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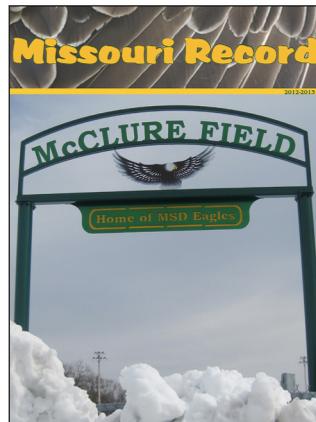
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Signs of the Times

Signs of the Times

By Barbara Garrison, Superintendent



At this writing, beautiful big snowflakes are falling onto the already blanketed ground on our campus. That 12"–16" blanket is still thick with mounds taller than a human of plowed snow the remains of back-to-back weekly snow storms that delivered us 12"–16" the last two weeks of February. While the precipitation is much appreciated to aid with the lower river, lake, creeks and pond reservoirs and revive our farmlands and forests; snow of this nature and duration cause damage too. While there was some severe damage in Fulton, all our facilities weathered the storm well and "Alice" completed a purchase request for a heated

blanket.

Our school family, once again, showed their true love for our children and true character in providing the teamwork necessary to ensure that school and student life activities continued while transportation and power outages disrupted lives of employees and of families of our children. The Powerhouse Gang, keeping safety first as always, made sure our roofs were sound, kept our roadways, parking lots and pathways clear. The Business office, once again, became Transportation Central canceling day busses and clearing the way for children to travel home on the weekends. During these hazardous conditions, my priority is the importance of keeping everyone fed (my mom was a Head Cook professionally and a renown cook in my hometown) so I head for the kitchen to assist the Food Service staff to ensure enough helping hands and for breakfast, lunch, supper and food quantities and staffing for the predicted future.



Our family mourns one very sad result of the snowstorm. Along with a few limbs, the beautiful blooming cherry tree in front of Wheeler Hall split into two pieces all the way into the root system and will have to be completely removed.

Each of our trees are precious, but the beauty of this tree served as a landmark welcome and shade to all who enter our campus. We will work hard to ensure that it is replaced but none who knew her branches will forget her, especially this spring.

With none of the original three blooming cheery trees planted in front of Wheeler now remaining, we are given an opportunity to design the landscape of the entrance to our school — the Wheeler Administrative building.



This project is worthy of taking the time to plan and complete. Ideas for design of the landscape for the entrance to our school are welcomed. I am also considering the possibility of inviting alumni and friends of MSD to become a part of this history by honoring your experience or a loved one's experience by purchasing a tree or landscape object for this project. Let me know what you think...(Office of the Superintendent).

And now, the snow has stopped. The sun has come out. Things have changed...the beauty is that through our daily efforts and Continual School Improve Plan, we can use that change for the benefit of our beloved school. Seems an analogy with the state of public education in these United States doesn't it?

MSD Alumni News

By Tom Bastean

The 33rd MSDAA Reunion

June 1-3, 2012

Considering the disaster with gas prices and economy all across the United States, the 33rd MSDAA Reunion turned out well and had 83 loyal registrants in attendance. There were several events taking place during the reunion. We had special guests for Saturday Night Gala, group pictures, tours of the campus and buildings, presentations on MSD's current technology and accessibility to the MSDAA webpage, and presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Many came back to catch up with their school and friends. As always, there were young and old folks making new friends and catching up on each other and what's happening with their classmates. Others continued to tell their tall tales of their school days. Most important of all the friendship remained bounded.

Friday, June 1 was registration day and many arrived in the afternoon. The dormitories- Kerr and Tate Halls were opened for use. Most chose to spend their nights in motels surrounding Fulton. The alumni chatted and chatted to catch up with their friends. For Supper, all were on their own.



Roger Vass on the left and Joe Wilson discussed about MSD's current technology in the vocational building.



Paul Miller and Brad Drew were preparing their prize presentation at the table before Gala Night.



Eddie Ross 3rd from Lt., took groups on tour of the Coats/Merklin Complex Vocational Building.

Campus Tours, Workshops, & Saturday Night Gala

Saturday, June 2 registration day and sign up for tours and workshops. Tours were to visit the elementary school building- Stark School, Coats/Merklin Vocational Complex, and Wheeler Hall. Others took the opportunity to tour the campus on their own. Despite many had seen the buildings many times before, they enjoyed seeing them again and asked many questions while on the tours. Many expressed their concerns about the enrollment and future of MSD. Their hope that someday MSD will be back to what it was (having the large number of students and outstanding school & extracurricular activities). They were still impressed with all of the changes happening on campus.

For the first time on Saturday afternoon we had 2 workshops presented to the alumni. One was on the current technologies used for instructions in classrooms- presented by Debbie Burnaman-teacher/Technology Assistant, and Usage of the MSDAA Webpage by Donald Benfield. Many were impressed with all kinds of technologies being used in all of MSD's classrooms. They were surprised at the Smartboards and how all information is transferred and saved to the hard drives without having to erase all instructions on boards. Many were also impressed, that MSDAA has its own webpage. Donald showed them how to access and encouraged them to try to make use of the webpage. Others expressed concerns that some of their computers are not current. This is an issue when educating our alum-

ni about many rapid changes in technology these days. We need to give them constant encouragement to find other options to access our webpage.

Saturday night, all registrants attended the Saturday Night Gala. Many good things had happened that night. We had guests of the night who brought excitement to our audience. I bet many of you have/had heard of Lisa McBee and Roger Vass. Lisa was our Master of Ceremony/performer during the evening. Lisa graduated from MSD spring of 2000. She then went to Gallaudet University for short time; attended American Intercontinental University and graduated from there in 2008. She entered the Deaf Olympics in track & field in Rome, Italy in 2001. She continues to participate in sports such as US Basketball, softball, and flag football. She and Roger, both worked for ZVRS in Florida before moving to Missouri. She was sales/spokes person while Roger Vass worked in the media and production department.



Frank Crouch, James Lutze, and Gary Pollard posed for picture in front of the football pictures.



Class of 67 picture taken in front of Alice Cogswell- Lt. to Rt.: Frank Crouch, Tom Mills, Norma (McMunn) Vickers, Robert Tahappat.

Lisa was not just our Master of Ceremony, she also entertained us with skits. As MC, she presented herself well and got our audience in on the program.

Roger Vass entertained our audience with exceptional skits. Many of us may have seen some of his performances in short films and promotions with ZVRS. Many of those skits were reflected on real life of our Deaf society and culture. Most of them made all us laugh.

Roger and Lisa integrated some of their performances together. Both were making sure they, the audience, had a memorable night when they leave. We were blessed to have both with us that night.

Door prizes and Silent Auction took place in between events. Door prizes were small items. The Silent Auction had 5 different parts — Italian Basket filled with pasta items and wine, Mexican Basket- with tortilla chips, salsa, and spicy cheeses, 2 MSD Baskets- with MSD pens and pads, mugs and T shirts from MSDPO, and America Basket- with chips, dips, and sausage. We were amazed how much the individuals bid on each of the baskets and it turned into great profit for the reunion.

Presentation of The Distinguished Alumnus Award:

The Distinguished Alumnus Award went to 2 of our posthumous alumni. We were proud to select them and recognize them. First was Max Mossel. Many of us knew him as a mathematic genius. Max enrolled in MSD in fall of 1917 at age of 8 and graduated spring of 1928. He attended Gallaudet University where he earned his



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bachelor degree in English in 1933.

Superintendent Truman Ingle offered Max a teaching position in 1935. At that time, Max had to do a year of internship before he was given full time teaching position. He taught mathematics for 42 years. He did not limit his teaching to mathematics, he offered to teach us some English and how English was applied in mathematic language; he taught graphic architecture to many of our boys for several years. He was our football statistician and you may see his statistic designation where we won our football game against Fulton High School in 1950's. Max retired from MSD in 1974 and taught at the Kansas School for the Deaf until he retired.

While teacher at MSD, Max participated in the Missouri Association of the Deaf. He held the position of officer on several occasions and was part of group who prepared for the Home Fund (MO.A.D.A.A). He was one of the implementers in developing Manual Signed English in Chicago, Illinois in the 1960's.

The 2nd award went to Don Travis Hill He was recognized for his leadership in the Deaf community over the years and was well liked among his hearing and Deaf friends. He was recognized for his humbleness, patience, smiles, and humor among his peers.

Don was born February 23, 1928 in Rec-tor, Arkansas. He spent most of his growing up years with one of his sisters in Arkansas. The cause of his deafness was spinal meningitis. Don enrolled MSD in fall of 1947 after several years at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. He graduated in spring of 1949. He was Salutatorian of his class.

After attending Gallaudet University for short time, Don returned to Missouri and resided in St. Louis most of his adult life. He dedicated his time unselfishly serving and being active in his Deaf community. He was proactive in assuring that his community members were aware of their rights. Don served in the following organizations, such as his church groups, St. Louis RID, St. Louis Chapter of Mo.A.D., Mo.A.D. Home Fund, St. Louis Roundtable, Missouri Association of the Deaf, and Greater St. Louis Association for the Deaf. He held offices and served on the board for many of them.

MSDAA Honors Tom Bastean:

The Saturday night gala was interrupted with all of MSDAA officers coming up on the stage before the closing remarks from chairperson, Tom Bastean. This plan was well kept secret for almost a year. To many of us and the officers, not one word leaked out to give a hint to Tom about this event that was about to happen.

The plaque (picture below) was unveiled and presented to Tom Bastean who was surprised and humbled. The MSDAA presented this plaque in recognition of his dedication to MSD for 35 years. He served in many roles while employed at MSD. Tom also graduated from MSD in 1968. After graduation from Gallaudet University and McDaniel College, former Supt. Lloyd Harrison offered him a teaching job in fall of 1975. We are proud to recognize our Alumnus.



MSDAA New Officers

MSDAA elected its new officers back in the fall of 2012 after the homcoming football game. They were sworn in as officers on January 12, 2013. We welcome our new officers:

President: Kim (Gilleland) Shuller, Vice-President: Marvin Hayes, Secretary: Jennifer (Buckman) Rivera, Treasurer: Dennis Bacon, Boards: Eddie Ross, Brad Vickers and May (Barnhart) Schwartz.



Classes of '87, '88, & '89 Reunion

Homecoming weekend September 22, 2012 was reunion weekend for classes of '87, '88, & '89. It was coordinated by Connie (Buffington) Choate, chairperson. Connie and some of the others from each class were successful in contacting many of their classmates about attending the reunion. They held their lunch reception at the MSD Scout cabin. Along with the class members, former teachers, sponsors, spouses & children, parents, and administrators were invited to the reception. The number of alumni in attendance from the 3 classes was little over 40. Everyone was excited and thrilled to catch up with their friends. Some had come as far as California state and New Jersey. (Pictures on page 7).

After gathering fees for the reception, Connie Choate, chairperson, presented to the MSDAA an amount of \$231.00 to be spent to support whatever MSD needed for its students. MSDAA chose to use the money to help fund toys for pre-school students. MSDAA thanked the classes of '87, '88, & '89 for the donation.

Obituary

Hardy Jones passed away Friday, April 27, 2012. He was born April 28, 1952. He was son of Harvey and Jimella Jones of Clarksdale, Mississippi. At the age of 16, Hardy enrolled the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1968 and graduated May, 1972.

Hardy was well liked among all his classmates and teachers. He was an outstanding athlete in football and track. He was active in his Deaf community and participated in the Greater St. Louis Association for the Deaf slow pitch softball and basketball for several years. Some of his records at MSD are still standing today. His adopted son Nick idolizes him for his greatness.

He is survived by his loving wife Norma; 2 daughters Suzanne Moore, and Billie Jean Jones; one son Hardy Jones, Jr.; 15 grandchildren; one sister Margaret Ann Jones; one brother Charles Henry Jones; one adopted daughter Michelle Jones; one adopted son Nick Jones.



Timothy Thompson '79 passed away at age of 51 on Friday April 27, 2012 at his home. He was born June 25, 1960 in Creal Springs, Illinois. He was the son of late Jesse and Bonnie Thompson. He was united in marriage to Debra Thompson who preceded him in death on October 9, 2009.

Timothy was member of First Baptist Church. He enjoyed activities among his friends in his community. He will be sadly missed by one brother Douglas Thompson of Mexico, Mo. and three sisters Patricia

Colant and Brenda Foreman of Chicago, Illinois, and Leah Thompson of Fulton; his friend Dennis Clines- of Fulton.

Thomas "Tommy" Ralph Golden of Kansas City, Missouri passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2012 in Seattle, Washington. He was born May 25, 1944 to Ralph Gilbert and Ellenora Bridgeford Golden. He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May 1964.

Thomas was member of the Greater Kansas City Association of the Deaf and

Olathe Club for the Deaf. He enjoyed his social life, fishing, hunting, camping, telling jokes, and barbeques. While a student at MSD, he participated in football and basketball, was a student officer, and held office in the Literacy Society. He retired from the Kansas City Life Insurance Company in 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer of 43 years; son Anthony Golden of Olathe, Kansas; daughter Michelle Brooks of Liberty, Missouri; his mother Ellenora Golden of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; stepmother Pauline Golden of Independence, Mo.; mother in law Nancy Harding of Fulton, Mo.; sister Virginia Golden of Rio Rancho, NM. and his 8 grandchildren.

Tonya Mae Foster, passed away peacefully at age of 25 at Appleton City Nursing Home on November 21, 2012. She was born on September 9, 1987 in Osceola, Missouri. She was daughter of Richard E. and Debra S. Foster.

Tonya grew up in the St. Clair and Henry County area and attended school in Montrose, Missouri for several years. She then enrolled the Missouri School for the Deaf where she acquired her diploma in 2006. While Tonya was student at MSD, she participated in many of the school's social activities and was a cheerleader in football and basketball. After graduation, she resided in Savannah, Missouri where she worked mainly as a volunteer through the Deaf Club based in St. Joseph, Missouri. She held the office of vice president in her club.

Tonya will be missed by her friends and family. She had a love for life and real zest for living. The word "Can't" was not in her vocabulary and she never left anyone without giving them a smile. She used Facebook and texting which allowed her to stay in close communication with family and friends. She was fluent at sign language and taught her brothers to sign and others as well. Tonya was a diehard Chiefs and KU Jayhawk fan and she enjoyed bowling.

She was much loved and admired by family and friends who shared in her life. Her memory will be cherished and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



Class of '89: Back Row: Brenda Falgier, Ricky Lucas, Richard Harrison. Middle Row: Kelly Joann (Dinwidie) Cornett, Tina Marie (White) Hudson, Tammy (Bradley) Colopy, Darline (Clark) Gunsauls. Front Row: Tracy (Dowdy) Jackson, Linda Hernandez, Audrey Adams

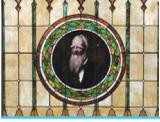


Class of 87 Lt to Rt: Front row- Carla (Peters) Taylor, Kathy Walker, Joe Miller, Roy Jones, Connie (Buffington) Choate, Wendy (Paubel) Lange, Tabatha (Harmon) Gordon, Bonnie (Falgier) Fechter; Back row- Robert Colopy, Mary (Shelton) Loofbourrow, Ronnie Taylor, Randy Vonkaenel, Pat Jones, Elaine (Jennings) Creed, Becky (Vahle) Torres, Kevin Clark.



Class of 88 Lt to Rt: Front row- Craig Storms, Ricky Goodman, Charles Loofbourrow, William Brown, Bradley Drew, Pat Day, Robert Lawson; Back row- William Walker, Kristie (Vanderpool) Hansen, Faye (Double) Thompson, Sharman (Hill) Day.





Campus Staff News

Former Teacher Deceased

By Tom Bastean

George Bryce Kerr passed away from complications of pneumonia on Friday, September 14, 2012. He was born November 20, 1935. He graduated from the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After graduating from High School, he attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

After graduating from Gallaudet University in 1959, he spent the summer running a printing press for a printing company in Quincy, California. He then took a job teaching printing and graphic arts at Missouri School for the Deaf in the 1960's. After six years at MSD, he took the same teaching position at the Iowa School for the Deaf in 1965 until his retirement in 1996.

Bryce was an avid University of Nebraska Cornhusker and Colorado Rockies fan. While retired, he spent his valuable time with his family and grandchildren in Colorado. He was in attendance at many of his grandchildren's events and activities, even serving as their chauffeur — taking them to many places.



Barbara Garrison presented Namoi and Kevin Spencer The Truman L. Ingle award at the beginning of 2012-2013 school year.

Retirees 2012

Thanks for 87 years of service at Missouri School for the Deaf!



Barbara Jones
Teacher Aide
19 years



Mary Kate Saltzman
Teacher
19 years



Kevin Spencer
Teacher and Teacher-In-Charge
32 years



Larry Lockett
Residential Advisor
17 years



New Residential Advisor Staff



Caleb Brookshire



Amada Carroll



Kayla Sumowski



Lindsey Gonzales



Jessi Govero



Jesse Schmidt



Jonah Wilson



Bethany Rawlings

New Teaching Staff



Meghan Duggins
Pre-School Teacher



Sydney Barney
Kindergarten Teacher

New Teacher Aides



Haley Allen
Teacher Aide



Nick Wolfe
Teacher Aide



Adrian Cole
Media Teacher Aide





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A New Pavilion

By Bethany Peterson

A pavilion has been built in between the backyard of Tate Hall and the breezeway. Student Life hosts numerous barbeques and outdoor activities during the Spring and Fall. This allows students to relax, socialize, and be in the shade on hot days. We are hoping to build a similar one at McClure Field in the near future.



New Pavilion

Dean of Students and her TIC's

Now they are four strong. Dee Peneston now has three TIC's (Teachers in Charge), one at each of the three school buildings – Wheeler, Vocational, and Stark Elementary. To honor them on Boss's Day, their staff got together and ordered matching jackets through MSDPO (Missouri School for the Deaf Parents Organization). Don't they look like a great group?

State Board of Education Elects New President and Vice President

Reprinted from a Missouri DESE news release

The State Board of Education elected the Rev. Stan Archie, Kansas City, as its new president at a meeting yesterday in St. Louis. Current board president, Peter F. Herschend, was elected vice president.

Archie, a senior pastor at the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, was first appointed to the State Board in December 2006 and currently serves as vice presi-



Dean of Instruction Dee Peneston with her TIC's – Bobby Morris, Jr. Betty Sullivan and Debbie Ripley.

dent. He is owner and principal consultant with Successful Edge Consultants and serves as board chairman of the Kansas City Leadership Foundation. Archie earned a degree in Divinity and Organizational Leadership at Calvary Bible College and a Master's Degree in Education at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Herschend has been a member of the State Board since 1991 and is serving his third term. He is founder and co-owner of Herschend Family Entertainment Corp., which owns Silver Dollar City and other entertainment properties. Prior to his ap-

pointment to the State Board, Herschend was a member of the Branson Board of Education for 12 years.

Archie and Herschend will serve in their new positions from January 2013 through June 2014.

The State Board of Education is made up of eight members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. Members serve staggered, eight-year terms.



MSDPO (Missouri School for the Deaf Parents Organization), Secretary/Treasurer Marcia Patridge and President Jeff Patridge



Teen Institute

By Ellen Foshay

Again, Teen Institute (TI) 2012 was held for a week at the Missouri School for the Deaf campus, with 42 campers in attendance. Teen Institute is a summer camp for Deaf, hard of hearing and CODA teens between 12-18 years of age. This camp is to teach teens about prevention and awareness among their peers which includes drug and alcohol abuse, HIV/AIDS awareness and other issues such as leadership, self esteem/confidence and peer influences that are critical to teenagers. We had workshops each morning, with fun activities such as messy games, pool games and others in the afternoon. We also had free swim/time before supper. The workshops we had were Social Media, Cyber Bullying, STID, Deaf Culture, Teen Dating Violence and Peer Pressure with Alcohol/Drug use, with more activities in the evenings.

The highlight of this camp this year was a fishing trip to the Lake of Ozarks to join the National Bass Association of the Deaf with other teens and children. Some campers had never fished before and jumped at the opportunity to learn how. The NBAD members worked with and taught our campers how to bait and cast. It was a great experience for all and many enjoyed their time and did not want to leave. NBAD provided us some snacks

before we came back. Thanks to NBAD for allowing us to have this opportunity.

One afternoon, we took a field trip to Stephens Lake in Columbia. We played field games for an hour then off we went to swim, sunbathe, chat, take pictures and have barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs for supper. Yummy! Everyone was tired from a good, long, fun, day and when we returned to MSD Campus, we took it easy – by playing word search games. The theme was Greek Mythology and we invited a guest to tell stories about Greek times. It was a great learning and educational experiences for all the campers.

To end each day, we had campfire at the Scout Cabin where everyone gathered. It gave an opportunity for some campers to briefly talk about the highlights of their day. Also we had torch lights for each group, the activities coordinator and the staff who calculate each team's points for the day, tapped- out each group's flame on the torch. It was fun watching how the groups bonded by screaming and cheering for each other.

This year we had 10 MSD students who attended TI which is an increase from 7 last year. They all say they will come to TI again! The campers stayed in the dorms which we called "the Lodge." The boys stayed in the bunk rooms at Tate Hall while the girls stayed in the bunk rooms and then overflowed to the second floor, at Kerr Hall. All of our meals were prepared by MSD staff. On the last night of camp,



Lamont playing one of the messy games at Teen Institute

each group presented a 5-10 minute skit at the auditorium. Wow! Their performances were awesome and creative! Afterwards, there was a DJ party which we called Our Big Fat Greek Party in the cafeteria, where we danced the night away.

Everyone was sad to leave on the last day and some eyes were filled with tears! It was great seeing how everyone made new friends and saw their old friends from past TI camps. Everyone exchanged email addresses, added facebook friends, and incorporated learning experiences from many new things all week.

The date is already set for Teen Institute camp for 2013 — June 9-15th. For more information, please contact Ellen Foshay at: Ellen.Foshay@msd.dese.mo.gov and/or Becky Beck at L.E.A.D Institute. We hope to see many of you come back and spread the word for new teens.



Top: Ice Breaker — Hugging Game. Bottom: You are on Camera — Clayton, CJ, Brooklynn, and Joe.



The kids are having fun at the lake.



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Family ASL Camp 2012

By Sharon Egbert, ASL Specialist

Summer camps were in full swing across America since children were out of school! A variety of camps like sports and churches have their own purposes such as honing skill or gaining knowledge. Some are fun while others are less interesting.

At Missouri School for the Deaf campus, we hosted the first annual ASL Camp for the families of young deaf and hard of hearing children. We believe that a clear and concise communication is imperative for every family, to bond strongly; therefore ASL is one of the keys to build a good family rapport for a better understanding. This year's camp was at no cost to these lucky ten families (31 family members altogether) who attended on the weekend of June 22nd.

After registration and check-in for their dormitory rooms, these families attended the welcome reception at Stark Gym where Assistant Superintendent Margilee LaBorde and Outreach Services Director, Larry Hoard presented their brief and warm introductions. Next, because some of our families were not familiar with ASL, we had four Deaf instructors who taught some simple signs. The instructors were on hand to assist all weekend. Friday evening after an hour's leisure swim and pizza supper, we hosted a question and answer session with four individuals (two deaf parents and two hearing parents who have children, both deaf and hear-



Families' First day of ASL class



1st Annual Family ASL Camp.

ing) on the Parents' Panel. This kind of panel is always controversial, yet good to know the other side. We thanked them for their sharing and challenging experiences of raising deaf and hearing children under the same roof.

Saturday morning after cold breakfast, these families had the art project activity in which Deborah Ripley, our school art teacher demonstrated how to make a memory book. She prepared these homemade kits for them to follow the step-by-step instructions; they really enjoyed patching up their own colors and designs. Art Dignan explained about Deaf Culture briefly before the families continued with their sign classes. After eating some sandwiches and chips for lunch, they watched a demonstration about Shared Reading Program by Joyce Dignan who is one of the certified SRP trainers at MSD; she also had these parents read stories (Goodnight, Moon, and Five Little Monkeys) to their Deaf child by signing. Saturday evening at Scout Cabin, we had a hamburger and hot dog BBQ cookout with Brad Drew as chef – a brave man with the hot and humid weather. The baked beans, potato salad and all the trimmings like sliced tomatoes and lettuce were wonderful and delicious. After the sun was settled down at the horizon, the outdoor fun activities of skits, games and jokes began. These parents and their children were awesome because they were creative in trying out the skits or storytelling. Also, the group picture was taken; you can judge their having a great time. Before they retired at the dormitories for the night, an activity, "The Orchestra" was so hilarious since the activity assistant got everyone participate in playing "their specific musical instrument" with a

bandleader leading them. Then the activity assistant sat down and enjoyed watching them as if they were just the idiots waving their hands in the air. These participants then realized they were the fools and then had a good hard laugh.

Sunday morning the families exchanged their contact numbers as they become good friends/allies. Also we handed them the evaluation forms to fill out so we will know how to improve our future camps. This outcome was really pleasant as we were just a real small group of hard working volunteers to make a big impact on these ten families. All families were im-



Parents' Panel; from left to right: Wendy Barnhart, Danny Siler, Mary Karnes and Don Benfield



Art Project by Debbie Ripley — Making a memory book

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Joyce Dignan demonstrated a video, 'Shared Reading Program' to families

mersed in ASL since most volunteers are Deaf. Therefore, most of the time, the "silent noises" were hands moving in the air throughout the weekend. Going home after this first annual Family ASL Camp weekend, these families improved their receptive skills.

Also, we thank the media, maintenance and custodial staff for getting things set-up in a timely manner.

Again, without these volunteers, ASL Camp is not possible. We want to recognize these following people: Debbie Burnaman, Alison Burco, Joan Carrington, Art Dignan, Jennifer Dignan, Joyce Dignan, Brad Drew, Heather Dunn, Ellen Foshay, Ken Hartman, Larry Hoard, Clinda Miller, Shauna Morgan, Marlo Newman, Becky Payne, Debbie Ripley, Luis Rivera, and Jean Stieferman

We also want to thank corporations list-

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Quoted comments from some families' camp evaluations:

"well done, informative, and very enjoyable....."

"had a great time...."

"productive camp experience....my deaf child made new friends...."

"you cover plenty...."

"wonderful...loved the whole experience....."



BBQ Cookout at Scout Cabin.



Two girls became friends during the camp! Thanks to ASL Camp!



Adults are practicing signing with their child.

Joseph Baldwin Academy Tour 2012

By Larry Hoard

On July 25th, eighteen gifted 8th-10th grade hearing students arrived for a tour of MSD. They were participating in a three week intensive ASL course at the Joseph Baldwin Academy at Truman University in Kirksville, Missouri. Most of the students were from Missouri, but several came from other states. A few of them had deaf relatives or classmates, but most had never met a deaf person before.

The tour began with a visit to the MSD museum. Tom Bastean gave a great presentation on MSD's history, including the desegregation that all schools experienced from 1954-1965. He explained what it



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was like to grow up at MSD and how different it is from the isolation experienced by many deaf children in mainstream schools. Tom also explained why MSD's original mascot was a parrot.

Next we visited McKee cafeteria and Tate Hall dorm rooms and common areas. We discussed the social environment of the cafeteria and separation of age groups. Each student in the tour group was living in a university dorm during the academy. They were surprised at how big the MSD dorm rooms are compared to the University dorm rooms.

In the Stark Gym, Bethany Peterson, MSD's Student Life Director, presented a number story, 1-15, about cowboys and Indians. First she signed it at a normal speed. Then she signed it slowly so they could recognize the numbers and what they meant. Wow! Everyone was impressed!

Then we played two games. The first game involved two students. Each had a label on their forehead with words. For example, "Baby Crying" "water running" or "carving a statue." One student had to act out what was on the other student's forehead until the student guessed the right words. It was fun to watch them try to think visually and mime the different labels.

The other game was the "electricity game." Two lines of students sat on the floor facing each other. Each student held the hand of the students next to them. At the head of the two lines, a student sat between the two lines of students. She held the hand of one student in each line. At the end of the lines, there was a quarter on the floor between the last two students. The object of the game was for the last student in your line to get the quarter before the other team.

All students closed their eyes. The student holding the hands of each line of students squeezed both hands at the same time. Then students in each line squeezed the hand of the student next to them. When the two students at the end of the line felt their hand squeezed they quickly reached for the quarter. Whoever got the quarter won.

They brought sack lunches for a picnic, but it was about 100 degrees outside, so we ate in the air conditioned Farquhar Li-

brary. After lunch, we visited a cottage to see family style living at the elementary school.

Lastly, we visited Dr. Alison Burco, MSD's audiologist, and learned about hearing aids, cochlear implants, hearing evaluations and other things that audiologists do.

We were short on time and not able to visit Coats Vocational Building.

In spite of the extreme heat, sweat and mild dehydration, everyone seemed to enjoy the tour and a chance to practice their signing.

Student Illness in a Residential Setting

By Susan Anderson, RN

Because MSD is a residential school, our students can be many miles from home. Because of this distance, parents are not able to pick up their children in the case of fevers or illnesses, as easily as if they attended the local public schools. In general, once students complain of being sick or not feeling well - their roommates, classmates, teammates and bus companions have already been exposed. So our main goal becomes comfort care. That includes medicine to treat fever, runny nose, sore throat, headache or other complaint. If a student has a fever, they generally do not feel well enough to attend class and since the dormitories are closed during the school day, the students come to the health center to rest and recuperate from their illness. We encourage students to rest, drink fluids and relax until they feel better. Once school is over, the student can decide if they want to continue to rest in the Health Center or if they want to return to "their own bed" in the dormitory. Most students request to return to the dormitory to rest in their own bed in a familiar place. We ask that that if the student returns to the dormitory, they remain in their room away from the other students and that the other students leave them alone and allow them to rest. If that doesn't happen, the student should return to the Health Center to remain in the Health Center until they feel better. We strongly encourage

students with fevers to remain with us so we can monitor the fever and give treatment as necessary. Sometimes we have an unhappy student feeling uncomfortable as well as ill, if they are younger and this is still an unfamiliar place for them. Many times we allow the little ones to go to the dormitory and go to bed, while we try to stay in close communication with the staff so we know how the student is doing.

Rest, fluids and sometimes medicine for symptoms is all that can be done for viral illnesses. Antibiotics do nothing to shorten a viral illness but they may keep a person from contracting a more serious bacterial illness. Many times viral illnesses do not cause fevers. That does not mean that the student can attend classes, practices or activities so they should remain at home in comfortable surroundings until they feel better and with luck they should be ready to return on the next return bus, and be ready for normal activities and school.

Influenza - the flu - is a serious illness with high fevers lasting several days and the whole body aches and hurts. An illness lasting 24 to 48 hours is not the flu. An illness without a high fever is most likely not the flu, or the flu as we know it. It can take as much as a week to recuperate from the flu and in some cases, it may take longer. We are able to say at this point, that we have not seen any cases of typical influenza this year, so far. We have had many students who think they have/had the flu but in general they have returned to normal activities within 48 to 72 hours. If it was the flu, it was a very mild case.

We have limited bed space for sick students so we ask that if you think your son or daughter has the flu, please keep them at home. If they have the flu and they return to school, they will not feel like going to class or doing activities so there is no benefit for them to be here. They will rest better and improve faster in their own bed at home. If you have any questions, the nurse is on duty on Sundays beginning between 3 and 4 PM so please call and talk with her. She will be happy to talk with you and together you can better determine the best place for the student to recuperate without missing a major amount of school.



Encouraging Curiosity and Learning

By Ron Danuser

As a residential program, Student Life is continually looking for new experiences to offer its students. Often times those experiences come from surprising sources. Recently a staff member brought in a jar of Indian Eggplant Pickles. Made mostly from items grown in his garden, the middle school boys were intrigued by its strong aroma. After trying it several boys fell in love with it and quickly polished off the jar. When they asked more, the staff followed the old adage ‘Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime’. With that as inspiration, a cooking lesson plan was hatched. Two boys accepted the offer and spent an afternoon chopping eggplant, garlic, ginger and peppers then adding spices, oil and vinegar and cooking the mixture down. As staff and students began to catch the smell of the simmering pot, they’d stop in and the boys beamed with pride as they showed off their work. As an extra treat the boys were able to invite two guests to join them for dinner. In Student Life we view experiences that enrich and teach as highly prized moments. This experience certainly meets both.



The Lacrosse Gang: Front row L to R: Dustyn and Trey. Back Row L to R: DeeJay, CJ, Ron Danuser, Benson, and Josh.

Lacrosse Delivers Fresh Challenge and Fun

As popular as some old standbys such as dodge ball and biking are, a new activity often ignites new interests and uncovers hidden talents of our students. Lacrosse is just such a game. Playing a slightly modified, more recreational game, the students were quickly drawn to its fast pace and aggressive game play. Given the nature of the game one might think disputes would erupt, however good sportsmanship ruled the day and laughs and hi-fives were fre-



High School Kids playing a lacrosse game.

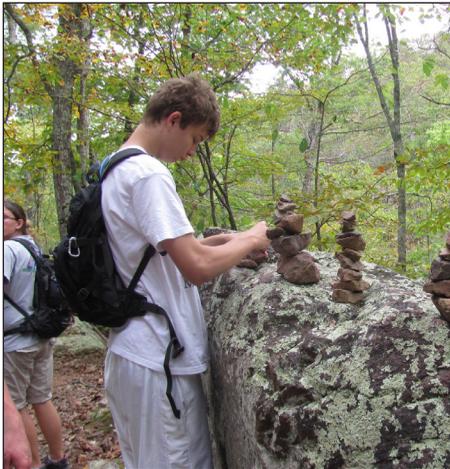
quently seen. As Lacrosse is highly aerobic, both teams left the field with hair dripping and shirts covered in sweat. Stories of their triumphant and nearly-triumphant plays mingled amongst the players and it was obvious to all that Lacrosse would become a new ‘standby’.

MSD Experimental Education Explores Taum Sauk and Johnson Shut-Ins

MSD’s new Experiential Education program inaugural trek began with beautiful early fall weather and chilly nights illuminated under a brilliant full moon. After some creative packing the crew made the 3 hour drive to Arcadia Valley in south east Missouri. The region is home to the Saint Francis Mountains, some of the oldest exposures of igneous rock in the country. The mountains formed nearly 1.5 billion years ago. Compared to the Appalachian Mountains (formed about 460 million years ago) and the Rockies (formed



Taum Sauk expedition



Exploring Taum Sauk Park.

a mere 140 million years ago), the Saint Francis Mountains are truly ancient. Their well worn, rolling mountain tops sit high and in contrast to the Ozark Plateau which surrounds them.

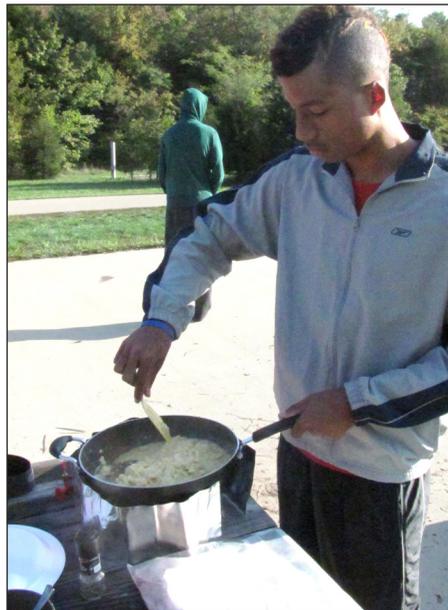
Saturday was dedicated to exploring Johnson Shut Ins. The students took great interest in the Taum Sauk Hydroelectric station situated atop nearby Profit Mountain and the disastrous 2005 upper reservoir breach that turned a thick wooded valley into what is referred to today as ‘the scour’. After obtaining permits from the park office the students spent the morning rock climbing on the granite walls overlooking the shut-ins the park is famous for. After the work of hiking in and climbing and with the day warming, the students were ready to swim by mid-afternoon. Donning wet-suits they splashed their way through the shut-ins (an area in which a river valley narrows forming a deep narrow channel) and exploring the many pools, pockets and waterfalls the clear Black River affords.

After a long day of frolicking on the rock and in the water the students returned to camp and made dinner over a campfire consisting of hamburgers, bratwursts and followed by the perennial campfire favorite...S’mores. After dinner the students were treated to a brilliant full moon. Taking full advantage of the low light pollution of the area and the close proximity of the full moon to earth, the students utilized a telescope and were rewarded with clear views of the lunar landscape including impact craters and mountains.

Sunday took the group to Taum Sauk Mountain State Park. Upon climbing to

the near top of the old fire watch-tower, the newly build Taum Sauk reservoir could be seen several miles away. Hiking, the group shortly reached Missouri’s Highest point at 1,772 feet atop Taum Sauk Mountain. From there they followed the rock trail nearly a mile to Mina Sauk Falls. Along the way they passed through Missouri’s rare glades. These small, rocky deserts dot the hillsides and create their own mini ecosystems. Passing through these barren oasis’ the students kept on the lookout for the colorful and elusive Eastern Collared Lizard. While none were seen they did spot Prickly Pear Cactus, numerous moss and lichens and stunning views of the rolling Ozark mountains.

After the stony walk down the students were treated with a well flowing Mina Sauk falls, Missouri’s highest waterfall. Early fall colors added to the treat as the vistas from the rocky outcropping were painted in early orange, reds and yellows. After a brief respite the hikers continued their trek to the bottom of the falls, a few stopping briefly to dunk their heads in the falling water. Leaving the falls behind the trail meandered along the secluded valley bottom through thick oaks and hickories. Another mile and the crew came upon one of Missouri’s unique and seldom seen sights, Devil’s Toll Gate. This natural ‘tollgate’ forms an eight foot wide passage between two large pieces of volcanic rhyolite. The pieces stretch upwards thirty feet and nearly fifty feet long. After



Nick making breakfast on trail.



Cherrel snorkeling at Shut-Ins.

reveling in their discovery and the group began the long and arduous return hike. What was thought difficult coming down, provide utterly taxing going up. Testing one’s limits is a practice our society has little necessity to do. However, in doing so, these students learned they’re capable of much more than they imagined. They also learned that slow and steady truly does win the race. Both important, and yet difficult lessons, to teach young people.

Reaching the vans the group felt jubilant and triumphant. Loading into the vans it was apparent their bodies were tired, but their spirits were euphoric. Much to the adults surprise, only one of the nine fell asleep during the 3 hour plus ride back to campus. The time was spent recounting tales of their adventure, nursing sore muscles and laughing over a weekend bursting with fond memories.



Making smores after a long day.

MSD's Experiential Ed Program Completes 'Katy 100'

Helen Keller once said, 'Life is a daring adventure or nothing'. MSD's Experiential Education program takes that ideology and places it at the forefront of our program.

A recent adventure put forth this adage and the students rose to the challenge. Dubbed 'The Katy 100' nine middle school students and four staff proposed to ride bikes along the Katy Trail 100 miles from Jefferson City to St. Charles, departing Friday evening and ending Sunday night.

The Katy Trail is a state park managed by Missouri Department of Conservation. Running along a former train route, the first section was opened in 1990. Now, the entire trail consists of 240 miles of recreational trail from Clinton (south-east of KC) in the west to Machens (just north of St. Charles) in the East. Technical descriptions do no justice to this inspiring



Class at bike shop.

trail. The trail gently lays at the base of tall bluffs along the Missouri River Bottom. To the south the wide valley opens to patchworks of rich fields and wooded fence rows. At times the river slowly drifts along the edge of the trail, it's wide expanse wandering along as if keeping cyclists company. In the Fall the valley is nationally recognized for its vibrant colors along the bluff tops. Deer, raccoons, opossums, stout red-tail hawks and even bald eagles are frequent sights along this



The crew pause long enough to snap a quick picture outside Bluffton, Missouri.



Tyra, Ste'Quan and Camden cooking dinner in Tebbetts.

diverse rural track. Small towns still dot the route. Remnants of the once booming train service and centers of exchange, now sit as reminders of a simpler time. History too has left its mark. Numerous points of interest follow and illustrate the Lewis and Clark Expedition (aka Corps of Discovery Expedition, 1804-1806) and the later life of Daniel Boone.

This adventure began with planning, discussing and gearing-up for the trek. Students attended a class at Walt's Bike Shop in Columbia where they learned to change flat tires and other basic repairs. Friday's departure began after dark. Using head-lamps and front and rear lights on the bikes the crew made its way to 12 miles from North Jefferson City to the small town of Tebbetts. There, they met the support vehicle and settled into the Turner Katy Trail Shelter. Originally the building was a church, then a general store, then sat unmaintained for many years. Only recently has the Conservation Federation of

Missouri renovated the facility into a hostel style inn for those using the Katy Trail. With sore muscles and hungry stomachs, the group settled in and cooked dinner and spend the night.

Saturday, a thick fog hung in the valley and heavy frost crusted the bikes. After a hearty breakfast and discussion, the students braced themselves for a long day of riding. Their goal for that day; travel the 53 miles from Tebbetts to Marthasville, where Philly's Pizza awaited them...as long as they arrived before 10 PM. With the thought of hot pizza spurring them on, they rode solidly through the day. As the sun climbed into the sky temperatures rose to a delightful 70 degrees. As bodies adjusted to the long ride, everyone settled in and began enjoying the serenity of the river valley with its fine display of fall color.



View from the back of the pack.



Ste'quan eyes the next leg of the trip.

With the sun easing below the horizon the river followed right along the trail and was painted a brilliant orange from the sunset. Continuing on, temperatures fell, but did nothing to hamper their spirits. All were committed to making it to Marthasville and a calm determination settled in upon the group. And in the chill, first one then another noticed the moon. It had risen low to the south, and its chasing reflection upon the river brought a sense of awe and a new energy. Digging deep and pushing onward, Marthasville finally appeared. Philly's was a warm and inviting reprieve from the cold that came with the night. Pizzas were ordered and consumed and the group shook the chill from their bones. Warm and full, half fell asleep at the table before they departed to make camp. In a grand gesture of kindness, three staff left the warmth of the pizza parlor and erected the tents at the Marthasville Community Club Park. It is often said that a meal

taste better and a body sleeps better when it has been earned. This day, the group had found strength and determination few, if any, had ever tapped. This day they earned both and more.

Sunday the weary travelers awoke to tents crusted in frost. But the sun was bright, their legs rested and the end was in sight. A scant 38 miles ahead lay St Charles - the beginning of Lewis and Clark's expedition and the end of their adventure. Ahead they sped with renewed enthusiasm, but as the day drew out, the affects of their hard work began to take a toll. As night fell the lights of St Louis illuminated the sky ahead. As they rolled under it, the 40/61 Highway bridge signaled they were near. Ticking of the final miles hastened as the trail cut through suburban subdivisions and finally into Missouri's first capital, St. Charles. Jubilant with their toil behind them and ecstatic to see the bus awaiting them, they sprinted onward to the larger



Sunset on the Missouri River.

than life statues of Lewis and Clark for a final and well earned finish photo.

Bonds form when a group shares an experience as this. Leaders emerge. Memo-

ries are forged. People are changed. Challenges such as these draw forth strength, both mental and physical, that most are seldom forced to call upon. In doing so limits once thought impassable are crumbled and tossed away. The depth of true potential appears and what was once 'I can't' becomes 'I can!'

Middle School Explores Local Park's Karst Topography

Missouri is a wonderful state in terms of natural wonders and frequently our students have opportunities to explore them. Rock Bridge Memorial State Park is a gem of the state's park system. Recently the middle school boys and girls ventured to the heart of the park to sample Missouri's caves. Karst topography, the sinkholes, caves and limestone bluffs formed by ground water interacting with soluble stone, is exemplified in the park. A deep double sinkhole leads to the entrance of Devil's Ice Box Cave and Connor's Cave. While Devils' Ice Box has over 7 miles of mapped passageways, it is only accessible during park lead tours. Connor's Cave is accessible year round and affords the curious a glimpse into Missouri's subterranean ecosystems. Donning hard hats and headlamps the groups explored the main passage and a side passage which requires scrambling up a slick mud tunnel. Exploring the cave is just one of a plethora of activities the park has to offer. Based on the smiling faces of the students, they're eager to return and further explore this gem of a state park.



The entire crew at journey's end, St Charles.



Students at Connor's cave.

Student Life Float in Christmas Parade

By Bethany Peterson

We were able to be part of the Fulton Jaycees Winter parade on December 1st. Students and staff assembled the float for a week prior to the parade. The theme for the parade this year was "Winter Wonderland". Students and staff participated in the parade, which started at the MSD circle drive, and continued along East 5th, then Nichols, and Court Street. This was our first time in the parade and the students had so much fun. We look forward to next year's parade!





High School

GPSD Academic Oratorical Competition in Arkansas

By: Debbie Burnaman and Jennifer Dignan

Congratulations to Andrea for winning 1st place GPSD Academic Oratorical Competition!!! Thanks to Lucille Blackwell for assisting Andrea and Mark and for their great oratorical papers to present. The Academic Oratorical team (Andrea, Catherine, Dustyn and Mark) won one out of six games. They did great job with excellent sportsmanship. Debbie Burnaman, Head Coach and Jennifer Dignan, Assistant Coach are proud of them.



2012 GPSD Academic Bowl team standing in front of ASD sign.



Micheal Volunteers at the YMCA.



Beza volunteers at the Fulton Nursing Home.



Ronrico volunteers at Kingdom Projects.

Workstudy

By: Charlene Allison and Bobby Morris, Jr.

The 2012- 2013 school year has been a huge success. In the past, there is usually anywhere from 3-7 students out working. This school year there are 13 students working in either volunteer or paid positions. And we have added 4 new employers to the program.

The work study program is a learning experience, helping the students learn "the real world of employment".

The work study program is a lot of work and time consuming, but it is worth every minute of it. The knowledge and experience the students get from the work study program is priceless and will be with them for the rest of their lives. Without the work study program many MSD students would never get the work experience and confidence they need to help them find other jobs after they graduate.



DeeJay volunteers at MSD kitchen.



Tylar volunteers at SERVE.



Danny works at Fast Lane.



Andrea, Clayton, and Ashley volunteer at Kingdom Christian Academy.



Invasion of the Mimes Performance

By: Dylan

We had a great Mime performance with JJ Jones, and internationally known deaf mime. The first half of the show was the students doing different mime skits. We had several audience participation pieces. Many people said the drama students' skits were awesome and they were impressed with the variety of talent among the students. JJ Jones then performed his show. The fans absolutely loved him, and he did amazing acts with the children and adults with various ages.

JJ Jones is from Kansas City area. He attended NTID and later returned to the Kansas City area. He currently works at Whole Person, a nonprofit organization that assists people with disabilities. When he is not working at Whole Person he is usually traveling and performing as a mime.



Dustyn and CJ doing texting and driving performance.

JJ Jones worked with MSD's drama students helping them fine tune their performance. He came for three days in February and then again in March. The program was two hours long and the students and JJ performed twice in one day. Everyone had a great time.



Micheal "The Balloon Man" doing his part.



JJ Jones with Hailey Luper



DeMonta doing his Solo performance.



Drama Students acting their performance "At the Movies" Left to Right: Alex, Trey, Dylan, KiJuan and Mark.



Nick and Jayman



Pre-School



L to R: Levi, Meghan Duggins, and Ally. They were making edible playdough out of peanut butter, dry milk, and honey. It didn't work out as they planned, but provided an opportunity to discuss what happens when science experiments do not work. They were showing off our mess after we were finished!

Preschool Services at MSD

By: Margilee LaBorde
Assistant Superintendent

This summer and early fall discussion occurred with staff from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education including Assistant Commissioner for Special Education, Dr. Stephen Barr about the possibility of MSD providing pre-school services for students in school districts surrounding Fulton. When permission was granted, services for up to four students became available at MSD. Planning a new program required quick work by a variety of departments at MSD including Business Manager, Harold Siebert and his staff to manage expenses, Food Services Manager, Luke Hagedorn and his Food Services staff to provide appropriate meals and snacks for younger students, review and comparison of the four curricula approved in Missouri and selection of one that best fit the needs of young deaf students by Assistant Superintendent, Margilee LaBorde, provision of speech services by Speech/Language Pathologist, Claire Mengwasser and Kerry Beresen who is new to MSD, scheduling of physical therapy or occupational therapy by Joan Carrington, selection

of a teacher and classroom and ordering materials by Betty Sullivan and Debbie Ripley as Stark Teachers-In-Charge, and assistance from Dee Peneston for the many details needing solutions as they popped up. No one had much background in Early Childhood Special Education requirements but we all learned quickly.

MSD has a legislative mandate to enroll and serve students from ages 5 to 21. Preschool students are not enrolled at MSD. They are three and four years old, must be day students, and have IEPs developed by their home schools with services provided at MSD by our staff. The teacher for the class is Meghan Duggins who is new to MSD and doing a fantastic job! She has completed the required

training for the curriculum chosen, Project Construct, and activity centers are busy all day in her classroom. She is assisted by three aides at different times of the day, Josh Davis, Melanie McCray, and Tosha Drew. We welcome these youngest students in this new program! We have four students in pre-school.



Pre-School kids were having a Good Decisions Ceremony. Two of the children had filled their sticker charts and were getting ready to receive a new book to take home for making such good decisions regarding their behavior.



First day of having water in the sensory table! They were discovering the water in the table, how to play in it appropriately, and how water works in a sense of filling things.



L to R: Ally, Daniel, and Ethen. They were doing their science experiment with exploring colors. We used milk and food coloring with toothpicks dipped in Dawn dish soap. When you dip the Dawn-dipped toothpick in the milk and food coloring, the colors will explode and start to mix with each other but not the milk until it is bumped. They enjoyed watching the colors mix and could tell the teacher what new colors were forming.



Middle/Elementary School



Allen gave milk to the goat.

Grant's Farm

By: Sherry Lococo

It has become Stark tradition to visit Grant's Farm. Each year, in October, is when elementary and middle school students headed to Grant's farm. Although the day proved to be cold and rainy, memories were made of feeding the goats, watching the animals, and hanging out with friends. Here are some words from the students:

"... Even though it was cold, we saw many things at Grant's Farm. We saw many animals. We fed goats. We saw ducks, cows, horses, goats, and guinea pigs. We saw almost everything." Cheyenne D.

"I did fun things on the trip. I fed the baby goats. I rode the carousel. I had fun joking with and laughing at my friends. I did a lot of fun things on the trip.

I also felt many things on the trip, I felt the wet baby goats. I felt wet rain. My body felt wet and cold. I felt many wet things on the trip..." Avalon

"When we arrived at Grants Farm I saw



Domanic and Clayton riding on the Carousel.



Stark students feeding the goats.



Kindergarten girls are keeping warm in the tram.

different kinds of animals. I saw the beautiful horses. I fed the goats and brushed their hair. I saw an eagle sitting on a tree log. It was amazing to see different animals, but I felt lousy on the trip. It rained outside all day and I became too cold. I was wet from head to toe. . . ' Melissa

'I saw many animals. I saw a few deer. I saw many ox. I saw birds. I saw many animals. . . ' Cheyenne G.

'I saw many animals. I saw an eagle sit and move his head. I liked feeding the goats because they were starving. I saw a bull eating grass. I rode on the train and the carousel. The train ride was fun. . . ' Delanzia

Optimist Club's Oratorical Speech Contest

By: Jennifer Dignan

Stark Middle School had our annual Optimist Club's Speech Contest on March the 6th of this year. With a great start in the new year of 2013, the students were immediately introduced with this year's Optimist Club's title for the speech contest which was, "Why My Voice Is Important"

At first, the students were a little confused about the title since it had 'voice' in it. Their first reaction was, "how does that apply to us?" The middle school's language arts teachers, Jennifer Dignan, and Nancy Wood, explained that the title had a completely different sense. The students understood that it was how they should or could express their feelings, thoughts, and opinions. They received the title in a way where they could be 'heard' and they immediately came up with great ideas.

Many of them talked about how they could be a voice for abused animals, becoming successful in professional sports despite them being deaf, and how deaf people should have equal access to everything, just like hearing people. Some of them talked about how their voice would promote their leadership abilities advance their rights in education and for their future.

This also gave them great opportunities to be public speakers, and often times the experience leads them to bigger things in the future. Special thanks to Ms. Pat Brauner, the Eastern Missouri Optimist District achievements and Awards chair, for making this happen for our students. Special thanks to Jennifer Dignan and Debbie Burnaman for working hard as the chairmen of the event.

In the sixth and seventh grade category, Dacota came in the first place, Melissa got the second place, and Delanzia landed in the third place. In the eighth grade category, Elizabeth won first place, Tyra came in the second place, and Cheyenne claimed third place.



8th Graders winners: L to R: Elizabeth, Tyra, Cheyenne D. and Optimist Club member Pat Brauner



7th Graders winners: L to R: Dacota, Melissa, and Delanzia and Optimist Club member Pat Brauner



Grant's Farm had an Eagle, our mascot, at the farm.



Sports

“The Oscars in Winter Wonderland”

MSD Winter Homecoming

By Ella Washington

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, Missouri School for the Deaf Eagles hosted the Illinois School for the Deaf Tigers at their Winter Homecoming. Missouri Eagles tried their best, but were defeated on the courts three times; JV boys 23-52, varsity girls 13-50 and varsity boys 34-42.

The Coronation ceremony followed the boy’s JV game. This year’s homecoming candidates were Cherrell Croom, Andrea Crouch, Catherine Slinkard, Jerome Burleson, Mark Harding and Dustyn Turley. DrumrollAnd the 2013 Homecoming King and Queen winners are....Mark Harding and Andrea Crouch! Unfortunately, due to the flu, Dustyn Turley and Cherrell Croom were unable to attend the Coronation ceremony.

At half-time of the boys varsity game, the crowd enjoyed watching the Cha-Cha Slide, performed by MSD students and staff, and the Illinois cheerleaders. Other half-time events included a performance by MSD Middle School students – the “Eagles Spirit Song” in ASL; and the MSD cheerleaders sponsored a successful half-court shooting competition.

Homecoming week was a gala affair filled with spirit week competition, movie



Fall Homecoming King Nick and Queen Ashley.



Winter Homecoming King Mark and Queen Andrea.

day, and a pep rally. The Coordination Committee as well as the Decorations Committee, King and Queen Committee, Program Committee, and Dance Committee did a fantastic job of coordinating events for Homecoming 2013.



Ashley received All-Star Volleyball medal at GPSD Volleyball in Wisconsin.



Winter Homecoming court: Front Row: Mark, Jerome and Dustyn. Back Row: Catherine, Andrea, and Cherrel



Fall Homecoming court: L to R DeMonta, Andrea, King Nick, Queen Ashley, Mark and Cherrel.



Eagle Boys Win 2nd Place at CSSD

By Richard Keller

On January 23, the MSD boys and girls Varsity basketball teams and cheer squad departed Fulton for the 59th Annual Central States Schools for the Deaf Basketball Tournament and Cheer Competition. Our host this year was the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Traveling to Illinois to participate in CSSD presented some anxiety for us as it was our first return to the tournament since 1989. The following year, 1990, the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Conference was established, comprised of the smaller Division 2 schools west of the Mississippi. Returning to Illinois was an unknown for us since several of the schools in CSSD were larger Division I schools. In addition, we had just competed against the Illinois School for the Deaf playing them well, before bowing to them by just an eight point loss two weeks earlier for our Winter Homecoming game.

In our first game on Thursday, we faced the Michigan School for the Deaf. From the tip-off it was apparent we were the much stronger team. The first quarter ended with the score 16 – 3, the Eagles



Girls basketball team at their first game at CSSD game at Illinios School for the Deaf.

Kijuan Monroe and Trey Thornton dominating on the offensive end. At half time the lead increased to 24 – 6. Our second half was spent focusing on execution of our offense utilizing the full bench. Trey Thornton was particularly strong in this game finishing up with 22 of the team's final 38 points. The final score was Missouri 38, Michigan 14.

The second round game found us facing the reigning champions from 2012, the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Seeded first in the tournament this year created an ominous atmosphere for the Eagles. We were able to scout their first game on

Thursday noting a very strong point guard we would have to find a way to contain. Once again, the Eagles offensive execution and defensive rebounding ultimately proved to be too much for Pennsylvania. Balanced scoring from Kijuan Monroe with 17, Nick Jones with 14, Trey Thornton with 13 and Joseph Allen with 9 allowed the Eagles to attack from every area on the floor. Trey finished with a team high 13 rebounds impressing players and coaches alike in the tournament.

And then, there was the Championship game. Illinois had fought well through their first two rounds earning a place in the Championship game at the same time setting up a rematch of the January 12 game in Fulton. Once again, the Eagles came out strong ending the first quarter with the lead at 13 – 10. Dylan Kuehne and Nick Jones lead the team in scoring the first quarter. Illinois, however, found a weakness in our defense on the inside and started a scoring barrage we would not be able to manage. The half time score ended, just as the game on January 12 with the Tigers in the lead by eight points, 29 – 21. The second half proved to be no better than the second quarter with the ISD Tigers outscoring the Eagles 21 – 13 leading to the final score of 50 – 34.

The second place finish was a tremendous accomplishment for the MSD boys. Historically, it is the best finish for any MSD boys' team in the Central States tournament as previous teams have had similar success in the past. It was the first



Boys basketball team at their Championship game with Illinios School for the Deaf.



Sports

time in this tournament in 24 years and the first time in a championship game ever for this group of young men. Three of our players, Kijuan Monroe, Nick Jones and Trey Thornton, earned All-Tournament Team honors giving our Missouri fans even more reason to be proud of this group of players.

MSD Boys Basketball 2013 GPSD Champions!

For the first time since 2001, the MSD Boys are GPSD Basketball Champions, placing them in a fraternity with players from MSD's past. On February 6, the MSD Boys and Girls basketball teams departed for Sulphur, Oklahoma, home of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. In anticipation of a long journey, students and coaches loaded the bus departing campus at 6:30 AM. Our trip was interrupted by a roughly four hour layover due to bus mechanical problems in Vinita, Oklahoma, leaving us to wonder when and how we would get to the tournament site. Students waited patiently while a replacement bus was sent our way. Once it arrived, we transferred all of our suitcases and made our way to Sulphur.

We hoped after our late arrival on Wednesday that we would have sufficient rest for the first game on Thursday. The Eagles faced Wisconsin School for the Deaf and began the game very sluggish finishing the first quarter with a three point lead at 10 - 7. Our second quarter proved even more challenging as Wisconsin outscored us 13 - 4 leading to a 20 - 14 half-time score. Realizing that a six point deficit was not insurmountable, the Eagles came back strong in the third quarter matching Wisconsin point-for-point to a 10 - 10 tie and a 30 - 24 third quarter finish. The Eagles decided it was time to take this game and made a terrific run scoring 21 points and holding Wisconsin to just 13 points to end the game at 45 - 43, earning their way to the semi-final game. Nick Jones lead all scorers with 18 points, followed by Kijuan Monroe with 11 and Trey

Thornton with 9.

On Friday, our opponent for the semi-final game was the New Mexico School for the Deaf. The game began well, as the players had rested quite well the night before. Kijuan Monroe led the team in scoring with 6 of our 9 points finishing the first with a score of 9 - 2. At the half, the Eagles lead improved to 11 with the score at 17 - 6. Kijuan continued his scoring in the third quarter hitting two field goals and 5 of 6 free throws finishing with a game high 17 points. The final score of 34 - 20 was enough to secure a place in the championship game on Saturday.

The Championship game proved to be challenging for the Eagles once again. Having lost one championship game this season the Eagles were not ready to take home a second place trophy again. The first three quarters were much closer than the players wanted against our opponents from the Iowa School for the Deaf. Iowa played tough defense forcing us to spread scoring across the entire team in the first quarter. Each starter scored at least one field goal with Nick Jones leading the team with two field goals and one three point shot for a 15 - 11 first quarter score. Iowa clamped down even harder in the second quarter allowing only 7 points in the second for a 22 - 17 lead by the Eagles. After half-time, both teams were determined to stop each other leading to

6 - 3 scoring drought and a 28 - 20 third quarter score. The Eagles were not going down without a fight and came back tough in the final quarter outscoring Iowa 18 - 8 and a final score of 46 - 28. GPSD CHAMPIONS!! Kijuan Monroe lead the team with 15 points, followed by Nick Jones with 11. Both Kijuan and Nick honored again and represented MSD on the All-Tournament Team.

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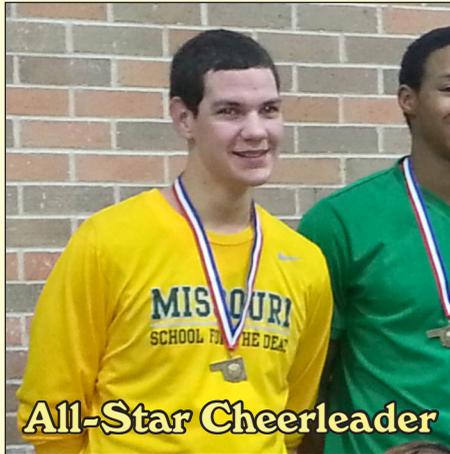


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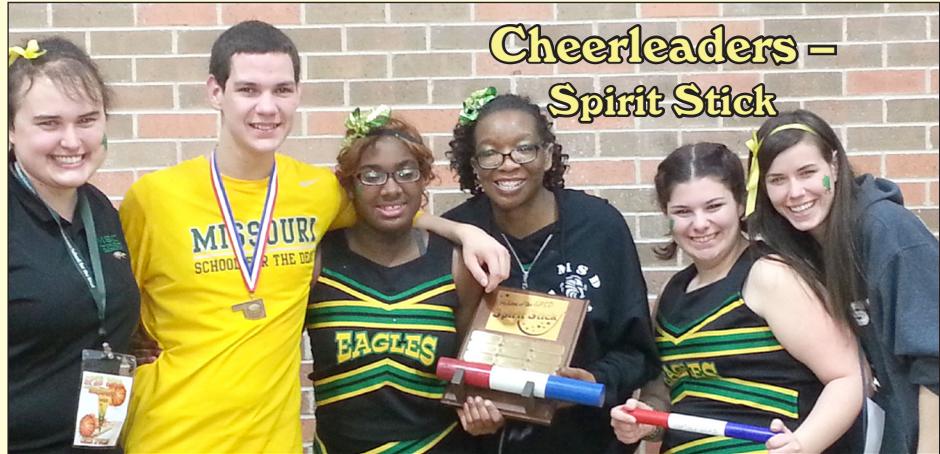
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Missouri School for the Deaf Sports brought back something from GPSD!!



All-Star Cheerleader



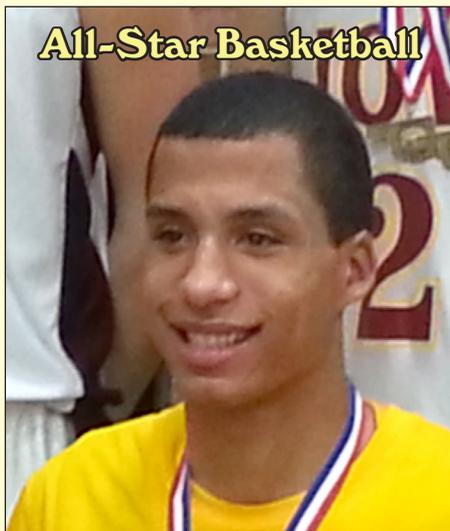
Cheerleaders - Spirit Stick



Basketball Girls - Free Throw (1st place)



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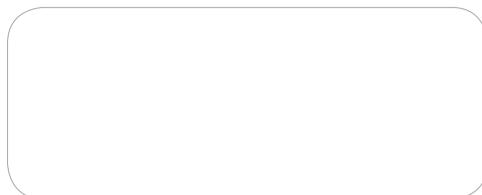


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Boys Basketball team won 2nd place at CSSD Tournament

