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Charleston First Responders Attend American Sign Language Training

by Danielle Dindak, WCHS-TV Journalist, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 (<https://wchstv.com/news/local/charleston-first-responders-attend-asl-training>)

CHARLESTON, WV (WCHS/WVAH) — Charleston first responders recently attended a special training course to learn how to communicate with more than just their voices.

“It’s just beneficial,” Charleston Police Chief Opie Smith said. “I think when you can learn to communicate with folks that may have a disability, it just makes you a better police department.”

BridgeValley Community and Technical College is helping to break down the communication barrier. On Tuesday, it gave an American Sign Language training course to police and other first responders. The goal was to teach them a way to communicate when it matters most, like during an emergency or a natural disaster.

“We have found a trainer for the Charleston police first responders so that they can learn ASL which is a very awesome thing to provide for the community because it allows for a safer environment for everyone,” BridgeValley Dean Kristi Ellenberg said.

Police Chief Smith called the sign language class long overdue.

“I think it is good as a law enforcement agency, I think it makes you more well rounded. You know you train with weapons, driving, defensive tactics, why not train for folks that are hard of hearing, maybe even PTSD things like that,” he said.

The first responders said the training course will help them provide better and faster emergency care to the deaf population.

“Information for the police is very important and the quicker they can ascertain a situation, the better and this will enable them to do that for a very special population of people,” Ellenberg said.

The emergency responders are planning more training opportunities in sign language in the future. For more information on the project, see <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/>.



Charleston first responders took part in American Sign Language training. (Photo Credit: WCHS/WVAH)

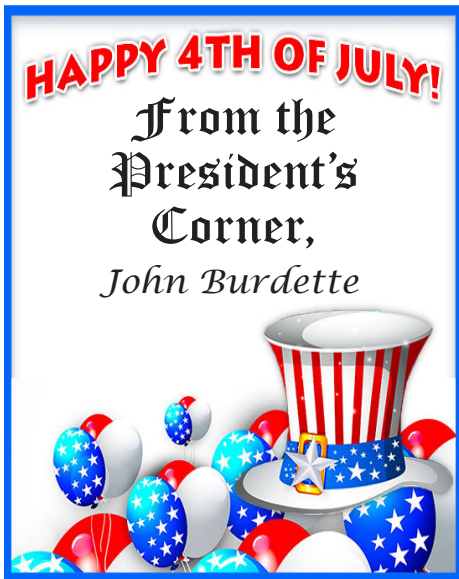
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Welcome to Our Summer Newsletter!
 The summer season is finally here!

We want to invite you to attend and join us at the WVAD's 42nd Biennial Conference at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV, on August 8-10, 2019. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for you to learn at our upcoming educational workshops, as well as socializing with old and new friends. See page 8 for the conference schedule and event information. Also, check out WVAD's website at www.wvad.org and Facebook page for more information about the upcoming conference.

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

- West Virginia Deaf Service Center is hosting New Frontier Deaf/HH Camp at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV, for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students ages 14 through 21 on July 15-19, 2019. This camp is available to campers at no charge. This camp event will help students prepare for their careers. For more information, e-mail Hottle2000@yahoo.com or wvdeafservicecenter@gmail.com. For more information, please see <https://wvdeafservicecenter.org/events>.

- We will be having a Hospital Seminar on Saturday morning, August 10, 2019, at the upcoming WVAD Conference. We want to address issues being faced by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients in West Virginia by sharing testimonies and feedbacks with the hospital representatives.
- There is a new app called Parent Advocacy. This app is designed for families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. Do you participate in the child's meeting? The Parent Advocacy app helps you to understand your child's rights and to prepare you to work with the school in the best interest of your child. You can download the Parent Advocacy app at <https://www.gallaudet.edu/parent-advocacy-app?fbclid=IwAR3IwBMVhPE4FMgqDqf0je61qthFmll8EBwqcQECItS2V5zKUiOVPRiSQ>.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 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.

I hope to see all of you at the conference in August!

Warmly,

John W. Burdette

WVAD President



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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!



*SUPPORT WVAD! IT'S AS EASY AS SWIPING
YOUR KROGER REWARDS CARD EACH TIME YOU SHOP!*

West Virginia Association of the Deaf has partnered with Kroger's Community Reward Program! This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donations from Kroger EVERY TIME you purchase groceries in ANY of their stores using your rewards card at no additional cost! Sign up is easy!

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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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!



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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

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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](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/)) 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).



WVAD 42nd Biennial Conference August 8-10, 2019

Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV

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**STARRING "WINK" SMITH, JR.
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ASL COMEDY SHOW**



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**THE IMPACT OF
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**HOSPITAL
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**VOICE YOUR
COMMUNICATION
CONCERNS!**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday, August 9, 2019

- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Sorenson Community Interpreting Services (SCIS) by Jessie Adner
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Impact of Social Media by Jacob Leffler and Tamera Deem

Saturday, August 10, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Hospital Seminar by WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Earnest Covington III)
- IMPORTANT!** Your voice (complaints and testimony) will be heard by WV Hospital Administrators regarding interpreting issues and quality of VRI in hospitals and/or medical settings. The Hospital Administrators WANT to hear from you and ask you questions to help them improve interpreting services for the deaf community! Voice your Concerns! Your Voice Matters!

Friday Evening Activities:

- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Deaf Chat and Refreshments Sponsored by Sorenson
- 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Social and Game Night Raffles/Cash Prizes

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline:
July 8, 2019**

SEE REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE: WWW.WVAD.ORG/FORMS/2019COMBO.PDF

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Deaf Night at WV Power ~ August 30, 2019

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) is sharing an exciting announcement about an upcoming event.

WVCDHH is sponsoring "Deaf Night at WV Power," a minor league baseball team, on Friday evening, August 30, 2019, at the Appalachian Power Park (home field for the West Virginia Power) in Charleston, WV. There will be informational tables with different organizations, along with educational videos on the big screen,

and fireworks at the end of the night. There will be an interpreter to perform the National Anthem and also, will have Deaf/HH person throw the first pitch of the game. We will have interpreters during the game.

The most exciting part is that the WV Power team will be wearing jerseys with American Sign Language (ASL) letters on them. During the game, one of the jerseys will be up for auction. After the auction is over, the winner will receive the jersey. The proceeds from

the jersey auction will go to a local Deaf/Hard of Hearing non-profit group. They will also sell T-shirts with "Power" on them in ASL.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online or at the game. WVCDHH will provide 200 free tickets to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community on a "first come, first serve" basis. You can contact WVCDHH office to request a ticket(s). We hope you will be able to join us on this exciting evening! 🎉



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

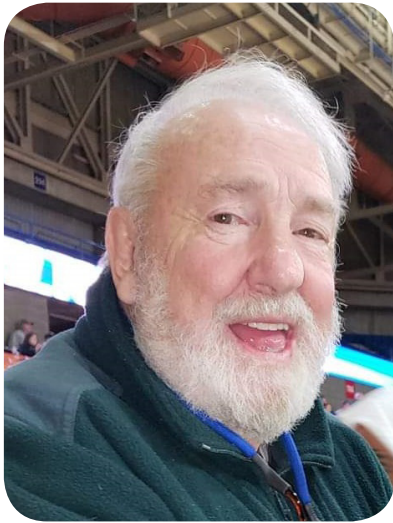
It is the purpose of *WVAD Quarter News* to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. *WVAD Quarter News* strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the *WVAD 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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DONALD L. DAVIS, SR.

Donald Lee "Donnie" Davis, Sr., age 77, of Romney, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA.

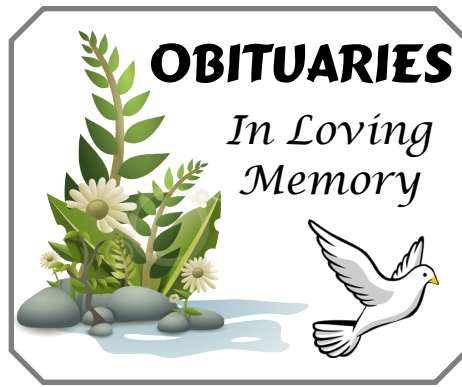
He was born on Christmas Day in 1941 to the late Anna K. Sulser Smith. Besides his mother Donnie is preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin and Larry Davis and by his sister, Debbie Flack.

Donnie is survived by his sister, Carole Eversole of Romney, WV, his brother, Connie Davis of Romney, WV, his daughter, Shannon D. (husband Junior) Hillyard of Winchester, VA, his son, Donnie Davis II of Stephenson, VA, and the love of his life, his granddaughter, Cali Dawn "Yo Yo" Hillyard.

Donnie was born and raised in Romney, WV, graduating with the class of 1960 from Romney High School. Donnie also graduated from Fairmont State College. Donnie worked at the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as a bus driver.

Friends were received on Monday, April 15, 2019, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home in Romney. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church (Mt. Top, Romney) with Pastor Kenneth Caplinger officiating. Interment followed at Ebenezer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial contributions in Donnie's name to Hampshire High School Athletic Dept. ~ 157 Trojan Way ~ Romney, WV 26757. For more info, please visit <http://shafferfuneral.com/obituary/donald-lee-donnie-davis-sr/>.



JAMES CUNNINGHAM

James E. Cunningham, age 69, passed away April 24, 2019. He loved the Lord and served Him through his home church, Piney Grove Baptist, and Silent Word Ministries.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Danna Cunningham; parents Lewis and Isabel Cunningham; brother Francis W. Cunningham; sisters Ann Renner, Louise Jenkins, and Barbara. He is survived by his daughter, Amy Black; step-daughter Katherine (Charles) Fox; son Matthew Cunningham; grandchildren Delane Black, Dakota Plumlee, and Trevor Henson.

James graduated from the WV School for the Deaf in 1969.

The family received friends on Friday, April 26, 2019, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on April 27, 2019, in the Trenton Chapel of Moore Funeral Home with Pastor John Smith, Brother Alan Snare, and Brother Ted Camp officiating. Burial followed in Lake Hills Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family has created a GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/james-cunningham039s-funeral-and-burial>. For more info, please visit <https://www.moorefuneralhometrenton.com/obituary/james-cunningham?lud=7F967CDCF171A9580B24376C793AF5D5>.



JUANITA H. COMBS

Juanita H. Combs, 84, of Augusta, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday April 13, 2019, at Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Romney, WV.

Born on July 11, 1934, in Three Churches, WV, she was the daughter of the late Conway and Alta Kessel.

Juanita worked at National Fruit, Kinney Shoe Factory, and WV School for the Deaf for 14 years where she served as a houseparent. She was a graduate of Romney High School. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Lucas, two granddaughters, Beth Combs and Alexia Fout Iser.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Eugene Combs Sr.; a son, Den Combs of Kirby, WV; two sisters, Verda Grapes of Romney, Armelda Barb of Moorefield; two brothers, Floyd Kessel of Romney, Olin Kessel of Cumberland, MD; six grandchildren: Stacey (Dan), Jodi (Shane), Jeremy, Den III, Hannah, Sarah; five great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday April 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Augusta, WV, with Pastor John Vetter officiating. Interment followed at Ebenezer Cemetery, Romney, WV. The family received friends on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home. All arrangements were being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV. For more info, please visit <https://www.mckeefuneralhome.com/obituary/juanita-combs>.

(See Obituaries on page 11)



JANIS J. WILLIAMS

Janis Jacqueline Williams, 87, of St. Albans, WV, went home to be with Jesus on June 3, 2019, at home surrounded by family. She made sure we knew of her experience and said "You cannot see God, but I know He is real. He touched me from my head to my feet and told me He would help me."

She was born on February 22, 1932, in Wyoming County to the late Charlie and Dulcie Hill. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Kermit Hill, Glen Hill, and Jim Hill.

She was a member of Highlawn Baptist Church and Church of Christ Deaf Services. She was also a member of the Charleston Association of the Deaf, WV Association of the Deaf, and was a 1952 graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV. She was a housewife and a friend to all who knew her.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Ronald Williams of St. Albans; children, Sandra Snodgrass (Ernie) of St. Albans and Diana Horn (Jim) of St. Albans; grandchildren, Toni Edens (Craig), Cassandra Dibenedetto (Tony), Jessica Romero Brown, Justin Romero (Nicole), Jonathan Prewitt, Andrea Fisher (John), Matthew Horn (Nina), and Rebekah Anderson (Michael); and 20 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on July 6, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. You may visit Janis' tribute page at <https://www.bartlett-nicholsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Janis-Williams-2/#!/Obituary>.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans, WV, was honored to serve the Williams family. 🍀

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LOIS A. DEVERICKS

Lois A. Devericks, 85, of Clarksburg, WV, received her angel wings and passed into Heaven's gates Monday, June 10, 2019, at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

She was born in Parkersburg, WV, on October 9, 1933, the youngest of five siblings of late Charles E. Uhl and A. Muriel (Adams) Uhl.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Worthy V. Devericks, Sr.; eight children, Deena Buckler of GA, Larry Witt, Jr. and wife Chantal of FL, Cyndi Hopkins and husband John of AL, Worthy Devericks Jr., Susie Smith, Kelly Pena and fiancé Jack Waggoner, Mike Devericks, and Lisa Winters and husband Matt, all of WV; a sister Leona Sartor of WV; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind several brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, nieces, and nephews - too many to mention.

Lois was a 1953 graduate of West Virginia School for the Deaf. She previously was employed at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg WV. Lois was a loyal member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf for many years along side of her husband filling various positions of the association. She was also the Miss Deaf WV Pageant Director for many years. She enjoyed shopping, sewing, making a variety of crafts, baking and cooking, going to yard sales, flea markets, gardening, and canning. She mostly enjoyed spending holidays, birthdays, and special occasions with family and friends.

A memorial page of Lois will be in the fall 2019 newsletter. 🍀



RUDOLPH C. HINES

Rudolph C. (Rudy) Hines, 95, a nationally known math professor and deafness advocate, passed peacefully to his new home in heaven on June 21, 2019, with his family nearby. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Hines, Sr. and Elsie Craver Hines, and his brother William Hines, Jr. Rudy is survived by his wife Marlene Skogas Hines, daughters Cindy Zvareck (Don), Lori Hines (Simon Lang), grandsons David Zvareck (Rachel), Adam Zvareck (Kate), and great-grandchildren Levi and Evelyn.

Rudy was born and raised on a farm in Olney, Maryland, in 1923 and became deaf after an illness. He attended the Maryland School for the Deaf and then Gallaudet College (now University) in Washington DC. While there, Rudy lettered in cross country and earned a Bachelor's of Science in 1947. After graduation, Rudy taught at the WV School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV, then later at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind in Great Falls, MT. After Rudy started teaching at Gallaudet in 1953, he earned a Master's in Education from the University of Maryland.

Rudy was in demand both nationally and internationally to lecture at conferences for the deaf and math education. After his retirement in 1993, Rudy and Marlene continued to live in Maryland until they relocated to North Oaks, MN in 2006 to be closer to family.

No public services will be held. Donations may be made to the Gallaudet University Alumni Association.

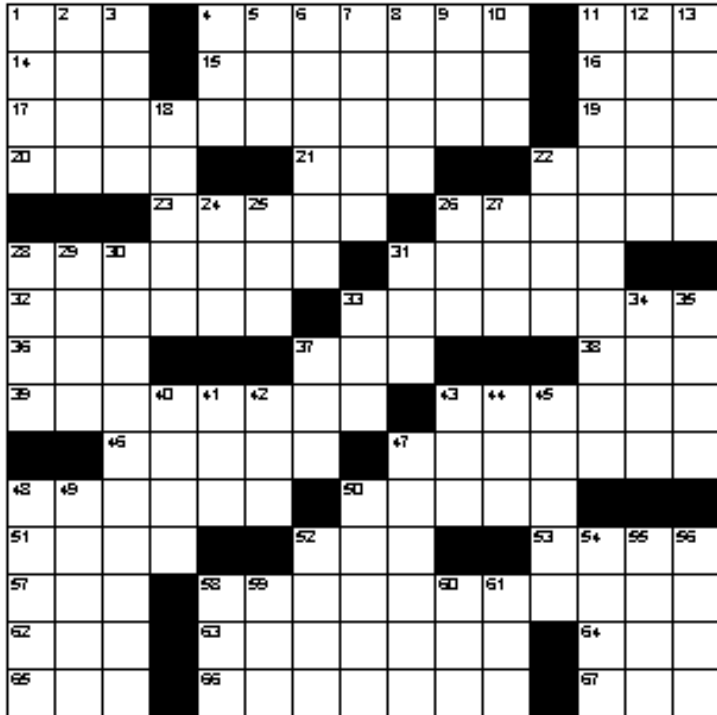
For more info, please visit <https://www.bradshawfuneral.com/notices/Rudolph-Hines>. 🍀



Summer Safety



FUN PAGE



ACROSS

1. It may have a wide brim to protect against the sun
4. Circus swing
11. That girl
14. "... man ___ mouse?": 2 wds.
15. Puts a new bottom on, as a shoe
16. Ostrich's Australian cousin
17. Kind of sun rays that are damaging to the skin
19. Web provider that offers chat rooms and Instant Messages
20. Flower given on Valentine's Day
21. Ginger ___
22. Feminizing suffix
23. Last words of prayers
26. Throws

28. Head protectors for cyclists, Rollerbladers, etc.
31. Jeweler's weight
32. Recording label of Sarah McLachlan and Whitney Houston
33. They're a result of overexposure to 17-Across rays
36. Program that encourages kids to read books: Abbr.
37. Police officer
38. Sound from a fireworks observer
39. Protection that might be worn along with 28-Across
43. Bird that pops out of a clock
46. Puts on a few pounds

47. Flow of water that's potentially dangerous for beach swimmers
48. "Dumb and Dumber" actress ___ Holly
50. "The Many Loves of ___ Gillis" (old sitcom)
51. "... hardly wait!": 2 wds.
52. "My country, ___ of thee ..."
53. Body parts often pierced
57. Sound from an angry dog
58. Collection that may include bandages, gauze pads and antiseptic ointment: 2 wds., Hyph.
62. Concealed
63. Thick Antarctic coverings
64. Wedding promise: 2 wds.
65. N.F.L. six-pointers
66. Math proposition
67. Just purchased

25. When a plane is expected to land: Abbr.
26. What your skin may be after a day at the beach
27. Spherical body
28. "...! The Herald Angels Sing"
29. "... Brockovich" (Julia Roberts film)
30. Workers who keep an eye on swimmers
31. Drink holder
33. Ship's call for help
34. Time when the sun is hottest, approximately
35. Vaccination
37. Record store purchases
40. Make, as a salary
41. Dessert with a flaky crust
42. ___ Arbor, Mich.
43. Little lion
44. Geller with supposed mental powers
45. Band with the hit song "With Arms Wide Open"
47. Actor who shares the lead
48. Kind of clothing that's best to wear on a hot summer day
49. Sharp to the taste
50. The Village People's music
52. Dangerous thing to stand under during a thunderstorm
54. Similar (to)
55. Amusement park attraction
56. Put securely away
58. In good physical shape
59. German for "I"
60. Gorilla or orangutan
61. Suffix of doctrines

DOWN

1. 60 minutes
2. Folk music legend Guthrie
3. Designs drawn on the body, for short
4. ___ la la (song syllables)
5. Minister's title: Abbr.
6. Natives of China, Japan or Vietnam
7. Places where 30-Down work
8. Fashion magazine whose title is French for "she"
9. 26th letter of the alphabet
10. Suffix in the "Guinness Book of Records"
11. Dangerous condition caused by overexposure to high temperatures
12. Be a hammy actor
13. These are posted at 7-Down and are important to follow for safety's sake
18. 500-sheet units of paper
22. Jacob's twin, in the Bible
24. Encountered



(See Fun Page Answers on page 15)

WVAD Quarter News, Summer 2019

25th Annual WV Deaf Bass Anglers Tournament by Lisa Keathley

On Saturday, June 1st, 2019, the 25th Annual WV Deaf Bass Anglers Tournament was held at the New River, Berry's Campground in Hinton, WV. All of us camped at the campground and spent the weekend there.

Nine fishermen participated in the tournament. The weather was awesome and perfect! Five fishermen brought their fish to our campsite to be weighed.

The first place and winner of the year went to Tony Keathley from Letart, WV, with five bass weighing 4 lbs and 5 oz. Second place went to Patrick Epperly from Augusta, WV, with two bass weighing 2 lbs and 5 oz; he was also the luncheon winner. Third place went to Edwin Littleton from Cross Lanes, WV, with 3 bass weighing 2 lbs and 2 oz.

Three Hall of Fames outstanding fishermen were Tony Keathley, Mark

Day, and Mike Losh (not pictured) who received their certificates with trophies.

Tony Keathley resigned as the Chairperson for WV Deaf Anglers Bass Club and the new Chairperson for future tournaments is Mitchell Miller.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated in the tournament and made it a successful event! 🍷



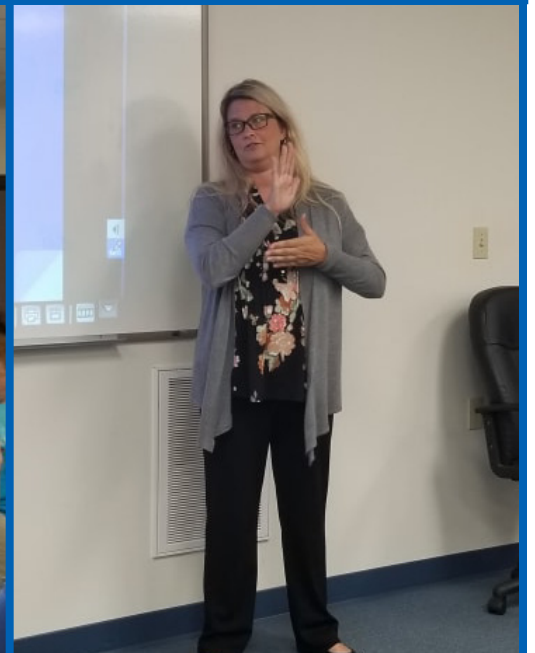
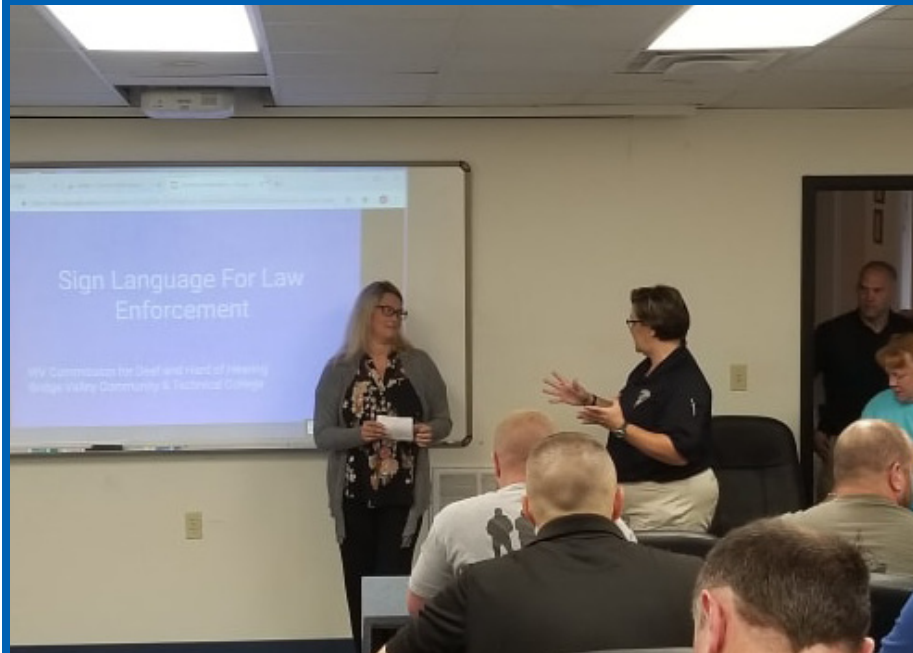
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Volunteers from BridgeValley Community and Technical College helping break down communication barriers. (Photo Credit: WCHS/WVAH)



BridgeValley Community and Technical College facilitated the sign language training so first responders can learn how to better communicate with the deaf population. (Photo Credit: WCHS/WVAH)



IT'S A BOY



Jameson Rhett Harrison, son of Jason and Erin Harrison, joined the Harrison family on May 31, 2019, at 2:31 p.m. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs, 15 oz and was 22 inches long. He is also the grandson of Jimmy and Veronda Harrison (WVAD Treasurer). Congratulations!

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WVAD Selling Hillbilly Whittler T-Shirts

WVAD is bringing back retro T-shirts from approximately 30 years ago. The T-shirts will sell for \$15.00 each. These T-shirts will be sold at the WVAD Conference at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV. If you are interested in buying a T-shirt or want more information about them, please contact Veronda Harrison at verapple@aol.com or call her on VP at 304-964-6025. 🍄





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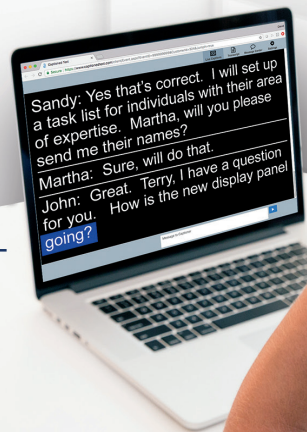
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CHIPOTLE-MAPLE CHICKEN THIGHS

(Serves 6-8; Total Time: 1 hour)

(<http://www.midwestliving.com/recipe/chipotle-maple-chicken-thighs/>)

This is juicy, spicy, glorious barbecued chicken. They cook fast, like chicken breasts, but they have richer flavor and don't dry out. The rub and the sauce add great layers of flavor and it's bright and spicy and wonderful. This recipe would work fine with chicken breasts, chicken tenders, or pork tenderloin.

1 Tablespoon smoked paprika
1 Tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
2 teaspoons dry mustard, divided
1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder, divided
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2-1/2 lbs skinless, boneless chicken thighs
1/2 cup ketchup
1/4 cup pure maple syrup

2 Tablespoons molasses
1 Tablespoon finely chopped chipotle
chile peppers in adobo sauce
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
3 Tablespoons freshly squeezed
lime juice
Lime wedges (optional)



1. In a small bowl, combine smoked paprika, brown sugar, salt, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, chili powder, and black pepper. Sprinkle and pat mixture evenly on both sides of chicken thighs. Chill, covered, for 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine ketchup, maple syrup, molasses, chipotle peppers, Worcestershire sauce, and the remaining 1 teaspoon dry mustard and 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder. Bring just to boiling; reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside.
3. Prepare a gas or charcoal grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat. Arrange chicken on a lightly oiled grill rack, cover grill, and cook 4 minutes. Flip and cook 4 minutes more. Stir lime juice into sauce. Brush chicken with some of the sauce, flip and cook 1 minute. Brush sauce on the second side, flip and cook 1 minute more, or until done (170 °F). Remove from grill; let rest 5 minutes. Serve with lime wedges for squeezing, if desired.



GRILLED SWEET POTATO WEDGES WITH DIPPING SAUCES

(Serves 8; Prep Time: 30 minutes; Grill: 8-10 minutes)

(<http://www.midwestliving.com/recipe/vegetables/grilled-sweet-potato-wedges-with-dipping-sauces/>)

6 medium sweet potatoes or russet potatoes
(about 2 pounds)
1/4 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt or
3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black
pepper
Honey sesame sauce (recipe below)
Creamy chive sauce (recipe below)

1. Scrub potatoes with a soft vegetable brush under running water. Cut each unpeeled potato in half lengthwise, then cut each half lengthwise into 4 wedges. In a covered 4-quart Dutch oven, cook potato wedges in boiling, lightly salted water for 8 minutes or until just tender. Drain and cool slightly. Place potatoes in a large bowl; drizzle with oil and sprinkle with salt and black pepper. Toss gently to coat.
2. For a charcoal or gas grill, grill potato wedges on the greased rack of an covered grill directly over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges begin to brown, turning occasionally.
3. Transfer potatoes to a serving dish; serve with honey sesame sauce and/or creamy chive sauce. Serve immediately or at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.



Creamy Chive Sauce: 1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt; 1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing; 2 Tablespoons snipped fresh chives; 3 Tablespoons finely shredded Asiago cheese; 2 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese or 1 Tablespoon crumbled blue cheese. In a small bowl, stir together sour cream, mayonnaise, and chives. Stir in Asiago cheese and Parmesan cheese.

Honey Sesame Sauce: 1/4 cup reduced sodium soy sauce; 1/4 cup rice vinegar, sake, or white wine vinegar; 3 Tablespoons honey; 2 Tablespoons finely chopped green onions; 2 Tablespoons toasted sesame seeds; 1 Tablespoon toasted sesame oil. In a small bowl, combine soy sauce, rice vinegar, honey, green onions, toasted sesame seeds, and toasted sesame oil. Stir until honey dissolves. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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