


THE LIONS' TALE



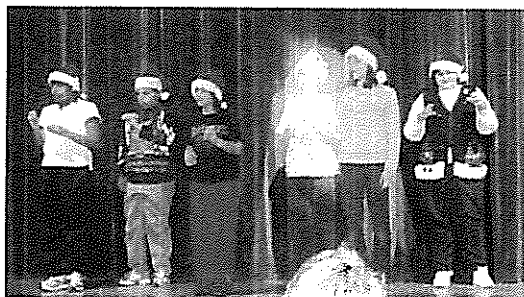
WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Art Students Perform at Christmas Party

by Mrs. Judd

photos by Shawna Weatherholt and Amber Williams



Christmas Poem

Twenty-seven WVSD Secondary students performed on stage as part of the annual Christmas Party festivities.

Nina Hedrick, Lele Riley, Keirsten Walters, Lacy House, James Hudson, and Alex Barnes performed a Christmas poem in sign and speech.

Seventh graders, Tyler Kesner, Crystal and Jennifer Dennis, Tylar Merriner, Matthew Kannon, Sam Kimble, Sara Isner, Daylen Brightwell, and Shelby Hose, as well as 8th graders Josh King and William Heflin, performed *The Spelling of Christmas*.

The 7th period Art Class performed the dance number, *A Winter Wonderland*. Derrick Eversole played a sleeping man who dreams about a park statue coming to life. Cassie Heaster danced as the statue. DeSean Thomas and Roddy Stickley were the wanderers who danced with her.

Last, the 8th period art class worked dancing Christmas Geese mariquettes to the tune of *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*. The handlers were Katelyn Plum, Ashley Moon, Jordan Clark, Brady Bartell, Paula Keene, and Chasity Hammond.

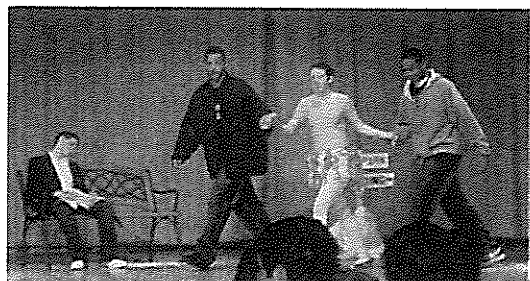
Many thanks to Mr. Liller and Ms. Davis, who assisted with stage production, and to student William Heflin, who worked the curtains.



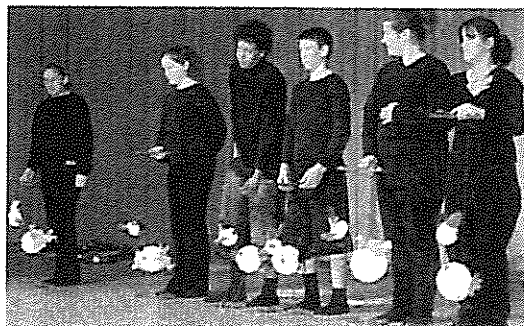
The Spelling of Christmas

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

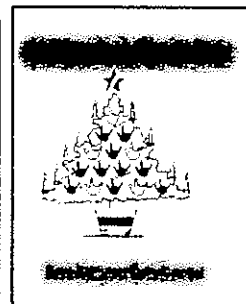
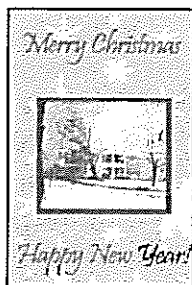
Graphic Arts and Business class students participated in a Christmas card contest using a choice of programs including Print Shop, Publisher, and Photoshop. Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Heare, and Mrs. Brown were the judges for the following winners; Best Overall Greeting Card (10-12) Brandi McGowan (\$10), Best Overall Greeting Card (7-9) Shelby Hose (\$10), Most Creative on Greeting Card (any grade) Roderick Stickley (\$10), Most Creative Graphics on Greeting Card (any grade) Brady Bartell (\$5), Best Christmas Message on Greeting Card (any card) Jason Holliday (\$5), and Honorable Mention (any grade) Warnie Brown (\$5).



A Winter Wonderland



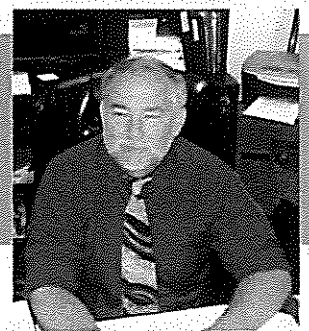
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree



Some of the winning Christmas cards are shown above. Left to right: Brandi McGowan (Senior), Shelby Hose (7th grade), Roderick Stickley (Junior).

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



As in most years, it is hard to believe that we've arrived at the half way point of the school year. It seems as though we just started, and already our second semester has begun.

Winter has come with a mighty roar, bringing snow and bone chilling cold winds. The roar of winter found our Lion athletes fully engaged in winter sports. On days when they are not playing games against other area teams, they practice to perfect their skills and

prepare for competition. Our basketball players are not the only teams that are working hard. Our Academic Bowl team has also turned up the intensity of preparation to ready themselves for the upcoming event being held at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, DC, March 12-14.

With second semester comes a number of student evaluations. Students will

be evaluated through a series of state exams called WV-MAP, or West Virginia Measures of Academic Performance. Included are ACT Explore and Plan, On-line Writing, Westest 2, Work Keys, Alternate Performance Task Assessment, and Golden Horseshoe. Teachers are preparing students to do their very best on these exams. Students are encouraged to

put forth their very best effort.

As difficult as it may be for this ole' principal to believe, second semester has arrived. I suspect that others may also be wondering how time has passed so quickly -- namely our seniors. I hope their last semester at WVSD is special and allows them to realize how far they have come.

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

by Brandi McGowan

We played against Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on December 4. In the first half, Tiffany scored 4 points, Maddie 6, Samantha 10, Amber 4, and Brandi 2. In the second half, Tiffany scored 8 points, Maddie 6, Amber 6, and Brandi 2. Overall, Tiffany had 6 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 blocks. Brandi had 1 rebound and 1 steal. Samantha helped with 1 rebound, 1 assist, and 1

block. Maddie also helped with 1 rebound, 9 assists, and 2 steals. Shawna had 1 rebound and 1 assist. Amber had 4 assists and Chasity had 1 steal. We won the game with the score of 48-29. Our record is 1-0.

by Tiffany Friend

We played against Michigan School for the Deaf at Ohio School for the Deaf on December 5. In the first half, Tiffany shot 2 points, 14 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, and 2 blocks.

Maddie scored 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Cassie got 4 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, and 1 steal. Samantha earned 4 assists and 1 steal. Amber had 1 rebound, 2 steals, and 1 block. Brandi scored 4 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, and 1 block. Then in the second half, Tiffany scored 6 points. Maddie shot 7 points. Amber had 9 points, Brandi earned 6 points, and Chasity shot 2 points. The game was so close, but we lost 44 to 49. Our record is 1-1.

by Chasity Hammond

Playing against Ohio School for the Deaf on December 6, Maddie earned 2 points, Samantha had 4 points, and Cassie had 2 points in the first half. In the second half, Tiffany earned 2 points, Samantha 2 points, Amber 6 points, Cassie 1 point, and Shawna 4 points. We tried our best, but we lost the game with the score of 23-62. Our record is 1-2.

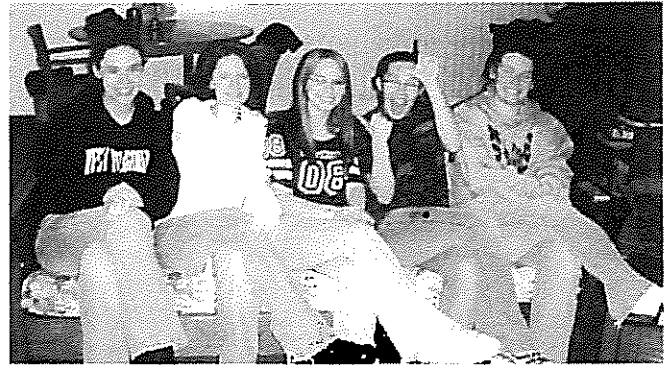
Director of Student Living

Ms. Christine Frye



Winter has arrived at WVSD. The students in Seaton Hall are once again awaiting snow and are busy hanging out with each other. They are looking forward to their upcoming basketball games and traveling to the tournaments. Our students and child care staff are preparing for a Valentine's Dance in February. The annual ski trip to Timberline is also approaching. The students are having fun watching the multiple football games, and several of them have won prizes for selecting the winning teams.

During these long cold days, the custodians are working hard to paint every student's room. Each room now has a contrasting wall and wall border. Some rooms are getting small murals to show school spirit. It is our hope that each room has its own unique personality and helps the students feel like that they are home. In early spring, Seaton Hall will be hosting an open house for everyone to come and see our new improvements. Thank you, Pattie & Pat, for all your time, hard work, and imagination!!!



Senior Michael Jarvis enjoys relaxing on the weekend.

FFA WEEK FEB. 23-27

Feb. 24 - FFA Events

Feb. 26 - FFA Sweetheart Dance



Sophomore Class Officers

PRESIDENT: Patrick Lee

VICE PRESIDENT: Chelsea Tallman

TREASURER: Holly Ramos

REPORTER: Shawna Weatherholt and
Ethan Bolyard

SECRETARY: Amber Williams

SENTINELS: Jensen Greenstein and
Scott Dotson

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Holly Ramos



Page Miller

Advantage Dennis

Varsity Boys' Basketball

by Coach See

As of January 15th, we've hit a 2 game skid by losing to Timber Ridge and Paw Paw. Our record shows that we have 3 wins and 3 losses. As we still have a lot of time in this season, I believe we will continue to improve every day. The weather hasn't been very cooperative as we've had a couple of games rescheduled. The boys have shown a lot of improvement, and I know they will continue to work harder and harder. I can't wait to see how the season turns out.

West Virginia 61 Virginia 37

We traveled to Virginia School for the Deaf last evening (12/10/08). We opened up in the first quarter with 15 - 6 lead. We maintained the lead at the halftime with 24 - 18. The third quarter showed that we led 40 - 24, and we never looked back in the fourth quarter. Virginia threatened to come back from time to time. Roderick Stickley led the team with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 14 points and 6 assists. Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 12 points and 6 rebounds. Ethan Bolyard chipped in with 9 points and 5 rebounds. Patrick Lee saw a lot of action and earned 7 points. Brandon Lewis and Jensen Greenstein each scored 2 points.

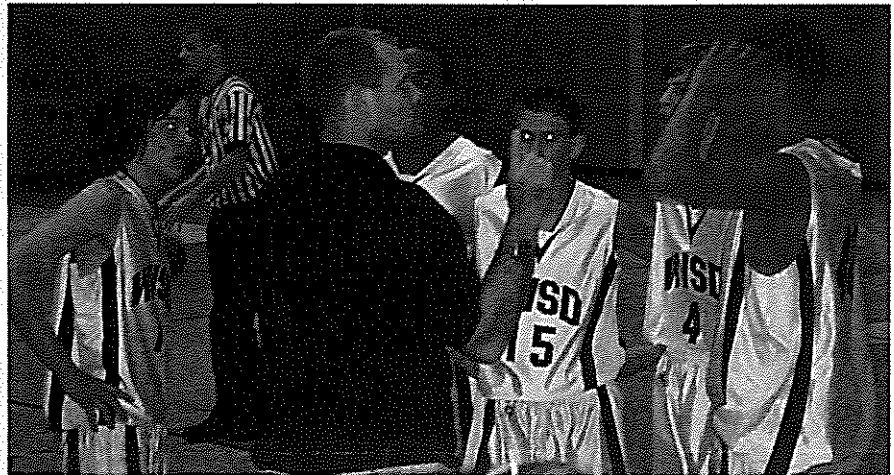
Timber Ridge 75 West Virginia 58

We finally had a game for the first time in four weeks due to cancellations and winter break (1/7/09). We traveled to

Timber Ridge. We had a very slow start as Timber Ridge led 22 - 9 in the first quarter. They never looked back for the rest of the game with 46 - 20 at half time and 60 - 38 in the 3rd quarter. We slowly fought our way in the 4th quarter by cutting their lead as we were just behind by 12 points. We just couldn't finish the game. Roderick Stickley led the team with 28 points and 9 rebounds. Page Miller came up with 19 points and 7 steals. Brandon Lewis came in the game in the 2nd quarter, played most of the game and scored 5 points and 7 rebounds. Ethan Bolyard followed up with 3 points. Jonathan Stokes came off the bench close to halftime, played most of the second half and scored 2 points. Michael Jarvis added his 1 point to the final score.

Paw Paw 75 West Virginia 69

We traveled to Paw Paw for our conference opener. Paw Paw took the lead 20 - 14 in the first quarter. The half time score showed Paw Paw leading 45 to 35. Paw Paw maintained the lead 62 - 47 at the end of the 3rd quarter. We were down by 16 with 3 minutes left, and we started to roar back by cutting the deficit to 4 points with 30 seconds. Paw Paw made 2 foul shots and left us with 5 seconds. I was sure proud of the boys for fighting to the end. Roderick Stickley led the team with 31 points and 12 rebounds. Page Miller followed up with 29 points. Jason Holliday returned to the action from a week long illness and managed to come up with 3 points. Michael Jarvis, Ethan Bolyard and Jonathan Stokes each scored 2 points.



Coach See confers with his players

(photo by Shawna Weatherholt)

TRIVIA QUESTION

Who started the spirit stick competition during spirit week and which class won the first spirit stick ?

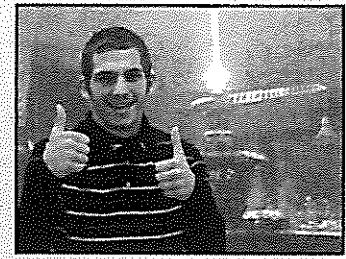
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Answer to December's Trivia Question, "When was the first journalism class (Lions' Tale) added to the Secondary Deaf curriculum?"

ANSWER
Second Semester of '91

MICHAEL'S MEDIA MANIA

Steven Spielberg earned \$3,829,963,174 for making 25 movies in his career. This makes him the richest movie director of all time.



Coming Soon to Theaters in February

Coraline

Rated PG Animation, Fantasy

Pink Panther 2

Rated PG Comedy

He's Just Not That Into You

Rated PG-13 Comedy, Romance

Push

Rated PG-13 Action, Thriller

Fanboys

Rated PG-13 Comedy, Drama

Dance Flick

Rated PG-13 Comedy, Dance

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail

Rated PG-13 Comedy, Drama

Coming Soon to DVDs in February

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Rated PG Comedy, Animation

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Rated PG-13 Drama, Political

Flash of Genius

Rated PG-13 Drama

Australia

Rated PG Drama, Action

Space Buddies

Rated G Drama, Kids

Nights in Rodanthe

Rated PG-13 Drama, Romance

Books

America America

By Ethan Canin

Dewey

By Vicki Myron

The Shack

By William P. Young

Eclipse

By Stephenie Meyer

Rachael Ray's Big Orange Book

By Rachael Ray

Do the Right Thing

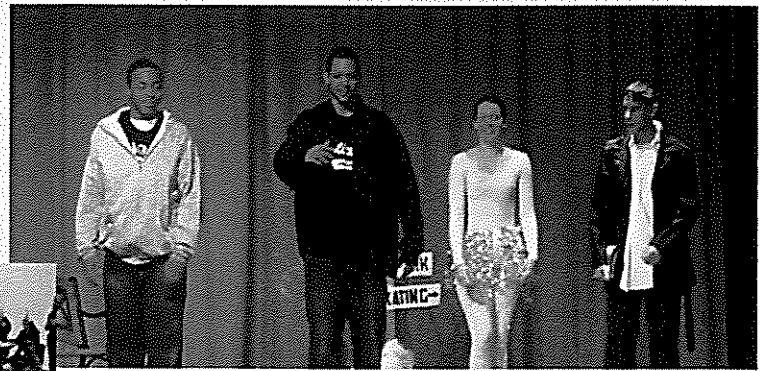
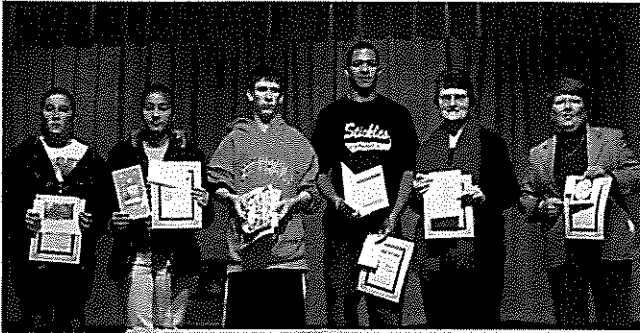
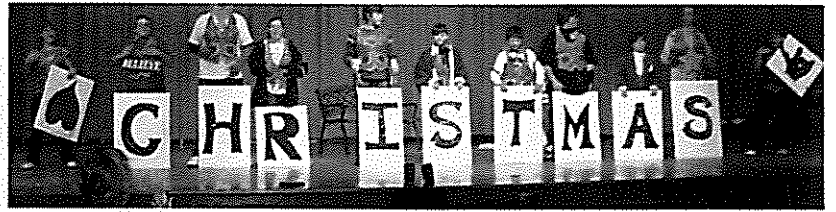
By Mike Huckabee

Blood Sins

By Kay Hooper



CHRISTMAS



Game Winners (NOT PICTURED: CHRIS SHALER AND KATELYN PLUM.)



NINA



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CHELSEA



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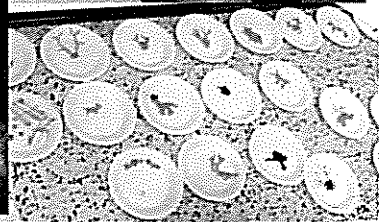
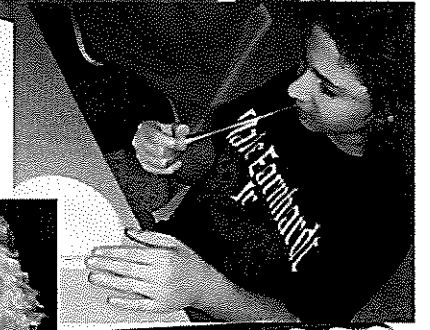
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JAMES

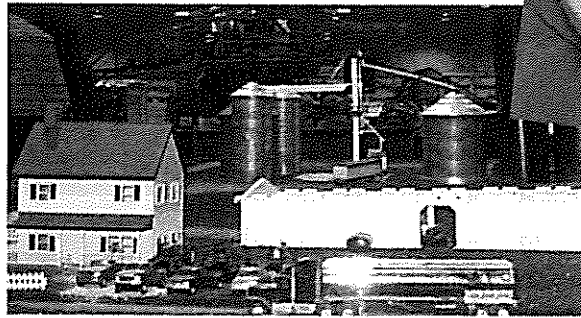
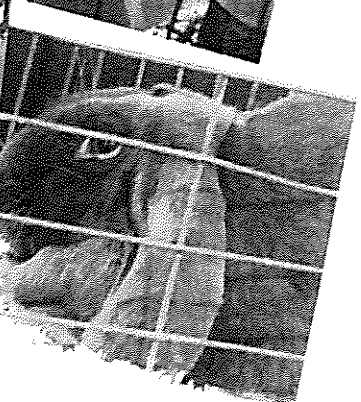
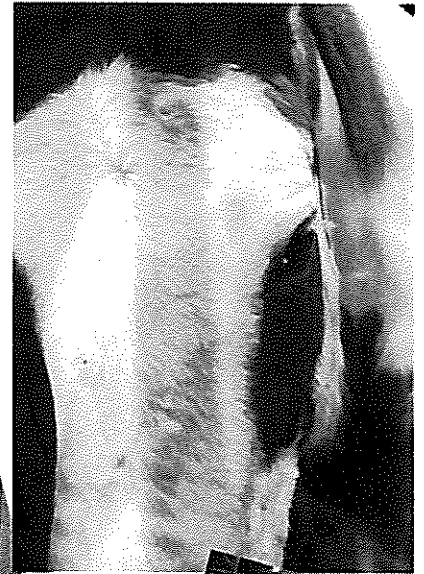
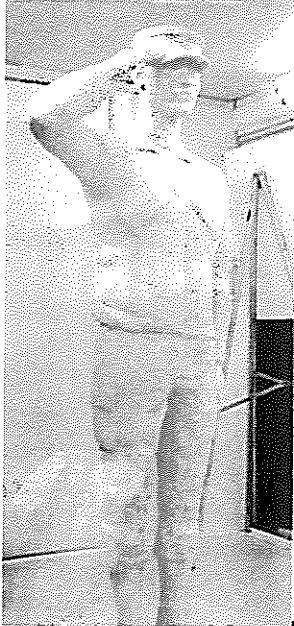
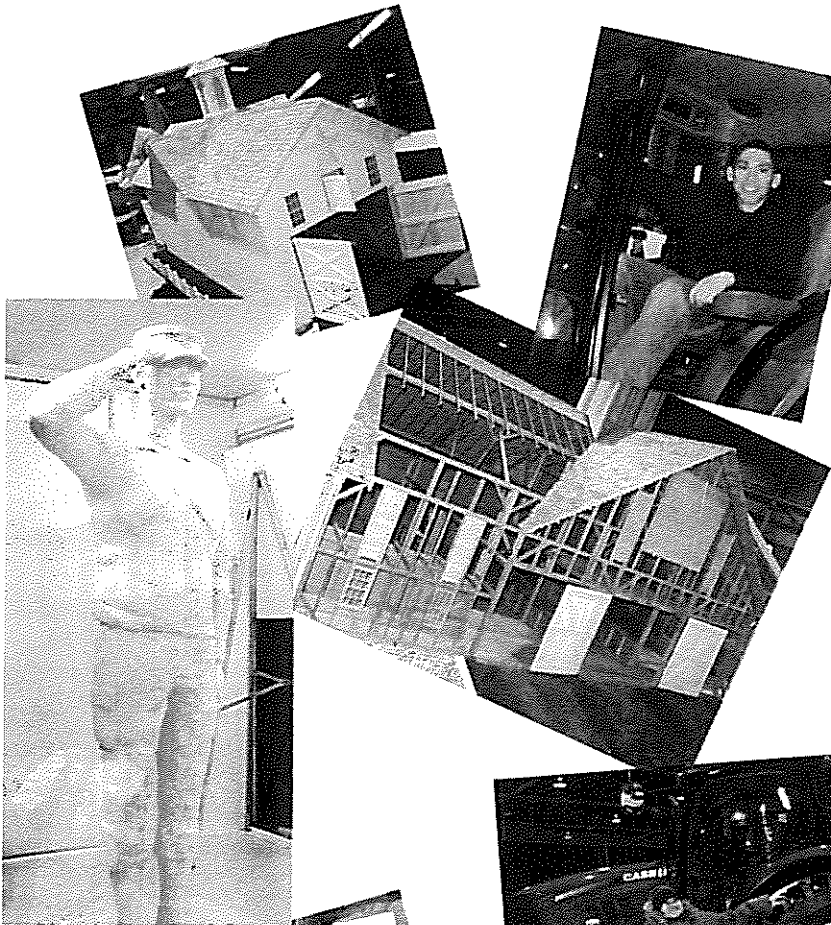


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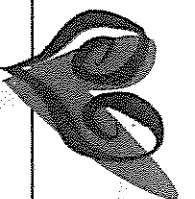




On January 14, FFA members went to the Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA. We saw many things such as animals, foods, tractors, home made houses and buildings, and new technology that is related to farming.




February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 MS BB (H) Harman 6:00pm VG:BB (H) Harman 7:15	 VB BB (A) E. Hardy JV & Varsity 6:00pm	 MS BB (A) @ Harman 6:00pm VG BB (A) @ Harman 7:15pm	 MS BB (A) @ Harman 6:00pm VG BB (A) @ Harman 7:15pm	 MS BB (H) Shenandoah Valley 6:00pm VB BB (H) Shenandoah Valley 7:15pm	 VG:BB ESDAA Tournament @ St. Mary's, NY	 VG:BB ESDAA Tournament @ St. Mary's, NY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 MS BB (H) Romney Middle 4:00pm VB BB (H) Harman JV & V 6:00 pm VG:BB (A) Union 7:00pm	 MS BB (A) Union 6:00pm VB (A) Union 7:30 pm	 MS BB (A) MT View 5:30pm	 MS BB (H) PawPaw - 6:00pm VB BB (A) HARMAN JV & V 6:00pm	 MS BB (H) St. Joe's 6:00 pm VB BB (A) Shenandoah Valley 7:00 pm	 VG:BB ESDAA Tournament @ St. Mary's, NY	 VG:BB ESDAA Tournament @ St. Mary's, NY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 Washington's Birthday	 VG:BB (A) Sectional game 7:00pm	 MS BB (A) MT View 5:30pm	 MS BB (H) PawPaw - 6:00pm VB BB (A) HARMAN JV & V 6:00pm	 VB BB (A) ESDAA Scranton, PA	 VB BB (A) ESDAA Scranton, PA	 VB BB (A) ESDAA Scranton, PA

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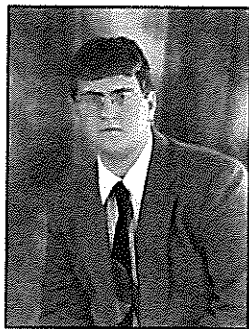


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Principal Announces Val and Sal

On February 6, Principal Corbin announced that Jason Holliday is the Class of 2009 valedictorian and Tiffany Friend is the 2009 salutatorian.



Jason Holliday

Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Holliday of Highview. He has been accepted to Shepherd University and plans to major in computer science.



Tiffany Friend

Tiffany Friend is the daughter of Mrs. Edna Friend of Clendenin. She is planning to attend Fairmont State University and major in graphic design.

**WVSD
GIRLS
EARNED 5TH
PLACE IN
ESDAA
TOURNEY AT
ST. MARY'S.
SEE PHOTOS
ON PAGE 4.**

Holliday Wins Design Contest

WVSD was recently notified by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) that Jason Holliday won the Program Cover Design Contest for the state-level volleyball tournament held last fall. Jason received a \$200 check to be used for continuing his education, and his name and school were also on the booklet cover.

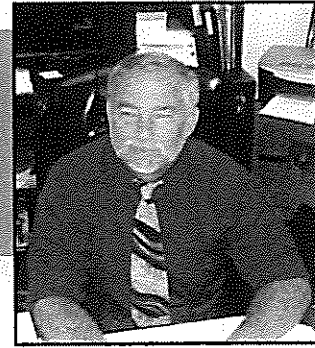
Early in the school year, WVSSAC sent a letter to all graphic arts and art teachers inviting students to participate in designing covers for any of the fourteen state-level tournaments being held during this school year. There were different deadlines for submitting designs, depending on the dates for each tournament. In other words, graphic arts students are just now designing tennis, softball, baseball, and track tournament book covers. So, WVSD might still have another winner in the making!



Left to right: Jason Holliday, Mrs. Dodgins, Mr. Corbin

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



Since February is Career and Technical Education month, it is a great time to discuss the excellent CTE opportunities provided for students at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Our students may choose from a number of program options that we provide, or they have the option to participate in a program provided by Hampshire County Schools. Career and Technical program offerings on our campus include: Agriculture Education, Business Education, General Building Construction, Graphic Design, Piano Tuning, ProStart Restaurant Management, and Radio Broadcasting. Our

programs are supported by excellent training facilities that include a fully equipped ProStart kitchen, a new green house facility, advanced technology in Business and Graphic Arts, and a fully functioning radio station, 104.1 FM. Some of our programs, such as Business Education, offer multiple concentrations including Accounting, Office Administrative Support, and Administrative and Information Support. Agriculture Education, in addition to a Plant Systems, provides a Power, Structural and Technical Systems concentration that includes training in welding. Some program areas have partnering

organizations that enhance student skills. These are the Future Farmers of America (FFA) for Agriculture Education, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for Business Education, and SkillsUSA for Building Construction. Our school received national recognition as the only all Deaf FFA chapter in the country. Our FFA continues to be a very active organization providing students with excellent opportunities to develop their skills beyond the classroom.

ProStart Assists Gourmet Central

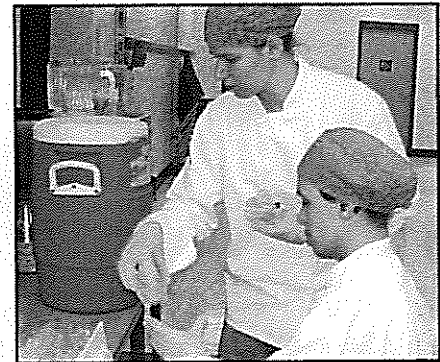
On February 10, the WVU Extension Service hosted one of three annual dinners to educate local farmers on various topics. In the Seaton Hall cafeteria, WVSD ProStart students had the opportunity to experience a "real world" job by assisting the staff of Gourmet Central in preparing and serving approximately 115 dinners that night. The menu included grilled pork with apples and cinnamon, mashed potatoes, green beans, multi-grain roll and butter, German chocolate cake, carrot cake or orange cake, and iced tea or water. ProStart students also assisted Gourmet Central in cleaning up after dinner.

Mrs. Kuykendall said about her ProStart students, "What impressed me the most was the team effort that all of the students put forth. Everyone pitched in to help each other until the job was done. They learned how to use the grill and learned more about production cooking."

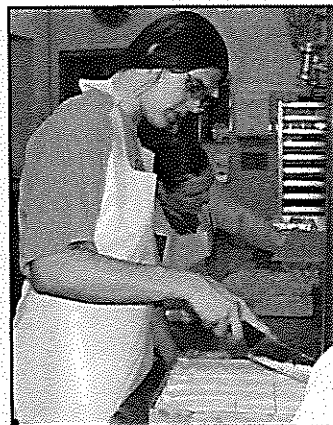
Student Maddie Mongold (Class

of '10) said this was the first time she'd prepared food on a grill. "I was surprised when I put the meat on the grill and the flames jumped up to braise the meat."

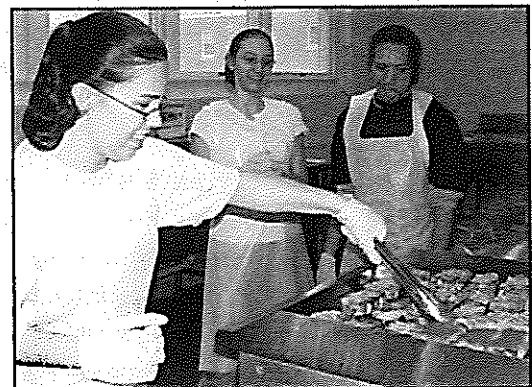
Tiffany Friend (Class of '09) said she wasn't overwhelmed by preparing a meal for this many people. "I've been in ProStart for two years, and we've worked on big dinners like this before."



Tiffany and Cassie



Matthew



Maddie, Samantha, and Page

Director of Student Living

Ms. Christine Frye



The month of February has been busy for the students. It was kicked off by our annual Super Bowl Party. Everyone enjoyed watching the game and being with their friends. Valentine's Day rolled around and Seaton Hall hosted a Sweetheart Dance. The child care staff and custodians decorated the Recreation Room with red, pink, and white hearts, along with many homemade crafts. The couples enjoyed their special night, and all the students had fun dancing and taking pic-

tures. A few days later, the Lady Lions went off to Buffalo, New York to compete in the ESDAA Tournament. We wished them well and gave them all of our Lion support. The ladies returned full of stories and pride in their 5th place finish. We were very proud of them for representing us. On February 26, our Lion gentlemen left for Scranton, PA for their ESDAA Tournament. We know they played hard, because they came home champions! We are very

proud of them. Let your Lion Spirit Roar!!!

Students of the Month



Brandon Eversole



Lele Riley

Girls' Varsity Basketball

by Samantha Johnson

WVSD vs. Harman

On February 4, our Lady Lions traveled through flurries to first watch the middle school boys play. They did a good job. We then warmed up, and it was our turn on the court. We did well in the 1st quarter with a score of 16-10. During the 2nd quarter, we played hard and tried to catch up with the score being 27-28. In the 3rd quarter, we fouled and made some mistakes. The score was 36 to 41. By the 4th quarter, we made fouls and a lot of mistakes. Tiffany Friend, Cassie Heaster, Maddie Mongold, and Amber Williams each had 4 fouls. Samantha Johnson left the game with 5 fouls, and the score was 46 to 59. Maddie Mongold scored 12 points, 3 rebounds, 6 assists, and 2 steals. Tiffany Friend had 8 points and 7 rebounds. Samantha Johnson made 6 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, and 4 steals. Cassie Heaster earned 4 points, 10 rebounds, and 1 block.

Amber Williams made 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal. Polly Hodge scored 8 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and 1 block. Shawna Weatherholt made 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Paula Keene scored 2 points. Brandi McGowan had 1 rebound and 1 steal. Chasity Hammond, Ashley Moon, and Katelyn Plum added to our team effort and played well.



The Girls' Varsity Basketball team visited Niagra Falls during their recent trip to Buffalo, NY, where they participated in the ESDAA Tournament.

Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks



7th Grade

3.0 GPA

Samuel Kimble
Daylen Brightwell

3.5 GPA

Sara Isner

8th Grade

3.0 GPA

Brandon Eversole
Trent McGee
Alex Jackson

9th Grade

3.50 GPA

Katelyn Plum

3.75 GPA

Brady Bartell

10th Grade

3.0 GPA

Shawna Weatherholt
Ethan Bolyard
Holly Ramos
Patrick Lee

11th Grade

3.50 GPA

Roddy Stickley
Maddie Mongold
Samantha Johnson

3.75 GPA

Cassie Heaster

12th Grade

3.0 GPA

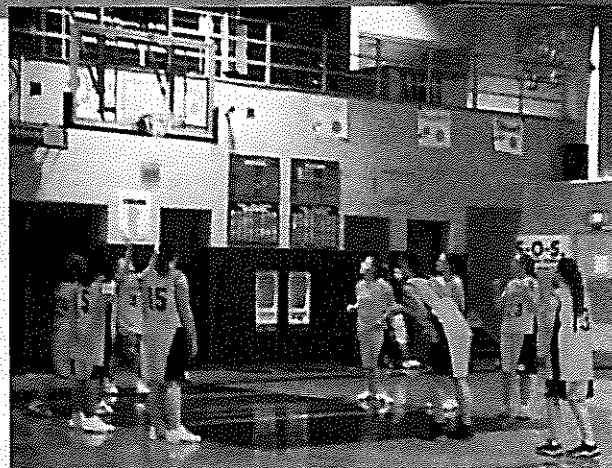
Tiffany Friend

3.5 GPA

Brandi McGowan
Michael Jarvis
Matthew Hart

3.75

Jason Holliday



**GOOD JOB
Lady Lions!**

*ESDAA Tournament photos by
Shawna, Chasity, Cassie, Amber,
Sammie, Maddie, Polly, and
Brandi*

WVSD Class of 2009

THE LIONS' PRIDE!

The following seniors have been accepted to these institutes of higher education:

TIFFANY FRIEND - Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont, WV. MAJOR: Graphic Arts

MATTHEW HART - Eastern Community and Technical College, Moorefield, WV. MAJOR: Business & Hospitality

JASON HOLLIDAY - Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV. MAJOR: Computer Science

MICHAEL JARVIS - NTID (National Technical Institute for the Deaf), Rochester, NY. MAJOR: Filmmaking

BRANDI MCGOWAN - Gallaudet University, Washington, DC
Received Leadership Scholarship (1/2 tuition for four years). MAJOR: Business Management

PAGE MILLER - Potomac State College, Keyser, WV.
MAJOR: Education

FFA Creed and Public Speaking Event Winners

FFA WEEK Feb. 23-27

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Michael Jarvis, "Real Leaders Earn Respect"
2. Page Miller, "I Have a Dream"

CREED - HIGH SCHOOL

1. Ethan Bolyard
2. Amber Williams
3. Darrel Beasley
4. Patrick Lee
5. Jensen Greenstein

CREED - MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Tyler Kesner
2. Trent McGee
3. Tylar Merriner
4. Lacy House
5. Sam Kimble



The Students' Voice . . .

We need more technology in school. If possible, we need a system for Mr. Corbin to sign instead of using the intercom. We are deaf students with deaf staff. Most of the time when using the intercom, hearing teachers have to tell the deaf teachers and students what the speaker is saying. Through our travels, we have seen other deaf schools with a lot of new technology to keep up with the 21st century. Where is ours?

The cafeteria food is

terrible. Pop Tarts are served for breakfast and we have French fries and fish often. Hair nets should be worn by the servers, better menus should be planned, meals should be served as planned, and the food should be hot. Sometimes the food is cold. Sometimes the students are not able to get enough food, because they do not provide enough food. It would nice if our cafeteria had a juice machine and buffet style meals.

Students should be

mixed during meal times while the staff is responsible for supervising. We don't want two tables together. We want one table like public school.

Cafeteria staff should sign clearly to communicate with the students and should not eat during the students' mealtime.

Houseparents should be helpful and communicate clearly. Students need more independence. Students should be allowed to go outside, even if it is cold. It doesn't matter. Let them

go! Students should be allowed to talk to friends on the videophone, not only family. Students should be allowed to go to the gym if there is nothing to do. If houseparents are tired or don't feel like going to the gym, they could walk to the gym and supervise. It is good exercise, better than sitting around bored, and a simple solution. Stop saying NO! Gym hours should be 6-8 p.m., Monday-Friday. The houseparents and DSL need to sign all the time while on campus. WVSD is a Total Communication school.

Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) News

WVSD students will compete March 12-15 at MSSD

by Mr. Blakely

As coaches, Mr. Blakely and Mrs. Surber are certain you would like to know what the Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) is all about. It's how schools from all over the nation show off their best and brightest. Deaf students from deaf schools, mainstream programs, public schools, and regional centers come together to compete against each other in categories like the arts and language and literature; current events, history, government, and geography; deaf studies; popular culture, leisure, and sports; mathematics, science, and

technology.

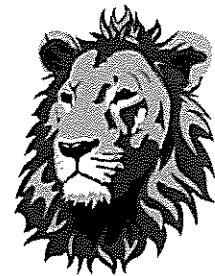
DAB teams work together to answer as many questions as they can to earn points. The team who earns the most points at the end wins and then advances based on their win-loss record or the number of points overall. Winning teams go all the way from the regional tournament to the prestigious national tournament at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., each year. There are 16 teams playing in each of the five regional tournaments, and only two from each region earn the right to compete in the national

tournament. And, of course, out of the 10 remaining teams, there can only be one champion at the national tournament.

WVSD's DAB veteran team members include seniors Jason Holliday, Mike Jarvis, Brandi McGowan, and juniors Madaline Mongold and Roderick Stickley.

WVSD's DAB new team members are sophomore Amber Williams and freshmen Brady Bartell, Jordan Clark, and Jonathan Stokes.

WVSD will compete in this year's DAB March 12-15 at the Model Sec-



ondary School for the Deaf on the campus of Gallaudet University.

For further information, please contact mblakely@access.k12.wv.us.

**GOOD
LUCK
DAB
TEAM!**

MICHAEL'S MEDIA MANIA

Stephenie Meyer was the biggest selling author of 2008. She sold over 22 million books in one year, with *Twilight* being the best selling book of the year.



Coming Soon to Theaters in March

Race to Witch Mountain
Rated PG Animation, Fantasy

Knowing
Rated PG-13 Sci-fi, Supernatural

Monsters vs. Aliens
Rated PG Comedy, Animation

12 Rounds
Rated PG-13 Crime, Action

The Accidental Husband
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Romance

The Great Buck Howard
Rated PG Drama

Duplicity
Rated PG-13 Drama

Coming Soon to DVDs in March

Beverly Hills Chihuahua
Rated PG Comedy, Animation

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
Rated PG-13 Drama, War

Transporter 3
Rated PG-13 Action, Thriller

Seven Pounds
Rated PG Drama

Twilight
Rated PG-13 Fantasy, Drama

Quantum of Solace
Rated PG-13 Action, Thriller

Bolt
Rated PG Comedy, Animation

Books

The Yankee Years
By Joe Torre

Run for Your Life
By James Patterson

Passing Strange
By Martha A. Sandweiss

Breaking Dawn
By Stephenie Meyer

Uncommon
By Tony Dungy

The Hemingses of Monticello
By Annette Gordon-Reed

The Graveyard Book
By Neil Gaiman



Boys' Basketball

by Coach Paul See

As we are getting closer to the end of the basketball season, we have been very busy with games and practices. As of February 23rd, our record shows 4 wins and 13 losses heading to the ESDAA Boys Division II Basketball tournament. We've improved greatly and have had several close games. We were fortunate to have several Junior Varsity games that allowed our players on the bench to get some playing time. We will travel to Scranton State School for the Deaf in Scranton, PA for the ESDAA tournament from February 26th through 28th. My team has been preparing for this for some time now. I believe they are totally ready for this. I am proud to see how they continue to work hard in practices. Senior night was held on February 5th to recognize our seniors, Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis and Page Miller. It was very nice to see parents and siblings attend in support of their seniors. It was a very special night, because we won the game with Virginia School for the Deaf. On February 21, in our Potomac Valley Conference event, Night of Champions, Roderick Sticklely participated in a 3 point shooting contest. He won the contest and also was selected for PVC All Conference Team.

Here are the game recaps.

Moorefield JV WVSD JV 34
We had our first JV game last night (1/21/09). The boys played pretty well and were glad that they had the chance to play. Moorefield took the lead 14 - 11 in the first quarter.

The halftime score showed Moorefield leading 34 - 16. Moorefield maintained the lead 50 - 21. Jonathan Stokes led the team with 13 points as DeSean Thomas followed up with 8 points. Jensen Greenstein scored 5 points. Brady Bartell and Brandon Lewis each scored 4 points.

Moorefield 64 WVSD 51

We had a slow start in the first half. Moorefield took the lead 22 - 11 in the first quarter. The halftime score showed Moorefield leading 34 - 16. It was close in the 3rd quarter, as we scored 12 points and Moorefield scored 13 points to help keep their lead 47 - 28. With 18 seconds left in the 3rd quarter, Jason Holliday was injured and had to be carted off in an ambulance. I received word from his dad that Jason sprained his shoulder, nothing serious. We had a good fourth quarter, but Moorefield just scored enough to keep the big lead. Page Miller led the team with 23 points as Roderick Sticklely scored 16 and pulled down 12 rebounds. Jonathan Stokes and Ethan Bolyard each scored 3 points. Michael Jarvis, Jason Holliday and Brady Bartell each scored 2 points.

Paw Paw 64 WVSD 63

We hosted Paw Paw last night (1/22/09). It was a close fought game! We took the lead 14 - 13 in the first quarter. We kept the lead 26 - 23 at the half time. We started to gain our lead 47-39 in the 3rd quarter. The lead kept changing back and forth in the 4th quarter. Paw Paw was leading 64 - 62 with 18 seconds left. I asked my team to let the time run down a little bit to take the last shot

to force overtime. Page Miller attempted a drive to the basket. He was fouled. He missed the first foul shot and made the second one. We pressed to attempt to take Paw Paw's ball away. We got called for fouling with 2 seconds left. Paw Paw had one foul shot. Paw Paw missed the shot, and we tried to rebound the ball to call time out. But, the ball was loose till the time expired. We had a pretty good balanced offense. Roderick Sticklely led the team with 24 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Brady Bartell followed up with 15 points as Page Miller scored 14 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in 10 points.

T. Ridge 83 WVSD 60

We hosted Timber Ridge last Monday evening (1/26/09). Timber Ridge took the lead 18 - 11 in the first quarter and never looked back as the score showed 41 - 25 at the halftime. We managed to cut our deficits within 10 points during the 3rd quarter. The 3rd quarter ended with Timber Ridge leading 57 - 43. Roderick Sticklely led the team with 19 points as Jason Holliday followed up with 16 points. Page Miller scored 13 points. Ethan Bolyard fought his way inside to earn 6 points. Brady Bartell scored 3 points while Michael Jarvis managed to come up with 2 points. DeSean Thomas made one of two free throws to earn one point.

E.Hardy JV 48 WVSD JV 37

We had our second JV game of the season last night (2/4/09). It was good competition for my team. East Hardy led 16 - 9 in the first half and maintained the lead 25 - 16 at the half time. The score showed East Hardy leading 34 - 25. The boys played well as they racked up some ex-

perience under their belts. Jonathan Stokes led the team with 14 points. Patrick Lee followed up with 10 points. Jensen Greenstein scored 6 points. Brady Bartell chipped in with 3 points. DeSean Thomas fought his way to earn 4 points.

E. Hardy 78 WVSD 45

East Hardy outpowered us with a rebounding game. East Hardy led 22 - 10 in the first quarter and never looked back as the halftime score showed 40 - 14. We found our spark in offense in the 3rd quarter, but it wasn't enough as East Hardy maintained the lead 59-34. We made a lot of turnovers which East Hardy converted into points to keep their big lead. Roderick Sticklely led the team with 15 points as Page Miller poured in 14 points. Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 7 points. Ethan Bolyard chipped in with 6 points. Michael Jarvis contributed 3 points to the team.

WVSD 46 VSD 35

We hosted Virginia School for the Deaf on Feb 5 and snapped our 7 game skid. We honored our Seniors, Page Miller, Michael Jarvis, and Jason Holliday, prior to the game. It was a very close game during the first 3 quarters. We took the lead, 12-8, in the first quarter. Virginia took the lead 17-14 at halftime. We finished the 3rd quarter leading 26-23. Virginia sure played their hearts out. Roderick Sticklely led the team with 18 points as Page Miller followed up with 16 points. Ethan Bolyard scored 8 as Jason Holliday came up with 4 points.

Harman JV 47 WVSD JV 46

It was a very close game,
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especially in the 4th quarter. We took the lead 8-4 in the first quarter and maintained the lead, 28-11, at halftime. We kept the lead 32-24 in the 3rd quarter. Harman started to come back and the lead kept changing. We were tied 46-46. DeSean Thomas tried to steal the ball but fouled. A Harman player made one of two foul shots. We tried to bring the ball to our side but lost the ball to out of bounds. We set up the full court defense with 4 seconds left. Patrick Lee stole the ball and tried to make a lay up to win the game. Unfortunately, he missed. DeSean Thomas led the team with 16 points and Jonathan Stokes followed up with 11 points. Patrick Lee scored 9 points, while Brady Bartell chipped in with 8 points. Jensen Greenstein pitched in 2 points.

Harman 92 **WVSD 68**

We hosted Harman Feb. 9 and got burnt by their outside shootings. Harman made twelve 3 pointers. Harman led the game for the entire time. The first quarter was 23-13 and 55-25 at the halftime. The third quarter's score showed 79-41. Roderick Stickley led the team with 32 points. Page Miller came up with 15 points. Michael Jarvis fought his way to earn 9 points. Jason Holliday managed to come up with 8 points. Ethan Bolyard chipped in with 4 points.

Union 59 **WVSD 51**

We hosted Union Feb. 11. We took the lead 13-10 in the first quarter and maintained the lead 23 - 21 at the halftime. Union took the lead in the second half 41-33 in the 3rd quarter. They never looked back. Roderick Stickley led the team with 26 points. Brady Bartell came off the bench and scored 8 points. Page Miller came up with 7 points, and Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 6 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in 4 points.

Union 68 **WVSD 49**

We traveled to Union Feb. 16. Union took the lead 16-9 in the first quarter. We fought back in the 2nd quarter as Union led 27-24 at the half time. We continued fighting in the 3rd quarter as Union maintained the lead 38-34. Our shooting turned cold in the 4th quarter as Union

took advantage of it to push themselves to a big lead. Roderick Stickley led the team with 22 points. Jason Holliday scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Page Miller scored 13 points.

Harman JV 53 **WVSD JV 45**

We traveled to Harman on Feb 18. It was a well fought game. We took the lead 16-8 in the first quarter. Harman took the lead at the half time 27-24 and never looked back. Harman maintained the lead 47-31 at the end of the 3rd quarter. DeSean Thomas led the team with 17 points. Brady Bartell followed up with 12 points. Patrick Lee scored 9 points and Jensen Greenstein came up with 5. Jordan Clark added 2 points. It was the last game for our JV team this season.

Harman 81 **WVSD 57**

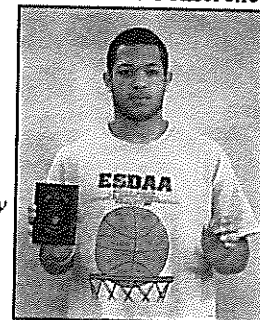
Harman led the entire game as they jumped 24-12 in first quarter. The halftime score showed Harman leading 46-24. Harman continued pushing the big lead 65-42 at the end of the third quarter. Roderick Stickley led the team with 30 points. Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 10 points. Page Miller scored 9 points. Michael Jarvis came up with 6 points. Ethan Bolyard managed to come up with 2 points.

S. Christian 61 **WVSD 58**

We traveled to Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy in Winchester, VA on Feb 19. It was very close for the entire game. We had a slow start in the beginning of the first quarter as SVCA took the lead 18-13. We continued to fight to keep up with SVCA as the halftime score showed SVCA leading 33 - 30. SVCA maintained the lead 49 - 44 at the end of the 3rd quarter. The lead changed often in the 4th quarter till we were tied 58 - 58 with a minute left. SVCA shot a 3 pointer to take the lead. We slowed down our offense to take the last shot to force overtime with 30 seconds. The ball didn't go in the basket. Roderick Stickley led the team with 29 points. Page Miller followed up with 17 points. Michael Jarvis chipped in with 6 points. Ethan Bolyard fought his way to earn 4 points. Jason Holliday came up with 2 points.

Tygart Valley **55 WVSD 49**

We traveled to Petersburg Feb 21 for the Potomac Valley Conference event. We battled with Tygart Valley for 9th and 10th place. The 10th place is the last of conference standing. Tygart jumped in the lead 19-8 in the first quarter. They maintained the lead 32-19 at the half time. We started to improve in the 2nd half by cutting some deficits as Tygart kept the lead 42-34 in the 3rd quarter. We continued fighting as we tied the score at one point of the game with one minute left in 4th quarter. We made a couple of critical mistakes and turned the ball over to Tygart as they converted our turnovers into points. Roderick Stickley led the team with 29 points, as Brady Bartell and Jason Holliday each scored 6 points. Page Miller followed up with 4 points. Ethan Bolyard added his 2 points to the final score. Roderick Stickley participated in the 3 point shooting contest and won. He was also selected for All Conference Team.



Roderick Stickley

Photo by Mike Jarvis

? TRIVIA CHALLENGE ?

How many total years have the teachers at Secondary Deaf worked at this school?

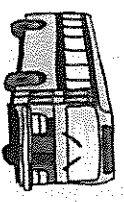
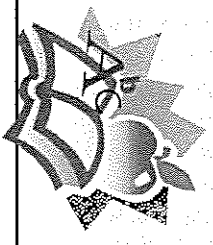
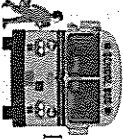
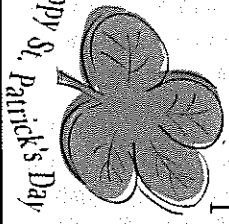
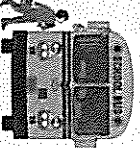
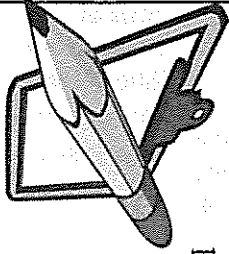
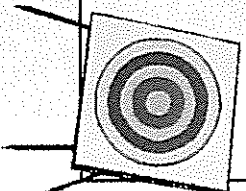
Take a good guess!

(January Question) Who started the spirit stick competition during spirit week and which class won the first spirit stick?


ANSWER: Class of '97 started the idea. Class of '96 won it in the '92-'93 school year.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	VB BB Sectional 7:00 p.m. TBA		Ski Trip			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
WV History Essay Test - 8th grade 2nd period	HBE Sale Charleston	HBE Sale Charleston	WVDE Policy 2419 1-4pm - (all pro- fessionals & aides)	March 13-15 Academic Bowl at Gallaudet Mr. Blakey, Mrs. Suber with 5 students		
Mr. Leatherman, Mrs. McBride to Charleston w/4 students - Ham, Bacon & Egg Sale	Prostart Students WVU Extension Dinner		Homegoing			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Happy St. Patrick's Day				
Return to School						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Homegoing	State Archery Competition
29	30	31	<p>ALSO THIS MONTH FOR GRADES 7-11:</p> <p>Westest 2 Online Writing Assessment</p>			
Return to School		3rd 9 Weeks Ends				



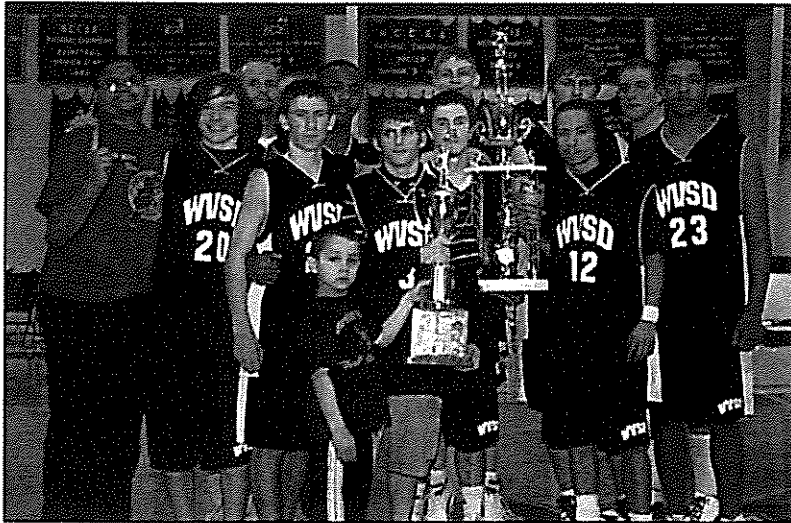
THE LIONS' TALE



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WVSD Varsity Boys Bring Home ESDAA Championship



Front: Coach See's son, Jaden. Second row: Manager Darrel Beasley, Patrick Lee, Brady Bartell, Michael Jarvis, Jonathan Stokes, Page Miller. Back row: Coach Paul See, DeSean Thomas, Jensen Greenstein, Jason Holliday, Ethan Bolyard, and Roderick Stickley.

This year's Eastern Schools for the Deaf Div II Tournament was held at Scranton State School for the Deaf. Our boys brought home not only the championship trophy, but they also won the team foul shooting competition and team 21 shooting competition. See Coach See's column on page 6.

Heaster Takes First In AIS Tourney



Cassie Heaster

WVSD shooter Cassie Heaster brought home the championship in the Female High School Division during the 4th Annual Archery in Schools Tournament held March 28 in Summersville. Her score of 278 (which included 16 bull's-eyes) earned her the title. See Athletic Director Bob Haines' article on page 4.

Hodge Wins Design Contest

WVSD was recently notified by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) that Polly Hodge (Class of '10) won the Program Cover Design Contest for the state-level wrestling tournament held Feb. 26-28. Polly received a \$200 check to be used for continuing her edu-

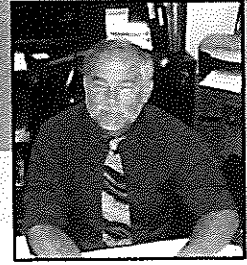


Left to right: Polly Hodge, Mrs. Dodgins, Graphic Arts Teacher, and Mr. Corbin, Principal.

cation, and her name and school were also on the booklet cover.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

by Mr. Corbin



In the last edition of the Lions' Tale, The Students' Voice column was added and raised quite a "stir" among the ranks. How dare they suggest we are not perfect? How dare they suggest that we have areas that we may need to improve? Because we do! I don't think that we are perfect...yet. Perhaps we will never be, at least in their eyes. Whether we agreed/disagreed, liked it or not, the students' voice was heard. In a nation that values freedom of speech, obviously we have created citizens who dare to express their opinions and make a stand for what they believe. Have we put our students on the road to responsible citizenship? Although my toes were stepped on by the issue of not having a visual intercom (and it hurt a

little), I certainly preferred they write it in a newspaper rather than in the form of graffiti on the walls of the school building. Furthermore, the students make a good case, because we are a school for the Deaf and a voice only intercom system is inappropriate in the 21st century. I hope that our students will forgive us and allow us time to catch up with the technology now available to us. Unfortunately, the new technology is expensive, and budget decisions may be beyond our reach.

After reviewing the calendar for the month of March, I found it difficult to concur with the students argument for lack of activities. In addition to ample state testing, there appeared to be a number of extraordinary opportunities like the Lions

Club all expenses paid ski trip. Another special activity was the FFA's participation in state and local ham, bacon and eggs sales. The hard working Academic Bowl team placed fifth out of sixteen other hard working teams from throughout the eastern United States at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Academic Bowl. The talented Tapestry group traveled to the State Capitol to perform for the Legislature and were hosted and treated to a special reception by Delegate Ruth Rowan. Governor Manchin was present for the performance as were members of the State Board of Education (our governing board). The Archery team competed in the State Archery Tournament in Summersville, and our own Cassie Heaster placed first in the high

school girls division. All of these activities coupled with other school and dormitory trips and activities, plus athletes participating on three spring sports teams, lead me to believe that students may be able to find something to do to avoid boredom if they are truly interested.

In closing, there are a couple of things that I would like the students to know. First, we are not perfect, but we try really hard to provide a great school environment for you. Secondly, I promise to do everything in my power to continue to improve our school . . . your voice was heard.

1st Annual MegaDEAF Conference

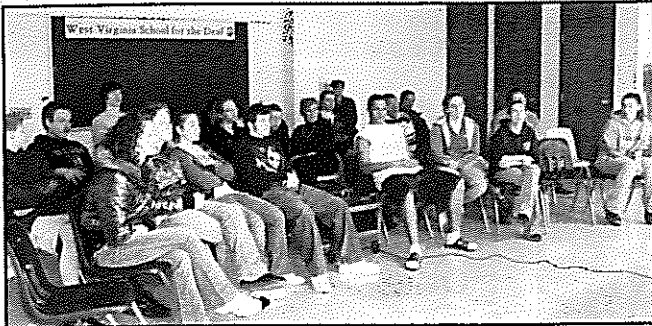
On March 25, students from the Kentucky School for the Deaf hosted the first ever MegaDEAF Conference. About forty schools, both deaf and hearing, tuned in to watch

the live action as five schools for the deaf made fifteen minute presentations on different topics. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind took us on a virtual ski trip, while Kentucky

School for the Deaf took us on virtual tours of their campus and the first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. Ohio School for the Deaf showed us their school-wide recycling

project.

Seniors, juniors and sophomores participated in the videoconference made possible with equipment loaned to WVSD and installed by Tandberg.



Seniors, juniors, and sophomores watching the screen during the 1st ever MegaDEAF Conference on March 25.

Director of Student Living

Ms. Christine Frye



March has been a busy month for the students of Seaton Hall. The month started with our ski trip to Timberline sponsored by the Lions Club. It was a day filled with fun, learning, making new friendships, laughter, and generosity. The students walked away with many memories. The staff planned and threw a St. Patrick's Day party and dance. They did a wonderful job with the entertainment, food and decorations. Congratulations to Patrick Lee and Samantha Johnson, who were crowned Mr. and Mrs. Leprechaun! A few days later, Tapestry performed in front of the Legislature in Charleston. They did a wonderful job. As the days get warmer, the students and staff find themselves outside enjoying the sunlight and each other's company. There have been a lot of touch football games and games of tag.

The staff is preparing many upcoming activities for the students for Spring. The child care staff and I find such pleasure in keeping our students active and teaching them the skills that they will need to be successful in life. We work hard to help them learn how to be respectful, responsible individuals who know how to communicate their feelings in an appropriate manner. We praise them daily and value their input into the residential program. In the same way, we support them in their daily lives. We defend and protect them when we know that they do not fully un-

derstand a life situation. One of our greatest responsibilities is to provide a safe, secure environment where they can grow and learn the independent living skills necessary to become adults. We are proud of our students

and feel very happy that they live in Seaton Hall and are part of our WVSD family.

Students of the Month



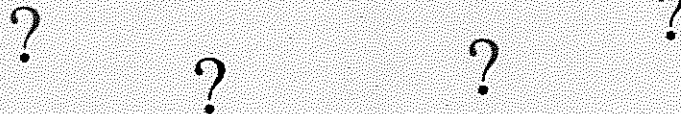
Polly Hodge



Daniel Juskowiak

Trivia Question

How is Hilton "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick connected to our school?



(February Question) How many total years have the teachers at Secondary Deaf worked at this school?

ANSWER: 314 total years.

Archery In Schools

by Bob Haines
WVSDB Athletic Director

In 2002, Kentucky had twenty-one schools involved with the Archery In Schools program. West Virginia's pilot program was off and shooting a year later with 18 schools. By 2005, with the pull of a bow string and the smack of an arrow hitting the yellow, the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) were participating.

Due to great effort from the local Potomac Highlands Chapter, State Chapter, and the National Wild Turkey Federation, students at WVSDB were set up with the complete list of archery equipment to initiate the state Archery in Schools (AIS) program on their campus. WVSDB was the 24th school to be-

gin this rapidly growing curriculum.

WVSDB and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WV DNR) received national recognition by being the first deaf team to compete in a state archery tournament in Charleston. WVSDB shooters have competed in the state Archery in Schools Tournament for the past four years. The tournament has "exploded" since its beginning and is now the largest indoor archery tournament in the state. This year, on March 28, over 500 shooters competed in Summersville.

As the tournament grows and bull's-eyes occur more often, the competition and scores soar. In recent years, West Virginia

School for the Deaf (WVSD) shooters Maddie Mongold and Shawna Weatherholt have made the return trip to Romney with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes.

The 4th Annual AIS Tournament was bigger and more competitive than ever. Many archers from the WVSDB team scored personal bests, and some of the new shooters showed tremendous skill and control as they launched their arrows toward the yellow, along with 42 other shooters in a line.

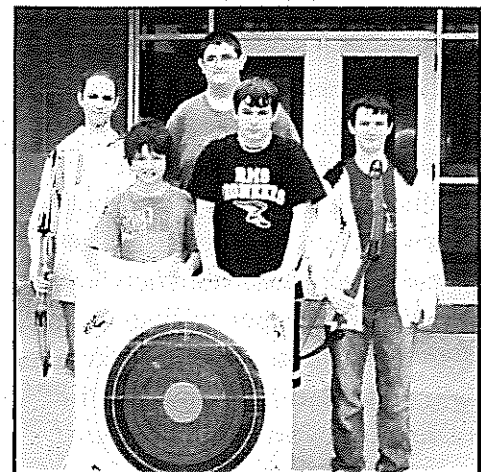
Upon the completion of another successful state shoot-off, the camo-clad students from WVSDB held their heads high, had huge smiles, gave their thanks, and received many congratulations from judges, officers, and fans.

Following an extensive reevaluation of shooter #1423's scorecard, the Female High School Division Champion, with a score of 278, was recognized by Scott Warner, DNR. WVSD's Cassie Heaster ('10), is this year's top female shooter for the 4th AIS Tournament.

Cassie appeared to be calm, gracious, and appreciative during the announcement. Actually, her teammates showed more excitement than "Miss Robin Hood." Cassie smiled and thanked everyone in her quiet way – a little smile appeared through the nerves of steel that shot 16 bull's-eyes in state competition. West Virginia should be very proud; and as one female fan told Cassie, "I am proud of you and proud that you are a woman!"



HIGH SCHOOL TEAM (front, left to right): Jonathan Stokes, Samantha Johnson, Maddie Mongold, Shawna Weatherholt, Brandi McGowan, Cassie Heaster, Polly Hodge, Page Miller. Back: Josh King, Tiffany Friend, Patrick Lee, Ethan Bolyard.

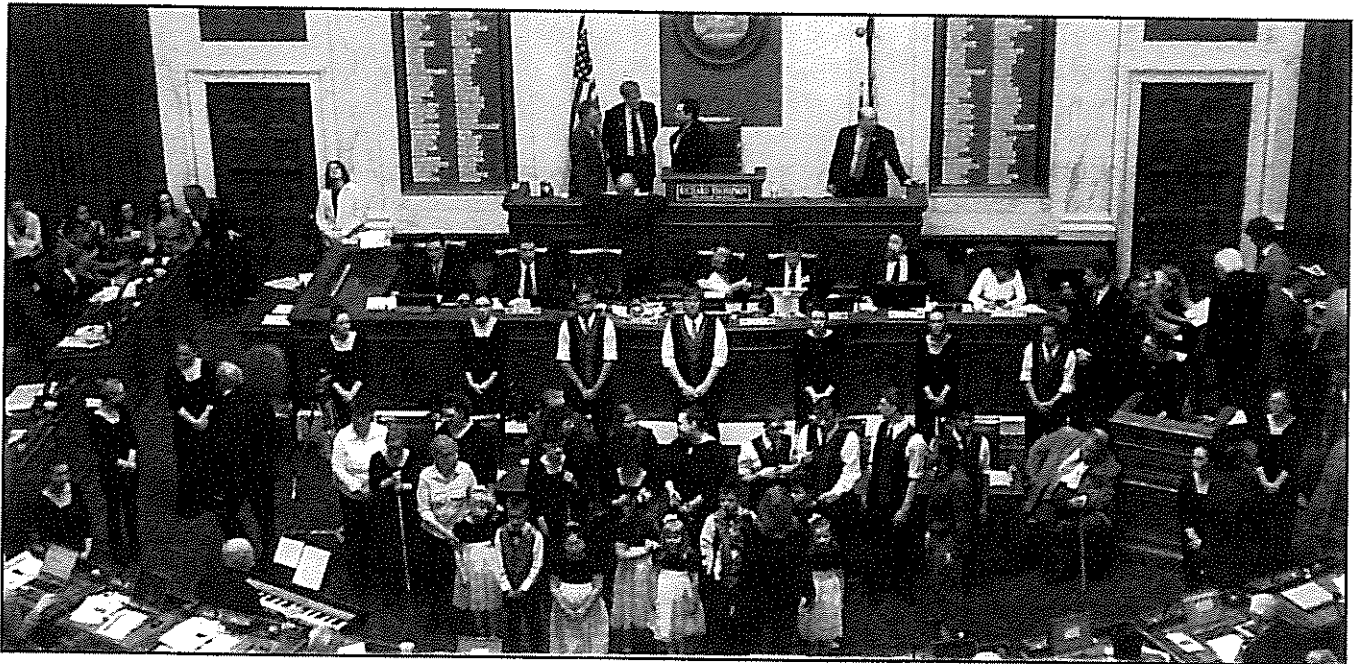


MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM (front, left to right): Tylar Merriner, RJ Garvin, Brandon Eversole. Back: Sara Isner and Trent McGee.

Tapestry Performs for State Legislature



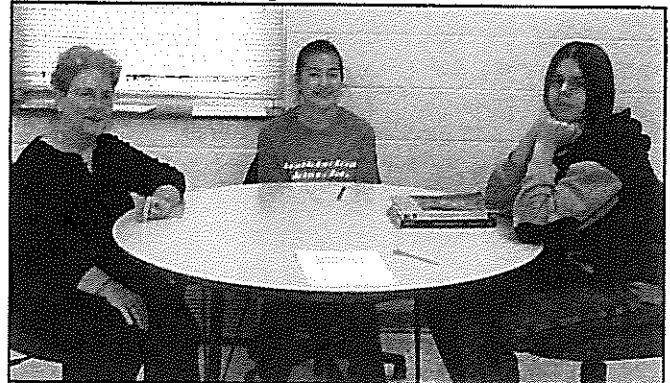
On March 18 Tapestry and Mountaineer Melodies went to Charleston to perform for the Legislature. When the members arrived at the capitol, they were able to see the displays set up inside the building. Tapestry performed two songs, “WV Hills” and “My Home Among the Hills.” Some of the members met Delegate Rowan and Governor Manchin. After the group left Charleston, they traveled to Clarksburg for dinner at Ryans. The members then had a safe journey back to WVSD.



Accounting Students Enjoy Guest Speaker

Ms. Susan Dicks, an accountant/bookkeeper who has worked for the U.S. Navy Finance Department, a medical lab, and Danian and Allen Law Firm in the D.C. area, visited our accounting class on March 19. She shared her money experience, and we were able to ask many questions. We were curious about several things involving accounting. For example, one of our questions concerned Ms. Dicks’ background and education. We asked how she became interested in accounting. She said she was always good with numbers, but she did not go to college. Another area we were curious about involved bank statements. We asked, “When a bank statement comes in, does someone open it and check the statement? Does anyone make sure there are no illegitimate checks so no

one can embezzle funds from the company?” Ms. Dicks answered all of our questions, and we learned a lot from her. We would like to thank Ms. Dicks for sharing her time and her knowledge with us.



Boys' Varsity Basketball

by Coach Paul See

We closed our season with a record of 7 wins and 14 losses with the loss to Tucker County in the Sectional Tournament. The record doesn't reflect our two big accomplishments, winning the Ohio Classic Championship back in December and winning the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division II Championship last February! It is the first Division II Championship since 1996. Yes, we have won four other ESDAA championships in the last 6 years, but they were from Division III. Division II and III merged into Division II this year due to the small number of teams in Division III. We also won the Team 21 Shooting and Team Foul Shooting championships at the ESDAA Tournament. It was a good season for the young team. We are sorry to see Jason Holliday, Michael Jarvis and Page Miller go. I am glad that I had a chance to coach these seniors for the past four years. I'm looking forward to working with this team again next season!

Here are recaps of the last several games of the season.

WVSD 91 NYSSD 34

We traveled to Scranton State School for the Deaf for the first round in the ESDAA Division II Tournament on February 26. We played against New York State School for the Deaf (Rome). We took the lead in the first quarter 25-10. The halftime score showed that we were leading 53-20. The players from the bench got a lot of playing time in the second half. We maintained the lead 77-16. The mercy rule came in effect during the 3rd quarter, as we were leading by 40 points. The clock continued running, even if a foul was called. I approached NYSSD's coach, Dennis Ryan, after the game and apologized to him, as I

didn't intend to run up the score. Roderick Stickley led the team with 29 points. DeSean Thomas came off the bench in the second half and scored 21 points. Ethan Bolyard fought his way inside to earn 16 points. Jason Holliday scored 8 points, and Brady Bartell chipped in with 6. Page Miller scored 5 points, Jensen Greenstein followed up with 4 points, and Jonathan Stokes added to the final score with his 2 points.

WVSD 90 St. Mary's 89

The entire game was close as the lead kept changing. The game went into overtime as Jason Holliday made the last foul shot with 7 seconds left to put us in the lead by one point. Roderick Stickley led the team with 49 points. Jason Holliday fought his way to earn 15 points. Page Miller followed up with 12 points, and Brady Bartell scored 8 points. Jonathan Stokes scored 5 points, and Ethan Bolyard came up with 1 point.

WVSD 66 Scranton 59

We faced Scranton in the final game of the ESDAA Division II Tournament on February 28. It was a very close game, and the lead kept changing for the entire game. Scranton was up by one point at halftime. We were up by 2 points with a minute left in the 4th quarter, when we planned to slow down our offense. Scranton started to foul us to slow down the clock till we hit the one and one foul shot. Roderick made both of them to put us in a 4 point lead. Scranton took the ball back, and as they crossed the half line, Page Miller took the ball away and made the lay up which ran out the clock. It is the first Division II championship for us since 1996. We also won the Team Foul Shooting competition and the Team 21 competition. Jason Holliday

was selected Honorable Mention, Page Miller was selected 2nd Team for All ESDAA and Roderick Stickley was voted for the First Team. At some point, Roderick hit the 1,000 career points mark but didn't stop the game, as he wanted to keep it going. Roderick led the team with 30 points. Page Miller followed up with 16 points, and Ethan Bolyard fought to earn 12. Brady Bartell and Jason Holliday each scored 4 points.

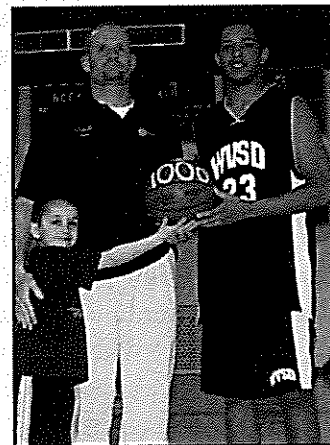
I sure enjoyed playing against Rome, St. Mary's, and Scranton. Doug Boersma sure did a great job. I really hope that Scranton State School for the Deaf will stay open!

Tucker Co. 88 WVSD 37

We traveled to Tucker County for the first round of the Sectional Tournament. Tucker County took a very big lead in the first quarter 33-6 and never looked back for the entire game. At halftime, the scoreboard showed 53-16 and 69-20 in the third quarter. We were eliminated from the tournament which officially ended our season. Roderick Stickley led the team with 11 points and Page Miller followed up with 10. DeSean Thomas scored 4 points. Jonathan Stokes and Jason Holliday each scored 3 points and Brady Bartell and Ethan Bolyard each scored 2 points. Roderick Stickley was selected for All Sectional Team.

Congratulations, Roddy!

1,000
CAREER POINTS



MICHAEL'S MEDIA MANIA

First Superman comic was written in June 1938.



Coming Soon to Theaters in May

Fast and Furious
Rated PG-13 Action, Street Race

Dragonball Evolution
Rated PG Action, Fantasy

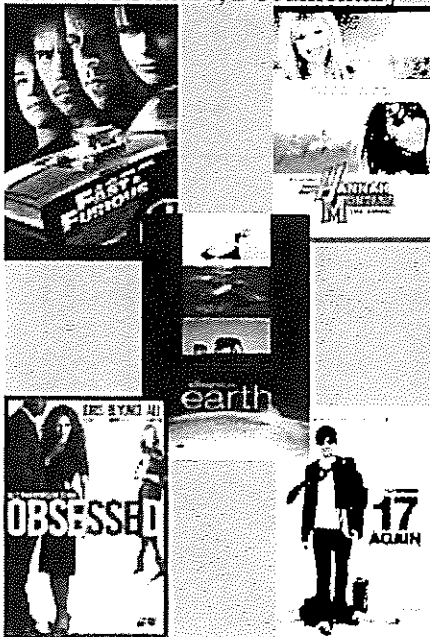
Fighting
Rated PG-13 Action, Drama

Obsessed
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Suspense

17 Again
Rated PG Comedy, Drama

Hannah Montana: The Movie
Rated G Drama, Musical

Earth
Rated G Nature, Documentary



Coming Soon to DVDs in May

Bedtime Stories
Rated PG Comedy, Fantasy

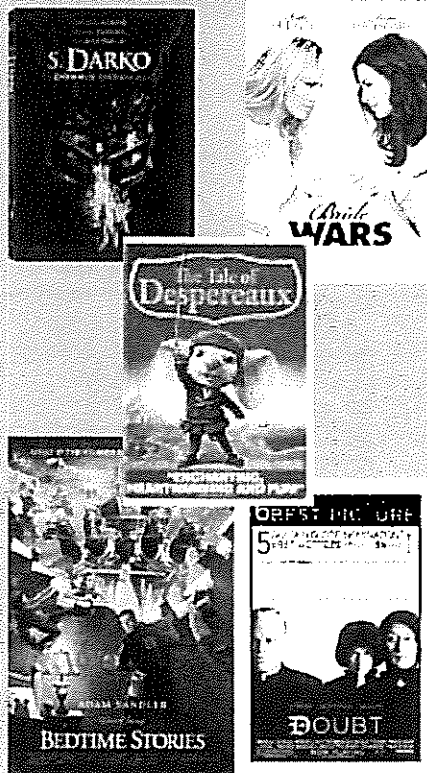
Doubt
Rated PG-13 Drama, Mystery

The Tale of Despereaux
Rated G Drama, Animation

Bride Wars
Rated PG-13 Drama, Comedy

Not Easily Broken
Rated PG-13 Drama

S. Darko
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Drama



Books

Fast Food Nation
Eric Schlosser

Whisper to the Blood
Dana Stabeno

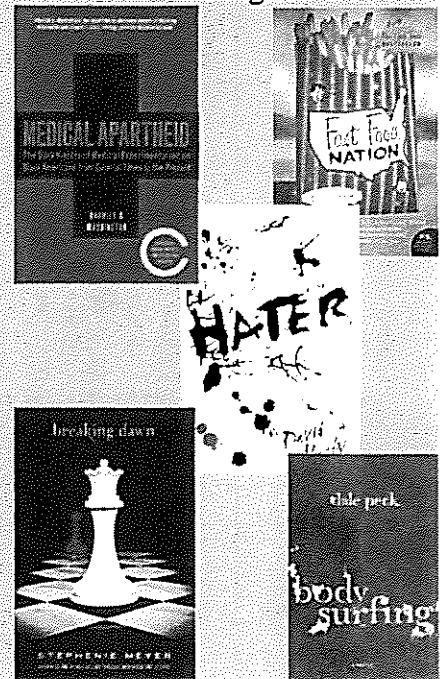
Hater
David Moody

Body Surfing
Dale Peck

Breaking Dawn
Stephenie Meyer

Just Take My Heart
Mary Higgins Clark



Medical Apartheid
Harriet A. Washington



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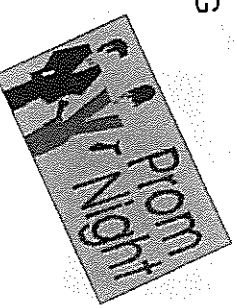
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Return to School				WELLNESS FAIR 8:30-12 Noon MPR	Homegoing	

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Return to School				UPCOMING EVENTS May 2-Prom



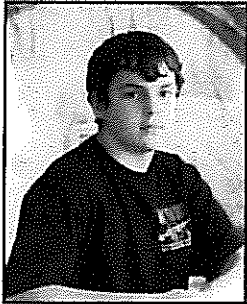
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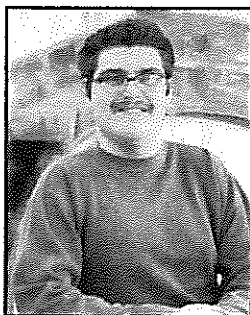
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WVSD's New Students



RJ Gavin

Born: 3/1/96
Hometown: Summersville
Favorite Class: P.E.
Hobbies: Hunting and four-wheeling
Transferred from: Braxton County
Do you like it here and why? Yes, because of all the cool people.
How did you hear about WVSD? A friend who attended this school told me about it.



Ross Nahinu

Born: 11/13/88
Hometown: Huntington
Favorite Class: Computers
Hobbies: Computer games
Transferred from: California School for the Deaf in Fremont
Do you like it here? Yes, but I miss my friends in California!

Are you a native West Virginian? If not, where were you raised? I was raised in a small town about 50 miles from Pittsburgh, PA.

How long have you been teaching, and where have you taught? I have been substitute teaching for six years. Most of that time I spent as a long-term sub. I taught algebra and applied geometry for three years at HHS.

Where did you go to college? What degree(s) do you have? I graduated with an associate degree in business

from Penn State University, and I have a bachelor's degree in accounting/economics from California University. I received my teaching certification from Marshall University.

Tell us about your family. I live in Fort Ashby with my husband Robert and two of my daughters. My third daughter is living in Morgantown and is a junior at WVU.



Mrs. Toni Brothers

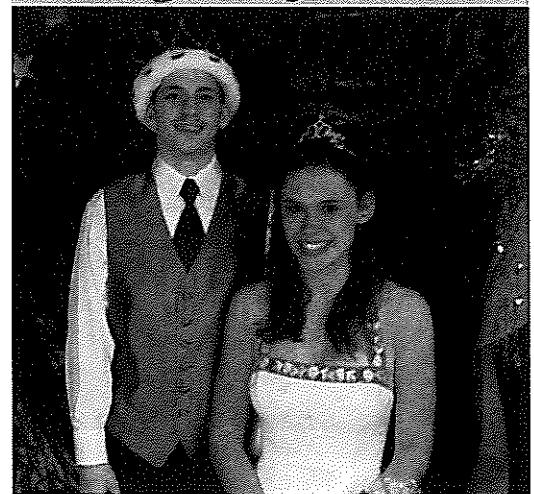
My daughters' ages are 20, 16 and 13. We have lived in Fort Ashby for 15 years.

In the next Issue . . .

We'll be focusing on the Class of 2009 . . .

Don't miss it!

Prom '09 King and Queen



During the prom on May 2, junior Roderick Stickley announced that seniors Michael Jarvis and Tiffany Friend were voted Prom King and Queen.



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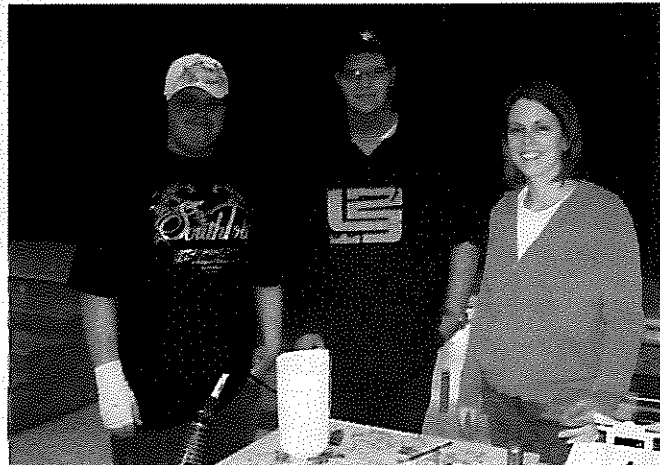
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

WVSD students participated in Hampshire County's Special Olympics on May 13. See Mrs. Judd's article inside.

Local Artist Demonstrates Stained Glass Craft

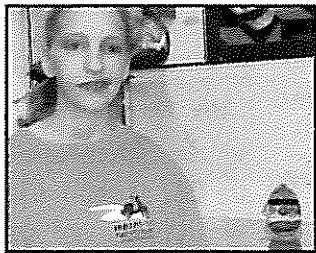
On April 6, Anne Renee Livingston, a local artist and owner of Glasshouse Studio in Augusta, WV, visited the students at WVSD Secondary. All students and staff were invited to a demonstration of Mrs. Livingston making stained glass "I love you" window ornaments. Mrs. Livingston brought her own tools and equipment to the school to demonstrate how she

makes the ornaments. Solders, glass cutters and grinders, copper foil, flux, paper and pencil all were used to make the ornaments. All the students enjoyed the demonstration and asked several questions about the process. This is Mrs. Livingston's second visit to the school to demonstrate an art or craft for the students.



William Heflin and Josh King with Mrs. Livingston.

Student Artwork Displayed at County Public Library During April



Lacy House and her painted ceramic egg.

For the month of April secondary students at WVSD exhibited their artwork with art students from Hampshire County's Public Schools. The 4th annual event was held at the Hampshire County Public Library in Romney.

Art work exhibited included masks, torn paper animals, styrofoam prints, charcoal drawings, perspective studies, portraits and abstract designs. Ashley Moon and her grandmother attended the April 17th reception for all participating students.

Students who participated in the exhibit were Tyler Kesner, Sara Isner, Cassie Heaster, Brandon Lewis, Derrick Eversole, Ashley Moon, Chasity Hammond, Lacy House, Shelby Hose, Josh King, Paula Keene, and Tylar Merriner.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2009



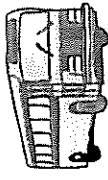


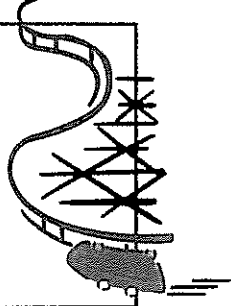
On May 13, twelve WVSD Secondary students attended the Hampshire County Special Olympic games held on Rannells Field at Hampshire High School. All participating students had a great time and want to thank the Special Services Center for ensuring that the games continued this year. We also want to thank Principal Corbin for our new tent and senior student volunteers, Brandi McGowan and Michael Jarvis.

We want to thank Cookie and John Hott for their volunteer help as well as the aides, Teresa Kinney and Mary Pappas.

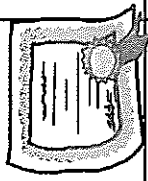
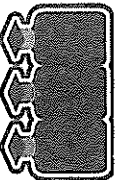
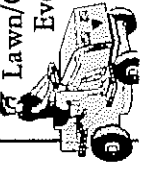
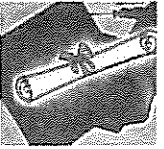
On May 14, all students met at the Multipurpose Room at the Secondary School for the Deaf where each participating student's name was announced along with their achievement from the Special Olympic Games the previous day. It is a great feeling for Special Olympic participants to receive praise and acknowledgement from their peers and teachers.



May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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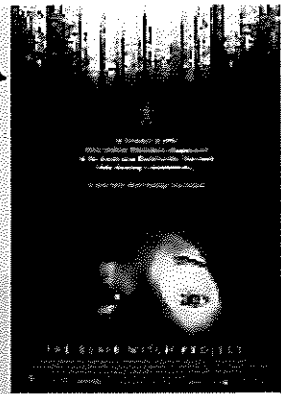
June 2009

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	1	2	3	Academic/ Athletic Awards & Luncheon 	4	5
	8	9	10	Graduation 11 Practice - 9 a.m. (if needed) Senior Dinner Admin. Bldg. 6 p.m.	11	12
7	Graduation Practice 9 a.m. 	FFA Students to Muselman HS for Lawn/Garden Event 			Graduation Day 12 MPR - 10 a.m. 	13
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MICHAEL'S MEDIA MANIA



The most profitable movie based on return investment is *The Blair Witch Project*. The budget - \$35,000. World-wide gross - \$248,300,000.



Coming Soon to Theaters in May

Ghost of Girlfriends Past
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Romance

X-Men Origins: Wolverine
Rated PG-13 Action, Fantasy

Star Trek
Rated PG-13 Action, Sci-Fi

Angels and Demons
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Suspense

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian
Rated PG Comedy, Drama

Dance Flick
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Spoof

Up
Rated G Animation, Comedy

Coming Soon to DVDs in May

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
Rated PG Fantasy, Drama

Passengers
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Suspense

Last Chance Harvey
Rated PG-13 Drama, Romance

Paul Blart: Mall Cop
Rated PG Comedy

Valkyrie
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Suspense

New in Town
Rated PG Comedy, Drama

Of Time and the City
Rated NR Documentary

Books

Malice
Lisa Jackson

Always Looking Up
Michael J. Fox

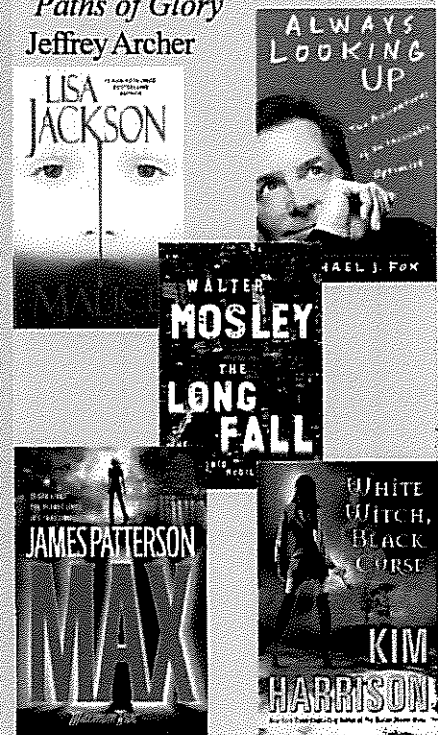
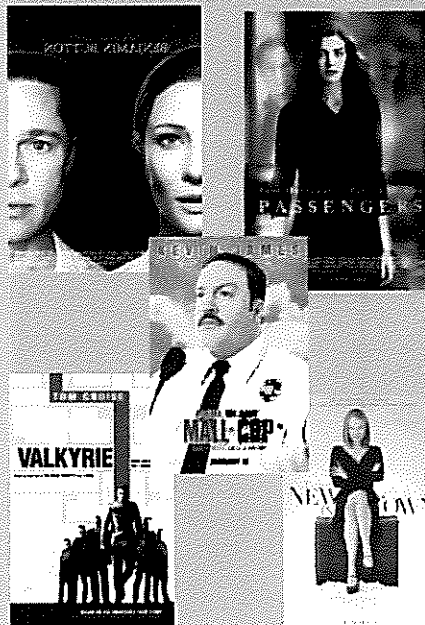
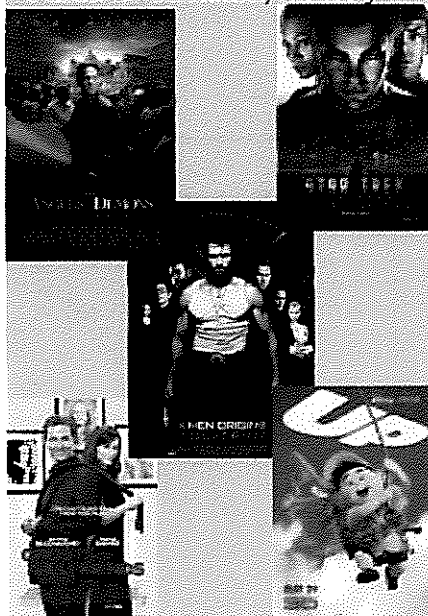
The Long Fall
Walter Mosley

Maximum Ride
James Patterson

White Witch, Black Curse
Kim Harrison

The Third Reich at War
Richard J. Evans

Paths of Glory
Jeffrey Archer



Annual FFA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

After enjoying a delicious lunch of roast beef with all the trimmings, the 2009 FFA Awards Ceremony opened with President Page Miller welcoming all, and Polly Hodge leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made by Sara Isner and Rick Garvin. State Officer Emma Yohn spoke to the group and Darrel Beasley presented the FFA Creed.

The following awards were presented:

APPRECIATION: Mr. McCord & Hampshire County FFA

HONORARY CHAPTER FARMER: Mrs. Suddath

CHAPTER FFA: Chelsea Tallman, Jensen Greenstein, Darrel Beasley, Polly Hodge

DISCOVERY DEGREE: Rick Garvin, RJ Garvin, Sara Isner, LeLe Riley, Sam Kimble, Keirsten Walters, Tylar Merriner, Tyler Kesner

GREENHAND DEGREE: Ethan Bolyard, Rick Garvin, Josh King

FORESTRY CDE: Chelsea Tallman, Gold; Rick Garvin, Silver; Jensen Greenstein, Bronze

AG MECHANICS & GREENHOUSE CONSTRUCTION: Ethan Bolyard, Gold; Jensen Greenstein, Silver; Page Miller, Bronze

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING: Darrel Beasley, Gold; Amber Williams, Silver; Rick Garvin, Bronze

HORTICULTURE: Polly Hodge, Gold; Chelsea Tallman, Silver; Darrel Beasley, Bronze

SWINE PRODUCTION: Page Miller, Gold; Chelsea Tallman, Silver; Darrel Beasley, Bronze

AG SCIENCE CDE: Brandon Eversole, Gold; Trent McGee, Silver; Chris Shaler, Bronze

STAR GREENHAND: Darrel Beasley
STAR CHAPTER FARMER: Chelsea Tallman

FFA CREED: Middle School (1) Tyler Kesner, (2) Trent McGee, (3) Tylar Merriner. High School (1) Ethan Bolyard, (2) Amber Williams, (3) Darrel Beasley

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING: (1) Michael Jarvis, (2) Page Miller

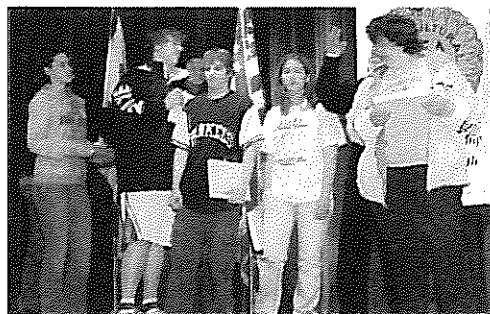
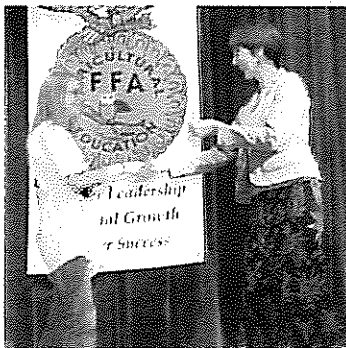
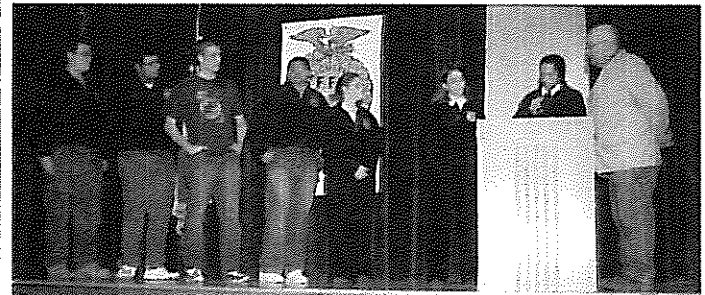
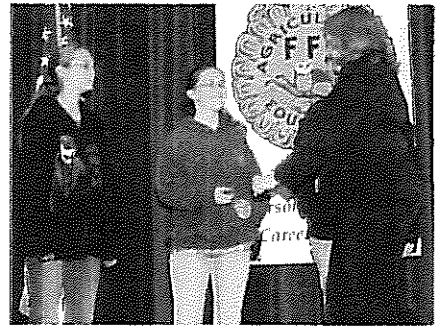
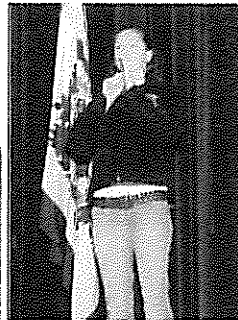
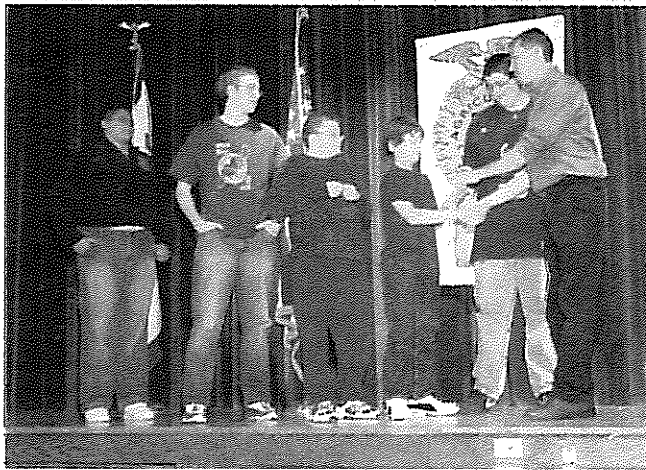
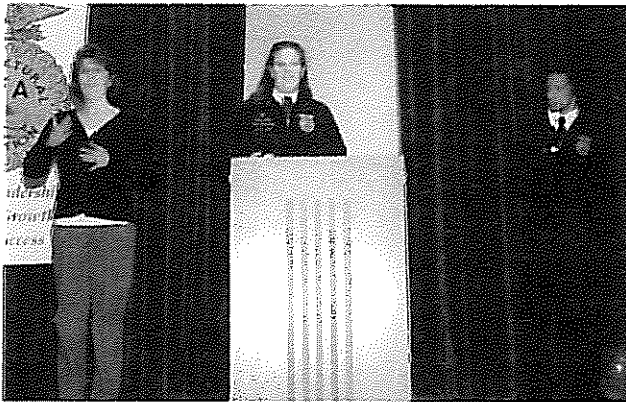
SENIOR RECOGNITION: Tiffany Friend, Michael Jarvis, Matthew Hart, Nina Hedrick, Jason Holliday, Brandi McGowan, Page Miller

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY: ProStart 1 - Cassandra Heaster, Samantha Johnson, Maddie Mongold; ProStart 2: Tiffany Friend, Matthew Hart, Page Miller

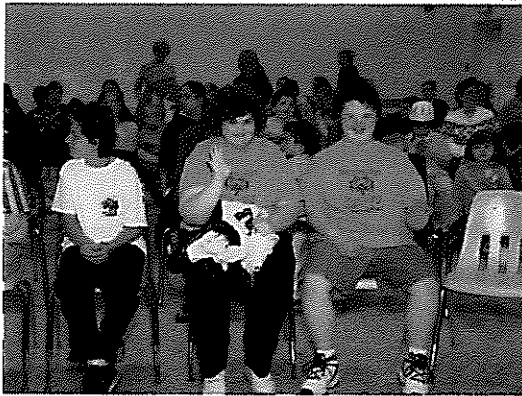
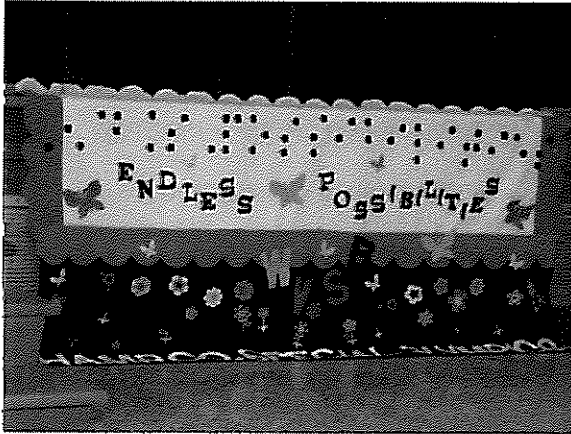
AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS: Michael Jarvis

SCHOLARSHIP: Michael Jarvis

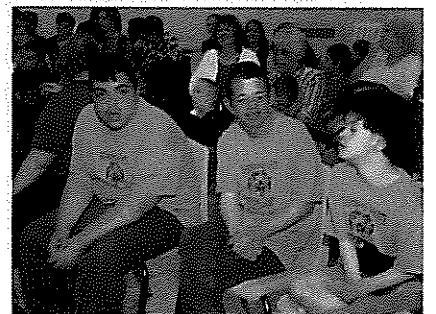
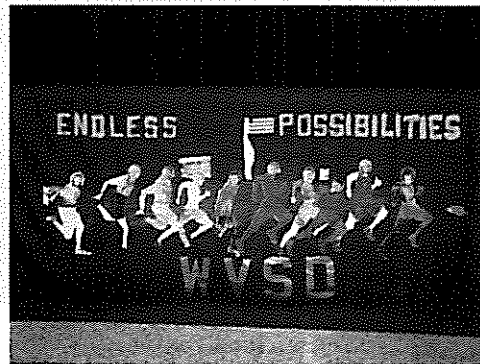
LEADERSHIP: Amber Williams




Special Olympics



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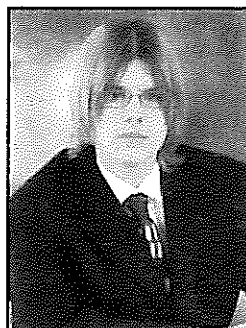
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Congratulations to the WVSD Class of 2009!



Jason Ryan Holliday is the son of Jeffrey and Elsie Holliday of High View. He is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2009. Jason has been a member of the FFA, Skills

USA, Jr. National Association of the Deaf, GEAR UP, Tapestry, Future Business Leaders of America, Yearbook staff and the Lions' Tale staff. He was a basketball player at WVSD for four years, winning three ESDAA championships in 2007, 2008, 2009. He helped manage the girls' volleyball team for three years. He is on the honor roll, is a technical education completer in Graphic Design, and holds an Aries A+ certification. Jason plans to continue his education at Shepherd University and obtain a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering.



Matthew Allan Hart is the son of Beverly Shockey of Moorefield. Matthew has been a member of FFA, Skills USA, FBLA,

and GEAR UP. He has served as treasurer in FFA. Matthew completed the Technical Education ProStart Culinary Arts and Office Administrative Support programs. At WVSD, Matthew played on the 2008 basketball team, and that year, his team won the ESDAA Championship. Matthew plans to receive further training in the business program at Eastern Community and Technical College in Moorefield. Upon completing his business degree, he plans to attend Potomac State College and enter the hospitality program in hopes of becoming a chef.



Tiffany Marie Friend is the daughter of Kay Friend of Charleston. She is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2009. Tiffany has been a member of FFA, Skills USA,

GEAR UP, Archery Team, Tapestry, and Yearbook staff. She served as reporter for both FFA and Skills USA. Tiffany is a technical education completer of the ProStart Culinary Arts program. She was a member of the varsity volleyball and basketball teams 9th-12th grades and the RMS Track team in 7th and 8th grades. She is an honor roll student and has been named student of the month. Tiffany was the 2009 Prom Queen. Tiffany plans to attend Pierpont Technical and Community College in Fairmont to study graphic design.



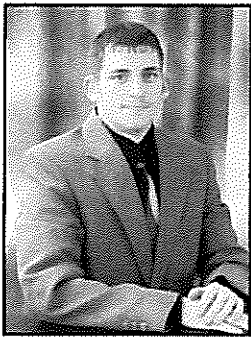
Nina Jo Hedrick is the granddaughter of Erma Snead of Bartow. Nina has

been a member of FFA, FBLA, Skills USA, Jr. NAD, and was on the prom decorating committee for 2007-2008. She participated in Special Olympics on the county level in 2008-2009 and received two gold medals and one silver medal. She was Homecoming Queen 2008-2009 and WVSD's secondary secretarial assistant. She plans to live in Keyser and attend Hampshire County Sheltered Workshop.

Good Luck !

WVSD Class of 2009

(Continued)



Michael Dale Jarvis is the son of Jeff Jarvis and Gale Gregory of Chloe, W.Va. He has been a member of FFA, Tapestry, Academic Bowl, and Skills USA. He par-

ticipated in basketball for four years, football for two years, volleyball manager for one year, and track and field for one year. He was Prom king. He is a power, structural and technical systems program completer, general building construction program completer, ESDAA champion (third and second); All-Star team (one); won two times in FFA public speaking; president of FFA for one year; and was president of JR. NAD for two years. He plans to attend NTID and become a filmmaking director.

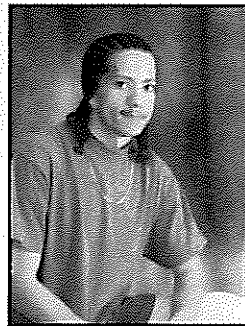


Daniel Ian Juskowiak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Juskowiak of Canvas, W.Va. He was a member of FBLA for one year. He was manager of the boys' varsity basketball team from 2007-2008. He plans to become a video game designer or a graphic designer.



Brandi Lee McGowan is the daughter of Jeffery McGowan of Mount Storm and Betty Hartzell of Strasburg, Va. Brandi has been a member of FFA,

Skills USA, Tapestry, Archery Team, FBLA, Academic Bowl, Yearbook staff, and served as a peer-tutor. She has served as reporter for FFA. She is an honor roll student and has been named student of the month. She was a member of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams for two years and was named to the ESDAA All-Star volleyball and basketball teams. Brandi was elected homecoming queen in 2007. She has received a Leadership Scholarship for Gallaudet University and plans to continue her education and pursue a degree in business.



Page Lee Miller is the son of Rodney Dale Miller of Martinsburg. Page

has been a member of FFA as president, Skills USA as president, Tapestry, ProStart, and GEAR UP. At WVSD, he played basketball for four years, cross country for three years, track for four years, and football for one year. He has been on the honor roll, received the Swine Production gold medal for two years in FFA, and took second place in FFA public speaking. He plans to go to Potomac State College and become a physical education teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Tiffany, Matthew, Nina, Jason, Michael, Daniel, Brandi, and Page,

Congratulations! You have done well and accomplished many things to arrive at this point in your life -- high school graduation.

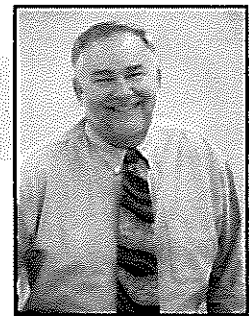
I am very proud of each of you and look forward to your continued success as you move to the next phase of your lives.

You have prepared well, so use the skills and talents that you have acquired to make the world a better place for yourself and for others.

Understand that roads of life may not always be easy to travel, but a bend in the road is not the end of the road; so press yourselves on and follow your dreams.

Best wishes for a happy and successful future!

- Principal Corbin





Director of Student Living

by Ms. Christine Frye

Dear Seniors,

As you prepare to leave your home here at WVSD, I hope you will look back on your time spent at Seaton Hall and remember all the experiences you've had. The activities and the people you met here will always be part of your life and have helped to mold you into the person you are today.

I hope you will try to remember three things as you go along in life. First, always have confidence in your abilities to accomplish

the goals you want to reach in life. You have the knowledge to meet any task you have before you. You just need to believe that you can attain it. Second, be respectful to others, even when they are not that way towards you. You will meet people who will be unkind and rude to you. You should not lower yourself to their level, but hold yourself to a higher standard. This way you can smile and know that you treated every person the same way in life. Third, never be afraid to ask questions. If you need to know something or do not understand how to

complete a project, find a person who has the knowledge to answer your question and ask.

It has been a pleasure knowing you and watching you grow into the confident individuals I see today. As I look back on this year and the eight of you, I have many memories of the times I witnessed you reaching for your goals and attaining them. You will be missed for your leadership with others and your compassion in certain situations. You are now ready to leave your home here and begin a new chapter in your lives.

Advice to Underclassmen ... from the Class of '09

MICHAEL:

Work hard and learn!
Oh, and win another
ESDAA for those of us
who can't play again!

DANNY:

Be good in school,
don't get in trouble, and
get good grades. Please
don't pick on other kids.
Don't be a bully.

BRANDI:

Work hard and listen
to older people, because
in the end, it will help
you in the future.

JASON:

Live each day as if
it was your last and
never do anything you
are going to regret!

MATTHEW:

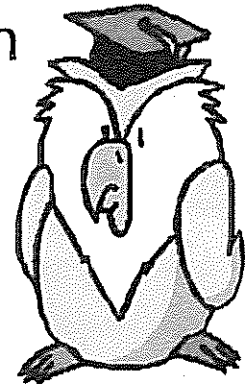
Stay in school and
do your best to keep
going and never give
up. Keep going until
you graduate!

PAGE:

Keep up your
grades and participate
in sports. Be proud of
our school. Be a good
leader for the younger
students.

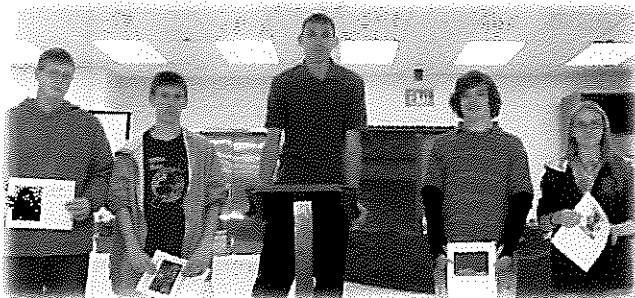
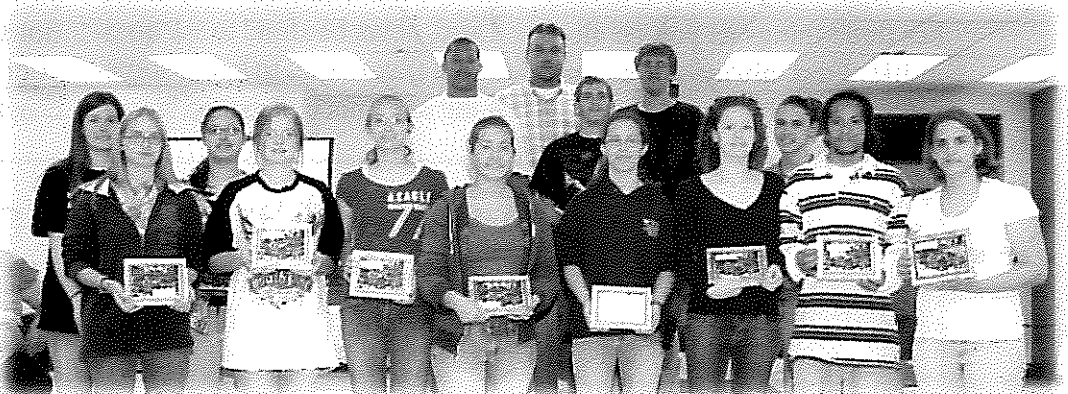
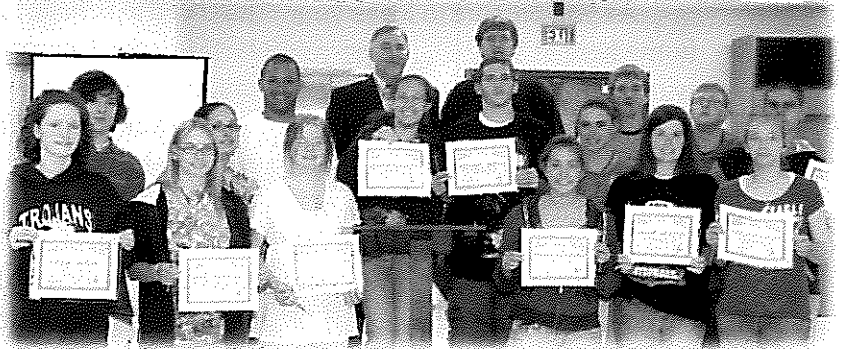
TIFFANY:

Keep working hard
and keep your grades
up. Always try your
best!



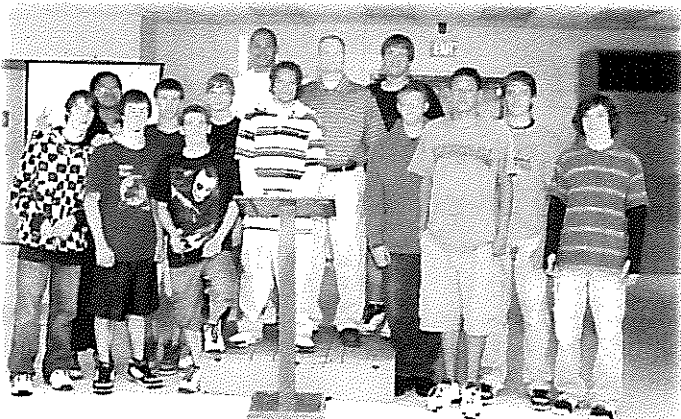
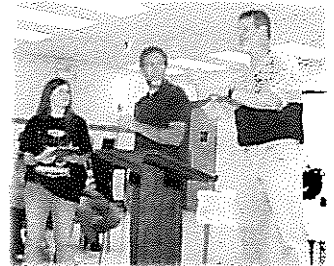
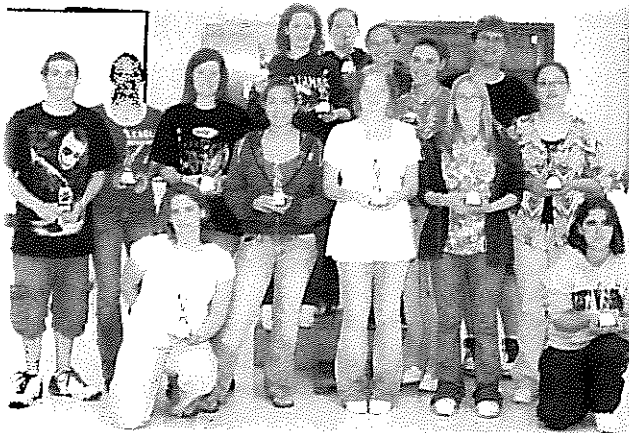
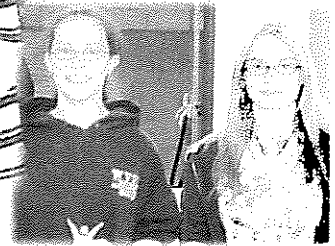
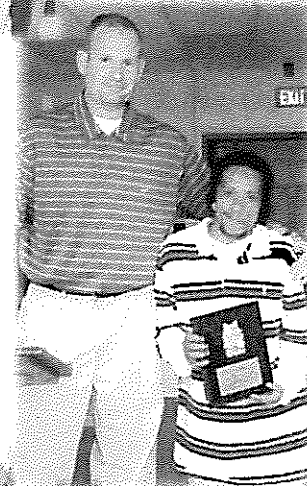
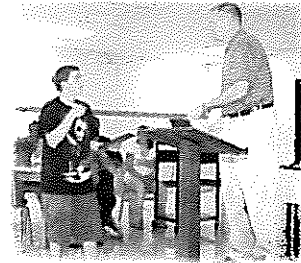
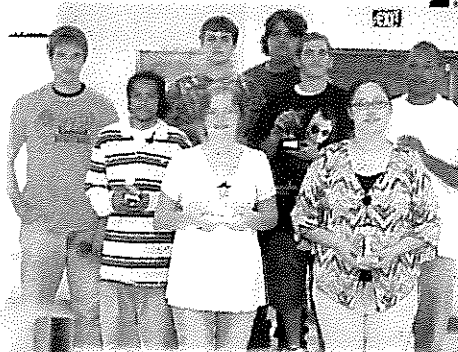
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Most Embarrassing Moments

by the Class of 2009

BRANDI

Really, I have too many, but I'm sure you know some of my moments.

DANNY

When I was playing baseball, I was playing in the outfield. Someone hit the ball, and it was coming towards me. I tried to run and catch it, but it was too late because my pants and boxers were falling down. People were laughing when they saw me.

MATTHEW

In 9th grade, I got into trouble for flipping the houseparents off and everybody was watching. I learned my lesson. I never did it again!

TIFFANY

We had a basketball game and I jumped to get a rebound. I fell on Brandi and the position that we were in didn't look right.

MICHAEL

I have many, but this one is my favorite. After coming back from the Academic Bowl in Virginia, we stopped at Denny's for breakfast. I was so tired that I couldn't stay awake. My head kept dropping back while I was sitting at the table. A few minutes later I woke up, and there were at least 10 people watching me and laughing at me.



PAGE

When I was playing basketball, a ball came and hit me in the head, and it happened countless times. I later found out it was Tim (houseparent)

that was throwing the ball at me, and everyone knew except me!

JASON

Roddy and I were throwing a football and I dived for the football and landed on my bed. Then the bed collapsed.

Heaster Goes to National Archery Tourney

by Mr. Bob Haines
WVSD Athletic Director

On May 8-9, Louisville, KY hosted the world's largest archery tournament. 4,565 archers from 35 states and Canada released 182,600 arows over the two day event.

Among the shooters was WV State Champion in the high school female division, WVSD's Cassie Heaster. Cassie qualified with a 278/300 at the WV State Shoot-off and scored a very respectable 261/300 at the Nationals.



Left: Cassie in her State Tourney t-shirt

Below: Cassie shooting at the Nationals



She placed 40th.

Thirty-eight percent of the participants at the National Tournament were females. In fact, Jessica Systrum from Michigan tied the world record with an unbelievable score of 298/300.

Reflecting on the past four state tournaments, WVSD shooters have placed with two firsts, one runner-up, one third, a fifth, and a ninth place. The future looks bright for the WVSD archery team – bright yellow as in “bull’s-eye!”

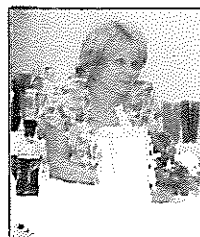
Staff Honors Retirees With Luncheon

The Secondary School for the Deaf held a luncheon on June 5th in honor of two staff members who retired this past year and two who are retiring at the end of this school term. Mrs. Gloria High, Mrs. Sue Staley, Ms. Mary Davis, and Mr. Stan Mals were recognized for their many years of valuable service to WVSD and were celebrated for their special qualities and dedication that put them here for the students.

Mrs. Gloria High began her twenty-one years of service to WVSD as a substitute houseparent and aide in 1987. She worked as a child care worker in the Deaf/Blind unit from 1987-89. In 1999, Gloria moved to Elementary Deaf as a child care worker and then to Secondary Deaf in 2000 as an instructional aide/transportation aide where she remained until her retirement on June 30, 2008.

Mrs. Sue Staley's thirty-three year teaching career includes the

years 1965-1972 as a Home Economics instructor and 1982-2008 as an English/Language Arts teacher.



In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Staley was a student advocate, student banker, test coordinator, committee member, lunch duty supervisor, class sponsor and shadow interpreter.

Ms. Mary Davis' career began in 1973 as a teacher aide. From 1974-76, she held a houseparent position and then went part-time in 1976-77 to finish her degree. In 1979, Ms. Davis was hired as a math teacher in Secondary Deaf where she has remained. Along with her teaching duties, Ms. Davis has served as a class sponsor, cheerleading and volleyball coach, and sponsor for FBLA and Tapestry.

Mr. Stan Mals accepted a math position in 1975 where he has continued to serve WVSD students for 34 years. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Mals was a varsity basketball coach for seven years, track and field coach, Jr. NAD sponsor, treasurer of the Faculty Senate, class sponsor, and acting coach for the 2009 Academic Bowl.

On behalf of the Secondary School for the Deaf staff and students, we thank you and wish you a long and happy retirement.

MICHAEL'S MEDIA MANIA



I really hope you enjoyed reviewing my MMM. I am planning on continuing this for next year unless someone wants to take my place.

FYI: My very favorite movies of all time -- The Matrix Trilogy.

Coming Soon to Theaters in June, July, and August

Land of the Lost
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Fantasy

Year One
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Fantasy

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Rated PG-13 Action, Sci-Fi

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
Rated PG Animation, Comedy

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
Rated PG Action, Fantasy

G-Force
Rated PG Animation, Action

G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra
Rated PG-13 Action, Sci fi

Ponyo
Rated PG Animation, Adventure



Coming Soon to DVDs in June, July, August

Phoebe in Wonderland
Rated PG Comedy

Knowing
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Suspense

The Unborn
Rated PG-13 Thriller

Push
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Action

Race to Witch Mountain
Rated PG Adventure, Fantasy

Labor Pains
Rated PG-13 Comedy, Drama

Obsessed
Rated PG-13 Thriller, Drama



Books

The Scarecrow
Michael Connelly

The Lost Symbol
Dan Brown

Shanghai Girls
Lisa See

The Last Olympian
Rick Riordan

Cook Yourself Thin
Lifetime Television

My Remarkable Journey
Larry King

Impeached
David O. Stewart

