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## 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial WVAD Conference at The Resort of Glade Springs, Daniels, WV by John Burdette

West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) held their 41st Biennial Conference at The Resort of Glade Springs, Daniels, WV, August 3-5, 2017. It was the second time in history that a conference was held at a resort!

The conference was a success and offered rich information for the deaf and hard of hearing. It consisted of a few workshops: (1) The Benefits of Real-Time Transcribing, presented by Jason Kapcala, Coordinator, WVU Office of Accessibility Services (OAS); (2) Disability Rights of WV Services, presented by Sarah Mathis, WVDRS; (3) The Importance of LEAD-K (Language Equality & Acquisition for Deaf Kids) for WV, presented by Donna M. Williams, point of contact for LEAD-K WV; and (4) Right Here, Right Now, presented by Crystal Kelley Schwartz. 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 a fun and exciting weekend. There were 97 attendees over the weekend who came from near and far. Everyone had such a wonderful time doing these fun activities as

well as going to the conference activities. On Saturday evening, a banquet and an awards ceremony were held, as well as an entertainment show that was presented by Matthew and Liliana



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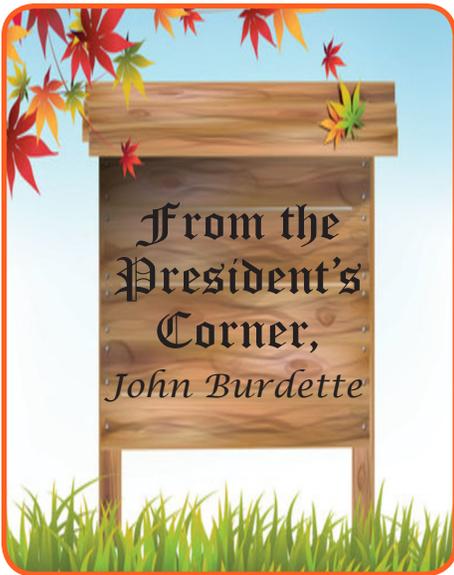
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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Now that summer has gone, we can look forward to the Harvest activities, as many of you are, such as going out to festivals, pumpkin patches, hayrides, and corn mazes; making apple butter; and hunting.

Before I go into the fall issue, I'd like to tell you about WVAD's summer activities. First, on August 3-5, 2017, WVAD held its 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference at The Resort of Glade Springs nearby Beckley, WV. The conference was very successful. It was another great experience for many of us having this conference at the resort. See story on page 1. Congratulations to the new and continuing officers for the 2017-2019 term. I want to thank the board of directors and the conference committee for doing a wonderful job with the conference. We, the board, will announce the next location of the 2019 conference soon.

West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) and West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) collaborated together again and hosted the *Deaf WestVal* event at the State Fair of WV in Lewisburg, WV, on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. See story on page 16.

New Communication Access Visor Card is here now. It has been revised by WVAD with more user friendly pictures on the card. We want to thank the WVCDHH for helping out with printing and laminating the cards. If you haven't yet received the newly designed Communication Access

Visor Card, please contact one of the WVAD board members or WVCDHH to get a Communication Access Visor Card for your vehicle. This will help reduce miscommunication between deaf and hard of hearing communities and law enforcement when you are on the road.

The WV LEAD-K team is working on setting up several town halls this coming fall to speak about the importance of making sure Deaf Kids are language ready before they enroll in Kindergarten class. We will try again to submit the LEAD-K bill for the 2018 Legislative Session.

Friendly reminder about Kroger's Community Reward – this is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donation when you purchase groceries using your Kroger rewards card at no additional cost to you! If you have already registered in the Kroger's Community Rewards and enrolled West Virginia Association of the Deaf, you will need to re-enroll again in September 2017 and every year in September. See page 9 for instructions.

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

- Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances (EPDA) is a new non-profit organization serving eight eastern counties in WV. EPDA was established in June 2017 by people who have great passion to help the deaf population get help with services. The services are case management, advocacy, community

education, information referral, early family services, interpreter advocacy, and senior citizen services. They will have an Autumn Fundraiser on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Camp Frame in Hedgesville, WV.

- On December 9, 2017, WVAD will be hosting a Christmas party at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV. See our announcement and directions on page 5 for more information. WVAD will be selling raffle tickets for the Christmas party soon.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for membership form), please send the form and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Larry Hubbard. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. This would also be a good way to give someone a membership as a gift. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Larry Hubbard. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going.

Warmly,

*John W. Burdette*

John Burdette – WVAD President



*Date: August 3, 2017  
Location: Glade Springs Resort,  
Daniels, WV*

# WVAD Board Minutes

## WVAD Board Meeting Held at Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV, August 3, 2017

### 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, Veronda Harrison, Donna Williams, Larry Hubbard, Jeffery Simmons, and Worthy Devericks

**Absent:** Tami Deem

**Visitors Present:** 23 visitors signed the paper; however, more visitors arrived later.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at Glade Springs Resort in Daniels, WV. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. with Secretary Donna Williams present.

The minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2017, was sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via videophone and e-mail. The minutes of the meeting was published in the Summer 2017 WVAD newsletter.

#### **Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:**

As of August 2, 2017, total expenses from May 19 to August 2, 2017: checking account – \$2,345.75; savings account – \$3,565.86; Mingo County Fund – \$14,549.03; WVAD Conference Fund – \$7,911.25; Deaf Youth Program – \$733.00; Education Fund – \$341.79; 2 Certificate of Deposits – \$12,003.63. Donna made motion to accept treasurer's report. Passed.

#### **President John Burdette's Report:**

- NAD Region 1 Monthly VP meetings: June 21, 2017 – mostly discussed the plans for the next NAD conference in 2018.

- Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA): Sent e-mail to Samuel Sonnenstrahl, GUAA Executive Director, about permission to reprint The Basic Parliamentary Procedure by Bummy Burstein. Received e-mail response saying there is a new update sold by Dawn Sign published in 1996. However, GUAA gave permission to make copies of their The Basic Parliamentary Procedure booklet.
- Received e-mail from Erin Mills about an interpreter workshop and show the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for alternative sources to assist in sponsoring them to help make the workshops more affordable.
- Sent an e-mail to Kim Lapana, Director of Group Rooms at Lakeview Resort asking questions on revised proposal for 2019 WVAD conference.
- Deaf WestVal at the WV State Fair: Received an e-mail from WVCDHH asking WVAD if can join them again. Replied letting them know WVAD is interested. WVCDHH announced at the board meeting the WestVal at the WV State Fair will be Friday, August 18.
- Received a courtesy copy e-mail from Earnest Covington II, Executive Director of the WVCDHH, to Sabrina Smith, ASL interpreter and presenter in Virginia. Earnest informed her that WVAD will have the biennial conference on August 3-5, 2017, and she can contact WVAD to discuss about providing

a workshop for interpreters. She replied saying she would be out of the country during this time.

- Received an e-mail from Gloria Hollen wanting to know if WVAD will pay for PCRID annual membership.
  - Received an e-mail from Kady Rogers, Threat Preparedness Coordinator for the Putnam County Health Department. She works closely with agency partners from the American Red Cross and they are currently promoting a campaign called "WV Home Fire Campaign" with the purpose of installing free smoke alarms in homes across WV and educating people about home fire safety. They do have special smoke alarms designed for the deaf and hard of hearing population. I replied and copied Veronda Harrison since she lives in Putnam County to share this information with other deaf and hard of hearing friends.
  - WV DHH Communication Visor Card: WVCDHH announced the new revised visor card for drivers who live in WV are ready.
  - Received an e-mail from WV Hands & Voices with an invitation to join them at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House Picnic on September 30 at Nitro City Pavilion in Nitro, WV.
  - Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliance, Inc. (EPDA): This is a new non-profit organization in the eastern panhandle of WV serving deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, late deafened
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families, etc. in eight (8) counties. Received a packet from them asking for donations and sponsorship. Also, enclosed fliers for the Autumn Fundraiser October 21, 2017 and Town Hall event May 2018.

- Received an e-mail from Gauri Manglik, founder of Instrumenti, that works with many health, disability, and community services and hearing-related nonprofit organizations matching them with the most relevant grants. Based on the information received, she learned about WVAD online. She would like to invite us to try this service for 14 days to see what grants they can help us find. The website is [www.instrumenti.com](http://www.instrumenti.com).
- During the WVCDHH board meeting this morning, WVAD was asked for a letter approving the three board members to represent WVAD on the WVCDHH board.

**Vice-President Tami Deem's Report:**

No report.

**Secretary Donna Williams' Report:**

No report.

**Trustees' Report:** No report.

**Editor Tami Deem's Report:**

Deadline for the next newsletter mid-September.

**Membership Larry Hubbard's Report:**

At the last board meeting, there were 192 members. Now, there are 200 members.

**Legislative Advocate Antonia Hall's Report via e-mail:**

No report—there is nothing happening in Legislation.

**Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:**

- May 19 — Attended the WVCDHH Board meeting in Wheeling, WV. Spoke briefly about LEAD-K.
- June 11 — Attended a LEAD-K Training in Richmond, VA, with four (4) other WV LEAD-K Team members.
- June 24 — WV LEAD-K Team meeting in Ripley.

**Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:**

That's My Pan seems not to be selling much but want to keep it going.

Candles—seems to be selling and want to keep it going.

WVU football raffle tickets are selling. The drawing will be Saturday, September 30.

Will have different raffles for various items during the conference. Theresa Pack made many items she donated to raffle off and help raise money. LEAD-K will have a basket to raffle.

Want to try having a football pool. Still have the Kroger and Amazon rewards.

Still have the WV Ball raffles.

**Conference Updates:**

- 100 people registered.
- 9 spaces left for the banquet.
- Will have Matthew Morgan's Magic show.

- Dr. Martin Keller will give keynote speech.
- Will have awards, gifts for raffle, and cash prizes.
- Registration begins tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Will give out program book and registration in a bag.
- Workshop begins at 9:15 a.m. in the room on the other side of the restaurant.
- Exhibits begins at 8:00 a.m. Friday in the Woodlawn room and Saturday in the foyer on the other side of the restaurant.
- Dingo and banquet also in the room on the other side of the restaurant.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Donna moved to send a letter to WVCDHH confirming John Burdette, Roy Forman, and Gloria Hollen to continue on the board. Passed.

Veronda moved to have Dingo Friday evening during the conference and give out \$500. Passed.

Veronda moved to donate \$100 to the Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliance. Passed.

Veronda moved to try Instrumenti. Passed.

Jeffery moved to go into executive session.

Veronda moved to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



**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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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE TACKY

# UGLY SWEATER

Christmas  
*Party*

## 6TH ANNUAL WVAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m. to Midnight

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

430 West Pike Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301



Age 18 and Above

Dinner Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Prize Giveaways

Starts at 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Handicap Accessible  
(Elevator is Available)

**MENU:** Italian Chicken, Ham,

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,

Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans,

Rolls, and Assorted Desserts

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

\$1,000 Door Prize Giveaway  
(Depends Upon Attendance)

Ugly Sweater Contest  
Various Gifts/Cash Prizes  
(Smart TV and More!)

10 Tickets for \$5.00 or 30 Tickets for \$10.00

Door Prize: Cash Ornaments

\$20.00 per person includes Dinner and Door Prizes

Come One, Come All! Have Some Fun!



## *"In Memory of Loved Ones"*



### **Harry Edward Kerns**

Harry Edward "Tink" Kerns, age 64, of Booth passed away Monday, April 25, 2016, at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born April 12, 1952, in Carmichaels, PA, a son of the late Charles Kerns and Evelyn Pauline Williams Brown.

Harry was a 1971 graduate of the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV. His favorite pastimes were watching sports, fishing, and trying his luck with the lottery.

Tink is survived by two sisters, Janet Sue Reaville of Morgantown, WV; Thelma Stemple of Alabama; one brother, Kenny Brown of Morgantown, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Freda Yost and Emma Lou Brown, and three brothers, Ronny Brown, Willard Brown, and Charles Brown.

Friends called the McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Road, Westover from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursday (April 28th) and on Friday (April 29th) from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service with Pastor Jim Weber officiating. Burial followed at the Beverly Hills Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <http://mcculla.com/tribute/details/130/Harry-Tink-Kerns/obituary.html#tribute-start>. 🌹



### **Mark William Myers**

Mark Myers, age 58, of South Park, PA, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 5th, 2017, at Life Care Hospital Pittsburgh in Wilkinsburg, PA. He was born on December 30th, 1958, in Hampton, VA.

He was the son of the late Elwood and Delores Myers. He attended School for the Deaf in Riverside, CA from 1973 to 1975. He moved to Frankfurt, Germany, for several months to be with his father Elwood, at the Air Force base, before transferring to West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, from 1976 to 1978, from which he graduated. He earned a diploma in Food Services training in March 1994 and became a cook and baker's helper for 6 years. He also worked at the Dominion Post Newspaper in Morgantown, WV, for 5 years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Suzanne Marie (Eyrolles) Myers, who he married on May 24, 2008; two brothers, Robert (Doddie) Myers of San Antonio, TX, and Michael (Debbie) Myers of Arizona; also survived by his aunt Juanita and David Gillespies of Arthurdale, WV, Gloria Jean and Dale Jones of Tennessee, uncle Dutch and Marilyn of Ohio, uncle Vernon and Sue Myers of Michigan, aunt Kay Saunders and her daughter Carrie Saunders of Williamsburg, VA, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends were received January 10th, Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Griffith Funeral Home, Inc., 5636 Brownsville Road (at 6th Street), (412) 655-4600 where services were held at 3:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered for the family at <http://www.griffith-fh.com/obituaries/Mark-Myers-3/#!/Obituary>. 🌹



### **James Lee Vereb**

James Lee Vereb, 65 years old, of Wheeling, WV, died Saturday July 8, 2017, at Wheeling Hospital. He was born September 3, 1951, in Martins Ferry, Ohio, a son of the late James and Dorothy (Theiss) Vereb Collette.

Jim was a retired body shop man and painter for Sam Yanen's Ford Dealership in Moundsville, WV, a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, and the West Virginia Association of the Deaf. He graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1971.

Jim is survived by his siblings Dennis Vereb and Frank Mora both of Florida; Denice (Doug) Hoffman of Newbern, NC; Cindy (Jim) Koehler and Deborah Conway both of Wheeling; Karen (Tyler) Hayes of Cape Cod, MA; and Sharon (Jim) Whitfield of McMechen, WV; also several nieces and nephews.

According to Jim's wishes there will be no visitation and a private funeral will be held at the convenience of the family. Wilson Funeral Home, 920 National Road, Bridgeport, Ohio, assisted the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Virginia Association of the Deaf. For more information, please see <http://www.wilsonfuneralhomes.com/obituary/james-vereb>. 🌹

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## Martha Delores Frye

Martha Delores Frye died peacefully on July 8, 2017, at Harbor Manor in Noblesville, Indiana. She was born on February 15, 1930, in Weirton, WV, to John and Josephine Jezerski. Martha attended the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1936 and Western PA School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1952, she married Lynn Frye, Sr. of Altoona, PA. In 1963, the Frye family moved to Columbus, Indiana. They were members of Peace Lutheran Church. Martha and her husband retired from Cosco.

Ms. Frye's passion was her family. Family always came first, and she will be remembered for her unconditional love and support for her husband and two sons. Martha's best friend and husband Lynn, Sr. passed away in 2001.

She is survived by her brother John Jezerski, Jr. (wife Esten) of Weirton, WV; her brother, Joe Jezerski (wife Noreen) of Boca Raton, FL; her sister, Marilyn Knetzer (husband Paul) of Safety Harbor, FL; her sons, Lynn Frye, Jr. (wife Karen) and Kelvin Frye (wife MaryEllen); five grandchildren, Kristin (husband Kyle), Derek (wife Sarah), Robbie (wife Elizabeth), Nick (wife Marissa), and Danny; and three great-grandchildren, Weston, Bryson, and Teagan.

Martha's life was celebrated in a private ceremony held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Noblesville, Indiana. Arrangements were entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes. Donations can be made to Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 6404 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226. See website <http://randallroberts.com/tribute/details/3102/Martha-Frye/obituary.html#tribute-start> for more information. 🕯

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## Kenneth D. Marshall

Kenneth Marshall passed away unexpectedly Tuesday September 5, 2017, at age 65. He was born in Welch, WV, on October 21, 1951. He is the son of late Allen Marshall and Opal Workman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Keith Marshall and sister Hallie Marshall. He is survived by 2 brothers Ruben (Karen) of Keyser, WV, and Luther (Renta) Marshall of Florence, Oregon, and Sister Alana Marshall of Lawndale, North Carolina. He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Pamela; two sons, Eric (Tina) Marshall of Martinsburg, WV; Joshua (Joanne) Marshall of Brockport, NY; daughter, Ashley Marshall of Hamlin, NY; and three grandchildren.

Kenneth graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1971.

His wish for cremation was held on Friday, September 8, 2017, at Mt. Hope Cemetery. A celebration of life memorial service will be planned and held at a later date to be announced. Condolences can be given to the family via Pamela at P.O. Box 33, Hamlin, NY 14464-0033. In lieu of condolences offered, contributions may be made to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation ([www.diabetesresearch.org](http://www.diabetesresearch.org)), American Heart Association ([www.donatenow.heart.org](http://www.donatenow.heart.org)), WV School for the Deaf (301 East Main Street, Romney, WV 26757), and/or Donate Life (UR-Finger Lakes Donor Corporate Woods, Suite 220, Rochester, NY 14623) or by enrolling in your local organ donation program. For any contributions, please place "Ken" in the memo line (<http://cremationserviceofwesternny.com/tribute/details/43/Kenneth-Marshall/obituary.html>). 🕯

## Steve Alan Asbury

Steve Alan Asbury, 50, of Clarksburg, WV, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017, in the United Hospital Center following an extended illness.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 26, 1967, a son of the late Noah and Omev Barton Asbury. Steve graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1987.

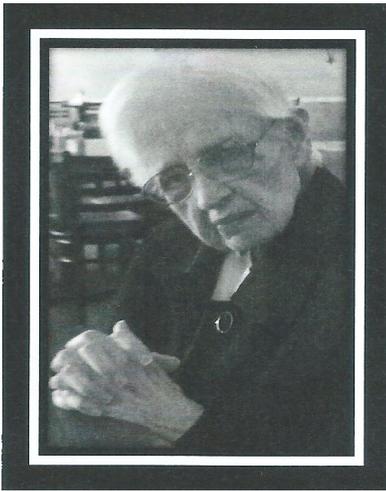
He is survived by one son, Mark Myers of Romney, WV; one daughter, Marcella Myers of Augusta, WV; three grandchildren, Jasmine Straus, Lillian Carter, and Eli Myers; five brothers, Robert Asbury, Thomas Asbury, William Asbury, Ernest Asbury, and Ronald Asbury; and four sisters, Linda Ashcraft, Nancy Curry, Peggy Goddard, and Esther Asbury.

Family and friends called the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort, WV, on Friday, July 14, 2017, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2017, in the Greenlawn Masonic Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at <http://amoscarvelli.com/funerals/obituaries/steve-alan-asbury/341/>, a service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home. 🕯



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## Enid C. Yaworsky

Enid C. Yaworsky, 94, a resident of Friendship Commons, Brighton Twp., formerly of Ambridge, PA, died Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in Good Samaritan Hospice of Beaver.

She was born May 21, 1923, in Cantwell, WV, to the late Howard and Etta Haynes Cunningham. She was a 1943 graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) in Romney, WV. She retired from GNC, Pittsburgh, PA, after 15 years in the mail room. She also was a "Rosie the Riveter" working at Firestone Aviation Tire Company in Akron, Ohio, during World War II. She was active in the deaf bowling leagues in Beaver County and Pittsburgh, the WPSD Deaf Senior Citizens, the Beaver Valley Association of the Deaf, the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, the Alumni Association of WVSD, and was named Deaf Person of the Year in 1989 by the Quota Club of Beaver County. Enid was a long time member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ambridge, PA. She attended Valley Christian Fellowship where she was active in the Ladies Over 50 Group and was served faithfully by interpreters Tony and Judy. She also attended Church of the Savior's Signs of Grace Fellowship where she was active in the Deaf Bible Study and faithfully served by interpreter Kathryn. She loved all her pastors, The Very Rev. Michael Kochis and the Revs. Clinton and Patty Elliott.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband, John W. Yaworsky, who she met at the

Akron Deaf Club and married in January of 1946; her brothers, Chesley (Liliana) Cunningham, William B. (Audrie) Cunningham, Charles Cunningham, Richard (Leora) Cunningham, and Dennis Cunningham; sisters, Margaret (Ralph) Keith and Nina Mason; nephews, Charles Keith, Mario Cunningham, and Kent Jones; in-laws, Jacob and Anna Yaworsky; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Ann Yaworsky, Oleen and Ted Eagle, and Jack Skeba; niece, Lorraine Skeba Jones; and good friends, Dan and Eleanor Emerick.

She leaves behind to treasure her memory three children, Flora (Michael) Galbraith of Baden, Elbie (Denise) Yaworsky of Ambridge, and Brian (Robin) Yaworsky of Baden; grandchildren, Mark (Sarah) Kwolek, Jason (Michelle) Kwolek, Sarah (Jeremy) Gagianas, Megan (Tim) Hajduk, Amy (Sean) Dowd, Jennifer (Josh) Luce, Ashley (Tim) Cali, David (Darcy) Clark, and Sean Clark; great-grandchildren, Micah, Jonathan, and Anna Kwolek, Elliott and Maria Kwolek, Lena Bratton and Abigail Gagianas, Brody and Chloe Hajduk, Noah Luce, Ethan and Alivia Clark;

sisters, Ethelyn (David) Van Gilder and Julia Cooper; sisters-in-law, Carmen Cunningham and Theresa Skeba; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Friends were received on July 13th, Thursday, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the John Syka Funeral Home, Inc., 833 Kennedy Drive, Ambridge, PA, where a funeral service was held on July 14th, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. by her pastor, the Rev. Patty Elliott. Interment followed in Economy Cemetery.

The family would like to especially thank Donna and Marion, cardio-pulmonary 3rd floor west nurses station of Heritage Valley, Beaver, PA, and the staff of Good Samaritan Hospice, Beaver, PA, for the loving and compassionate care extended to Enid while under their care.

Donations can be sent in Enid's memory to the Church of the Savior, Signs of Grace Fellowship, 420 Maplewood Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003. For more information, please visit <http://www.sykafuneralhome.com/notices/Enid-Yaworsky>.



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2. Click on **Community** tab.
3. Select **Kroger Community Rewards**.
4. Click on **Re-enroll Now**.
5. Click on **5th Edit** under **Community Rewards**.
6. "Find your Organization" screen comes up. Type in **West Virginia Association of the Deaf** and select this organization. Click on **Enroll**. Now you are all set! Thank you for supporting our organization!

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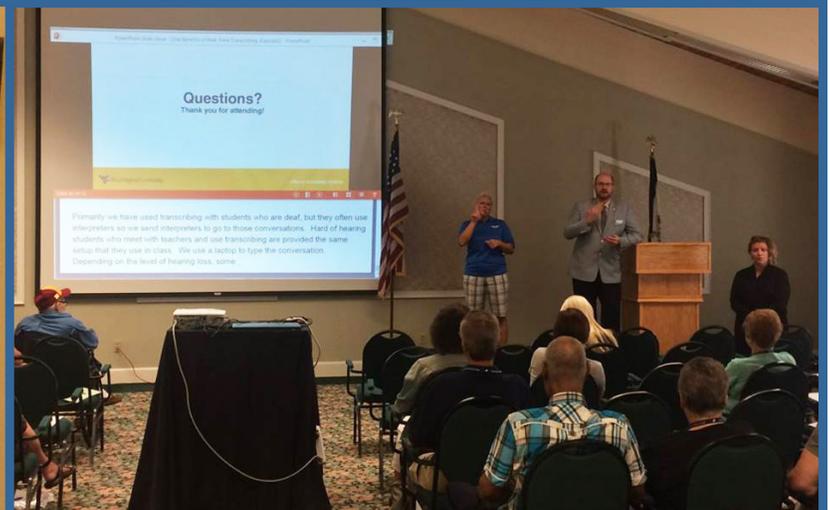
Morgan. The name of the show was “The Little Magic Theatre” (Las Vegas program).

WV House of Delegates Ruth Rowan was presented the President Award by the WVAD President, John Burdette, for all her hard work and dedication to the LEAD-K bill in the Legislation and her dedication to the deaf community. (House Bill 4485 – Deaf

Children’s Bill of Rights Act – was introduced by Delegate Ruth Rowan in 2016. Then it was decided to shift focus to the LEAD-K bill (House Bill 2571) in 2017, which was also introduced by Delegate Ruth Rowan. The reason why we shifted our focus to LEAD-K is because we are most concerned about deaf children 0-5 years old and want to prevent language deprivation for those very young children. This LEAD-K

program will help assure that the children will be Kindergarten ready.)

April Hottle (Education Advocate) also received a certificate for her undying passion to work as an advocate for WVAD. The organization’s conference committee received certificates and awards for organizing the conference. They did a wonderful job organizing the conference and for making it successful! 🇺🇸



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**DR. KELLER'S BACKGROUND**

- PERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND
- COLLABORATIVE WORK AS WVSDS SUPT.
- LEAD-K EXPERIENCES
- FIRST (AND HOPEFULLY LAST) BEAR STORY- ONLY IN WEST VIRGINIA!!





# Christmas Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 2. A beautiful red flower
- 5. Traditional kissing plant
- 7. Song: "\_\_\_\_\_ to the World."
- 8. A circular decoration of branches
- 9. Song: "I'm dreaming of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas"
- 11. Vehicle on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs on snow
- 12. Spicy construction cookie
- 14. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a \_\_\_\_\_."
- 16. Light source before electricity was invented
- 19. What santa says
- 20. Frozen precipitation
- 21. On the Fifth Day of Christmas: "Five \_\_\_\_\_"

### DOWN

- 1. A common decoration at the top of a Christmas tree
- 3. If you were naughty, you might only get coal in this
- 4. Christmas month
- 6. He had visits from the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future
- 10. Synonym for gift
- 13. He "stole" Christmas
- 15. Another name for Santa
- 17. Creamy holiday drink
- 18. Sung by strolling singers
- 22. He wrote the book, "A Christmas Carol" Charles \_\_\_\_\_



# NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) Experience Held at Camp Taloali in Stayton, Oregon – July 17 to August 12, 2017

By Zachary Stump

Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) was an amazing experience and I highly recommend others to go and experience this wonderful camp. They teach you the roles of becoming a leader and to get out of your bad habits.

At YLC, there was a total of 64 youth leaders (32 male and 32 female) from all over the United States and internationally. There were also around

16 staff and builders. It is a very big camp and I got to meet many different people with different backgrounds and cultures. I guess you could say that it was a diverse camp! I met a youth leader there who was from Africa, but he now lives in America.

YLC is a place that can help you get on track for later in life and it is a “once in a lifetime” opportunity.

Thank you so much WVAD for donating \$150 towards my leadership adventure at YLC! 🙌



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## Deaf WestiVal at WV State Fair, Lewisburg, WV by John Burdette

On Friday, August 18, 2017, West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) collaborated with the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) at the West Virginia State Fair in Lewisburg, WV.

We each had an exhibition booth that provided outreach services and resources to deaf adults and families of students who are deaf, hard of hearing, visually-impaired, and blind.

The WVU Mountaineer mascot (Troy Clemons, a Greenbrier County native) stopped by to say Hi and posed for a photo shot with the board.

We would like to thank everyone that came and stopped by our booths. We are open to any suggestion to improve this for future events. We would like to see *Deaf WestiVal* become a better and great event in the future. 🐾



(L-R): John Burdette, Tami Deem, Jimmy Harrison, and Veronda Harrison



(L-R): Jimmy Harrison, John Burdette, WVU Mountaineer Mascot Troy Clemons, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, and Ryder Harrison (grandson of Veronda and Jimmy)

# New River Gorge Bridge Tour

by Charles Lyne

After the WVAD conference ended at Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV, on August 6, 2017, eleven deaf people (John Burdette, Tami Deem, Julie Simmons, Jeffery Simmons, Sally Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, Luanna Bartens, Gordon Bartens, Sylvia Mick, Chris Mick, and I) participated in the New River Bridge Walk tour near Fayetteville, WV. This was on many of our bucket list to complete.

After checking in at our Bridge Walk Headquarters, we were fitted with harnesses that would be fastened onto the cable when we got on the bridge catwalk. Then we were shuttled to the Canyon Rim Visitor's Center on the north side of the bridge. A short path led us to the bridge where we entered the catwalk in the midst of the massive iron structure. Before beginning the tour, our harnesses were securely fastened onto a safety cable making it impossible to fall from the bridge during the Bridge Walk tour. The bridge walk has the longest continuous safety system in the world. The catwalk is 24 inches wide with a substantial railing. We walked the entire 3,030-foot length of the bridge and then ascended a trail to road level where we were shuttled back to the Bridge Walk Headquarters. The bridge tour moved along at a leisurely pace and there were plenty of time to stop for photos and to discuss features of the bridge, gorge, and park with our hilarious tour guide, Doug Coleman. The Bridge Walk Tour Company provided an interpreter, Becky Sullivan, to interpret the tour, which lasted almost 3 hours. In the middle of the bridge catwalk, we were 851 feet above the New River.

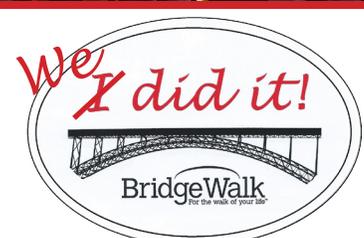
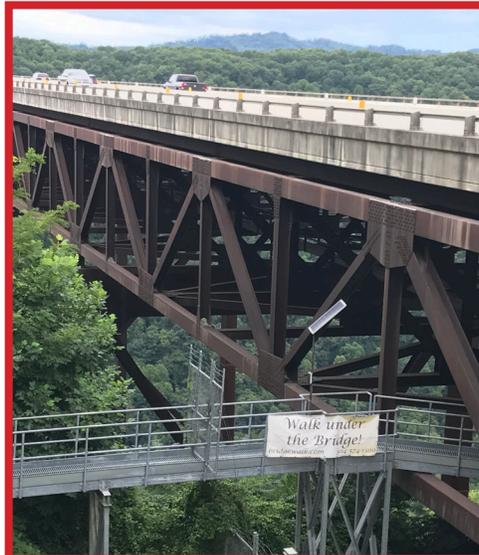
Here are some interesting facts that we learned on the walk. The bridge is a steel arch bridge that is 3,030 feet long over the New River Gorge and is 831 feet above the river. West Virginia used an ultra-high strength USS "COR-TEN" weathering steel to build the bridge with a rust-like appearance, which does not require painting. The steel oxidizes with age and gives the bridge its dark rust color. Most of the 22,000 tons of structural steel for the Bridge Project was fabricated at the American Bridge Division's Ambridge, PA, plant. The New River Gorge Bridge took 3 years to complete and cost nearly 37 million dollars. The roadway of the New River

Gorge Bridge is 876 feet above the New River. An average of 16,200 motor vehicles cross the bridge every day. The bridge is the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest in the world and the longest in the western hemisphere. The bridge is the second largest single span steel arch in the Western Hemisphere and the highest vehicle carrying bridge in the United States. Did you know that the New River Gorge Bridge weighs 88 million pounds?

It was an awesome experience amid the beautiful day with third generation forest all around that will never be forgotten. 🌲

## (Fun Page Answers from page 12)

Across:	Below:
2. Poinsettia	1. Star
5. Mistletoe	3. Stocking
7. Joy	4. December
8. Wreath	6. Scrooge
9. White	10. Present
11. Sled	13. Grinch
12. Gingerbread	15. St. Nicholas
14. Mouse	17. Eggnog
16. Candle	18. Carols
19. Hohoho	22. Dickens
20. Snow	
21. Golden Rings	



## ITALIAN BAKED PENNE

(Submitted by Veronda Harrison)

3/4 lb ground beef  
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
8 ounces penne rigate  
1 package pepperoni

1/4 lb sausage  
1 jar spaghetti sauce  
8 ounces Mozzarella  
shredded cheese



1. Follow the direction of the penne rigate pasta.
2. While pasta is cooking, cook the ground beef and sausage and add Italian seasoning in the skillet until brown. Drain the grease. Add spaghetti sauce in the meat and cook for 15 minutes.
3. Drain the penne rigate pasta.
4. Combine the meat sauce and pasta and mix well. Put half pasta mix in the 9x9 glass pan. Add half pepperoni on the layer and sprinkle the mozzarella cheese on the top pepperoni layer and put the remaining pasta mix and add pepperoni on the layer and sprinkle mozzarella cheese on the top pepperoni layer. Bake 350 °F for 20-30 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Refrigerate any leftovers.



## PUMPKIN DELIGHT DESSERT

(Submitted by Veronda Harrison)

1 cup flour  
1/2 cup plus 1/4 cup pecans,  
chopped  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2-1/2 cups milk  
1 – 15 oz can pumpkin puree

1/2 cup butter, softened  
8 oz cream cheese, softened  
3 cups Cool Whip, divided  
3 packages of instant vanilla  
(3.4 oz boxes)  
1 tsp pumpkin spice



Layer 1: Mix flour, butter, and 1/2 cup pecans together. Press into 9x9 glass pan. Bake 350 °F for 15 minutes then remove and let cool.

Layer 2: Blend cream cheese and powdered sugar, add 1 cup Cool Whip then spread over cooled crust.

Layer 3: Mix milk, pudding mix, pumpkin puree, pumpkin spice, and 1 cup Cool Whip until smooth. Spread over of the layer.

Layer 4: Spread remaining 1 cup Cool Whip and sprinkle pecans. Let chill for 3 hours or until set.



## ROASTED CHESTNUTS

(Submitted by John Burdette)

24 fresh chestnuts

1. Using a sharp paring knife, make a slit on the rounded side of each chestnut. (NOTE: The slit will prevent the chestnuts from exploding while cooking.)
2. Place the chestnuts on a perforated pan and roast over a fire for 10 to 15 minutes. Alternatively cook in a preheated oven at 400 °F for 15 to 20 minutes. Peel the charred shell and serve.



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- Hard of Hearing
- Hearing
- Interpreter

### Dues for Spouse

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

- Yes!** Here is my donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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