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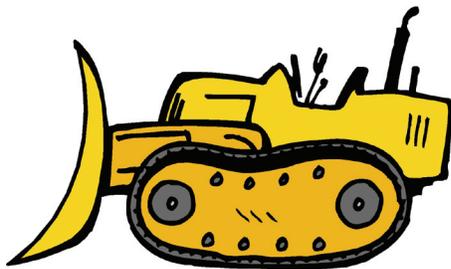


We're Getting a New Track!

In June of 2008 we were given the good news that a contract letter had been signed to replace our old track with a new one. With work on the track scheduled to begin in the summer and barring rainy weather, we hoped the track would be completed by the first week in September. Unfortunately, due to all the rain Callaway County received this summer, and unforeseen structural design changes to the track, construction was substantially delayed. As a result we are not able to play our home football games on campus. Instead, all home games this season will be played at the Fulton Middle School field. The new estimated completion date for the track is in November. Take a look at the progress below:



Left - Removing the old track surface, and preparing to have new asphalt installed.



Forms being installed for new drainage system - right and below.





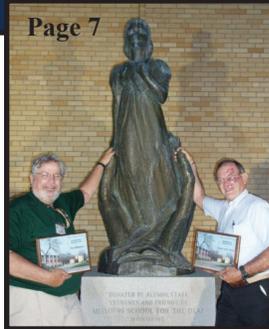
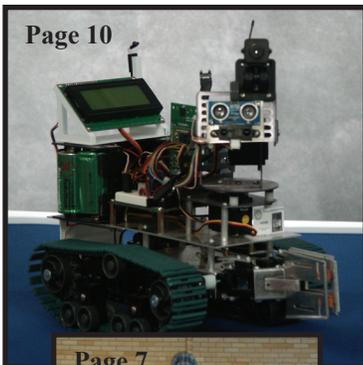
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Signs of the Time

by Barbara Garrison



Campus is buzzing with improvements to both our facilities and services to students, families and school districts throughout the state. Enrollment is up and our kindergarten is full for the first time in several years. ASL classes have been expanded to include families and the community, silent lunches, distance learning opportunities and expansion of other opportunities for learning. Staff members are presenting information on the school and deafness at many more traditional and non-traditional venues.

Our football games are being played at the Fulton Middle School field as we anxiously await the completion of our new track and field. Replacing the track has been on our list for capital improvements for several years. Construction began this summer with a complete removal of the old track and an improved drainage system for preservation of the new track. The asphalt base layer has been laid. The next step will be adding the new track surface, painting and numbering, and new sod. Completion is set for the end of October.

New showers have been installed in Tate Hall, new concrete patios have been laid, driveways and parking lots have been resurfaced and painted, new furniture has been purchased for residence halls, new trees and shrubbery have been planted to replace the damage of last winter's ice storm, and tuck-pointing is in process on several buildings. All these are examples of the ongoing maintenance of our existing facilities and beautiful campus.

Students often arrive at MSD with a variety of needs other than their hearing loss. Balanced mental health is an essen-

tial component of a deaf child's psychological development and mental health service delivery for deaf children poses particular challenges that are unique and different. Deaf children face higher risks and harm to healthy self-image primarily as a result of lack of linguistic access (Willis & Vernon, 2002; Gregory, 1995; Marschark, 1993). The unique needs of deaf children subject them to increased risks and barriers to good mental health

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(Hamerdinger & Hill, 2005; Willis & Vernon, 2002). Studies show that deaf children are two to three times more at risk for sexual abuse than the general population (Kvam, 2004; Willis & Vernon, 2002). Language barriers are also correlated with higher rates of aggression, low self-esteem, and little ability to develop meaningful bonds with peers and adults (Kennedy, 1989; Marschark, 1993; Sarti, 1993). In addition, the mental health system has not been prepared to deal with deaf children who have additional disabilities or cognitive im-

pairments that may accompany certain causes of deafness such as cytomegalovirus, meningitis, and prematurity, to name a few (Hindley, 1999; Steinberg, 1997; Mason & Braxton, 2004). All of these factors accentuate the need for a comprehensive mental health system that is equipped to address this unique population.

Here at MSD we have the expertise in deafness, but we do not have experience in the delivery of clinical mental health services. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has the clinical expertise, but not the expertise in deafness; so, to assist in meeting mental health needs of our students, MSD has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Mental Health. We believe that in working together, we will be better able to provide the support services needed for MSD students with mental health needs and that by working together we can provide professional development training opportunities that will educate both agencies and will also serve to assist public school districts serving children who are deaf or hard of hearing with mental health needs.

Let me be clear - MSD is a school and we are not changing the scope of our mission to educate children who are deaf/hard of hearing. The cooperative effort with the Missouri DMH is to better serve our students who have mental health needs that often hamper their ability to perform well in school.





Alumni News

by Tom Basteau, Assistant Superintendent

Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association (MSDAA) proudly hosted the 32nd Triennial (every 3 years) Reunion at Missouri School for the Deaf on June 6 - 8, 2008. Forty-eight alumni members attended. Current officers are President - Paul Miller (1965), Vice President - vacant, Treasurer - Cyndra McDavid (1971), Secretary - Donald K. Benfield (1983), Board Member and Liaison to the Missouri School for the Deaf Board of Advisors - Ella Eakins (1969), Board Member - vacant, and Memorial Fund Director - James Gooch (1978).

Due to the high cost of gas, we expected the number of attendees to be lower at some events like Deaf Awareness Day at Six Flags and Deaf Camp in Noel, MO. But, on a positive note we were able to continue this reunion for our alumni members with sponsorship from Sorenson Communications Incorporated. MSDAA hired C & R Market Deli to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffet for Saturday and doughnuts and beverages on Sunday.

During registration, we learned that there would be NO air-conditioning for the whole weekend, except for Ingle Auditorium on Saturday. MSDAA provided two large coolers of bottled water with ice provided by MSD. The weather for the whole weekend was rather uncomfortable with heat and humidity! Friday evening, we attended a "Welcome Reception" at Arris Pizza in downtown Fulton, where we enjoyed our supper in the air-conditioned lounge chatting with old friends for about two hours.

Saturday, Alumni members toured the MSD Campus and the Fishback Museum during our registration hours. Some alumni members, non-alumni members, and family attended and paid their respects for the remains of Raymond Hampton at McClure Field at 11:00 am. After our lunch buffet, MSDAA called to order its business meeting, at Ingle

Auditorium. We were able to conclude our business meeting with the election of new officers. (See www.msdaa.org)

Saturday night, members attended the Distinguished Award Ceremony at Ingle Auditorium. The Distinguished Award presentation was an honor for us to witness. Superintendent Barbara Garrison and Assistant Superintendent Thomas Basteau presented a beautiful plaque to Paul Hrabovsky and Frankie "Tuffy" Morris. After the presentation, it was very unfortunate that we were not able to watch the entire DVD movie, "Through Deaf Eyes" due to technical problems on Closed Captioning. We decided to return to the Eagles' Nest for more socialization for the rest of the night and closed about 11:30 pm.

Sunday morning, members enjoyed some doughnuts, coffee, and juice for breakfast to energize and prepare their farewell back home. We closed the Eagles' Nest around noon.

In closing, MSDAA would like to thank MSD for providing Eagles' Nest, Fishback Museum, campus tour, Ingle Auditorium, and staff support. And last, MSDAA would like to thank C & R Market Deli for providing us wonderful meals and beverages. We encourage alumni members and non-members to check our Web site at www.msdaa.org for new information or membership form.

—MSDAA Officers

Obituaries

Finis C. Dickey of Independence, MO passed away on August 26, 2008. He was born on September 25, 1926 in Oskaloosa, MO. He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May, 1946. He spent most of his life in the Independence area. He retired from Cunningham Oldsmobile where he worked

in the body repair shop. He was a member of the Deaf Liberty Baptist Church in Olathe, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Lula Dickey; son, Marc and daughter in-law, Sonya Dickey of Raytown, MO, brother - Bill Dickey of Clinton, MO and sister - Velma Armstrong of Springfield, MO and his 6 grandchildren. Services were held on August 29 at Mt. Washington Forever Mausoleum Chapel in Independence, MO.

Louis Horrell passed away on August 21, 2008. Louis graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May, 1944, where he was valedictorian of his class. He was a devoted husband of 52 years to Ruth (Brosch, '52) Horrell (they met and fell in love at their alma mater); beloved father of Timothy Horrell, Patrick Horrell, and Jennifer (Sam) Page; dear grandfather of Alec Horrell and Logan, Luke, and Jake Page. Louis was grateful for the education he received at Missouri School for the Deaf. It made him productive and independent. He also took pride in being able to see all three of his children attend college. He worked at the McDonnell Douglas/Boeing plant as a machinist for 30 years and was a proud member of the International Association of Machinists. Memorial Services were held August 25 at Holy Spirit Parish of Maryland Heights, MO.

Terry Wayne Griffith, 49, of Warsaw, MO passed away on July 16, 2008 at his home. Terry was born on December 13, 1958 in Licking, MO., the son of Gary W. and Edna R. Walberg. His mother preceded him in death in 2005. He graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf in May, 1977. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Summerville, MO. Terry loved fishing and pitching horseshoes. He also enjoyed crafts,

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Terry Wayne Griffith

creating artwork, and being around his friends and family. Terry Wayne is survived by his father Gary W. Griffith and his wife, Vivian of Summerville; stepfather Pat Elder of Boonville; two brothers: Gary A. Griffith and his wife of Boonville, and Ricky L. Griffith and his wife of Summerville; one sister, Karen S. Boydston and her husband of Warsaw; one stepbrother Michael Blew of Lebanon, MO. Services were held at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville, MO on July 23, 2008.

Ocie Lee Creed, Jr., 82, of Winfield, formerly of Fulton, MO., passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008. He was born in St. Louis, MO on October 17, 1925, the son of the late Ocie L. Creed Sr. and Wilma Phillips Creed. Ocie was married to Imogene Hughes for 24 years and to Santina Benedet for 25 years. Both preceded him in death. Ocie worked at the Mexico Ledger for 20 years or more but retired from Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, MO, after 15 1/2 years as a vocational teacher. Survivors include one daughter, Pamela Cron and her husband, John Cron; three grandsons, Nathan, Justin and Philip Cron, all of Huntington, VA - formerly of Fulton and Columbia, MO. Memorial services were held on June 14, 2008, at the Maupin Funeral Home in Fulton, MO.



MSD ALUMNUS RETURNS FOR INTERNSHIP

Kevin Wolfe graduated from MSD in 2006 and is currently a 3rd year student at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in Rochester, NY. He returned to the MSD campus working as an intern for 10 weeks assisting the school in updating its Webpage and a variety of other graphic arts projects. Welcome home Kevin!



Anna Koziar (seated) with Sharon Kerr, Tom Basteen, Betty Hollrah, Doris Blanchard, Nina and Mack Wilson and Marie Kruse.

Anna “Dolly” Koziar’s 100th Birthday - by Tom Basteen

For those of you who had Dolly as your teacher, she celebrated her 100th birthday on August 23, 2008. Both of her daughters Rita and Sally hosted a birthday party at The Original Pancake House. Many of us had both Stephen and Dolly as our teachers. Both were great teachers and had positive influences on our lives.

We will always remember this statement from Stephen- “My sweet Dolly”. He knew which students were taught by his wife and complimented our achievements. Below you will find Dolly’s milestones as told by her daughters:

Anna was born at home on August 23, 1908 in Smithfield, Ohio to Italian immigrant parents, Pasquale and Raphaela DeAngelis Marino. She became deaf at a very early age.

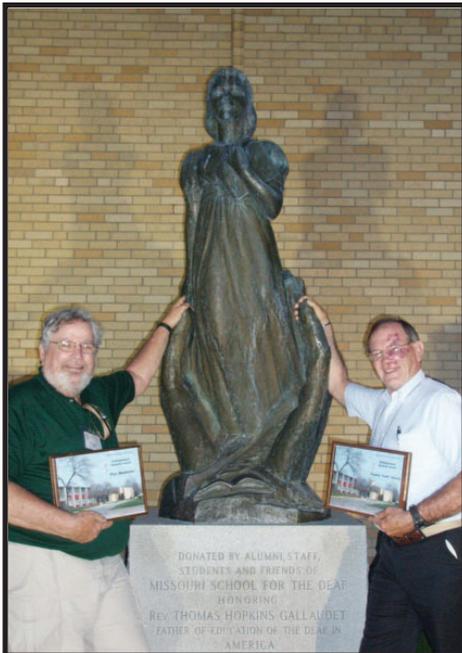
At the age of 8 she was enrolled in the Michigan School for the Deaf where she learned sign language and began her formal education. The next year she transferred to the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio and continued her education there until she graduated in 1929.

She received a scholarship and entered Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics in 1934. As a student at Gallaudet, she was a stellar athlete playing varsity basketball, and she loved dancing with a dashing young man named, Stephen William Koziar. They later married in 1936. He nicknamed her “Dolly” when they were students at Gallaudet and ever since he always used that nickname.

Stephen and Dolly began their careers as teachers at the Missouri School for the Deaf and continued to teach there until their retirement. After Stephen passed away, Dolly spent part of her life in Phoenix, Arizona until 2000 when she moved back to Midwest to be with her daughters, granddaughter, and great granddaughters.

There are only a few truly outstanding teachers/leaders who have been an influence in our lives and helped to make us what we are today. Stephen and Dolly are among those few.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Presentations at MSD Reunion - June, 2008



From left - Paul Hrabovsky and Frankie Morris with their MSDAA Distinguished Service Awards.

Paul Hrabovsky was one of the recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the MSD reunion this year. Paul represents the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community well and has been recognized for his dedicated services to his community. He gives unselfishly of his time when being called to serve in a number of different capacities for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community. He has served as an officer in several different organizations throughout his life. Some of them include: Missouri School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Midwest Athletic Association for the Deaf, Missouri Association of the Deaf, Mo.AD Apartment Association, Greater St. Louis Association for the Deaf, Greater Columbia Association for the Deaf, Columbia Chapter of Mo.AD National Deaf Basketball, Missouri Deaf Bass Anglers, Missouri Disability Council, and Relay Missouri as well as delegate/representative to various national Deaf organizations.

As a student at the Missouri School for the Deaf, Paul was very much involved in different school activities. He played football from 1955-57 and was statistician/manager of the basketball

team from 1956-58. He went to Boys State in 1956. He was editor of his class yearbook and student officer in Tate Hall.

When Paul graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1958, he was Salutatorian of his class. He is married to Carol (Schermerhorn - '60) and he has 2 children - Loren and Lisa ('89 also class Salutatorian) and seven grandchildren. He has a rich heritage here at MSD and continues to stay in close contact with his alma mater.

Frankie Morris was also the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award on June 7, 2008. Frankie is recognized for his limitless services to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community in the Columbia area. A few of his accomplishments are: he was one of the founders of the Greater Columbia Association for the Deaf. He invested most of his energy in that organization, which has been of great benefit to many in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community. He also served as an officer in a number of different organizations, some of them including, The Greater Columbia Association for the Deaf, Fulton Chapter of Missouri Association of the Deaf, Columbia Chapter of the Missouri Association of the Deaf, and representative of GCAD to the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf. He retired from the Post Office in Columbia, MO after 25 years of service and was the Steward of the Midwest Post Office Union for 4 years.

When Frankie was a student at the Missouri School for the Deaf, he lettered in football, basketball, and track. He also participated in other school activities. He was assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts, and officer of the Jr. National Association of the Deaf, and Literacy Society.

Frankie graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1962. He is married to Wilda (Tindle '65) and has three children, Sandy, Sally, Becky and six grandchildren. He keeps close contact with his alma mater whenever there are activities held on campus.



Recipes Wanted!

Alumni, staff, family and friends of MSD. - The Missouri School for the Deaf's Parents Organization is cooking up a new fund raiser and we need your help to make it a success. We want to publish a new MSD cookbook and have it ready for sale by early next Fall. Please send your favorite recipe(s) along with your name, the year you attended/graduated or worked at MSD, and any comments you would like to make about your recipe(s) to: Superintendent's Office, Missouri School for the Deaf, 505 East 5th Street, Fulton, MO 65251 **OR** e-mail them to barbara.mcgrath@msd.dese.mo.gov Also, please include your email or phone number so we can contact you if we have questions. Our goal is to reach as many MSD alumni, staff, and friends as possible to create a one-of-a-kind cookbook. Thanks for your support!



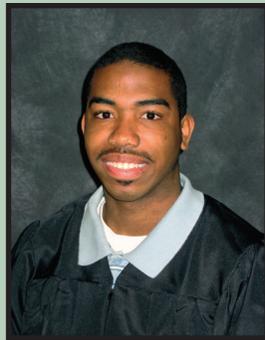
MSD Graduating Class of 2008



Haley Virginia Allen is the daughter of Gray and Susan Allen of Columbia, MO. She entered MSD in September of 2003. She was involved in Student Council (1,2,4), Yearbook (4), Academic Bowl Team (1,2), Drama club (1,2,3), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Signing Eagles (1,2,3,4), Jr. NAD (3,4), Track (3), Basketball (1), Cheerleading (1,2), Volleyball (2,3,4), and was Vice President of her class (2). Haley earned the honor of Valedictorian of her class and plans to attend Gallaudet University, in Washington, D.C. and major in Psychology.



LC Davidson is the son of Aundranecca Walker of St. Louis, MO. He entered MSD in September of 2007 and attended Ralston Public School in Nebraska until then. He was involved in Track(4), and plans to find a job in Nebraska after graduation.



Brian Keith Duncan, Jr. is the son of Janise Williams of St. Louis, MO. He entered MSD in August of 2003. He was involved in Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), and Football (1,2,3,4) and was Sergeant at Arms of his class (1,2,3,4). After graduation he plans to attend St. Louis Community College and major in Culinary Arts.



Nikki Joleen Fox is the daughter of Lonnie and Carol Fox of Fulton, MO. She entered MSD in September of 1996 and was involved in Student Council (1,2,4), National Honor Society (3,4), Jr. NAD (2,3), Signing Eagles (1,2), Yearbook (4), Brain Bowl (1) and was secretary of her class (3,4). After graduation, she plans to find employment and attend a nursing program.



Jarrell Quenton Harris is the son of Kelley and Giselle Ballenger of Columbia, MO. He entered MSD in April of 1994. He was involved in Student Council (1,2,3,4), Academic Bowl (3,4), National Honor Society (4), Jr. NAD (1,2,3,4), Signing Eagles (1,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,3,4), Football (1,2,3,4) and was Vice President of his class (1,3,4). Jarrell plans to work after graduation until he decides where he will continue his education.



Cody Haskell is the son of Jeffery and Leslie Haskell of Drexel, MO. He entered MSD in August of 2003. He was involved in Yearbook (4). He plans to resolve some health issues before attending college in the winter semester.



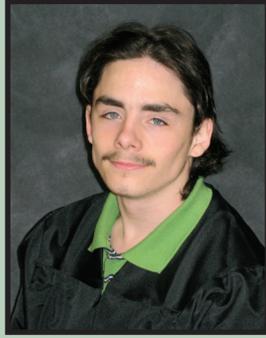
Nathan Allen Hoerschgen is the son of David and Jeannie Hoerschgen of Bonnets Mill, MO. He entered MSD in August of 2002. Nathan was involved in Track (1,3,4), Basketball (1), and Football (2,3,4). He plans to attend Ozark Technical Community College and major in Engine Repair and Maintenance.



Le Daya Elysse Humphrey is the daughter of Alice Humphrey of Palmyra, MO. She entered MSD in August of 1998. LeDaya was involved in Track (1), Cheerleading (1), Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2). After graduation, she plans to find employment in a beauty salon.



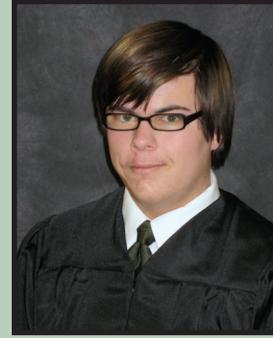
Jennifer Catherine Rawlings is the daughter of Tom and Diana Rawlings of Springfield, MO. She entered MSD in August of 2007. Previously she attended Parkview Schools in Springfield, MO. Jennifer was involved in Volleyball (4), and Track (4). After graduation, she plans to attend Ozark Technical Community College and major in Engine Repair and Maintenance or look for a job.



Brent Michael Shamp is the son of Jeffrey and June Shamp of Middletown, MO. Brent entered MSD in September of 2004. He was involved in Jr. NAD (3), Yearbook (4), Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball team manager (1), Football team manager (1,3), and Cheerleading (3). After graduation, he plans to find employment and attend college at a later date.



Chetara Marie Watkins is the daughter of Tonya Black of St. Louis, MO. She entered MSD in September of 1995. Chetara was involved in Student Council (1), Yearbook (4), Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Volleyball (1,2,3,4), Cheerleading (1), and she was the Treasurer of her class (1,2,3,4). After graduation, Chetara plans to attend college, but has not yet chosen which one.



John Bernard Weggenmann, Jr. is the son of John and Brenda Weggenmann of Eureka, MO. He entered MSD in January of 2001. John was involved in Student Council (1,2,4), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Yearbook (4), Academic Bowl Team (1,2,3,4), Jr. NAD (1,2,3,4), Signing Eagles (2), Track (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Football (1,2,3,4), and was President of his class (1,2,3,4). John earned the honor of Salutatorian of his class and after graduation, he plans to attend NTID in Rochester, NY., where he plans to study Psychology.



Andrew Thomas Ray is the son of Richard and Mary Ray of Fulton, MO. He entered MSD in September of 1994. Andy was involved in National Honor Society (3,4), Football (4), Basketball (2), and Track (3). After graduation, he plans to attend Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Texas and major in Building Trades.



Ryan Nevin Stone is the son of Ken and Deborah Stone of Fulton, MO. Ryan entered MSD in August of 1993. He was involved in Yearbook (4). After graduation, he plans to seek employment.

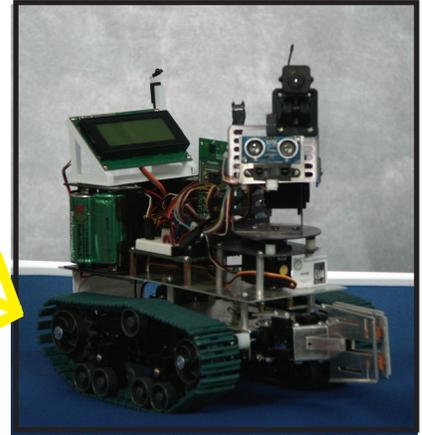
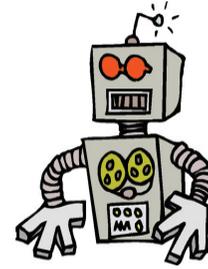
If you're going out into the world - better wear a hat...



MSD Graduating Class of 2008



Above - "Sparky" is introduced to Extended School Year students and staff.



A close-up look at "Sparky".

Meet "Sparky"

With all the new arrivals on campus; we need to mention our new T.E.A. (Technology Education Advocate), Sparky. He was introduced to the staff and students at the Opening of School activities. He's only 12" tall so he sometimes goes unnoticed, but he will be working hard to be seen more on campus this year encouraging students to get involved in learning math, science and technology. He's not only an expert in technology, he *IS* technology.

Fortunately for Sparky, he may soon have some company. Eddie Ross, Woodworking teacher and Rick Brockmeier, our Computer Information Technologist, are organizing a robotics design group for students – a club that will meet after school. Their first project will be to design, build and program an autonomous (it will run by itself) robot that will clean the woodworking shop floor.

A Gift to MSD

MSD has a beautiful new bench in the area of the water garden and flag pole in the courtyard outside Ingle Auditorium - thanks to the family of elementary student, Terrell Owens.

Mary Laurinat, Terrell's grandmother, called when her father (Terrell's great grandfather) passed away and offered the gift as a memorial because Terrell's great grandfather loved Terrell so much that they wanted to place something at MSD.

Many thanks to this family!



Right - Terrell poses with his classmates for a picture of the bench that his family presented to MSD in memory of his great grandfather.

Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)

by Cleve and Ellen Foshay



Above - Cleve, (center) waiting with a group of fellow contestants for the results of the YLC Beauty Pageant.



Above - Cleve and new friend, Sandra, who were voted Second Runner-Up winners in the YLC Beauty Pageant.



Cleve and friend practicing teamwork skills as they paddle together at YLC in Oregon.

Cleve had the great opportunity to attend the Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) at Camp Taloali located in Stayton, Oregon from July 20 to August 18, 2008. It was an AWESOME, once-in-a-lifetime experience for him. He reports that he learned a lot and had the opportunity to meet some well-known Deaf leaders. He also met students from other schools in different states, made a lot of new friends, and learned that each of us have different backgrounds.

They had a busy daily schedule which included, calisthenics every morning to start the day, Outdoor Living Skills, Deaf Studies, Drama, Camp Bowl, Team Building activities, Daily Drum and workshops. There were 4 different groups with different names. Cleve's group was called "the Domino Effect". They had two Canteen breaks everyday - one in the morning and one in the afternoon, which they used to recharge their energy. They were constantly on the go, everyday. There were also field trips - sometimes to the beach, for fun and sometimes to the laundromat, which wasn't so fun. Of course, they needed to wash their clothes as they couldn't bring enough clothes to last 4 weeks - ha! Sometimes it was a good break to go out and see what's in Oregon. Wow, Oregon is a beautiful state and we even saw the mountain with snow on top of it - in July and August - that never happens in Missouri! Also there were some special events such as Gong Show, Olympics, ASL Night and Mr. and Miss YLC Pageant - where Cleve won 2nd runner up.

One of the highlights of the YLC was that there were many different guest speakers who were Deaf role models. They came to speak to campers about a variety of experiences and topics. The guest speakers were from all over the USA, including Matt Krueger, Deaf Chef; Gina Olivia, who spoke about summer camps; Dan Brubaker spoke about Leadership; Darrien Frazier, a man with 5 languages; Daniel Girard spoke on Diversity; David Reekers spoke on Ethics; Maureen Behrens spoke on Preventing Bullying and few more. Most of them gave leadership-related workshops.

There was a banquet on the last night, which was very emotional because we all knew that it was time for this experience to end, and for us to go home to our routine again.

Frank Turk and Gary Olsen, the co-founders of YLC were there. It was wonderful meeting those two inspiring legends as they explained how they formed the YLC. It is because of them that the YLC has been allowed to continue. The newly crowned Miss Deaf America, Michelle Lapidés from Maryland made an appearance, too. She explained about her experiences at the Miss Deaf America Pageant - which was held just a few weeks before the camp. Later that evening, we all got together and gave our last "so long" hugs. This camp was one of the best personal lifetime experiences Cleve has ever been a part of. He describes learning a lot about leadership that he was able to bring back to MSD to share with others. The final morning, it was hard and sad to leave, and believe it or not, Cleve missed his plane because he was talking too much with a friend and didn't realize the time went by fast. Luckily he was able to get on another flight, but arrived late. He went to school the next day, where he was excited to see his friends to tell them about his experiences. He didn't get enough rest while at camp and had to come home to catch up on his sleep, as he had to get up early every morning in Oregon. The weather there was great, cool most of the time and didn't have any humid or hot weather.

Lastly, Cleve wants to say many thanks to Ellen Foshay for encouraging him to go to YLC and for all of her support. He is hoping to encourage other students to go to YLC where they can get the rich worthwhile experiences that he found there. Long Live YLC 2008!



Two students in the Printing Department learn to use the new digital offset press.

Printing Department Moves into the Digital Age

by David Haus

There was a lot of excitement last spring as our Printing Department at the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD) received a very welcome piece of equipment. After two years of planning and hoping, a new digital four-color offset press was in place in the shop. This piece of equipment brings the shop up to date for training our students with the latest modern equipment.

The process started in the fall of 2006. Mr. Bobby Morris, Jr., the printing shop teacher, was concerned about teaching his students using outdated mechanical equipment. With the support of Superintendent Barbara Garrison and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean, Mr. Morris attended an Expo on printing in Chicago to find out what he could do to strengthen his shop and training program. He came back with many ideas and was very enthusiastic about equipment he saw there. He wanted to pursue the purchase of equipment that was on the cutting edge of printing. There were some contacts he made at the Expo that helped him get information about the modern equipment. He shared the information with his supervisor, David Haus, and with Mr. Bastean.

The excitement for purchasing this equipment was dampened by the high cost involved to bring it to our school. Contact was made by Mr. Bastean with two other schools for the deaf to find out how they managed to purchase their modern printing equipment. After receiving that information, we found their system for purchasing the equipment would not work for MSD.

Ms. Garrison and Mr. Bastean pursued funding for a digital four-color offset press with various state agencies in Missouri and looked at the MSD budget and other MSD funds for available money to purchase the equipment. After considerable effort, funds were located and earmarked for the digital press.

In the fall of 2007, bids were requested with the hope that they would be in our price range. Bids were received and there was enough money to successfully purchase the equipment. Delivery of the press was in the spring of 2008. It was a challenge for the moving company to move the 20,000 pounds of equipment into the shop but they finally put it into place. Mr. Morris trained on the equipment for two weeks in the summer before school opened as he prepared to teach his students.

The printing shop now has the best equipment available for training our students for careers in the printing area. We look forward to seeing how this impacts our students' future employment in the printing area. And just for your information, this copy of the Missouri Record was printed on the new digital offset press!



Student Life Director Retires After 28 Years at MSD

Twenty-eight year veteran of MSD, Dick Keller began his retirement June 30, 2008. After spending his childhood in Ohio and a few educational stops along the way, Mr. Keller began his work at MSD October 27, 1980. He earned his BS in Psychology at Belmont College in Nashville, TN in 1973. From there he studied Deaf Education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he earned his Masters Degree in 1974.

Dick raised his own five children right here on MSD's campus. He never missed one of their athletic events or other school activities. Additionally, Dick coached various ball teams in the Fulton area for many years. He was an active YMCA Board member and was instrumental in the development of the outstanding facility our community has today.

Besides being an educator and musician, Dick was an avid sportsman. His sporting interests went beyond the college, professional, and local programs to the great outdoors. In addition to initiating the climbing program, he established cooperative efforts with the Missouri Department of Conservation which resulted in the annual Family Outdoor Skills Camp and Youth Deer Hunt.

Dick's life is very full and he always has something going on. His abundant energies inspired many MSD students to develop their own interests in hobbies and pastimes they may nev-

er have had exposure to in their home environment.

Dick's accomplishments at MSD are too numerous to mention but, to name a few, he was among the first to recognize our need for a formal Crisis Prevention/Intervention program and adopted one in 1990 that eventually spread across campus to all direct-care departments. To supplement CPI, Dick saw the value of Love and Logic, which also permeated the campus after he initiated that program in 2006. He formalized a Bus Driver Training program and maintained instructional staff within his department. His was the first department to install video surveillance equipment, now common to most buildings on campus. Dick managed the residential and day student transportations systems, no small task. And he familiarized himself with every organization in the community that might have something to offer MSD, not to mention numerous state programs.

MSD says thank you and wishes Mr. Keller well in his retirement.



Mr. Keller helps a student suit-up with climbing gear to climb the rock wall.

MSD Supports Community Partnership with Rwanda in Africa

When Betty Sullivan, MSD National Honor Society (NHS) sponsor, found out about a local man who was putting together a partnership between Callaway County and a small community in Rwanda, she spoke to her student group and they decided to help raise money for this project, along with several other local school districts.

Dr. Bob Hansen, who is the leader of the voluntary community organization, is starting a campaign to raise between \$80,000-\$100,000 to build a health clinic for women and children in Kibungo Town, a small community in Rwanda. Dr. Hansen has made several trips to Africa and has made contact with community leaders there who are in agreement that this service is so very much needed.

To start the project, Dr. Hansen gave us brochures and sent us a video. The students watched the video and cried. They all wanted to support the Rwanda project so they came up with the idea of a penny war. The war was fought between the 8th grade and high school classes at MSD, with pennies that were donated counting *towards* points and silver coins counting *against* each classes points. So, if you saw that one class was getting ahead, you could drop your silver change in their can and put them behind pretty quickly. The penny war began on September 8th and ended on Homecoming weekend. In that short 3 week period, the students were able to raise \$800. Dr. Hansen thanked MSD-NHS representatives Ashley, Elizabeth and Zachary for their efforts and told them that their contribution will buy a truck full of medicine that will save many lives. Hansen said it is small efforts like that of MSD students that will help the partnership to reach its goal to build and supply the clinic by spring of 2009.

New Programs at MSD

FILS

by Gary Bonsall

The Functional Independent Living Skills (FILS) program is designed to provide an opportunity for students to receive additional instruction and practice in skills and knowledge needed to maintain an independent lifestyle once they leave the sheltered environment of MSD. This instruction and practice is provided through hands-on activities in the residential and educational environments. Students are eligible for participation in the FILS Program if they are able to communicate basic needs. Detailed goals and objectives to be accomplished in the FILS Program are specified in each student's IEP or Dorm Care Plan. The team determining suitability for the FILS Program may include the student, a parent or guardian, a school administrator, the student's Dorm Director, a representative from the student's home district, the Life Skills Teacher, one or more residence hall staff members who are familiar with the child, the child's Service Coordinator, and occasionally representatives from outside agencies involved in transition planning for the student. The program is highly individualized because not all students need the same services.

The Life Skills Teacher and selected Residential Advisors provide direct instruction in such things as personal hygiene, eating habits, laundering, budgeting money, writing checks, table manners and other issues pertinent to the student. Staffing is consistent in the school environment and, except for the few weekends students stay on campus, it is consistent in the residential environment. This daily interaction between familiar adults facilitates continuity and comfort levels. Communication between the school and residential environments is ongoing and they work in concert to plan afternoon and evening activities. Careful documentation of student progress toward meeting IEP or Dorm Care Plan objectives targeted for implementation is maintained. Afternoon and evening activities are conducted by a specially selected team of residence hall

personnel who are consistently assigned to work with the individual, or in some instances, a group of individuals. Afternoon and evening activities are usually geared to developing daily living skills, domestic skills, community living skills, socialization skills, and leisure skills, while having fun. Students in the FILS Program are also provided opportunities to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular activities with their peers. We always strive to provide individualized services for FILS students without isolating them; socialization remains a large part of their training and the learning of the social graces requires exposure and practice.

KEYS

by Margilee LaBorde

KEYS stands for Knowledge Essential to Your Success. The original KEYS programming idea was developed at Missouri School for the Blind. But MSD recognizes a good idea when we see one and we have begun development of specific programming for Deaf students based on the MSB model for blind and vision impaired students.

KEYS is a program to help students who are mainstreamed in public schools develop specific skills by attending MSD on a short term basis from a few days to a few weeks depending on individual student needs. Opportunities to provide services through distance learning equipment and/or videophones is also being explored.

Students who are making good progress academically in public settings often need opportunities for information and skills development in areas that would be difficult for public schools to provide. KEYS hopes to promote a connection between mainstreamed deaf students and their teachers to deaf peers and staff at MSD. Areas being considered for KEYS development include Deaf Culture and History (famous deaf people and events, deaf traditions, and deaf art forms), ASL Storytelling (student created interpretations of stories including

traditional ASL storytelling art forms), Language Development (specific signing vocabulary for delayed language learners) and Communication Adaptations (the role of an interpreter, how to use notes from a note taker, personal communication devices such as BlackBerry or Sidekick and the etiquette of using them, and how to advocate for communication accommodations). This is an exciting program that should benefit lots of deaf students in Missouri. More information will be available this year as progress on development of the KEYS programming continues.

Shared Reading

by Margilee LaBorde

This year a main focus at Stark School is Shared Reading. Shared Reading is a program developed by researchers at the Clerc Center at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. They looked at the ways deaf parents explored books with their young children to develop a list of the best practices that they saw. These include using the illustrations to add details and build the background knowledge necessary to understand the story and signing on the child or on the pictures in the book to help the child develop a connection to the story. Shared Reading was developed to help children love reading and to promote the idea that reading is one way to gain new information throughout life.

Dorm Residential Advisors working with the younger students share books almost every day. Nancy Wood, the MSD Reading Specialist, also sends notes and a reporting form home on long weekends for parents to fill out when they read stories or any other kind of print with their children. Children earn stickers and an opportunity to participate in special activities for bringing back their reporting forms. Teachers and the librarian and library aides share books with students as well. Lots of books are being read to students every day!

Student Outreach Services (SOS)

by Larry Hoard, Director

MSD's Early Intervention Program

MSD's early intervention program has a new name. For years it was known as "Project Outreach." The program's new name is "Families First." Robyn Fleming is the coordinator for Families First. She has a Master's Degree in Deaf Education and many years experience as a parent advisor. The Families First program serves children from birth to age 5. With each contact, a parent advisor is sent to meet with families once a week. The Parent Advisor follows a curriculum used to ensure that parents develop a strong understanding about deafness and about available resources. This includes unbiased information about communication and education.

In addition to Parent Advisors, MSD is also exploring the possibility of developing a Deaf Mentor program for the state of Missouri and a Family Resource Center. The Deaf Mentor program would give hearing families with D/HH children the opportunity to become acquainted with deaf adults and the Deaf Community. The Deaf Adult Mentor would help the families learn sign language, teach them about Deaf Culture and Deaf History and introduce them to other deaf people in the area. The Family Resource Center will provide parent education programs, American Sign Language (ASL) instruction for family members, will provide assistance in meeting other hearing parents of deaf children and give help developing relationships with deaf adults.

MoCASE Conference

Superintendent Barbara Garrison, Margilee LaBorde and Larry Hoard provided a presentation on MSD's many services at the Missouri Conference of Administrators of Special Education on September 23, 2008. This was our opportunity to emphasize that MSD is the First Choice in Deaf Education for the State of Missouri. It was also a good opportunity to correct some misunderstandings about MSD and about the needs of D/HH students. For example, many MO school districts do not understand that most of our services are FREE. Many times, public schools underestimate the importance of social-emotional development for D/HH students. Most don't consider the need for Deaf Culture/ Deaf History or the difference between learning a real language like ASL instead of signed English. So, this conference allowed us to share this valuable information with other educators and we hope to be invited back again each year.

SAVE this DATE: March 20 - 21, 2009

Plan to Attend the 3rd Annual

Deaf Education Conference

*to be held on the campus of Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, MO
The First Choice for Deaf Education in the State of Missouri*

At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, we formed a 2009 Deaf Education Conference Advisory Committee. The vast majority of the members are Deaf professionals. We have members from various parts of Missouri and from various parts of the U.S.A. Over the summer, the Conference Advisory Committee helped create recommendations for a 2009 Conference theme. Currently we are awaiting feedback on the recommendations from Superintendent Garrison and from representatives from the Central Institute for the Deaf. Once we have a theme or conference title, we will begin soliciting ideas for break-out presentations and presenters as well as for the keynote address.

We received several suggestions from participants of the 2008 Conference, so the 2009 Conference should be even better than the last one. At the 2009 Conference, we will allow more time for networking and avoid presentations during meals. Another thing we hope to have is four breakout sessions to choose from during the three sessions instead of the three we had last year. The location has changed as well. We have moved the 2009 Conference to the MSD campus. Participants will stay at nearby hotels, and meals will be catered. By making these changes we hope to be able to reduce the registration cost for the 2009 Conference. This year's conference is scheduled for March 20 & 21, 2009. This should help avoid conflict with MAP testing and other activities.

We'll keep you posted on our progress. We will need volunteers to help with various duties this year, so if you are willing to help on one of the days of the conference or prior to it, please contact us at 573-592-2553 V/TDD; email at Rcd@msd.dese.mo.gov; visit our Webpage at www.msd.k12.mo.us; or write to us at Missouri School for the Deaf, 505 E. 5th Street, Fulton, MO 65251. We hope to see everyone at the conference!

On Campus Staff News

Soaring Eagle Awards

Soaring Eagle awards are given each month through the school year. MSD employees are nominated by their co-workers and selected by a committee to receive the award. The Soaring Eagle award is given in recognition of Outstanding Service to the school. A big THANKS and "Congratulations" to each winner!



Dave Dunavant
May 2008



Margilee LaBorde
September 2008



Jean Stiefferman
October 2008

Retirees 2008

It's that time of year again - when it's time to celebrate with our friends that they are ready and able to retire, but at the same time we are sad to see them go. A big THANKS to each of you for all your years of service to MSD, and "Best Wishes" to each of you - from all of us!



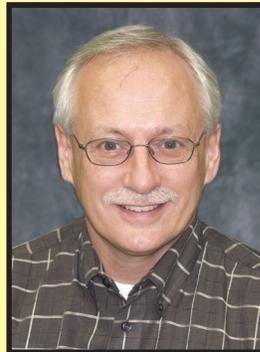
Nancy Carr
37 years + 10 months



Mary Ann Herring
30 years + 10 months



Roy Lynn Carrington
29 years + 2 months



Richard Keller
27 years + 8 months



Dr. George Groce
24 years



Sandra Fritz
21 years + 8 months



Glenda Maxwell
5 years + 10 months



Charles Galbreath
33 years + 1 month



David Haus
32 years + 10 months

New Staff Members



Regina Bell
Student Life - RA



Summer Hughes
Student Life - RA



Sandra Keasler
Middle/High School Teacher



Luis Rivera
Middle/High School Teacher



Alison Burco
Student Services - Audiologist



Rezwan Islam
Student Services - Physician



Karen Niekamp
Student Life - RA



Angela Roach
Middle/High School Teacher



Brenda Eatherton
Student Life - RA



Michelle Jackson
Student Life - RA



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Asst. Sup. Secretary



Jennifer Taylor
Student Life - RA



James Gooch
Student Life - RA



Melissa Johnson
Food Service - Cook I



Betty Pittman
Food Service - Cook I



Daniel Wolfe
Student Life - RA

Fun at Family Outdoor Skills Camp

by Ron Danuser

As summer vacation draws to a close, the long hot days signal the coming of an annual event for deaf children and their families across the state of Missouri; the annual Family Outdoor Skills Camp (FOSC). A joint project sponsored by Missouri School for the Deaf and the Missouri Department of Conservation which held it's 8th annual camp at Bartles Scout Reservation on Truman Lake this past August.

The camp is offered at no cost to every deaf or hard of hearing child in Missouri and their entire family, including siblings. The purpose is to introduce them to the variety of outdoor related activities Missouri has to offer as well as contact with our school, something many have never had before.

During the weekend cabins and all meals are provided and workshops on outdoor recreation are given by qualified instructors. Workshops include archery, rifle and shotgun, fishing, canoeing, pellet gun, climbing and caving.

Each year a group of volunteers from MSD have given their last summer weekend to provide staffing for the camp's climbing tower and caving as well as providing transportation to and from workshops via MSD school buses. The climbing tower provided a challenge to every camper and enthusiastic cheers from the crowd as climbers arrived at the top. The cave provided an adventurous learning experience as campers climbed down and then up a caving ladder to experience Missouri's underworld.

The staff and one student who attended this year were; Anni Hollenbeck, Ellen Foshay, Sarah Neumann, Kevin Spencer, Sherry Nicks, Tom Bastean, Sheri Medlock, Zach Garner, Jennifer Horton, Scott Gaines and Ron Danuser.



Zach climbs the tower as Ellen watches and acts as the belay.

Chetara Watkins Competes at 2008 Class I State Finals

*by Ella Washington,
Athletic Director*

Chetara Watkins qualified to compete in 4 events at the Class 1 State Championship which was held at the Dwight T. Reed Stadium on the campus of Lincoln University. The events she qualified for were: 100 Meter Dash, 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash and long jump. This would be the third time she would defend her state championship title in the 100 & 200 meter dash. Chetara leaped 16 feet 5 ½ inches to win the bronze medal in the long jump.

After running in the preliminary heat of the 400 meter dash, Chetara hobbled across the finish line with a time of 1:02.47 seconds in 3rd place. She was treated for a hamstring strain. The athletic trainer wrapped her thigh in ice. With one preliminary race in the 200m dash to go on Friday, and the finals on Saturday, Chetara was determined to compete in her races. She ran the prelim race of the 200 meter dash in 25.78 seconds; then she limped to the trainers table for more ice.

After the prelims on Friday, Chetara sat in an ice bath while viewing her preliminary races many times on the camcorder after we returned from the meet. By Saturday she was once again ready for competition. She won the 100 Meter Dash in 12.54 seconds; finished 5th in the 400 Meter Dash in 1:02.44 seconds; and first place in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 25.83 seconds. As a result of her times in the 100 & 200 meter races she is now the Women's Junior Deaf World record holder in those events.

Since the beginning of Chetara's track career at the Missouri School for the Deaf in 2005, she had made steady improvement each year. She holds school records in the 100 and 200 meters as well as the long jump record. Chetara is currently the best female track athlete in the history of MSD's track program.



2008 Fall Homecoming



Above - 2008 Homecoming royalty - King Daryl, Junior and Queen Elizabeth, Senior.

In spite of not being able to have the football game on our home field; the 2008 Fall Homecoming was a great success. Over 480 tickets were sold to this event. Many MSD alumni returned home to support the Eagles' volleyball and football teams and to see old friends.

Everyone enjoyed the day as we welcomed our sister school, Kansas School for the Deaf - one of our biggest rivals - to participate in our Homecoming. The JV and varsity volleyball teams gave the crowd 2 exciting matches. The Missouri School for the Deaf varsity team defeated Kansas 3 games to 1; but our football team lost its game to Kansas 20-64.

Pre-game activities on Friday included a pep rally and cake walk. On Saturday at 1:00 p.m. the Coronation Ceremony crowned senior - Elizabeth as Homecoming Queen, and junior - Daryl, was crowned Homecoming King. The rest of the Homecoming Court included: senior - Rochelle, senior - Ashley, junior - Donte' and junior - Dexter.

Below - Eagles in action against Kansas Jackrabbits.



MSD Boys Capture GPSD Track and Field Championship

Under the direction of Coach Bobby Morris and assistant coach Kevin Voelker, the boys' track and field team claimed 1st place in Council Bluffs, IA at the GPSD Track & Field Championship in May of 2008. Leading the way for the Eagles was junior, Zachary. Zachary won 4 gold medals in the following events: 1600 Meter Run, 800 Meter Run, 3200 Meter Run and he was a member of the 1600 Meter Relay team. His 40 points catapulted the team into a 1st place finish ahead of Iowa.

Boys team place and scoring-	MSD	1st	121 points
	ISD	2nd	86 points
	MSAD	3rd	66 points
	KSD	4th	65 points
	WSD	5th	63 points
	NMSD	6th	28 points

Girls team place and scoring-	KSD	1st	136 points
	ISD	2nd	85 points
	MSAD	3rd	67 points
	MSD	4th	64 points
	NMSD	5th	41 points
	WSD	6th	32 points

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Date	Opponent	Level	Time	Place
12-02-08	Prairie Home	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Away
12-06-08	Ark Sch f/t Deaf	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Away
12-13-08	Kan Sch f/t Deaf	G/B VAR	10:00 am	Iowa Sch f/t Deaf
	Iowa Sch f/t Deaf	GB/VAR	6:00 pm	Iowa Sch f/t Deaf
12-19-08	Tuscumbia	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
01-08-09	Chamois	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
01-13-09	Calvary Lutheran	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Away
01-15-09	North Callaway	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
01-22-09	Jamestown	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Away
01-24-09	Kan Sch f/t Deaf	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
	<i>(Winter Homecoming)</i>			
01-13-09	Okla Sch f/t Deaf	G/B VAR	TBA	Okla Sch f/t Deaf
	Texas Sch f/t Deaf	G/B VAR	TBA	Okla Sch f/t Deaf
02-12 thru 02-14-09	GPSD	GB/VAR	TBA	Home
02-17-09	Marion County	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Away
02-24-09	Higbee	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
02-26-09	Calvary Lutheran (Senior Night)	G/B VAR	6:00 pm	Home
02-27 thru 03-07-09	District Play-Offs	G/B VAR	TBA	TBA
	<i>Winter Awards Banquet TBA</i>			