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2012 NAD Conference by John Burdette

"Nothing About Us, Without Us!" was the theme for the National Association of the Deaf conference, held July 3-7, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Louisville and the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, KY.

WVAD delegate John Burdette attended the conference. Donna M. Williams also attended because Louisville was her hometown. She also was an alternate delegate for WVAD. Council of Representatives (COR) meetings started Monday afternoon. More meetings were held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. These included forums

to discuss motions and vote, regional caucuses, and bylaws amendments.

The schedule was very tight with many meetings, workshops, exhibit hall, and activities—some were held at the same time.

Tuesday, July 3, I attended the General Forum, Session II and Session III COR meetings. The general forum allowed all NAD members (non-delegates and delegates) to make their own motion and statement. There were a total of about 55 motions. The delegates discussed these motions during the COR meeting. There was a TV outside the conference theatre

for everyone who was interested to watch the meetings. That evening was the opening ceremony, buffet, baseball game, and fireworks at the Louisville Slugger Stadium.

Before and during the game, there was a petition to get William "Dummy" Hoy inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. He was the first deaf baseball player and played for the Cincinnati Reds. He invented the baseball signs. I received a baseball card after signing the petition. Donna and I left the game during the 5th inning to attend the regional caucus that evening. Also, Sprint Relay sold a new Documentary DVD: "I See The Crowd Roar," the story of William "Dummy" Hoy at the exhibit booth. This DVD can still be ordered from Sprint Relay.

Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day, began with COR meeting in the morning. There were many good workshops at the same time. Donna Williams substituted for me so I could attend the workshop "Our Mobile Communication – Today and Tomorrow." That afternoon, I attended the plenary session given by Dr. Ronald Stern, Superintendent of New Mexico School for [\(See 2012 NAD Conference on page 4\)](#)

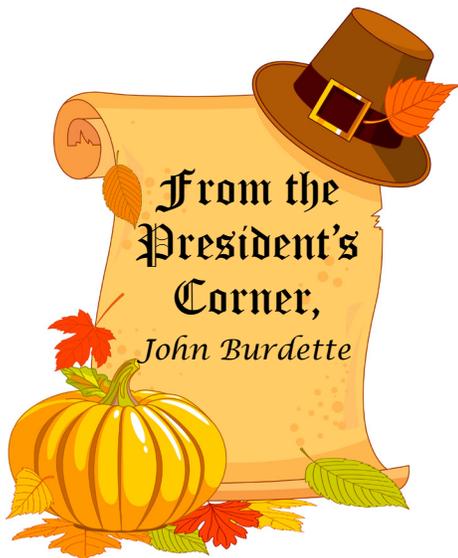


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Greetings WVAD Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer even with the heat waves. Fall is right around the corner. Before I go into fall issues, I'd like to tell you about WVAD's summer activities. First, on July 1, 2012, I drove to Kentucky to attend the National Association of the Deaf conference, Louisville, KY, as a WVAD delegate. See the story on page 1. Second, WVAD held their picnic on August 11 at Burnsville Lake – Riffle Run Day Use Area. The picnic was very successful.

Many of us have experienced the aftermath from Dercho, a massive wind-storm that happened on Friday evening, June 29, 2012, that damaged thousands of trees. Most counties in West Virginia were affected by power outages, having thawed frozen foods and not being able to get gas – some for a few days and others for almost 2 weeks.

I want to thank Marissa Sanders, Executive Director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), for her efforts trying to reach everyone via her Facebook

and e-mail to let both deaf and hard of hearing people know where to get help, where to go for shelter, where to dispose spoiled food, etc.

As I recalled, WVAD had a workshop about "Emergency Preparedness" during 2007 WVAD biennial conference held at Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV. WVAD would like to offer this same workshop again in the near future to refresh ourselves.

I want to update everyone on the projects or events that have been happening or will happen in the near future in West Virginia.

The application form for the West Virginia Smoke Alarms has been completed. The alarms are being ordered and should be received within a couple weeks. If you need an application, contact the WVCDHH.

On December 8, 2012, WVAD will be hosting a Christmas party at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV. See our announcement and directions on pages 12 and 13 for more information.

If you have any news, events, announcements, or anything that you wish to share in the newsletter to let everyone know what's happening in your Mountain State, please send it to WVAD's editor at extraordinary45@comcast.net.

In closing, the Election Day is getting closer! If you are not a registered voter, register today! You must register 21 days before the election. Your vote could make a big difference on November 6th. For more information on registering, please check out www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voterinformation/Pages/Voter_Registration_FAQ.aspx.

Enjoy the beautiful colors this fall!

John Burdette

WVAD President



This is a West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) non-profit organization newsletter for our WVAD family and friends.

It is the purpose of *WVAD Quarter News* to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. *WVAD Quarter News* strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the *WVAD Quarter News* editor at WVAD Editor concerning material appearing in *WVAD Quarter News*. *WVAD Quarter News* will publish materials submitted by anyone, subject to editorial review and approval. Please remember to send references of any outside sources you may use. Authors' names will be withheld from publication at their request. The views and opinions expressed by contributors to *WVAD Quarter News* are the authors' own and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of *WVAD Quarter News*.



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WVAD Board Minutes

*Date: February 24, 2012
 Location: South Charleston Library,
 312 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV*

WVAD Board Meeting Held at South Charleston Library, 312 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV, February 24, 2012

West Virginia Association of the Deaf's Mission Statement:

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc., (WVAD) operated by, of, for the Deaf Community, advocates, and promotes to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals including but not limited to deaf-blind individuals, parents of deaf children, interpreters, late-deafened adults, and children of deaf adults.

Members Present:

John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, Veronda Harrison, Liz Leisure, Jackie Robinson, and Doug Casto.

Member Absent:

Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present:

Donna M. Williams and Marissa Sanders.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in conference room at South Charleston Public Library, on February 24, 2012. President called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with the secretary, Liz Leisure, being present.

Doug Casto was sworn in by President John Burdette to serve as a 2-year trustee for WVAD to replace Bill Cash who died.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as distributed.

The treasurer (Veronda Harrison) gave the financial reports. She reported that she and President Burdette are still working on getting money back from the Ramada Inn in the amount of \$2,361.77. They recently learned that David Burke is no longer working at the Ramada Inn and were referred to the accounting department.

Veronda reported that as of February 23, 2012, there is \$195.67 in the checking account; \$5,606.37 in the savings account; \$14,524.99 in the Mingo County Fund; \$2,128.13 in the WVAD Conference Fund; \$858.00 in the Deaf WVAD Quarter News, Fall 2012

Youth Program Fund; and \$12,003.63 in the Certificate of Deposit Accounts all of which brings a total of \$35,316.79.

President Burdette reported the following:

- He received an e-mail on December 14, 2011, regarding a new interpreting agency called "Friends Interpreting Services" (FIS) in Charles Town, West Virginia. Their telephone number is 304-809-0325. They serve deaf people in Ohio, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia. Their goal is to manage your interpreter requests and to find the best interpreter(s) for your needs. All FIS interpreters are required to be nationally certified by NAD/RID. FIS strongly believes in excellent consumer service.
- He, Jimmy Harrison, Veronda Harrison, Julie Simmons, and Donna Williams attended the Disability Advocacy Day at the West Virginia State Capitol on January 18, 2012, to exhibit WVAD organization. The Disability Advocacy Day was sponsored by Fair Shake Network (FSN). There were about 25 booths in all. FSN is a great organization that has done a lot of advocacy for people with disabilities in participating in the legislative process. It costs \$150.00 a year for an organization to join membership in the FSN.
- He and Veronda Harrison met with David Burke, Director of Sales at Ramada Inn Downtown Charleston, on January 20, 2012, in an effort to

resolve the billing issue. He followed up with an e-mail (on January 25, 2012) and telephone calls (on January 31 and February 3, 2012). On the second telephone call, he was informed that David Burke is no longer working at Ramada Inn and was referred to Christy Buckley, who is the Accounts Manager. He plans to search for the name of the General Manager and telephone number and make a contact.

- He received an e-mail on February 5, 2012, from Barbara King regarding free smoke alarms to homeowners who are deaf or hard of hearing. Ms. King is working on creating a system to identify and evaluate applicants, and authorize the purchase of smoke alarms. He sent his reply to Ms. King with several questions regarding the smoke alarms program. He hasn't received a response yet.
 - He attended two WVCDHH board meetings (December 9, 2011 and February 6, 2012). In both meetings, the board discussed the State Code requirements for Commission.
 - He and Douglas Casto attended the Legislative Reception on February 6, 2012 at Embassy Suites Hotel.
 - He discussed the legislative issues. The House Bill 2941 and Senate Bill 351 were introduced, authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a special license plate for applicants who are deaf and hard
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the Deaf and president of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD). He shared the vision and plans for the Child First campaign. The Child First campaign is an initiative led by Dr. Stern and the CEASD in partnership with NAD, to prioritize quality education for all deaf and hard of hearing children. That evening was The Belle of Louisville Steamboat Cruise sponsored by the KY Association of the Deaf. We thought this event was included in the combo but learned later that it was not; therefore, we missed this event.

Thursday, July 5, was the free day for the delegates to attend workshops. I attended a workshop "Reports from the FCC on the Implementation of 21st Century Communication and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA)." There was a last minute COR meeting in the afternoon to discuss the top 10 priorities and to hear the candidates' presentations. Afterward, there were the regional caucuses. Therefore, we missed the tour of Muhammad Ali museum.

NAD College Bowl expanded to add three new schools: Howard College/Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Minnesota, along with traditional rivals California State University, Northridge; Gallaudet University; and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology. After the preliminary rounds, Gallaudet, NTID/RIT, and CSUN moved forward into the College Bowl finals. The winner of the NAD College Bowl was NTID/RIT with 61 points. Gallaudet won second place with 57 points, and CSUN won third place with 45 points.

Friday, July 6, was the final COR meeting and the election. The delegates discussed and voted the top five priorities for NAD to work on for the next 2 years including ongoing work. The five priorities selected are (1) Establishment of an Employment Task Force, (2) National Leadership Training Program, (3) Mental Health Services, (4) Legislative Training, and (5) Restore State Association Coordinator. The new NAD officers for 2012-2014 are President: Chris Wagner,

Vice-President: Melissa Dragnac-Hawk, Secretary: Kristen Poston, and Treasurer: Phillippe Montalette. The Regional Board Representatives: Region I: Margie English and Steve Lovi, Region II: Richard McCowin and Michael Berger, Region III: Christopher Patterson and Larry Evans, and Region IV: Julie Rems-Smario and David Reynolds.

The 40th and final Miss Deaf America pageant/ambassador had 14 female contestants. The final selection began with the top six contestants. Miss Congeniality went to Miss Deaf Oklahoma – Mary Rios, 2nd runner-up: Miss Deaf Texas – Sericia Jackerson; 1st runner-up: Miss Deaf Kansas – Trisha Waddell; and final Miss Deaf America Ambassador is Miss Deaf Maryland – Chanel Gleicher.

Saturday, July 7, the 10th Deafestival sponsored by the Kentucky Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was held in partnership with the 51st Biennial NAD Conference. That evening was the NAD BBQ Dinner Benefit. Because of an emergency, I left Friday evening; therefore, missed these events.

Next NAD Conference will be held on July 1-5, 2104 in Atlanta, Georgia. 🇺🇸



(See More Photos on page 5)

NAD Conference at Louisville, KY, July 2-6, 2012 by Donna M. Williams

Greetings Everyone!

Louisville, KY was my home town when I was growing up. After graduating from Western Kentucky University, I taught at the Kentucky School for the Deaf from 1971 to 1978. Therefore, I consider Kentucky my home state. I was so excited when I learned that NAD would have its conference in Louisville this year. I looked forward to seeing many old (and older) friends and former students.

As an alternate delegate for WVAD, I attended as many of the Council of Representatives (COR) meetings as possible. The schedule was VERY tight and several events/meetings were at the same time. I missed the Regional and Affiliate Caucus Monday evening to visit a friend I had not seen since November 1999. All of the meetings were very informative and interesting. There was a TV outside the conference theatre that I was able to sit in the hall and watch the meetings comfortably.

The workshops began on Wednesday—Independence Day. So many good

workshops I wanted to attend and many at the same time. It was very hard to decide which workshop to attend. The workshop on “A National Dialogue about Emergency Preparedness.....” was full so I could not get in. However, John Burdette and I did attend the workshop on “Improving System in Your State: Knock on State Commissions’ Door.” It was a wonderful workshop with numbers and percentages about the 39 states with offices, councils, or commissions for deaf and hard of hearing in the state government. I requested a copy of the PowerPoint file because it was hard to write down all the information and watch the presenters. I will type a summary of that workshop next.

Thursday, July 5th was another full and busy day with workshops. Again, I was so disappointed that many good workshops conflicted. The three workshops I attended on Thursday included (1) “Mental Health Services for Deaf People in 2012,” (2) “Health Care Settings: Effective Communication is a

Right, not a Privilege,” and (3) “Deaf Self-Advocacy: Perception, Abilities, and Tools—Effective Practices and Curriculum.” I missed most of this workshop due to John needing me.

I contacted NAD and requested a copy of the PowerPoint file for all three of the above workshops but have not received them yet. They forwarded my e-mail to the person who’s responsible for this request. I hope to hear from them soon. In the meantime, I will research the presenters and try to find their e-mail address and send them an e-mail. I am also hoping to get a copy of the CART script because it was very hard for me to write notes.

I spent a lot of time in the Exhibit Hall. WOW, many new information.

Because my best friend, Joey Major, had a neighborhood reunion the weekend of July 6-8 in Piedmont, WV, I left Louisville Friday about noon. So I missed the big meeting and the voting Friday afternoon and the DeaFestival on Saturday. 🍀



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of hearing. WVAD didn't think this was a good idea and we alerted deaf and hard of hearing people in West Virginia to contact the legislators if they did not support the bills. John sent an e-mail to several legislators on February 10, 2012, with an attachment showing our Deaf Driver's Visor Placard that is available for deaf and hard of hearing people to carry in their vehicles. He received a reply from Senator Beach stating that he would pass on the information to his committee.

- He made a report on the West Virginia Relay Service. The 18-month contract with the Public Service Commission (PSC) expired on November 30, 2011. The PSC received bids from Sprint and AT&T. After the hearings on February 8 and 9, 2012, PSC announced that Sprint has won the bid but AT&T has filed a request for another review. This will be scheduled in the near future.
- The printing of the last WVAD newsletters was paid by the Sprint/WV Relay Service.

The motion for a 10-minute recess starting at 2:19 p.m. was adopted.

Vice-President Jimmy Harrison reported that the number of WVAD members went from 171 to 149 members. He said that we need to come up with some ideas to increase the number of membership. He attended the Disability Advocacy Day at West Virginia State Capitol on January 18, 2012. He talked about the special license plate for the deaf and hard of hearing. He doesn't think it is a good idea to put a symbol of an ear with a slash across it on the license plate as it would attract criminals or evil people.

Secretary Liz Leisure reported that she and Donna M. Williams attended the Interpreter Task Force (ITF) meeting on January 20, 2012. They missed the February 17, 2012 meeting due to a death in Liz's family. With Liz's request, Marissa Sanders gave a brief

report on the last ITF meeting. The ITF is still working with Virginia on testing the interpreters in West Virginia. Any interpreter can go to Virginia now and take the test for \$100.00. Virginia is planning to change and raise the out-of-state assessment fees around July 1, 2012. The brochures on the interpreter registry are "on hold" now until we get closer to the date when we will begin the registry process.

The trustees had no reports to give at this time.

Old Business:

Shelter 3 at Burnsville Lake has been reserved for the biennial WVAD picnic on August 11, 2012. Worthy Devericks is the chairperson for the picnic. He is going to contact his son and ask if hamburgers can be donated to WVAD for the picnic this year. The admission price for the picnic will be \$10.00 per person for two meals. There will be games and cash prizes. A flyer will be created in the near future.

WVAD chose President Burdette to be one of the two delegates to attend the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) conference in Louisville, Kentucky. A second delegate will be chosen at a later date.

President Burdette will do some more checking to find out if and how WVAD can appoint deaf delegate(s) to serve on the State Board of Education.

Five topics have been selected for future workshops. They are "Scamming/ID Thefts," "Fire Safety/Evacuation" (related to smoke alarm project), "Deaf Self-Advocacy," "Ethics" (suggested by James Ennis), and "Legislative Process."

New Business:

Jackie Robinson moved that WVAD schedule the next board meeting in Martinsburg, WV, to check on the location and prepare for our next biennial conference. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD give out a free gift to anyone for joining or renewing WVAD membership. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that WVAD purchase a full-page ad for the 2012 West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association program book. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD sell raffle tickets for a drawing of two WVU quilts for fundraising purposes. An amendment was made to sell ten tickets for \$5.00 and 30 tickets for \$10.00. Amendment passed. The main motion passed.

Liz Leisure moved that WVAD pay \$150.00 for 1 year of membership in the Fair Shake Network organization. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved to have a second picnic in the southern part of West Virginia. The motion tabled.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the board meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Announcements:

Donna M. Williams presented a report on the calendar and lists of all events, meetings, clubs, trainings, and workshops that she created for everyone. She received favorable responses on the calendar and lists as they saved time by checking all the websites for the dates of upcoming events and meetings.

Marissa Sanders, Executive Director for the WVCDHH, talked about setting up future town hall meetings to be held in Romney, Fairmont, and Charleston. She also talked about having a conference in the fall to discuss interpreter registry. She gave a smoke alarms update as well as legislative update on resolution on the Deaf Child's Bill of Rights, interpreter fees, and required qualifications and ethical standards for interpreters. Her request to hire Barbara King as a temp was denied by Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). She mentioned that the Commission has moved to a new location. The new address and VP number are posted on their website. Marissa's e-mail address is also posted on the website. Their website is www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh. 🐦



WVAD Picnic at Burnsville Lake by Worthy Devericks

West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) held their picnic at Burnsville Lake – Riffle Run Day Use Area in Burnsville, WV on Saturday, August 11, 2012; 79 people came. The weather was nice and cool.

We had corn hole tournaments with 10 teams of 2 partners each. Dalton Harrison, Culloden, WV, and Emanuel Robinson, Parkersburg, WV, won first place

and received \$30 each. Karen Booth, Inwood, WV, and Tina Hamlin, Grafton, WV, won second place and received \$20 each. Two different tickets were sold for cash prizes and various gifts, such as two WVU throw blankets, camp grill, two folding chairs, and 32-inch LED TV. The profits was to raise funds for the 2013 WVAD conference.

Missy Barie and Julie Simmons won the WVU throw blankets; Veronda Harrison and Roger Shanan won the folding chairs; Connie Boyce won the camp grill; and Stephen Daniels won the 32 -inch LED TV. There were 13 admission cash prize giveaways.

We all enjoyed the good foods, seeing old friends, mingling with new friends, and had a good time. 🍷





In the News



Babies Taught to Sign Before They Speak

By Lori Kersey, *Charleston Gazette*, Friday, June 22, 2012, 12:21:53 PM (see link <http://www.saturdaygazette.com/News/201205180125>)

CHARLESTON, WV — Candice Slate takes her son's tiny hands in hers and together they make the sign for "more."

"Do you want more?" she coos at the boy in her lap. She touches the infant's hands together in the sign each time she says the word.

At just 3 months old, Carter is the youngest participant at a recent baby sign language class, offered by Charleston Area Medical Center at its Family Resource Center at Women and Children's Hospital. It will likely be months before Carter begins to learn sign language, but Candice and her husband Nick are getting an early start at teaching him.

Julie Barie — who will be Julie Turley today when she marries her fiancé — is the course instructor.

The child of deaf parents, Barie considers English to be her second language. American Sign Language was her first.

"My mom tells me I was signing about two months before I uttered my first word," Barie tells those in the class. "She's very verbal so she grew up oral. She didn't learn sign language until later in life, so I heard words."

Barie has been teaching the Sign Baby Sign class at CAMC since summer 2010. A certified teacher who doesn't work in a school system, she said teaching the class fills a void for her.

"I love children and helping them communicate," Barie said. "It's amazing."

Fine motor skills in the hands develop quicker than vocal chords, so babies can learn to sign quicker than they can speak, Barie said.

"[Babies] will make noises but for them to actually be able to make words, the fine motor skills come first. So actually doing sign language comes faster than actually having someone start talking."

Teaching a baby to sign will eliminate some of the frustration that comes from a baby's difficulty communicating. An infant may not be able to speak but he can still communicate simple words and phrases like "more" or "all done."



Candice and Nick Slate and their baby, Carter, participate in a baby sign language class at the CAMC Family Resource Center (photo by Kenny Kemp, the Charleston Gazette).



Teacher Julie Barie interacts with 1-year-old Sam at a baby sign language class.

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Those two phrases alone can make mealtime a little less stressful, she said.

"You won't have them sitting at their high chair throwing a holy fit because they want more Cheerios and they can't tell you they want more Cheerios," Barie said.

According to an article by Dr. Jay Hoecker, a Mayo Clinic consultant, limited research indicates that baby sign language could improve a child's ability to communicate between ages 8 months and 2 years. It can also be a help to slightly older children who have developmental delays, Hoecker wrote.

To successfully teach a baby to sign, Barie recommends starting as early as possible. The more exposure they have to it, the likelier they are to pick it up, she said.

Every child is different when it comes to signing. Some learn to sign as

young as 6 to 8 months old. Others don't learn at all.

Andrea Bailey has been attending the monthly class since her 3-year-old son Eli was 6 months old. Now she makes the drive from Calhoun County on a regular basis with Eli and 1-year-old Sam.

"He really does do a lot of signs, not in class but when we got home, surprisingly, he had picked them up," Bailey said of Eli. Now Sam is starting to as well.

"It's just nice to be able to know what they want before they can talk," Bailey said.

For more information on the baby sign language class, which is free and open to anyone, call the CAMC Family Resource Center at (304) 388-2545.

Reach Lori Kersey at lori.ker...@wvgazette.com or 304-348-1240. 🐾



"In Memory of Loved Ones"



GENE H. SIMMONS

Gene Henry Simmons, 86, of Parkersburg, WV, passed away Friday, June 29, 2012 at the Camden Clark Medical Center – Memorial Campus.

He was born February 8, 1926 in Williamstown, WV, a son of the late William G. and Ida M. Simmons. Gene retired in 1992 from Storck Bakery after 49 years of service and was a member of the Walnut Street Church of Christ, in Belpre, OH.

Surviving is his wife of 56 years, Shirley Florence Chamberlain Simmons; two sons, Ronnie L. Simmons and wife, Patricia of Parkersburg, WV and Jeffrey W. Simmons and wife, Julie of Cross Lanes, WV; one brother, William Simmons of Arkansas; one sister, Bessie Gomez of Clearwater, FL; and three grandchildren, Jordan and Joshua Simmons and Jessica Street all of Cross Lanes, WV. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Simmons.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012 at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, 400 Green Street, Parkersburg, WV, with Pastor Ralph Hayes officiating. Interment followed at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. 🐾

HOME Sweet Home



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

We had so many members that moved over the summer and their newsletters came back to me. If you are moving to a new home, please remember to send change-of-address note to the WVAD Editor as soon as possible so that your newsletter will be delivered uninterrupted and to the correct address. Thank you.



FALL FUN PAGE



Number Madness

Can you find the numbers 1-36 hidden in the picture?



(See Fun Page Answers on page 17)

RAFFLE TICKETS — 2 TICKETS FOR WVU FOOTBALL GAME, WVU VS. TCU, 11/3/12

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 2 tickets to the WVU vs. TCU football game, scheduled for November 3, 2012 (home game), time to be determined. The organization is raising money for the 2013 WVAD conference. If anyone is interested in buying any raffle tickets, please contact Veronda Harrison, VP No. 304-964-6025 or e-mail her at Verapple@aol.com. Feel free to let your family and friends know about this as they are welcome to participate in the drawing. Drawing will be held on October 20, 2012. For more information, please contact Veronda Harrison. 🇺🇸



1 Raffle Ticket for \$5.00
5 Raffle Tickets for \$20.00



NOVEMBER 3, 2012



REMINDER

If you are submitting an article, please send any accompanying photos in a standard photo format, as a separate file. We cannot use photos that are embedded or included in a Word document. Photos with captions and articles should be submitted to the [WVAD Editor](#). Thank you.

West Virginia Association of the Deaf

Christmas Party



December 8, 2012

4 p.m. till 12 a.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

430 West Pike Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301



\$1,000 Door Prize Giveaway

(Depends Upon Attendance)

\$20.00 per person includes Dinner and Admission Prizes

Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Dressing
Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, and Assorted Desserts

Please bring desserts for an extra door prize ticket.

Age 18 and Above

Door Opens at 4:00 p.m. to Midnight

Dinner Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Game Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Prizes Starts at 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Handicap Access



Various Gifts/Cash Prizes

(TV, iPad, and More!)

10 Tickets for \$5.00 or

30 Tickets for \$10.00

Door Prize: Cash Ornaments

Come One, Come All!

**Direction to Veterans of Foreign Wars
430 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301**

Traveling from North I-79, go South I-79, get on Exit 119, turn right on U.S. 50 West/West Main Street. Exit on South 2nd Street toward downtown. Turn right on West Pike Street.

Traveling from South I-79, go North I-79, get on Exit 119, turn left on U.S. 50 West/West Main Street. Exit on South 2nd Street toward downtown. Turn right on West Pike Street.

Traveling from East I-68, go West I-68 and merge onto South I-79 and get on Exit 119, turn right on U.S. 50 West/West Main Street. Exit on South 2nd Street toward downtown. Turn right on West Pike Street.

Traveling from Parkersburg, go on U.S. 50 East toward Clarksburg, get on Exit North 3rd Street. Turn right on West Pike Street.



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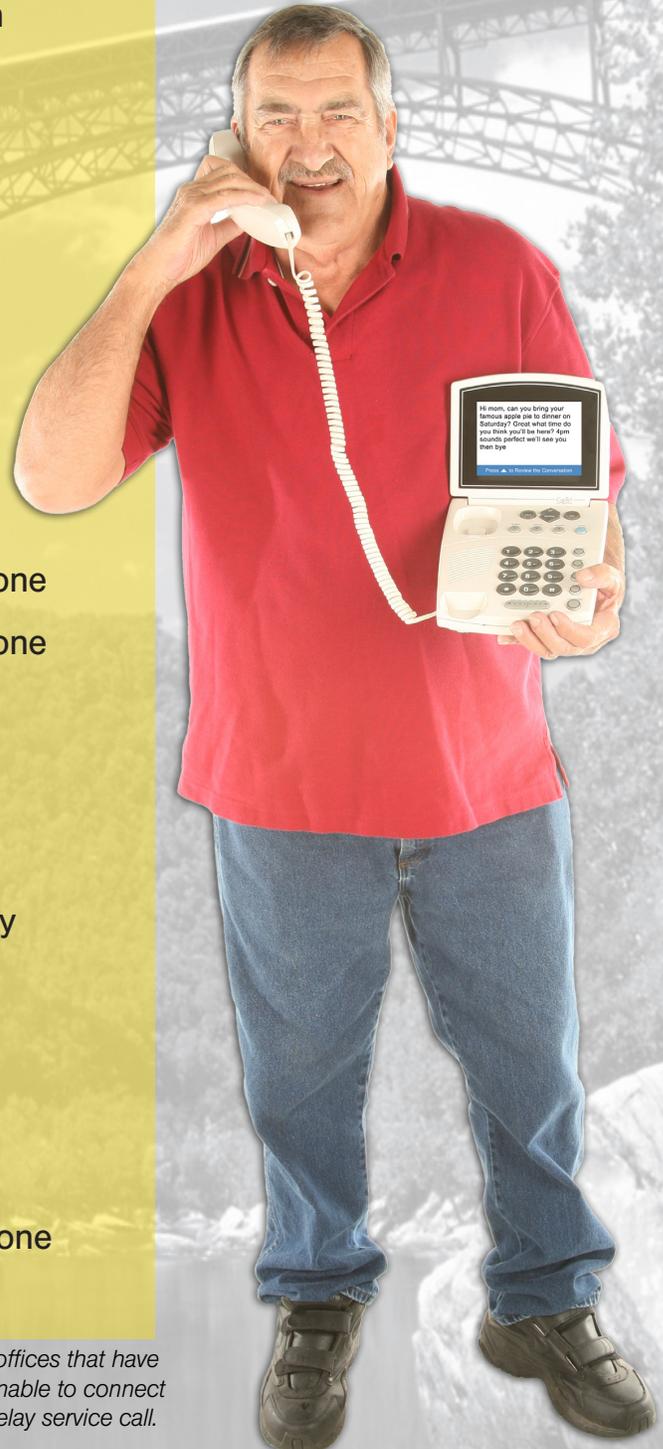
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24th Annual Down Under Bowl, Australia by Tamera Deem

Recent Parkersburg High School graduate, Josh Lewis, had the opportunity of a lifetime this summer. Because of his successful season playing football for the 'Big Reds' and being the top AAA defensive player in the state of West Virginia in 2011, Josh was invited to compete in the 24th Annual Down Under Bowl, a football tournament held on Australia's Gold Coast.

Recruiters from Down Under Sports and International Sports Specialists, Inc., monitor the sports statistics of high school basketball, cheerleading and dance, cross country (running), football, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling athletes from all over the United States. The top athletes receive certificates and invitation letters in the mail, explaining the program and 11-day trip.

On July 3, a group of four people from Parkersburg traveled overseas: Josh, his fellow 'Big Red' teammate Luca Scottodiluzio, Josh's mother Melody Bell, and interpreter Caryn Keller. Upon arrival, Josh and Luca were united with their new "Mustang" teammates who were from Wisconsin, Kentucky, Alaska, Montana, Colorado, Australia, and three other players from West Virginia. There were six teams in all. Josh was the only athlete competing in the 2012 Down Under Bowl who is deaf.

The trip to Australia wasn't focused only on sports. Athletes were given a lot of free time to explore the area known as "Surfers Paradise" near Brisbane, visit native Australian animals at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, and attend a cultural dance demonstration by the Aborigines. On the last day in Australia, everyone toured downtown

Sydney, which included a ferry ride through Sydney Harbor and visit to the famous Sydney Opera House. They took advantage of an optional 3-day stay on Hawaii's Waikiki Beach on the way home, as well.

This was a once in a lifetime experience for Josh and company and they had a wonderful time! 🇺🇸



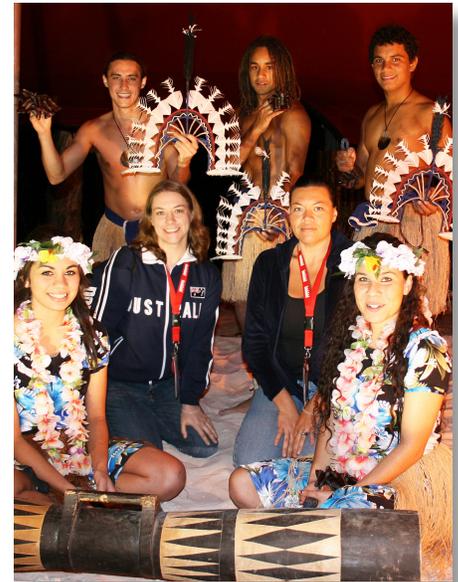
Josh Lewis, No. 98, during a play.



Members of the "Mustangs" team: Kenney Crowthers, Josh Lewis, and Luca Scottodiluzio after the second game.



Josh Lewis and his mom, Melody Bell, at the Sydney Harbor ferry.



Caryn Keller and Melody Bell, Josh's mom, with the Aboriginal dancers at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

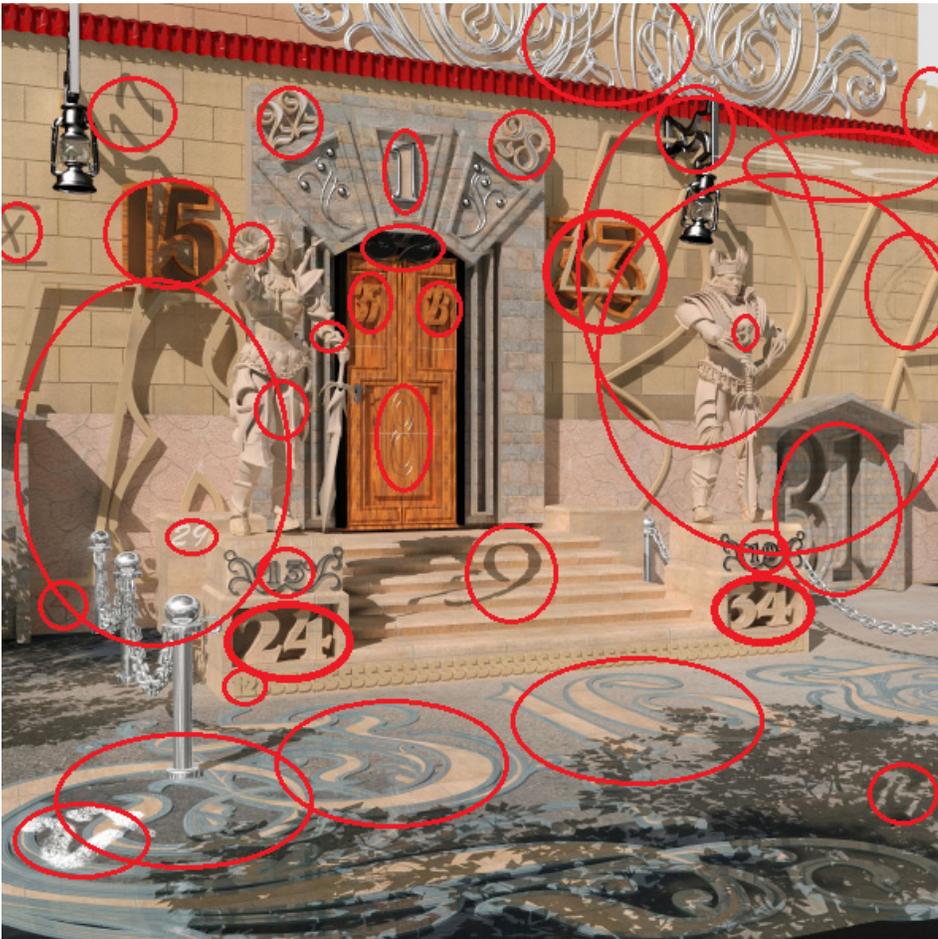


Josh's team, the "Mustangs," during a practice at a park in Surfers Paradise. The Q1 Tower is in the background. It is the apartment building where we stayed, and it was, until recently, the tallest residential building in the world.



Caryn and Josh: The photo on the left was mailed to people who donated to make the trip possible.

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West Virginia Association of the Deaf has a Facebook group page which was started this past fall. You will be able to keep up with WVAD news and information every time you check your Facebook. You will also be able to post events and be involved in discussions.

Check out the West Virginia Association of the Deaf Facebook page today to see what's happening.

Many thanks to John Burdette for doing this for our organization!



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Creepy Crawly Brownies

(Preheat oven to 350 °F; Makes 25 Spider Bites, More if You Roll into Smaller Balls)

(Courtsey of Paula Deen, http://www.pauladeen.com/recipes/recipe_view/creepy_crawly_brownie_spider_bites/)

For the brownies:

4 oz unsweetened chocolate, chopped
2 cups sugar
1 tsp vanilla

1 cup butter
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

(If you prefer, you can use brownies from a box mix and just follow the decorating instructions below.)

For the decorations:

1-2 16 oz pkg of chocolate candy coating
(also called confectioners' coating, candy melts, or bark coating)
Black non-nonpareils

10 licorice wheels
50 raspberry gumdrops (you can use M&Ms or other red candy)
Confetti color stick sprinkles



For the Brownies:

Grease an 8-inch square baking pan. Heat butter and chopped chocolate in microwave on low. Microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring in between until melted and smooth.

In a mixer, add sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Mix until combined. Add the melted chocolate and butter to the sugar mixture and mix until combined. Add flour and mix until combined.

Spread the brownie batter in greased pan and bake for about 40 minutes or until done. Let cool.

After the brownies are cooled (they can still be slightly warm), cut 25 equal brownie squares, trimming off the outside edges first. This will help when you start to roll them.

These brownies were so moist and moldable already, I decided to try rolling them without using any frosting. And it worked out just fine.

To decorate:

Prepare the licorice legs first. Unroll one licorice wheel at a time and cut it into as many 2-3/4 inch sections as you can. See how the strand is doubled up in the picture above. You can separate each strand of licorice by pulling apart the two pieces. Start on one end and pull the two pieces apart, leaving them attached at the other end.

Repeat until you have four pairs of legs for each spider body (totaling eight licorice legs each). Set them aside until ready to use.

Prepare the raspberry gumdrop eyes second. All you do for these is cut small pieces of the leftover licorice and press directly into the tops of these raspberry candies. The candies are soft, so don't be afraid to press down firmly to get the licorice pieces to stay.

Start dipping! Place the candy coating in a small, deep microwave safe bowl. Heat in the microwave on low in 30-second intervals, stirring in between. Repeat until melted and smooth. Don't overheat the chocolate.

Drop the ball in the bowl of chocolate coating. Don't stir or move it around. Then cover it by spooning more melted chocolate over the top, completely covering the brownie ball.

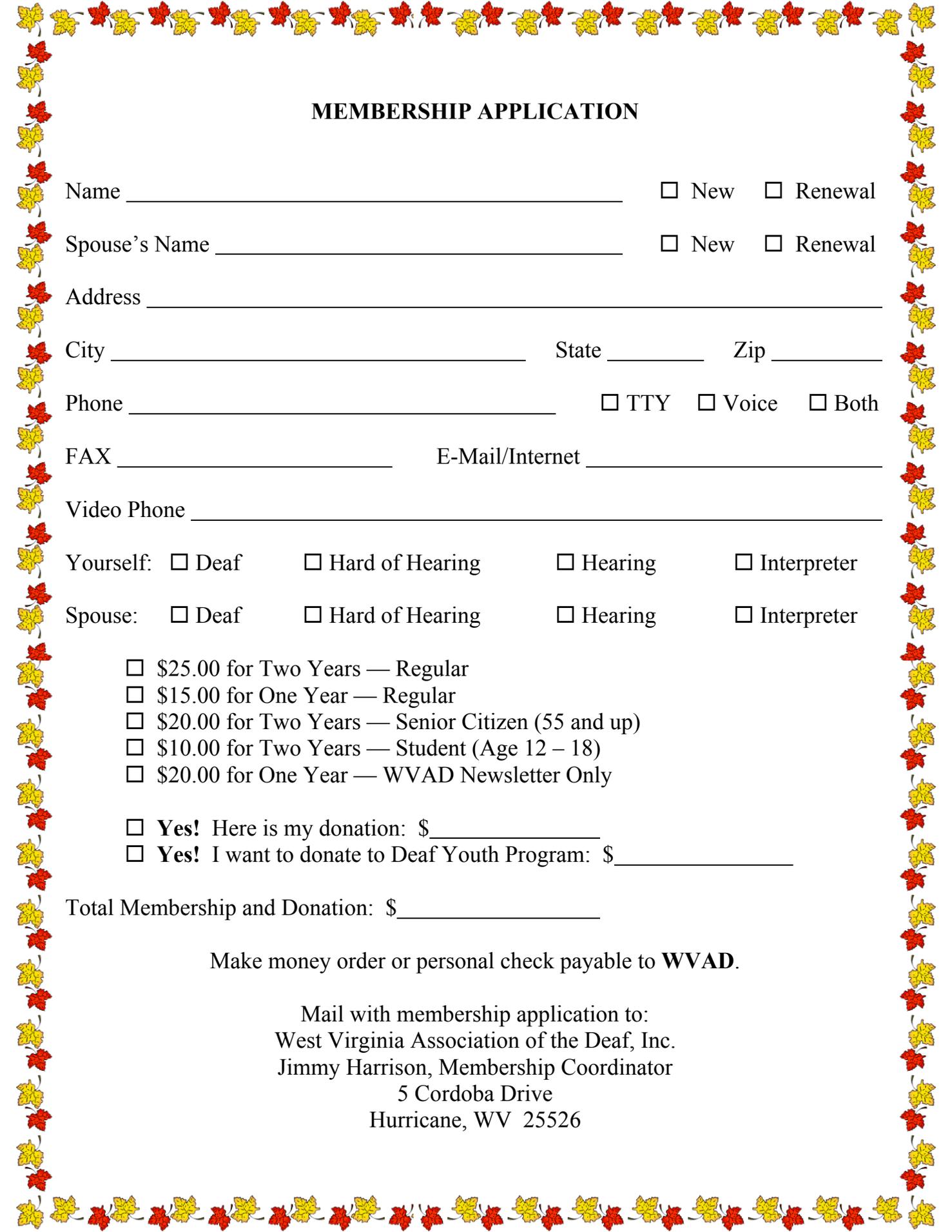
Then, using the same spoon, lift it out of the chocolate and tap the handle of the spoon on the edge of the bowl. This will force any excess chocolate off the ball and back into the bowl. When most of the excess has fallen off, transfer the ball to a wax paper covered cookie sheet and immediately sprinkle a few black non-nonpareils on top. Repeat with remaining brownie balls.

Let the spider bodies dry completely before applying the rest of the decorations.

Use the remaining chocolate candy coating to attach the licorice legs and candy eyes. You won't need much, so just reheat what is left in the bowl that you used for dipping. Place the top (attached) part of the licorice leg pair in the coating and then attach it to the side of the spider body. Hold in place for a few seconds while the chocolate sets. Repeat with remaining legs. Don't move the spiders until the coating has completely set with the legs attached.

Then, use more candy coating to attach the raspberry candy eyes and let dry.

For the finishing frightening touch, insert two sprinkles for fangs (I used white confetti color stick sprinkles). Just push them right in and have a frightfully Happy Halloween!



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