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Delegate Campbell (D-Greenbrier) Presents Signed Copy of HB 2816 to WVAD President John Burdette

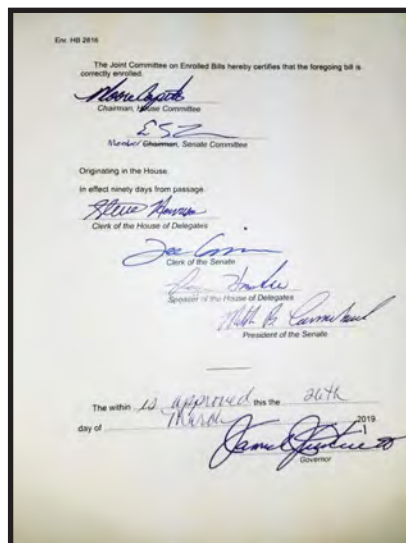
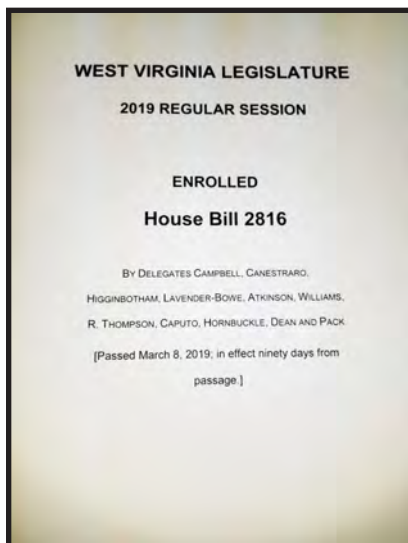
HB 2816 (remove the terms “hearing impaired,” “hearing impairment,” and “deaf mute” and substituting the terms “deaf or hard of hearing,” “hard of hearing,” “hearing difficulties,” or “difficulties in hearing” in thirteen (13) West Virginia Codes) was filed for introduction on February 1, 2019, and was referred to Government Organization (<http://www.wvlegis->

[lature.gov/Bill_Status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=hb2816%20ENR.htm&yr=2019&sesstype=RS&i=2816](http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=hb2816%20ENR.htm&yr=2019&sesstype=RS&i=2816)). The bill passed in both House and Senate. Then the bill was approved and signed by Governor Justice on March 26, 2019. The bill will be effective 90 days from passage (June 6, 2019).

The sponsors of the bill were Delegates Campbell (lead sponsor),

Canestraro, Higginbotham, Lavender-Bowe, Atkinson, Williams, R. Thompson, Caputo, Hornbuckle, Dean, and Pack.

On Thursday, April 4th, Delegate Campbell (D-Greenbrier) of 42nd District presented the original signed copy of HB 2816 to John Burdette, President of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf. This was his second bill to become West Virginia law. 🐾



L-R: John Burdette, President of West Virginia Association of the Deaf, and Jeff Campbell (D-Greenbrier) of 42nd District.

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PUBLICATION INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING RATES

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Full Page, 7 5/8" x 10" \$100.00
 Half Page, 7 5/8" x 5" \$60.00

Welcome to our Spring newsletter! I hope everyone is excited about the Spring season. I am sure many of you are relieved that we didn't have much snow this time of the year.

We had our board meeting at Lakeview Resort on Saturday, April 13, 2019, in Morgantown, WV. We also had a site tour of the resort in preparation for the upcoming conference in August.

If you haven't signed up for an organization on your Kroger's rewards card on line, please go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/> and choose West Virginia Association of the Deaf. This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donation from Kroger every time you purchase groceries in any of their stores using your rewards card at no additional cost to you! For more information on how to do this, please see page 9.

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

- House Bill 2913 relating to language development milestones on Language Equality Acquisition for the Deaf Kids – Kindergarten Ready (LEAD-K) for WV was filed for introduction and introduced in the House of Delegates on February 7, 2019. The bill was sent to House Education on the following day. Last action was the bill was sitting in the House Education Committee. The bill did not pass this year. 2019 Legislative Session ended on March 9, 2019.

- The Fifth Annual WV Interpreter Retreat will be held at North Central Advanced Technology Center, 500 Galliher Dr., Fairmont, WV, on April 27, 2019. There will be two workshop offered: (1) ASL on Gender Variations of Sexual Signs and (2) Deaf Tend Yours: Mouth-ing Morphemes in ASL. The workshops will be presented by Dr. Byron Bridges. If you know of any interpreters who need to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs), please pass this information to them (see https://pierpont.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassInfo.ClassInformation&int_class_id=33879&int_category_id=0&int_sub_category_id=0&int_catalog_id=0&fbclid=IwAR0OHxNafq2xGNnzN3T2tgRC8djyyToUgw39YbFW7FXWC2arbYxPmgH_gqo).
- Sorenson Community Interpreting Services (SCIS) was launched by Sorenson Communications. This is a new program that provides on-site ASL interpreting services across the country. If you need an interpreter for a job interview or a doctor's appointment, or a meeting, they have the right interpreter for you! Contact SCIS by phone: 800-659-4783, VP: 844-720-1891, or e-mail: request@scis.com. For more informaton, check out www.scis.com.
- Mark your calendar and plan to attend WVAD's Biennial Conference on August 8-10th, 2019, at Lakeview Resort in

Morgantown, WV. See pages 4-7. Check WVAD's website at www.wvad.org and Facebook page for more information about the conference.

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, Jimmy Harrison. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and PayPal. You may also pay through Cash Square apps but you need to contact Jimmy (contact info is on the membership form) to make payment arrangements. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jimmy Harrison. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. This would also 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



Date: January 27, 2019

Location: ZOOM® Video Conferencing

WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held via Zoom® Video Conferencing, January 27, 2019

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, Gloria Hollen, Jeffery Simmons, and Chris Mick.

Absent: Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Antonia Vaughan.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held via Zoom® Video Conferencing. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 1:56 p.m.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:

Financial report from September 22, 2018 to January 25, 2019: Balance in checking account – \$1,598.28; balance in savings account – \$3,566.79; Mingo County Fund – \$14,551.96; WVAD Conference Fund – \$6,309.84; Deaf Youth Program – \$653.00; Education Fund – \$329.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. The board accepted the report as read. Passed.

President John Burdette's Report:

- NAD Region 1 Bi-Monthly VP meeting:
 - December 5, 2018 (Chris Mick filled in).
- Received an e-mail from Antonia Vaughan. She informed the WVAD Board regarding AGBELL and LEAD-K met last week at Chicago and composed a LEAD-K bill together.
- Sent an e-mail to Chriz Dally with Deafhood asking for information on workshop/presentation fees, etc. Chriz replied with information. Fees are based on length of

workshops. For any workshops 3 hours or less is \$550. Any workshops more than 3 hours and up to 6 hours is \$825. This does not include travel and lodging costs, which are separate.

- Received an e-mail from Traci Satterwhite. The family asked about donations to be made to WVAD – what address checks should be sent to. Her sister-in-law Pat Lineberry passed away. Replied that checks can be made to WVAD and to send them to Veronda Harrison, Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.
- Received an e-mail from Kim Bianco-Majeri, NAD Legislative Affairs Program, asking if our state was planning on introducing any bills. If so, to share the drafts/bills with her so she can keep track and provide any assistance if needed. Replied that WVAD is planning on introducing two bills into 2019 Legislative session.
- Received an e-mail from Justin Reed, Account Executive with The Heritage Company (United Deaf Services), offering WVAD another year of contract addendum to extend the contract, with new terms, through 12/31/19. Sent the "signed" contract addendum via e-mail attachment.
- WV LEAD-K e-mail account was created.
- Received an e-mail from a lady with a copy of letter sent to Camden Clark Medical Center regarding interpreter issues.

- Received an e-mail from Antonia Vaughan with "Alert Legislation" informing WVAD about SB 299: Selecting Language Milestones for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children, being introduced on Monday, January 14, 2019. After checking into it on the Legislative page, I learned that HB 2205 was introduced as well.
- Received an e-mail from Antonia Vaughan and Earnest Covington sharing the forwarded e-mail about Mary Anne Clendenin being introduced as new WV Department of Education Low Incidence Coordinator.
- Received an e-mail from Kim Bianco-Majeri. She wanted to double check with WVAD. While she scanned WV Legislative, she noticed WV had three bills. She said "one is obviously your version and covers 0-5. The other two are identical versions in House and Senate and looks similar to the old LEAD-K version before the LEAD-K/AGB agreement) and only covers 0-3." I replied "you are correct WV had 3 bills. Two bills are identical. It is NOT WVAD's bill. We are working with other stakeholders and they liked WVAD's new bill a lot better."
- Stakeholders meeting was held on January 23, 2019, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services building in Charleston, WV. Some participated in person and some participated via Video Conferencing. Participants were WVAD, Birth to Three, Department of Education,

(See January Board Minutes on page 8)



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“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”



42nd Biennial Conference Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV ~ August 8-10, 2019

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.
- You may make payment installments. To make payment arrangements and/or to pay by Square Cash, please contact Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e-mail Verapple@aol.com). **Final payment must be made by July 20, 2019.**

Accessibility Request: Accessibility requests must be received no later than June 30, 2019. 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 (\$35.00) if there is death in the family or health reasons (written documentation is required from the doctor).

Chairperson: TBA

Advertising Chairperson: Tamera Deem, extraordinary45@comcast.net

Exhibition Chairperson: TBA

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

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa
One Lakeview Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

For Reservations:

Telephone No.: (800) 624-8300

Group Code: WVAD

Hotel Link to Reserve: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/10398?groupID=2359988&hotelID=10398#/guestsandrooms>

* (Group Code Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is July 8, 2019)

- Prices are \$99.00 + taxes and fees (\$116.82/night) for any Standard King or Double sleeping room. Conference attendees can share and split the cost of a room.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LODGING, see page 4 or see <https://www.lakeviewresort.com/accommodations.html>.
- Special breakfast buffet (inside the Lakeview hotel ~ *Fusion* restaurant) is \$10.00 per person (gratuity and taxes are extra). Must identify that you are with WVAD.

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

DIRECTIONS TO LAKEVIEW RESORT, MORGANTOWN, WV

The Lakeview Resort is located in Morgantown, WV, with convenient access from I-68.

Martinsburg, WV (146 miles — 2 hours, 23 minutes)

Morgantown, WV (8 miles — 22 minutes)

Parkersburg, WV (115 miles — 2 hours, 8 minutes)

Huntington, WV (212 miles — 3 hours, 35 minutes)

Baltimore, MD (206 miles — 3 hours, 8 minutes)

Pittsburgh, PA (73 miles — 1 hour, 27 minutes)

Romney, WV (93 miles — 1 hour, 47 minutes)

Clarksburg, WV (44 miles — 57 minutes)

Charleston, WV (161 miles — 2 hours, 44 minutes)

Beckley, WV (173 miles — 3 hours, 3 minutes)

Youngstown, OH (142 miles — 2 hours, 22 minutes)

Altoona, PA (136 miles — 2 hours, 17 minutes)

*** Some routes require toll fees.**

For GPS / Navigation Systems: Address is 150 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508.

Check out Google maps (<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//address+for+Lakeview+Resort,+Morgantown,+WV/@39.6659912,-79.9234847,12z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x883565b614a8a5eb:0x5c06a5c8232bfceb!2m2!1d-79.8534447!2d39.6660122>) for directions to Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV.



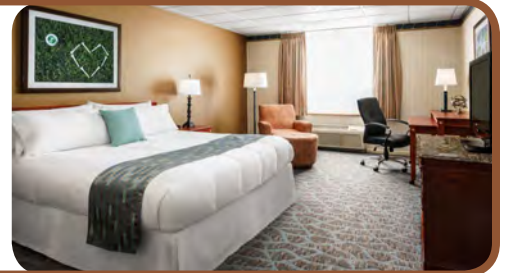
LODGING INFORMATION FOR LAKEVIEW RESORT ~ MORGANTOWN, WV

ALL LODGING — CHECK IN: AFTER 3:00 P.M. / CHECK OUT: 12:00 P.M.

(Guests arriving prior to 3:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms become available.)

All Rooms are \$99.00/Night plus Hotel and State Taxes (\$116.82)

King Guest Room (\$116.82/night per Bedroom): Private bedroom with a king pillowtop bed, room service, and complimentary wireless Internet. Amenities also include coffeemaker, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, work desk and chair, and blackout blinds. Complimentary newspaper in the lobby is also offered.



* Request for refrigerator and microwave when reserving the room.

Double Guest Room (\$116.82/night per Bedroom): Private bedroom with 2 double pillowtop beds, room service, and complimentary wireless Internet. Amenities also include coffeemaker, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, work desk and chair, and blackout blinds. Complimentary newspaper in the lobby is also offered.



* Request for refrigerator and microwave when reserving the room.

TO RESERVE:

Reservation Telephone No.: (800) 624-8300

Times to Call to Reserve: Any Time (Front Desk is Always Open)

Group Code: WVAD (Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is July 8, 2019)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **RESERVATION PROCEDURES:** Individual guests will be responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations may be made by calling (800) 624-8300 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 48-hour cancellation period would apply, whereby an attendee cancelling their reservation in less than 48 hours 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 in the hotel.
5. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc.
6. Lakeview Resort has 2 handicap accessible rooms; you can request them when you make reservations.
7. There are 2 restaurants (*Fusion* and *Legends Sports Bar*) on the Resort or you can go to restaurants outside the Resort.
8. **GOLF INFORMATION:** A gift certificate for complimentary round of golf for 4 will be offered (based on 100+ rooms consumed). Otherwise, Lakeview Golf Course is \$59.00. Mountainview Golf Course is \$39.00. Dress Code: Proper golf attire is required. No sleeveless shirts or jeans are permitted. No personal coolers are permitted on the golf courses.

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 American Express PayPal Square Cash

Name on Credit Card: _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMBO RATES				
MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST COMBO (10/1/18 – 7/20/19)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ND COMBO (7/21/19 – 8/8/19)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$115.00	\$155.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$105.00	\$135.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$130.00	\$170.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$120.00	\$145.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00	\$40.00		
AT DOOR RATES (JULY 21 – AUGUST 10, 2019)				
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"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	—	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	\$40.00

Payment Plan is Available: You may make payment installments. To make payment arrangements and/or to pay by Square Cash, please contact Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e-mail Verapple@aol.com). **Final payment must be made by July 20, 2019.**

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

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WV Alexander Graham Bell, The Luke Lee Listening Learning Lab, Newborn Hearing Screening, and WV Hands & Voices. The meeting was successful! Everyone agreed on the new WVAD LEAD-K bill, using the national core model bill that was agreed upon in July 2018 between National LEAD-K and AG Bell. So we submitted this new LEAD-K bill that everyone agreed on to Delegate Jeff Campbell, the lead sponsor of the bill, on January 24, 2019.

Vice-President Chris Mick's Report:

NAD Region 1 Meeting Notes – December 5, 2018:

- Some states are trying to get insurance to cover hearing aids with some kind of deal. Some states will cover half and other states will cover 80 percent.
- Emergency preparedness program in public schools – provide school personnel and teachers emergency training (such as shooting, bomb threats, or any kind of emergency situation) at public schools where deaf or hard-of-hearing students attend.
- Discussed SSP services that are going on in several states.
- Kim Bianco-Majeri wants all state updates with bills on anything related to deaf people.
- LEAD-K report – NAD wants to know status of LEAD-K bills when states submit them to their Legislature.

Secretary Tami Deem's Report:

- Chris Mick and I went to Sacramento, California, for the LEAD-K Summit on October 25, 2018. It was a very informative summit. We brought back information and new model LEAD-K bill that was approved by the National LEAD-K team and AG Bell team.
- Started working on WV LEAD-K bill using the national model LEAD-K bill on November 1, 2018, and got it finalized and ready on December 30, 2018, to submit to our WV legislators.
- Keith Wann confirmed on November 28, 2018, that he will do performance at our conference for \$1,000

plus \$250 for his wife to interpret his show. WVAD will provide lodging. He stated that he will waive transportation costs in lieu of having a LegalShield booth at our conference.

- Worked on requesting for grants and sponsorships from 15 different Walmarts and Sam's Clubs in West Virginia, Sorenson, Convo, Sprint, and Highmark for WVAD conference in the month of December. Got response from 1 Sam's Club in South Charleston. They awarded us \$1,000 for our conference. Sprint replied and said they had no funds for us. John will contact different people from Sprint for monetary sponsorship. Highmark replied on January 24, 2019, and said that we were not chosen to receive funding. Still waiting on others to reply. I will continue to look for more sponsorship funds and grants.
- Created a new WVAD receipt form for Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) on December 31, 2018, to use when she sends people receipts.
- For the month of January, I have been working with WV LEAD-K team and national team about our LEAD-K bill. Compared files between HB 2205, 2345, SB 299, and our new LEAD-K bill to show the team and stakeholders what the difference is between all the bills. Created a Memorandum of Understanding on January 21, 2019, for stakeholders to sign to show our legislators that we are all working together on the LEAD-K bill.
- Gave Josh Reaser a letter on January 24, 2019, inviting him to interpret at our conference. Will give Teresa McGonigle her letter when I see her next time.
- WVAD Newsletter Editor e-mail account was created so that WVAD can send newsletters electronically for those who chose to receive them via e-mail.

Trustees' Report:

No report.

Editor Tami Deem's Report:

Deadline for the next newsletter March 20, 2019.

Membership Coordinator Jimmy Harrison's Report:

At the last board meeting, there were 157 members. Now there are 164 members. Need to send renewal membership forms to former members who have let their membership lapse.

Legislative Advocate Antonia Vaughan's Report:

No report.

Education Advocate April Hottle's Report via e-mail:

- Promoted American Sign Language and the value of learning ASL. After several meetings with the Jackson County Superintendent and Ripley High School Principal, Ripley High School started a dual-credit ASL class (WVU-P) this semester (January 2019). Scott Hottle is the teacher and reports that the nine students are "exceptional."
- The WV Deaf Service Center was established April 2018 and April serves on the board. They promote ASL by offering American Sign Language classes (now I and II) and a Silent Deaf Coffee Chat two times per month. Their website is wvdeafservicecenter.org. They believe teaching ASL to the community will impact neighbors, friends, and families with deaf children and hopefully cause them to want their deaf child to include ASL with any language option they have chosen.
- The LEAD-K legislation is critical to education of deaf children. April continues to support WVAD as they work to get this legislation passed as there is a need for deaf children to have a fluent ASL language.
- Attended the Stakeholders' meeting on January 23, 2019, at the Department of Rehabilitation Services building in Charleston, WV.
- Saturday, January 27th, Scott Hottle and April both attended Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee Meeting at South Charleston Public Library in South Charleston, WV.
- Plan to attend WV Hands & Voices Parent Workshop in Bridgeport, WV, on February 23, 2019.

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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS & AMAZON SMILE

Free & Easy Ways You Can Help...

Check out our trusted partners and after a quick signup process or app download, they will donate to our WV Association of the Deaf organization every time you complete your shopping at the grocery store or on line. Thank you for your support!



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Simply register online at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/> and choose West Virginia Association of the Deaf! Please share this with your family and friends!

Directions on How to Sign WVAD Up on Your Kroger Rewards Card

1. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/enroll-CommunityRewardsNow/>. Make sure you are registered on the Kroger website. If not, you will need to register so you can have an account with them.
2. Scroll down and click on **I'm a Customer**.
3. Select **Find an Organization**.
4. "Find an Organization" screen comes up. Type in **West Virginia Association of the Deaf**. Click on **Enroll** on the West Virginia Association of the Deaf box. Now you are all set! Thank you for supporting our organization!

If you need help with this, please contact Veronda Harrison at (304) 964-6025 or Tami Deem at (304) 212-2291.



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West Virginia Association of the Deaf has partnered with Amazon Smile Program! This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donations from Amazon Smile EVERY TIME you shop on line at no additional cost! Sign up is easy! No need to re-register annually.

Here's how to donate:

- Log into Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com>. If you do not have an account with Amazon, set one up.
- When you are logged in, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to give to.
- Scroll down to "pick your own charitable organization" and type in West Virginia Association of the Deaf.
- Select West Virginia Association of the Deaf. You only have to do this once and you are set to go!

Just login to Amazon Smile every time you shop on line. Enjoy shopping on Amazon Smile! Please share this with your family and friends!



THOMAS W. ROYSTER

Thomas Wayne Royster, age 65, of Bluefield, WV, died Sunday, January 6, 2019, at his residence. Born July 11, 1953, in Princeton, WV, he was the son of the late Joe Matthew Royster and Minnie Louise Hayes Royster.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Joseph Matthew Royster, David Hayes, and Ali B. Royster. Survivors include two sisters, Clara Royster and Sharon Showalter and husband James all of Bluefield, WV; and three brothers, Maurice Royster of Princeton, WV, Dean Royster of Washington, DC, and Alan Royster of Bluefield, WV.

Thomas graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1972.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton, WV, with Bishop Sue Heartwell officiating. Friends called at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour on Saturday, January 12, 2019. In keeping with Thomas' wishes, his body was cremated following the service. For more info, please see link: <http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com/m/?p=memorial&id=2157617>. 🕯️



JAMES T. JONES, JR.

James T. Jones Jr., 55, of Kingwood, WV, died on Thursday, January 31, 2019, in Morgantown, WV.

James was born December 19, 1963, in Kingwood, a son of Wilma Jean (Eagle) Jones of Kingwood and the late James Thomas Jones Sr.

He was a 1989 graduate from the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Jordan Jones of Petersburg; one daughter, Ashley Jones of Bedford, PA; three step-daughters, Kimberly Higgins of Murrysville, PA, Tonya Schnopp of Bedford, PA, and April Gill of Parsons; two brothers, Patrick Jones and spouse Kristin of Inwood, Michael Jones of Hedgesville; three sisters, Linda Johnson of Kingwood, Lisa Jones of Tunnelton, and Valerie Jones of Kingwood; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Jones and Gabriella Lantz, both of Bedford, PA; 4 step grandchildren, Dakota and Bradley Newlon Jr. of Parsons, Alexis Lipscomb of Cumberland, MD, Madison Bowers of Berkeley Springs; 13 nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, George and Ethelyn (Boring) Jones; his maternal grandparents, Earl and Lula (Eagle) Speelman; one grandchild, John Bowers IV; a niece Emily Jones, and a great-niece Grace Nestor.

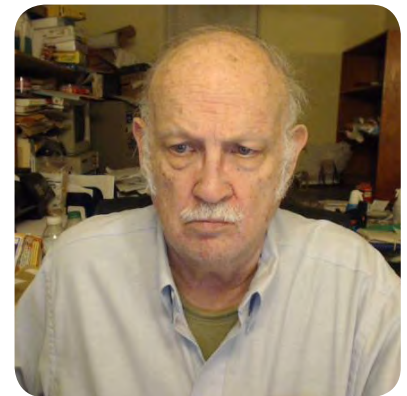
Friends were received on February 8, 2019, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. the time of the memorial service at Rotruck-Lobb Kingwood Chapel. James was cremated.

Personal condolences may be offered to the family online at <https://www.rotruck-lobb.com/notices/James-JonesJr>. 🕯️



REGINA SUE RANKIN

Regina Sue Rankin, 73, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of Chesapeake, Ohio, died February 1, 2019, at Select Specialty Hospital. There were no services. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements. See <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/herald-dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=regina-sue-rankin&pid=191437642&fhid=22535> for more information. 🕯️



DONALD R. LURWICK

Donald R. Lurwick, 73, passed away in April 2019 in Philadelphia, PA.

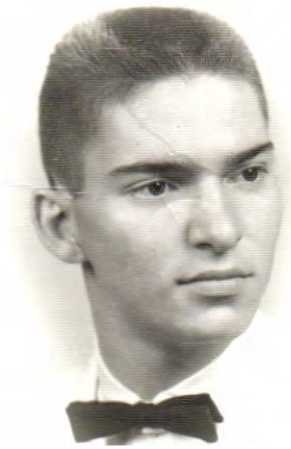
He was a Science teacher at the WV School for the Deaf from 1969 to 1980's in Romney, WV.

There are no other information at this time. 🕯️



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WILLIAM A. NICHOLS

William Aubrey Nichols, 72 years of age, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at Raleigh General Hospital. Born on October 18, 1946, in Beckley, WV, he was the son of the late Fred Hamilton Nichols and Bertha Chenault Nichols.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his half-sisters, Pauline and Stephanie; and his grandson, Curtis Webb. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Jarrett Nichols; daughter, Mary Webb and her husband, Larry; son, Fred H. Nichols; grandchildren, Richard Webb and his wife, Catie, and Michael Webb; and great-grandchildren, Jaxon Webb and Aubrie Webb.

Mr. Nichols was an avid Washington Redskins fan and enjoyed NASCAR racing. He graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1966 and retired from the United States Post Office in Beckley after 24 years. He also served on the West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board as a Trustee from 1977 to 1985.

The family received friends from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home. A Service of Remembrance followed at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Blue Ridge Funeral Home with Pastor Don Kelly officiating and Charlene Polk serving as an interpreter.

For those who wish, online condolences may be sent to www.blueridge-funeralhome.com. To see obituary on line, visit <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/beckley-wv/william-nichols-8234355>. 🌿



MARJORIE L. BOLEY

Marjorie Louise "Marj" Boley passed away Friday, April 5, 2019, at Hampshire Memorial Hospital. Born November 18, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Harry W. and Freda V. (Criss) Beck.

Besides her parents, Marj is preceded in death by her husband, Louis Monroe Boley and her brother, Donald Wilson Beck.

Marj is survived by her children, Brian M. Boley and wife Michele L. (Steinemann) Boley of Romney, Brad M. Boley of Richmond, and Luanna E. (Boley) Lee and husband Keith of Morgantown. Nine grandchildren: JeanneMarie (Boley) Withers, Brianna Boley, Brent Siuchninski, Wesley Boley, Camden Boley, Taylor Boley, Jacob Lee, Derek Lee, and Ben Lee. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren and two more on the way.

Born and raised in Wellsburg, WV, Marj graduated from Wellsburg High



with the class of 1950 and attended Liberty College. She was recruited to Romney by the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (WVSD). While working and teaching in Romney, she earned her Bachelor's degree in English at West Virginia University. In Romney, she met and married Louis Boley in 1957 and they started their family. Marj was remarkable. She could be a full-time mother (top priority) and a full-time teacher, concurrently. Both responsibilities she gave 100 percent. She retired from WVSD after 45 years of teaching and devoted her energies back to her community, primarily through her church. She was a member of the Eastern Star, General Federated Women's Club of Romney (GFWC) where she served two terms as President, Romney First United Methodist Church, and United Methodist Women.

Marj was a problem solver, and she could do so with a smile. She sewed miles of material for costumes, neighbors, and whoever needed a button sewed back on (this funeral director) and she never wanted to accept a dime for doing so. She had a gift for and the knowledge of "signing." She did so in church for the deaf, she did it for funerals, she did it wherever it was needed. Marj always chose to look on the bright side of things, and there were many of us who looked forward to her Sunday church announcements of how many days "til Spring." She leaves an empty spot in Hampshire County. Thank you and Godspeed Marj.

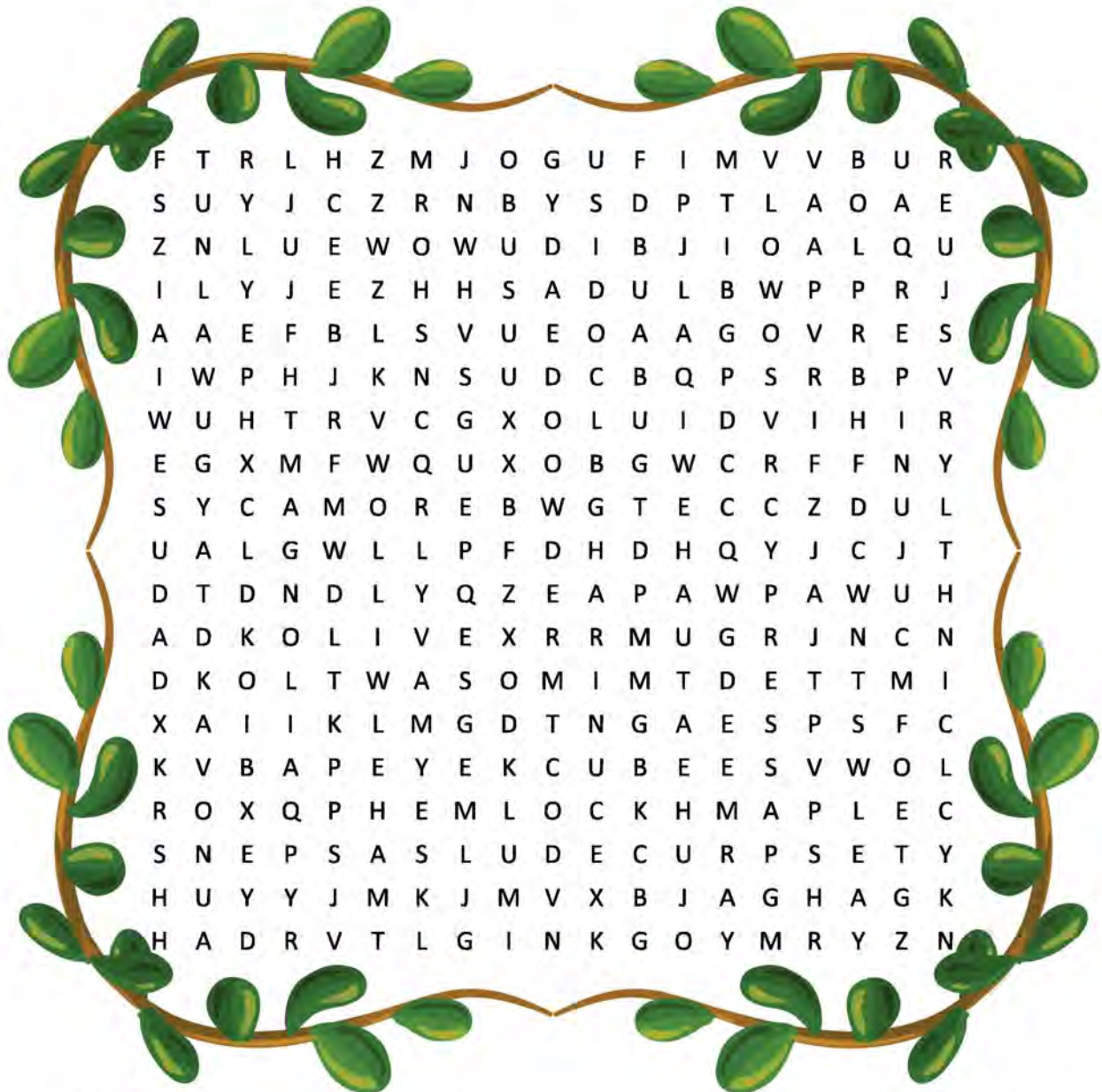
Friends were received on Monday, April 8, 2019, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home in Romney. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Romney First United Methodist Church with friends being received at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Mark James and Rev. Dr. Roy Knight officiated. Interment followed at Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Romney First United Methodist Church at 49 North High Street, Romney, WV 26757.

For more info, see link <http://shaffer-funeral.com/obituary/marjorie-lousie-marj-boley/>. 🌿

Tall as a Tree

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In the News



Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools & Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) Presents Award to Senator Markey (D-MA) and Senator Capito (R-WV)

(Email from Roz Rosen, January 17, 2019)

Today CEASD, along with The Learning Center for the Deaf, presented the CEASD National Champion Award to Senator Ed Markey (D-MA). CEASD chose Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) and Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) to receive our Award this year. They were picked for their introduction of the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act in the U.S. Senate.

Unfortunately, neither could attend the awards ceremony at the CEASD conference. During the summer CEASD presented Senator Capito her award. When we learned Kym Phelan Meyer was coming to town, we arranged to have her involved in the presentation to Mr. Markey. Kim also brought two other influential educators with her: Mary Lynn Boscardin, President, Council for Exceptional Children and Professor, University of Massachusetts - Amherst; John Hosp, Professor, University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Here is what Kym said when presenting the award: "I am pleased to present Senator Edward J. Markey with the CEASD National Champion Award for his Senate sponsorship of the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act, to improve services for deaf, blind, and deafblind students. This is the only bill ever introduced in Congress that focuses specifically on educational services and outcomes for these populations. CEASD is grateful for your leadership on this important initiative.

"Your support for and service to deaf individuals did not start here. For four decades you have been a tireless advocate of accessibility for people who are deaf, blind, or deafblind. You have been the champion of numerous laws to ensure access to communication and information, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and laws on telecommunications. You led the passage of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act, which updated our nation's laws to ensure accessibility

to our new technologies. You have made it your life's work to break down barriers for deaf and hard of hearing individuals and others.

"Because of your support of deaf education, and lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of deaf and hard of hearing individuals, it is my honor to

present you with the CEASD National Champion Award."

We are pleased to have the support of Senators Markey and Capito in our work to improve educational outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing students.

For more information, please check out www.ceasd.org.



L-R: Kim Phelan Meyer, Senator Markey (D-MA), and Barbara Raimondo. (Senator Capito (R-WV) was not present. She received her award during the summer.)



L-R: John Hosp, Kim Phelan Meyer, Senator Markey (D-MA), Barbara Raimondo, and Mary Lynn Boscardin.

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Deaf Individuals Advocate for Awareness and Inclusion

By Eddie Trizzino | *Times West Virginian*, March 3, 2019 (https://www.timeswv.com/news/deaf-individuals-advocate-for-awareness-and-inclusion/article_7ff641dc-3d6b-11e9-b4d2-7be7329eb619.html)

BUNNER RIDGE – Although the room was nearly silent, dozens of individuals were conversing with one another Saturday at the Winfield Community Building.

The building played host to a meeting of the Fairmont Association for the Deaf, which invites individuals who cannot hear to get together, socialize and plan for other events and gatherings with one another.

An interpreter present at the meeting provided translations from sign language to speech to obtain this story's quotes.

"We're chatting and socializing, just having some fun playing games," Mike Losh, Chairperson for the Association, said. "We can plan for the next event, and we'll have a meeting in the afternoon for a few minutes, talk about what we're going to do, and just go ahead and have fun."

According to Mike, the association has been around since 1979, when it was comprised of individuals from Fairmont, Morgantown, and Clarksburg. It began as a way for these individuals to collaborate with one another and still continues to be a hub and resource for the deaf community, as these individuals can face some hardships in life.

"Anybody can come here; deaf or hard of hearing," Mike said. "Then the interpreter program kids come here, socialize and learn how to sign. We try to spread the word for people to come... because the deaf need communication with one another."

Losh said he doesn't feel that the community of Fairmont and Marion County are aware of the deaf individuals living alongside them, and he and others present in the organization hope to not only educate others about their lives but do it in a way which relays that they are just like everyone else, just unable to hear.

"We simply can't hear, that's all," Ruby Losh, another official of the Fairmont Association for the Deaf, said. "Most of us, 90 percent are language deprived since we grew up."

Saturday's meeting saw attendance from adults and children, who all



Mary Ennis Blahut, left, communicates through sign language to Regina Ennis, Rebecca Yeater, and Ruby Losh at a meeting of the Fairmont Association of the Deaf Saturday. Photo Credit: Eddie Trizzino, Times West Virginian.

convened and spoke with one another as members of the deaf community. According to Ruby, these meetings provide the opportunity for these individuals to communicate on a consistent level, as they are not always able in other places.

"Here we try to support socialization," Ruby said. "We're open, we provide that socialization; here they can just come and be themselves."

Ruby also mentioned that members of the deaf community, including herself, have experienced discrimination in some form, as some see their lack of hearing as a disability. But that's not the way they see it, as it is just the way they are.

Entering the workforce through a variety of career and job paths is more than plausible for these individuals, but they can struggle to do that because of the misunderstanding of their lives.

"Deaf people have to really struggle to find a job," Ruby said. "Deaf people are very skilled. Their hand-eye coordination is awesome. We look for factory jobs, in education, we can do restaurant service anything. Work in the government – there is a variety of employment opportunities, it's just nobody will hire us."

These individuals may also face struggles in environments where they are expected to follow a certain template, such as in hospitals, where Ruby said deaf individuals are encouraged to use a video relay interpreting service.

However, there have also been improvements over the years which have brought the plight of deaf individuals into the limelight, such as more implementation of sign language classes in schools. Ruby said she works with Pierpont Community and Technical College on an American Sign Language program, which teaches students from a high school level up to comprehend and perform the language.

"We started teaching an ASL online class starting in the fall," she said. "The program is full, so we're very excited about that. I work at Pierpont too."

Ruby also commented that the association has an outreach program, where individuals can find information on the deaf community, and resources as to where to turn for interpreters and courses and programs covering sign language.

The Fairmont Association for the Deaf meets every few months to get

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members together for socialization and game playing and will have its annual pig roast July 13 at East Marion Park, which Mike and Ruby said is the organization's largest event.

Ruby said information on resources for deaf individuals can be found on the website for the West Virginia School for the Deaf, at www.wvvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us.

Email Eddie Trizzino at etrizzino@timeswv.com and follow him on Twitter at [@eddietimeswv](https://twitter.com/eddietimeswv).

Editor's Note: Ruby stated that there were two paragraphs in the story that were incorrect.

(1) Reporter asked Ruby what the Deaf community faced, struggled, and overcame. She explained that the Deaf community have struggled with Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) where hospitals do not provide equal access to VRI and that we filed a complaint with the Department of Justice and noticed that the hospital has improved their accessibility to VRI. Ruby did not say she

encourage everyone to use VRI as stated in the story.

(2) For more information about deaf resources, contact West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB). Ruby was referring for age 0-5 program if they want more information to contact WVSDB.

Ruby thinks that it was awesome that *Times West Virginians* was interested in our deaf community. She hopes that reporter etrizzino@timeswv.com will come back on July 13, 2019, for the Pig Roast event to check us out! 🍷



Lip Reading and Sign Language: The History of Deaf Communication (FlipSide)

By Mary Barker, Scott High School, March 8, 2019 (https://www.wvgazette.com/flipside/flipside_news/lip-reading-and-sign-language-the-history-of-deaf-communication/article_cae8fb69-53ef-57ed-9872-49efda6dc336.html)

In the past, deaf culture was viewed in a vastly different light than it is today. Today, deafness is a celebration of a different sensory universe; not something to be seen as a disability. Deaf history is full of differing viewpoints and derogatory ideals written not by those who actually experienced it — much of deaf history was written by the hearing.

In the beginning, ancient Greeks denied education to the deaf. Aristotle, a well-known philosopher from ancient Greece, said that people could not be taught without the ability to hear, that they were unable to learn. Early Christians offered a similar, yet different, viewpoint. They said that a child was born deaf as punishment for their parents' sins, according to hearinghealthmatters.org.

Early records of history, such as those in "The Rule of Saint Benedict" (a book written by Benedict of Nursia in the eighth century), show that the actions of the Benedictine Monks are one of the only notable and favorable actions toward the deaf community. They took vows of silence to honor God which led them to develop their own form of sign language.

The earliest record of deaf education was in 1504 when a Spanish Benedictine Monk named Ponce de León established a method for teaching the deaf. He used traced letters and lip movements to help them learn various words and pronunciations. Before there was an accepted standard of sign language, people tried to develop their own signs. An early WVAD Quarter News, Spring 2019



form of sign language was developed on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Everyone on the island used signs to communicate. They called it Martha's Vineyard Sign Language.

In the 18th century, the first organized school for the deaf was started in Paris by Abbé Charles-Michel de l'Épée. L'Épée is known as the "father of the deaf." He was a firm believer in manualism, meaning he supported the use of sign language in the teaching of the deaf, according to a biography posted on yourdictionary.com.

L'Épée inspired many others to start other schools throughout Europe. In Leipzig, Germany, another school for the deaf was opened. This school was started by Samuel Heinicke.

Heinicke used oralism to teach his students, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. This method involved lip reading, a technique of watching a speaker's lips, facial expressions, and gestures to understand speech. This method

focused on teaching the deaf to understand and produce spoken language. It did not incorporate sign language.

This led to a Methods Debate. Oralism was pitted against manualism. Oralists did not want to teach anything other than spoken language, they did not want to accept such a flaw in humanity that prevented people from hearing, and by extension, speaking. However, America embraced manualism, according to an article published by lifeprint.com detailing deaf education and the methods debate.

Gallaudet University offers a brief history of the school which states that with the turn of the century came an acceptance of manualism and sign language in America. In 1815, Thomas Gallaudet traveled to Europe to get a sense of teaching techniques for the deaf. He met Laurent Clerc, a prominent figure in deaf teaching. Gallaudet brought Clerc back to the States and together they founded a school for the education of the deaf in Hartford, Connecticut. Clerc is known as the "Apostle of the deaf in America."

Gallaudet and Clerc worked to help the hearing to understand deaf culture. According to the PBC documentary, "Through Deaf Eyes," they were so effective in their efforts that, in the 1850s, Congress considered setting aside a Western state for deaf individuals to live together, away from the prejudice of hearing society. In 1864, then-President (See In the News on page 16)

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Abraham Lincoln declared the college Gallaudet University.

However, the victory for manualism was short-lived. America entered into what is called the Dark Ages of Sign Language. Beginning in the 1870s, people started to turn away from sign language, according to a timeline established by The Sign Language Company. The biggest antagonist being an inventor we rely on so heavily today: Alexander Graham Bell.

Bell was a firm believer in the oral method of teaching the deaf. He taught at various school, all the while working on a way to transmit telegraphed messages. This led him to invent the telephone, which ousted the very people he was trying to teach. Bell went as far as to try and ban marriage between deaf individuals. He believed that, were the deaf to marry the deaf, it would create a "deaf-mute variety of the human race."

Richard Wolkomir wrote an article for the Smithsonian titled "American Sign Language: It's not mouth stuff — it's brain stuff." In this article, Wolkomir quotes the President of the National Association of the Deaf who called Bell

the "most to be feared enemy of the American deaf."

Things got even worse for the future of sign language in 1880. International deaf educators came together in what is known as the Conference of Milan. It was here that oralism was declared the superior method for teaching the deaf. A ban was placed on the usage of sign language in deaf schools as discussed in a [verywellhealth.com](http://www.verywellhealth.com) article referencing the Milan Conference of 1880. Still, American delegates fought for manualism.

However, people were motivated to form communities that kept the spirit of sign language alive. They believe that just because it could not be taught in the school, it did not mean that they had to abandon the most reliable form of communication they had.

The 20th century was a major turning point in deaf history. A timeline created by the National Association of the Deaf showed that many deaf people began to participate more and more in public life thanks to the fact that they were not permitted to fight in the wars. This allowed them to take on factory jobs which helped to establish the deaf

as good workers and productive members of society.

Some examples would be William "Dummy" Hoy in 1909. Hoy was a baseball player best known for inventing the signs for "strike," "ball," and "out" signs we still use today. Another well-known sporting tradition that began with deaf players is the football huddle. In 1920, players from Gallaudet University formed a huddle to hide their signs from the other team. In 1964, due to the Civil Rights Movement, the efforts of William Stokoe, and a change in the social climate, oralism was deemed a failure in deaf education. Additionally, in 1987, Marlee Matlin was the first deaf actress to win an Academy Award and, in 1995, Heather Whitestone was the first Deaf Miss America.

Today, American Sign Language is offered by a plethora of institutions as a foreign language. This is a vast improvement from when it was thought to be a hindrance in learning written and spoken language. However, modern linguists have found that learning sign language at an early age enhances the ability to learn spoken and written language. 🖊️



State Boosts Capital Budget for WVSDB

Jim King, *Hampshire Review* Staff, April 10, 2019, Updated April 10, 2019 (http://www.hampshirereview.com/news/article_72d0a018-5b90-11e9-a42f-43ab13732928.html)

ROMNEY — A \$435,000 increase in the capital budget will allow the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to continue campus improvements begun by U.S. Defense forces last summer.

WVSDB saw its capital allocation jump from \$85,000 this year to \$520,000 in the state budget that goes into effect July 1. The rest of the school's \$14.6 million budget stayed relatively the same.

"The Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) kicked off a tremendous amount of projects on campus," said Administrative Superintendent Mark Gandolfi. "We're continuing those."

The IRT – Innovative Readiness Training – brought both National Guard and reserve units to campus over 2 months last summer to work on projects at WVSDB.

The defense forces supplied the manpower and their heavy equipment



Keller Hall and playground at WV School for the Blind.

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to give troops training. The school provided materials and limited manpower.

WVSDB hopes the work will allow it to reopen Keller Hall for the next school year, housing the youngest deaf and blind students.

Work on a fire suppression system began there in early March. Administratively, the school has a proposal before the State Board of Education today to transfer the workplace for 20 childcare workers from other locations to Keller Hall.

"Keller Hall is getting a major face-lift," Gandolfi said, primarily to install a cafeteria on the bottom floor and create bathrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Other improvements there include new entry doors, a 20-ton heating-and-air system for the bottom floor, a back patio, and ADA-accessible ramps to new backyard pavilions.

Work is projected to be finished in June.

When it reopens Keller Hall will house students ages 3 to 12. Older students will remain at Seaton Hall, which is getting its own overhaul that should wrap up next month.

"We were taking care of the safety issue," Gandolfi said. The 5,000-square-foot bakery wing came down last summer, courtesy of the IRT forces.

By summer it will have a new roof on the cafeteria, a new generator, an exterior commercial freezer, ADA-compliant emergency exits, and fire suppression improvements.

Keller Hall's reopening will allow the school to move residential operations out of the Elementary School for the Deaf, the iconic 82,000-square-foot building on the campus's east end.

"It's not being torn down," Gandolfi is quick to point out. "It's a very good building, but we've got better buildings on campus."

He said the school will develop a maintenance plan and redevelopment timeline for the building.

"We've consolidated. We've become more efficient," Gandolfi said. He credited last summer's experience with the IRT as kick-starting the renovations.

Troops deployed here June 10 and stayed longer than the planned 8 weeks, at times with more people and equipment brought in.

"They stayed longer than anticipated and took care of things not originally planned," Gandolfi said. "As unknowns became known, they were addressed."

That included extra electrical and plumbing work. Approvals delayed some demolition until later than planned, leaving other projects unfinished, like expanded parking beside the Instructional Resource Center.

"They told us up front, 'Let's do it right and do it once,'" Gandolfi said.



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Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:**

Continue with the Kroger Community rewards and AmazonSmile rewards. Also continue with the WVAD\$Ball fundraising.

Old Business:

Talked about conference agenda.

New Business:

- Fair Shake will have Disability Advocate Day on February 6th. Chris will try to work the booth. Will ask Scott Hottle if he can also

help out. Gloria motions to have WVAD booth at Disability Advocate Day. Veronda seconded. Passed.

- February 27th is WVCDHH's Deaf Awareness Day. Gloria will be there. Booth is free.
- Gloria asked about responsibilities for conference. Will ask local people to be on committee.
- Tami motioned to pay interpreter a fee for interpreting for us at the Capitol and stakeholders' meeting. Gloria seconded. Veronda amended to pay \$100. Passed.

- Gloria motioned to schedule next WVAD meeting. Veronda seconded. Jeff recommends we meet at Lakeview Resort to get an idea of where the conference will be held. Also tour the place.

Next board meeting will be scheduled on April 13, 2019, at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV. Then next meeting will be on June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom® Video Conferencing.

New business closed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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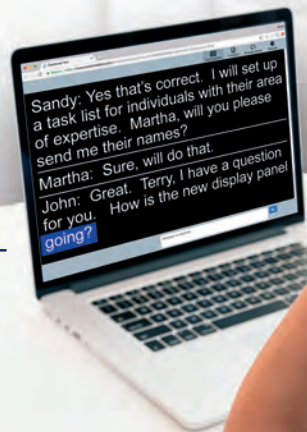
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WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV, April 13, 2019

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, Gloria Hollen, Jeffery Simmons, Chris Mick, and Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Erin Fulton, Sylvia Mick, Lois Devericks, Earl Hollinshead, Jimmy Harrison, and Earl Hollen.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:

Financial Report from January 26, 2019 to April 12, 2019: Balance in checking account – \$1,857.93; balance in savings account – \$3,566.82; Mingo County Fund – \$14,552.18; WVAD Conference Fund – \$8,200.04; Deaf Youth Program – \$653.00; Education Fund – \$329.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. The board accepted the report as read. Passed.

President John Burdette's Report:

- NAD Region 1 Bi-Monthly VP Meeting. Did not participate due to conflicts.
- Filled out and submitted the exhibit and membership application to Fair Shake Network (FSN) for WVAD to have a table at Disability Advocacy Day. Chris Mick, Sylvia Mick, and Larry Hubbard worked the exhibit table.
- Received an e-mail from Richard Friends that was sent to me and Tami regarding AmazonSmile. He could not find WV Association of

the Deaf in the list of organizations to donate from online shopping. He asked us to check it out. We discovered that WV should have been spelled out West Virginia so Tami fixed the AmazonSmile flyer.

- Received an e-mail from Charles Lyne sent to me and Tami asking about WVAD Quarter News on WVAD webpage under the "Newsletter" tab. He noticed that the tab was missing Winter 2015, Summer 2018, and Fall 2018 newsletters. Also stated that under "Gallery" tab shows "Hmmm...can't reach this page." Tami replied that we didn't have Winter 2015 because we changed the subscription months to January (Winter), April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall). Tami also explained that the newsletters are held back 6 months before being posted on line. Tami also told him that John is working on Google photos and plans to add the link in the Gallery tab so people can click on it and access to photos on Google drive when it's ready.
- Liz Hill, NAD Region 1 Board, contacted Tami and me after seeing the post on Facebook about the possibility of WVSDB becoming a charter school. She asked us if we have more information to share with Steve Lovi and her. I replied and told them that it was correct that the legislators were thinking of the possibility of WVSDB becoming a charter school. I also told them it was voted down in House Finance.
- Barbara Calhoun resigned from her seat on the WV Commission

for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) Board as Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Representative. She accepted an employment position at WVCDHH as an HHR Specialist otherwise known in office as Interpreter Coordinator.

- I filled out an exhibit form for WVAD to have a table at WV Deaf Awareness Day on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at the WV State Capitol. Chris Mick, Larry Hubbard, and Gloria Hollen worked the exhibit table.
- I typed a letter and sent it to Governor Jim Justice via Governor's website and also a letter in the mail regarding his broadcast interview with Hoppy Kercheval on WV MetroNews "Talkline" show. He made a comment on the talk show referring WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) as "Romney School for the Deaf and Dumb." I told Governor Justice in the letters that the term "Deaf and Dumb" is not an appropriate term identifying the deaf community. I got no response from the Governor's Office regarding my letters.
- Sent an e-mail to Kim Lapana of Lakeview Resort, asking if arrangements could be made for a site tour for our WVAD Board and also have our board meeting after the site tour on Saturday, April 13, 2019. She replied and said she can meet with us at 10:00 a.m. that day.
- Received an e-mail from Melora Brock. She recently started working

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at WVSDS as a school counselor. She asked if our organization had any scholarship opportunities for her students to apply for. I replied that WVAD does not have any kind of scholarship opportunities available.

- Sent an e-mail to Liz Hill and Steve Lovi, NAD Region 1 Board, notifying them that WV HB 2816 was passed and signed by the Governor of West Virginia. The bill is about removing the terms "hearing impaired," "hearing impairment," and "deaf mute" from the WV codes and substituting the terms with "deaf or hard of hearing," "hard of hearing," "hearing difficulties," or "difficulties in hearing" in all WV codes.
- I filled out and submitted Vendor Online Registration for WVAD to have a table at One4All Disabilities Expo on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Tami Deem, Chris Mick, and Larry Hubbard worked the exhibit table.
- Received an e-mail from Kim Lapana from Lakeview Resort informing me that Toni Rates, new Conference Services Manager, will be there on Saturday, April 13, 2019, to meet the Board and give us a tour of the meeting rooms and discuss any details or answer questions we may have about hosting our conference in August.
- Delegate Campbell (lead sponsor of HB 2816) asked me to meet him at the school where he teaches. He presented a signed copy of HB 2816 to me and had photos taken of us together with the bill.
- Sent an e-mail to Jason Kapcala of WVU Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) with a request to provide real-time captioning/transcribing service at our upcoming conference. He replied and said that he would have to speak with his director about this, as they are facing some budget challenges this coming year, and that the conference dates fall very close to the start of WVU's semester. He will get back to me shortly with more information.

Vice-President Chris Mick's Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

- Ordered 700 pens for Veronda on February 10, 2019, from National Pen Company for \$273.00.
- Got an e-mail from Keith Wann on March 8, 2019, letting me know that he will not be able to do performance at WVAD Conference.
- E-mailed Windell Smith, Jr. ("Wink") on April 9, 2019, asking him to present a comedy performance at WVAD Conference. He e-mailed me back and said he would love to perform for us. On April 11, 2019, I signed a contract with him to secure him for our conference. The cost of the performance is \$750. WVAD will cover 1 night's stay at Lakeview and dinner for him and his partner.

Trustees' Report:

No report.

Editor's Report:

Deadline for the next newsletter June 20, 2019.

Membership Coordinator Jimmy Harrison's Report:

At the last board meeting, there were 164 members. Now there are 152 members. Need to send renewal membership forms to former members who have let their membership lapse.

Legislative Advocate Antonia Vaughan's Report:

No report.

Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:

No report.

Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:

Continue with the Kroger Community rewards and AmazonSmile rewards. Also continue with the WVAD\$Ball fundraising.

Old Business:

We will work with conference committee in local area of Morgantown, WV.

New Business:

Discussion on Conference Planning:

- For Friday (August 9th), Deafhood seminar, social media workshop, WV AttorneyGeneralscamseminar, and ADA workshop by Mark Derry (from Morgantown) was suggested. Board voted to have social media workshop by Jacob Leffler and ADA workshop by Mark Derry.
- For Friday evening, this will be discussed at next board meeting in June.
- Tami showed some cover pages she created for the Board to choose from for the program book. Board made some suggestions. Will make some adjustments.
- Veronda shared info and prices on menu printout from Lakeview Resort.
- Jeff proposed to add merchant fees to base price when people use their credit or debit cards. Gloria seconded. Veronda will use merchant fee guidelines to determine the cost of the fee. Passed.
- Tami proposed to bring back Hillbilly Whittler t-shirts back to sell at the conference as a retro item. Chris Mick seconded. Passed.
- One interpreter has been reserved for the conference. We will ask a couple others for their availability soon.

Next board meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. via VP.

New business closed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. 🍀



BEEFY BAKED RAVIOLI WITH SPINACH AND CHEESE

(Serves 6; Total Time: 35 minutes) (<https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/baked-ravioli>)

Everyone will be excited to dig into this comforting skillet supper. Look for ravioli in the refrigerated section—our Test Kitchen prefers Buitoni brand. Substitute ground turkey or chicken for the beef, or replace the spinach with Swiss chard leaves.

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| 1 pound 85% lean ground beef | 1 cup chicken stock |
| 1 Tablespoon olive oil | 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning |
| 1 medium-size red onion, thinly sliced (about 3 cups) | 1 teaspoon kosher salt |
| 2 Tablespoons finely chopped garlic (from 3 medium garlic cloves) | 1/4 teaspoon black pepper |
| 1 28-oz can crushed tomatoes | 1 20-oz package refrigerated four-cheese ravioli (such as Buitoni) |
| 1 5-oz package baby spinach | 2 ounces grated Parmesan cheese (about 1/2 cup) |
| 4 ounces pre-shredded low-moisture part-skim mozzarella (about 1 cup) | |
| 1/4 cup torn fresh basil leaves | |



1. Preheat oven to broil with rack 9 inches from heat. Place a 12-inch cast-iron skillet on stove-top over medium high. Add beef; cook, stirring often, until browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove beef; drain and set aside. Wipe skillet clean.
2. Heat oil in skillet over medium-high; add onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Add garlic to skillet; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in crushed tomatoes, stock, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper, and ravioli. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cover and simmer until ravioli are tender, about 8 minutes. Uncover and return cooked beef to skillet. Stir in half of spinach and cook just until wilted. Repeat with remaining spinach. Top with mozzarella and Parmesan.
3. Broil in preheated oven until cheese is melted and golden, about 6 minutes. Remove from oven and garnish with fresh basil.



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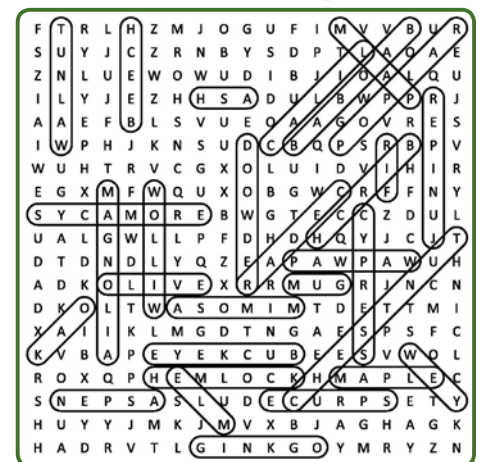
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone No. _____ VP Voice Both
 E-Mail Address _____

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Deaf
 Hard of Hearing
 Hearing
 Interpreter

Dues for You

\$15 for 1 Year — Regular
 \$25 for 2 Years — Regular
 \$20 for 2 Years — Senior (Age 55 and up)
 \$10 for 2 Years — Student (Age 12 – 18)

Spouse

Deaf
 Hard of Hearing
 Hearing
 Interpreter

Dues for Spouse

\$15 for 1 Year — Regular
 \$25 for 2 Years — Regular
 \$20 for 2 Years — Senior (Age 55 and up)
 \$10 for 2 Years — Student (Age 12 – 18)

- Yes!** Here is my donation: \$ _____
 Yes! I want to donate to Deaf Youth Program: \$ _____
 Yes! I want to donate to Education Fund: \$ _____
 I want to be a WVAD volunteer.
 Spouse wants to be a WVAD volunteer.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION: \$ _____

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