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#### WCS WELCOMES SENATOR, SECRETARY, & ASTRONAUT



Hundred High School was selected as a Jennings Randolph Award-Winning school for 2017-2018. The award was presented to Principal Beth Sigley by WV Secretary of State Mac Warner. The school earned this award because every eligible senior has been registered to vote. Student Ambassadors Victoria Hawkins, Chalea Cottrill, Tyler Simms, Brandan Rine, Jocelyn Prado, Cole Henderson, Logan Norris, Mahalah Britton, and Lane Kolat held a voter registration drive. Junior Victoria Hawkins was also chosen as an Honorary Secretary of State.

Senator Shelly Moore Capito visited NMS, along with Astronaut Peggy Whitson, as part of Capito's WV Girls Rise Up program. This program is an effort to build confidence in young females and allows them to explore their dreams. Capito and Whitson spoke about the importance of goals to female students,



who also took part in exercises and group activities expanding on discussions.



# WV TSA Winners

#### **State Officer**

2018-2019 WV TSA President—Jocelyn Prado—HHS

#### **First Place Winners:**

Brandan Rine/Chalea Cottril, 3D Animation—HHS Hunter Tustin, Dragster - HHS Adam Stevens/Aaron Stevens, Water Bottle Rockets—HHS McKensie Haught/Matthew Fordyce—Junior Solar Spring—SLS McKensie Haught—Career Prep—SLS

#### **Second Place Winners:**

Martin Baker, Dragster—HHS
Savannah Horner, STEM Careers— HHS
Hunter Tustin, Creed—HHS
Rachel Snedden/Isaac Price, Junior Solar Sprint—HHS
Martin Baker, Music Production—HHS
Travis McCoy/Joseph White/Brandan Rine, VEX—HHS
Matthew Fordyce/Virgil Dorion—Technical Design—SLS
Rachael Higgins/Kaeleen Utt/Elizabeth Brown/Hunter Wood/Sailor Thompson/
Charlie Tuttle—On Demand Video—VHS
Gavin Morris/Martha Dorion—Technology Problem Solving—VHS

#### **Third Place Winners:**

Allie Hawkins/Adalyn Conaway, Children Stories—HHS
Casey Henderson, Digital Photography—HHS
Rachel Snedden/Aubrie Hawkins, Off the Grid - HHS
Casey Henderson/Aubrie Hawkins, Forensic Science—HHS
Jocelyn Prado, Prepared Presentation—HHS
Martin Baker/Jocelyn Prado/Brandan Rine, On Demand Video—HHS
Cody Soles/Adam Stevens/Cole Henderson, Tech Bowl—HHS
McKensie Haught/Iesha Quinn—Problem Solving—SLS
Iesha Quinn/Autumn Glasscock—Biotechnology—SLS
Emma Beatty—Future Technology Teacher—VHS
Shannon Brown—Essays on Technology—VHS
Travis Leek/Tyler Stoneking—Technology Problem Solving—VHS
Sailor Thompson/Logan Fisher—3D Animation—VHS



## WV State FFA Ham/Bacon/Eggs Winners

Cody Sales—Hundred—Grand Champion Bacon—HHS

Savanah Horner—Grand Champion Reserve Bacon—HHS

Emily Metz—3rd Place Bacon—HHS

Trevor Kuhn—5th Place Bacon—HHS

Preston Kuhn—6th Place Bacon—HHS

HHS—15 Prime and 5 Choice

Hunter Partridge—7th Place Ham—MHS

Garrett Fox—7th Place Bacon—MHS

Logan Bassett—9th Place Bacon—VHS



Grand Champion Bacon—Cody Sales
HHS FFA Advisor—Annaliese Henderson
Reserve Champion Bacon—Savanah Horner

## PC and MHS Thespians - State Festival Results

#### Paden City Junior High

Hallie McDonald, Breigh Stillwagner, Serenity Strother—Top 5 Scene

#### Paden City High School

Isaac Price—Top 5 Musical Solo—Superior Rating

#### Magnolia High School

Tech Rodeo Team—1st Place

2nd Place Technical Theater School

Ryan Horn—2nd Place Overall Technical Student, Superior Rating Costume Design,

2nd Place Advanced Publicity

Ryan Horn, Kameron Mellott—Top 5 Acting Duo

Emily Rine—Top 5 Monologues—Superior Rating

Michelle Morris—1st Place Character Make-up

Megan Cunningham—2nd Place Character Make-up

Tyler Suter and Johnathan Davis—1st Place Hand Puppets

Bennie Hall Jr.—2nd Place Lighting

Levi Spratt, Emily Herrick, Brenzie Hodges—1st Place Experimental Puppet

Isaac Price, Ryan Horn, and Emily Rine have qualified for the International Thespian Festival



### LESLIE LIVELY

#### BOB THOMPSON EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY AWARD - PROJECT NEED

The NEED Project is pleased to announce the 2018 recipient of the Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award is Leslie Lively of Short Line School in Reader, West Virginia.

This award includes a \$1,000 cash grant to the teacher to use as he chooses in the classroom and an all-expense paid trip to the NEED Energy Conference for Educators hosted in Galveston, Texas, July 8-12, 2018. The award will be given at the 38th Annual NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards hosted in Washington, D.C. June 25, 2018.

Leslie's nomination from his former students, Dustin Higginbotham, highlighted the reasons why he is a worthy recipient of this award. He said of Leslie, "My name is Dustin Higginbothm. I am a seventh grader at Short Line School. I have been participating with the Engineer Energy Kids in the NEED Project for four years. Mr. Lively works hard to share his knowledge with all of his students. He then expects them to pass their knowledge on to younger kids by using the NEED "Kids Teaching Kids" approach. While in the NEED Project, I have learned strategies on how to conserve energy. My favorite NEED Project activity is when we do wind turbines. While working with the wind turbines, I was able to work on STEM challenges by designing and engineering my own wind turbine blades. Then I was able to test them in the wind tunnel. I liked it because we gave presentations and shared our knowledge with outer people. We also have an energy carnival every year. We did it throughout the school day and also during night so that parents could come with their kids."

Leslie's colleague, Kip Bisignano, said of him, "For students from an economically-depressed rural community, Mr. Lively serves as a model that learning never ends, opportunities are there when you seek them, and it is up to us to work together in our community to solve problems.

In Leslie's own words, "I am a true believer that teaching and learning should be fun. I am a life-long learner in every aspect. I try to instill this into my students so that they have the desire to wake up every morning and say, "What am I going to learn today?" I want students to crave knowledge, I want them to share knowledge. By sharing knowledge that tells me that they are learning. If you walk past my classroom you may say, "What the heck are they doing in there?" My response would quickly be, "We are learning!" My classroom does many hands-on labs throughout the year. In the warmer months you will usually find us outside doing steam studies, animal studies, and/or learning about energy. You may even catch us baking in our solar oven."

Leslie embodies all of the great qualities that Bob Thompson is remembered for in the NEED Project family. Congratulations to this great energy educator and dedicated friend of NEED!

### **CRAIG MASON**

#### PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS

Craig Mason, mathematics teacher at Magnolia High School, was recognized with the 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics for the state of West Virginia. The awards for mathematics and science teaching are among the highest honors bestowed by the United State government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year—and up to two awards for each state. The award recognizes those teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is in informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. The National Science Foundation administers the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teacher on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

According to the WVCTM, Craig Mason is a teacher who implements well-planned lessons that are designed to embed instructional strategies carefully chosen to address the learning needs of different types of students. His use of visuals and the embedded instructional activities demonstrate his clear appreciation of the challenges that arise in the mathematics classroom. He readily employs strategies to avoid or correct student errors and misconceptions.

His reflective thought and skill in identifying student weaknesses allows him to create plans for improvement. He demonstrates an ability to connect student growth and retention of skills and understandings to the purposeful spiraling of curriculum.

This teacher uses a variety of informal assessments to gauge student understanding and to adjust instruction. In his classroom he presents essential concepts and provides his students with an in-depth understanding of how these concepts are used and will be developed in future courses.

Craig has shown leadership and support of others at school, local, and state levels. Congratulations Craig!







#### WETZEL COUNTY'S 2018 JASON LEARNING ARGONAUTS

Two students and a teacher were surprised on March 13 when they were recognized as the 2018 JASON Learning Argonauts from Wetzel County.

The two students chosen are Martha Dorion from Valley High School and Abbe Stackpole from Paden City High School. The teacher chosen is Carolyn Hizer. Their adventure this summer will take them to Nicaragua to study an active volcano.

To see video of the presentations, please click on the pictures below.









WCSNA PRESENTS CHECK TO SHERIFF

The Wetzel County Chapter 18 of the West Virginia School Nutrition Association presented a check to the Wetzel County Sheriff's Department for \$500 at their last meeting. The association has held fundraisers, such as pepperoni roll sales, which allows for the donation. The money is to benefit the Fun Day held by the Sheriff's Department every summer for the children of Wetzel County.



#### SUMMER FOOD LOOKING FOR SITES

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-18

WCS Summer Food is currently planning to expand the program to locations throughout our communities. We're looking for sites where children could meet and eat at picnic tables or community rooms. So far, the locations identified for the SFSP are Long Drain School and Paden City Elementary, where Energy Express will be held, and Lewis Wetzel Park. What we need: - People or organizations to pick up food from schools and take to specified sites

- Sites that have tables where children can sit and eat

Please contact Amanda McPherson at 455-2441

Congratulations to Candy Landers, Cafeteria Manager at Paden City Elementary, for being elected to serve as Region II Representative on the WVSNA Executive Board for 2018-2020.

Amanda McPherson, SNS. was also elected as Vice President of the WVSNA for 2018-2019.



# Upcoming Events

- ⋄ April 11 & 12—All County Choir @ MHS performance April 12, 6:30pm
- ⋄ April 14—All County Art Show
- April 19—Professional Advisory at BOE—4:00pm
- April 19—Service Advisory at BOE—5:30pm
- April 21—State Math Field Day—Marshall University
- April 25—Career Fair—Paden City High

## PAC Meetings

The following dates have been chosen for the Title I—Parent Advisory
Committee meetings. All will fall on Thursdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Wetzel County Board Office in the Board Room.

April 12



### Trainings

Don't forget to use the ERO system to register and check for updates!

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