

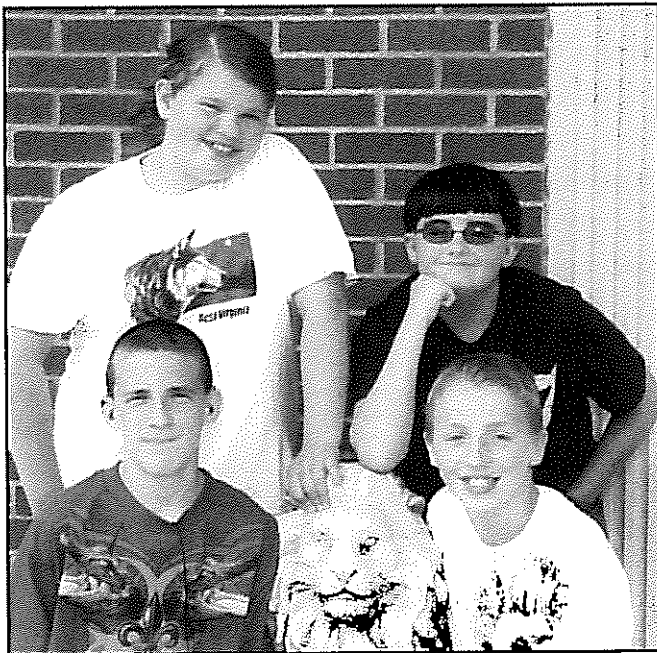
THE LIONS' TALE



WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Welcome New Seventh Graders!



Front row, left to right: Wade Adams and Patrick Epperly. Back row: Anna DeLozier and Jordan Simmons.

WADE ADAMS

Why are you interested in WVSD? *It's cool.*
 What is your favorite class? *Math*
 How is high school different from elementary? *There are many different classes.*
 What is your favorite sport? *Basketball*
 What do you like most about WVSD? *Teachers and friends*
 Where is your hometown? *Springfield*
 How many siblings? *Three brothers and three sisters*
 How old are you now? *Thirteen*
 What are your parents' names? *Ronnie and Gail*
 What is your favorite

animal? *Monkey*
 What is your favorite color? *Pink*
 When is your birthday? *July 9, 1995*

ANNA DELOZIER

How old are you? *Fourteen*
 When is your birthday? *March. 16, 1993*
 Where is your home town? *Keyser*
 What are your parents' names? *Russell and Dari DeLozier*
 How many siblings? *One sister and two brothers*
 What is your favorite animal? *Wolf*

What is your favorite color? *Hot pink*
 What is your favorite class? *Gym*
 What is your favorite sport? *Tennis*
 What do you like about high school? *Everything!*
 How is high school different from elementary? *It is more exciting and makes me a little nervous to be here.*
 What do you like about WVSD? *Making new friends*

PATRICK EPPERLY

What do you like about high school? *I don't know yet.*
 What is your favorite class? *Math*
 How is high school different from elementary? *It is harder!*
 What is your favorite sport? *Basketball*
 What do you like about WVSD? *My friends*
 Where is your hometown? *Slanesville*
 How many siblings do you have? *One sister and one brother*
 How old are you? *Thirteen*
 What are your parents' names? *Ronald and Priscilla Epperly*
 What is your favorite animal? *Dog*
 What is your favorite color? *Blue*

JORDAN SIMMONS

Why do you like WVSD? *It is a good school with good education.*
 What is your favorite class? *Gym*
 How is high school different from elementary? *There is more freedom.*
 What are your favorite sports? *Football and basketball*
 What do you like about WVSD? *It is the best!*
 What do you miss about elementary? *My teacher, Mrs. Surber*
 Where is your home town? *Charleston*
 How many siblings do you have? *One brother and one sister*
 When is your birthday? *November 13, 1996*
 How old are you? *Thirteen*
 What are your parent's names? *Jeff and Julie Simmons*

1. Who needs a flu vaccine?

- a) You
- b) You
- c) You
- d) All of the above

Even healthy people can get the flu, and it can be serious.

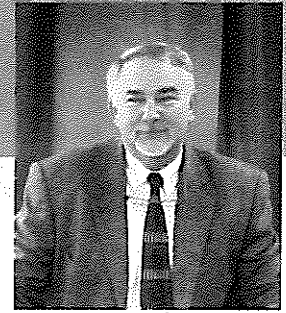
Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine. This means you.



THE FLU ENDS WITH

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



This past August, we hit the ground running and have never looked back. Teachers have been inundated with staff development, particularly our language arts instructors who are implementing a new program this year. We anticipate huge gains from our new researched based lan-

guage arts program. We celebrated Deaf Awareness Week which took on an extra special twist this year, as we were also celebrating 140 years since our schools opened its doors to deaf and blind youth in the state of West Virginia. One of the highlights of the week was a

special picnic luncheon prepared by our Partners in Education, the United Auto Workers Local 1590. The week continued into the weekend where students enjoyed a penny carnival and a performance of *Rumplestiltskin* by alumni. These very special events have provided a great be-

ginning to what will no doubt be a very busy and event filled school year.

Director of Student Living

by Ms. Christine Frye



and Halloween activities. The students are going to have numerous opportunities this year to attend theatrical performances in conjunction with the WVU Creative Arts Department.

Along with events, the students are getting one more computer on every dorm floor to help with homework. There are going to be more chances for group study. The child care staff has been provided with more tools on how to teach consumer

living skills to our residents. There are going to be many opportunities for everyone to practice healthy living

skills along with building better social communication.

Welcome back students!! The summer has flown by with preparation for this upcoming school year. The child care staff and I look forward to many fun filled educational activities. Many events are coming up with the 140th celebration. The month of October is packed full with fall picnics, volleyball games, football games,

SEPTEMBER Students of the Month



Holly Ramos
ADV GIRLS



Jensen Greenstein
ADV BOYS

WVSD Joins the Distance Learning Community

by Mr. Blakely

As an American Sign Language (ASL) teacher, I would love to share some exciting news about a distance learning ASL course that is happening at WVSD this fall! High school students from Roane County and WVSD are in the process of taking this interactive course.

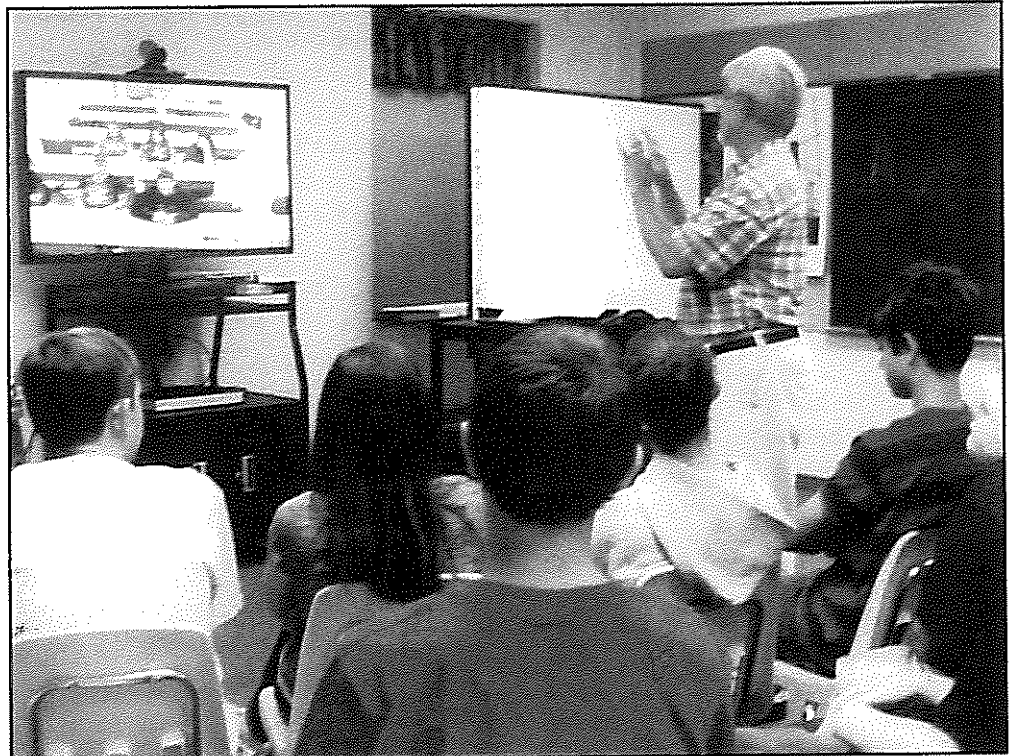
The benefit of this class is to help each other improve receptive and expressive skills and to learn about deaf culture/deaf history, and the deaf community.

Students living in rural or "outlying" areas of our state often don't have access to sign language classes, but by using "21st Century technology," we are able to include them in our ASL course. It's almost like they are in the same room with us!

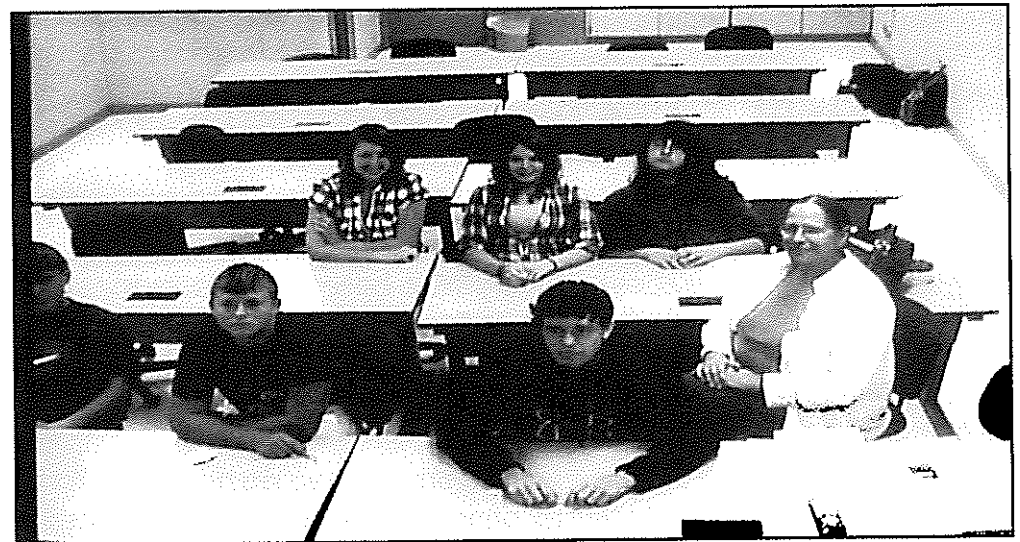
This ASL course also fulfills a foreign language requirement at their local high school.

In addition, I am working with the Academic Bowl (AB) coach from Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, so that we may use this technology to practice together for the upcoming AB in early 2011.

My sincere appreciation goes to our secondary



Mr. Blakely, WVSD's ASL teacher signing to Roane County Students.



Roane County participants in WVSD's ASL class. Front row, left to right: C.J., Mike, Luke, and an aide. Back row, left to right: Holly, Samantha, and Corey.

principal, Mr. J. D. Corbin, Roane County High School principal, Mr. Tupper, and Mrs. Priscilla Bohrer, our Campus Technology Coordinator. Also,

I would like to thank our students for their willingness and motivation to participate in this new way of learning and sharing infor-

mation.

Please contact me for further information: mblakely@access.k12.wv.us

Welcome, Mrs. Riggleman and Mrs. Hausrath



Mrs. Riggleman

Mrs. Riggleman, where do you live?

I live on Cooper Mountain in Augusta, WV, with my husband Calvin, and our two dogs, Zoe and Piper.

Where did you attend college and what degrees have you earned?

I received my bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University in liberal studies/psychology and my master's degree in special education from Fairmont State University.

How long have you been teaching, and where have you taught?

I am beginning my fourth year of teaching. I taught at Capon Bridge

Elementary for one year and WVSD Elementary for the past two years.

Tell us about your family

I come from a deaf family. My parents, Mary Beth and Mike Surber, and my younger sister, Danielle, were a big influence on me. I also have 3 active and fun nephews I try to see as much as possible. I've been married to my wonderful husband, Calvin, for almost 2 years, and we are expecting a baby in February, 2011.

Where do you live, Mrs. Hausrath? Mt. Savage, MD
Where did you go to college and



Mrs. Hausrath

what degree(s) have you earned?

I graduated from Frostburg State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in secondary education.

How long have you been teaching and where have you taught? I previously taught at Hampshire High School for four years.

Tell us about your family.

I have one daughter, 12 years old, and 2 small dogs, Libby and Lucy.

What made you interested in teaching at WVSD?

I wanted to teach small groups of students.

What do you like about WVSD so far?

Everything!

"LEARN 21" - New WV Dept. of Ed. Website

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<http://wvde.state.wv.us/learn21/>

Learn 21 provides engaging Web-based math resources for students in grades pre K-12. In other words, students can learn while they play! Language arts, social studies and science resources were added to the Learn 21 Web site prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

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The Learn 21 site is a work in progress so we need your help. Learn 21 provides multiple opportunities for principal, teacher and student feedback. Comment boxes are provided throughout the Web site for your thoughts and suggestions.

Teacher and student feedback will inform future development of this Web site.

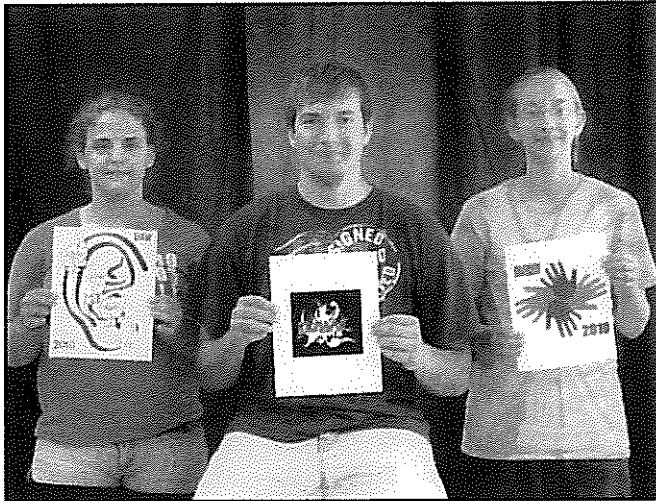
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For more information, contact the Learn 21 coordinator, Donna Landin, at (304) 558 - 3199.

GLOBAL 21
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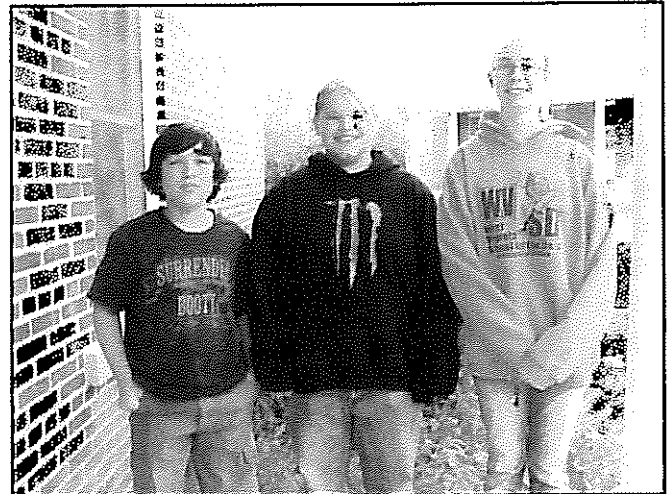
Deaf Awareness Week

September 21-24



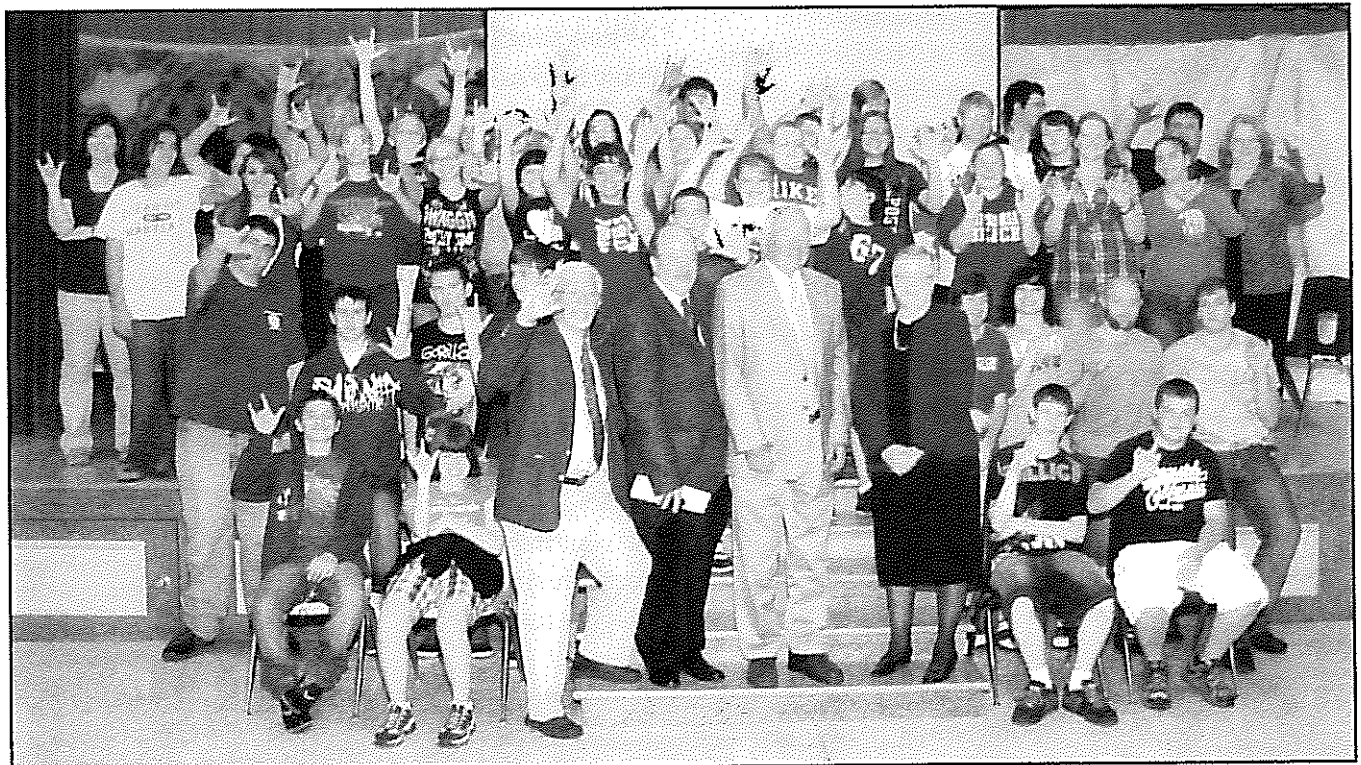
Winners of Logo Designs

1st place - Ethan Bolyard
2nd place - Amber Williams
3rd place - Samantha Johnson



Winners of Art Designs

1st place - Daylen Brightwell
2nd place - Anna Delozier
3rd place - Sara Isner



WVSD students, staff, and visitors with Mayor Hileman.

Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) News

Mr. Blakely, AB Coach

As AB Coach, I would like to share some very exciting information about the new format of the AB competition. The National Academic Bowl opens with the preliminary competition beginning Saturday and Sunday. Eight-eight (88) teams will be divided into 8 pools of 11 teams each. The 11 teams in each pool will face each other in round robin matches on March 4th through March 9th.

* What is the Academic Bowl?

Quiz tournaments, in which teams of high school students compete against each other in local, regional, and national events, have gained wide popularity among high schools and colleges throughout the country. The Gallaudet University Academic Bowl competition consists of a question and answer game of general knowledge and quick recall. Questions are drawn from the following categories: History and Government; Language and Literature; Science and Technology; Geography;

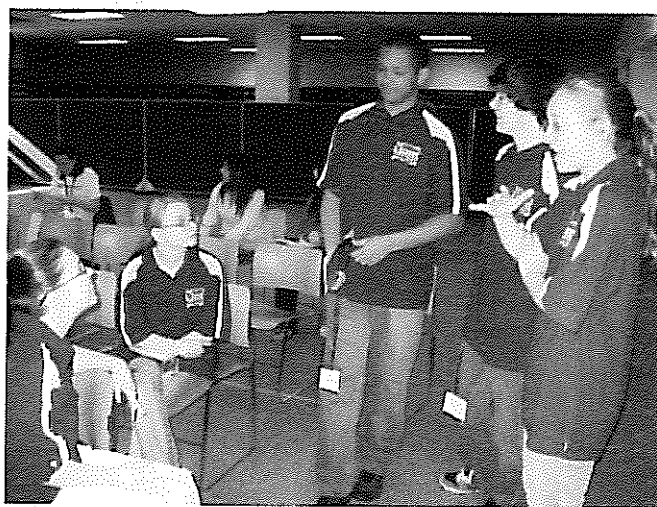
Mathematics; The Arts; Deaf Studies; Current Events; Potpourri; and Pop Culture, Leisure, and Sports.

* When and why was it established?

Gallaudet University established its first National Academic Bowl in 1997 with the goal of promoting academic competition among school teams and fostering academic excellence and achievement among deaf and hard of hearing students across the country.

* What happened to the regional Academic Bowl competitions?

2011 will be the 15th anniversary of the Academic Bowl competition. The popularity of the Academic Bowl competition has steadily risen since the first competition in 1997. This has resulted in an increase in the number of teams wishing to participate. The limitations of the regional competitions were considered, and once we examined the logistics and the human and fiscal resources of such an expansion, we



Last year's Academic Bowl team competed at New Jersey School for the Deaf (MKSD)

realized that hosting a single national competition at Gallaudet would be a more viable option.

* When should teams arrive in Washington, D.C.?

On Friday, March 4th, registration at the Sheraton Hotel will be held from 12 noon - 3:30pm. If teams want to arrive a day or two earlier to do some sight-seeing in Washington, D.C., they are more than welcome to do so with the understanding that accommodations and meals prior to registration

will be at their own expense. The national championship will be on Tuesday evening. Teams may also depart later than Wednesday, March 9th, if they want to stay for a day or two at their own expense after the competition ends.

We will announce our four AB team members in the next Lions' Tale.

Please contact Mr. Blakely for more information at: mblakely@access.k12.wv.us

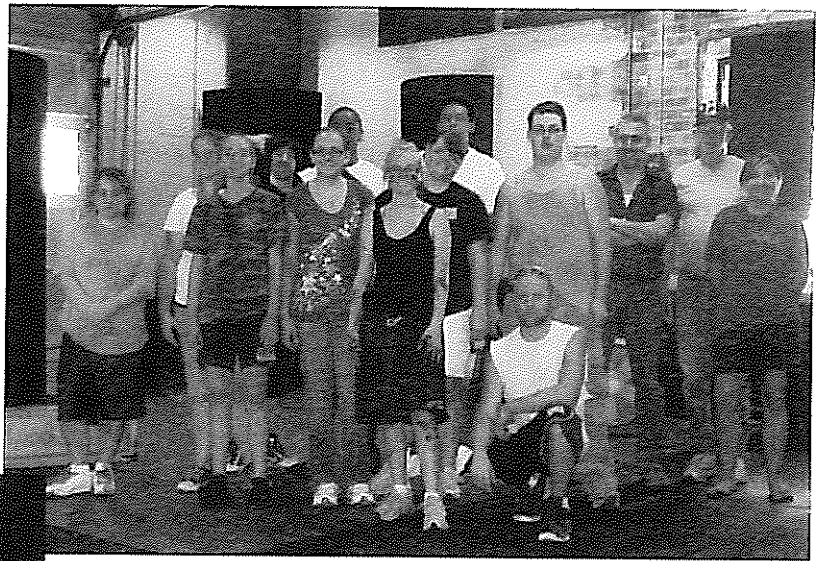


Academic Bowl

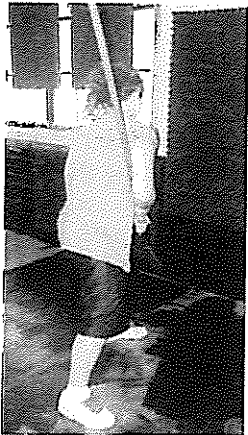
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students

Mr. Liller and the WVSD/HHS After School Theater Workshop

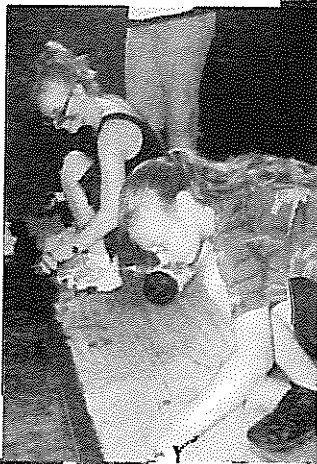
Kee your eye on this space, as next month we will be telling you all about this exciting new theater group made possible with a grant written by WVSD's Mr. Liller and Ms. V. Lynn Moore of the Hampshire County Arts Council.



(Above) If you build it, performance will happen.



(Left) Chelsea is painting the stage.



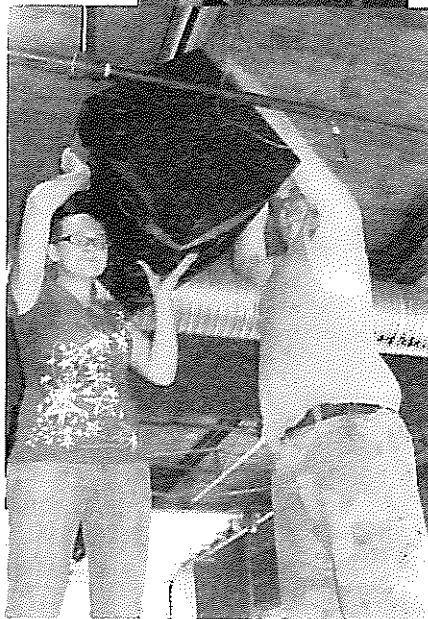
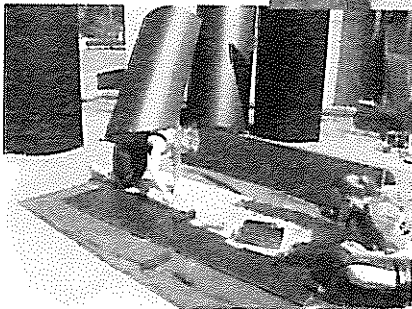
(Right and below) Two "messy painters," Shawnna and Samantha.



(Left) "Tear down that wall, Mr. Duff!"

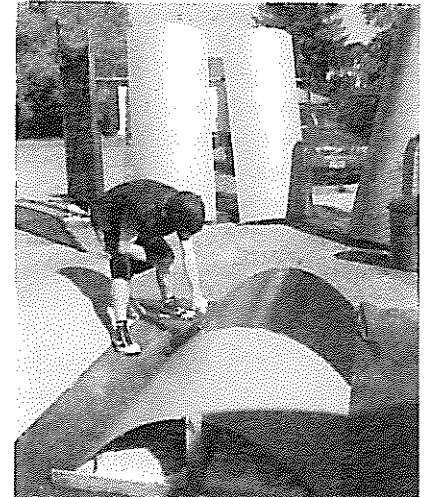


(Above) Jordan is working hard.



(Above) Katelyn and Ricky taking down the speaker.

(Below) Jonathan painting.



(Above) Ashley decides to become a "messy painter" too.

2010-2011 Girls Volleyball Team



Photo by Patrick Lee

Front Row (Left To Right) Amber Williams, Cheslea Tallman, Chelsea Hill, Shawna Weatherholt, and Holly Ramos. Second Row (Left To Right) Coach Surber, Assistant Coach Mrs. Riggleman, Ashley Moon, Katelyn Plum, Sara Isner, Samantha Plum, Chasity Hammonnd, Mananger Ethan Bolyard, Manager Samantha Johnson, and Scorekeeper Johnathan Stokes.

Are you happy to be coaching?
I'm excited to gain experience and to interact with the team, even though I've never coached before.

What kind of goals do you want to accomplish this year?

I want the girls to work together and show great sportsmanship towards other teams and themselves. I would like to see the girls improve any skill they need to work on as well.

Do you have any interest in coaching our girl's basketball team?

I love basketball but I won't have time to coach, because I'm expecting our first child this winter!

Do you intend to win the ESDAA championship this year?

I hope that we work hard and win the ESAA volleyball championship this year.

I think the girls have a great chance.

GO LADY LIONS!

ABOUT OUR COACHES



Assistant Coach, Mrs. Erin Riggleman, and Coach, Mrs. Mary Beth Surber

Mrs. Mary Beth Surber

How many years have you coached?
I coached eleven years. After a four year break, I'm back.

Did you play sports in high school?

Yes, in high school I played volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading. In college I played field hockey, basketball, and softball.

What other sports have you coached before? Basketball, softball, and cheerleading

Are you happy to be coaching again?

Yes, I am happy to coach the girls again.

Why did you decide to coach again? I am a sports nut- I love sports. My major is physical education. When I resigned coaching, I spent time with my husband due to his illness. I really missed coaching the girls.

Do you have any interest in coaching our basketball team? I would love to coach our basketball team, but I will be a grandma during the winter, and I am excited about that.

Do you intend to win the ESDAA championship this year? We can win the championship if we work hard this season to prove that we are number one. We are proud WVSDers!

Mrs. Erin Riggleman

How many years have you coached?

This is my first year coaching volleyball.

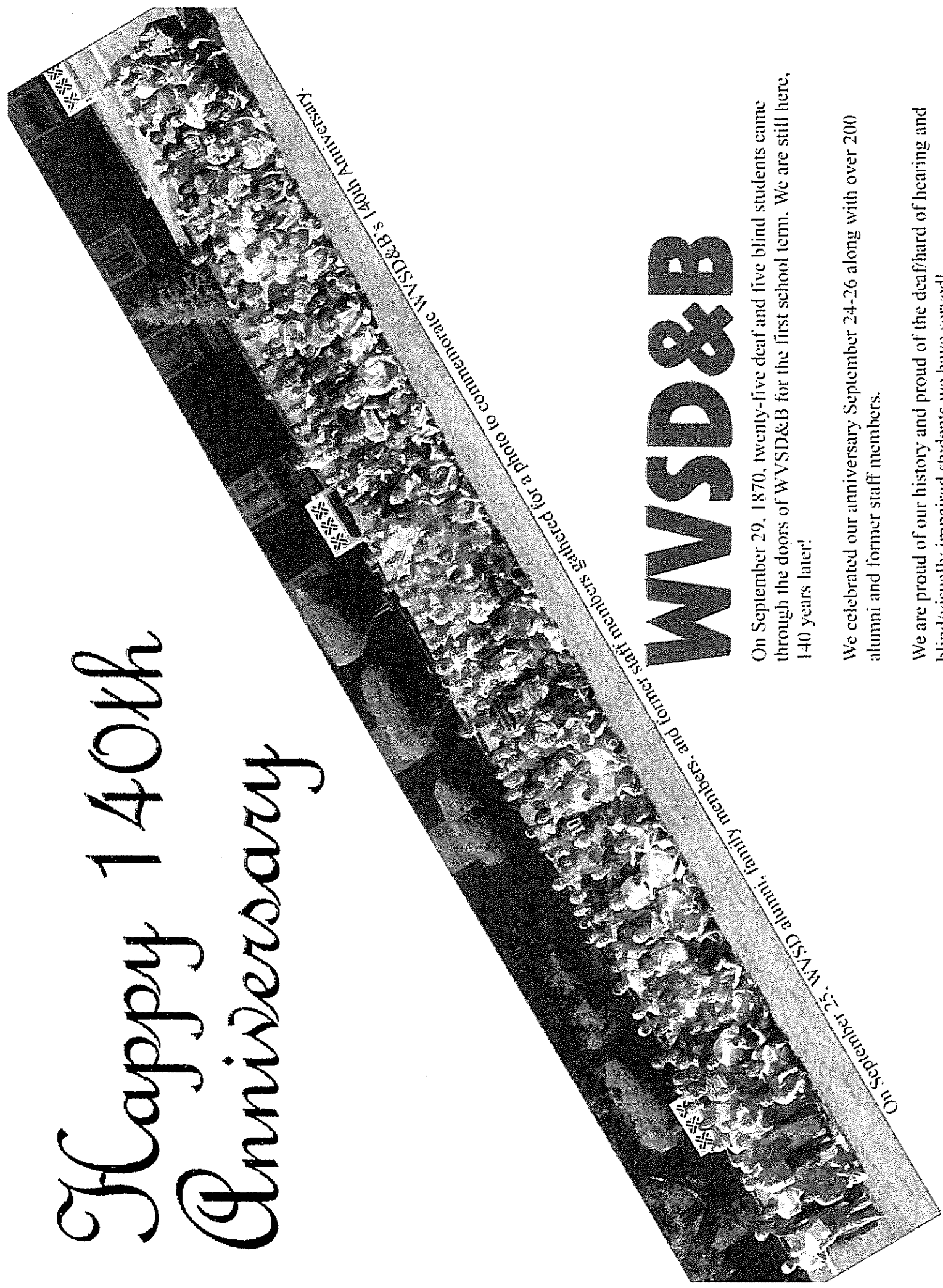
Did you play sports in high school?

Yes, I played volleyball and basketball in high school.

What other sports have you coached before? None



Happy 140th Anniversary



On September 25, WVSJ alumni, family members, and former staff members gathered for a photo to commemorate WVSDB's 140th Anniversary.

WVSD&B

On September 29, 1870, twenty-five deaf and five blind students came through the doors of WVSD&B for the first school term. We are still here, 140 years later!

We celebrated our anniversary September 24-26 along with over 200 alumni and former staff members.

We are proud of our history and proud of the deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students we have served!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Octopi have three hearts.
- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- Michael Jordan chose jersey number 23 because it was half of 45, his favorite number. Jersey number 45 was taken.
- When Albert Einstein died, his final words died with him. The nurse at his side didn't understand German.
- In the movie, Alice in Wonderland 2010, the girl named Alice was misspelled. It was supposed to be ALYSS.



For the past several years, volunteers from the National Turkey Federation and other organizations have come to WVSD&B in the spring and held workshops for our students. Some of the topics are fishing, WV snakes, archery, t-shirt design, plant and tree identification, and turkey calling. In the photos, WVSD&B teacher, Mr. Hank Saville, is helping an elementary deaf student and an MSP student learn archery.

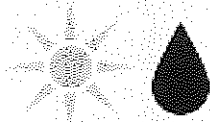
October Trivia ???'s

- Who was the founder of WVSD&B?
- Who was the first man to walk on the Moon?
- What year did the first Nightmare on Elm Street come out?



WEATHER NEWS

from the Farmer's Almanac



OCTOBER 2010: temperature 53° (avg.); precipitation 2" (1" below avg.); Oct 1-5: Showers, then sunny, seasonable; Oct 6-13: Rain, then sunny, warm; Oct 14-19: Rain, then sunny, cool; Oct 20-22: Snow showers north, sunny south; cold; Oct 23-29: Showers, then sunny, seasonable; Oct 30-31: Rain, mild.



MEDIA MANIA

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

Coming Soon to Theaters in October

Alpha and Omega

Rated: PG

Director: Anthony Bell, Benjamin Gluck

Easy A

Rated: PG-13

Director: Will Gluck

Devil

Rated: PG-13

Director: John E. Dowdle

The Romantics

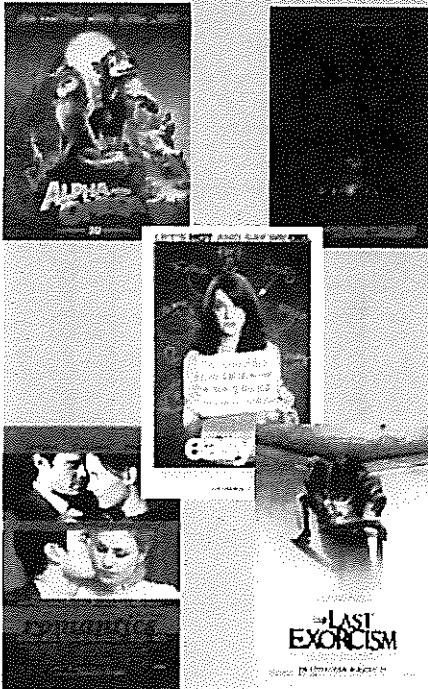
Rated: PG-13

Director: Galt Niederhoffer

The Last Exorcism

Rated: PG-13

Director: Daniel Stamm



Coming Soon to DVDs in October

Red

Rated: PG-13

Director: Robert Schwentke

MegaMind

Rated: PG

Director: Tom McGrath

Secretariat

Rated: PG

Director: Randall Wallace

The Eagle of the Ninth

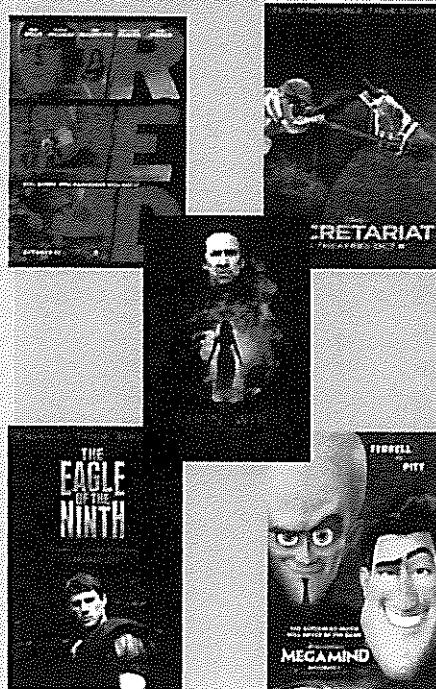
Rated: PG-13

Director: Kevin Macdonald

Season of the Witch

Rated: PG-13

Director: Deminic Sena



Books

Odd is On Our Side

Dean Koontz, Fred VanLente

The Exiled Queen

Cinda Williams Chima

Forget You

Jennifer Echols

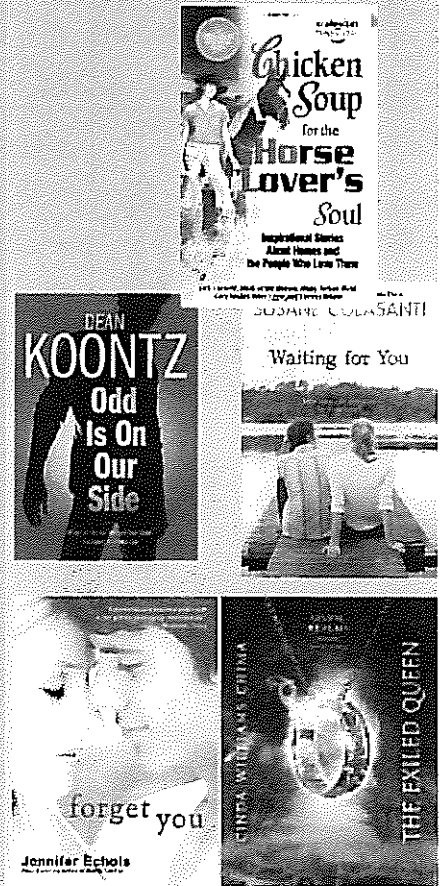
Waiting for You

Susane Colansanti


Chicken Soup for the Horse

Lover's Soul

Gary Seidler, Peter Vegso, Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Marty Becker, DVM, Theresa Peluso



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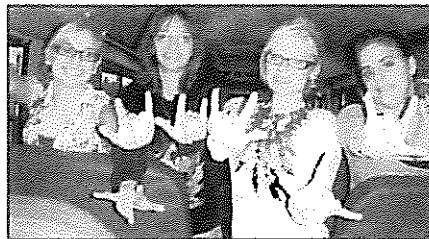
Lady Lions Bring Home 3rd Place and Sportsmanship!

by Shawna Weatherholt

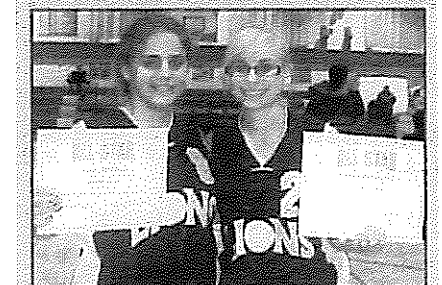


Back row, left to right: Holly Ramos, Ashley Moon, Katelyn Plum, and Chasity Hammond. Front row, left to right: Assistant Coach Erin Riggleman, Chelsea Hill, Shawna Weatherholt, Chelsea Tallman, Amber Williams, and Coach MaryBeth Surber.

On October 21st, the Lady Lions traveled to WPSD (Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf) in Pittsburgh and stayed overnight. On the morning of October 22nd, the team continued their travels to SMSD (St. Mary's School for the Deaf) in Buffalo, New York. In the first game, the girls played against Delaware School for the Deaf and lost, but it was a very close game. The second game found the Lions playing against Rochester School for the Deaf. The girls lost, but they played hard. Our WVSD Lady Lions brought home third place plus the sportsmanship trophy and are very proud of both. Shawna Weatherholt and Amber Williams received All-Star awards.



CONGRATULATIONS, LADY LIONS!



Amber and Shawna receiving All-Star Awards.



Academic Bowl

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students

by Mr. Blakely, AB Coach

***What is the Academic Bowl (AB) Competition at Galludet University all about?**

Schools from across the nation show off their best and brightest Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (D/HH) students from deaf schools, main-stream programs, public schools, and regional centers by competing against each other in categories like the following:

- * *Current Events*
- * *Geography*
- * *Mathematics*
- * *Science and Technology*
- * *Deaf Studies*
- * *History and Government*
- * *Popular Culture, Leisure, Sports*
- * *The Arts*
- * *Language and Literature*

***Who can participate in this competition?**

It is my understanding that the Academic Bowl is open to teams with students currently enrolled in recognized schools or programs for

D/HH students. Schools or programs may be residential like West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, day schools, main-stream programs, or any other type of educational program. The number of players allowed on a team is four (4). All players must be in grades 9-12.

***How many teams are allowed to participate in the national competition?**

A maximum of eighty-eight (88) teams may participate in the national AB competition. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. The date is October 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

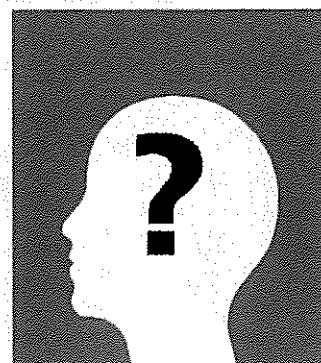
***When will the AB Competition be held at Galludet University?**

The competition will begin on Friday morning, March 4th, through Tuesday night, March 8. Team arrival, registration, and orientation begin on Friday, and the competition will be held

Saturday through Tuesday. Teams travel back home on Wednesday.

***Can AB students' parents, families, and visitors watch the competition?**

AB students' parents, families, and visitors are more than welcome to come watch the competition. There is no charge.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Jennifer Grey says she wouldn't be competing on *Dancing With the Stars* if it weren't for Patrick Swayze.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Obama once said the three men he admired the most are Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- Michael Jackson was a big fan of The Three Stooges.
- Heath Ledger concentrated on both drama and sports in school. When forced to choose one over the other, he chose drama.

The Pigs' Story

by Samantha Johnson

Eighteen students from WVSD are participating in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) with Mr. Leatherman and are having quite an opportunity to develop new skills in the areas of swine production and animal processing.



WVSD students helping with the pigs are Steven Bow, Daylen Brightwell, Derrick Eversole, Brandon Eversole, RJ Garvin, William Heflin, Lacy House, Sara Isner, Alex Jackson, Samantha Johnson, Matthew Kannon, Brandon

Lewis, Trent McGee, Tylar Merriner, and Ashley Moon. WVSB students include Daniel Cannon, Andrew Triphart, and Jay Didawick. Students accompany Mr. Leatherman to Hampshire High School to take care of the pigs. Students clean their area, put water in huge barrels, and feed them. Also they take them outside into the fenced area to give them exercise called "chase." If the pigs won't move, students give them a push, and that happens often, since they are stubborn.

NOVEMBER'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Who won the first World Series in baseball?

When did the Titanic sink?

How many PGA championships has Tiger Woods won?



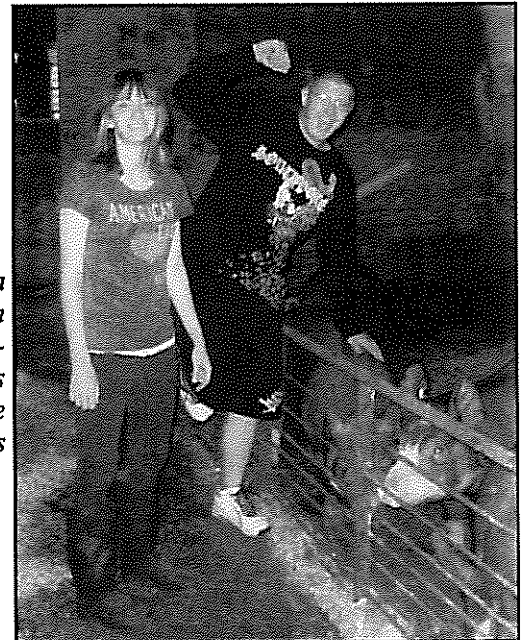
SEPTEMBER'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

Who was the founder of WVSD&B?
Mr. Howard Hill Johnson

Who was the first man to walk on the Moon?
Neil Armstrong

What year did the first *Nightmare on Elm Street* premiere?
1984

Samantha Johnson and Brandon Lewis with the pigs



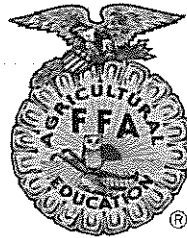
Brandon Lewis doing the "chase" and giving that pig a push

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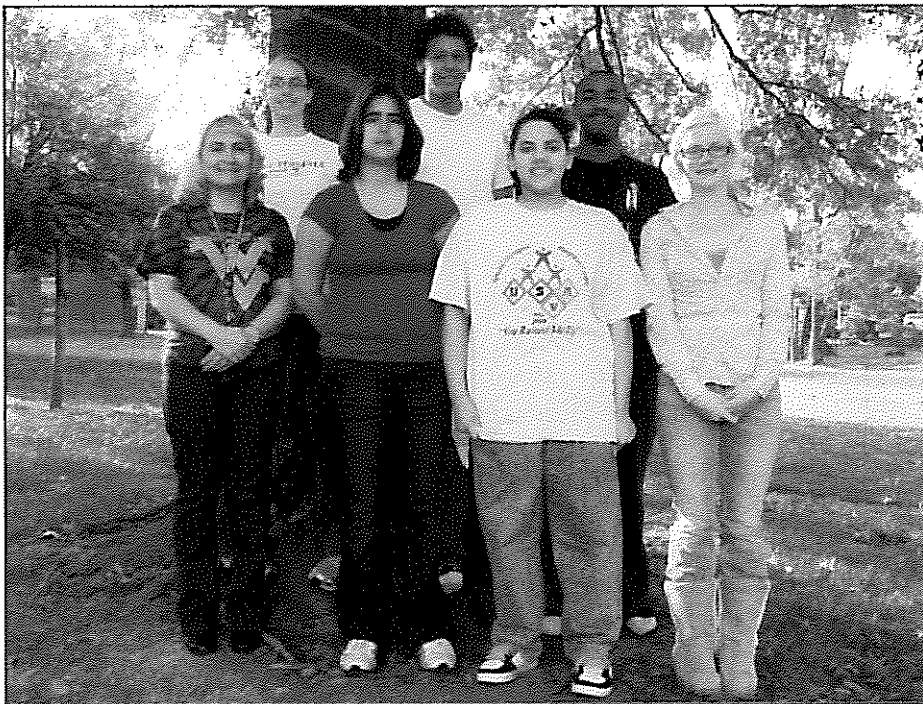
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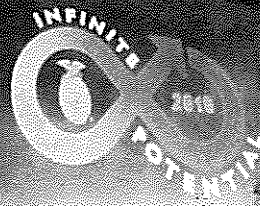
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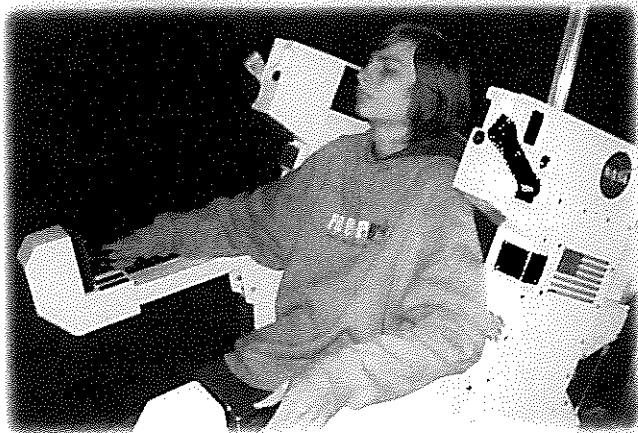
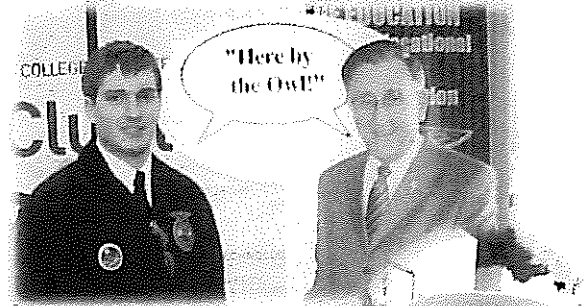
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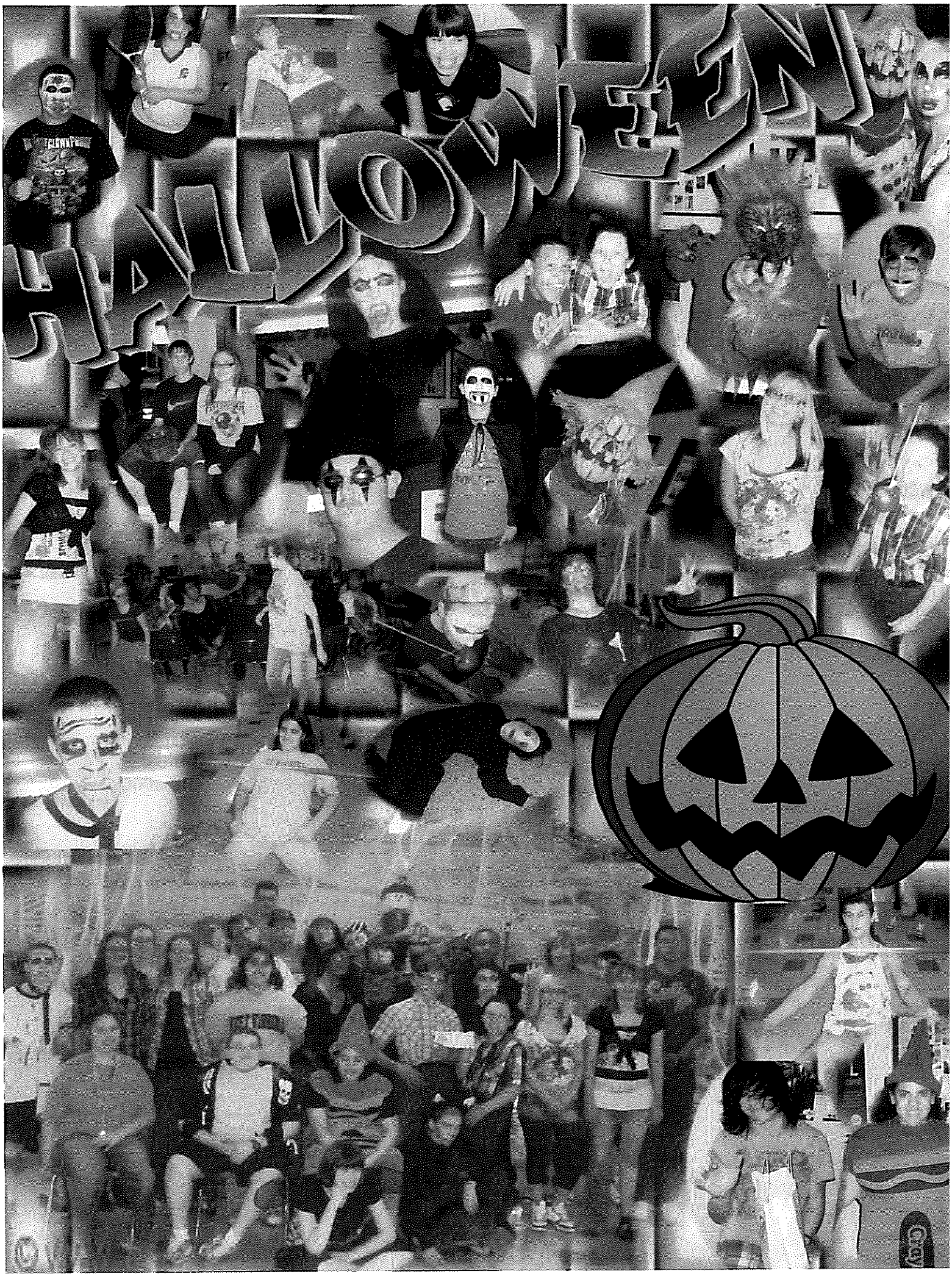
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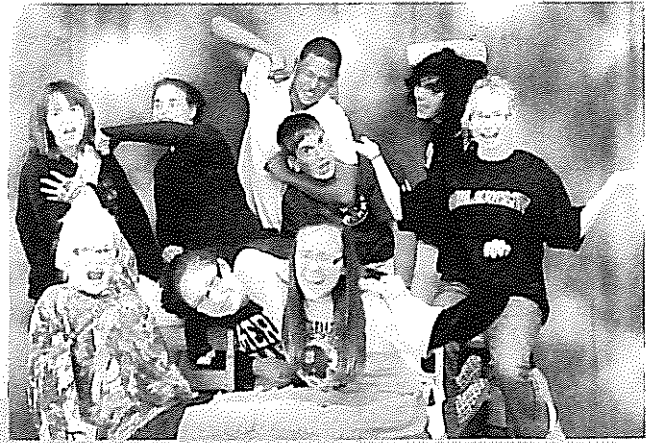
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MEDIA MANIA

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



Coming Soon to Theaters

The Next Three Days
Rated PG-13

Skyline
Rated PG-13

Unstoppable
Rated PG-13

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1
Rated PG-13

Rising Stars
Rated PG

Coming Soon to DVDs

Toy Story 3
Rated G

The Last Airbender
Rated PG

Lottery Ticket
Rated PG-13

The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Rated PG

Knight and Day
Rated PG-13

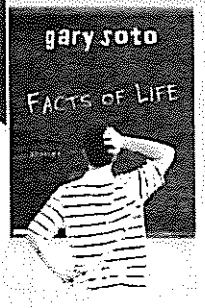
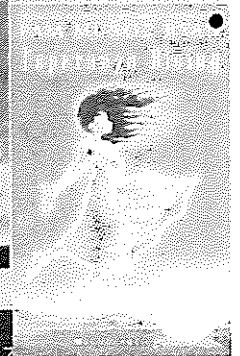
Books

Facts of Life: Stories
by Gary Soto

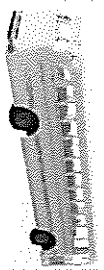
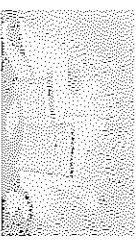
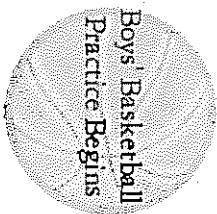




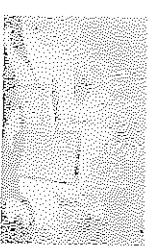
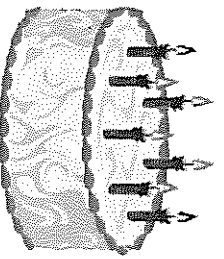
Once Upon Quinceañera: Coming of Age in the USA
by Julia Alvarez

Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

The Last Child
by John Hart



November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Volleyball Sectional 7:00 p.m. Tygart Valley	2	3	4	5 Homegoing 	6
7 	8 Girls' Basketball Practice Begins LSIC Meeting Admin. Conf. Room 1:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Boys' Basketball Practice Begins 	16	17 Thanksgiving Dinner 	18 FFA Square Dance 6:30-9:00pm 	19 Homegoing 	20
21 THANKSGIVING	22	23	24 BREAK	25 	26	27
28 	29	30	 <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Brandon Lewis 3rd Jordan Simmons 13th</p>		<p>THANKSGIVING DINNER MENU</p> <p>Turkey w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Sauce, Hot Rolls, Pumpkin Pie & Whipped Cream, Milk</p>	

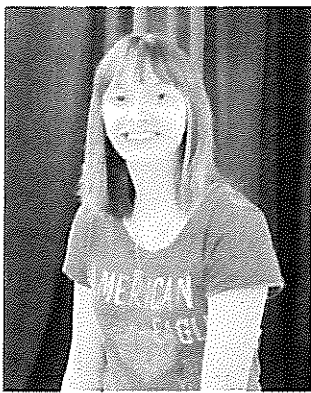
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WVSD Students Achieve Success



Samantha Johnson

Samantha D. Johnson, a senior at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, has received a \$1,000 college scholarship through the Students of Excellence program, which is sponsored by EQT Corporation and The State Journal, a statewide business and leadership publication, in partnership with the Higher Education Policy Commission.

Samantha is one of fifty-five students selected this year to receive the grant, according to Christa Hamra, general sales manager for The State Journal. The Students of Excellence program recognizes high school seniors in each of the state's 55 counties who have worked to support their schools through their volunteer work, entrepreneurial spirit and leadership.

"EQT thrives on innovation, and we have always valued and supported education. Participating in programs that blend the two, like Students of Excellence, is a natural for us," said Pam Coates, community relations manager for EQT. "We've already taken a leadership role in the natural gas industry, especially here in West Virginia, and it makes sense that we would participate in a big way to help students throughout the state take advantage of educational opportunities that will help them grow and thrive right along with us."

"We are grateful to EQT for recognizing and rewarding these outstanding young West Virginians," Hamra said. "The Students of Excellence program recognizes students who are making their marks in their schools and communities, and we are delighted that the Students of Excellence program will help them pursue their college education."

The State Journal will publish a special section Dec. 3 to recognize the scholarship recipients and will join with EQT to recognize the students at a reception in March at the Culture Center at the State Capitol complex in Charleston.

ABOUT EQT

EQT Corporation is one of the largest natural gas producers in the country. Headquartered in Pittsburgh and operating in four states — Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia — the company is committed to meeting the country's growing demand for clean energy, promoting safety, providing a rewarding

workplace, and using its resources to enrich the communities where it operates. To learn more about EQT, visit their website: www.eqt.com.

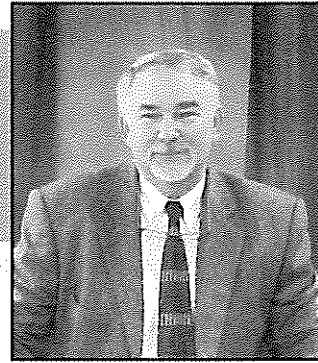
Katelyn D. Plum, a WVSD junior from Belington has been selected by the WV Secondary Schools Activities Commission as a winner in the State Tournament Cover Design Competition. Katelyn's creation has been selected as the winning cover design for the State Soccer Tournament program.



Katelyn Plum

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



Right on top of my list of favorite principal things to do is to celebrate student success; recently we have had much reason to do so. Four WVSD students have been selected as winners of competitions involving academics and graphic design.

Samantha Johnson, WVSD senior from Romney, was selected as one of the EQT Students of Excellence Scholarship recipients as awarded by The State Journal. She completed an on-camera interview that will air on our local TV station. Her video interview will also be used during the awards ceremony that will be held at the State History Museum later this year.

Katelyn Plum, a junior from Belington, designed a program cover that was selected by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission State Tournament Program Cover Design Competition. Her cover design was used for the State Soccer Tournament, and she received a scholarship for her efforts. We recently learned that another student's cover design was selected

for the same honor for the State Volleyball Tournament. We are planning to make the presentation for that award during an assembly just before we break for the holidays.

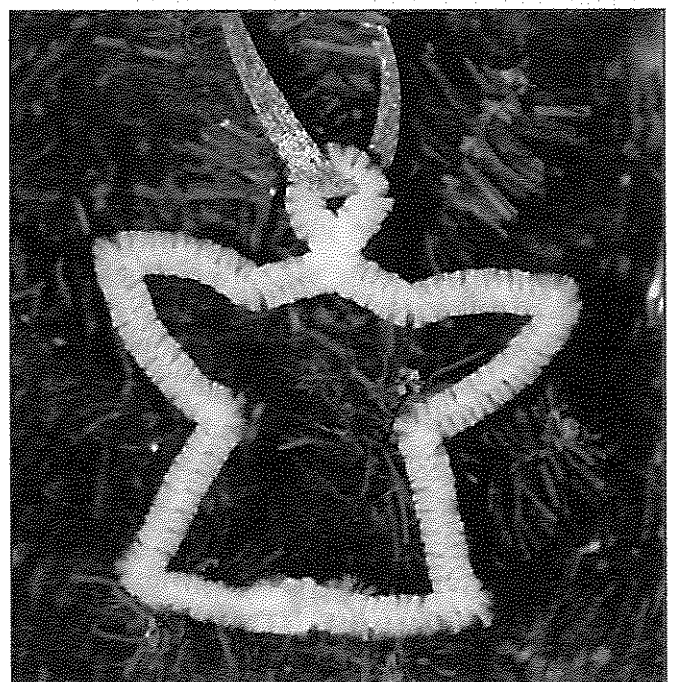
At this same time, we will also recognize a student recently selected as a Wendy's Heishman Award winner. Joining her fellow students in the celebration will be Shawna Weatherholt, a senior from Morgantown. Her artwork was selected by Superintendent Shank to represent WVSD&B on this year's holiday greeting card. Congratulations to each of you. Your accomplishments make us very proud.

As we enter our holiday break, celebrating our students' successes is on the top of my Principal's list. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday and even happier New Year.

FBLA Christmas Project

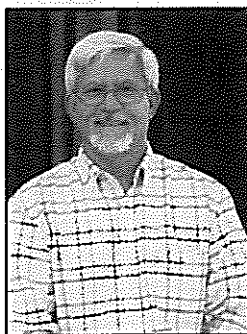
Members of the FBLA Club (Future Business Leaders of America) made and sold angels like the one on the right to put on the WVSD tree near the MPR. Proceeds were used to buy Christmas gifts for needy area children.

FBLA members are Jordan Clark, Chasity Hammond, Sara Isner, Chelsea Tallman, DeSean Thomas, and Keirsten Walters.



Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) News

by Mr. Blakely, Head Coach



ASL NEWS

by Mr. Blakely

DAB COMPETITION

Several interested students have asked me to describe a deaf Academic Bowl (DAW) match. The following is in response to all the emails I've received.

The preliminary matches will have 3 rounds. Round One will consist of 12 toss-up questions and 12 bonus questions. The first player on either team to buzz in gets to answer. If that player is wrong, the first player from the opposing team gets a chance to answer as well. If a player gets a toss-up question correct, a bonus question is awarded and the entire team can discuss the answer.

Round 2 will also consist of 12 questions. Players will take turns answering the questions with no communication among the team members allowed.

Round 3 consists of 10 questions relating to one category and usually one topic. Teams are given three minutes (not two) to discuss and record their answer on paper.

Thanks for emailing me with your questions. Please continue to contact me for further information: mblakely@access.k12.wv.u

BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) IN AMERICA.

As the ASL teacher, I was asked by several students in our classes about the origins of ASL in America. In doing some research on the topic, I have gathered the following information for all to enjoy.

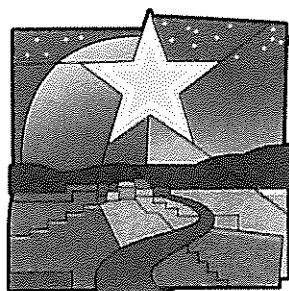
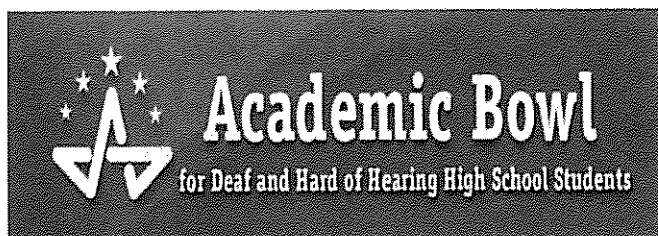
In the late 16th century, two hundred immigrants traveled from Kent County, England to settle in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. In the mid 1700's, the birth rate for deaf children was one in twenty-five. Almost all of the inhabitants signed, and the public meetings were conducted in sign language.

After some time, the deaf began to be accepted as normal people. They created a special deaf only school for them, so that they would be able to excel in life like a hearing person. The deaf were not given the chance to excel prior to this; they could not function normally as long as they were not accepted.

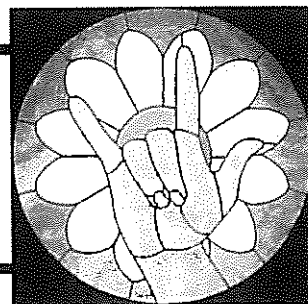
In 1817, the first deaf school was established. It was called the American School for the Deaf. The development of this school helped American Sign Language to evolve from French Sign Language.

ASL has definitely evolved over time as has English. People often get into arguments about using different signs, because over time, the sign has evolved into something else. Just as hearing come up with slang words, the deaf have "slang" signs. If you have time, just watch deaf people communicate. It's an amazingly beautiful language and perhaps one you would want to learn. I assure that you are more than welcome to join our ASL class.

Please contact me for further information: mblakely@access.k12.wv.us



*Happy Holidays
to All!*



FFA Meat Processing

by *Holly Ramos*

On November 10, students from Agricultural and Natural Resources I and II and ProStart, along with their teachers, Mr. Leatherman and Mrs. Kuykendall, participated in an exploratory part of an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) involving meat processing.

Mr. Isaac Lewis, HHS teacher, presented a lesson to the students at the Hampshire Country Agriculture Education Meat Facility (meat lab). Students were able to learn about the different cuts of meats, how to cut meat, parts of the animal, and the role of fat.

The experience lasted most of the day which ended with students

cleaning up. Most students said it was an interesting experience and enjoyed their time at HHS.

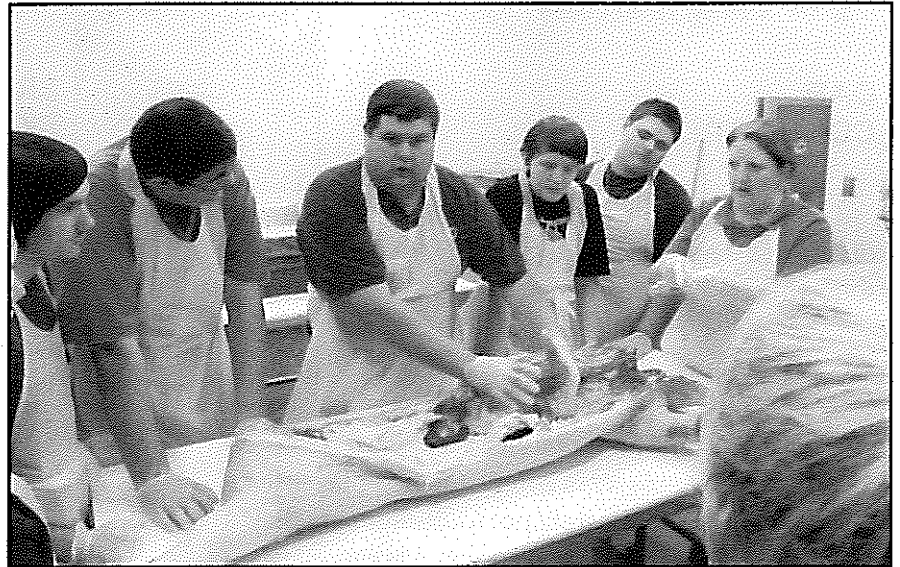


Photo by Mr. Leatherman
HHS Agricultural Education Teacher, Mr. Isaac Lewis, with WVSD students.

1st Nine Weeks

HONOR ROLL

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Samantha Plum

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Patrick Epperly
Brandon Eversole
Alex Jackson
Samantha Johnson
Patrick Lee
Trent McGee

3.8

Wade Adams
Sara Isner
Shawna Weatherholt

3.7

Richard Garvin
Sam Kimble
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Derrick Eversole
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Chelsea Tallman

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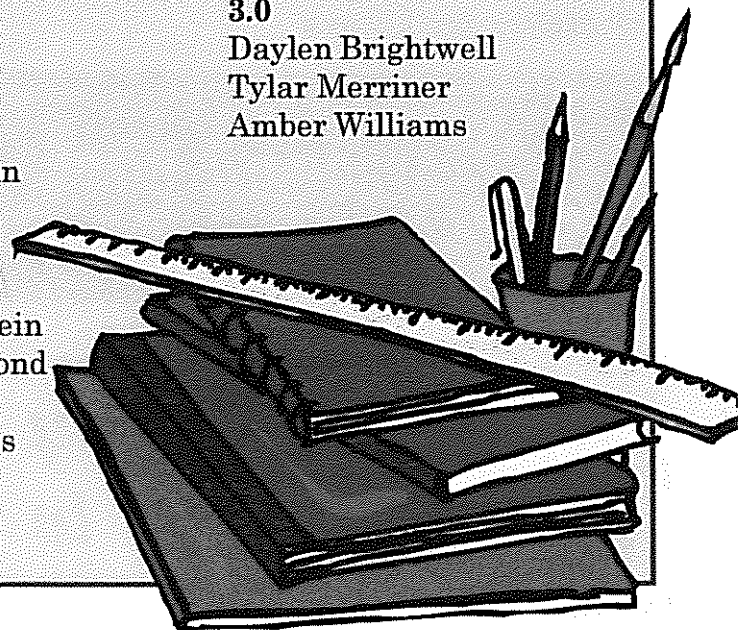
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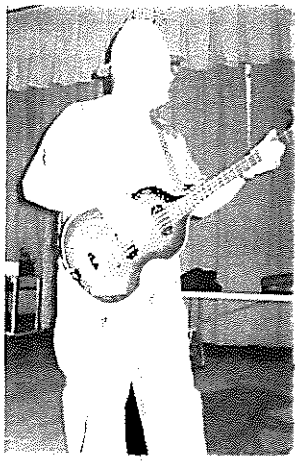
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Jordan Clark
Ronald Garvin
Matthew Kannon

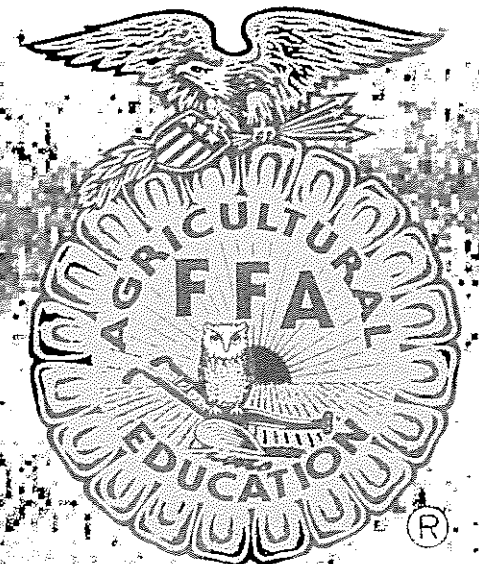
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Daylen Brightwell
Tylar Merriner
Amber Williams





SQUARE DANCE
sponsored by WVSD FFA
November 18, 2010



December's Trivia Questions

What year did Elvis Presley die?

When did the St. Valentine's Day Massacre happen?

When did the National Football League (NFL) first start?



November's Trivia Answers

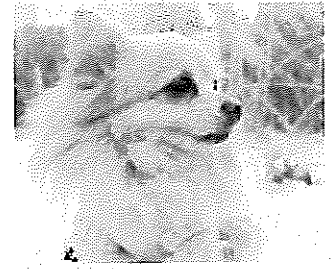
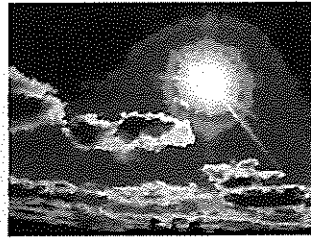
Who won the first World Series in baseball?
The Boston Americans

When did the Titanic sink?
At 2:20 AM on April 15th 1912

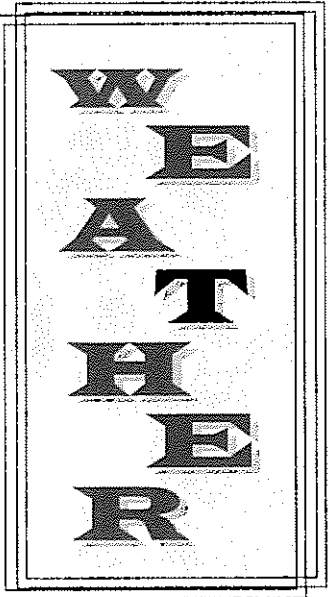
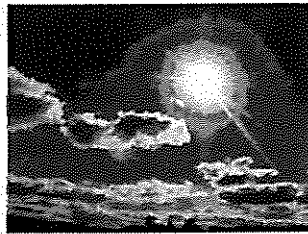
How many PGA championships has Tiger Woods won?
Four

A WORD ON THE HOLIDAY WEATHER . . .

Dec 17-20: Rainy, mild, then sunny, cold;



Dec 21-24: Sunny, unseasonably mild;



Dec 25-31: Periods of rain and snow, mild.



**Have A Happy Holiday
And A Safe New Year!**

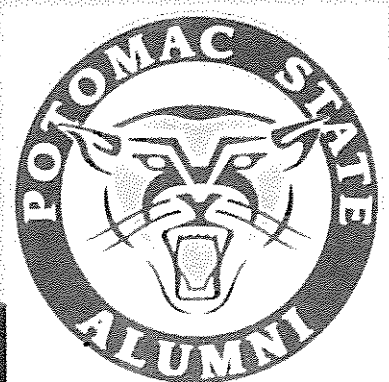


Potomac State College






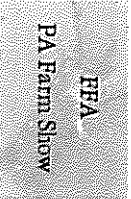
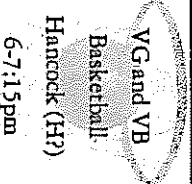



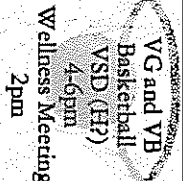

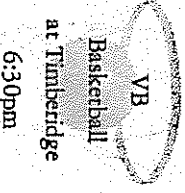


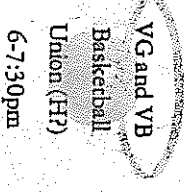
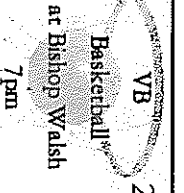



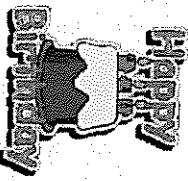
On November 11, juniors and seniors traveled to Potomac State College (PSC) with Mrs. Kuykendall, Mrs. Loar, and Mr. Leatherman.

While at PSC, students attended an orientation with several speakers sharing information about dorms, classes, activities, and college life. Students were able to visit the library, dorms, cafeteria, gym, student union, and store. They also observed both the Agricultural and Culinary Arts classes.



January 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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 BACK SCHOOL						
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 BACK SCHOOL						
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 FFA PA Farm Show						
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 VG and VB Basketball Hancock (HP) 6-7:15pm						
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 Homegoing						
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 Martin Luther King's Birthday						
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 VG and VB Basketball at Paw Paw 6-7:30pm						
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ISIC Meeting						
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 VG and VB Basketball VSD (HP) 4-6pm Wellness Meeting 2pm						
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 VG and VB Basketball at MKSD 5-6:30pm						
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 VG and VB Basketball at PSD 11am-12:30pm						
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 Happy Birthdays						
Chelsea Hill 10th Sara Isaac 11th Amber Williams 16th Ashley Moon 17th James Hudson 25th						