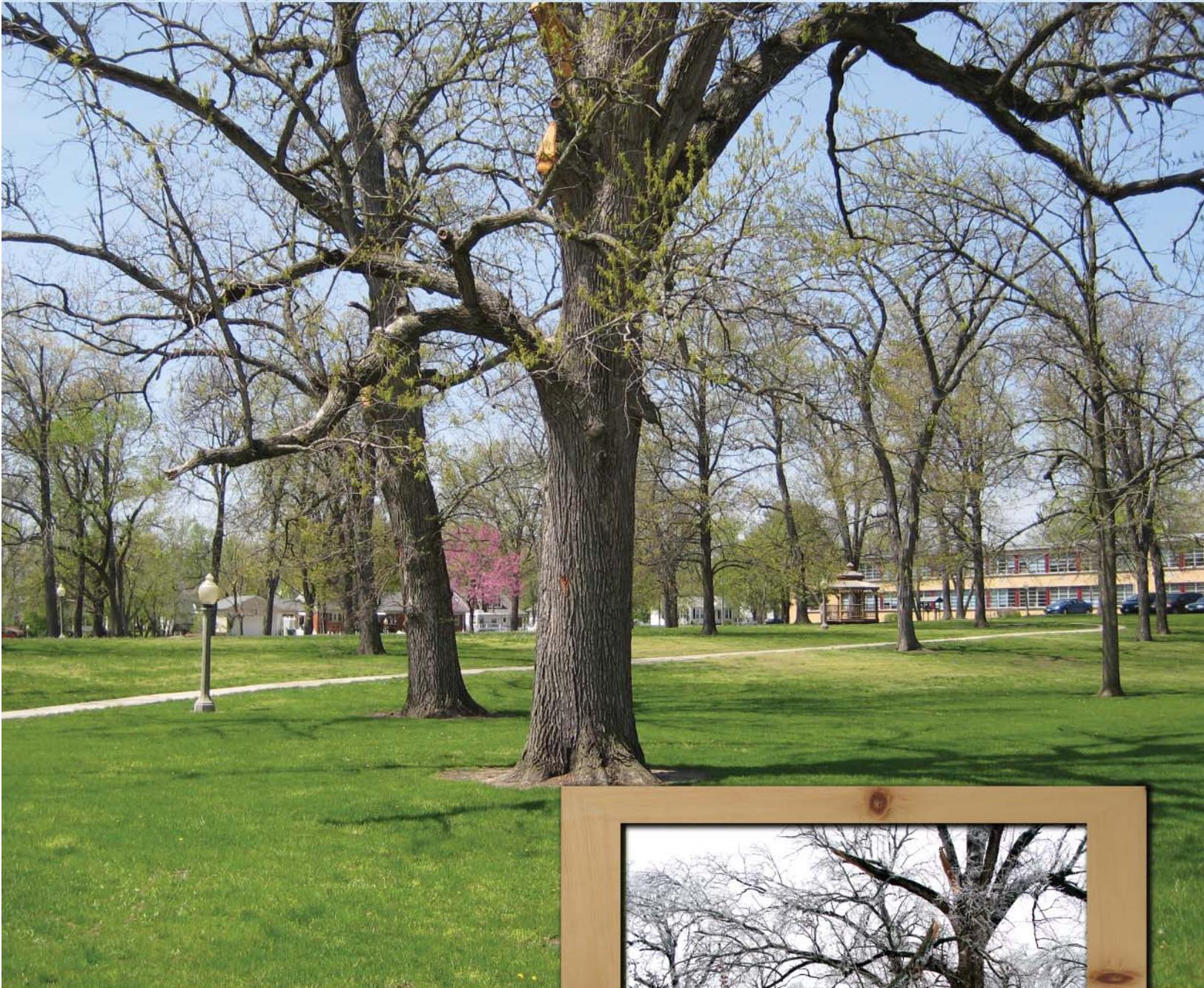


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Signs of the Time

by Barbara Garrison, Superintendent



It is not news that the declining enrollment of state residential schools for the deaf is a concern. The two primary concerns that I hear most often are: 1) The quality of education (academic, social and emotional) available for deaf and hard of hearing students, and 2) the future of MSD.

In Missouri, approximately 85% of students who are deaf/hard of hearing are educated within their local school district. Some local school districts have excellent programs of services while others are struggling simply to find an interpreter (which is only a portion of the child's educational growth).

Historically, the decline in enrollment began with the passage of Education for All Handicapped Children's Act (PL 94-142) on Nov. 29, 1975 and lives on today as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The purpose of this law is to allow parents the option of having their children who are disabled to be educated within their home school district and requires all states to develop and implement policies that assure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities. The state plans must be consistent with the federal statute while emphasizing special education and related services designed to meet the unique needs, to assure that the rights of handicapped children and their parents or guardians are protected, to assist states and localities to provide for the education of all handicapped children and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate handicapped children. All support services are dictated by an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for the child.

At MSD, we are enhancing services to students, families and local education agencies by:

- Continuing to address all services through our Continual School Improvement Program.
- Initiating cooperative efforts with the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis in recognition that students and families need a full spectrum of options in educating their children who are deaf and hard of hearing beginning at the earliest age possible.
- Hosting Missouri's first Deaf Education Summit for Superintendents and Special Education Administrators with the focus of the critical importance of language development and literacy for our children who do not hear or do not hear well.
- Establishing the KEYS (Knowledge to Empower Your Success) Program, an IEP driven individually designed short-course program created to address the specific needs of students who are deaf/hard of hearing through direct one-on-one or small group instruction to better prepare them to return to the mainstreamed setting.
- Continuing to host an annual conference for deaf educators throughout the state of Missouri.
- Providing a multitude of professional development opportunities for our employees.

I am pleased to tell you that MSD enrollment figures have remained constant for the past few years and that we continue to be a vital resource to assist school districts throughout the state to meet the challenge of providing best practices in educating the "whole" deaf child.

Do Either of These Rings Belong to You?

Two MSD class rings have been found and we would be happy to return the rings to their owners. The first ring has a light green stone, the year "99" and the name of "Charlie" on it. It was found by a gentleman named Randy Wells from Shelbina when he was cleaning the carpet in a used truck that he had purchased in Macon. The second ring has a blue stone with the year "90" and the initials "SJ".

If either of these rings belong to you, please contact Barbara McGrath at 573-592-2504 or barbara.mcgrath@msd.dese.mo.gov.

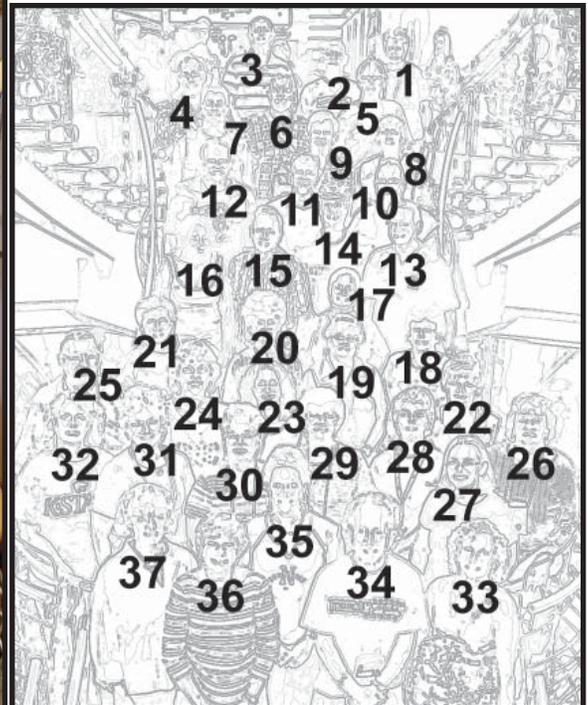




Alumni News

by Tom Basteau, Assistant Superintendent

Missouri School for the Deaf alumni gathered for this picture taken on the Royal Caribbean International ship, Freedom of the Sea, during an all Deaf cruise. Freedom of the Sea is the largest ship in the world. This cruise carried Deaf folks from all over the world, sailing the Caribbean Sea from October 28 to November 4, 2007. Those pictured here are listed by name using the numbering system in the smaller outline picture.



Following number system, from top: 1. Carolyn Branson Hankins; 2. Gene Manion; 3. Harold Hankins; 4. Tim Yates; 5. Gilbert McGlaughlin; 6. Ronald Huddleston; 7. Larry Huddleston; 8. Brian Dreher; 9. Kerry Chaney; 10. Mike Krpan; 11. Bob Smetana; 12. Barry Santens; 13. Robert Huffman; 14. William Tipton; 15. Ronald Dunn; 16. Barbara Woods; 17. Rita Seibert Dunn; 18. Ethel Seabaugh; 19. Donna Kallenberger; 20. Roy Ann Clair McCabe; 21. Mark Abramovitz; 22. Linda Poage Peters; 23. Jeannie Southard Lavelle; 24. Cyndra Spencer McDavid; 25. Bill Thompson; 26. Juanita Grass Thompson; 27. Ramona Nelson; 28. Madonna Steitz; 29. Bonte Edwards Ragland; 30. Etta Collins Maelzer; 31. Donna Cox; 32. Earlene Gillette Hicks; 33. Carol Todd Roper; 34. Jerry Carns; 35. Mary Dattilo; 36. Lillie Harring Brown; 37. Connie Gillette.

Alumni News, Obituaries

Alumni's Granddaughter Killed in Motorcycle Accident

Many of you may have known Rhulin Thomas, class of 1930, who was the first deaf man to fly an airplane coast to coast in 1947. His deaf daughter, Ruth, married Paul Tester who used to work in the St. Louis Dispatch and the Washington Post years ago. Paul has 2 deaf children - Dave and Gina. Some of you may remember Paul Tester from around the time they once resided in the St. Louis area. Ruth passed away a few years ago due to illness. Ruth's mother Ms. Rhulin Thomas was deceased about 3 years ago at the age of 99.

Paul lost his daughter, Gina, 43, due to a motorcycle accident in Indianapolis, IN on Sunday, April 6, 2008. Gina Tester Coleman loved motorcycles and also loved traveling with the deaf-motorcycle members to different events. She is remembered as a wonderful and cheerful woman who loved to chat with everyone.

Gina Tester Coleman graduated from Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in 1983.

Ranee Rayee Potts, 28 of Ottumwa, Iowa died Saturday afternoon, March 29, 2008 at Genesis Medical Center - DeWitt. Ranee was born May 19, 1979 in Connersville, IN to the former Tina L. Howerton and Steven E. Potts. She graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May, 1999. She resided in Chillicothe, MO for a few years before moving to Iowa. She was a great animal lover and loved caring for little children. Ranee was a talented artist and wonderful daughter, granddaughter, sister and aunt. Surviving are her mother, Tina Potts - Kansas City, MO, her father Steven Potts and his wife Denice, Connersville, IN, and brothers and sisters - Travis, Bobby, Brandon, William, Maggie, Steven, Jr., and Debra. Her funeral was held at Schultz Funeral Home.

Harold F Harvey, age 71 of Springfield, MO passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, following a short illness in his home. Harold was born on March 16, 1937 in Butterfield, MO. He attended the Missouri School for the Deaf and graduated in 1957. He returned home to work for his father at the Harvey Salvage Yard. He was a carpenter and built many houses around the Cassville and Butterfield area. He also worked in a hardware store with his in-laws and his wife, and at the Ash Grove Senior Housing Center and Ash Grove City Park as a maintenance man before he retired. He married Terrill Taylor November 7, 1986, who survives him along with 2 foster daughters, Danna Marie and Kaylee Lene, a brother - Donnie and a sister - Kathy. He was active in his community throughout his life. He also loved involvement with his church events and Deaf events. The funeral was held Friday, April 4, 2008.

Patricia (Patsy) Hutter Ray, MSD graduating class of 1960, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2007 after a long battle with breast cancer. She leaves behind her loving husband, Lawrence Ray and her devoted son, Randal Ray.

Patsy was laid to rest on December 27, 2007 at Lake Charles Park in St. Louis, MO.

Kelly Lynn Bridges, 49 passed away on Sunday evening, November 18, 2007 in Christian Health Care West following an extended illness. Kelly was born in Springfield, MO where he grew up and attend the Baptist church. He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1977. He worked for the City of Springfield Parks Department. He is survived by his 2 sons, Joel Craig Bridges and Brady Bridges both of Springfield, parents - Joyce and Ward O'Quinn of Walnut Grove, MO, and 3 brothers - Eddie Bridges of Ash Grove, MO, Keith Bridges of Strafford, MO, and Richie Bridges, of Spanaway, WA. His funeral was held on November 24, 2007.

Wilbert "Bill" A. Berger, 54 passed away December 3, 2007. He was born March 8, 1953. He graduated from Missouri School for the Deaf in 1972. He is survived by his son, Mark Berger, two granddaughters, Gabriella and Hannah and his mother, Frances Berger. His mother said he thought about MSD a lot and read the MO Record magazine to keep up with what was happening at MSD.

Shirley Mae Powell, 52 of Kansas City, MO died Thursday, October 27, 2005 at Research Medical Center. She was born January 11, 1953 in Kansas City, KS.

Shirley spent her early school years at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, and later was moved to the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri where she graduated in 1973. She resided in Omaha, NE for 17 years and later moved to Jefferson City, MO when her health started to fail. The utmost important part of her life was her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both of her parents - father, Tommie, Sr. and mother, Ruth, and an older brother, Tommie, Jr. Survivors include a son - Jamillah Powell of St. Louis and 2 daughters - Teresa Powell and Jessica Powell both of Kansas City, MO and her grandchildren.

Martha Christine Hall, 99 of Excelsior Springs, MO died Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Excelsior Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Hall was born September 9, 1908 and graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf May 1929. She was a retired seamstress. She was married to Hugh Hall, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Liberty. Her funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

Wayne Doyle Starkey, 72 of Fulton passed away March 25, 2008 at his home. Wayne was born August 27, 1935 in Cassville, MO. He graduated from the Missouri School for the Deaf in May of 1955. He excelled in baking and became one of the best cake decorators of that era. He is survived by one son, Robert Starkey and his wife Carolyn of Fulton, and one sister, Adine Gowin also of Fulton. His funeral was held on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

On Campus Staff News

Soaring Eagle Awards

Soaring Eagle awards are given each month through the school year. MSD employees are nominated by their co-workers and selected by a committee to receive the award. The Soaring Eagle award is given in recognition of Outstanding Service to the school. Here are our recipients for the 2007-2008 school year. A big THANKS and Congratulations to each winner!



October 2007

Barbara Bonsall - Human Resources

Also awarded DESE Employee of the Month for November 2007



November 2007

Christine Williams - Business Office

Also awarded DESE Employee of the Month for December 2007



December 2007

Sandy Fritz

Secretary to Superintendent



February 2008

Donna Wolfe

High School Secretary



March 2008

Charles Galbreath
Autobody Teacher



April 2008

Glenda Maxwell
Elementary Teacher

Service Awards



Luke Hegadorn, dietician (left), receives 20 year service award from his supervisor, Tom Zengel.



Dick Cloud, Maintenance (left), receives 10 year service award from his supervisor, John Jacobs.



Moriah O'Neal, RA (right) receives 10 year service award from her supervisor, Dale Maddox.

Elementary School News

by Dan Isaac, Teacher Aide

Academic Bowl Challenges Stark Students

This February, Stark School's Academic Bowl was an enormous success, with a few changes that added to the excitement. The week kicked-off with a heated competition between 4 teams that were all vying for the top spot. On Tuesday, deaf students from Columbia Public Schools accepted an invitation for some friendly competition, where two of their teams challenged two Stark School teams. The questions covered all areas of curriculum from English to math to social studies, science and reading. The final scores with Columbia Public Schools were very close and caused nail biting suspense for all involved, but we were MSD proud of our students' successes. The Columbia visitors also joined us for lunch and recess; where both groups of students were enriched from the encounter. Our visitors had a chance to experience deaf culture in a larger group setting, and our Stark Students had a blast, making new friends. The championship round on Thursday afternoon was very exiting, indeed. All of the students tried



Tylar answers a question about light fixtures as Ms. Burnaman looks on.

their best and showed excellent sportsmanship. All students were awarded certificates on Friday morning with a party that included a continental breakfast.



Cheyenne holding the picture of her great grandmother, Mrs. Reid, with her mother and grandmother. The donated stained glass is shown hanging in the window in the background.

Stained Glass Donation is a Beautiful Memory

Cheyenne's great grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Reid, loved her family, and Cheyenne's family's love has extended to her MSD family. Cheyenne and great grandmother Reid had a very special relationship. They would sit for hours communicating to each other in a language that they had created for themselves. They used some signs and gestures that carried great meaning and love for each. In memory of Mildred Reid, Cheyenne's family donated a stained glass window depicting an old red school to Stark Elementary School. The artistic glass will be here for years to come and will be a lasting memorial to the love that Mildred Reid had for her family and the value that they placed on education and on the communication Cheyenne is learning here at MSD.

Are you ready
to make a change?

If you can't change the
people around you, change
the people you're around.



Middle School Activities

Destination Imagination - Obstacles, Of Course!

Take seven middle school students. Give them a room full of junk and art supplies. Give them a problem. Let them use teamwork, their leadership and problem solving skills, and some creativity, and see what they can come up with! That's the philosophy of the worldwide organization, Destination Imagination. All children can be very creative – if we give them the time and space to develop their ideas.

In Destination Imagination, students choose a problem to solve. They work for several months developing a skit, creating props and costumes, and building some kind of device - all with their own ideas and skills. No adult help is allowed. It is always amazing to see what the students invent.

This year's Wheeler Middle School Destination Imagination team members were Kenrick, Jerome, Dayanara, Kiara, Daniel (DJ), Steven, and Catherine. Team Managers Jill Haus and Nancy Carr made sure they worked very hard every day after school in January and February. They created a very entertaining skit and built a remote control car to compete in the "Obstacles, Of Course" category. The skit had to be a story about a character overcoming an obstacle. The team developed

a story about a soldier who had to leave his pregnant wife behind and go to Iraq. He overcame obstacles to return home to his wife. Included in the story was a maggot (who sneaked

into the soldier's cherry pie) that overcame the obstacle of being stuck in the pie and almost being eaten by a raccoon. It became a fly and flew away, only to be swatted and killed upon his return to the USA with the soldier. The team also had to build a vehicle that could move about a team created obstacle course by itself. Using plastic meat trays, old CDs, wires, gears, motors, and Legos, Jerome built a remote control car that could be



Painting a ramp - Catherine, Kiara, and Kenrick are painting obstacles for the car to drive through.

steered with a switch.

On March 1, the team competed against a variety of public and private schools in the Central / Northwest Regional Tournament in Jefferson City. The team placed fifth in the competition. Jerome received a special Renaissance Award and medal for the car he built, the judges commenting, "This young man demonstrated ability above and beyond anything else that we saw today." The whole team did a superb job creating and competing. That's the DI spirit!

—Mrs. Jill Haus

Mime Performs for Students and Staff

Billy Carwile, a well known mime was on MSD campus performing on April 3, 2008. Billy started his day at Stark Elementary School. He introduced himself to the elementary students and staff by showing them, step-by-step, how he puts the make-up on his face. He also did some mime stunts to entertain everyone while doing the make-up demonstration. The students and staff were very interested in seeing how the make-up helped him to change into a mime before each performance.

Next, Billy met with the Drama class and gave them some ideas about how to improve their mimes when they perform. Billy's next stop was at Ingle Auditorium where he performed for the Middle School and High School students and staff. He included some MS/HS students in most of his show. At the end of his show, he gave a "pep-talk" on how to do well on the Missouri Assessment Program tests, and stressed how important it was for everyone to do their best.



Billy Carwile, mime performer, greets students.

High School News



First place "Brain Bowl Champions - 2008 - Beauty and the Geek.

middle school student Jerome. Front row left to right is Tadd, Valen (team captain) and teacher Ms. Neumann. The second place A + Squad team members included captain Haley, high school students Beth, Paige, Berenice, middle school student Kiara, and teacher Mrs. Vinyard.

— Mrs. Jill Haus

National Honor Society 2007-08



The year 2007/08 was a good one for the MSD National Honor Society. We had the pleasure of inducting 2 new members, Ashley and Zachary. This year, we were honored to have Cyndra McDavid as our guest speaker for the winter induction banquet. Cyndra is a member of the MSD School Board and sister to Vocational teacher and NHS faculty committee member, Kevin Spencer. Cyndra gave an inspirational presentation which had a profound effect on us all. Congratulations to Ashley and Zachary for their hard work and motivation which got them into NHS.

NHS had a productive year, participating in several community service activities. Once again NHS is sending care packages to U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan this spring. Names of soldiers will be collected from the MSD and local

Brain Bowl Competition, 2008 Geeks or Greeks? Which R You?

This year's Brain Bowl was held on March 12 - 14, and matched brainy geeks and mighty Greeks against each other to see who could correctly answer the most questions from all subject areas. The theme went along with MSD's upcoming Greek Festival.

Students who wanted to participate signed up, captains were chosen, and team members' names were drawn from a hat. Each team comprised of four high school students, one middle school student, and a teacher. The matches included ten questions and each question had a bonus question. After the last game on the second day, the scores were tallied and the top two teams competed in the championship round on the third day.

In a very competitive round, the Beauty and the Geek team came from behind on the last question to claim victory. Members of the victorious team, pictured here, included, high school students (back row, left to right) Ashley, Chris, and

community. Donations and letters will be collected from the community to go into the packages. Students raise money to cover the postage and other needed items. Hopefully, our men and women in the armed forces will be home soon and this will be the last year we will need to do this. NHS also ran laps on the MSD track to collect pledges and donations to earn money for Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in the Fulton community and the Reading is Fundamental program.

Currently, the MSD National Honor Society is in the process of planning a spring banquet to induct 3 more members into NHS. They are Elizabeth, Jarrell and Ryan. Good work everyone!

—Betty Sullivan, NHS Sponsor

MSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD



Citing the importance of student representation on the school's Board of Advisors, Superintendent Barbara Garri-son, requested that members of the MSD High School Student Council elect a representative from the student body to attend Board meetings. Cleve, has been elected to serve as the Student Representative to the Board. Congratulations Cleve!

Jr. NAD National Conference

by Haley and Ellen Foshay

The 2007 Jr. NAD biannual National Conference was held at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson, Arizona during the week of October 16th through the 21st. Twenty-eight different Jr. NAD Chapters from different schools all over the U.S. came to participate. Haley and Ms. Foshay attended from MSD.

At the beginning we were feeling jetlag, nervous, and anxious - all at the same time. At the opening ceremony we had "icebreakers" like the telephone game, the elephant game, the truth game, and the winking game. This allowed us to get to know each other better.

During the week we had team building activities, games, personal development activities, afternoon special projects and workshops, including one given by our very own Miss Deaf America; Chelsea Tobin. She gave a workshop on time management. There were other workshops on leadership, parliamentary procedure, cyber safety, TV/film productions, multicultural, and building bridges into the NAD. There was the Mr. and Miss Jr. NAD pageant one evening where ladies and gentlemen would each give a platform speech, a demonstration of talent, an onstage interview, evening gown wear, and casual wear. Each chapter was allowed two delegates in the general meeting on the last day of the conference. On the first night we did a community service project; Ben's Bells Project. We made beads for bells the workers would leave in different places in order to inspire people who came across them later. We attended Nightfall, a haunted town in Old Tucson Studios, one night. There were shows and different haunted houses. On the last day we went on a field trip to Desert Museum where we actually walked around in a real Arizona Desert, with millions of cactuses. Amazing, right?

Three inspiring legends; Frank Turk, Gary Olson and Merv Garretson who formed Jr. NAD, came to the conference to meet us. At the end of the conference there was a banquet/dance. We exchanged email addresses with newly found friends in hopes to keep in contact. Everyone was sad to be leaving each other. It was a really awesome experience, altogether. We came home with gained knowledge in hopes to pass on our experiences to younger generations.

How Was My First Speech in High School?

by Da'Shawn

I gave my first speech in high school, February 26th, 2008, my freshman year. The topic of the speech contest was "Why Me? Why Not?" The question title is a good one and most difficult to answer. I found a philosophical book, Conversations with God for Teens, whose author is Neale Donald Walsch. Reading this (book) brought good and inspiring words to my speech. I found it useful to explain our purpose for being. I didn't talk about religion. Instead, I focused on the use of powerful words and Deaf culture. I hope to expose Deaf people to understanding the gifts they already have. I won second place and I accept that. Second place feels like first to me. If you win first place, you feel more like having won an academy award.

Another thing that I want to share from my experience is that I loved Cleve's speech. His speech was so wonderful and thoughtful. He talked about his own life growing up with an abusive father. That abuse caused his parents to divorce, and he never saw his father again. Cleve began doing drugs. He overcame the problem. He quit doing some of the bad things. He is a courageous changer and someday I hope he is the best counselor in the world!

I can not give advice for those who didn't participate in the oratorical contest because the decision is theirs to experience it or not. Writing and presenting speeches should fit your interests. I enjoy speaking. MSD's speech contest is annually sponsored by the Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club. Yes, I will compete next year. I am going to the GPSD Academic Biathlon in Minnesota, March 30 - April 2. Wish me luck.

Senior Class of 2008 Civic Projects

by Dawn Culbertson, Senior sponsor

The Class of 2008 has worked on two civic projects this year. We encourage our students to give back to their community, where they live and work, as well as to our global community.

Our first project was to bake holiday cookies and write holiday cards and send them to wounded soldiers from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The students' goal was to send the cookies and cards to the Marines and Sailors of the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East currently located at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina. We worked hard and ended up with over 65 pounds of cookies and candy, and over 100 cards to send. The students were very proud of their efforts and were delighted with the letter of appreciation they had received.

Our second project was for our local community. As a senior class, we sold Valentine floral arrangements for a fundraising project. In addition we ordered extra flowers to give away as gifts. We chose to donate the flowers to two organizations - the residents of the Deaf Apartment Complex of Fulton, and to the young women who reside at Girls Town. Senior students delivered flowers personally to both groups, and their appreciation of our thoughtfulness was very apparent. We received some very nice thank you cards that were displayed in the lobby of Coats Complex.

We were very pleased with our civic projects this year and felt our efforts were appreciated by everyone involved.

Lasting Memory Created by Donation of Benches

Two metal benches with MSD cut into the back were donated by James Seeser, oldest son of Frederick, class of '36 and Mabel (Chance), class of '39, Seeser. James has visited the MSD campus recently and visited the Fishback Museum, to search for some historical information about his parents. He also brought his siblings and their in-laws to campus to see the museum last June.

James was so impressed and appreciative of what MSD had contributed to the education of his parents, that he wanted to have something visible to all that was placed in their memory. He made some inquiries and finally decided to purchase the benches. He also purchased engraved plates and had one placed on each bench, one in memory of his father and one for his mother. The benches are located in the breezeway outside the Eagle's Nest - which is just outside the entrance to the Fishback Museum. Many thanks to you, Mr. Seeser!

A Brief History of the Seeser Family

Frederick William Seeser - the cause of his deafness was from infantile paralysis and spinal meningitis. He enrolled in MSD at age of 6, in September of 1922 and graduated in May of 1936. He was very active in football, basketball, and track. He was an avid reader which had a positive influence on his children's education. Frederick had a steady job during WWII and when the war ended, opportunities became difficult and it was challenging for him to keep a job to feed his family. He overcame the odds and kept his family healthy through the years.

Mabel (Chance) Seeser - the cause of her deafness was from whooping cough at the age of 10. She enrolled in MSD in September of 1928 and graduated in May of 1939. Before the illness that claimed her hearing, she attended the Limestone School, a rural one room school located 1 mile from her parents' farm. Shortly after graduation, she married Frederick and they made their first residence in Kansas City, MO, then moved to Springfield where she and Frederick spent the rest of their lives.

Frederick and Mabel had 4 children - James, Nancy, Mitchell, and Rosemary, all born in Springfield, MO. Both spouses were very active in their Deaf community and especially involved with the First Baptist Church in Springfield.

Their son, James and his wife of 47 years moved back to St. Louis after he retired from JDS Uniphase in 2001. They have one son. James was the first of his extended family to attend college and received his PhD. in physics from the University of Missouri in 1970. He has worked as an optical physicist for several companies and also taught at the college level in Holland, Michigan. Since retiring, he has been active in all aspects of Deaf education. He volunteered his service with the Gallaudet School for the Deaf and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Central Institute for the Deaf, and volunteers his time with the Gallaudet School for the Deaf in St. Louis.



Tom Bastean shakes hands with James Seeser, standing behind one of the metal benches that were donated by the Seeser family .

MRE Day at MSD

Emergencies, both natural and man-made disasters, can occur at any time. During such an event, ensuring that food and water are available to our students and staff becomes most critical. In preparation for such emergencies, MSD stocks supplies of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) that are self-contained, individual pre-packaged meals, easily prepared and eaten. MREs are used by military troops on the battlefield. Such meals also prove invaluable for disaster relief operations, because large stocks of these can be stored and distributed easily, and provide basic nutritional support to victims before kitchens can be set up to produce fresh food.

Each sealed plastic bag contains one entire precooked meal, with a number of supplements and accessories. A chemical heater, activated with water, is packed with each meal. They are designed for minimal preparation using canned, pre-

cooked or freeze-dried foods, powdered beverage mixes and concentrated food bars, as well as for long shelf life.

When it was time to rotate and replace our stock of MREs, MSD decided to use the opportunity to (continued on page 15)



MSD staff receiving training on how to use MREs.

Sharing Books with Students at Farquhar and McCallister Libraries

by Virginia Johns, Librarian

For the first time in the fourteen years since its inception, MSD participated in Missouri Show Me Books award selections. Book selections begin with a committee of eight librarians from across the state reading upwards of two-hundred books. After an initial narrowing of the original selections down to thirty, a second reading further narrows the list to ten books. Those ten books are then distributed to participating schools for presentation to the student readership.

MSD was fortunate to have a fine selection of adult readers who were willing to present the books in ASL for the benefit of our students. Some presenters even provided props to enhance the story-telling experience. Once all ten books were presented, students had an opportunity to mark a ballot indicating their favorite. Some students expressed difficulty making their choice saying, "I liked them all," but a final selection was eventually made. The book of choice turned out to be Police Cat.

MSD's Media Department immortalized our first Missouri Show Me Books awards selection involvement by compiling a DVD of all ten story-telling events. Interested parties will find those available for check-out through Farquhar Library.



Library Aide, Ann Poindexter told the story of "Magnus and the Fire", and is pictured with some of the props and a group of kids who loved it.

Prom 2008

by Melodie Vinyard, Junior class sponsor

On April 5, approximately 55 high school students came to the MSD Scout Cabin dressed in their finest attire to enjoy PROM 2008. They were served dinner and dessert and then everyone posed for pictures with their friends. This year's theme was "Once Upon a Time" and was proudly displayed with black and silver stars against a red backdrop for a beautiful setting. The Juniors and Seniors each posed together as a class.

The dance music BLASTED into the early hours as the DJ played a mix of music planned especially for the students. Games were played and prizes were given. Some of the games were, Hula Hoop, and Musical Chairs. Then we popped balloons for fun and frolic.

At the coronation ceremony Chetara and Jarrell were crowned Queen and King of Prom 2008 - and when they learned that there was only one vote deciding the winners, they graciously handed down their crowns and sashes to LeDaya and Brian to allow them to share in the honor of Queen and King of Prom 2008.

Everyone had a blast and it will be an event remembered for quite some time. Thank you to all the staff and crew that made this a great event. The food was wonderful and the entertainment was awesome!



Both sets of Prom royalty - left to right - Chetara, LeDaya, Brian, and Jarrell.



Madison gives her best try at limbo during the prom.

Athletic Winter Awards Banquet - *by Ella Washington, Athletic Director*

A Winter Awards banquet was held on March 12 in McKee dining room to honor all athletes in grades 6-12 who completed the Winter sports season. Opening addresses were made by Superintendent Barbara Garrison and Assistant Superintendent Tom Bastean.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Mr. Luke Hegadorn and his staff. The athletes showed their appreciation for the meal by applauding loudly for the cooks.

Each coach talked about their season accomplishments and then gave out their awards. The following is a list of the athletes who were recognized:

Middle School Athletes	Accomplishment
Odalis	Certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading
Jerome	Certificate for Basketball, MVP trophy
Dayanara	Certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading; Ms. Defense trophy
Joyla	Certificate for Basketball; Most Improved trophy
Kiara	Certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading; MVP trophy
DJ	Certificate for Basketball
Danny	Certificate for Basketball
Dyllan	Certificate for Basketball; Best Attitude trophy
Lindsey	Certificate for Basketball
Steven	Participation certificate for Basketball
Clayton	Certificate for Basketball
Catherine	Certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading
Zakary	Certificate for Basketball; Hardest Worker trophy

High School Athletes	Accomplishment
Tyler	JV certificate for Basketball
Vonisha	Varsity certificate for Basketball
Paige	Varsity certificate for Basketball
E'Lisia	Varsity certificate for Winter cheerleading
Chris B.	JV certificate for Basketball
Markese	Participation certificate for Basketball
Dexter	Varsity certificate for Basketball
Donte'	Varsity certificate for Basketball; Most Improved trophy
Brian	Varsity certificate for Basketball; Mr. Offense trophy
Dana	JV certificate for Basketball
Kayla	Varsity certificate for Basketball
LaJuan	Varsity certificate for Basketball
Jarrell	Varsity certificate for Basketball; Mr. Defense trophy
Elizabeth	Varsity certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading
DeMarko	Varsity certificate for Basketball Manager
Tiffany	Varsity certificate for Basketball and Cheerleading
Chetara	Varsity certificate for Basketball; MVP trophy
Sharday	Varsity certificate for Basketball
Johnny	Varsity certificate for Basketball
Chris	JV certificate for Basketball
Kenneth	JV certificate for Basketball
Brandyn	JV certificate for Basketball

Sports Schedules

MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2008-2009 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 4	Calvary Lutheran Varsity Only	MSD	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Oklahoma Sch f/t Deaf JV/V	OKSD	9:00 a.m.
Sept 8	Fatima HS 9th/JV	MSD	6:00 p.m.
Sept.10	Wisconsin Sch f/t Deaf JV/V	WSD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	SOBOCO JV/V	Ashland	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Chamois HS JV/V	MSD	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Kansas Sch f/t Deaf JV/V*	MSD	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 29	Hallsville HS JV/V	Hallsville	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Centralia HS	Centralia	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Minnesota Sch f/t Deaf JV/V	MSD	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Linn HS JV/V	MSD	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 & 11	GPSD VB Tournament	MSAD	TBA
Oct. 14	Eugene HS JV/V	Eugene	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Iowa Sch f/t Deaf JV/V	MSD	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 21	Chamois H.S. JV/V	Chamois	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Hallsville	MSD	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Ohio Sch. f/t Deaf JV/V	OSD	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 27-30	DISTRICT	TBA	TBA

*Homecoming / Senior Recognition

Fall Athletic Awards will be Tuesday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium



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train our students and staff in the preparation of the meals, give them an opportunity to learn disaster survival tactics and to celebrate the efforts of our military forces. Initially, staff members were trained on how to prepare the MREs so that they could provide supervision to students. Were the MREs as good as our food service staff prepared meals? No way! Would they get us through an emergency? Absolutely! Soldiers from our local National Guard led by Sgt. Brian Kirkpatrick and veterans from the local VFW and their Commander Keith Boswell were our honored guests and received a “standing ovation” for their service.



MRE day in McKee dining room. Students learn about MREs and how to use them.

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Missouri School for the Deaf 2008-2009 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
09/06/08	Oklahoma School f/t Deaf	2:00 p.m.	Sulphur, OK
09/11/08	Wisconsin School f/t Deaf	1:00 p.m.	Delavan, WI
09/27/08	*Kansas School f/t Deaf	2:00 p.m.	MSD
10/02/08	Minnesota School f/t Deaf	11:00 a.m.	MSD
10/18/08	**Iowa School f/t Deaf	2:00 p.m.	MSD
10/25/08	Ohio School f/t Deaf	2:00 p.m.	Columbus, OH
11/24/08	FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS	2:00 p.m.	Ingle Auditorium
	*FALL HOMECOMING	** Senior Recognition Day	

Missouri School for the Deaf 2008-2009 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent	Level	Time	Place
09/03/08	Vienna Invitational	HS/MS	4:15 p.m.	Vienna
09/18/08	Belle	HS/MS	4:00 p.m.	Belle
10/02/08	Moberly	HS/MS	4:00 p.m.	Moberly
10/07/08	Hermann Invitational	HS/MS	4:00 p.m.	Hermann
10/25/08	District	HS/MS	TBA	TBA
11/24/08	FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS		2:00 p.m.	Ingle Auditorium

More Meets May Be Added