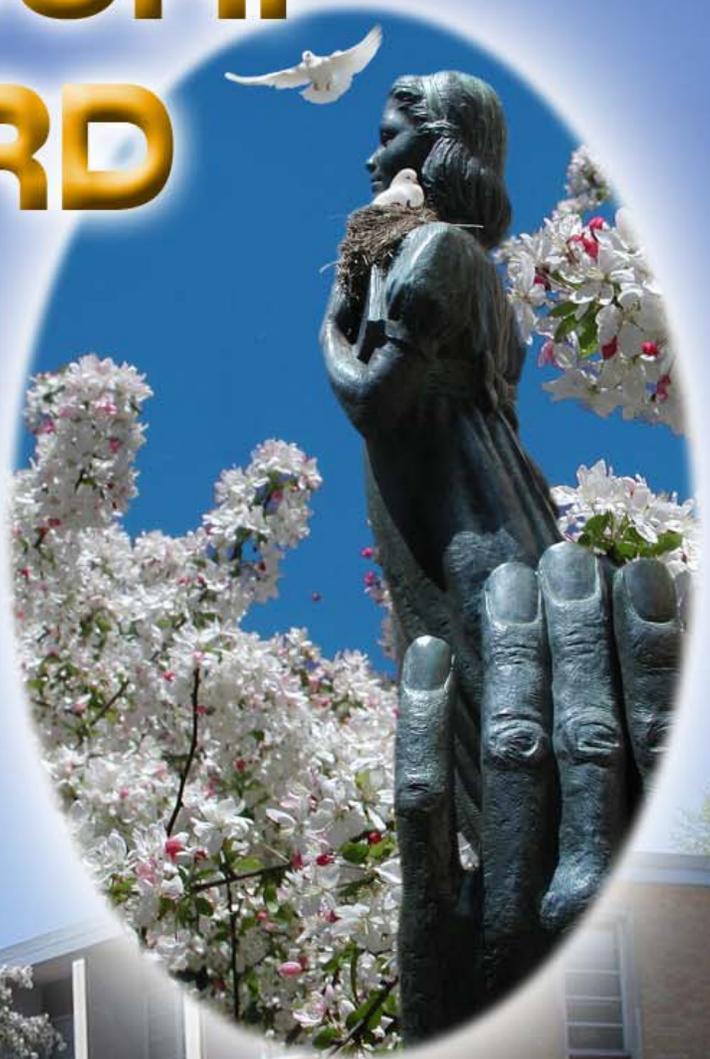


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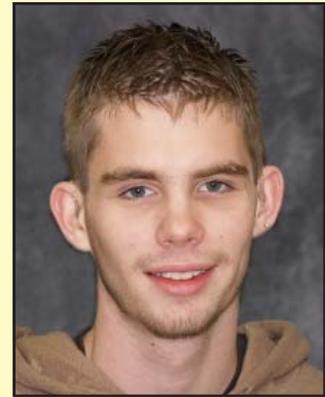
Two MSD Actors Sign Lines in Columbia Production

by John Hetzel
The Fulton Sun

Audiences attending a presentation of “The Miracle Worker” held March 9-12, 2006 may safely bet that actors will use sign language as Helen Keller’s life is portrayed.

What might not be expected is that two of the actors are hearing-impaired, and they will use sign language to deliver their lines in what traditionally has been casted to hearing actors.

Presented by Performing Arts in Children’s Education, “The Miracle Worker,” featured two Missouri School for the Deaf students.



“With us involved, it will give people a whole new idea of what deaf people can do,” said senior Kyle, who portrayed Mr. Anagnos, director of the Perkins Institute for the Blind.

“The Miracle Worker” depicted how Keller — a deaf and blind girl — discovers the world around her through sign language. For the two dozen actors preparing for the production, a different type of world was revealed during play practice.

“It’s been very emotional for the kids,” said director Angela Howard. “. . . The most important thing is that my students understand that these are not people with disabilities . . . They’re just deaf.”

Kyle and sophomore Haley — known in the play as Keller’s Aunt Ev — will sign their lines while a voice-over delivers the message to the audience.

Howard initially did not realize the extent that her directing style would have to change by including the MSD students. Interpreters had to be hired to work with Kyle and Haley — a cost not originally worked into the budget.

Secondly, because the rest of the cast is not fluent in American Sign Language, visual cues had to be implemented to alert Kyle and Haley that it was time to sign their lines.

Both Haley and Kyle have participated in productions at MSD, and the opportunity to perform on a grander stage is both exciting and nerve-wracking. It was easier for Haley to memorize her lines because her hearing is a little better than Kyle’s, and she is able to listen for her voice-over before signing the words.

MSD officials said they hope Kyle and Haley’s acting skills will help others realize what deaf and hard-of-hearing people can accomplish.

“We’re definitely proud,” said Tom Bastean, MSD assistant superintendent. “We have been very supportive and promotive of our students’ involvement in any type of community activities.”

The proceeds from “The Miracle Worker” will be going to the Teen Institute summer program provided by Leadership Through Education and Advocacy for the Deaf. The play held on Sunday afternoon was interpreted for the Deaf community.

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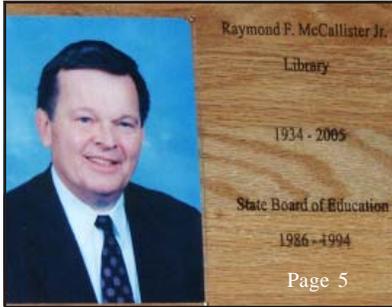


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Signs of the Time

by Barbara Garrison



To borrow the theme of the just completed 2006 Winter Olympics, MSD employees share the same “passion”. There are no better folks than my coworkers at the Missouri School for the Deaf. Many of us have radically differing opinions on a variety of subjects, and yet we respect the job that each of us does and often times enjoy each others’ company when we are not working. In the face of constrained budgets and with our paychecks falling behind the cost of living for six years, we continue to do our job of providing our students with the educational base, work ethics and social skills necessary for life in the diversity of American culture. Our passion extends to the families of our students and the public school districts that decide that placement at MSD is the least restrictive environment for learning. We work passionately with local business and industry and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in cooperative efforts to provide work experience for our students. Passion is certainly involved in coordinating services through providers skilled in the areas of mental health, physical health, and emotional health to meet individual student needs. We are passionate in working with all these folks for the best interest of the child. We are passionate about extending our MSD family to include all those who have a vested interest in the welfare of children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

The reinstatement of the drama department at MSD is continuing to prove a beneficial part of our students’ growth. For the first time, MSD is

hosting a Renaissance Festival this spring (April 13th). Once again, invitations have been extended to each school district that serves Deaf/Hard of Hearing students and the parents of these students and MSD students. In addition to the many activities available, the MSD Parents Organization will host an Information Center with information for students, parents and school districts. The Renaissance Festival has involved much more than the drama department. Our independent living skills classes, art classes, woodworking classes, custodial, maintenance, food service, student life departments have been involved and even our Administration is involved to make the festival a successful experience. All costumes have been made by our students and teachers. Drama sets, swords and shields, and two foot chess pieces have been constructed by students in our woodworking classes and painted by our art classes. Providing appropriate food following the medieval theme has been the focus of food services and the students who work in that department and needless to say, our custodial and maintenance crews will be busy before, during and after the event.

The beginning of the 21st century has brought revolutionary technology for individuals who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Video Relay Interpreting; high speed video communications either through your computer monitor or television; mobile communication with sidekicks, blackberries, etc., while absolutely wonderful modes of communication, present challenges

also. The availability of these types of communication also presents special concerns that each parent and school faces. It becomes our responsibility to teach the appropriate use and the cautions of cyberspace to our students and parents. We have posted information on these topics on our website at www.msd.k12.mo.us.

We’re doing more, with less and that requires passion! That, my friends, is the Sign of the Times.

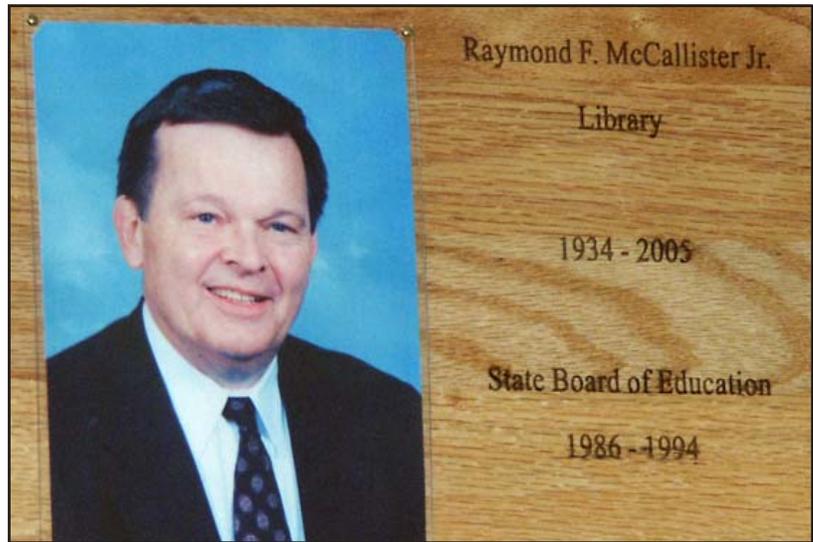
Upcoming Alumni Reunion

Summer reunion for classes 1955 to 1965 will be held July 7 and 8, 2006. Chairperson is Harriet (Lachman) Koch (’63) and committee members — Pat Adams (’61), Donna (LaPlante) Devito (’60), Lillie Mae (Harring) Brown (’63), and Frankie Morris (’62).

The gathering will be held at Holiday Executive Inn in Columbia. There are tentative plans for the event – A powerpoint show of MSD memories Saturday morning in Ingle Auditorium, a tour of MSD museum Saturday afternoon, a formal banquet at the hotel Saturday night, and a possible campus tour of different facilities. There is also a possibility of seeing some of your former favorite teachers. You will be surprised to find them alive and well. Looking forward to seeing many of you.

McCallister Library Dedication

The Missouri School for the Deaf hosted a memorial program on January 26, 2006 to honor the late Rev. Raymond (Ray) F. McCallister, Jr. for the many lives he touched during the time that he walked among us. MSD and Missouri State Board of Education are honored to designate a permanent memorial by naming the elementary school library – the **Raymond F. McCallister, Jr. Library**. The event was graced by the presence of Ray’s family - wife Marilee, son Brian of Kansas City and daughter, Lynn of Overland Park . Senator Carl Vogel and Representative Danie Moore, MSD Board of Advisors President, Cyndra McDavid and Board Members Brenda Weggemann and David Ballenger, MSD elementary students and staff, and a large host of friends were also in attendance. Senator Kit Bond was unable to attend; however, he shared his comments with attendees via videotape. State Board of Education President, Peter Herschend; Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Dr. Kent King; Elementary School Supervisor, Mary Ann Herring; and MSD Superintendent, Barbara Garrison relayed memories and appreciation of Ray’s efforts, and character in support of Missouri’s educational services to its children. Rev. McCallister, a Fulton resident, began his service as minister of the First Christian Church in 1961 and also served as chaplain of William Woods University.



His dedication to the field of education was evidenced in his service as a member of the Fulton Board of Education, the Missouri State Board of Education, and President of the Missouri School Boards Association. Ray’s unconditional love and sincere efforts to better the lives of his fellow citizens, are why we love him and the reasons that we seized this opportunity to honor him.



Top row left to right: Representative Danie Moore visits with Marilee McCallister. Center: Peter Herschend, State Board of Education President. Right: McCallister family visits with guests, pictured left Lynn Ann, Brian, and Marilee. Bottom left: MSD Culinary Arts student Kira serves punch with instructor Kevin Voelker in background (Culinary Arts students prepared and served refreshments). Bottom right: Dr. Kent King, Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Class of 2006



Hsiu-Chia
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Tonya Mae
Osceola



Mary Ann
Holts Summit



Ryan Blake
Tebbetts



Dylan Pascual
Holts Summit



Kyle Austin
Tebbetts



LaToya Denice
St. Louis



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Amity



Tars Hill
Joplin



Amber Nicole
Oran



Kevin Timothy
Fulton



Nicholas Scott
Fulton

Class History

Hsiu-Chia was born in Taichung, Taiwan on June 15, 1987. She is the daughter of I-Ching Lee and Han-Wen. Prior to entering MSD she attended school in Taiwan. She entered MSD September 16, 2003. While a student at MSD she was involved in JrNAD (4), Student Council (3,4), National Honor Society (3,4), Signing Eagles (2), Academic Bowl (2,4), Drama Club, Basketball (2,3,4), Volleyball(2,3,4) and Track (2,3,4). She held the office of Secretary during the 2005-2006 school years. She plans to attend Gallaudet University when she graduates to become a teacher or computer technician.

Tonya Mae was born September 9, 1987 in Osceola, Missouri. She is the daughter of Debora Sue and Richard Eugene. Prior to entering MSD she attended K-4 Montrose Public School from 5th-6th grades in Osceola, MO. She entered MSD November 2000. While a student at MSD she was involved in JrNAD (2,3), Student Council (2,3,4), Volleyball (2,3,4), Basketball Manager (1,2), Cheerleader (1,2,3,4) and Track (1,2,3,4). When she graduates she plans to use her Culinary Arts training to go into food service.

Mary Ann was born February 27, 1988 in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the daughter of William Lee and Mary A. Prior to entering MSD she attended Gallaudet and Blow Elementary Schools in St. Louis, MO and Fulton Public School in Fulton, MO. She entered MSD in 2000. While a student at MSD she was involved in Track (2). She plans to be a singer in MTV, find employment and care for herself.

Ryan Blake was born in St. Louis, MO, September 16, 1987. He is the son of Greg and Carmen. Before entering MSD he attended the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf & Parkway Bellerive in St. Louis, MO. He entered MSD in 1999. While a student at MSD he was involved in Football (1), and Cross Country. When he graduates he plans to go Winter/Spring

to college get married, have children and get a job.

Dylan Pascual was born in Osage Beach, Missouri on June 12, 1987. He is the son of Kevin and Serena. He entered MSD in the fall of 1992. From 2000 to 2002 he attended Texas School for the Deaf and Kansas School for the Deaf. Dylan re-entered MSD August 26, 2002. While a student at MSD he was involved in Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (3), National Honor Society (3,4), JrNAD (2,3,4) and Student Council (3,4). He is currently serving as Class of 2006 president. When he graduates he plans to seek employment and in the near future he would like to go to college.

Kyle Austin was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on December 24, 1988. He is the son of Anthony and Angela. Before entering MSD he attended Altenburg Public School from 1994-1999. He entered MSD August 1999. While a student at MSD he was involved in Student Council (1,2,3,4), JrNAD (1,2,3,4), Signing Eagles, Drama, Academic Bowl, Football (2), Football Statistician (1,4), Basketball (1,2,3), Track (1), Brain Bowl (1,2,3,4). He has served as class president his sophomore year and class secretary his junior and senior years. When he graduates he plans to attend Gallaudet University to pursue a B.S. degree.

LaToya Denise was born June 18, 1986 in St. Louis, MO. She is the daughter of Billy Charles and Kim Denise. Before entering MSD she attended Luther of Nazareth Preschool for the Deaf and Gallaudet Day School for the Deaf in St. Louis. She entered MSD May, 2002. While a student at MSD she was involved in Basketball (2) and Volleyball (3). When she graduates she plans to get a job.

Tabitha Sue was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on April 8, 1988. She is the daughter of Cecil and Linda. Before attending MSD she attended Wolverine RI, Maysville, MO. She entered MSD

February 7, 2000. While a student at MSD she was involved in Girl Scouts (2,3,4), Basketball (2), Volleyball (4) and Track (2). When she graduates she plans to go into the medical field.

Tars Hill was born in Joplin, Missouri on September 10, 1986. He is the grandson of Raymond and Judy. Before entering MSD he attended Joplin Public Schools. He entered MSD in 1997. While a student at MSD he was involved in Student Council (4), Track (3), Football (2,3), he presently is serving as Sergeant of Arms in Student Council. When he graduates he plans to go into the construction business.

Amber Nicole was born in Sikeston, Missouri on November 25, 1986. She is the daughter of Teresa. Before entering MSD she attended schools in Oran and New Madrid, MO. She entered MSD January 3, 2002.

Kevin Timothy was born September 7, 1987 in Springfield, MO. He is the son of Paul and Donna. He attended no other schools before entering MSD in 1991. While a student at MSD he was involved in Jr.NAD (1,2,3,4), National Honor Society (2,3,4), Student Council, Drama Club, Callaway Kids Bank, Academic Bowl, DI, Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3), Outdoor Club (1), Signing Eagles (1), Class Officer (2,3,4). When he graduates he plans to attend Gallaudet University or NTID to major in the performing arts.

Nicolas Scott was born September 7, 1987 in Springfield, MO. He is the son of Paul and Donna. He attended no other school before entering in MSD 1991. While a student at MSD he was involved in JrNAD (2,3,4), National Honor Society (3,4), Drama Club (2,3,4), Academic Bowl (2,3,4), Treasurer of the class of 2006, Football (1,2,3,4), Basketball (1,2,3,4), Track (1,2,3,4) Cross Country (4), Outdoor Club (1) and Signing Eagles (1). When he graduates he plans to attend Gallaudet University or NTID to major in the performing arts.

Alumni/MSD Family and Family/Friends by Tom Bastean

The alumni news is extremely important to many of our MSDAA members. Each of us want to hear what is new with our friends around the country, or what events are coming up at our school for the remaining school year. The news may not reach all of you on time, but it is good to keep you informed of what our school and friends are up to. We would appreciate any news to add to our Missouri Record in the future. Please send them to us.

Obituaries

Up to this point of time, we have only printed the obituaries of our former MSD graduates. If you know of someone that passed away, feel free to send them to us. We will make every effort to fit them in the Missouri Record. Here are the few since the last reunion:

Thomas Dieterich, (1966) passed away June 24, 2005, from a heart attack at the Jefferson Memorial Hospital. He is survived by 4 brothers; Eddie Ross, Woodworking instructor at the Missouri School for the Deaf; Roy Smith of High Point, MO., Darrell Dieterich of Kansas City, MO and Andy Dieterich of St. Louis, MO

Norman Martin Hollrah (1944), 80, of St. Charles, MO died on August 2, 2005. He retired as a linotypist from the St. Louis Post Dispatch. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean (Tory) Hollrah ('49); four daughters- Iris Ann Hollrah, Beverly Joan Hollrah, Marla Lynn Hollrah, and Julia Renata Admire; two granddaughters — Daria and Emma Hollrah and five sisters- Marian Bekebrede, Virginia Bekebrede, Carolyn Weigmann, Loraine Bisanti, and Lois Richterkessing.

Howard Orville Palmer (1954), 71 passed away October 30, 2005 at MS Baptist Medical Center. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Elaine; two sons Mark Palmer and wife Laura; Trevor Palmer and wife Amber; 4 dear grandchildren, Shelby, Hayden,

Spencer, and Michael Shane. He taught at the Mississippi School for the Deaf over 30 years. He was a gifted actor, wrote and performed poetry, and storyteller. He contributed his life to education and the deaf community. He performed with the National Theaters for the Deaf for several years.

Lester Bud Lucas passed away November 21, 2005. He was born on November 11, 1929. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; a son, Ricky (1989) of Columbia; a daughter, Linda (1992) of Fulton (Matthew Kemper (1991); and a granddaughter, Joriann (3rd deaf generation in Lucas family). He briefly enrolled in MSD in 1947. He worked as maintenance for the St. Louis Gateway Arch for about 15 years, retiring in 1991.

Bradley Adolph Boggs (1938), 87 of Columbia, MO passed away May 3, 2005. Bradley was born February 7, 1918 in Boone County, MO. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Frances (Davis) (1952), 2 children- Carol Wehmeyer and Donna Glenn of Columbia, MO; a brother- Donald Ray Boggs of Florissant, MO; 5 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Upon graduating from Missouri School for the Deaf in 1938, Bradley excelled in basketball, football, baseball, and track/field. He was

employed at the University of Missouri.

Annie J. (Krpán) Levy (1945), 80 of Palm Springs, California passed away February 26, 2006. Annie was born August 2, 1925 in Kansas City, MO and married April 12, 1955 to the late Laurence Levy graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Las Vegas, Nevada. She worked as a typist for more than 40 years and was member of several Deaf organizations while living in California including the MO Association of the Deaf.

Donald Lee Fugate passed away at his home at the age of 67, February 23, 2005. Services were held at Wright Funeral Home Chapel in Coweta, OK.

Fugate was born July 15, 1937 in Hannibal, MO to Tim and Nannie B. (Gibbons) Fugate. He received his education and graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf.

On September 2, 1960 he and Rose Mary Denton were married in Tulsa.

Fugate was employed as a janitor at Ajax for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary; his mother, Nannie Fugate; three brothers, John Fugate, Jack (Bo)

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Contact Information for the Burney L. Fishback Museum and the Missouri Record

The MSD Museum chairperson is Tom Bastean ('68). He will assume the responsibility of running the museum and collecting the memorabilia from alumni. His contact information is listed below. Dick and Marthada Reed are no longer chairing the museum. If you contact them with anything regarding the museum, they will refer or send all information to Tom Bastean.

For sometime we have not had an alumni editor for the *Missouri Record*. Tom Bastean will also assume the role of the alumni news editor. Please send any kind of news to Tom through mail or electronic mail. Articles may be edited or modified to make space for other alumni news.

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Deaf Historian: “We Are No Different”

by Jon Hetzel
The Fulton Sun

Jack Gannon returned to Fulton as a guest speaker for the Presidential Concert Lecture Series held at William Woods University, April 5. Jack is a 1954 graduate of the Missouri School for the Deaf. He is a former special assistant for advocacy to the president of Gallaudet University and author of “The Week the World Heard Gallaudet.”

Finding inspiration in stories, historian Jack Gannon retold some of his personal favorites Wednesday night to illustrate a simple message for the crowd.

“From my perspective, the challenge of deafness is not a question of how much you hear or how well you talk. It is a question of how well you communicate,” Gannon said. “Successful communication is the ability to understand and be understood.”

Gannon—the first person to publish a history of the Deaf culture—was the featured speaker at William Woods University.

Both the school’s students and members of the Deaf community came to hear Gannon speak through sign.

Through poetry, song and story,

Gannon explained both the hearing and Deaf communities share in the same life, but it is differing forms of communication that separate the groups.

“The more we learn about each other, the more we realize that, really, we are no different from each other—except that we often have to find a good and often different way to communicate,” Gannon said.

Gannon further explained that there is the misperception that a deaf person cannot accomplish as much in life as a hearing person.

A role model himself, Gannon stood on stage as a physical model of achievement.

He graduated from Gallaudet University in 1959 and his resume now includes numerous distinguished service awards, multiple books authorships and high-ranking positions at Gallaudet. Gannon also was the curator of “History Through Deaf Eyes,” a traveling exhibit depicting two centuries of deaf history.

“As others learn about us and what deaf people have accomplished, it helps (the hearing) see us in a different light,” Gannon said. “It also opens doors and often improves our relationship.”

After Jack Gannon’s speech a question and answer session was held. Missouri School for the Deaf senior Kyle Mengwasser said he has read some of Gannon’s books, and he is inspired by the “deaf hillbilly from southern Missouri (as Jack referred to himself) who grew up to be successful.”

“I want to be successful like him,” Mengwasser said. “He was successful, and he functioned in a deaf world.”

Gannon challenged the crowd to find ways to communicate with each other by using “a little imagination and a little creativity.”

“(Communication) takes two—the sender and the receiver—for a message to click,” he said.

Pat Adams, a deaf resident from Fulton, said he shares Gannon’s communication philosophy.

“We need to communicate,” Adams said. “To have good communication skills is a motto of my life.”

At the conclusion of his speech, the crowd stood together and sent Gannon the same message.

The hearing clapped and the deaf shook open hands in the air.”

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WWU Interpreting students at lunch with Jack Gannon and his wife Rosalyn.

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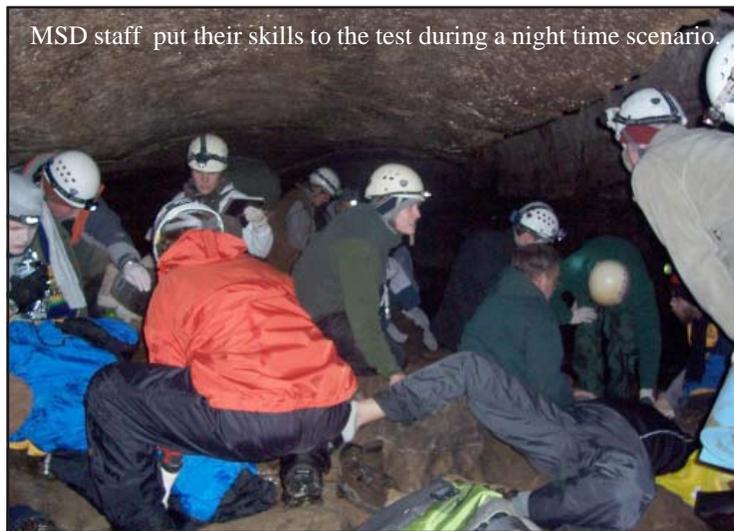
Walmart Gift Supports RIF Program

Reading is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), founded in 1966, motivates children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. RIF's highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to age eight. Through community volunteers in every state and U.S. territory, RIF provides 4.5 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year.

Walmart has provided MSD with a \$500 gift to support the school's RIF program. This gift will also fund the purchase of new books for the MSD library.



Left to right: Walmart representative (center) presents Virginia Johns MSD Librarian and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean with a check.



MSD staff put their skills to the test during a night time scenario.

MSD Staff Completes Wilderness First Responder Training

Recently Stephanie Crooks and JC Feger completed their training and Ron Danuser recertified his training as Wilderness First Responders (WFR). The class was hosted by Missouri University Columbia and taught by Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO) of Conway, New Hampshire. SOLO originated the WFR course in the mid 1980s and has become an industry standard of wilderness companies including the National Outdoor Leadership School and Outward Bound. The course is an intense 80 hours over 10 days focusing on long term care in the backcountry where help may be hours or days away. The course is divided between class time and hands-on scenarios which provide opportunities to use skills

as they've learned. The class culminates in a night time rescue scenario which requires finding the victims, assessing their injuries, treating injuries and evacuating them from the site. All agreed this was an invaluable training that should be required for those who work with groups in the outdoors.

—by Ron Danuser

MSD Takes Advantage of Unseasonable Temperatures

by Ron Danuser

With the end of January seeing temperatures hovering in the high fifties the middle school students took advantage of the beautiful weather and spent several days climbing in the Nature Center. Climbing has always been a favorite activity of the students but given the chance to get out onto real rock in the middle of winter had the students jumping at the opportunity. As each student spends more time climbing they develop the skills, strength and balance to attempt more difficult routes. MSD is very fortunate to have its own piece of climbable rock with many routes ranging from the mild to the extreme.



Right: LaQuisha after her climb. Far right: Michael uses finger strength.

World of Deer Hunting Open to Deaf Students

Eight students from the Missouri School for the Deaf participated in the first annual deaf youth hunt at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola, MO. The weekend was planned in conjunction with the youth hunt season sponsored by Missouri Conservation agent Dennis Garrison. Each student was accompanied by a conservation agent and a family member on their hunt. The idea was to give the deaf youth an exposure to the outdoors as well as giving parents an opportunity to spend additional time with their children.

Eight students attended. Three harvested deer, Rochelle, Kendrick, and Brent.



Kendrick proudly shows off his deer.

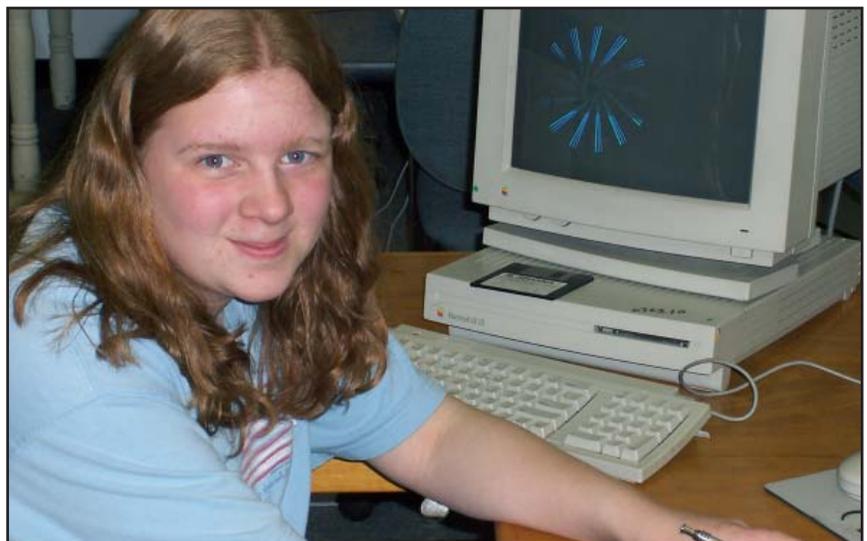
Elks Dental Unit

Each year, as winter draws to a close, the Missouri School for the Deaf is visited by a few very helpful people by way of the Elks Mobile Dental Van. The van arrived this year on January 30th and departed on February 20. Dr. John Dane, Dr. Steve Circello, and Dental Assistant, Anna Keesler, made up this year's staff. The mobile dental unit, which is funded through a public/private partnership between such agencies as the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services and the Elks, provides students with basic dental care, including cleanings, exams, fillings, and extractions.

A total of three mobile units operate throughout the state of Missouri. They are in operation 48 weeks of the year, with four-day work weeks allowing the staff time to drive back to their homes on the weekends. The van stops at 42 specific locations throughout the state. The dates for each stop are planned in advance, and the host-site provides a parking place, electricity, and water to the unit. The mobile units serve the Regional Cen-

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Top: Vonisha shows off the teddy bear she received for enduring a shot during her appointment. **Below:** Rocky waits for her appointment.



What's New At the Elementary School?

Stark Academic Bowl

From February 6-10 in the height of Bowl season there is the Rose Bowl, the Super Bowl, and the Pro Bowl. Here at Stark Elementary School we have the Academic Bowl. The Academic Bowl is a competition that tests each student's academic knowledge. It was a week long event. The questions are compiled from various areas of study including science, social studies, math and language arts.

The week-long contest was split into two groups: Upper elementary (Grades 3-5) and Lower Elementary (grades K-2), with a Championship for each group at the end of the week. The students put on their thinking caps, worked hard and it showed. The scores were extremely close all week long, but only four teams made it to the final battle of wits. The Championship was held at Ingle Auditorium at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 10, for both upper and lower elementary students.



Austin (center) answers correctly and shows his enthusiasm.



Little Eagle's Nest

In December of 2005, The Little Eagles Nest was initiated in Stark School to give encouragement to the students to pursue P.B.S. (Positive Behavior Support) Expectations:

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Peaceful

Be Cooperative

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Students can earn a maximum of \$2.50 per week to spend in the Little Eagles Nest. This amount is added to their current balance and each student has the option of spending all, part, or none of that money in the Little Eagle's Nest. Items in the Little Eagles Nest range from pencils, notebooks, Cracker

Right, top: Some of the great items up for grabs at the Little Eagles Nest. **Right, bottom:** P.E. Teacher Karen Barnhart Shows off some of the items in the Little Eagles Nest to Kristen, Catherine, Lori and Odalis. Far right: Odalis makes a purchase.



Jacks, bottles of water (which are quite the popular item), all the way up to necklaces, bracelets, footballs and baseball caps.

Another principal goal of the Little Eagles Nest is for the students to learn how to manage funds and is directly connected to the math curriculum. Students will count their money, see if they have earned enough to get the items they want, and be able to purchase the items that they want. This way, the students can reap the benefits of working hard in class, realize the P.B.S. expectations and learn how to manage and save money. Matthew Arnold (fifth grade teacher) and his knowledge of Microsoft Excel has introduced a way for teachers to store information on each individual student including what they earn daily, what is in their bank account, and how much they have to spend.

The students have adapted well to the Little Eagles Nest, and after a few visits they have all enjoyed reaping the benefits of working hard and following P.B.S. Expectations. Physical Education Teacher Karen Barnhart, manager of the Little Eagles Nest, says that some students are even saving for the more elaborate and expensive items...one could say it is already a crowning achievement.

—Dan Isaac

Elementary Students Experiment with Dough

Recently the elementary students rolled up their sleeves and rolled out the dough as they made names for their doors, Christmas ornaments for trees in the cottages, and to take home. Using a simple recipe of three cups all purpose flour, a cup of salt and a cup of water, the students made bake-able dough and cut out the shapes with cookie cutters the shapes of holiday characters. The dough was rolled out into long cords and bent into place to make letters for the names. Once baked the projects hardened and were painted with care by each student. The ornaments will hang on the tree in the cottage until the students leave for the

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Left: Dustin rolls out dough to make an ornament. Right: Cheyenne with her dough project.

holidays, then they will be sent with the students to hang on their trees at home. The names will be mounted onto boards and hang on the student's doors.

—Ron Danuser

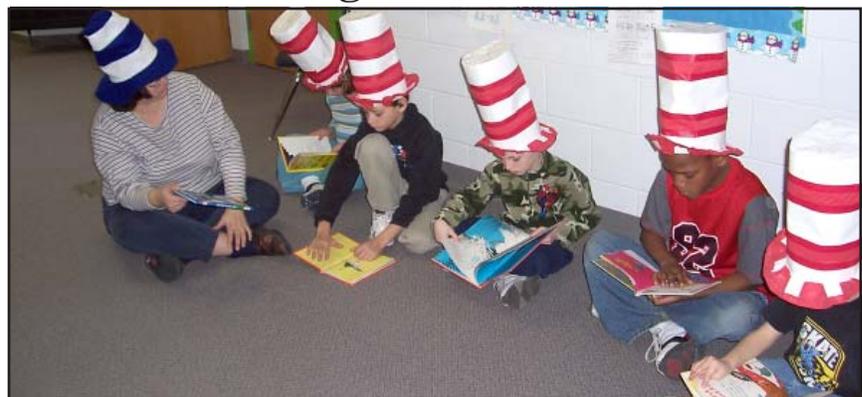
Elementary Puppet Makers by Ron Danuser

With winter set firmly upon the campus, staff and students are always in search of ways to pass the cold evenings. Recently the elementary boys and girls spent a delightful night making sock puppets. Every one started with a plain tube sock and a pile of supplies to choose from. Each made their puppet uniquely their own with different fabrics, eyes, mouths and hair. After the building process was complete spontaneous puppet shows began appearing throughout the cottages.



Left: Austin proudly displays his sock puppet. Right: Tasia gets a little help from RA Judy Ludden on her puppet.

Reading Across America



Participating in the Reading Across America program: Angie Gannon (teacher), Serena, Leman, Dustin, Joseph and Austin with their Dr. Seuss hats.

Middle School



Optimist Congratulates MSD 7th and 8th Grade Winners

The Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club held its annual Oratorical Speech Contest, Wednesday March 1. **Pictured above left:** Seventh grade winners: DeShawn, seventh grade first place winner; Hopkins, seventh grade and second place winner; Tadd, seventh grade third place winner. **Above right:** Eighth grade winners Tyler, eighth grade first place winner; Donte, eighth grade second place winner; Mitchell, eighth grade third place winner.



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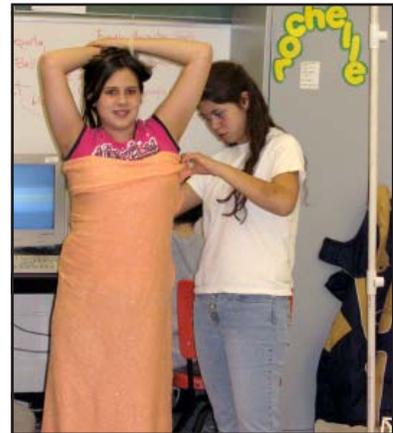
by Jill Haus

Middle School Destination Imagination teams have created many cool machines and skits over the years. But none dared to enter the competition for building balsa wood structures that hold lots of weight – until this year.

Six talented and fun students are on the 2005-2006 Destination Imagination team this year. They are Berenice, Jessica, Victoria, Michael, Tyler, and Zak. Madison is our team photographer.

Team managers are Jill Haus and Nancy Carr. Our interpreter is Julie Bower.

The balsa wood building problem involves building 2 structures from light weight balsa wood. These structures cannot weigh over 14 grams.



Top left: Team picture after Eastern Region competition: Front row: Julie Bower, Madison, second row: Zak, Michael, third row: Jill Haus, Victoria, Jessica, Berenice. **Top right:** Berenice and Jessica work on designing Jessica's costume. **Bottom left:** The team watches as one of the last weights is stacked on the crusher. **Bottom right:** Michael and Berenice paint the background featuring old MSD.

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World History and Cultural Exploration

Julie Bower's 6th grade World History students had the opportunity to study various countries including history, culture and traditions. Some of the countries they learned about were: Africa, China, Taiwan, Greece, and Rome.

Annie Brewer, a native of Africa who now resides in Fulton, visited Ms. Bower's classes. She explained some of the differences between Africa and the United States. She brought with her some interesting cultural heritage to share with the classes. Concluding their study the students celebrated the African-American holiday, Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community, self-improvement and culture.



Top: Kiara modeling a traditional African dress. Below: Steven eats traditional Chinese sticky rice with chopsticks. Right: Student Council sponsor Julie Ann Bower with Kendrick and Victoria as they proudly display the food donated for the food drive.

In January, the students learned about Ancient China. They studied the history and culture of this ancient civilization. Roger Wen, a native of Taiwan, now residing in Fulton, visited the classes and made a presentation. He explained the history of China and Taiwan. He pointed out the differences in architecture and education, and explained how the language has evolved over the past thousand years into the language that is used today. At the end of the unit, the students who passed their China test with an A or a B went to the Dragon Kitchen restaurant in Fulton for a Chinese meal.

—by Julie Bower

Fulton Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troop #197 has been going strong for the past two years. The girls involved in the troop are Middle School and High School girls from MSD and Middle School students from Fulton Middle School. Julie Ann Bower is the leader with Sarah Neumann serving as assistant leader. The girls have been active this year. They contributed fourteen hours of community service in an effort to make their community a better place. These hours consisted of collecting food for Trick or Treat for SERVE, a car wash where a percentage of the money collected was donated to the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we donated our time to College for Kids

and to the MSD Parents' Organization. On April 1 the girls will be participating in Fulton Pride Day. This event, sponsored by Fulton Parks and Recreation Department, brings in community volunteers to clean up various areas in Fulton.

In addition to their community service activities the girls have worked on their car care badge with the assistance of the Autobody teacher from MSD. They gained valuable experience in sales during the Fall nut & candy sale and the Winter cookie sale. We also attended the play "The Miracle Worker" in Columbia. The girls are looking forward to attending the March 30 Harlem Globetrotters basketball game in Columbia as well as two upcoming camping trips.

Keep your eyes open, you never know where you might see these active, community oriented Girl Scouts next.

—Julie Bower

Student Council Food Drive

In January the Middle School Student Council sponsored a food drive to help individuals in need in Callaway County. The Student Council officers worked on advertising for this event. I am proud to say, with the help of some many kind individuals, the food drive was a great success. We collected over 200 lbs of food. Thank you so much to everyone that contributed.

—Julie Bower



High School

Brain Bowl Competition

This year the Brain Bowl theme was Chess Board of Education. Kyle and his team, The Knights of the Round Table, captured the championship in this year's Brain Bowl competition. This was Kyle's fourth year on the winning team. Other members of his team pictured left to right: Paige, Tars, sponsor Marilyn Barnard, Kyle, and Tyler. Second place team was Excalibur's Blade. Team members included Haley, Bernice, Johnny, Ashley, and Allan Ensor. The final score was 14-8 in a see-saw battle for the championship. —David Haus



Rock Bridge Clean-Up by Ron Danuser

Recently a group of 14 high school boys dedicated their Sunday on campus to a service project for Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, just south of Columbia. The goal was to remove debris left in the Gans Creek Wild Area, the Eastern most section of the park, left from farms which occupied the area prior to its inclusion to the park.

Working with tools and a truck supplied by the park, the group quickly found a gully west of the Shooting Star trail-head and began digging out half buried pieces of metal. As they worked, numerous pieces of glass were uncovered including several intact glass bottles which appeared to have used corks as their closure as they were no threads near their openings. Also of interest was a leather heel from a shoe, with the nails that had previously held it onto the shoe bottom still visible.

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After the work of excavating the pieces they could, the group hauled them back to the park's truck. The glass items were turned over to the park for consideration as historical artifacts. In all roughly 50 pounds of metal and 27 glass pieces, both intact and partial were removed.



National Honor Society

New members were installed at the spring dinner, March 1, held at the Scout Cabin. Newly installed members are Helen, Haley, Angelo, Kira and Johnny.

Front row: Assistant Superintendent Tom Basteen, Brittany, Helen, Haley, Kira, Kevin, Superintendent Barbara Garrison. Back row: Angelo and Johnny.

Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Academic Biathlon Sets a Record

The Missouri School for the Deaf hosted this school year's Academic Biathlon. Schools attending came from Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Oklahoma. On Monday, April 3, the first competition to be held was the Optimist Oratorical contest for the Junior High School and High School divisions. Speeches were judged and points were tallied in the morning. Valen and Tiffany represented MSD during the Division I Oratorical Competition. Valen won first place in this division, while Tiffany placed fourth. Kira and Johnny represented MSD during the Division II Oratorical Competition. Kira won first place in this division, and Johnny placed fourth. Team scores were tallied and MSD won the Oratorical Team award. According to Iowa's Oratorical coach, Cheryl Banks, this is the first time for Missouri to win the team award in 27 years.

Oratorical competition awards were presented during the GPSD banquet on Monday night. Barbara Garrison was our guest speaker and she gave a moving speech on how the youth today have a bright future ahead of them. She challenged them to consider careers in fields that will help solve some of the problems we face today, including global warming and cancer.

In the afternoon the Academic Bowl was started with Missouri School for the Deaf competing with the South Dakota School for the Deaf in the first match. Missouri won that match 9 to 4. Teams played each other in a round robin format over the rest of the afternoon and the next morning. The total team score decided the two top teams and those two entered the final championship round. The total scores at the end of the first round were Iowa 11, Kansas 23, Oklahoma 24, South Dakota 27, Missouri 36, and Minnesota 44.

The Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and Missouri School for the Deaf would meet in the championship match! The match started out with Missouri taking the lead, then Minnesota making a charge to get within one point and finally Missouri pulled ahead to end the match with a win at 13-8. Team members for the Missouri academic team include Kyle, Helen, Kevin, Nick, Haley and Johnny. Coaches for the group are Marilyn Barnard and Priscilla Robinson. A lot of work



Academic Bowl team. Seated: Haley, Helen. Standing first row: Priscilla Robinson (sponsor), Marilyn Barnard (sponsor). Second row: Kyle, Kevin. Top: Johnny.

went into this effort over the school year with many meetings and practice sessions. The team work was very apparent during the competition. Well done fledgling soaring Eagles!

This is the first time in the history of MSD that we won the Oratorical competition and Academic competition. We will now be able to hold the GPSD Academic Biathlon Bowl trophy until another team can sweep the Academic Biathlon.



Left: GPSD Oratorical Contest Winners —Kira (Division II, First place winner), Johnny (Division II, Fourth place winner), Tiffany (Division I, Fourth place winner) and Valen (Division I, First place winner).

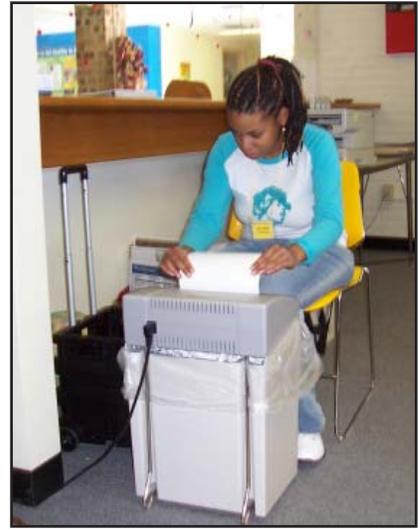
Vocational Happenings

Science Class Recycles Trash

In Science class five students: LeDaya, Mathew, Brandyn, Bethany, and LaJuan recycle and empty trash every Tuesday. Two students recycle at Wheeler Hall and two students recycle and empty trash at the Coats Career and Technology Center while one student shreds paper in the office. We try to rotate at least once a month so each student has a chance to work in each of the different areas.

The purpose is to teach them the importance of how we reuse paper, metal cans, plastic, etc. This gives the students an opportunity to improve work skills, get along with others, follow instructions and boost their self-esteem. Through this experience they earn artificial money which allows them to purchase articles from the school store.

Later in the spring we will set up a field trip to the Kingdom Projects Center where students will have a chance to watch and learn how recycled items are prepared for reuse. —Carol Adams



Left: Mathew returns the recycling container to the Coats Career and Technology Center. Center: LaJuan puts the container in place. Right: LeDaya shreds paper in the CCTC office.

Culinary Arts Class Builds A Gingerbread Village

A special aroma filled the halls when the students in the Culinary Arts Class baked, assembled and decorated a Gingerbread Village under the direction of their instructor Kevin Voelker. After the completion of the project students held a reception for people to view their finished project.



Left: Students shown with the complete village. Right: During the reception Angelo explains to Graphic Arts Instructor Bobby Morris, Jr., how he constructed, frosted and dusted powdered sugar on his house.

Woodworking Class Builds a 10 x 10 Shed

For years students have wanted to build something like a house. When a shed came onto our “wood-working project list”, students looked forward to finally using their construction skills to build it.

As the materials arrived, students quickly went to work. They soon realized that patience was a big part of the project. First, they had to draw up the plans and get feedback from the owner about his wishes. Once we got the OK students went right to work. The trusses and the wall studs went up quickly. Then we built the flooring in the auto body shop because the flooring was too big to go through the woodworking shop doors. We built the walls, roof trusses, roof sheathing and exterior wall paneling in the woodworking shop.

After all the pieces were built, then we took them outside the auto body shop to reassemble. The assembly went quickly. In one day everything was finished except the roofing and skidding. Skids took an additional day and the roofing added two and a half days. The students were motivated by this project. Although some students said they wouldn't want that kind of job in the future, they did say they wanted to build a shed of their own some day.

—by Eddie Ross



Left: Building the pieces in the Woodworking Shop. Right: Tars adds finishing touches to the shed after assembly outside. Instructor Eddie Ross is handing equipment to Tars.



Gary Bonsall
October Recipient



Kevin Spencer
November Recipient



Bettye Smith
December Recipient



Martin Dixon
February Recipient

Soaring Eagle Awards

Soaring Eagle awards are given monthly during the school year. MSD employees are nominated by their peers and selected by committee to receive the award. The Soaring Eagle award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the school. Congratulations to all who have received the award this school year.



Valerie Fry
March Recipient



Kevin Voelker
April Recipient



2006 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM— First row: Brandyn, Nathaniel. Second row: Coach Kevin Voelker, Kevin, Brian, Johnny, Angelo, LaJuan, Matthew, Nick and Tyler.

Winter Sports



2006 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — First row: Tiffany, Heather, EmmaLee, Rocky, Deidre, Judy. Second row: Coach Leslie Eldred, Kathleen, Chetara, Helen, Kira, Vonisha, LeDaya and Assistant Coach Jennifer Dignan.



Basketball Cheerleaders: Tiffany, and Judy.



Go Eagles Go!!!

Winter Homecoming



Queen Deidre and King Angelo

Winter Homecoming was held January 21, 2006 against the Iowa School for the Deaf with Iowa winning 45-31 for the Boys' game and Iowa winning 63 to 10 for the girls'.

The theme for this year's Homecoming was "Mr. & Ms. Eagle". The Homecoming Spirit Week contest was held with students enthusiastically dressing each day — Tuesday was Sunglasses Day, Wednesday boys dressed as girls, and vice versa, Thursday was Groom Hat and Bride Veil Day, Friday was the customary Green and Gold Day. Spirit Week winner was the senior class.

Homecoming Poster Contest Winners were: High School, Johnny, 1st; Heather, 2nd, EmmaLee, 3rd. Middle School, Jerome, 1st; Tadd, 2nd; Kenrick, 3rd. Stark School, Alisha, 1st; Joseph, 2nd and Elizabeth, 3rd.

At 4:30 the customary crowning of the King and Queen took place with Angelo and Deidre winning the crowns.

The day ended with the traditional Homecoming Dance for students, staff and Iowa School for the Deaf guests.



Winter Homecoming Court: High School/Middle School Supervisor Dee Peneston, Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean, Kira, Matt, Queen Deidre, King Angelo, Mary, Dylan, Brittany and Kevin.

Winter Athletic Awards

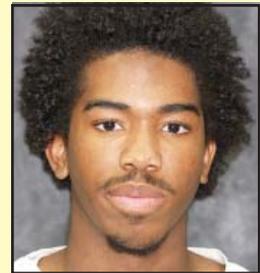
The Winter Athletic Awards program was held in Ingle Auditorium March 8. The awards were presented by Athletic Director Ella Washington.



EmmaLee
Most Improved Player



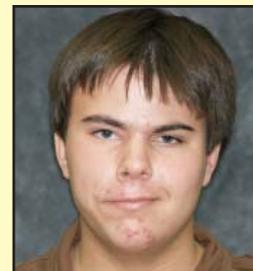
Deidre
Leadership



Brian
Most Valuable Player



Angelo
Most Improved Player



Johnny
Most Dedicated

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Fugate and Kenny Fugate and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ricky Riedel, Class of 1985 passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2005. He died after a long battle with cancer.

Bernice Geneva Barlow Turk, age 77 passed away March 15, 2006 at Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media, Pa.

Bernice graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1947. She enrolled at Gallaudet University and graduated with a BA degree in 1953. She also earned her Master Degree in Deaf Education from Mc Daniel College in 1979. Bernice was a teacher of the Georgia School for the Deaf, and the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School and Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington D.C. Most of Bernice's life, she was active in her Deaf community and especially education of Deaf children.

Other News

Archie Marshall former MSD Advisory Board member, passed away Friday, November 18, 2005. Archie served MSD from December 1975 to October 1991. He was the first appointed Deaf individual to serve on the MSD Advisory Board. He served under two superintendents, Lloyd Harrison and Peter H. Ripley.

It was always a pleasure to see Archie on campus, he always had a positive attitude and greeted everyone with a smile. We were fortunate to have him serve on our board for so many years. Our condolences to the Marshall family.

Coming Soon

MSDAA will soon have its own home webpage. This will be exciting and will open up more information for the alumni about news and events. You may want to share this with former MSD students. The work is in progress and may take some time to get all of it working. If you have any questions

regarding this, you may contact Eddie Ross eross@msd.dese.mo.gov or Tom Bastean tbastean@msd.dese.mo.gov

Tentative scheduled for the next MSDAA 32nd Triennial Reunion is June 6, 7, & 8, 2008. By that time the MSDAA webpage will be up and running. Look there for news and information. Please feel free to offer suggestions on how to improve the 2008 reunion. We appreciate your input.

Elks Dental Unit

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ters, state schools like MSD, children served by the Bureau of Special Health Care needs, and people of any age who have mental or developmental disabilities.

Upon arriving for her appointment Rocky, a ninth grader at MSD, was asked what she thought about the mobile dental unit. She commented, "I enjoy it. I love Anna. She's so nice. Of course, I like the dentists, too, but I love Anna. They make my teeth nice and clean."

Each student receives a toothbrush for completing his/her check-up, while a select few, whose services require a shot, also get a Teddy Bear, courtesy of Hallmark.

Anna noted that one thing that makes working with deaf students unique from all other patients is that using ASL makes it possible for them to talk the whole time they're working in their mouths. She added that oral hygiene has really improved among the students at MSD. "We're seeing some good, clean mouths," she concluded.

—Wendy Jensen

Destination Imagination

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(That's about the weight of 3 pencils). They must support as much weight as possible.

The team also had to research an architect and include information about

him in a program. During the program, they have to place weights on top of their structure to see how much it will hold.

Our team chose the architect, M.F. Bell, who designed the old M.S.D. buildings. Two girls (Jessica and Victoria) travel back in time. They find themselves at old M.S.D. around 1888. They meet a ghost (Berenice Avila), the dome from old M.S.D. (which can talk) and M.F. Bell himself. They included information about his life as part of the program. Their structure is crushed as old M.S.D. burns in the fire of 1888. Bell makes plans to rebuild M.S.D., and the girls return to 2006.

At the Eastern Regional Tournament, held at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, our team took 1st place in their division! Their structure held an incredible 50 pounds of weight before being crushed! We were the only team to win the Spirit of D.I. Award.

On April 8, 2006, the team will compete at the Destination Imagination State Tournament in Joplin at Missouri Southern University. This will occur after the due date for the Missouri Record so we will announce the finals in the Summer/Fall issue.

**When you fight
fire with fire,
everyone gets
burned.**



**Try a little
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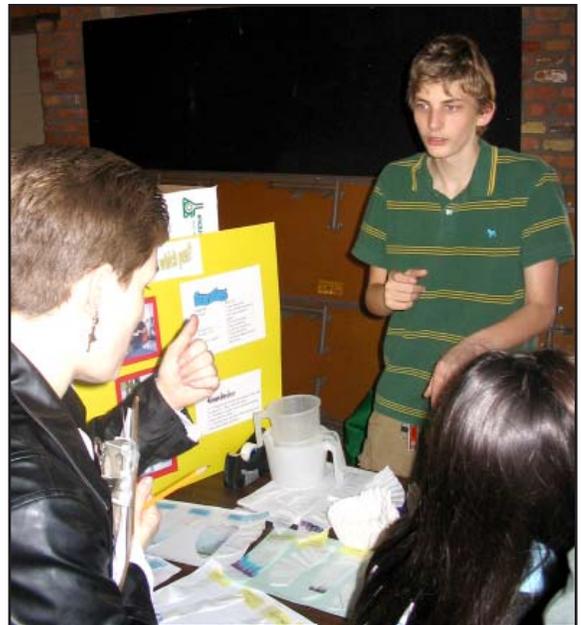
Middle School Science Fair 2006

The Middle School held a Science Fair on the afternoon of March 22. This year it was held in the Scout Cabin. Visitors to the Science Fair included MSD students and staff. Students worked hard on their individual experiments. Some ideas were very original. They came up with a scientific question to learn about, and developed a hypothesis as to what they thought would happen. They planned the experiments, gathered their materials, and followed their plans. They developed skills in observing and measuring results. Some students made graphs or tables of their results. Then they had to draw conclusions. All of this was presented on a poster and displayed at the science fair.

Judges scored the experiments on the quality of the posters, how well the students performed their experiments, and how well they were able to explain their experiment to the judge. The judges were Julie Bower, Barbara Jones, and Susan Maddox.

The middle school science teachers who mentored our middle school scientists were Jill Haus, Amber Shorter, and Sharon Malcott. Our teacher aides, Barbara Jones, Tosha Drew, and Susan Maddox also were very helpful.

The top 3 places in this year's Science Fair were first, Tyler Armstrong; second, Zak Taylor and third, Daniel Kleeschulte. Congratulations to all who participated!
—Jill Haus



Top left: Zak is showing how different structural designs support weight. Top right: Tyler explains his experiment about dissolving ink to the judge. Bottom left: Daniel's experiment about friction. Bottom right: Daniel's machine that catches a mouse.

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Graduation 2006 Marks the End of Fifteen Years at MSD!

MSD marks the passing of a milestone this year — the ending of a fifteen year history of enrollment of Wolfe boys with the graduation of the Wolfe twins. Oldest son, Daniel and twin brothers — Kevin and Nick enrolled in September 1991. During their history with MSD, the Wolfe family has proven to be an important part of the school. The boys' parents, Paul and Donna Wolfe (who both can hear), chose to relocate their family from the Springfield area to Fulton when the boys began school at MSD.

Daniel graduated from MSD in 2003 and later from the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Springs, Texas. He returned to Fulton after graduation and is now employed by Dollar General Corporation. Kevin and Nick plan to follow in their big brother's footsteps by attending college. In addition, these very talented young men have produced their own DVD of ASL stories and sign language vocabulary that they have sold as a fund raiser for the MSD Chapter of the National Honor Society. All three of the boys were good students academically, excelled in athletics, and the twins will always be remembered for their dramatic performances both on and off stage.

The family was blessed two years ago with the birth of "Little Brother" Shawn, the only sibling that can hear, who is already fluent in communicating via American Sign Language. Donna serves as President of the MSD Parents Organization and works in the school's library. Paul works as a Residential Advisor in the cottages and dormitories. While the Wolfe Pack leaves the MSD campus, they will forever remain a part of the MSD family and we wish them all the best with their lives.



The Wolfe Boys — Nick, Daniel, Shawn and Kevin