



39th Biennial Conference Held at Martinsburg, WV, August 1-3, 2013

West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) held their 39th Biennial Conference in Martinsburg, WV, August 1-3, 2013. The conference offered rich information for the deaf and hard of hearing; it consisted of several workshops: Emergency Medical Services, Diabetes, Obamacare, Social Security, Video Relay Service Consumer Association, and Deaf's Rights/Empowerment which was presented by a National Association of the Deaf attorney who is knowledgeable about the laws of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), specifically for the deaf and hearing impaired. Another workshop was offered to sign language interpreters who were interested in attending the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf workshop. A board meeting and two general assembly meetings were also held. There were crafters, exhibition booths, and a silent auction to raise money for the organization as well. The weekend was full of excitement. There were 170 attendees over the [\(See 39th Biennial... on page 3\)](#)



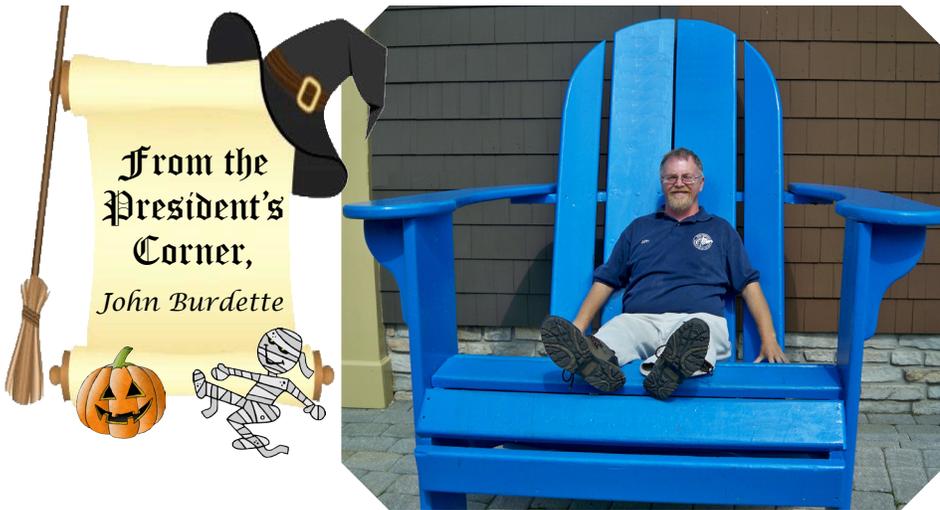
Left to right: New WVAD Officers Tamera Deem (6-Year Trustee), Worthy Devericks (4-Year Trustee), Veronda Harrison (Treasurer), Donna Williams (Secretary), Jimmy Harrison (Vice-President), and John Burdette (President).

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Greetings WVAD Members and Friends,
I hope everyone had a wonderful summer even with those rainy days. Fall is right around the corner. I am looking forward to the Fall activities such as going out to the festivals, pumpkin patch, corn mazes, and hunting.

First, on August 1-3, 2013, WVAD held their 39th Biennial Conference at Martinsburg, WV. The conference was very successful. (See story on page 1.) Congratulations to the new and continuing officers for the 2013-2015 term. We are seeking for one more trustee. I want to thank the co-chairpersons and the local conference committee for doing a wonderful job with 39th Biennial Conference.

It's time for all of us to make plans for an exciting 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2015. We need to work on fundraising projects to raise funds for NAD Leadership Training Conference, NAD conference, and WVAD's 40th Biennial or 100th Anniversary Celebration. Time will be approaching fast!

I want to update everyone on the projects or events that have been

happening or will happen in the near future in West Virginia.

WVAD will be sending me and Tami Deem to NAD Leadership Training Conference (NLTC) on October 3-5, 2013, at Omaha, Nebraska. The story about the NLTC trip will be published in the next (Winter) issue.

On December 14, 2013, WVAD will be hosting a Christmas party at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV. See our announcement/direction on pages 8-9 for more information.

For those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for the form), please send the form and payment to our Treasurer, Veronda Harrison. Good news! WVAD is now accepting debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jimmy Harrison, Membership Coordinator.

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

In closing, we need volunteers to serve on a committee to start planning and working on the 100th Anniversary celebration. Hope you will consider joining the committee.

John Burdette

WVAD President



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

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



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<i>President:</i>	John Burdette
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<i>Secretary:</i>	Donna Williams
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Veronda Harrison
<i>Senior Trustee:</i>	Tami Deem
<i>Trustee:</i>	Worthy Devericks
<i>Trustee:</i>	Vacant

(39th Biennial... from page 1)

weekend who came from near and far. On Saturday evening, a banquet, awards ceremony, and entertainment by Billy Carwile (a deaf mime performer) were held.

Tamera Deem was presented the President Award by the WVAD president, John Burdette, for her dedication and commitment to the organization and for offering her word processing skills for the organization for the last 4 years. The organization's local conference committee also received certificates and awards for organizing the conference

in their town of Martinsburg. They did a wonderful job organizing the conference!

Tamera and John Burdette was selected by WVAD to go to the National Association of the Deaf's (NAD) Leadership Training Conference in Omaha, NE, to represent WVAD on October 3-5, 2013. For more information about this conference, see www.nad.org/2013nltc. In the next issue, we will share information about our educational trip.

For more information about the WVAD non-profit organization, see www.wvad.net.

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<http://www.wvad.net>



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Date: June 1, 2013
 Location: Manager's Office, on the Mezzanine,
 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV

WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held at 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV, June 1, 2013

West Virginia Association of the Deaf's Mission Statement:

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Connie Boyce, Donna Williams, Marissa Sanders, and April Hottle.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the Manager's Office, on the Mezzanine, 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV, on June 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. President called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. with the Secretary, Liz Leisure, being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting (March 9, 2013) were read and approved.

The Treasurer (Veronda Harrison) gave the financial report. As of May 31, 2013, there is \$2,669.51 in the checking account; \$4,261.14 in the savings account; \$14,536.59 in the Mingo County Fund; \$3,501.87 in the WVAD Conference Fund; \$1,228.00 in the Deaf Youth Program account; and \$12,003.63 in the Certificate of Deposit Accounts all of which brings a total of \$38,200.74.

Veronda reported that WVAD can now accept credit card payments, debit card payments, and online credit card payments with BB&T Merchant Services. This new processing service may help WVAD recruit new members, increase memberships, and registrations for the conference.

President Burdette reported the following:

- President Burdette reported that the complaint filed through the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General against the Ramada Downtown Charleston is almost resolved. After several contacts between the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), Attorney General's Office, and Ramada Inn dated from March 9, 2013 to present, Veronda has finally received the first check in the amount of \$1,448.90 on May 13, 2013. He sent another e-mail to Ramada Inn on May 15, 2013, inquiring about the remaining balance of \$683.48. Hopefully, they will send a check soon. The money will be used for the 2013 WVAD Conference.
 - President Burdette talked with Tawny Holmes on April 1, 2013, about a new group called Education Advocates. Tawny is a NAD board member appointed to focus on education to ensure that every deaf child has a full access to better education and language development. She has asked every state association to select one or two individuals to become Education Advocates to focus on education issues through discussion or information gathered from other sources or networks. The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) will provide training to the Education Advocates. They have recently partnered with the American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) that will work with NAD to identify parents who can become advocates for their states. April Hottle has contacted WVAD in February asking that we approve her request to be placed in the position as Education Advocate for West Virginia.
 - President Burdette explained that there are two programs:
 - The first one is Educational Advocates (EAs) which is a grassroots network of state associations' representatives focusing on educational issues. The EAs are responsible to report to both state association and the national EA program on any issues/news/concerns that appear in the state.
 - The second one is Parent Educational Advocates (PEAs) which is a program of both NAD and the American Society of the Deaf. This program is for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children. They focus on providing support to parents both in the state and outside the state through advocacy training and networking. The PEAs are responsible to share concerns/issues/news coming from the parents in their state to both NAD and ASDC.
- President Burdette said when he asked about contacting our state's Hands & Voices chapter, Tawny suggested that we save that for the Parent Educational Advocates program as they will be reaching out to them in the future.

[\(See Board Minutes on page 5\)](#)

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- President Burdette received a letter from the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind on April 14, 2013. There is no valedictorian or salutatorian was graduating this year so no scholarship will be awarded this year.
- President Burdette received a letter from the WVCDHH regarding the Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Marriott Town Center in Charleston, WV. To date, 20 people have signed up for the workshop.
- President Burdette received a videophone call from Ruby Losh on May 17, 2013, asking WVAD for a letter of support to continue the Interpreter Training Program at Pierpont Community & Technical College. He sent a letter of support on May 20, 2013.
- President Burdette reported that Mary Ann Jividen, Co-chairperson of the WVAD Conference Committee was unable to come to the meeting today. At this point, Mary Ann and her committee members are still working on setting up workshops and finding an entertainer. The committee has decided to cancel the workshop titled "Scamming and Identity Theft" so that they could set up other workshops that were in higher demand by the deaf community. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2013.
- To date, President Burdette reported that 54 people have registered for the WVAD conference. He also reported that Kara Russell and Brianna Butler will be interpreting for the conference this year.
- President Burdette has appointed Linda Lawson (formerly Phillips) as Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee. He would like to select two or three more members to serve on the committee.

Vice-President Jimmy Harrison had no report to give at this time.

Secretary Liz Leisure had no report to give at this time.

Trustees Douglas Casto and Jackie Robinson had no report to give at this time.

Membership Chairperson Jimmy Harrison reported that there are currently 186 WVAD members.

The motion for 1-hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 p.m. was adopted.

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Old Business:

Under unfinished business, the motion tabled from the previous meeting, "that April Hottle be appointed Education Advocate for West Virginia," was presented. Jimmy Harrison moved that we present this motion to the General Assembly at the next WVAD Conference in August 2013. The motion passed.

The motion for a 10-minute break beginning at 3:10 p.m. was adopted.

New Business:

Douglas Casto moved that we write a letter to the State Governor requesting that the appointment process for the nominations for the vacant positions on the WVCDHH board be processed as quickly as possible. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we create a new QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) for WVAD to use in product tracking, item identification, time tracking, document management, and much more. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we ask the BB&T Bank to stop the service charge for sending paper statements. An amendment was made to request online service to keep track of our bank accounts. The amendment carried. The motion as amended passed.

Public Comments and Announcements:

April Hottle stated that she is concerned about House Bill 2470 regarding waivers for educational interpreters. She has talked with the Senate Education Committee members to express her concern about giving waivers to sign support specialists, interpreters who have not passed the state-required Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (3.5 EIPA). She said the bill was passed and it allows the Department of Education to give waivers to these specialists who do not have the required 3.5 score. She was concerned that the WVCDHH and WVAD have voiced support of the bill. She doesn't understand why we supported the bill because the WVAD's mission is to advocate and promote the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. She doesn't believe that the bill helps our deaf and hard-of-hearing children in this state. She said we must provide training to the interpreters so that they can become proficient in sign language.

She also talked about wanting to be one of the Education Advocates, a new group that was recently established by the NAD.

Marissa Sanders, Executive Director of the WVCDHH, made an announcement about the Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held Saturday, June 8, 2013, in Charleston, WV. She also announced that there will be a WVCDHH board meeting at the DRS office in Beckley, WV, on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to go until 4:00 p.m. and then there will be a community meeting in the same location from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the board meeting and appetizers will be provided at the community meeting.

Marissa reported that she has contacted the Governor's Office about the status of the applications to fill the vacant positions on the Commission's board, which she submitted several months ago. She was told that the applications were submitted several months ago and they have been approved by chief of staff and are moving through the process. Also, she stated that she could use some help in recruiting a new board member that is deaf or hard of hearing to replace Pierre Sevigny.

Marissa said the interpreter registry was open on October 1, 2012, for any interpreter already holding required qualifications (passed the written tests, passed the performance tests, and earn 3.0 continuing education units (CEUs) every 3 years). Interpreters must also be members of RID. WVCDHH has received a grant from the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) to provide financial assistance for qualified interpreters who wish to take the NIC or VQAS exams. This grant is available until October 1, 2013. So far, only one interpreter has asked for financial assistance. Marissa is asking DRS if the funds can be used for interpreter training. She is thinking of sending two interpreters to the RID conference which is scheduled for August 9-13, 2013.

The next WVAD board meeting will be in Martinsburg on August 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the board meeting at 4:30 p.m. 🍷

(Conference Photos from page 3)





WVU MOUNTAINEER FANS



Loyal WVU Mountaineer fans Jimmy Harrison, Jason Harrison, Keith Richardson, Robin Tackett, and John Tackett attended the William & Mary football game on August 31, 2013, in Morgantown, WV. Jimmy got his photo taken with the new Mountaineer! WVU won the game, the score was 24-17. They had a great time!

WVU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sat., 8/31	William & Mary	Home	Score – WVU 24 / W&M 17
Sat., 9/7	At Oklahoma	Away	Score – WVU 7 / OK 16
Sat., 9/14	Georgia State	Home	Score – WVU 41 / GS 7
Sat., 9/21	At Maryland	Away	3:30 p.m.
Sat., 9/28	Oklahoma State	Home	Noon
Sat., 10/5	At Baylor	Away	TBA
Sat., 10/19	Texas Tech	Home	TBA
Sat., 10/26	At Kansas State	Away	TBA
Sat., 11/2	At TCU	Away	TBA
Sat., 11/9	Texas	Home	TBA
Sat., 11/16	At Kansas	Away	TBA
Sat., 11/30	Iowa State	Home	TBA



West Virginia Association of the Deaf
2nd Annual Christmas Party

December 14, 2013

Doors Open at 3 p.m. to Midnight

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

430 West Pike Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301

\$1,000 Door Prize Giveaway

(Depends Upon Attendance)

\$20.00 per person includes Dinner and Door Prizes

Fried Chicken, Ham, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes,
Stuffing, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, and Assorted Desserts

Please bring covered dish and/or dessert for an extra door prize ticket.

Age 18 and Above

Dinner Starts at 6:00 p.m.
Handicap Accessible

Prize Giveaways Starts at 9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Various Gifts/Cash Prizes
(TV, Keurig Brewer, and More!)

10 Tickets for \$5.00 or

30 Tickets for \$10.00

Door Prize: Cash Ornaments

Come One, Come All!



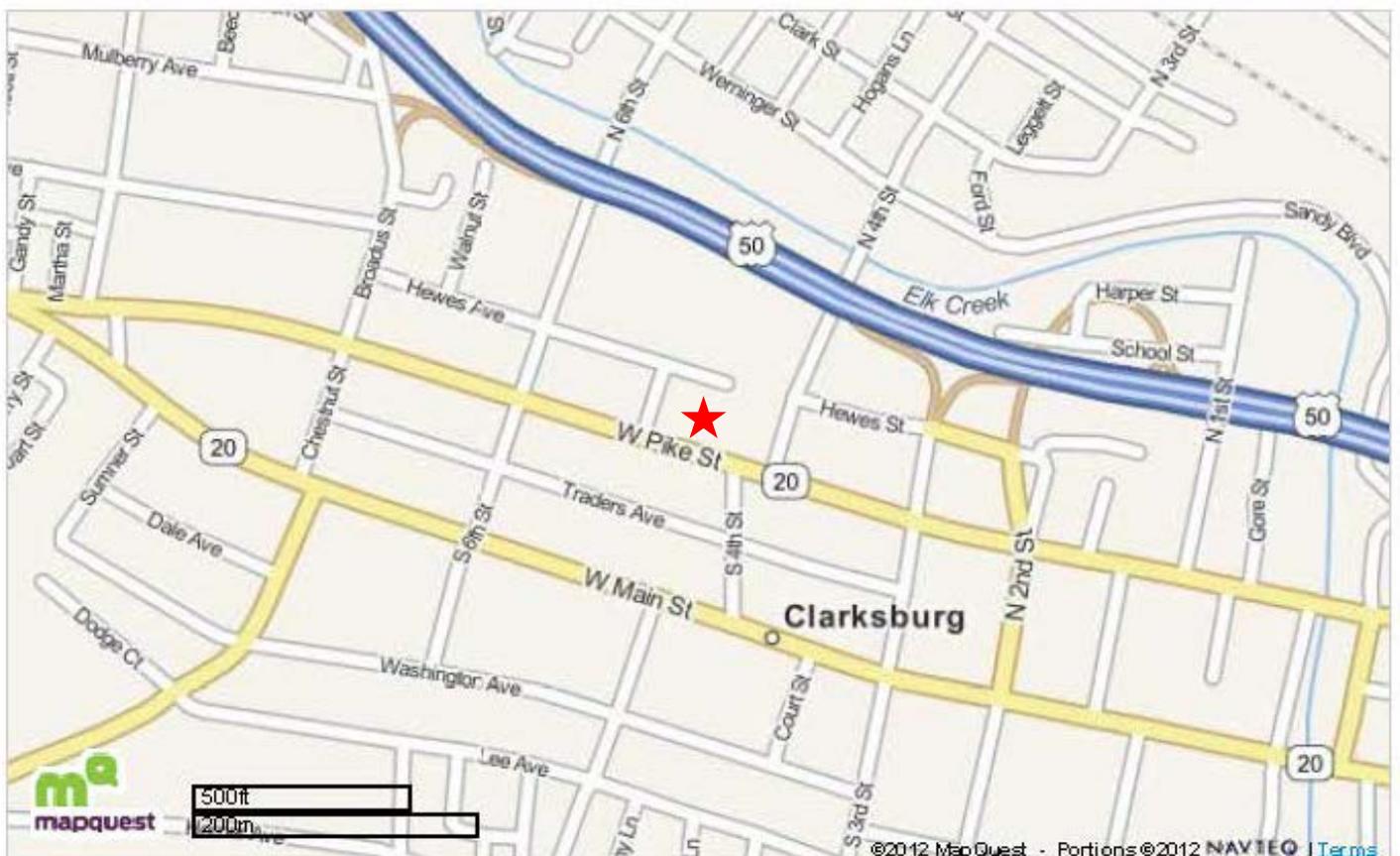
**Direction to Veterans of Foreign Wars
430 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301**

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

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

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

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





In the News



WVAD Holds Conference in Martinsburg

By Mary Stortstrom (mstortstrom@journal-news.net), *Martinsburg Journal*, Sunday, August 4, 2013 (see link <http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/597304/WVAD-holds-conference-in-Martinsburg.html>)

MARTINSBURG — The West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) held its 39th biennial conference Thursday through Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Foxcroft Avenue.

The WVAD is a group seeking to better the lives of deaf people in the state. It is affiliated with the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and advocates for deaf rights. The WVAD conference was last held in 2011, since the national conference happens every other year, most recently in 2012.

John Burdette, president of the WVAD, described the purpose of the conference.

“What we’re doing is we have some workshops to train deaf people and we had a professional business meeting for the Association in the afternoon,” Burdette said. “We talked about what we have been doing for the last two years.”

Friday’s workshop topics were Diabetes, Obamacare, Social Security, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Coordination with EMS is an important topic and was discussed Saturday during the Deaf Rights/Empowerment

workshop. Cheri Martinez, a certified interpreter, described Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) and how it is used in emergency situations.

“VRI is a technology that allows a deaf person to be connected with an interpreter in a remote location. In an emergency, it is used until EMTs and live interpreters show up on the scene,” Martinez said.

Martinez said one problem that can arise from using VRI is miscommunication between the interpreter on the line and the deaf person using the service.

“Sign language, like spoken language, has different dialects, abbreviations, and slang terms,” Martinez said. “Someone in West Virginia may not be able to understand someone in California.”

The Deaf Rights/Empowerment workshop was led by Caroline Jackson, an attorney for the NAD. She discussed the meaning of discrimination, whom to ask about accommodations, and what to do if those accommodations are not provided.

Jackson went over common misconceptions hearing and deaf people have

about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. One of the things Jackson discussed was the misconception within the deaf community about needing a deaf lawyer for legal representation.

“A lot of times, people think only a deaf lawyer can understand their case,” Jackson said. “There are hearing lawyers at the NAD and they are still qualified to represent cases and are sympathetic to your needs.”

In addition to workshops and meetings, the WVAD conference hosted an exhibition and craft room. Exhibitors from various businesses and state and national advocacy groups had informational brochures and materials about the NAD, EMS, and interpreting services, to name a few. Deaf crafters had woodworkings, soap, and needlework for sale.

For more information on the WVAD and the conference, visit www.wvad.net. For more information on deaf rights advocacy and legal help, visit the NAD website at www.nad.org.



The Conference Committee who worked so hard to make this conference a success! WVAD awarded them with certificates for their hard work. (L-R: Mary Ann Jividen, Earl Hollen, Gloria Hollen, Kaye Peacock, Susan Peacock, Richard Tingler, Mary Tingler, Bonnie Sanderlin, Eric Dearborn, Sandra Pittaro, Lisa Nemith, Sharon Joyner, Thomas Jividen, with WVAD President John Burdette congratulating them for a job well done!)

(In the News from page 10)

Runners Participated in the 2013 Charleston Distance Run

Missy Barie, Julie Simmons, Debbie White, and Sally Hubbard participated in the 10k event for the 2013 Charleston Distance Run that was held on August 31, 2013.

Participants in the Distance Run did fun, healthy activities at events steeped with tradition and they also honored and helped those who serve our country, with \$1.00 of every entry fee going

toward the Wounded Warrior Project. The Distance Run was proud to be a supporter of Wounded Warrior Project to assist wounded service personnel. The Wounded Warrior Project is a program designed to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.

The 41st edition of America's 15-miler started in front of the West

Virginia Capitol and finished at the University of Charleston Stadium's Laidley Field. The run offered 15-mile run; a three-person, 15-mile relay; a 5k run; and 5k and 10k walks.

The ladies had a great time, feeling they had accomplished a great thing for a worthy cause! Way to go ladies and we are proud of you! 🍌



Runners take their marks in front of the state capitol at the start of the 2013 Charleston Distance Run.



Julie Simmons, left, and Missy Barie competed in the 10k event. Both women are deaf, and this was Barie's second time competing in the Charleston Distance Run.



Debbie White, left, Julie Simmons, Sally Hubbard, and Missy Barie participated in the event. All four women are deaf and are first-time participants, with the exception of Barie, who competed last year. Photos courtesy of the Charleston Daily Mail, Food and Living Section, 9/3/2013.

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Hampshire has its Say on WVSDB (<http://www.hampshirereview.com/blog/2013/09/12/hampshire-has-its-say-on-wvsdb/>), Thursday, September 12, 2013)

ROMNEY — The state Board of Education asked to hear from the public about why the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind should stay here and Wednesday night the board members heard a forceful answer.

"The kids consider it family," said Tammy Day, a secretary at the schools. "This is their 2nd home."

Time and again speakers returned to the theme of home and family, telling the state board how the community embraces the deaf and blind students. "They're normal," said Melinda Marks, the mother of a blind student.

Testimony was littered with dozens of little examples of the ways students

find acceptance and growth in their Romney surroundings, often drawing applause from the crowd of more than 200 that packed the Hampshire County Board of Education room and spilled into the hallway and out into the parking lot.

Gayle Manchin, the state board president, set a friendly and structured framework for the session which stretched nearly 45 minutes beyond its 90-minute schedule.

The board posed 3 questions, asking 1st what the schools get here that they can't get anywhere else, followed by how can the community and schools better support each other and what will the campus look like in 5 to 10 years.

People who wanted to answer a particular question were limited to 5 minutes, with about 20 minutes given to each question. In all, about 2 dozen people addressed the board. Participants had the opportunity to hand in written questions for the state board members to respond to at the end.

"The passion in this room is just phenomenal," said board member Tina Combs of Berkeley County as the session concluded.

For more about the hearing and the state board's visit to Romney, see next story. 🐾



WV School Board Members Get Behind the Scenes Look at Deaf, Blind Schools

(By Cecelia Mason, cmason@sheperd.edu; you can also follow her on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CeceliaMasonWV>. For updates from West Virginia Public Broadcasting's state-wide news team, follow at <https://twitter.com/wvpubnews>)

September 12, 2013 — Some members of the West Virginia Board of Education took a tour of the Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV, Wednesday. The Board's monthly meeting took place on the campus and prior to the meeting members walked through the facility to see how students there are educated and what kind of renovations are needed.

Gayle Manchin, board president, was impressed with some of the rooms she saw during the tour, commenting on how cozy they looked.

One recently renovated dorm room for younger girls in the School for the Deaf has two rows of pretty white beds lining the bright room, each draped in a hot pink spread. The tour guide was Chief Financial Officer Mark Gandolfi.

"Downstairs was renovated in the last 12 months or so, this room some new furniture and we are still looking to make cosmetic upgrades in terms of carpet, you know small things, but you can see that it's well kept," Gandolfi said.

"Seeing the coziness of this would have to be comforting to a parent because to leave a child that young is very, a very difficult choice to make," Manchin said. "But to kind of get that feeling of just sort of how pretty everything was for their children, that has to be very encouraging and helpful for a parent trying to make that decision."

"It's a very nurturing environment actually," replied Patsy Shank, School for the Deaf principal.

"For the children and our child care staff and our teachers and all of us are very nurturing people that love these children," Shank said. "We get to know them very well over the years, there are children they come at three and you have them until they're 21 and they take real places in our hearts."

Shank described how everyone on the staff helps and how, whether they are teachers, aids, cooks, or janitors, they enjoy working with the children.

"And if somebody sees a child that needs something on a personal level and maybe we know there are financial difficulties, it happens, the tooth fairy has left a lot of things on beds for children over the years," Shank said.

Shank was one of several administrators who pointed out the benefits for children who attend the Schools. Benefits like learning sign language and Braille, learning to navigate with a cane, or count money when they can't see, and being around others who are like them.

"When you're the only deaf child in a classroom in a public school and you have no peers to associate with and to be friends with and you miss those socializations that we really have isolated that child," Shank said.

The school board members also saw some rooms that weren't so cozy,

that can't be used because they need renovations. The ceiling in one wing of the Deaf School is leaking and Gandolfi pointed out this section of the building needs a new roof.

The area where multi-sensory education takes place however, is bright and new looking. Three children working in one of the classrooms have impaired hearing or sight as well as cognitive delays or other developmental issues. Three adults were working with the children as they learned the difference between circles and squares by holding and feeling the shapes.

The tour continued as the group crossed the campus to look at the dining hall, gymnasium and Seton Hall, which houses the cafeteria and dorm for older students. They also saw several buildings that are slated to be torn down; including one surrounded by orange security fencing that dates to the 1850's and served as a Civil War hospital. For years the cafeteria was in this building but the brick work and foundation are deteriorated and it's been deemed unsafe.

Blind students take classes in a building that's separate from the deaf school. A local artist volunteered to decorate the walls in the School for the Blind with tactile artwork, large paintings with various textures that [\(See WV School Board... on page 16\)](#)

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BETTY JO ROBINETTE LESTER

Betty Jo Robinette Lester, 79, of Roanoke, received her angel wings and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 5, 2013. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Larry Dennis Lester and her parents, Robert Franklin Gallimore and Annie Belle Reedy Gallimore. Betty is survived by her three daughters, Linda King and husband, Robert King Sr. and their son, Larry Saunders; Brenda Smith and her children, Devon, Tristan, and Courtnae; and Sandra Parker and her son, Shannon. Special thanks to Betty's nephew, Ronnie Shawver and niece, Sandra Compton and her husband, Major, all of Charleston, SC; niece, Karen Baccei and husband, Pat, of San Diego, CA; numerous cousins; longtime best friends, Phyllis and Clifton Lockridge, Joyce Inge, and many others.

Betty graduated from VA School for the Deaf, Staunton, VA. She also attended WV School for the Deaf in 1940 for a few years. She was a majorette at VSD and was Deaf Mother of the Year in 1999. She was a member of VAD Club for many years. Mom gave all of us the gift of learning sign language. Special thanks to Berkshire Rehab and Nursing Home. The nursing staff made mom's time there like living at home. She loved each and every one of them on Unit 1.

Words cannot express how much we appreciate each and every one of you. Also thank you to Good Samaritan Hospice nurse, Stacy, who was so special and to Dr. William Fintel, Blue Ridge Cancer Care 6 west floor Lewis Gale Hospital.

Mom, we will miss your loving smile and laughter. But you will be able to hear our voices for the first time. We love you, forever, Linda, Brenda, and Sandra.

The family received friends on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Valley Funeral Home. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Valley Funeral Home, with Pastor Bobby Canipe. Interment took place at 2 p.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, WV. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice or to the American Cancer Society. 🍀

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STANLEY "DAVID" GODAWAY

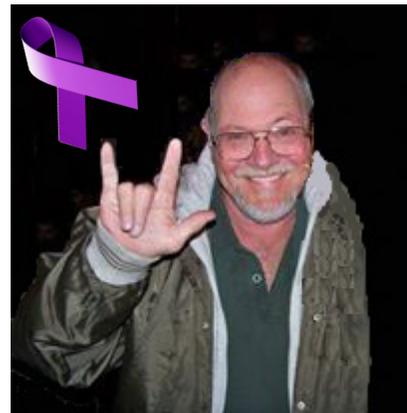
Godaway, Stanley "David", age 65 of Neffs, OH, died Wednesday, July 17, 2013, in Wheeling Hospital Medical Park, Wheeling, WV.

He was born December 19, 1947, in Martins Ferry, OH, the son of the late, Stanley and Irene Smolenak Godaway.

Hereupholstered furniture; was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Neffs; American Legion Post #77; the Gun and Rod Club; and Wheeling Association of the Deaf.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Kenneth Wood. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Linda Wood Godaway; a sister, Mary (Rafael) Matos of Neffs; nieces and nephews, Tony Lee Matos and family, Kevin Rafael Matos and family, Kathy Sloan and family, and Angela Popp and family; his mother-in-law, Jacqueline Wood; a sister-in-law, Karen (Michael) Gruszecki; and three brothers-in-law, Larry, Terry (Deb), and Ron Wood.

Family received friends on Friday, July 19, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home, 400 33rd. Street, Bellaire with Vigil Service at 7:45 p.m. Funeral Liturgy with Mass was celebrated Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 65305 Dixon Hill, Neffs, with Fr. Daniel Heusel as celebrant. Interment in Belmont Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Clairsville, OH. 🍀



ISAAC JACK PAKULA

Isaac Jack Pakula, 67, of Wilson, NC, passed away Monday, August 26, 2013. Funeral services were conducted at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 29, at Joyner's Funeral Home. The Rev. Carter Bearden officiated. Isaac was laid to rest in New York, with his parents and grandparents in Beth David Cemetery.

The family received friends Thursday evening immediately following the service at Joyner's Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway, Wilson, and other times at the home.

Isaac was a loving husband, father, step-father, grandfather, step-grandfather that will be missed and thought of often by all that loved him. He was an all-around teacher, mentor, advisor, counselor, and one of the best coaches of all times. He taught for 38 years at five different deaf schools that included WV, CA, TX, NY, and here in Wilson at the Eastern NC School for the Deaf, before he retired in 2008. When asked which school was his favorite, he replied that he loved them all.

Isaac is survived by his wife of 20 years, Randi Jo Pakula; his daughter, Karlene Pakula of TX; his son, Jonathan Pakula and fiancée, Sharla Schaefer of TX; his step-daughter, Dani Hegland of MN; his step-son, Dustin Hegland and wife, Megan of MN; his grandson, Jaycob Savoy; his step-grandchildren, Madison, Tristan, and Breckan Hegland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Dorothy Pakula and his first wife, Sharon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Eastern NC School for the Deaf, P.O. Box 2768, Wilson, NC 27894.

Condolences may be directed to www.joyners.net. 🍀



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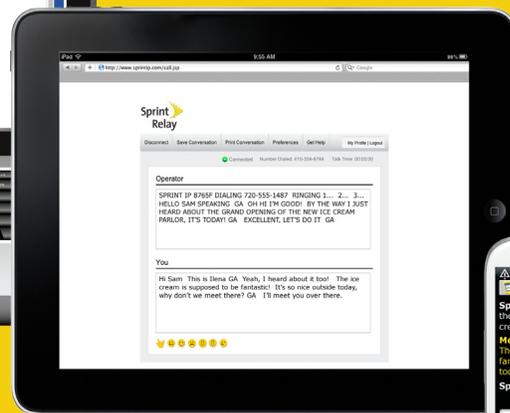
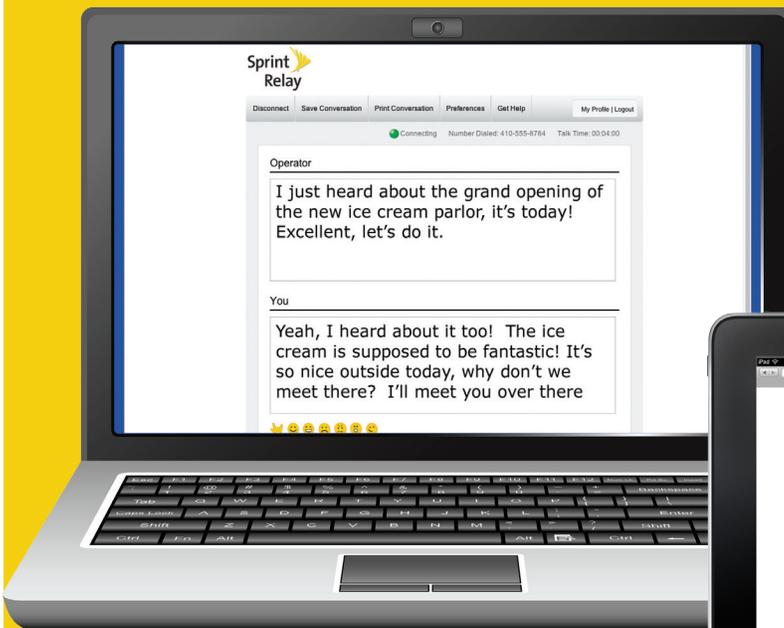
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blind students, and state school board presidents, can touch.

"Isn't that wonderful," Manchin said as she ran her hand over one of the murals. "That would be wonderful for any school population."

Manchin expressed an interest in learning more about the technology used in the schools, so the group visited Donna Brown's classroom where three students, one from Inwood, WV, one from Fairmont, WV, and one from Cabell County, WV, were learning to use a computer called a Braille Note. It's a portable device that allows students to read printed material in Braille.

While some board members had visited the campus before, this was the first time they'd taken a comprehensive tour.

Later during the school board meeting Superintendent Lynn Boyer gave an update on the report she's working on that will help the Board determine whether to keep the schools in Romney or move them to a more central location. Boyer expects the final report will lay out three options.

"One would be to remain here, the other would be to relocate but not name a location, and the third would be to disperse the services across the state," Boyer said.

Boyer plans to present the final report during the school board's January meeting. See photos relating to this story, <http://www.wvpbmedia.com/gallery/index.php/Schools-for-Deaf-and-Blind>.

For updates from West Virginia Public Broadcasting's statewide news team follow <https://twitter.com/wvpubnews>.

Jason Harrison Caught a Big Fish!

Jason Harrison, son of Jimmy and Veronda Harrison, caught a 17-pound flathead catfish on August 17th, 2013, at the Winfield Dam in Winfield, WV, on the Kanawha River. 🐟



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

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



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100th Anniversary Committee Wants to Share Your Old Program Books, Souvenirs, Etc.

The 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for old conference/convention program books, tablets, souvenirs, name tags, etc., to share with the attendees at the 100th WVAD Celebration scheduled for the summer of 2015. We want to share with everyone the history of previous conferences/conventions that have occurred over the years of 100 years.

Are your old conference/convention program books, tablets, souvenirs, name tags, etc., collecting dust in the closet or attic that would love to go to a "new" home (either permanent or temporary) and be on display at the 100th WVAD Anniversary Celebration? We would love to have them! If you want those items back, we will gladly give them back to you to go back in your closet or attic! If you do not want those items anymore, they will go into WVAD archives. Please send your items to either John Burdette or Jimmy Harrison. Their addresses are on the left.

This will show everyone what things looked like years ago and make the conference experience enjoyable and rich by seeing old things that were in previous conferences/conventions. We think that everyone would love to see them! Thank you! 🐟

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From The Kitchen of
The 100th Anniversary
Committee

RECIPES WANTED!

The 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for recipes to create a cookbook as a fundraiser to raise money for the 100th Anniversary that is coming up Summer 2015! Please send your recipes to the WVAD Editor (extraordinary45@comcast.net) or Veronda Harrison (verapple@aol.com). Your help will make this anniversary a success! Thank you!



WVCDHH Welcomes Holly Courtney

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) is thrilled to announce that we have hired Holly Courtney as our new Project Director! Holly comes to us with great experience and perspective that will benefit the Commission. Holly's first day was August 28 at the WVCDHH Board meeting in Fairmont. She is currently working at the DHHR Field Office in White Hall (near Fairmont) and will move to Charleston in November. Once in Charleston, Holly will work in the WVCDHH office on Capitol Street. She is looking forward to meeting people and taking on projects in her new role with the Commission.

To learn more about Holly, read her bio below, or view her introduction vlog on our website (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lmq4YogKWcc&feature=youtu.be>).

Holly Courtney graduated from Fairmont State University in 2006 with Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Her minor is Education. She lived in Colorado for a short period of time then moved to Michigan. She taught at Michigan School for the Deaf teaching at various grade levels for almost 4 years. She was also an assistant coach for Girls' Varsity Basketball and a head coach for the Girls and Boys' Varsity Track. She was socially involved with Flint Association of the Deaf. After Michigan, she returned to West Virginia to be close to her family. She is currently residing in Fairmont. Her husband, Jeff, and she have been married for 6 years. They have a daughter that is almost 2 years old. Holly enjoys reading, traveling, and fishing. She loves dogs, especially big dogs! 🐕



Everything Fall Recipes

VEGETABLE SOUP

The end of summer doesn't mean the end of taste. When there's a chill in the air, there's nothing's better than good food and watching some football on TV! This flavorful soup is a great soup for this time of the year!

6 medium potatoes
4 carrots
1 large onion
Cabbage
Round steak cut into tiny cubes



1 quart tomato juice
3 beef bouillon cubes
2 quarts water
Salt and pepper

Brown steak in skillet. Dice vegetables. Put all ingredients into large pan. Bring to a boil and simmer 4 to 5 hours. In last hour of cooking, you can add 1 to 2 packages of frozen mixed vegetables. This can be cooked in crockpot too.



SAUSAGE CHEESE BALLS

Making appetizers is fun and easy with these cute and tasty sausage balls. They can even be made ahead of time and frozen uncooked. Just thaw and bake when you need them!

2 (16 oz) packages regular flavor Jimmy Dean pork sausage, uncooked
1-1/2 cups all-purpose baking or biscuit mix
16 oz (4 cups) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
2 tsp black pepper
2 tsp minced garlic (optional)



Preheat oven to 375 °F. Mix all ingredients in large mixing bowl and form into 1-inch balls; stir well. Place on ungreased baking sheet; bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven; cool 5 minutes before removing from pan. Serve with cocktail forks or toothpicks. Makes about 3 dozen.



PUMPKIN NUT BREAD

This pumpkin nut bread is perfect for this fall season! This recipe is too good not to share and it's an old family favorite, pumpkin nut bread makes a wonderful snack, breakfast, or dessert. This recipe makes 2 loaves and also freezes well.

3-1/2 cups flour
2 tsp baking soda
1-1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp ground cloves



3 cups sugar
1/2 cup salad oil
2/3 cup water
4 eggs
2 cups canned pumpkin
1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Grease two 9 x 5 x 3 bread pans. Mix together dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into loaf pans and sprinkle some walnuts on top if desired. Bake at 325 °F for approximately 1-1/2 hours.



SUGAR-FREE PEANUT BUTTER PIE

This pie has a prepared pie crust (it could be chocolate crumb crust, graham crumb crust, or regular pie crust) and a creamy peanut butter filling. Garnish pie with grated chocolate or chocolate cookie crumbs if desired.

1 (8 oz) package softened cream cheese
1 cup creamy peanut butter
8 oz sugar-free cool whip

2 Tbsp milk
1/3 cup Splenda
1 prepared pie crust



Mix together cream cheese, milk, and peanut butter until smooth. Gradually add Splenda, mixing well. Gently stir in cool whip. Spoon in prepared pie crust. Makes 1 pie. Refrigerate after serving. Enjoy!

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