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WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDb) Honors the Deceased Children

By Dan Oates

Mr. Dan Oates (son of Anne Oates, former Secretary to the WVSDb Superintendent, and nephew of Bill Oates, former housefather of WVSD) had been working on this story for about 8 months but didn't want to release it to Facebook until it was made public in the *Hampshire Review*. It appeared in the April 29, 2020, edition. He wants to thank Mark Gandolfi, Superintendent of WVSDb, and Jamie Kidwell, staff of Shaffer Funeral Home, for their support on this project. He felt it was a story that needed to be told and honored.

Since 1870, the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind have been an integral part of the Romney community. Over the years, Romney has been supportive of the school, staff, and students and the school has always played a role in Romney's past.

Since I can remember I was always involved in activities at the school. Boy Scouts, 4-H club, and church youth groups landed me on campus many, many times. My Uncle Bill Oates was a



Front of the marker honoring the deaf and blind children who passed away at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

houseparent at the secondary deaf boys' dorm and my mother's (Anne Oates) last job was the Secretary to the Superintendent. She always encouraged me to

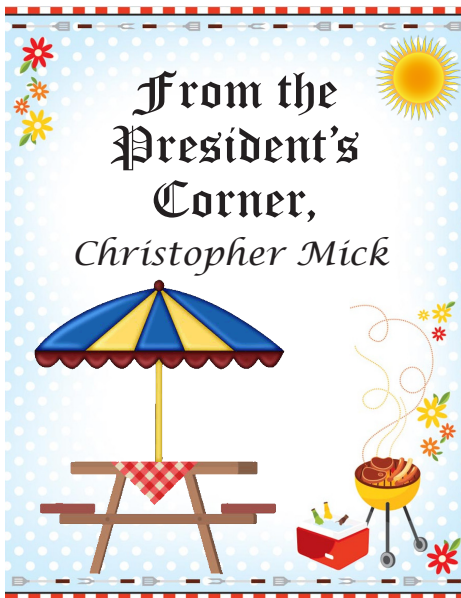
work there as she loved the school and the students. I, on the other hand, didn't like the idea as I had other ideas about [\(WVSDb Honors the... on page 13\)](#)

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Hello and welcome to our Summer newsletter,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and staying safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ready for the hot weather? I hope everyone is staying cool and comfortable. I am looking forward to going camping.

Nothing much has been happening with our organization since the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing.

WV Association of the Deaf board decided to cancel our biennial picnic scheduled for August 8, 2020. The board decided that it would be in the best interest for everyone to stay home and be healthy than to risk your health.

The Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc. (EPDA) made an announcement that they have made a decision to cancel the upcoming *Deaf Westival* conference in Martinsburg, WV, scheduled for November 7, 2020, due to the possible second wave of COVID-19. Their main goal is for the deaf community to stay healthy and safe.

WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) has received several applicants for the Executive Director position. The interview process is still on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will resume with the process after the pandemic improves.

National Association of the Deaf (NAD) President Melissa Draganac-Hawk announced the dates for the

2020 Virtual Council of Representatives (COR) meeting, which is scheduled for October 1–4, 2020. This takes the place of NAD's Biennial Conference scheduled for June 30–July 5, 2020, which was not able to take place in Chicago, Illinois, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The COR meeting has four parts: official meeting, Bylaw amendments, elections, and the forum. The COR meeting will happen on those dates, which are from Thursday to Sunday. The Bylaw amendments discussion and election will happen during the COR meeting, in which only Delegates can participate. Priority motions will be placed into specific tracks to be discussed in the Forum, which any and all NAD members can participate. The Forum is for NAD members to review and discuss the priority motions. The Forum is when NAD members discuss and reduce the number of priority motions, which are then given to the Delegates to debate on and then vote to decide the top five priorities for NAD to work on from years 2020 to 2022.

Just 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 will 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 joining WVAD, 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 out our WVAD website (www.wvad.org) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any ongoing information about WVAD.

Stay healthy and be safe,

Christopher T. Mick
 Christopher T. Mick



IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Please look at your newsletter address label for expiration date that was highlighted and renew before expiration date.



WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held via Sorenson Videophone, May 3, 2020

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: Christopher Mick, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Sylvia Mick, Laura Crowder, and Gloria Hollen.

Member Absent: Scott Hottle.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held via Sorenson Videophone. President Chris Mick called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2020, were sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via videophone and e-mail. The minutes of the meeting was published in the Spring 2020 WVAD newsletter.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:

Financial report from January 26, 2020 to May 1, 2020: Balance in checking account – \$844.30; balance in savings account – \$4,068.46; Mingo County Fund: \$14,553.68; WVAD Conference Fund – \$6,166.40; Deaf Youth Program – \$478.00; Education Fund – \$288.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. The board accepted the report as read.

Veronda Harrison shared about receiving a forwarded e-mail from John Burdette on February 4, 2020, that he received from The Heritage Company, Inc., an Arkansas Corporation, doing business United Deaf Services (UDS). They will no longer be telemarketing for WVAD due to ransomware attack on their computer and have shut down their business. We need to find other ways to raise money for our organization.

President Chris Mick's Report:

- President Chris Mick sent a letter to State Delegates asking them to support the LEAD-K bill on February 3, 2020.
- President Chris Mick received an e-mail from Emily Cashell-DeSilva (Assistant to the Director, Prisoner Visitation and Support) on February 11, 2020. She reached out to WVAD on behalf of Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS), a nonprofit organization that connects prisoners in federal and military prisons with volunteer visitors across the country. There is a facility, Federal Correction Institute (FCI)-Gilmer, in Glenville, WV. One visitor visited once with the inmate who is deaf; he can read lips so they were able to communicate. However he, understandably, said he would be more comfortable with someone that knows sign language. She was wondering if WVAD had a network of contacts that may be interested in volunteering with PVS. They would really love to be able to accommodate this prisoner. The link to the website is www.prisonervisitation.org. WVAD will respond to her and refer her to the appropriate agencies and find out if FCI-Gilmer has a videophone or VRI there for deaf inmates.
- Sylvia Mick and Chris Mick went to Deaf Awareness Day at the WV Capitol on February 12, 2020. It was a good turnout. Vice President Gloria Hollen was also there. WVAD got people to sign a couple

of petitions asking the Judiciary Committee to move The Closed Captioning Act bill (HB 4695) and The Motion Picture Open Captioning Act bill (HB 4570).

- Angela Williams, a deaf educator from Raleigh County, sent an e-mail to Chris Mick on February 24, 2020, inviting him to speak to the students at the deaf camp in Beckley, WV, on June 9, 2020. She wants her students to learn more about WVAD. Chris told Angela that he would be happy to come and talk to the students about WVAD.
- National Association of the Deaf (NAD) announced in April that they will not have their conference in Chicago, Illinois, this year due to COVID-19 pandemic. The next NAD conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 2022. The July 2024 NAD conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois. However, NAD's Bylaws require them to host two things this year. First, they must host the Council of Representatives meeting, which includes discussions and voting on priorities, bylaws changes, and election of the Board. And secondly, they must host the Forums which allow the community to share input on proposed priorities. Both of these are required to happen this year, during even numbered years. The NAD Board is currently figuring out options on how to make this happen and they will share updates soon.
- Chris Mick made a vlog for Facebook WVAD page about filling [\(See Board Minutes on page 4\)](#)

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out the Census 2020 form and COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic on April 16, 2020.

Vice President Gloria Hollen's Report:

Vice President Gloria Hollen thanked the board for sending a sympathy card for her brother's death.

Gloria Hollen shared that NAD shared a video about NAD suing Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology for discriminating against deaf and hard of hearing people by failing to caption the vast and varied array of online content they make to the general public, including massive open online courses. See link: <https://www.nad.org/2015/02/17/nad-sues-harvard-and-mit-for-discrimination-in-public-online-content/>.

Signing is Language Act (H.R. 5483) was introduced in U.S. Congress on December 18, 2019. NAD announced an exciting Congressional bill that will recognize American Sign Language (ASL) and other sign languages used in the United States through ensuring that English Language Learning opportunities are equally available to deaf and hard of hearing students, along with hearing children of deaf adults (KODAs/CODAs). See link: <https://www.nad.org/2020/03/04/signing-is-language-act-introduced-in-the-u-s-congress/>.

On April 27, 2020, NAD shared a video about schools across the country have closed their classrooms because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools have switched to teaching students remotely. NAD stated that it is important that deaf and hard of hearing students have full access to their classes and education, even if it is remotely provided. It is also important for deaf and hard of hearing parents or families

to have equal access to information from schools. This paper (<https://www.nad.org/advocacy-paper-for-families-seeking-accessible-prek-12-education/>) is to help families advocate for what they need during these times when their deaf or hard of hearing child receives remote PreK-12 education, especially in a mainstreamed setting. The position statement (<https://www.nad.org/position-statement-educating-prek-12-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-students-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/>) was developed by the NAD Policy Institute and was reviewed by Tom Humphries, Ph.D., National Deaf Education Conference (NDEC) which is a section of the NAD, and Hands & Voices, a national parents organization. For complete video of this issue, please see <https://www.nad.org/2020/04/27/covid-19-families-seeking-accessible-prek-12-remote-education/>.

On April 30, 2020, NAD changed different policies due to COVID-19 pandemic such as access to information, medical, employment, education, and understanding the COVID-19 pandemic in ASL. See link: <https://www.nad.org/2020/04/30/covid-19-related-policies/>. WVAD needs to share this information on Facebook to keep the deaf community aware of what NAD is doing for the deaf community.

Gloria Hollen felt that there was something missing at Deaf Awareness Day. Maybe because the Director of WV Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) was not present; this made a difference at the event. She felt that the farmer's market booths took a lot of attention away from WVAD's booth. Also that a lot of vendors tore down their booths before lunch.

WVCDHH has some applicants for the Director position but because

of COVID-19 pandemic, it is on hold. There were 10 or 11 applicants for the position. There are about 6 candidates that were selected to be interviewed at a later date when the COVID-19 pandemic calms down. WVCDHH postponed their meeting to August 7, 2020, to be held at Parkersburg, WV.

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary Tami Deem got a message on January 21, 2020, on WVAD Facebook page from Alejandra Leon from Charles Town, WV, wanting help on finding a job in Eastern Panhandle area. She referred him to Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances.
- Received a forwarded SignMail e-mail from John Burdette on February 1, 2020. A lady from Morgantown, WV, called John about her brother who lives alone and needs assistance. So Tami called the lady on February 2, 2020, and referred her to contact Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living for guidance and help.
- Finished scanning all the old newsletters from 1980 to 2009. There are 7 newsletters left to do. John will look for them at his house to see if he has copies of those. Then WVAD will post on the WVAD webpage when it's all done.

Trustees' Report:

- Trustee Laura Crowder postponed ADA research due to COVID-19 pandemic, but will soon go back to researching and start posting about different ADA laws. Right now, we might have new guidelines for ADA laws due to lack of accessibility.
- Nursing homes, hospitals, and other essential workers are facing a difficult barrier because of the masks. For example, Sundale Nursing Home where Trustee Laura Crowder works requires all employees to wear masks. The problem with the masks is that it's hard to communicate with co-workers and patients. Her boss suggested using a clear box within the mask to help deaf and hard of hearing employees communicate better. Laura showed her boss the accessible mask that she found online. The accessible masks have not been brought into

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

It is the purpose of WVAD *Quarter News* to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. *WVAD Quarter News* strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the WVAD *Quarter News* editor at wvad.newsletter.editor@gmail.com 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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the workplace yet. However, Laura found an app that she use called Ava that helps her to communicate with hearing co-workers and patients. There is another app available for deaf and hard of hearing people (App My Ears) but it cost \$9.99 to download.

- Laura experienced a Telehealth issue that lacked an interpreter. Laura noticed her doctor used their phone and brought a VRI closer to him to communicate with her. It was not effective. Before using VRI, Laura tried to use her videophone to transfer her to the doctor's office but they required her to verify and transferred the call to the doctor's office. She is concerned about this new way of connecting with doctors (Telehealth) that's not accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing patients.
- Laura also reached her therapist for a personal counseling session and found a counselor who could communicate in ASL. They used Telehealth and it was very effective. Laura highly recommends anyone to use a counselor or other health specialists who can communicate in ASL through Telehealth.

Newsletter Editor's Report:

Deadline for the next newsletter is June 20, 2020.

Membership Coordinator Jimmy Harrison's Report:

At the last board meeting, there were 160 members. Currently there are 154 members.

Legislative Advocate Antonia Vaughan's Report:

No report.

Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:

No report.

Legislative Chair John Burdette's Report:

No report.

ByLaws Committee Report:

Nothing to report.

Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- ADA research will be done soon.

New Business:

MOTION: Gloria Hollen moved to give new officers a new WVAD logo polo shirt every 2 years if they are a newly elected officer. Veronda Harrison seconded. The Board recommended that Veronda order some different size polo shirts. CARRIED

MOTION: Tami Deem moved to cancel WVAD picnic. Laura Crowder seconded.

Veronda Harrison amended to wait until July to make a decision. Gloria Hollen seconded. One abstained. CARRIED

The main motion is carried to wait until July to make a decision on the picnic.

MOTION: Tami Deem moved to order 2 WVU puzzles for gifts. Veronda Harrison seconded. CARRIED

MOTION: Gloria Hollen moved to assign a person to make vlogs on announcements. Veronda Harrison seconded. CARRIED

MOTION: Gloria Hollen took President Chris Mick's floor. Chris moved to set a deadline for Charleston Association of the Deaf (CAD) to make a decision about hosting WVAD Conference August 2021. Sylvia Mick seconded.

Tami Deem amended to set a date. Gloria Hollen seconded. CARRIED

The main motion is carried that CAD must make their decision by June 30, 2020.

MOTION: Gloria Hollen moved to postpone spaghetti dinner fundraiser to October 2020. Veronda Harrison seconded.

Tami Deem amended that the fundraiser money goes towards trip to National Leadership Training Conference next fall (2021). CARRIED

The main motion is carried that the spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be in October 2020, and funds will go towards the NLTC trip.

MOTION: Tami Deem moved for WVAD to buy a 4TB or 6TB passport to store all WVAD files, documents, etc.,

from all officers. Veronda Harrison seconded. CARRIED

The Board went into closed session.

Next board meeting will be held July 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. on Videophone.

President Chris Mick adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamera Deem
Secretary

DEAF WESTIVAL CANCELLED

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Mrs. Norma Czernicki, former WVAD newsletter proofreader and WV School for the Deaf librarian, is doing well. She lives in Weslaco, Texas, with her daughter, Marla and her family. Her 86th birthday is coming up on July 27, 2020. Please send her a birthday card to wish her a Happy Birthday! Her address is:

Mrs. Norma Czernicki
1111 Jasmine Street
Weslaco, TX 78596

Mrs. Czernicki loves to receive mail and would love to hear from you all! 🐾

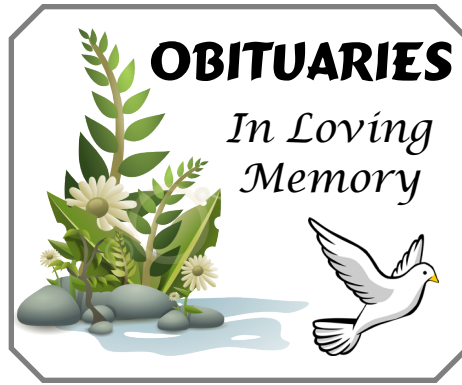


Elizabeth "Libby" Pollard

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is saddened by the passing of Elizabeth "Libby" Pollard at the age of 80 on April 26, 2020. Libby was a strong, intelligent, and compassionate leader who served the NAD as Region I Board Member and subsequently as President. Her service to the NAD did not stop after completion of her board tenure; she also counseled our organization as a Parliamentarian.

Born Elizabeth Sparks on March 21, 1940, she became known to everyone as Libby during her three years at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDDB). She attended WVSDDB in 1947. She transferred to the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) and graduated in 1956. Next, she enrolled at Gallaudet College and went on to study data entry at the Electronics Computer Programming Institute in Cleveland, Ohio, for two years. In 1972, Libby became a key-punch/data entry operator at the Iron City Sash and Door Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While working there, she took training courses in advanced computer programming. Her commitment and desire to advance her skills led to two promotions, first as Junior Computer Programmer and then as Senior Programmer/Systems Analyst. Libby retired in April 2002 after 30 years with the company.

Throughout her life, Libby contributed significantly to many organizations as a volunteer, board member, and



parliamentarian. She served on the boards of WPSD, the WPSD Alumni Association, and the Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA). She rose to become the first female president in several organizations including the local division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf, and the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf (PSAD).

At the 1994 Biennial NAD Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, Libby was elected as Region 1 Board Member for a four-year term on the NAD Board of Directors. At the 1998 NAD Biennial Conference in San Antonio, Texas, she was elected as President of NAD, becoming the third woman to serve in this capacity. She was re-elected President at the 2000 Biennial NAD Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. After her NAD service, she studied to become a certified parliamentarian. In her role as one of a very small handful of deaf certified parliamentarians across the nation, Libby served numerous organizations including the NAD. She also provided parliamentary and leadership training as well as consultation services, and served as a mentor for those aspiring to parliamentary careers.

Libby is survived by four sons: Verne Taylor of Cleveland, OH; David Taylor of Kansas City, MO; Richard Taylor of North Branch, MN; and Tim Taylor of Dover, DE; as well as 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Libby was predeceased by her husband Henry Pollard and her parents Edgar and Maude Sparks. Libby is also survived by her sister Dianne Sparks Gallagher (predeceased by husband Patrick Gallagher) and their two children.

The NAD deeply appreciates Libby Pollard's extraordinary service as

Region I Board Member (1994-98) and President (1998-2002) for our Board of Directors.

NAD President Melissa Draganac-Hawk (2016-present) expressed her respect: "Libby Pollard represented the finest in our deaf community. I first met her at the 2000 NAD Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. I was impressed by her ability to conduct meetings in a strong and firm manner when she was actually a very sweet woman who took her time to talk with everyone. Libby broke many barriers as she led all of us, and then trained many deaf individuals to become leaders. She leaves behind a distinguished legacy that will last for generations."

Ben Soukup, who served as NAD President (1993-1998) during Libby's term as Region I Board Member, fondly remembers: "Libby Pollard was an outstanding leader, having much passion and love for the NAD and our community. Her many contributions include her leadership at the state level and then as President of the NAD. She is well known for advancing parliamentary procedure within the NAD and its member organizations, which still carries on today. She will be missed greatly."

Mark Apodaca, who served as NAD Treasurer (1996-2002) under Libby's term as President and also pursued the same path as a parliamentarian as she did: "The Deaf Community lost an incredibly wise and humble but great leader. Libby Pollard was a great President of NAD and an exceptionally fine Certified Parliamentarian. She was also a strong person of influence. She will be deeply missed." (See link: <https://www.nad.org/2020/04/27/in-memoriam-elizabeth-libby-pollard/>.)



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James Marlin Lambert

James "Brother" Marlin Lambert, 84, of Chesapeake, WV, passed away on May 22, 2020. He was the son of the late William Albert Lambert and Martha Meadows Lambert. He was born in Princeton, WV, on January 27, 1936.

He attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, graduating in 1956. Brother used his talents as a baker for Quality Bakery in Beckley for 36 years. In 1978, he began working at Lively Manufacturing and Equipment Company, also in Beckley.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, sister Conessa "Connie" Lambert Covey (Kenneth), of Beckley, and Donald A. Lambert (Judith) of Charleston, WV.

On April 23, 1977, James married his wife, Hollie Greathouse Lambert, originally from Parkersburg, who survives him along with their daughter, Rosetta S. Lambert, both of Chesapeake. In addition to his wife and daughter, James leaves behind his beloved granddaughter, Johliette A. Lambert; nieces, Deborah Covey Shelton, Lori Covey Causey, Carrie Lambert Ameli (Dan), Jennifer Lambert O'Keefe and Alison Lambert Long (Gene); as well as great-nieces and nephews Candy, Jessica, Adam, Catherine, Alexandra, Connor, Elizabeth, and Lambert. James was a loving and gentle person, loved by his family and all those who knew him.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service for James will be held at a later date. You may send condolences to the family at <https://www.barlowbonsall.com/obituaries/james-m-lambert/>. Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home has been entrusted to handle the arrangements. 🕯️

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Ruth Yuvonne Ganoë

Ruth Yuvonne Ganoë, 82, of Romney, WV, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020, at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA.

Born February 24, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Arthur W. and Edna F. (Maphis) Ganoë. Besides her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law, Gary Lee and Mary Elizabeth Ganoë and by two nephews, Robert Lee Ganoë and Billy Ganoë.

Ruth is survived by two nieces, Lisa Marie Streets and husband Paul of Romney and Tina Louise Fisher and husband Russ of Aldie, VA. She is also survived by a great niece, Marianna Fisher, and by a great nephew, Russell Fisher, as well as numerous other family members.

Ruth was born and raised in Romney and graduated from Romney High School with the Class of 1956. After high school, she worked for Ned Miller in the orchards for several years. She then found employment with the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. She held various jobs while there, from houseparent to custodian before her retirement.

Ruth was a good Christian woman. She served on the board of the Romney Church of the Nazarene and was a Sunday School teacher and worked in the nursery. She was like a mother to the children that were in her care. Ruth spent many years in the church and its fair to say that she had 3 or 4 generations of church members pass through her care.

Ruth was very pleasant to be around. She was a soft-spoken people

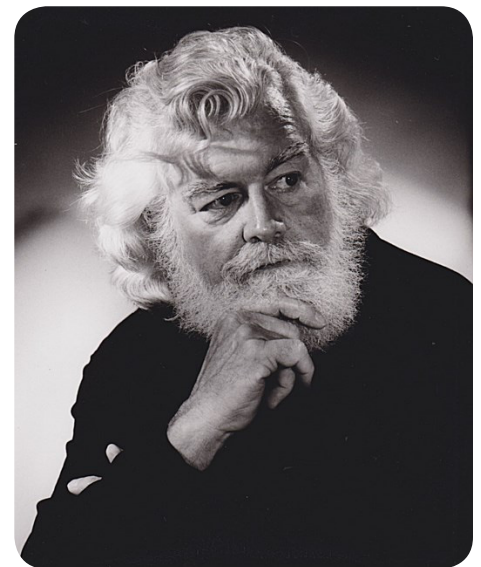
person who enjoyed and looked forward to getting ready and going out to eat. She had a great personality and was a regular and one of the longest attendees at the Romney Senior Center.

Though she didn't have any children of her own, Ruth was a family aunt. She loved to travel, play cards, listen to music (especially The Gaithers), and collect dishware. She will be deeply missed as well as her fond phrase "You don't say."

A graveside service was held on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery with Rev. Gary Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ruth's name should be made to Romney Senior Center, 280 School St., Romney, WV 26757.

Please direct inquiries to Shaffer Funeral Home, 304-822-3511 (<https://www.shafferfuneral.com/obituaries/Ruth-Yuvonne-Ganoë?obId=14993463#/celebrationWall>). 🕯️



Raymond E. Piper

Word was received that Raymond Piper, 82, of Buda, Texas, passed away on June 11, 2020.

He was a teacher and assistant football coach at the WV School for the Deaf from 1963 to 1967.

Services were under the direction of Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home. No public services are scheduled at this time. See link: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/austin-tx/raymond-piper-9218018>. 🕯️

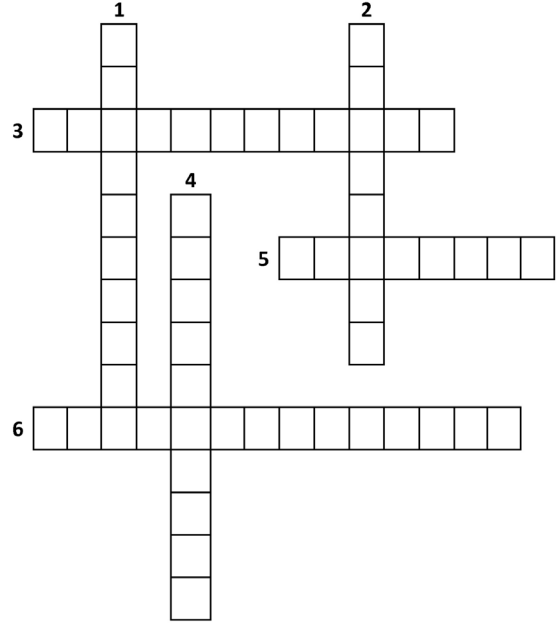
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FAMOUS PEOPLE MULTI-CHOICE

- THIS ACTOR IS BEST KNOWN AS BARNEY FIFE ON THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW. HE WAS BORN IN MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA ON JULY 21, 1924.
A. ANDY GRIFFITH C. RON HOWARD
B. DON KNOTTS D. SHELDON LEONARD
- THIS 1984 SUMMER OLYMPIC GYMNAST WON A GOLD MEDAL IN INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND COMPETITION. SHE WAS BORN IN FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 24, 1968
A. CARLY PATTERSON C. GABBY DOUGLAS
B. NASTIA LIUKIN D. MARY LOU RETTON
- THIS NAVAL OFFICER WAS LATER APPOINTED TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND HELPED DEVELOP THE "ATOMS FOR PEACE" PROGRAM. HE WAS BORN IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 31, 1896.
A. LEWIS STRAUSS C. SINCLAIR WEEKS
B. FREDERICK MUELLER D. DWIGHT EISENHOWER
- THIS AIR FORCE OFFICER BECAME THE FIRST PILOT CONFIRMED TO HAVE EXCEEDED THE SPEED OF SOUND IN LEVEL FLIGHT. HE WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 13, 1923 IN MYRA, WEST VIRGINIA.
A. SCOTT ANDERSON C. RICHARD THOMAS
B. TONE LEVIER D. CHARLES "CHUCK" YEAGER
- THIS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER SPENT 14 SEASONS PLAYING FOR THE LA DODGERS AND WAS CO-MVP OF THE 1981 WORLD SERIES. HE WAS BORN IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA ON NOVEMBER 24, 1948.
A. FERNANDO VALENZUELA C. STEVE YEAGER
B. OREL HERSHISER D. KIRK GIBSON
- THIS POLITICIAN SERVED AS US SECRETARY OF STATES UNDER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. HE WAS BORN IN CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA ON MARCH 27, 1917.
A. WARREN CHRISTOPHER C. HENRY KISSINGER
B. CYRUS VANCE D. EDMUND MUSKIE
- THIS ACTRESS WAS KNOWN FOR SUCH FILMS AS RED RIVER AND ALL THE KING'S MEN. SHE WAS BORN IN LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 31, 1922.
A. COLEEN GRAY C. JOANNE DRU
B. ANNE SEYMOUR D. HELENE STANLEY

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- State Insect
- State Rock

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- State Fish
- State Bird
- State Tree



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- The world's largest _____ tree is located on the Back Fork of the Elk River in Webster Springs.
- 15% of the nation's total _____ production comes from West Virginia.
- The first _____ street in the world was laid in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23, 1870, on Summers Street, between Kanawha and Virginia Streets.
- Bailey Brown, the first _____ soldier killed in the Civil War, died on May 22, 1861, at Fetterman, Taylor County.
- The Stone that was quarried near Hinton was contributed by West Virginia for the _____ Monument and arrived in February 1885.
- In May 1860, the first well in the state for producing crude oil was drilled at _____ Springs.
- One of the first _____ bridges in the world was completed in Wheeling in November 1849.

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In the News



Justice ASL Interpreters Talk to Girl Scouts About Working During Pandemic

By MetroNews Staff in News, Posted April 12, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. (<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/12/sign-language-interpreters-talk-to-girl-scouts-about-working-during-pandemic/>)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Two sign language interpreters for Governor Jim Justice had the chance to explain their roles in informing the public during the coronavirus pandemic during a recent Girl Scouts meeting.

Jennifer Casto and Julie Turley took part in a virtual meeting last week hosted by the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond council.

Casto and Turley are often seen standing near Justice and state officials during daily coronavirus briefings, using their skills to share messages through American Sign Language.

“When you’re doing interpreting, sometimes you might hear someone say something and you think we’re signing every exact word that they’re saying. That is not what we’re doing,” Turley

said. “We are interpreting the meaning behind what is being said.”

Casto and Turley both got into sign language because of their families; Casto’s grandparents were deaf, as are Turley’s parents.

“I kept learning and using it, and one day I became an interpreter,” Casto joked.

The interpreters answered questions from the scouts, including what it takes to be an interpreter and if they get tired while working.

“Physically, we’re not that tired. Mentally, we are,” Casto said. “We’re listening so much to everybody talking, and we’re trying to think about everything that they’re saying and what it means. Our brains are working

way much harder than our hands are actually working.”

Casto noted it helps that they work together, as one can lead if the other makes a mistake.

“We do make mistakes. Sometimes, I thought I heard a word that wasn’t actually said,” she said.

“Everyone makes mistakes,” Turley added. “You just try to continue on with a smile on your face.”

Casto and Turley also lead the scouts in signing various words and phrases, including the Girl Scout Promise.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Jennifer Casto is the granddaughter of Sam Brown and the late Marzina Brown, and Julie Turley is the daughter of Larry and Missy Barie and Melinda and Howard Hurd. 🇺🇸



Jennifer Casto and Julie Turley work as sign language interpreters during Gov. Jim Justice’s daily coronavirus response briefings. PHOTO CREDIT: Governor’s Office.





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WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) Superintendent Steps Down

By Jim King, *Hampshire Review* Staff, Posted May 6, 2020 (https://www.hampshirereview.com/news/article_ebe42d20-8f9d-11ea-b025-475e40ad443d.html)

ROMNEY — The financial expert who backed into being Superintendent at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) is backing out.

Mark Gandolfi told staff last week in an email that his last day at the schools will be Friday (May 8, 2020).

"I will forever cherish many fond memories of my time here," he wrote. "I am grateful to you for your support, kindness, and hard work. You have made WVSDB home to me."

Gandolfi, who did not respond to a request for an interview, said he was taking a position closer to home. Pat Homberg, who recently retired as the state's director of special education, will replace him in the interim.

Gandolfi, who came to the schools as finance manager in 2013 was named interim superintendent in late 2017 when Martin Keller was fired. Four months later the State Board of Education broke precedent and removed the "interim" from his title, making Gandolfi the first non-educator to serve as superintendent in the school's 147-year history.

Technically, Gandolfi was administrative superintendent and Jamie Vittorio, the principal at the School for the Blind, was named chief academic officer.

Gandolfi oversaw major changes in the structure of the schools and has more lined up for the 2020-21 school year.

The Elementary School for the Deaf was moved into the same building as the Secondary School for the Deaf for the 2018-19 school year. The elementary building was all but abandoned this year as the multi-categorical students who were housed in a wing of the building moved out.

He told staff in February that the next school year would see sweeping changes, beginning with the consolidation of classrooms at the elementary and pre-k levels.

Art will be taught at both schools by a single teacher as will music.

Computer repair will be added to the career-technical education curriculum and ag students will be transported to Hampshire High to participate in their programs.



Mark Gandolfi, Outgoing WVSDB Superintendent.



Pat Homberg, Incoming WVSDB Interim Superintendent.

Gandolfi has been working with Romney Mayor Beverly Keadle to transfer ownership of the historic barn on Depot Street from the state to the town.

In the summer of 2018, members of the Air National Guard, Marine Reserves, and Air Reserves worked in 2-week shifts performing what the Department of Defense calls Innovative Readiness Training Program — a way for troops to hone their skills in engineering, project design, demolition, and construction in a way that benefits communities.

The troops renovated Keller Hall, which had sat empty for more than 5 years, to prepare it for use as a residence for both deaf and blind students. They also tore out part of Seaton Hall, improved playgrounds, and completed other projects.

Also in the summer of 2018, WVSDB got out of the radio business, transferring ownership of WVSDB radio to the South Branch Career and Technical Center in Petersburg, WV. The call letters at 104.1, which had been in school hands since the 1970s, became WVXS. 🦋



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 my future. Fate has an interesting way of making a mother's wish come true. In 1980 I accepted a substitute position at the school, which led to a master's degree and a 30-year career at the school. I retired in 2012 and continued my interest in local history.

I have found the school's history to be extremely interesting and in the process of learning about it, I have discovered the wealth of information nestled in the pages of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Tablets. Published weekly, monthly, and sometimes, "fortnightly (every two weeks)" from 1880 to 1988, it captures

the life of not only our school but the network of other schools for the deaf and the blind around the nation.

When the first students arrived on campus in September of 1870, the school became the home for thousands of West Virginia students with sensory impairment over the years. Not until the 1970's and 1980's were there other options for families. In the later part of the 19th century and into the early part of the 20th century, students arrived on campus in September and didn't return home until June of the following year. The school was responsible for the educational, health, social, emotional, and spiritual growth of the

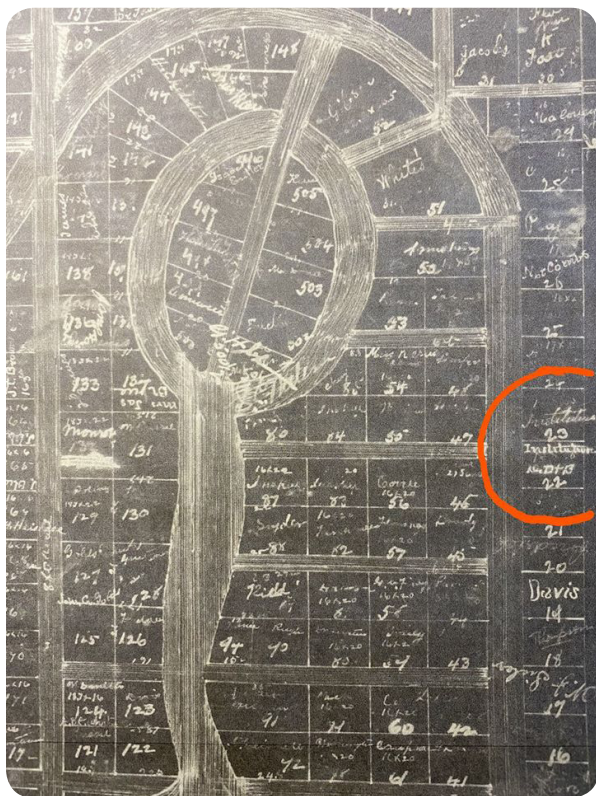
students. The campus for the most part was a self-sustaining community that maintained a farm, bakery, tailor, shoe shop, hospital, furniture, and printing business.

The school began soon after the end of the Civil War through the efforts of Howard Hille Johnson, who worked to create a place for the blind children of the state. Blind himself, Johnson petitioned the state legislature to find a property within the state where his dream could take root. Many cities and towns wanted the school, but Romney was one of the few that offered a physical building to house the school. As legislation progressed toward passage, it was determined the school would educate blind students as well deaf students.

Students at the school lived their lives there until skills were learned to assist them in the life at home. They were an integral part of the school, participating and working in all of the vocational areas aiding in the operation of the campus.

During their time they may have lived through the Spanish American War, World War I & II, the Vietnam War, and countless epidemics and diseases that swept the nation in the days before modern medicine.

The hospital on campus provided top quality care for the day and did all they could do for the students who were sick during their stay. In reading the Tablets, the school's newspaper published 1880 to 1988, some children were even sent to the school who were already ill and needed medical care in addition to their deafness or blindness. Unfortunately, not all the students survived the ravages of pneumonia, typhoid, scarlet fever, and the Spanish Influenza Outbreak in the early part of the 20th century. In total, dozens of students passed away during their years in attendance at the school. I know the reader must think this is a tragedy that students died away from home, but life was different then. Transportation was limited to horse and carriage until the train came to Hampshire County in 1884. Even then some had to travel long distances on the train with many transfers. There was no penicillin or other drugs to fend off the diseases, which we take for granted today. Educational **(WVSDB Honors the... on page 15)**



Old Indian Mound Cemetery map showing plots 22 and 23 owned by Institution D D & B in Romney, WV.



Back of the marker honoring the deaf and blind children who passed away at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.



One of the 4 small markers showing the 20' x 20' plot.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a reprint from Volume 5, No. 6 *WVAD Hillbilly Whittler* newsletter, published November-December 1984, written by Joe James who was the WVAD President during that time. This is to show our readers that this is still an ongoing problem with deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the State of West Virginia, after 36 years. We are hoping that with the passage of the LEAD-K bill will change this ongoing problem and help our deaf and hard-of-hearing children receive better education in the West Virginia school system.

“Horror” in the backwoods ...

On Aug. 5, I took a trip down into southern WEST VIRGINIA via Rt. 119 from Charleston and onto Rt. 10 with Ronald and Janis (Hill) Williams of St. Albans. Went through Kanawha, Logan, Boone, a bit of Mingo, Wyoming, and finally Raleigh Counties.

Janis pointed out where so-and-so deaf person used to live. I could not believe the small coal towns, the villages, the townships, the hamlets. There were many of these on the way and I shuddered!

I shuddered because in these small places, where radio and television are available, there are to this day little kids who are hearing-impaired. (And there will always be such kids in the future.)

Can you place yourself in any one of these hamlets, and imagine you are deaf or hard-of-hearing? Where there may be a gas station that serves as the general store. Where the next house may be 500 yards or a mile away. And houses in the backwoods of these hamlets.

For the normal kid, there are the telephones, the radios, the television sets, the citizen-band radios—any device that lets the able-to-hear kid listen or communicate. **BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DEAF KID???**

It has been said that we learn a lot **OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM**. Put in five or six hours of classroom learning, use eight hours for sleep and we have about ten hours left over. The normal kid can put these hours to good use with his/her hearing—**BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DEAF KID???**

This kid who became deaf or hard-of-hearing by being born that way, or because of disease or sickness. This kid is **LOST** among the world of sound. It does not matter if there is a county school system for such a kid as this because the 10 hours for play and recreation at home just is not available—nor the communication. What may be taught in the classroom can be lost during the 18 hours at home. Compared with what this kid's brothers and sisters can do with their hearing senses, the deaf kid might as well feel like he/she was on a deserted

island—learning nothing at home. It can be terrible to be left in a void!

Mainstreaming (special classrooms for the handicapped) in the counties may help all the other handicapped children—**BUT NOT FOR THE DEAF KID!** The only way P.L. 94-142 (and others) may work for a deaf kid is if the kids live in the larger towns where they can learn together, play together, communicate together.

That is not to say the kids will not mingle (assimilate) with the hearing folks later in life when they become adults—they do so, because the deaf have to adjust to the world of sound.

The best learning years are from 3 to 12 years of age, and if the education is not retained from the classroom, and if there is a void of communication at home, this type of kid will forever be lost in educational surroundings.

It is a lonesome world for the deaf kid growing up in the coal mining and farm communities and hamlets—not just in the southern part of West Virginia.

The best, and absolutely the best, advantage towards getting an education by this writer was attending the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney. The costs of attendance are paid for by the counties and the state. There is no better facility of its equal in West Virginia. **NONE!**

The school at Romney (residential) provides the educational classrooms, the vocational shops, and, on the outside, the social life. And sports teams, too, that play with regular high schools and deaf schools in other states. This state school is an educational school.

This school is **NOT** a caretaker school—and never has been since it was established in 1870.

Parents of hearing-impaired children may think of the distance and the absence from home of their children. But parents **MUST UNDERSTAND** that their kid is not the same as their other siblings. They need specialized education. There is no guarantee that a deaf kid will be able to talk nor read

lips expertly—whether taught in the county classroom or at the Romney school.

Given a choice between being able to speechify (talk) and read lips **OR** to have the knowledge of reading and writing, I would rather be able to read and write! It is the **RARE** deaf kid who can grow up with the two-fold ability to talk by the mouth and to read and write. There are many more who can read and write better than they can talk—perhaps because there are thousands of words which are spoken differently from the way they are spelled.

If any parents have a deaf kid (no matter how impaired), the same can go to school at three years of age in the county classroom. But when the kid attains five or six years of age, the best place is the school at Romney.

Never mind the distance from home! The kids will be able to go home weekends every two weeks of the school year (except during winter which is every three weeks or monthly). Sure you **LOVE** your kid! Keeping your kid at home just to over-protect him/her will not give that kid the ability to be self-dependent later in life. What parents must do is **SACRIFICE** so that the kids may get a better education—so they can get jobs (or go on to college), buy cars, get married, have children. And become natural citizens. Dependent only upon themselves.

We wish parents with a deaf kid could live with a deaf family just for a week! When we say “deaf family,” we mean the parents are deaf but they have normal hearing children. That is how self-sufficient we can become when we get the basic education that is necessary to start with.

Many parents, when told their kid is hearing-impaired, ask “Why us?” Our advice is to stop feeling ashamed about it—and to remember that the kid does have a brain to be educated. There is no shame in being deaf or hard-of-hearing—and never should be. You would be surprised how far education **(See “Horror” in the... on page 15)**

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options for deaf and blind students to learn skills were severely limited. The school provided not only education, but a loving and caring family, which is very evident within the pages of the Tablet.

As early as 1874, the school saw the need to have a resting place for those students who did not survive their sickness. Two plots were secured at the Indian Mound Cemetery on the western side of Romney, overlooking the South Branch Valley. Articles in the Tablets, the school's admissions records, county records, the South Branch Intelligencer, and the Hampshire Review provide documentation of their deaths and subsequent burial at home or in Romney. Most of the students were transported home, or the bodies secured by the parents and returned home to the family burial plot. But remember, just as today, some children did not have a home for which to return. For those children, the school provided not only a loving, secure environment but also a final resting place. The death of Lulu Arbogast as detailed in the pages of the Tablet in June of 1915 shows the care and love afforded this student. "The remains were accompanied to their final resting place by the entire student staff and pupil body of both departments. The service was conducted by Mr. Alkire, an officer of the school, and 'Rock of Ages' rose gently on the evening air from the lips of her schoolmates and friends." Imagine, if you will, the march of close to 200 staff and students down Main Street

toward Indian Mound Cemetery, to lay to rest their beloved Lulu.

Equally sad was the death of a deaf student, Effie Brannon, age 21. Her home was only temporary in Nicholas County and "it was decided to bury her in Romney where there are several of the pupils at the school already buried; and in the calm beauty of an October evening we laid her to rest, but we do not think of Effie as being there, but as a spirit at last released from perpetual silence joining in songs of praise before the Redeemer." Effie was the only student who had a stone placed on her grave.

There are other accounts of students being laid to rest at the school's plot at Indian Mound until 1929. Through research and records the plots have been located. Lost in the passage of time, no one knew of these graves and to this day, with the exception of Miss Effie, they remain unmarked and uncelebrated.

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind provided for their students in this life and the next and continue to do so today. The Bible verse of Isaiah 35:5 says it best, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped".

The memorial marker is now in place at the Indian Mound Cemetery in Romney, WV. During the 150th Anniversary celebration of the school scheduled for June 2021, a ceremony will be held to dedicate the stone. 🖊️

("Horror" in the... from page 14)

can make the deaf child to become a good citizen—even out-standing his/her hearing brothers and sisters in later life.

If your kid is young, between birth to three years old, see your local County Board of Education for special education. If five or older, ask the Board about the school at Romney. The Board can pay your expenses for the trip to Romney so that you may see the school itself. Or you may contact Supt. Jack Brady, School for the Deaf, Romney, WV 26757. Or Joe James, 10 Brown Ave., Bickel Estates, Parkersburg, WV 26101 (President of WV Assn. of the Deaf). JWJ 🖊️



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WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Tablets are Now On WVSDB Website

The West Virginia Tablet: Student Publication was a local publication that contained records of events, written by the students and staff of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

These wonderful collections of information and history were published once a month during the scholastic year, and all mechanical work was done by students during printing and linotyping classes. The Tablets were entered as second-class matter at the Post Office of Romney, West Virginia, and could also be purchased at a per annum subscription price.

The full 1945-1988 Tablet publications can be found at https://www.wvsdb2.state.k12.wv.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=805634&type=d&pREC_ID=1194546.

The school is still working on adding more Tablets. 🖊️



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WVAD Legislative Chair John Burdette Presents Certificate of Appreciation Award to Delegate Jeff Campbell

WVAD Legislative Chair John Burdette presented Delegate Jeff Campbell (D-Greenbrier, District 42) his Certificate of Appreciation award on December 15, 2019, at the WV Capitol in Charleston, WV, that he was supposed to receive at WVAD's 42nd Biennial Conference held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV, on August 10, 2019.

The award was for Delegate Campbell's commitment, dedication, and tireless support in coordinating, sponsoring, and ensuring passage of House Bill 2816 for the deaf and hard of hearing community. The bill passed on March 8, 2019, and was signed by Governor Jim Justice on March 26, 2019. The bill was effective on June 6, 2019.

The purpose of this bill was to remove the terms "hearing impaired" and "hearing impairment" from the West Virginia Code and to substitute, based upon appropriate context, the terms "deaf and hard of hearing," "hard of hearing," or "hearing difficulties" in all instances of the removed words.

See link to the bill: <https://legiscan.com/WV/text/HB2816/2019>.



A graphic with a green and white checkered background. At the top left is a yellow mustard bottle with a yellow stream of mustard. At the top right is a black ant with red legs and antennae. In the center is a yellow banner with a red border containing the text "WVAD BIENNIAL PICNIC CANCELLED". Below the banner is a red fire pit on a black tripod stand with a yellow flame. At the bottom left is a black ant holding a hot dog on a stick. At the bottom right is a red hot dog in a bun. The background also features a red stream of mustard on the right side and yellow mustard dots scattered around.

We regret to inform you that the WVAD Biennial Picnic has been cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic concerns. Please watch our ad in 2022 as we plan to hold our picnic in August 2022.

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These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

How to protect yourself:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Put distance between yourself and other people. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

Use a hand sanitizer if washing hands is not an option.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

How to protect others:



Stay home if you are sick, except to seek medical care.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily: doorknobs, tables, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Throw used tissues in the trash.

Wash your hands as instructed in panel 2.



If you are sick, wear a facemask when you are around other people.

If you are not sick, wear a facemask when caring for those who are sick.

These tips are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more info and updates, visit cdc.org/coronavirus

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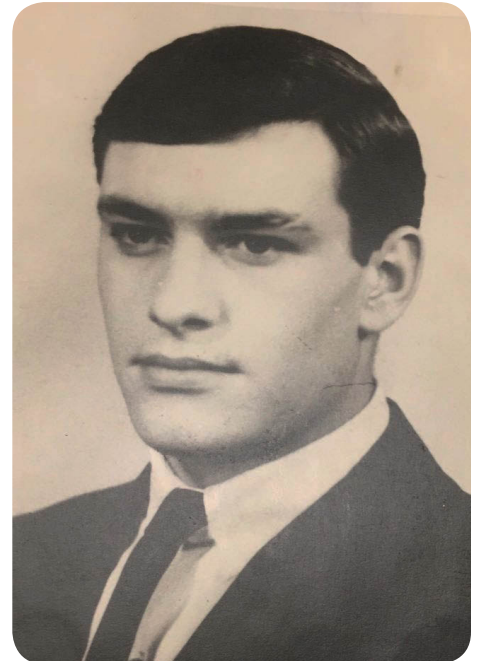
(Obituaries from page 7)

Loretta J. Kelly

Word was received that Loretta J. (Collins) Kelly passed away on March 5, 2020, in Virginia.

She attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, graduating in 1963.

Loretta is survived by her husband John Kelly, one daughter, and one son. 🍀



Samuel Lee May

Samuel Lee May, 74, of Charleston, WV, died Saturday, June 13, 2020, after a long illness.

Sam is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy Shelton May; two brothers, John H. May (Mary) of Little Hocking, OH and Gale May of Indianapolis, IN; several nieces and nephews.

Sam was a faithful member of the Belle Church of Christ. He graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1966.

A celebration of his life will be held when the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. Until then, you may visit his Tribute page at <https://www.acofwv.com/obituaries/Samuel-Lee-May?obId=15074413> to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

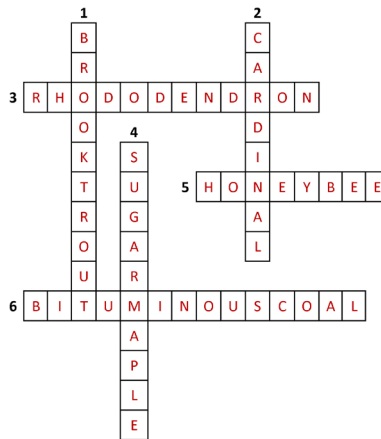
Cremation services were provided by Affordable Cremations of WV, 413 D Street, South Charleston, WV. 🍀

(Fun Page Answers from page 8)

FAMOUS PEOPLE MULTI-CHOICE

- THIS ACTOR IS BEST KNOWN AS BARNEY FIFE ON THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW. HE WAS BORN IN MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA ON JULY 21, 1924.
A. ANDY GRIFFITH C. RON HOWARD
B. DON KNOTTS D. SHELDON LEONARD
- THIS 1984 SUMMER OLYMPIC GYMNAST WON A GOLD MEDAL IN INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND COMPETITION. SHE WAS BORN IN FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 24, 1968
A. CARLY PATTERSON C. GABBY DOUGLAS
B. NASTIA LIUKIN D. MARY LOU RETTON
- THIS NAVAL OFFICER WAS LATER APPOINTED TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND HELPED DEVELOP THE "ATOMS FOR PEACE" PROGRAM. HE WAS BORN IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 31, 1896.
A. LEWIS STRAUSS C. SINCLAIR WEEKS
B. FREDERICK MUELLER D. DWIGHT EISENHOWER
- THIS AIR FORCE OFFICER BECAME THE FIRST PILOT CONFIRMED TO HAVE EXCEEDED THE SPEED OF SOUND IN LEVEL FLIGHT. HE WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 13, 1923 IN MYRA, WEST VIRGINIA.
A. SCOTT ANDERSON C. RICHARD THOMAS
B. TONE LEVIER D. CHARLES "CHUCK" YEAGER
- THIS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER SPENT 14 SEASONS PLAYING FOR THE LA DODGERS AND WAS CO-MVP OF THE 1981 WORLD SERIES. HE WAS BORN IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA ON NOVEMBER 24, 1948.
A. FERNANDO VALENZUELA C. STEVE YEAGER
B. OREL HERSHISER D. KIRK GIBSON
- THIS POLITICIAN SERVED AS US SECRETARY OF STATES UNDER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. HE WAS BORN IN CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA ON MARCH 27, 1917.
A. WARREN CHRISTOPHER C. HENRY KISSINGER
B. CYRUS VANCE D. EDMUND MUSKIE
- THIS ACTRESS WAS KNOWN FOR SUCH FILMS AS RED RIVER AND ALL THE KING'S MEN. SHE WAS BORN IN LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA ON JANUARY 31, 1922.
A. COLEEN GRAY C. JOANNE DRU
B. ANNE SEYMOUR D. HELENE STANLEY

STATE SYMBOLS CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- State Flower
 - State Insect
 - State Rock
- DOWN**
- State Fish
 - State Bird
 - State Tree

POPULAR CITIES WORD SEARCH



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Morgantown
Fairmont

Huntington
Wheeling
Beckley

Parkersburg
Weirton
Martinsburg

FUN FACTS FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- The world's largest **sycamore** tree is located on the Back Fork of the Elk River in Webster Springs.
- 15% of the nation's total **coal** production comes from West Virginia.
- The first **brick** street in the world was laid in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23, 1870, on Summers Street, between Kanawha and Virginia Streets.
- Bailey Brown, the first **Union** soldier killed in the Civil War, died on May 22, 1861, at Fetterman, Taylor County.
- The Stone that was quarried near Hinton was contributed by West Virginia for the **Washington** Monument and arrived in February 1885.
- In May 1860, the first well in the state for producing crude oil was drilled at **Burning** Springs.
- One of the first **suspension** bridges in the world was completed in Wheeling in November 1849.

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BEST HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLLS

(Submitted by Lisa Keathley)

For the Dough:

1-1/3 cups milk, lukewarm
1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

2 Tablespoons butter, room temperature
1 package Red Star platinum yeast
4-1/2 cups flour

For the Filling:

1/4 cup butter
2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 cup brown sugar

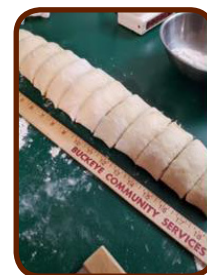
For the Icing:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 Tablespoons butter, softened
2 Tablespoons milk

Directions:

1. Pour milk, sugar, yeast, 2 tablespoons butter, and eggs into a large mixing bowl. Stir with wooden spoon or dough whisk. Set aside 5 minutes.
2. Add 2 cups of flour and salt. Mix well.
3. Add more flour 1/2 cup at a time until dough forms a ball and pulls away from sides of the bowl.
4. Pour dough out onto a floured surface and knead for 3- 5 minutes, incorporating more flour if needed. Dough should no longer be sticky.
5. Grease a large bowl and add dough, turn to coat. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a warm place to rise for about an hour.
6. Punch dough down onto a floured surface and roll out into about 12" x 18" rectangle.
7. Spread with 1/4 cup of softened butter.
8. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over dough.
9. Next, sprinkle cinnamon over brown sugar.
10. Tightly roll up dough from the long side.
11. Cut dough into 1-1/2 inch slices with a serrated knife.
12. Place on a greased baking sheet or 9" x 13" baking pan.
13. Loosely cover and allow to rise for 30 to 45 minutes.
14. Preheat oven to 350 °F.
15. Bake for 20 to 22 minutes or until rolls are cooked through and lightly browned.
16. Combine cream cheese, 3 tablespoons butter, powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla extract. You can use an electric mixer or mix well with a wooden spoon.
17. Allow cinnamon rolls to cool, about 5 minutes before icing.
18. Serve immediately.



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