                                  | 28   | 29  | 30<br>Academic Bowl<br> | 31  |   |

# March 2000



# THE Lions' TALE

March 31, 2000

West Virginia School for the Deaf

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## Four WVSD Students Are "On The Job"



WVSD students Joe Canterbury, April Dixon, Jared Helsel, and Tracy Marcum are on the job at the Hampshire County Special Services Center. They have a weekly schedule where they participate in a variety of job opportunities.

Jared and Joe work one day a week on an outside

contract with the Koppers Company. All three students work in the car detailing area. Tracy and Joe also work in the area of foods.

The students have a real on the job experience. They "clock in and clock out," have regular breaks and a lunch period. They are trained in their areas for following procedures to complete a job, following safety rules, and knowing the names and uses of products and tools needed.

Along with work comes the fun of social or party days. This is always a treat for everyone.

April just recently joined the "on the job" crew. During the month of March, she has been in training, assisted by our very own Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

— Thomas A.

Edison



## GOOD LUCK!

This year's Academic Bowl participants are Jo Shaffer, Daniel Cochran, Patrick Collins, Stephanie Smallwood, RT Lake, and Jason Wilson. Sponsors/Coaches are Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall and Mr. Bill Kesler. The Academic Bowl is being held at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf March 30 through April 1.

## Principal's Post

by Mr. Corbin

Our campus recently served as host for a Town Hall Meeting held by Mrs. Charity Reedy-Hines, newly appointed Commissioner for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Mrs. Hines has been traveling throughout the state to inform everyone of the Commission and its purpose. Following her presentation, she opened the meeting to hear the concerns of individuals. A broad range of needs was identified, and we are in the process of resolving them.

The meeting was very positive and informative. Mrs. Hines mentioned that Romney had fewer concerns than any meeting to date. A reflection on our school, perhaps?

Mrs. Hines arrived early enough to spend the day visiting classes and reading to the elementary children. She appeared very much at home in our campus environment where most everyone communicates in the language of signs. We wish Mrs.

Hines much success in her role as Commissioner for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

## The Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

We strongly encourage parents and legal guardians of our students to establish contact with your child's houseparents and teachers. We believe that if you understand the houseparents' and teachers' expectations, and the houseparents and teachers understand the family environment, then the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (D/HH) students see a united front.

Research supports the connection between a D/HH student's educational/residential achievements and consis-



tent parental interest and involvement -- regardless of the parents' educational backgrounds.

Here are items which will benefit D/HH students:

- \*Foster a love of learning
- \*Put your words into action
- \*Keep the lines of communication open
- \*Emphasize the process as well as the achievement
- \*Keep your expectations high

This is our mission statement: "To leave no D/HH student behind. We will make the poor student good and the good student superior."

Please come visit us on Parents' Day!

Friendship  
improves  
happiness  
and abates  
misery by  
the  
doubling  
of our joy  
and the  
dividing of  
our grief.  
— Cicero

## In Memorium

Edward "Ed" Czernicki, who taught Driver's Education at WVSD for 29 years, died February 16 at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC.

Born December 30, 1926 in Thorp, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late Joseph and Clara (Hodorowdi) Czernicki.

He was an Eagle Scout and a graduate of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. In 1955 he earned his B.S. degree from Gallaudet University, where he wrestled and played football. He completed

additional course work at the University of Tennessee, Catholic University of America, Shepherd College, Marshall University, and West Virginia University.

Mr. Czernicki taught deaf students for a total of 43 years. Besides teaching at WVSD, he taught at the Montana School for the Deaf and the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Norma (Mc-Carty) Czernicki, librarian at WVSD; two daughters, Marla Kay Garlic and hus-

band, John, of Weslaco, Texas, and Paula Ann Czernicki of Many Farms, Arizona; two grandchildren and three sisters.

Ed will be missed by students, staff, and many friends in the Romney community.



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**Ski Trip**

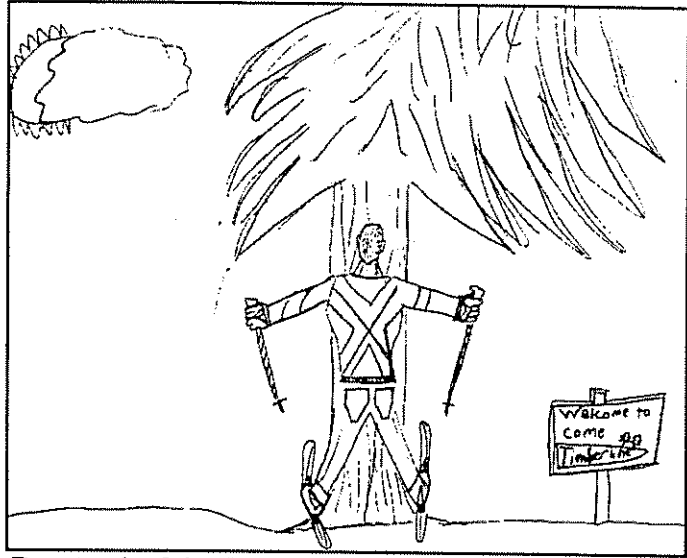
by John Jordan

We woke up, ate breakfast, and got ready to leave school. We were on the bus for two hours before we got to Timberline!

We got our keys to the motel and changed clothes to go skiing. Some kids went to Ski School, because the staff wanted to make sure we knew how to ski. We skied for a long time. Then we went back to the motel to sleep.

The next day we went skiing in the morning. After lunch I raced with my new hearing friend. That afternoon I saw a beautiful girl with dark brown hair and a purple coat. I followed her to the top, then back down the slopes. A man almost killed me! He jumped at me and I fell into the woods and almost hit a tree!

That's all I have to say, and I hope I didn't miss anything!



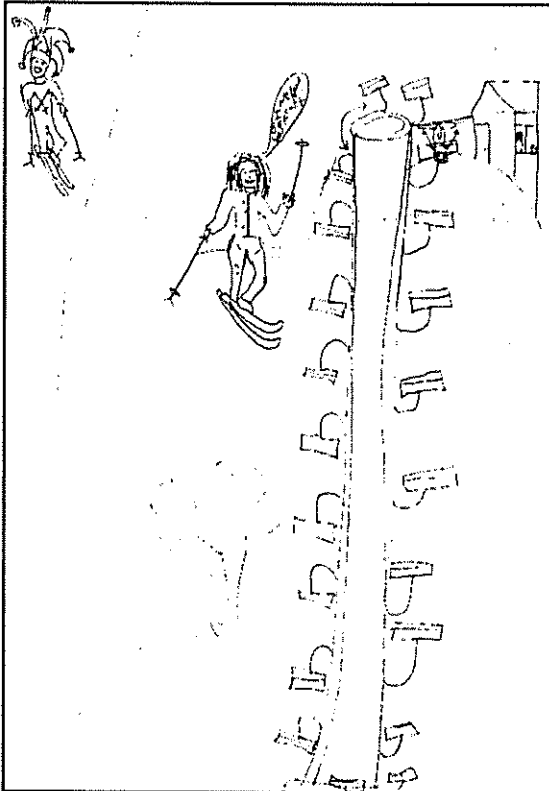
Drawing by John Jordan

*To All Members of the  
West Virginia Lions' Club*

*Thank you for making it possible for us to participate in the annual skiing activity. Every year we make new friends, learn new skills, and hone the skills we've learned in previous years. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!*

**Something Bad That Turned Good**

by Diane Delfosse



Drawing by Diana Delfosse

On February 29th (Tuesday) I decided to go on the easiest slope of them all. I saw other people having fun, so I got on the chair lift. When I got off, I remembered that I couldn't stop or turn yet! I didn't know how, so when I got off the chair lift, I started to slide. I went faster and faster and faster! I screamed, "Help! I can't stop!" but nobody helped. Then I fell. Ashley just got off the chair lift, and she told me to get up, but I couldn't! She didn't help me. Jared went and got a man to help me. The man helped me up and

said, "I can't be coming down this far every five minutes, OK?" I said, "Fine!"

I decided to ask a teacher to teach me how to stop and turn. He said, "OK!" So he showed me how to stop, break, and turn different ways. I was happy. I told him, "Thank you!" and went back on the chair lift to the slope again. This time, I was fine!

I skied all day after that. Then on Wednesday we went sledding at Canaan Valley. I didn't like that as much as I liked skiing.

# WVSD Sports

by Coaches Mike and Mary Beth Surber



## Girls' Basketball Season Ends

| Player    | Games Played | 2Pt FG | 3Pt FG | FTM-FTA | Total Points | Scoring Avg. | Rbds | Rb. Avg. | Asst | Steals | Blocks |
|-----------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------------|------|----------|------|--------|--------|
| Smallwood | 12           | 40     | 15     | 9-20    | 134          | 11.1         | 80   | 6.6      | 19   | 5      | 13     |
| Surber    | 13           | 75     | 23     | 45-101  | 264          | 20.3         | 252  | 19.3     | 34   | 20     | 12     |
| Keplinger | 14           | 6      | 5      | 1-8     | 28           | 2.1          | 30   | 2.1      | 14   | 24     | 3      |
| Romanello | 9            | 4      | 1      | 1-2     | 12           | 1.3          | 46   | 5.1      | 16   | 24     | 3      |
| Adkins    | 14           | 7      | 0      | 4-9     | 18           | 1.3          | 46   | 3.5      | 6    | 21     | 0      |
| Shaffer   | 14           | 0      | 0      | 1-4     | 1            | .07          | 24   | 1.8      | 5    | 7      | 3      |
| Fields    | 8            | 0      | 0      | 0-0     | 0            | 0            | 2    | .25      | 2    | 0      | 0      |
| Parent    | 8            | 0      | 0      | 0-0     | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0        | 0    | 3      | 0      |

| Date  | Opponent      | Score-They | Score-We | Win-Lose |
|-------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 12/9  | MSSD JV       | 36         | 31       | L        |
| 12/13 | Union         | 37         | 29       | L        |
| 12/15 | VSD           | 18         | 40       | W        |
| 12/16 | WPSD          | 42         | 25       | L        |
| 1/4   | MSD           | 57         | 18       | L        |
| 1/6   | VSD           | 40         | 26       | W        |
| 1/18  | Mt. View      | 23         | 40       | W        |
| 1/19  | DSD           | 39         | 36       | L        |
| 1/27  | Flintstone JV | 32         | 42       | W        |
| 1/28  | Beall JV      | 29         | 37       | W        |
| 2/7   | Mt. View      | 22         | 38       | W        |
| 2/9   | Union         | 49         | 34       | L        |
| 2/22  | Union (PVC)   | 55         | 38       | L        |

### Feb. 7 at Mt. View Christian Academy

| Quarter  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|----------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD     | 14 | 26 | 32 | 38 | 38    |
| Mt. View | 2  | 6  | 14 | 22 | 22    |

|           | PTS | RBDS | ASS'T | STEALS | BLKS |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|--------|------|
| Smallwood | 15  | 5    | 1     | 1      | 2    |
| Surber    | 21  | 27   | 5     | 1      | 3    |
| Keplinger | --  | 4    | --    | --     | --   |
| Adkins    | --  | 3    | --    | 2      | --   |
| Romanello | 2   | 5    | 2     | 2      | --   |

### Feb. 9 at Union

| Quarter | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD    | 12 | 18 | 24 | 34 | 34    |
| Union   | 10 | 21 | 34 | 49 | 49    |

|           | PTS | RBDS | ASS'T | STEALS | BLKS |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|--------|------|
| Smallwood | 6   | 3    | 2     | --     | --   |
| Surber    | 26  | 25   | --    | --     | 3    |
| Keplinger | --  | 1    | 2     | --     | --   |
| Adkins    | 2   | 1    | --    | --     | --   |
| Shaffer   | --  | 2    | --    | --     | --   |

### Feb. 22 at Union (PVC Tourn. - Class A)

| Quarter | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | Final |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| WVSD    | 7  | 13 | 29 | 38 | 38    |
| Union   | 18 | 25 | 37 | 55 | 55    |

|           | PTS | RBDS | ASS'T | STEALS | BLKS |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|--------|------|
| Smallwood | 12  | 9    | 2     | --     | --   |
| Surber    | 22  | 20   | 2     | --     | 1    |
| Keplinger | --  | 3    | --    | --     | --   |
| Adkins    | 4   | 5    | 1     | --     | --   |
| Shaffer   | --  | 3    | 1     | --     | --   |

## ***Congratulations***

to Stephanie Smallwood and Danielle Surber, who were chosen to be All Tournament Players

***Season Record: 6-7***

# THE Lions' TALE

May 15, 2000

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia 26757

(304) 822-4860

## Jr. NAD Parents' Day Performance Was A Big Hit!



Members of the Jr. NAD Club performed a hilarious version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Parents' Day. Pictured are Sleepy (Pat Collins), Bashful (Sheena Smith), Doc (Billy White), Sneezy (John Jordan), Grumpy (Jeremy Cornell), Dopey (Jason Wilson), and Happy (Paul Parent, Jr.).

Mrs. Mary Beth Surber is the club's sponsor.

The secret of education is respecting the pupil.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## WVSD Students Attend Teen Institute

WVSD was one of the schools represented at the 8th annual RESA VIII Teen Institute (TI) on March 18, held in the MPR. Jason Wilson, Daniel Cochran, Wesley Jarrell, JoAnne Shaffer, Patrick Collins, and Latasha Hackett attended, along with teachers and interpreters Mr. Michael Coleman, Mrs. Ann Behrens, Mrs. Jan Dodgins, Mrs. Shari Loar, and Mrs. Debbie Watson. Mrs. Kathy Kuykendall was in charge of refreshments.

Students participated in several training workshops, including facts about HIV/AIDS/STD's, Stress Management, Yoga, Leadership Skills, Decision Making Skills, Refusing Peer Pressure, Sign Language, Self-Defense, and Violence in Dating.

The RESA VIII Teen Institute was held in partnership with RESA VIII and Mineral County Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Programs. The Federal Block Grant gave partial funding for the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse through the Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, WVDHHR, Prevention Resource WV Center, and The Potomac Highlands Guild.



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## Director's Corner

by Mr. Blakely

The Model Secondary School for the Deaf's Student Life hosted its 2nd annual Miss/Mr. Deaf Teen America Pageant on April 29, 2000 at Gallaudet University. Exciting prizes, including college scholarships, were given

to the winners of the pageant. Gallaudet University also held an Open House for the contestants.

Teenagers ages 13 to 21 had a wonderful opportunity to display their leadership skills, talents, fellowship, and congeniality. Also, this was a terrific chance for teens to get together and experience a fun-filled and educational event, as well as meet new and old friends.

Eleven schools participated in this year's pageant. Our WVSD representatives to the pageant were Tabitha Keplinger, sophomore, and Daniel Cochran, junior. Daniel was awarded the Congeniality trophy and placed fourth in the pageant. Tabitha said it was the best learning experience she has ever had!

We are so proud of their worthwhile efforts!



Tabitha Keplinger



Daniel Cochran

### Rt. 50 Cleanup

In an effort to help keep our campus looking good, this group of seventh graders, under the direction of Mrs. Teter, collected trash along Rt. 50 near the school recently.

Pictured left to right are Diana Delfosse, Billy White, Jeremy Cornell, Bradley Grey and John Jordan.



### Mrs. Norma Czernicki, WVSD Librarian, Retires

Mrs. Norma Czernicki recently retired after over 30 years at WVSD, first as a reading teacher, and most recently as our librarian.

While at WVSD, Mrs. Czernicki re-catalogued every book in the library (over 13,000 volumes), started a reference collection as well as a bound periodicals collection, and founded a professional section on deafness.

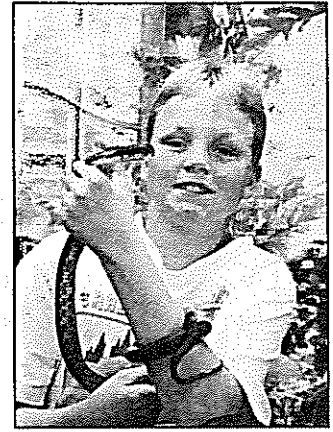
Prior to her position on our

campus, she worked at the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, Tennessee and the Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, Montana, before coming to West Virginia.

Mrs. Czernicki came to WVSD&B in 1969, where she began her career as a reading teacher. Four years later she became the Librarian in the Secondary Department, the job she held until she retired.

Mrs. Czernicki is spending

some time with her daughter and family in Texas, and will return to Romney in June.



### Some Snakes Are OK!

Seventh grader Josh Bittner is shown holding a friendly young black snake that science teacher Mr. Engelman found near his home. Mr. Engelman brought the snake to school for a day so students could learn more about the beneficial reptile. At the end of the day Mr. Engelman returned the snake to where he found it.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

for  
Ed

Czernicki

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 17

11:00 a.m.

Our Lady  
of Grace  
Catholic  
Church

Romney, WV



*FLBA Members at the Information Manufacturing Corporation*

## TWV Marionettes Perform Jack and the Beanstalk



**D**ean and Cindy worked their magic again this year, performing marionette magic to tell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Students from Secondary Deaf, Elementary Deaf, and some classes from Romney Elementary School watched with delight as Jack rescued the princess from the Giant by chopping down the beanstalk. Lots of audience participation, lively music, and a live "giant" made this performance especially fun.

This performance was made possible through a grant from Arts in Education, West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

## CLUB CLIPS

### FBLA

*by Diana Delfosse, Reporter*

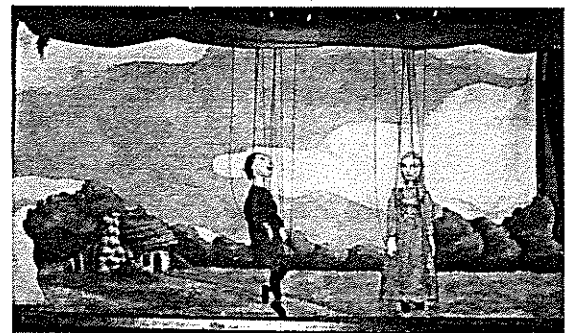
On March 17, twenty-one members toured the Information Manufacturing Corporation (IMC) at Rocket Center, WV. IMC stores huge data files. Two large contracts that IMC handles are NOA (worldwide weather system) and the Department of Immigration and Naturalization (maintaining "Green Card" records). Mr. John Douthitt commented, "IMC processed 38,000,000 pieces last year and never lost one!"

FBLA thanks Mr. John DeLawder, Human Resources Director, Mr. John Douthitt, Mr. Kevin Russell, and the employees of IMC for the informative tour.

Following the tour, IMC provided pizza, veggies, hot wings, and soda to club members.

On March 19, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., the FBLA Club had its first St. Patrick's Day Dance. We had music, games, refreshments, and a lot of fun!

We would like to thank the decorating committee with the help of the houseparents for their lovely decorations. We also would like to thank Stephanie Smallwood and Marcus Leake for providing the music. The Seaton Hall kitchen staff baked a delicious St. Paddy's Day cake and also provided other party foods. Over thirty people came to the first FBLA dance. We hope to make this dance an annual affair.







<Featured Speaker  
Superintendent Jane McBride



# ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



April 20, 2000

Photos by  
JoAnne Shaffer



# Lions' TALE

June 8, 2000

West Virginia School for the Deaf

Romney, West Virginia 26757

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## Congratulations to the WVSD Class of 2000!



### WVSD Class of 2000

*Ronald Lake, Stephanie Smallwood, and Chris Mick*



he Class of 2000 will graduate tomorrow in a ceremony witnessed by members of the State Board of Education, as well as family, friends, fellow students, and staff members.

WVSD&B Valedictorians Chris Mick and Jill Waller will address the group. Music will be provided by the School for the Blind band and chorus. The WVSD Class of 2000 will perform two songs "in the language of signs".

**RONALD THOMAS LAKE**, of Philippi, is the son of Marsha Lake.

Ronald was on the basketball team four years, was a member of VICA seven years, and belonged to Jr. NAD for two years. He was also honored as Student of the Month.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping.

Ronald's goal is to work for the Department of Natural Resources.

**CHRISTOPHER TROY MICK**, Valedictorian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mick of Cherry Grove.

Chris was on the basketball team, served as manager of the Jr. Boys' basketball team, was a member of VICA, Jr. NAD, and FFA Clubs; and was on the Lions' Tale and yearbook staff. He was voted Homecoming King, as well as first runner-up in last year's Mr. Teen Deaf America Pageant.

His hobbies are drawing, building models, driving, electronics, and listening to music.

Chris plans to attend Mineral County Vo-Tech to learn auto body and mechanics.

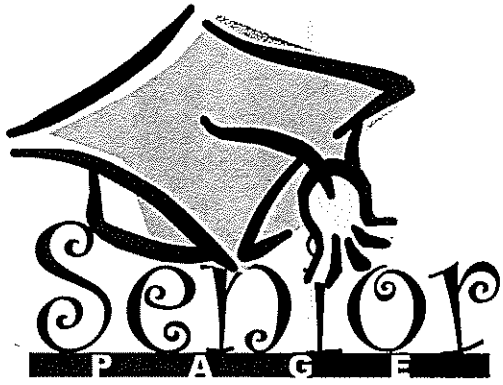
**STEPHANIE MARIE SMALLWOOD**, Salutatorian, of Oak Hill, is the daughter of Ms. Janice McDaniel and Mr. Charles Smallwood.

Stephanie was named Best All-Around Student, Homecoming Queen, Most Improved Player, Best Defensive Player; served as President of Jr. NAD, Secretary of Jr. NAD, Treasurer of

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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## Class of 2000

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VICA, and President of FBLA; and played on the basketball and volleyball teams.

In her free time, Stephanie enjoys collecting souvenir spoons and porcelain dolls, reading, writing letters, listening to music, surfing the Internet, and visiting chat rooms.

Stephanie will attend Gallaudet University in the fall.

# Wills

*I, Chris Mick, hereby leave . . .*  
 All my pink stuff to Mr. Corbin.  
 My skill in pestering staff members to Jason.  
 My ability to beg money from Mom to Tabitha.  
 My math skills to Marcus.

*I, Stephanie Smallwood, hereby leave . . .*  
 My attitude to Becky.  
 My talent for having the cleanest room to Holly.  
 My sense of humor to Sheena.  
 My moody days to Tabitha.

*I, Ronald Lake, hereby leave . . .*  
 My cafeteria chair to Patrick.  
 My height to Diana.  
 My basketball uniform to Keith  
 All my size 15 shoes to DJ.

# Most Embarrassing Moment at WVSD

I was working in the greenhouse one day, and I bent down to pick up something and tore my pants!

*Ronald*

Our softball team drove to Martinsburg for a game. When we arrived there, I realized I'd forgotten to bring my uniform! I had to play softball in a dress-like outfit! I never again left campus without making sure I had my uniform!

*Stephanie*

One time I was talking to a large group of students in the dorm lobby, and while I was signing, I hit my glasses. They flew off my face in front of all the students!

*Chris*

# Advice to Underclassmen

Get along with the teachers. You will learn a lot, and in the future you will be glad you did.

*Stephanie*

Study hard and think about your goals.

*Chris*

Treat others like you want to be treated.

*Ronald*

## Mrs. Marj Boley Retires

Mrs. Marj Boley is retiring after teaching at WVSD for 45 years.

While Mrs. Boley was attending West Liberty State College, she visited the campus of WVSD&B with a deaf girl from her home town. Mrs. Boley decided she wanted to work with deaf children. After two years at college, she received a call saying WVSD



needed teachers. The school offered to train her to become a teacher.

For two years Mrs. Boley underwent training in the Elementary Department and was then given a class of her own. During the summer months she finished her college requirements and earned her degree. Later she moved to the Secondary Department, where she taught speech for seven years before becoming a Language Arts teacher.

We asked Mrs. Boley if she had any funny memories, to which she replied, "The first thing that comes to mind is teaching for three months without electricity in the old school building." She said the old building, which burnt down some years ago, "had marvelous, huge windows, so lots of light came in, thank goodness! On cloudy days, we would have the students push their desks toward the windows so they could see better."

WVSD's Secondary Department honored Mrs. Boley with a surprise dinner one evening in April. After a delicious meal, faculty, staff, and family spent the evening presenting special gifts to Mrs. Boley and reminiscing about her years at WVSD.

Mrs. Boley has many plans for her retirement, including getting her computer hooked up to the Internet, buying a computerized sewing machine, and traveling to Morgantown, Richmond, and Myrtle Beach to visit family and friends.

WVSD&B staff and students will miss Mrs. Boley!

## Greenhouse/Aquaponics

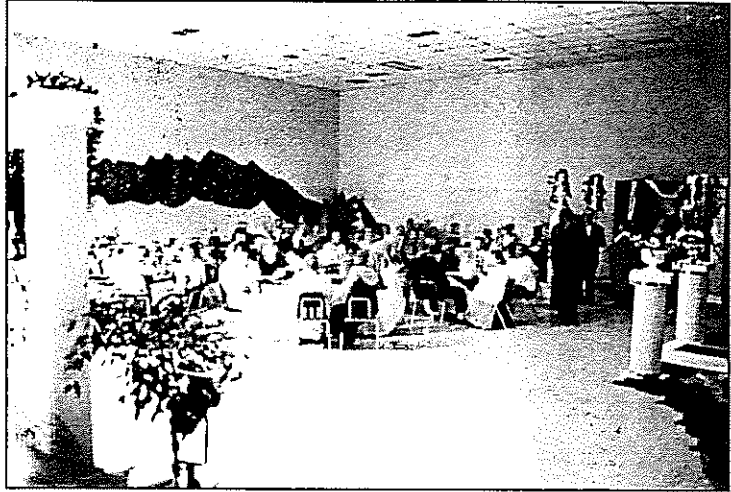
### Facility Is Under Roof!

The new greenhouse/aquaponics facility is under roof, thanks to the cooperative efforts of WVSD's FFA Chapter and Hampshire High School's FFA Chapter.

Pictured are some of the students who have been working on the project.

The WVSD FFA Chapter would like to thank HHS Agriculture Education teacher Mr. Paul Roomsburg, retired Agriculture Education teacher and Vocational Advisory Council President Mr. Bill Roomsburg, Mr. John Saville, retired Agriculture teacher, and the HHS students for all their help.

## "Evening in the Ruins"

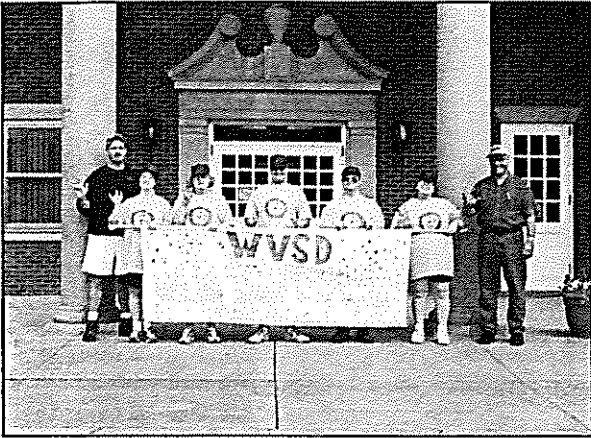


ABOVE: Once again Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Davy, Mrs. Boley, Mrs. Kuykendall, and the junior class worked magic on the MPR, turning it into a dream world for the prom, held on Saturday, May 20. Students and staff danced until midnight to tunes "spun" by Marcus Leake.

RIGHT: Latasha Hackett (left) and Stephnie Smallwood, who are enrolled in Mrs. Kuykendall's class, made their own prom dresses (with a little help from Mrs. KI). Great job, girls!



## Special Olympics Held May 17



*Special Olympics athletes and coaches (left to right) Mr. Bill Kesler, Becky Lett, April Dixon, Jared Helsel, Joe Canterbury, Tracy Marcum, and Mr. Herb Adrian.*

*by Mr. Adrian*

The Hampshire County Special Olympics Track and Field Games were held at Hampshire High School on May 17, 2000.

WVSD athletes competed in race walking in the 100 and 200 meter classes, as well as shotput. Jared also competed in the 100 meter dash.

The Games began with a parade of athletes around the track. Following a moving rendition of the National Anthem, sung by one of the athletes, the Invocation and Olympic Oath were given.

Our five athletes collected eleven Olympic medals for their efforts: Jared - 3 silver; Joe - 3 bronze; Becky - 2 silver; Tracy - 1 silver, 1 bronze, and April - 1 bronze.

Each athlete competed in three events and received ribbons as well.

On behalf of the athletes, I would like to thank Mr. Kesler, Mr. Engelman, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Davy, and Mrs. Staley for their help.

Congratulations to our athletes!

## Prom Royalty



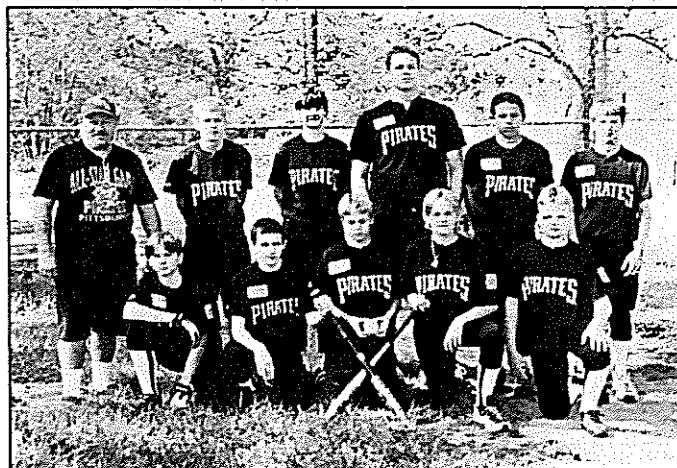
*Ronald Lake and Stephanie Smallwood were crowned King and Queen by Jason Wilson at the prom on May 20.*



*Seventh graders Diana Delfosse and Lisa Parent helped prepare food for the prom in Mrs. Kuykendall's class.*

*If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work.*

*-- William Shakespeare*



## Little League Season Ends

*Front row, left to right: John Jordan, Paul Parent, Jr., Bradley Grey, Corey Grace, and Josh Bittner. Back row: Coach Paul Parent, Sr., Jonathan Edwards, Billy White, Keith Richardson, Jeremy Cornell, and Roger Allport.*

