

“All Dried Out”



Ashley Paetow

Twelve-years-old
Phoenix, Arizona

At first glance, Ashley appears a bit shy underneath her dark, thick eyelashes, but don't be fooled--she has an infectious smile and dimples as deep as her natural charm. Though a timid giggler, it's obvious that she is one of the coolest in her class. The sky is the limit for this brown-eyed beauty and she hopes to one day dominate the runway as a fashion designer. The shoe fits. Last Halloween, Ashley wore witches garb...with a tutu. Miss Paetow is definitely a trend-setter in the making. Ashley has many passions, but touts mostly of her best friend, Morgan, volleyball, good music on her iPod (favorites are Rascal Flatts and The Pussy Cat Dolls), German pancakes, and, most of all, her parents. "I look up to and admire my parents because they are good at what they do," Ashley says. She enjoyed taking part in the We Write experience because she realized how much water people truly waste and how this book will help educate kids so they can begin conserving. Dave Paetow, Ashley's proud papa, thought the book idea was great because "the kids were able to hone in on their own thought process which made them feel that they had ultimate control of the story-line and empowered them to be more creative." Dave was impressed with the creation of the book from start to finish. Aside from participating in the Ewing/We Write book experience, Ashley is a busy young lady. She remains on the academic honor roll (perfect A's), playing the viola, sharpening her artistic talents (her artwork was chosen for the cover of the Canyon Rim Elementary year book), and she won 3rd place in the 4th grade spelling bee. Little Miss Ashley Paetow has big dreams, and after winning many of us over, I know that great things will come to this beautifully talented young lady.