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2nd Annual WV Deaf Awareness Day Held at the WV State Capitol

By John Burdette

Second Annual Deaf Awareness Day was held at the WV State Capitol, Charleston, WV, on March 13, 2017.

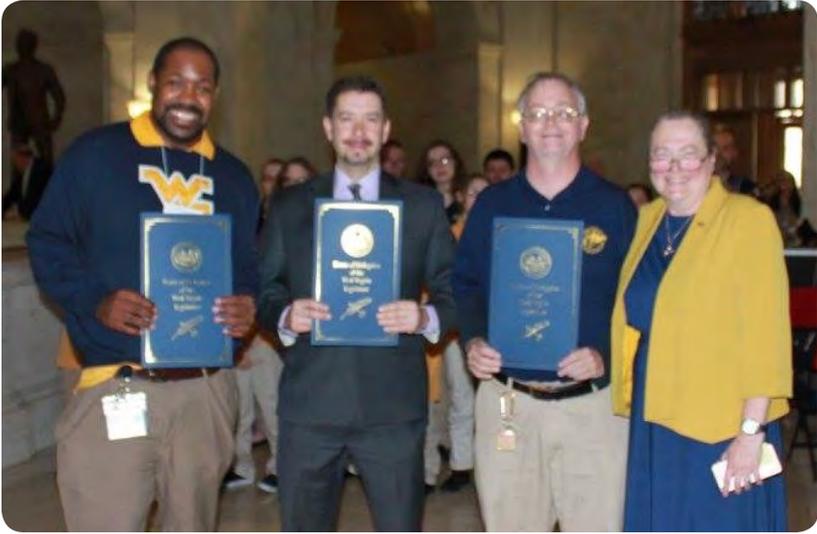
The event was hosted by the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) and WV Association of the Deaf (WVAD). A lot more people came to Deaf Awareness

Day this year and we had around 20+ vendors.

Delegate Ruth Rowan of R-Hampshire County representing the House of Delegates proclaimed and recognized WV Deaf Awareness Day. Earnest Covington III, WVCDHH Executive Director; Dr. Martin Keller, Jr., Superintendent of WV Schools

for the Deaf and the Blind; and me, as President of WV Association of the Deaf, each received a Legislative Citation Award.

Afterwards, The WVSDB Tapestry and Melodies sang songs on the Upper Rotunda. They also went to the Office of the Governor and sang for the Governor in the afternoon. 🐰



House Delegate Ruth Rowan (R-Hampshire) presents WVCDHH Executive Director Earnest Covington, WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Superintendent Dr. Martin Keller, Jr., and WVAD President John Burdette “Legislative Citation Award” Award, that proclaims and recognizes Deaf Awareness Day.

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Spring is here!

I hope everyone enjoyed the "Spring-Like" weather during the winter season. I am sure many of you are happy not to have much snow this time of the year.

The WVAD Board met at Hampton Inn hotel in Bridgeport, WV, for board meeting on February 25th. WVAD's Executive Board will be attending the Family School Association (FSA) weekend at WVSD in Romney, WV (see announcement on page 5), and we will have our next board meeting on WVSD campus on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Once again, Zachary Stump, WVSD student, has been accepted to attend the 2017 National Jr. NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) this summer from July 17 to August 12, 2017.

WVAD is having fundraising projects with Yankee Candle, That's My Pan, and raffles for WVU football tickets. If anyone is interested in shopping for bakewares, candles, popcorns, flowers, etc., please see one of the WVAD board members. It would be a great gift for Mother's Day, wedding, anniversary, birthday, etc.

I want to update everyone on projects or things that have been happening in West Virginia.

- The House Bill 2571 on Language Equality Acquisition for the Deaf Kids – Kindergarten Ready (LEAD-K) for WV was introduced in the House on February 20, 2017. The bill was passed in the House on March 10, 2017. It went over to Senate and was introduced in Senate on March 11, 2017. Last action was to Senate Education Committee. They sent this bill over for a study resolution this summer. WVAD's LEAD-K team will be continuing to work on this bill. 2017 Legislative Session is over. (See story on page 14.)
- West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind will be hosting Second Annual Family School Association on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Please see FSA flyer for more information with variety of fun activities and events (http://wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us/files/_bEAg1_6f93ea4e9e60de2b3745a49013852ec4/FSA_Day_2017_flyer.pdf).
- ASL Family & Interpreter Retreat will be held in Fairmont, WV, at Pierpont Community & Technical College on June 15-17, 2017.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 23 for membership form), please send the form and payment to

our Membership Coordinator, Larry Hubbard. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Larry Hubbard, Membership Coordinator. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. This would be a good way to give someone a membership as a gift.

In closing, Please check the WVAD website (www.wvad.org) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any information about WVAD.

Warmly,

John W. Burdette

WVAD President



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WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held at WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney, WV, May 15, 2016

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, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Donna Williams, Larry Hubbard, Jeffery Simmons and Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Dallas Pack and Joey Major.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at Hampton Inn in Clarksburg, WV. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with Secretary Donna Williams present.

The minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2016, was sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via videophone and e-mail. The minutes of the meeting was published in the Fall/Winter 2016 newsletter.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report from September 16, 2016 to February 24, 2017:

Balance in checking account – \$3,262.46; balance in savings account – \$3,565.51; Mingo County Fund – \$14,547.98; WVAD Conference Fund – \$6,221.97; Deaf Youth Program – \$833.00; Education Fund – \$187.79; WV Deaf Grassroot Movement – \$237.00; 2 Certificate of Deposits – \$12,003.63. Profit from the WVAD Christmas Party – \$1,079.93. This will be put in the WVAD Conference Fund.

There are six cookbooks left.

Kroger donation – everyone needs to renew each year in September.

We are out of group pictures from WVAD Conference at Snowshoe WVAD Quarter News, Spring 2017

Mountain Resort. We can order more if anyone wants to order one.

Donna asked Veronda to explain the result of her conversation with the lawyer for the Mingo County Fund. Veronda explained that if there are no Deaf in Mingo County needing financial assistance, WVAD can use the funds for education throughout the state. Cannot use the funds for traveling to conferences out of state.

Donna moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

President John Burdette's Report:

- NAD Regional 1 monthly VP meetings:
 - September 21, 2016 (Vice President Tami Deem participated)
 - October 26, 2016
 - November 26, 2016*
 - January 18, 2017*
 - February 15, 2017 (did not participate)
- * Used Zoom Video Meeting
- Received an e-mail from Rafael Pinchas, the author of Deaflympics. He gave presentation at WVSDB Homecoming weekend. He asked us to buy his two books. Would like to buy but WVAD does not have a home office to keep them.
- Received an e-mail from Matthew "Magic" Morgan, Entertainer/Performer about his various performance shows and fees. Sent the information to the board. The board selected the Las Vegas Show. Informed Matthew Moore. He sent a contract and Veronda signed and

sent \$500 deposit. He plans to drive from Wisconsin. We will pay his 55 cents per mile mileage.

- Received e-mail from Donna Williams sharing information on the death of member Michael Precopi. She sent a card to his long-time companion, Joyce DeGarmo.
- Received e-mail from Tami Deem and Veronda Harrison about Victor Davy's membership and newsletter. His sister wants his subscription transferred to her.
- Sent message to Twin Sisters: Hedy vs. Heidi, Entertainer/Performer via Facebook Messenger asking if they can come to WVAD conference. Received reply saying they are not able to come in August. Suggested we contact the agent at contact@route66promo.com.
- On September 16th, sent a follow-up e-mail to Sarah Harris (workshop presenter). Received a response saying she is not able to attend WVAD to give presentation due to her husband's health issues.
- Received e-mail from Molly Simonton sharing information about ASL classes through Marshall University, Summer 2017.
- Sent follow-up e-mail to Sarah Lowther at WVCDHH about the Communication Access Visor Card.
- Stakeholders Meeting:
 - Sent e-mail to Molly Simonton informing her that I will be attending the WVCDHH board retreat/meeting for two days, I

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- am not able to attend the Stakeholders meeting. The meeting was held on November 3-4, 2016.
 - Sent short video clip sharing information about WVAD and broadcast brochure.
 - Received minutes of that stakeholders’ meeting.
- Received e-mail from Michael Squires, an audiologist in Parkersburg, WV. He wants to reinstate the camp for deaf and hard of hearing kids in WV. He is proposing a 1-week long camp during the summer at Jackson’s Mill in Lewis County. He is also searching for funding to get the camp started and asked if WVAD would like to participate and/or donate. I replied to him on November 16th. Mr. Squires is interested in starting a deaf camp that was held at Jackson’s Mill years ago.
- Booked two rooms for two nights at Glade Springs Resort for Matthew “Magic” Morgan and Dr. Martin Keller, Jr.
- PromisASL Research Lab at Galaudet University:
 - Received an e-mail from Traci-Ann Hoglind, Health Research Technician, and we talked on VP.
 - She wanted to attend a WVAD event to do a survey to collect information on the health and quality of life in WV.
 - She and another person attended our annual Christmas party.
- Sent letter to Tim Albert, President of NDBA, inviting him to give presentation at the WVAD conference. He replied saying he is already

committed in Baltimore, MD, that same weekend.

- Heritage Company (United Deaf Services):
 - Received an e-mail from Justin Reed, Account Executive-Marketing/Client Services about contract renewal.
 - Responded with several questions.
 - Sent a signed contract via e-mail attachment on January 2, 2017.
- Sent a letter to the Office of WV Governor regarding the live interpreter not being shown on TV during his State of the State address.
- WV LEAD-K bill has been assigned a number. It is HB 2571.
- NAD Region 1 shared the State Association’s plan of hosting Deaf Youth Day. They also shared NAD Deaf Youth Day toolkit to use for ideas.

Vice-President Tami Deem’s Report:

None.

Secretary Donna Williams’ Report:

- Discussed with President John Burdette where to have the next WVAD board meeting. I suggested the Clarksburg/Bridgeport area. He liked that idea. Called about 10 hotels. Two were \$150 plus tax. Others either had no conference room, did not answer, or there was no local number listed on the internet. The Hampton Inn, here, was the cheapest at \$80 for 4+ hours and included water and coffee. Plus, can bring food in. Remember Days Hotel in Flatwoods does not permit outside food brought in. Veronda agreed and reservations were made.

- Announced this is my last term as WVAD Secretary. Wanted to let everyone know so can start looking for someone to take my place. If anyone is interested in running for Secretary to take my place, let me know and I will help train that person. If LEAD-K fails, I will continue to work on that committee if want me to. Enjoy working with WVAD and will help with any committee if I can but need to take care of my health.

Trustees’ Report:

No report.

Editor Tami Deem’s Report:

Deadline for next newsletter is second week of March.

Membership Larry Hubbard’s Report:

At last board meeting, there were 193 members. Now, there are 198.

During Deaf Awareness Week—September 18-24, 2016—membership was half price. Do we want to do this again for Deaf History Month in March?

Legislative Advocate Antonia Hall’s Report via e-mail:

- HB 2062 for Deaf Children Bill of Rights is listed; however, we need to have it deleted.
- HB 2123 for funding for WVSDB was filed and now is in the House Finance Committee.
- HB 2571 for LEAD-K has been filed and is now in the House Education Committee.

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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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| <i>Trustee:</i> | Larry Hubbard |
| <i>Trustee:</i> | Jeffery Simmons |

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Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:

Donna gave the report for April.

April has been very busy going to the Capitol almost every day during her lunch break meeting the delegates asking them to support this bill. Plus she is busy preparing to leave tomorrow for Atlanta to attend the EHDI Conference. So, I offered to do the report for her.

- The LEAD-K bill has been introduced to the House as HB 2571. And, it was sent to the Education Committee. Bills never have a title so it can be confusing what each bill is about.
- Delegate Ruth Rowan did a great job getting 10 other delegates to sponsor this bill.
- Donna did a PowerPoint presentation at the WVCDHH board meeting in Romney on Friday, March 3.
- Donna also attended the Fair Shake weekly Wednesday meeting at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 22, to explain to them about this bill. Fair Shake is our lobbyist and will watch the bill progress for us and let John and me know if they hear anything.
- We work very closely with the core team in California. Everything we send out must go through them first.

Veronda shared the e-mail she sent to Del. Nancy Foster and Del. Foster's response. She gave us permission to use the same words.

Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:

If order anything from Amazon, use AmazonSmile and select WVAD. WVAD will be given 0.5% from orders.

Kroger—must renew the rewards program every September. To renew, go to www.kroger.com. Answer the questions. Then click on Community tab, select Kroger Community Rewards. Then click on Re-enroll Now. Click on Edit. Look for West Virginia Association of the Deaf or type in West Virginia Association of the Deaf and enter. When WVAD comes up, select it and click on Enroll (see page 13 for instructions).

If you need to enroll in the program, go to www.kroger.com and click on Register. Follow the instructions.

Old Business:

2017 WVAD Conference:

Keith Simmerman agreed to be Award Chairperson.

Cindy Simmerman will be Exhibit Chairperson.

Some ideas for workshops include Resolving Conflicts and Parliamentary Procedure.

Will be mailing out the sponsorship requests.

Need send out letters asking for donations.

New Business:

Veronda moved to have Early Bird Combo #1 for WVAD Conference during month of March Deaf History month. Discount to try to get more people to attend. Start March 6 to March 31. Passed.

Tami moved to have half price membership March 6 to March 31. Passed.

Donna moved to establish a By-Laws Committee to review the ByLaws before the conference. Passed.

Tami moved to sell WVU football raffle tickets for fall 2017. Passed.

Veronda moved to continue selling That's My Pan. Passed.

Donna moved to develop a professional looking WVAD brochure. Passed.

Jeffery moved to give cash prizes at the 2017 WVAD Conference. Passed.

Jeffery moved to have next WVAD board meeting in Romney during FSA weekend as first choice. Second choice Hampton Inn in Clarksburg May 20. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. 🍷

WVSDB FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DAY



Special Guests:

Nico DiMarco, Deaf DJ and Brother of Nyle DiMarco
Alex Abenchuchan from the *Daily Moth*



Pancake Breakfast
Cornhole Tournament
Live Band
Bouncehouses

Robotic Events for Middle and High School Students

Book Signing by Roz Rosen, Author of the New Book *"Deaf Culture Fairy Tales"*

WHERE: On the Campus of WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 2017 ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Free Admission ~ Food and drinks will be sold during FSA Day

For more information, see http://wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us/pages/WestVirginiaSchools_Deaf_Blind



“COLLABORATING LEADS TO CREATING CONNECTIONS TOGETHER!”



**WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
41st Biennial Conference
Glade Springs Resort ~ Daniels, WV
August 3-5, 2017**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

Registration Rates:

- Full combo includes registration, workshops, business meeting, Friday night social, and Saturday banquet and entertainment.
- WVAD membership is NOT included in the combo registration fee. Each WVAD member will be responsible for their own membership renewal when it's due. It may be renewed at the conference if desired.

Accessibility Request: Accessibility requests must be received no later than June 30, 2017. Please contact Jimmy Harrison at JHarrison5@aol.com or Veronda Harrison at Verapple@aol.com.

Cancellation Policy: We will refund the combo except registration fee if there is death in the family or health reasons (written documentation is required from the doctor).

Chairperson: John Burdette, jwburdette90@gmail.com

Co-Chairperson: TBD

Advertising Chairperson: Tamera Deem, extraordinary45@comcast.net

Exhibition Chairperson: TBD

Desktop Publishing Coordinator/Editor: Tamera Deem, extraordinary45@comcast.net

- You may make arrangements with Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e-mail Verapple@aol.com) to make payments.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Glade Springs Resort
255 Resort Drive
Daniels, WV 25832

For Reservations:

Telephone No.: 877-814-7316

Group Code: WVAD

* (Group Code Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is June 30, 2017)

- Prices are \$99.00 + taxes and fees (\$121.37/night) for ALL lodging unit types per bedroom (The Inn, Executive Suites, Chestnut Hill Lodges, and Oak Lane Villas). For handicap accessibility rooms, the rooms are at the Inn. People can share and split the cost of a room.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LODGING, see page 4 or see <http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-lodging.php>.
- Rotunda breakfast buffet (inside the Inn hotel) is \$10.00 + tax and gratuity. Must identify that you are with WVAD.

NOTE: WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, and restaurants.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

(Please print clearly. One form per person. You can make a copy for second person. Make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and write "CONFERENCE" on check memo line. Mail to Veronda Harrison, WVAD Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.)

First Name, Last Name: _____
 Member (New; Current) Non-Member

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Video Phone No.: _____ Cell Phone (Text) No.: _____

E mail: _____

Or complete the credit card information below:

Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Account No.: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVS (Security Code Number on Back): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AT DOOR RATES				
MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	REGISTRATION (WORKSHOP, EXHIBIT, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY)	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL	SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS, BANQUET, AND ENTERTAINMENT	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	\$115.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	—	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	\$40.00

MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	REGISTRATION ONLY	SATURDAY NIGHT — ENTERTAINMENT ONLY (DOES NOT INCLUDE BANQUET)	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00

EARLY BIRD COMBO				
MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	1ST COMBO (1/1/16 – 12/31/16)	2ND COMBO (1/1/17 – 4/30/17)	3RD COMBO (5/1/17 – 7/15/17)	AT DOOR (7/16/17 – 8/3/17)
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120.00	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

* Students must show proof of student status (valid student ID from high school or college required).

DIRECTIONS TO GLADE SPRINGS RESORT, DANIELS, WV

The Resort at Glade Springs is located in Daniels, WV, with convenient access from I-64, I-77, and Route 19.

Martinsburg, WV (265 miles — 3 hours, 55 minutes)

Morgantown, WV (175 miles — 2 hours, 56 minutes)

Parkersburg, WV (147 miles — 2 hours, 18 minutes)

Huntington, WV (123 miles — 2 hours)

Baltimore, MD (341 miles — 5 hours, 15 minutes)

Pittsburgh, PA (247 miles — 4 hours, 7 minutes)

Romney, WV (219 miles — 4 hours, 17 minutes)

Clarksburg, WV (144 miles — 2 hours, 27 minutes)

Charleston, WV (71 miles — 1 hour, 11 minutes)

Beckley, WV (7 miles — 14 minutes)

Youngstown, OH (330 miles — 4 hours, 54 minutes)

Altoona, PA (314 miles — 4 hours, 58 minutes)

*** Some routes require toll fees.**

For GPS / Navigation Systems: Address is 2400 Ritter Drive, Daniels, WV 25832.

Check out Google maps or <http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-directions.php> for directions to Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV.



LODGING INFORMATION FOR GLADE SPRINGS RESORT, WV

ALL LODGING — CHECK IN: AFTER 4:00 P.M. / CHECK OUT: 11:00 A.M.
(Guests arriving prior to 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms become available.)

All Rooms per Bedroom are \$99.00/Night plus Taxes and Fees (\$121.37)

The Inn (\$121.37/night per Bedroom): Handicap accessible. These traditional rooms and suites connect to the Conference Center and Rotunda restaurant. Each room sleeps up to four people, with two queen beds or one king bed and a sofa bed, and features granite bath surrounds. Suites feature a gas log fireplace, wet bar, and DVD player.

Executive Suites (\$121.37/night per Bedroom): Executive Suites have a private bedroom with a king bed, refrigerator and microwave, a luxurious bath and a separate parlor with a pull-out sofa bed. Our resort suites have been completely renovated with flat screen TVs in both the parlor and the bedroom, all new furnishings, fabrics, and carpet. Amenities also include coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, wireless internet, and pet friendly available.

Chestnut Hill Lodges (\$121.37/night per Bedroom): These contemporary, roomy lodges can sleep up to 32 people with a variety of bedrooms, sofa beds, and bunk rooms. These stand-alone cottage accommodations feature full kitchens, dining rooms, and living rooms with fireplaces.

Oak Lane Villas (\$121.37/night per Bedroom): These 3-bedroom units feature beautiful views of the fairways from spacious screened-in porches, fully equipped kitchens, and fireplaces. Each bedroom has an adjoining private bath. Oak Lane Villas sleep up to twelve people.

TO RESERVE:

Reservation Telephone No.: 877-814-7316

Times to Call to Reserve: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Closed

Group Code: WVAD (Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is June 30, 2017)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **RESERVATION PROCEDURES:** Individual guests will be responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 814-7316 and ask for the West Virginia Association of the Deaf room block. This toll-free number is specific to WVAD group. A major credit card will be required upon reserving individual rooms and a seven (7) day cancellation period would apply, whereby an attendee cancelling their reservation within seven (7) days of arrival will be charged one night's lodging at the group rate.
2. **First night deposit is not required at time of reservation.**
3. The more people you share the room with, the cheaper it cost because you can split the cost of the room.
4. The conference and all WVAD events will be held in various rooms at The Inn hotel.
5. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc.
6. You can also bring food from home for the kitchen if you reserve a room with a kitchen. There are 4 restaurants on the Resort if you want to eat out or you can go to restaurants outside the Resort.
7. **FUN PASSES:** Individuals lodging through Glade Springs Resort will receive fun passes during their stay at Glade Springs. Fun pass activities include the following: 1 scavenger hunt per person, 1 geocaching card per person, 1 round of disc golf (includes scorecard and disc rental) per person, 1 complimentary game of bowling per person, 1 hour boat rental at Lake Mallard per person, and 1 bucket of driving range balls per person. A fun pass is awarded for each person staying in the room on the Resort. The fun pass is good for your entire stay at Glade Springs Resort.
8. For more information on activities, see <http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-adventure-activities.php>.



BARBARA JEAN HAYS

Barbara Jean Hays, 83, of Weirton, WV, passed away Saturday August 27, 2016, at the Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Born on July 21, 1933, at her family's home in Weirton, WV.

Prior to her marriage on April 28, 1959, she worked as a tin flopper at Weirton Steel. In 1958 she graced the cover of the Weirton Steel Bulletin, the same picture that appears in her obituary.

Barbara lived a quiet life, she found enjoyment in sharing time with her husband, three daughters, and five grandchildren. In her free time she enjoyed watching movies and reading books.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Kraina, and Kenneth and Vesta Helmick Kraina Higginbotham; and her husband, Winford W. "Shorty" Hays, on August 15, 2008.

She is survived by her three daughters, Tammy and Ed Zivic of Chesapeake, VA; Gina and Bob Monte of Bethel Park, PA; and Tricia Hays Lamantia of Colliers, WV; her five grandchildren, Alissa and Matthew Monte, Noelle Lamantia, and Braxton and Anessa Zivic; a step son, Fred and Rita Hays of Kettering, OH, and a sister, Patty and Dr. Ed Andochick of Fredrick MD.

Barbara attended WV School for the Deaf in 1943 at Romney, WV.

Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on August 30th at the Greco Hertnick Funeral Home, 3219 Main Street, Weirton, WV, where funeral services was conducted at 8:00 p.m. Rev. Larry Barkley presided. Private entombment was at Highland Hills Memorial Gardens, Follansbee, WV. Share tributes and memories at www.grecohertnick.com.

If anyone wants to contact her daughter, Tricia about Barbara, her address is Tricia Hays, 127 Di Pino Drive, Colliers, WV 26035. 🍀

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JOHN FAVRE

John Favre, 86, of Saucier, Mississippi, passed away on October 31, 2016. He attended Mississippi School for the Deaf and graduated in 1947. He worked for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for about 40 years in Connecticut. He is survived by his wife Norma (Devericks) Favre and one stepson Dennis and his wife, Leslie Browning; and brother-in-law Worthy Devericks (WVAD Board member) and his wife, Lois Devericks, Clarksburg, WV. 🍀

MARGARET BROWNING

Margaret (Waldron) Browning, 86 of Fairview, Oregon, passed away on December 9, 2016, from cancer. She had two sons, Ricky Durbin and Sony Browning deceased and two grandchildren. She attended WV School for the Deaf in 1940 at Romney, WV. 🍀

VIOLET HOUSE

Violet House passed away on her 92nd birthday, January 16, 2017.

Preceded in death by husband, Robert E. House Sr.; son, Robert E. Jr.; brother, Everett Kittle; sisters, Geraldine Robinson, Agnes Kelly, Edna Landano, and Lorena Skidmore.

Survived by daughter, Kathrin and son-in-law James Vargo.

Violet graduated from WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1946.

Violet was the best mom in the world. She was a member of the Akron Club of the Deaf for over 70 years. The family would like to thank Summa Barberton Hospice for their help and support.

Funeral services was at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Cox-McNulty Funeral Home, 222 Norton Avenue, Barberton, Ohio. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home (<http://www.coxfuneral-homeinc.com/notices/Violet-House>). 🍀



ARLENE LANTZ

Arlene Snyder Lantz, 78 of Parkersburg, WV, passed away January 14, 2017, at the Camden Clark Medical Center. She was born August 19, 1938, in Buckhannon, WV, a daughter of the late Dorsey "Jack" and Vecie (Lower) Snyder. Mrs. Lantz retired from the Bureau of Public Debt in Parkersburg, WV. She enjoyed oil painting.

Surviving are two daughters: Mary Lea Wolfe of Belpre, OH, and Vonnie Lantz of Davisville, WV; four siblings: Junior Harris, Merritt Snyder, Mary Ruth Campbell, and Don Snyder, all of Buckhannon, WV; five grandchildren: Joshua Twyman, Rodney Twyman, Stephanie Jarvis, Holly Brookover, and Eric Hjelmstad, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Vaughn Lantz, her brother Danny Snyder, and her son-in-law Jack Wolfe.

Memorial services was on January 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Independent United Brethren Church in Buckhannon, WV, with her brother, Reverend Junior Harris officiating.

Leavitt Funeral Home of Parkersburg assisted the family with arrangements. Online guests may send condolences to the family by visiting www.LeavittFuneralHome.com. 🍀



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NOVELLA STRAIN

Novella Strain, 86, of Princeton, WV, made her transition on January 16, 2017, at the home of her daughter, Marselena Howard.

Born October 14, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Aaron Chambliss and Elizabeth Baxter Chandler. She retired from Maidenform. She previously attended Johnston Chapel and is currently a member of Saints Memorial Church of God in Christ in Princeton.

She owned and operated Novella's Beauty Salon and was a musician, playing the piano, in spite of her deafness.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Strain, Jr.; step-father, Willie Chandler; siblings, Willie Chandler, Jr., King Chandler, Othello Chandler, Charles Chandler, and Carlton Hollands; and grand-daughter Tanya Chambliss. Those left to cherish her memory are sisters, Alicia K. Crosby of Dayton, OH, Hattie (Garrett) Webb of Gary, IN, Claude (Carol) Chandler and Calvin Chandler of Gary, IN; two sons, Leroy (Lillian) of Dayton, OH, Xavier (Barbara) of Princeton; one daughter, with whom she made her home, Marselena (Marcie) Howard of Princeton; grandchildren, Aaron (Kathy) Chambliss of Kentwood, MI, Ayanna (Kevin) Franzen of St. George, UT, Xavier Jr. (Shannon) Strain of Princeton, Samantha Devon of Bluefield, Deric Taylor of Princeton, Ingrid (Steven) Robinson of Gastonia, NC, Carl Howard (Dacia) of Princeton; great-grandchildren, Marcel, Ryah,

Ashley, Rashawn, Levon, Christian, Malik, Madisyn, Kyliah, Ruelle, Devon, Xavier, Isiah, Elijah, Lyric; nieces Cindy Wilborn, Felicia (Wesley) Dillard, and Angel Wilborn; nephews Ricky, Reginald, and Ronnie Wilborn.

Novella had special friends and caregivers that she loved and they loved her; Sharon Hairston, Carl Howard, Jr, Gig Fragale, Roger Murphy, Jerry Billings, and the late James Hill, Jr, and cousin Eldora Peak.

Novella attended the WV School for the Colored Deaf in Institute, WV.

Funeral services was conducted at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2017, at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Donald Connor officiating.

Burial followed at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Littleburg. Friends and family served as pallbearers. Friends called the funeral home from 12:00 noon until the service hour on Monday (http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com/sitemaker/memsol.cgi?user_id=1911524). (See Obituaries on page 21)

RAFFLE TICKETS – 2 TICKETS (2 DRAWINGS) FOR WVU HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME, WVU VS. TEXAS TECH, 10/14/2017

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 2 chances to win 2 tickets to the WVU Homecoming football game vs. Texas Tech, scheduled for October 14, 2017 (home game), kick-off TBA. If anyone is interested in buying any raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD Board members (John Burdette, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Donna M. Williams, Jeffery Simmons, Larry Hubbard, or Worthy Devericks). For credit card purchases, please contact Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) at 304-964-6025 Videophone or e-mail at verapple@aol.com.

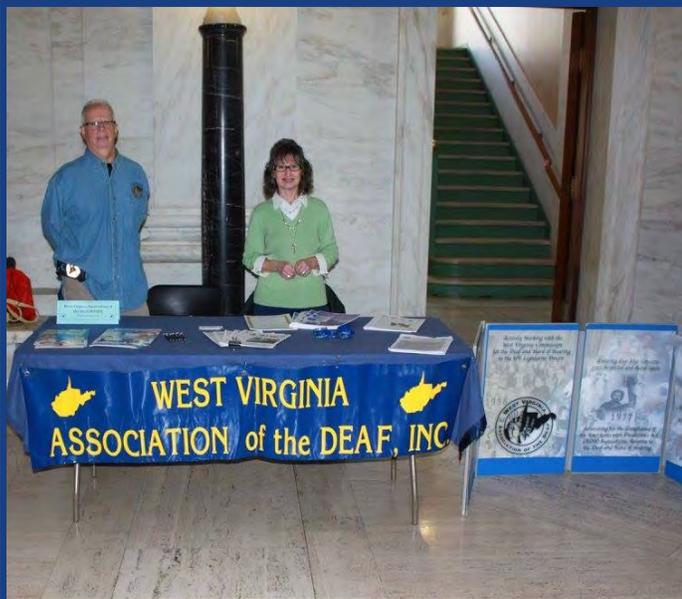
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LEAD-K

LANGUAGE EQUALITY & ACQUISITION  DEAF KIDS

By Donna M. Williams

LEAD-K means "Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids." The goal of this law is for all babies diagnosed deaf or hard of hearing to start learning language, have their language evaluated often using milestones, monitored, and data reported from birth to age five (5) in either English, ASL, or both. The goal is for all deaf and hard of hearing children to be ready to learn when enter kindergarten. This will lead the children to be successful in school and life.

So many deaf and hard of hearing children enter school with no language and cannot communicate. The best time for children to learn language is from birth to age three (3).

There are only three states with this law: California, Kansas, and Hawaii.

The WVAD LEAD-K Team worked hard to draft a bill to propose to WV Legislators. The bill number was HB 2571. Delegate Ruth Rowan, from Romney, got 10 delegates to sponsor this bill and proposed it to the House Education Committee. The WV Department of Education requested to be removed from the bill and have only Birth to Three and WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind responsible. I recently learned they want to work with us. It seems they completely misunderstood the bill. So, we need to work with them and clarify the bill.

The bill passed the House with no opposition and was sent to the Senate. The Senate sent it to the Senate Education Committee. The members of the Senate Education Committee had many questions. Also, there were two groups that strongly opposed the bill. Therefore, the bill failed.

It will go for a study resolution this summer. That means a group of legislators will study the bill, call some witnesses to come, and help improve the bill. In the meantime, the WV LEAD-K

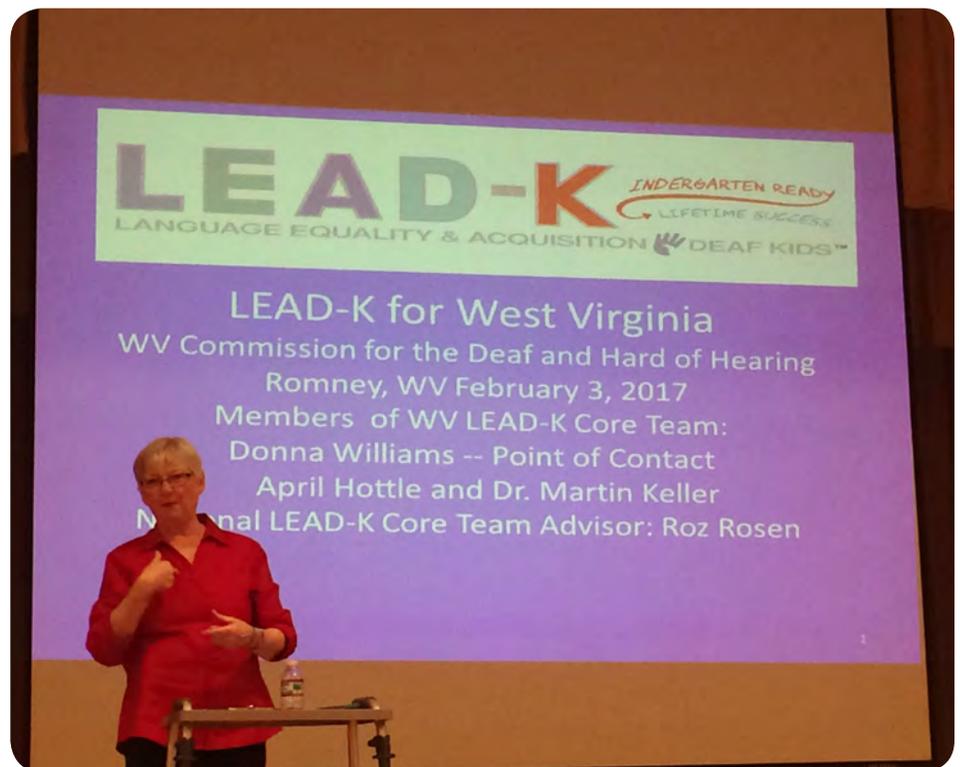
Team will continue to work on the bill, go to Deaf events to talk about the bill, meet with legislators, and attend a training in Richmond, VA with one of the national LEAD-K members with Virginia Association of the Deaf.

April Hottle, Antonia (Toni) Vaughan, and Brenda Hall went to the Capitol almost every day for the past 2 weeks. (April went almost everyday since legislative session started in February.) We are so blessed to have them on our Team. Twice a group from the Deaf community went to the Capitol to talk with the Senate Education Committee, but did not have a chance.

Thanks to all those who sent e-mails and called the legislators. We are NOT

giving up. We will take a short break and then meet again soon to plan for the next year.

The WV LEAD-K Team is looking for more volunteers to serve on the team. We need people who have reliable transportation to be able to attend meetings and go to the Capitol, be able to go to Deaf events to raise awareness and the purpose of the bill, meet with the legislators this summer and fall to push and discuss with them about the LEAD-K bill. If anyone is interested in joining the WV LEAD-K Team, or have any questions please contact Donna Williams at dmwilliams49@yahoo.com. 



Donna M. Williams giving her presentation about LEAD-K at the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.





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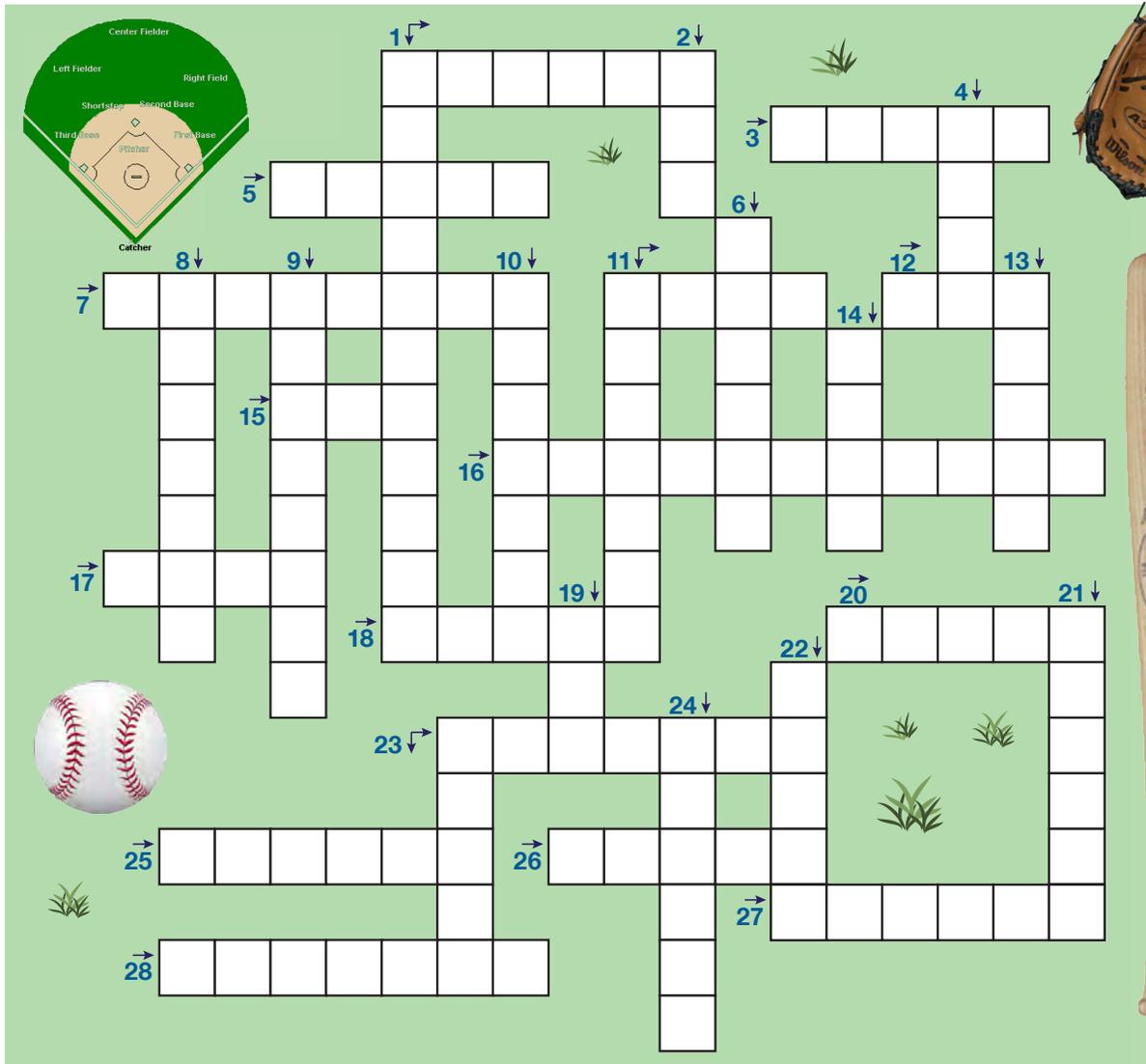
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BASEBALL FUN



Across

- 1) When a runner gets caught between two bases, it's called this. It's also a food.
- 3) Throw the ball over the _____.
- 5) _____ strikes and you're out!
- 7) A type of pitch that is purposely slow
- 11) Another word for baseball glove
- 12) Short for umpire
- 15) When a player puts the ball in play and reaches base, he got one of these.
- 16) "Buy me some peanuts and _____."
- 17) An offensive move with the bat meant to tap the ball softly
- 18) A mistake made by a fielder
- 20) The playing surface of baseball
- 23) The player who crouches behind home plate
- 25) A breaking pitch that moves from side to side
- 26) Four _____ leads to a walk.
- 27) A hit that lands the player on first base
- 28) The relief pitchers sit here during the game.

Down

- 1) When a pitcher throws 27 consecutive outs without allowing a hit or walk, he's achieved this.
- 2) Abbreviation for earned run average
- 4) "There's no I in _____."
- 6) A swing and a miss, or a foul ball
- 8) A hit that goes over the fence
- 9) When a pitcher throws a whole game without allowing a hit, he's achieved this.
- 10) The player who stands on the mound and throws the ball
- 11) Baseball's word for head coach
- 13) A player who is inserted into the game to hit is called the _____ hitter.
- 14) Much of the infield is made of this.
- 19) If you're not safe, you're _____!
- 21) A hit that lands the player on second base
- 22) There's plenty of this at the ballpark.
- 23) A pitch that suddenly breaks down
- 24) Hitters wear this for protection.

(See Fun Page Answers on page 21)

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BASEBALL FUN



KEITH HAMILTON

A man of infinite patience. A man, who of necessity, learned to communicate with the deaf at an early age, a man whose talking hands spell understanding and trust and hope for those who cannot hear. A soft spoken Christian whose philosophy is that there is no limit to the good that can be done.

Keith C. Hamilton Jr., 95, passed away after short illness March 24, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Keith Sr. and Demaris, who were deaf, and his loving wife of 48 years, Mary W. Hamilton.

Surviving son, Lawrence Hamilton (Lynne), grandson and caregiver for the last three years, Joshua Hamilton (Tiffany); great-granddaughter, Kamryn.

Keith, with the help of the West Side Kiwanis Club, were successful in convincing WCHS-TV to allow him air time for a program for the deaf, named "Talking Hands." This was in the early 60's. He served the Charleston area by teaching sign language classes, helping in weddings, funerals, court proceedings, emergency room visits, all at no charge. Keith worked for 19 years at WV Vocational Rehab with job placement for the deaf. He was a member of Kings Way Christian Church, Nitro.

Service was at 1:00 p.m., March 31, 2017, at Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston with Gene Brooks, minister at Kings Way Church, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, at the mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Deaf Missions, 21199 Greenview Rd., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 or Kings Way Christian Church, P.O. Box 307, Nitro, WV 25143.

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CHICKEN ALFREDO ROLL-UPS

(Yield: 4 Servings; Prep Time: 15 minutes; Cook Time: 30 minutes)

3 Tablespoons butter (plus more greasing the dish)	3 Tablespoons flour
Juice of 1 lemon	2-1/4 cups milk (preferably 2% or whole)
2 garlic cloves, minced	2 teaspoons chopped parsley
2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken	2 Tablespoons cream cheese, softened
8 cooked lasagna noodles	1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan
Freshly ground black pepper	Kosher salt



1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Butter a large casserole dish and set aside.
2. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until garlic is fragrant, about 30 seconds. Whisk the flour into the butter and garlic and cook until the mixture is bubbling and golden, 1 minute more. Gradually pour in milk, whisking constantly. Bring mixture to a simmer, then stir in cream cheese and Parmesan. Let simmer until the sauce thickens, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add lemon juice and about 1 teaspoon of parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Then stir in shredded chicken.
3. Spoon a thin layer of sauce onto the bottom of the baking dish.
4. Lay cooked noodles in a single layer on a cutting board or baking sheet. Spread chicken Alfredo mixture on each noodle, then roll up the lasagna noodle. Lay the roll-ups in the baking dish seam side-down. Spoon more sauce on top of the roll-ups.
5. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until the sauce is bubbly and beginning to brown. Garnish with more parsley and serve warm.



PARMESAN LEMON CRUSTED FLOUNDER WITH GREEN BEANS AMANDINE

(Yield: 4 Servings; Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes)

With lean protein (flounder) and veggies (green beans), all you need to do is add brown rice to 1/4 of your plate, and this meal easily reflects the diabetes plate. See more at <http://www.diabetes.org/mfa-recipes/recipes/2015-03-parmesan-lemon-crust.html>.

Cooking spray	8 cups water
1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs	1 lemon, zested and juiced (juice divided)
2 tsp olive oil	2 cloves garlic, minced or grated
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese	4 (4 oz) frozen flounder filets (do not thaw)
1 egg white	1 Tbsp trans-fat-free margarine
1 lb fresh green beans, trimmed and cut in half	1 clove garlic, minced or grated
2 Tbsp lemon juice (use from juiced lemon above)	1/4 cup slivered almonds



1. Preheat oven to 375 °F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray and set it aside. Add 8 cups of water to a large soup pot over high heat and bring to a boil.
2. In a small bowl, combine the panko, lemon zest, grated parmesan cheese, olive oil, and garlic. Mix until the panko is coated with the olive oil.
3. Lay the fish filets on the prepared baking sheet and brush each filet with egg whites. Coat the top of each filet with 2 Tablespoons of panko mixture and press it in to the fish. Drizzle with 2 Tablespoons of the lemon juice. Spray the top of each fish with cooking spray.
4. Bake for 20 minutes.
5. While the fish is baking, par cook (blanch) the green beans in boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.
6. Add the margarine to a nonstick sauté pan over medium heat. Add the garlic, almonds, and green beans and sauté for 4 to 5 minutes.
7. Drizzle with remaining 2 Tablespoons lemon juice and sauté 2 more minutes.
8. Build your plate with one fish filet and 1 cup of green beans.
9. Serve with 1/2 cup cooked brown rice.

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