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## WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) Presents Hospital Seminar to Hospital Representatives by John Burdette

WVCDHH's hospital seminar with West Virginia hospital representatives was hugely successful. There was a good turnout from the deaf community and hospital representatives. The hospital representatives were so grateful to be able to listen to people's stories about their experiences in hospitals.

Earnest Covington, WVCDHH Executive Director, shared a PowerPoint presentation (and explained the purpose of this seminar) about deaf/hh of hearing (hh) patients in hospitals.

The topics of the presentation focused on addressing deaf/hh patients with reasonable accommodations or when reasonable accommodations are not available, identify communication methods, learn about ADA guidelines on usage of auxiliary aids, use resolution methods to work with deaf/hh patients when they are upset or angry, pros and cons of using the Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) services, live interpreters versus VRI, the importance of having highly qualified and certified interpreters, and benefits of full-time interpreters versus contractual

interpreters. Right now, WVCDHH and the hospital representatives are working together to address all these issues that deaf/hh patients face in the hospitals.

Earnest explained that hospitals in Flint, Michigan, have full-time interpreters employed as hospital staff so that whenever an interpreter is needed, they are always available 24/7 and they can also be sent to interpret at other medical facilities that are affiliated with the main hospitals. This saves the hospitals money in the long run.

This was the first hospital seminar that WVCDHH hosted. They hope to continue to have seminars like this in the future to raise awareness that deaf/hh patients face in hospitals and to improve services for them throughout the State of WV.

Thanks to those who attended the seminar and for voicing your concerns. Thanks to WVCDHH for presenting this very important seminar! 🖊️



*Earnest Covington, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Director, presents a hospital seminar to WV hospital representatives.*

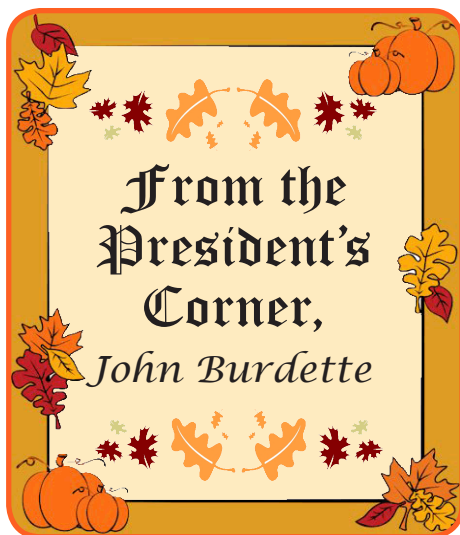
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Here comes Autumn!

I always say it's my favorite time of the year. Looking forward to the changing colors of the leaves. It won't be too long until the brown, orange, and yellow colors of fall will be popping up everywhere. We can look forward to different autumn activities, such as festivals, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hayrides, making apple butter, and hunting.

Before you go into the Autumn issue, I'd like to tell you about WVAD's summer activities. First, on August 11, 2018, WVAD held its Biennial Picnic at Summersville Lake in Summersville, WV. The picnic was very successful. See story on page 10.

On July 18th, I attended a hospital seminar given by the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) at Division of Rehabilitation Service (DRS) building in Kanawha City near Charleston, WV. See story on page 1.

On July 26th, I attended a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mental Recovery Coach Discussion meeting with the WV Bureau for Behavioral Health, WVCDHH, and WV DRS in Charleston, WV. We are recruiting individuals who would be interested in being trained as a recovery coach to provide support to individuals who have an addiction or mental illness.

WVAD Board had their board meeting on September 22, 2018, in



Charleston, WV, a day after *Deaf WestVal*.

Please save the date August 8-11, 2019, to attend the WVAD Biennial Conference at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. Our conference theme is "*Motivate, Inspire, Empower, Influence*." Please see the registration combo form on page 18, along with lodging information on page 21. It is also posted on the WVAD website and WVAD Facebook page. We hope you will attend our conference.

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

- WV LEAD-K is still going strong. We will send two representatives from WVAD Board to National LEAD-K Summit to bring back information for WV LEAD-K team. The summit will be on October 25-28, 2018, in Sacramento, California. Stay tuned from the WV LEAD-K Committee.
- Save the Date – On December 8, 2018, WVAD will be hosting a Christmas party at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV. See our announcement and directions on page 6 for more information.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 27 for membership form), please send the form and

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In closing, please check the WVAD website ([www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org)) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any information about WVAD.

Have a great colorful autumn season!

*John W. Burdette*

John Burdette – WVAD President



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# WVAD Board Minutes

## WVAD Board Meeting Held at WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference Room, Charleston, WV, September 22, 2018

### West Virginia Association of the Deaf's Mission Statement:

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

**Members Present:** John Burdette, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Jeffery Simmons, Gloria Hollen, and Chris Mick.

**Absent:** Worthy Devericks.

**Visitors Present:** Sylvia Mick, Sally Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, Earl Hollen, and Erin Fulton.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at the WVCDHH Conference Room in Charleston, WV. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2018, 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 2018 WVAD newsletter.

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

As of May 6, 2018 to September 21, 2018: Balance in checking account – \$1,476.82; balance in savings account – \$3,566.61; Mingo County Fund – \$14,551.08; WVAD Conference Fund – \$6,038.60; Deaf Youth Program – \$613.00; Education Fund – \$274.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. The board accepted the report as read. Passed.

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

- NAD Region 1 Monthly VP meeting:
  - May 23, 2018.
  - June 20, 2018.
  - October 3, 2018 (begin bi-monthly VP meetings from this date and on).

- Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliance's (EPDA) 2nd Biennial Town Hall:
  - John Burdette, WVAD President, participated as a Town Hall panelist.
  - WVAD had an exhibit table.
- Received a forwarded e-mail from Tami Deem regarding ASL Health Survey project funded by National Institute of Health (NIH). This was the final survey result from when PromisASL Research Lab from Gallaudet University came to WV and did quality of life in WV surveys from different people at the 2016 Christmas party.
- Lead-K WV:
  - Received an e-mail from Shari Farinha notifying the State Associations about upcoming summit on Thursday, October 25th through Sunday, October 28th in Sacramento, California.
  - WVAD will be sending Chris Mick and Tami Deem to summit.
- Contacted Penny Maphis (WVSDB) about graduation date.
- Received an e-mail from Sarah Lowther, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) Project Director, regarding set up a booth at the WV State Fair. WVCDHH is not going to do this again this year because they are focusing on *Deaf WestVal* in September. They thought WVAD would like to keep the booth for this year.
- Attended hospital seminar with the hospital representatives held by

WVCDHH at the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) building in Kanawha City, WV.

- Attended Deaf/HH Mental Recovery Coach discussion meeting at Buckskin Council of Boy Scouts of America Leadership Service Center, Charleston, WV.
- Received an e-mail from Crystal Facemire, DRS counselor; she wanted to share with WVAD about the information concerning women who are Deaf and may be experiencing postpartum depression.
- Tami Deem recreated LEAD-K business cards. It's very similar to the original ones.
- WV School Interpreter issue:
  - Received a message Angela Lawson regarding interpreter issue in Barbour County.
  - Asked April Hottle to get in contact with Angela to resolve the issue.
- Received an e-mail from Fair Shake Network (FSN) to let WVAD know about membership dues are due and hope we are renewing membership with them. Forwarded this e-mail to Veronda Harrison.
- Submitted *Deaf WestVal* Exhibition Registration Form for WVAD.
- Kanawha County Schools (KCS):
  - Received an e-mail from Antonia Vaughan regarding KCS has contracted with the Director of the "L." She isn't happy about it.
  - Replied to her e-mail with questions.

(See Board Minutes on page 4)

### **(Board Minutes from page 3)**

- Participated on 2 panels (Education and Deaf Community) at the *Deaf WestVal* event in Charleston on September 21st.

### **Vice-President Chris Mick's Report:**

Nothing to report.

### **Secretary Tami Deem's Report:**

- Received a message (via WVAD web-page messenger on Facebook) on July 24, 2018, from Angela Lawson. John and I discussed about this issue. Angela asked if we send advocates for the deaf to IEP meetings in Barbour County. Told her no and to check with Disability Rights of WV. We finally decided to refer her to April Hottle, our Education Advocate, to resolve. We have no knowledge if April contacted Angela or not.
- Created LEAD-K business cards on 8/4/2018 so that whenever we need them, they are ready to print.
- Typed up draft bill on September 14, 2018, for Legislature to revise "hearing impaired" to "deaf or hard of hearing" in all WV bills that are in effect. John will submit to one of the delegates.

### **Trustees' Report:**

No report.

### **Editor Tami Deem's Report:**

Deadline for the next newsletter is October 1, 2018.

### **Membership Coordinator Jimmy Harrison's Report:**

At the last board meeting, there were 198 members. Now, there are 166 members. Need to send renewal membership forms to former members who have let their membership lapse.

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

No report.

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

No report.

### **Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:**

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

### **Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

- John moved to write a letter to Susan White (WV Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional

Children) and to Kanawha County Board of Education to find out if Policy 2419 is being violated for deaf/hard of hearing children. Also to check with the Kanawha County Board of Education to see what's up with that situation. Passed.

- Tami moved to submit a bill to Legislature to change "hearing impaired" wording to "deaf or hard of hearing" wording from all effective bills in WV. Passed.
- Gloria moved to delegate responsibilities to Board members for the Christmas party. Passed.
- John moved to continue the tradition of Ugly Christmas Sweaters at the party. Passed.
- Tami moved to purchase and create wristbands for the Christmas party admission. Passed.
- Tami moved to do fundraising tickets at the Christmas party. (Tabled)

Conference rates and other things were discussed for the conference.

- Chris moved that we discuss workshop ideas. (Tabled)

Next board meeting will be scheduled at later date via Zoom© Video Conferencing.

New business closed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. 🌟



## **National Association of the Deaf's (NAD) Top 5 Priorities for 2018-2020**

### **Priority No. 1 — Restoring the Deaf community's confidence in the sign language interpreting profession by strengthening our partnerships with the interpreters.**

The goals of this motion are threefold:

- (1) Bring the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct for sign language interpreters up to the expectations of the Deaf community; and
- (2) Establish a clear and public timeline for updating and restoring sign language interpreting certification programs, including the NIC, Ed K-12, SC:L, and CDI; and
- (3) Developing a position statement on the minimum standards for Federal, state, local and institution-wide regulations and policies.

Within 3 months, the NAD shall reach out to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and share their intent to address the aforementioned issues, and invite a collaborative process.

By the next National Leadership Training Conference (NLTC), the NAD shall:

- (1) Identify community organizational partners and individuals to collaborate with in pursuing this priority; and
- (2) Create and widely distribute an ASL video and written white paper describing the reasons for pursuing this priority; and
- (3) Create and widely distribute a timeline implementing strategies to achieve this priority.

Before the next NAD Conference, the NAD shall:

- (1) Pursue changes to an updated NAD-RID CPC and develop educational material for the Deaf community in ASL distributed via social media channels; and
- (2) Create and disseminate collateral that explains how to best collaborate with sign language interpreters in a positive and productive manner; and
- (3) Report on its progress in advocating for the restoration and updates of RID credentials that were offered prior to the moratorium; and
- (4) Publish its position statement on minimum standards for sign language interpreting on the NAD website along with supplemental information for state associations, non-profits, and other advocacy

(See NAD's Top 5 Priorities... on page 24)

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## *"In Memory of Loved Ones"*



### **Jesse Lee Walker, Jr.**

Jesse Lee Walker Jr., 49, of Oceana, WV, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at his home. He was born on September 10, 1967, in Mullens, WV, a son of the late Jesse Lee Walker, Sr. and Patricia Ann Harper-Walker.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by an infant sister, Gloria Ann Walker; a nephew, Charles Anthony Lusk, Jr.; a niece, Cassandra Walls; and brother-in-law, Charles Anthony Lusk, Sr.

Survivors include five sisters Dora Walker-Lusk of Hanover, Lenora Walker-Ellis of Oceana, Melissa Walker-Terry of Asheboro, NC, Georgette Walker-Baxter of Brenton, and Misty Walker-Godfrey and David Godfrey of Baileysville; a brother, Kenneth Eugene Walker of Brenton; seven nephews; five nieces; twelve great nephews; and a host of other loving family and friends.

Jesse graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1988.

Funeral services were held at noon on Friday, May 5, 2017, in the Chapel of Stafford Family Funeral Home, Lynco, WV, with Rev. Barry Brooks officiating. He was laid to rest in Palm Memorial Gardens, Matheny, WV.

For more information, please visit <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/179019091/jesse-lee-walker>.

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### **Ila Stickley Slonaker**

Ila Stickley Slonaker, passed away on July 13, 2018, at age 94 under the care of Hampshire Center and Hospice of the Panhandle.

Ila was born in Keyser, WV, on December 25, 1923, the daughter of the late Frank and Blanche Saville Stickley. She is preceded in death by her husband William B. "Bill" Slonaker and brother William Frank "Buddy" Stickley and dear sister Dorothy Welshones. Ila and Bill were married November 4, 1942, in Winchester, VA, and made their home on the family farm on Dillions Run Road in Capon Bridge. Surviving, a son, Steven William Slonaker and wife, Judy, a daughter, Shirley Slonaker Davy and husband, Rickie. Three grandchildren, Stephanie Slonaker Chisholm and husband Chris, Amy Elizabeth Davy and special friend, Perry Glass, Jamy C. Davy and wife Clara. Eight great-grandchildren, Sarah and Hannah Clem, Josie and Oliva Chisholm, Wyatt, Gavin, Londyn and Zion Davy. Several nieces and nephews and a dear friend and caregivers.

Ila graduated from Keyser High School and in later years continued classes in deaf education. She retired from the West Virginia School for the Deaf as a teacher's aide, art instructor, and substitute teacher with 16 years of service. She was a long time member of the Democratic committee and was once nominated for Democrat of the Year. More recently chosen as one of

Hampshire County's shining stars and was honored at the Hampshire County Courthouse by Governor Manchin. She enjoyed the Pleasant Dale Homemakers Club (CEOS) where she was a member and responsible for many county fair exhibits. She enjoyed drawing and being creative with oil paints and charcoals. She supported the Capon Bridge Library where she substituted as librarian and a lifetime member of the Friends Group. She enjoyed her cats, Sunshine and Smokey, who were her constant companions and more recently her special kitty, Addie.

In late years Ila loved being on the go and was always ready at a moment's notice. She could be found having lunch almost every Tuesday and Thursday at her favorite restaurant, Gregs. Mom, Grandmaw, Mimi, and friend will be missed.

Funeral service was held at the Giffin Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Pastors Alanna McGuinn and Jerry Washington officiated. A light lunch followed at the Capon Bridge Fire Hall prepared by the United Methodist Women. Ila will be laid to rest beside her husband Bill at Malick Cemetery.

Family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday July 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial contributions to the Capon Bridge Public Library, 2987 Northwestern Pike, Capon Bridge, WV 26711; Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430; Capon Bridge Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 265, Capon Bridge, WV 26711; or The Hampshire County Committee on Aging, 24781 Northwestern Pike, Romney, WV 26757. See <https://www.giffinfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Ila-S-Slonaker?obId=3152014#/obituaryInfo> for more information. (See Obituaries on page 16)



## 7th Annual WVAD Christmas Party

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**

**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 4:00 p.m.

Prize Giveaways  
Starts at 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Handicap Accessible  
(Elevator is Available)

**MENU:** Baked Creamy 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!*

*The uglier the sweater, will make the party better!*





## Directions 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.

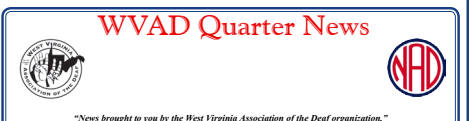
Traveling from East I-68, go West I-68 and merge onto South I-79 and get on Exit 119, turn right on U.S. 50 West/West Main Street. Exit on South 2nd Street toward downtown. Turn right on West Pike Street.

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



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2. Scroll down and click on **I'm a Customer**.
3. Select **Find an Organization**.
4. "Find an Organization" screen comes up. Type in **West Virginia Association of the Deaf**. Click on **Enroll** on the West Virginia Association of the Deaf box. Now you are all set! Thank you for supporting our organization!

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- When you are logged in, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to give to.
- Scroll down to "pick your own charitable organization" and type in West Virginia Association of the Deaf.
- Select West Virginia Association of the Deaf. You only have to do this once and you are set to go!

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



# WVAD Biennial Picnic Held at Summersville Lake on August 11, 2018

By John Burdette

WVAD held its biennial picnic on August 11, 2018, at Summersville Lake, Summersville, WV.

The weather was beautiful and nice that day and it didn't stop us from having a wonderful time meeting and visiting with old and new friends.

Eighty (80) people came to the picnic. WVAD provided BBQ pulled pork, BBQ pulled chicken, and hot dogs while others brought covered dishes and desserts. Food was great and plentiful!

The prizes included \$800 cash giveaways and \$1,000 picnic raffles. The

picnic and camping gift raffles were 22-inch griddle, multi-purpose wagon, WVU thermos mugs, quad LED panel lantern, canopy chair, and 26-quart cooler. Some attendees were able to camp, swim, and enjoyed being with others, which made it even more fun! 🍷





## Jeffery and Julie Simmons Celebrates 25 Years of Marriage

Jeffery Simmons and Julie Streets Simmons celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at Secrets Royal Beach in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic during the week of July 16th, 2018. They were married in Keyser, WV, on July 17th, 1993.

To celebrate their special anniversary, they spent 8 nights and 9 days in the ultimate tropical escape. Their room

back door was several steps to a lazy river. They enjoyed a breathtaking view of the lazy river that circled around the inside of the resort. While there they took part in several excursions that included swimming with the dolphins, ziplining, off-road side by side driving, and a boat cruise just to name a few. They also enjoyed the lively activities that the resort offered.

They are both 1979 graduates of the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV.

Jeffery and Julie resides in Cross Lanes, WV. They have 3 children: Jessica, Jordan, and Joshua. They also have 3 grandsons: Austin, Cody, and Brenden.

Congratulations Jeffery and Julie on your 25 years of marriage! 🍷





WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



1870-2020

**Friday, October 2, 2020**

Registration

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

WVSD Elementary Cafeteria

Picnic

6:00 PM – Midnight- **Adults Only**

Romney Fire Hall Social Night, Games, &

Hors d'Oeuvres

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

WVSD Seaton Hall

Registration, Group Picture, Campus Tour, Vendors,

...and More!

10:00 AM- Corn Hole

6:00 PM – Midnight- **Adults Only**

Romney Fire Hall

Formal Banquet

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Class of (WVSD alumni only)

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Need Special Accommodation Need? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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If yes, what?

**PRICES**

**\$50.00 (Age 18 and up)**

**Under 17 Years Old- Free**

**At Door \$65.00**

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_ x 50.00 = \_\_\_\_

**Closing date for \$50.00 registration is**

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

Send money order or cashier check payable to:

**WVSDAA**

Dani Richardson, Treasurer

250 Hannas Road, Romney, WV 26757

**No refunds on registration will be permitted.**

Substitutions are permitted only in writing to Dani

Richardson, WVSDAA 150<sup>th</sup> Treasurer.



## WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) Hosted *Deaf WestiVal* Event at Running Right Leadership Academy and Conference Center, Julian, WV by Tamera Deem

On Friday, September 21, 2018, WVCDHH hosted an event called *Deaf WestiVal* at the beautiful Running Right Leadership Academy and Conference Center in Julian, WV. It was a huge success!

There were about 25 vendors and exhibitors. Approximately 80 to 100 people came to *Deaf WestiVal*. WVCDHH hosted a couple of town hall meetings. The morning town hall was about education for deaf children and problems they face in the school system in the state of WV. The afternoon town hall was about issues that the Deaf community face on a daily basis. The people who came

to the event had an opportunity to ask questions or voice their concerns to those who were on the town hall panel. WVAD President John Burdette participated in both town hall panels.

WVAD 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. We also had a LEAD-K exhibition booth to promote awareness about LEAD-K. We answered questions anyone had about WVAD and/or LEAD-K.

Lunch was delicious! Salad, soup, teriyaki pork loin, baked cod, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, and rolls

were served, along with assorted drinks and cookies. We would like to thank the Academy employees for cooking and serving the meals. And also for cleaning up after lunch.

We would like to thank everyone that came to *Deaf WestiVal* and stopped by our booths. We hope that the event will become an annual event and be bigger and better next year! WVCDHH is open to any suggestion to improve this event in the future.

For more information about the beautiful Running Right Leadership Academy and Conference Center, see website <https://rrconferencecenter.com/>.



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### Romie Robert Frazier, Jr.

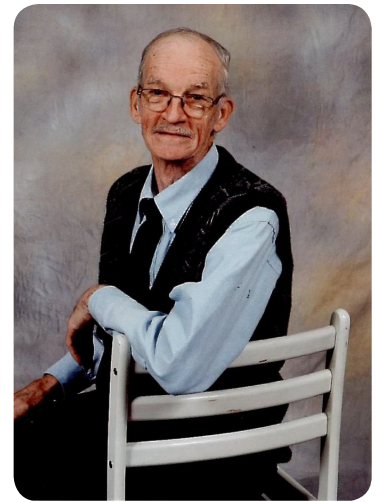
Romie Frazier, 76, of Vidor, Texas, died Tuesday, September 18th, 2018, at his residence. A native of Charleston, WV, he was a longtime resident of Vidor.

Romie retired from Hydraulic Air and Repair as a first class machinist. In his youth he was very athletic and enjoyed bowling as an adult. Romie was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching all sports, but college football was his favorite. He was a member of the Beaumont Club of the Deaf, later known

as SETAD. He graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1961.

Romie is survived by his wife Carroll Frazier of 53 years, 2 sons Carlton Richburg of Jasper, TX, and Bobby Frazier of Vidor, TX; 2 daughters Brenda Boyd of Sour Lake, TX, and Cathy Conner of Warren, TX; 1 brother Donald Frazier of Hurricane, WV; 2 sisters Gladys King of Scottsdale, PA, and Rebecca Gibson of Snellville, GA; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 22, 2018, at New Hope Cemetery in Warren, Texas (<https://www.memorialofvidor.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=3331233#/obituaryInfo>). 🌻



### Merritt "Bud" Snyder

Merritt Dorsey "Bud" Snyder, age 82, of Buckhannon, WV, died on October 10, 2018.

Bud was born June 16, 1936, in Buckhannon, a son of the late Rev. Dorsey R. "Jack" and Vecie M. Lower Snyder. On April 21, 1962, he married the love of his life, Cecelia Trahern who survives. He is also survived by one daughter, Lois S. White (Greg) of Buckhannon; one son, Johnny Snyder (Sonja) of Buckhannon; five grandsons, Bryan Cox (Seleena) and Johnny "Jay" Snyder II all of Fairmont, WV, Trahern and Zachary White both of Buckhannon and Robert "Robby" Snyder of Shepherdstown, WV; two great-grandchildren of Fairmont; two brothers, Rev. Junior B. Harris (Grace) and Don Snyder (Jean) all of Buckhannon; one sister, Mary Ruth Campbell of Buckhannon and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Danny Snyder and one sister, Arlene Lantz.

Mr. Snyder graduated from the WV School for the Deaf in 1955. He is a Christian by faith and he retired from the Ward's Laundry Dry Cleaners in Buckhannon after 39 years.

Friends were received Sunday, October 14, 2018, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The funeral followed at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Junior Harris officiating. Burial followed in the Kesling Mill Cemetery in Kesling Mill, WV.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.polingstclair.com](http://www.polingstclair.com). Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. 🌻

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# In the News



## Hampshire County Committee on Aging Caring for Local Seniors

Story and Photo by Aaron Smith, *Hampshire Review Weekender*, Romney, WV — Posted: May 17, 2018

ROMNEY – “These meals are very valuable to me.” For local seniors like Fae Fuller of Romney, WV, the Hampshire County Committee on Aging (HCCoA) provides more than just a hot meal, but genuine friendship and important resources for the elderly.

Fuller and her late husband, Ren, began visiting the Romney Senior Center in 1989 after retiring. “We enjoyed the meals and the friends that we have met there ever since. The Center provided a very friendly and inviting atmosphere,” Fuller said. Fuller is deaf, and some of her and her husband’s deaf friends also started going for meals at the senior centers in the county.

“When my husband’s health was declining, we received our meals at home with friendly people doing the deliveries. My husband passed away in 2013, and I continue to enjoy the meals and the friends,” Fuller said. The Hampshire County Committee on Aging provides meals for homebound seniors across the county, five days a week.

Seniors like Mrs. Fuller are able to enjoy living comfortably in their own homes while getting important nutritious meals and daily companionship. Fuller said that knowing someone checks in on her daily makes her son happy. It makes her happy, too. “Seeing the people each day makes my day one of joy.”

“So many seniors can maintain their independence, thanks to the home-delivered meal program,” Nutrition Program Manager Diane Smith said. “It gives them and their families peace of mind knowing we’ll be there to check in on them for a short time each day. We’ve helped seniors who have fallen or injured themselves. If it wasn’t for our delivery drivers coming, it may have



*Fae Fuller signs “I Love You” at her home in Romney.*

been days before they would have seen anyone. We’ve definitely saved lives, whether it’s getting them to the hospital when they fall or just providing them the nutrition and companionship they need to have.”

The Hampshire County Committee on Aging provides meals for seniors at congregate locations in Romney, Springfield, and High View. Meals comply with the dietary guidelines for Americans and provide a minimum of one-third of the daily-recommended dietary allowances. In 2017, the HCCoA provided 26,686 meals — 12,104 at senior centers and 14,582 to homes of eligible seniors.

In addition to nutrition services, the Hampshire County Committee on Aging also provides home care to seniors in need, as well as transportation to the grocery store, pharmacies, and medical appointments. The non-profit also offers Medicare counseling and Senior Farmers’ Market Vouchers.

Along with grants, the Hampshire County Committee on Aging depends heavily on donations from civic organizations, churches, and

individuals to keep its doors open and provide the elderly with the services they need to live comfortably. In addition to the donations, the seniors themselves provide, Springfield Treasures, an indoor yard sale run by volunteers is open next to the Springfield Senior Center and all donations are put back into the nutrition program.

An easy way to support the Hampshire County Committee on Aging is through Amazon’s Smile program. By visiting [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and selecting the Hampshire County Committee on Aging as your charitable organization, the Amazon-Smile Foundation donates 0.5 percent of eligible Amazon orders to the HCCoA.

Even the smallest donations add up and help seniors like Mrs. Fuller. “We need to keep donating to keep the program going — always and forever,” she said. With a smile on her face, she signed “I Love You” to Ms. Smith, thanking her again for the meals. “Thank you to everyone at the senior center for all that you do and being a part of my life.”

For more information on donating and how to help the Hampshire County Committee on Aging continue to provide services for the elderly, contact Director Julie Linger at 304-822-4097. You can also visit their website: <http://aginginhampshire.com/> for more information. 🍷



(See In the News on page 22)



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

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

##### Registration Rates:

- Full combo includes registration, workshops, business meeting, Friday night social, and Saturday banquet and entertainment.
- WVAD membership is NOT included in the combo registration fee. Each WVAD member will be responsible for their own membership renewal when it's due. It may be renewed at the conference if desired.
- You may make payment installments. To make payment arrangements and/or to pay by Square Cash, please contact Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e-mail [Verapple@aol.com](mailto:Verapple@aol.com)). **Final payment must be made by July 20, 2019.**

**Accessibility Request:** Accessibility requests must be received no later than June 30, 2019. Please contact Jimmy Harrison at [JHarrison5@aol.com](mailto:JHarrison5@aol.com) or Veronda Harrison at [Verapple@aol.com](mailto:Verapple@aol.com).

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##### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

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

##### **For Reservations:**

Telephone No.: (800) 624-8300

**Group Code: WVAD**

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

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

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

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



## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

*(Please print clearly. One form per person. You can make a copy for second person. Make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and write "CONFERENCE" on check memo line. Mail to Veronda Harrison, WVAD Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.)*

First Name, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Member ☐ New; ☐ Current ☐ Non-Member

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$115.00	\$155.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$105.00	\$135.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$130.00	\$170.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$120.00	\$145.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00	\$40.00		
AT DOOR RATES (JULY 21 – AUGUST 10, 2019)				
MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	REGISTRATION (WORKSHOP, EXHIBIT, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY)	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL	SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS, BANQUET, AND ENTERTAINMENT	TOTAL
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<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	—	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	\$40.00

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

# DIRECTIONS TO LAKEVIEW RESORT, MORGANTOWN, WV

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Morgantown, WV (8 miles — 22 minutes)

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

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

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

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

Clarksburg, WV (44 miles — 57 minutes)

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

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

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

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

**\* Some routes require toll fees.**

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

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





# LODGING INFORMATION FOR LAKEVIEW RESORT ~ MORGANTOWN, WV

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

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

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**\* Request for refrigerator and microwave when reserving the room.**

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



**\* Request for refrigerator and microwave when reserving the room.**

## TO RESERVE:

Reservation Telephone No.: (800) 624-8300

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

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

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. **RESERVATION PROCEDURES:** Individual guests will be responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations may be made by calling (800) 624-8300 and ask for the West Virginia Association of the Deaf room block. This toll-free number is specific to WVAD group. A major credit card will be required upon reserving individual rooms and 48-hour cancellation period would apply, whereby an attendee cancelling their reservation in less than 48 hours of arrival will be charged one night's lodging at the group rate.
2. **First night deposit is not required at time of reservation.**
3. The more people you share the room with, the cheaper it cost because you can split the cost of the room.
4. The conference and all WVAD events will be held in various rooms in the hotel.
5. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc.
6. Lakeview Resort has 2 handicap accessible rooms; you can request them when you make reservations.
7. There are 2 restaurants (*Fusion* and *Legends Sports Bar*) on the Resort or you can go to restaurants outside the Resort.
8. **GOLF INFORMATION:** A gift certificate for complimentary round of golf for 4 will be offered (based on 100+ rooms consumed). Otherwise, Lakeview Golf Course is \$59.00. Mountainview Golf Course is \$39.00. Dress Code: Proper golf attire is required. No sleeveless shirts or jeans are permitted. No personal coolers are permitted on the golf courses.

(In the News from page 17)

## West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Receives Upgrades from Innovative Readiness Training

Story by Airman 1st Class Mercedee Schwartz, 124th Fighter Wing, *Defense Visual Information Distribution Service*, Boise, Idaho, <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/288409/west-virginia-school-deaf-and-blind-receives-upgrades-innovative-readiness-training>, Posted: August 4, 2018

ROMNEY – With record-breaking rainfall throwing a wrench in the construction timeline, members of the 124th Fighter Wing, Civil Engineer Squadron at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho, worked hard in an effort to finish the renovation of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) in Romney, West Virginia, through the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Program.

The WVSDB is a 79-acre campus established in 1870 and was specifically dedicated to students who are deaf, blind, hard-of-hearing, low-vision, and both deaf and blind. In the past 148 years, more than 4,800 students have received quality and specialized education here.

With buildings dating back to the 1840s, there were many issues with the structural integrity, handicap accessibility, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Luckily with the help of the IRT Program, these issues are being resolved.

The IRT Program was created in 1992 as part of the Rebuild America Program as a way to provide mission-essential training and create military-civilian relationships by contributing to civil-society needs through volunteerism.

The planning process took over a year after the selection of the WVSDB to make sure the plans, materials, and necessary permits and licensing were in place in time for project execution, said Master Sgt. Mitchell Sisco, the IRT Construction Manager from the 148th Fighter Wing, 138th CES from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

“The Air National Guard was the lead service for the IRT Program at the WVSDB and had rotations of Air Force Reserves and Marine Corps Reserves with roughly 170 engineers,” said Sisco. “We get great, quality, real-world construction training and our community partner gets an excellent product when we’re done.”

Projects at the WVSDB include Keller Hall, the student dormitory which houses kids ages 3 to 11, where there are four ADA compliant bathrooms being installed, as well as a commercial kitchen and wheelchair accessible doorways and ramps to improve the quality of life for the students, said Sisco.

Other upgrades on the WVSDB campus include adding wheelchair ramps, creating parking lots, and demolishing a condemned building that pose a danger to staff and students.

Although the IRT Program plans fell behind due to weather delays, the 124th CES was able to not only catch up, but far exceed what they were expected to complete during their rotation, said Capt. Theodore Moyer, the Project Officer in charge from the 124th FW, 124th CES, at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho.

“Work from the IRT Program improves space and creates a safer, healthier environment,” said Mark Gandolfi, the WVSDB Superintendent.

Gandolfi said without help from the IRT Program, the improvements that are being made would have never been possible.

“With the partnership with the IRT Program, we will be able to take this school to the next level,” said Gandolfi. 🇺🇸



Staff Sgt. Ryan French, a structural specialist assigned to the 124th Civil Engineer Squadron, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, pours a concrete stem wall for a wheelchair ramp at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney, WV, July 31, 2018. Airmen are working on various projects at the school as part of the Innovative Readiness Training Program that started in the 1992 “Rebuild America” initiative under Bill Clinton. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Skyla D. Child)

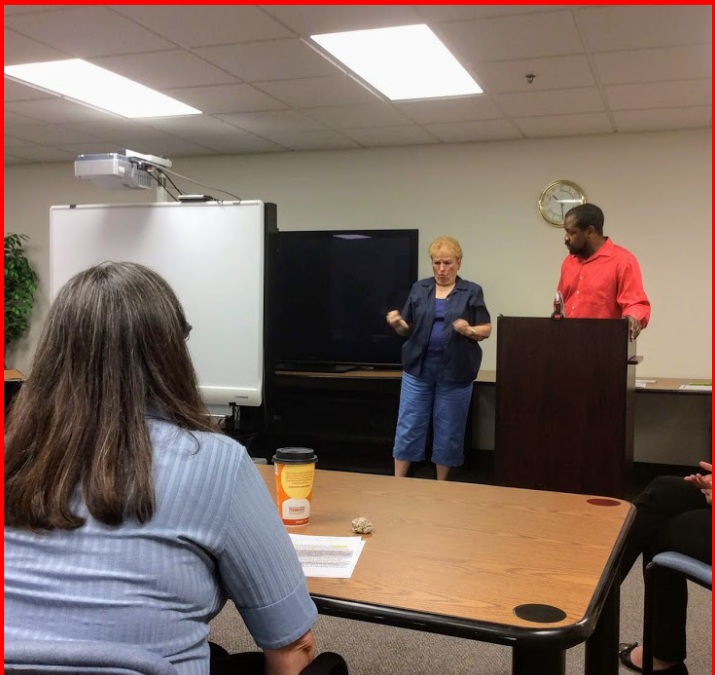
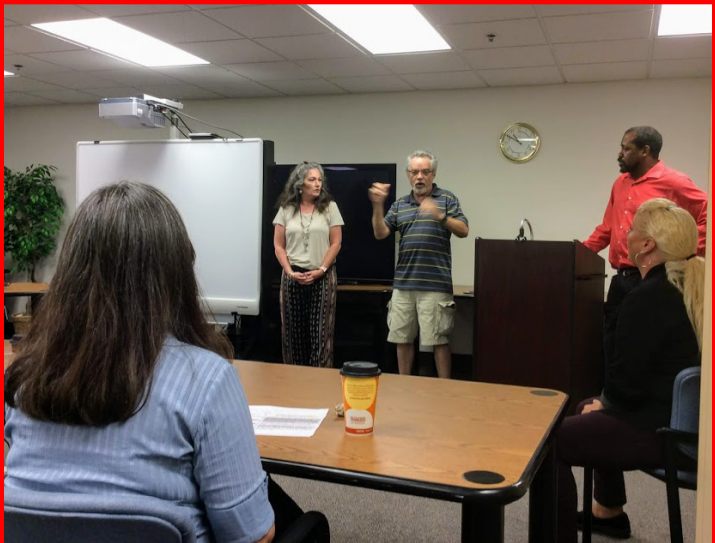
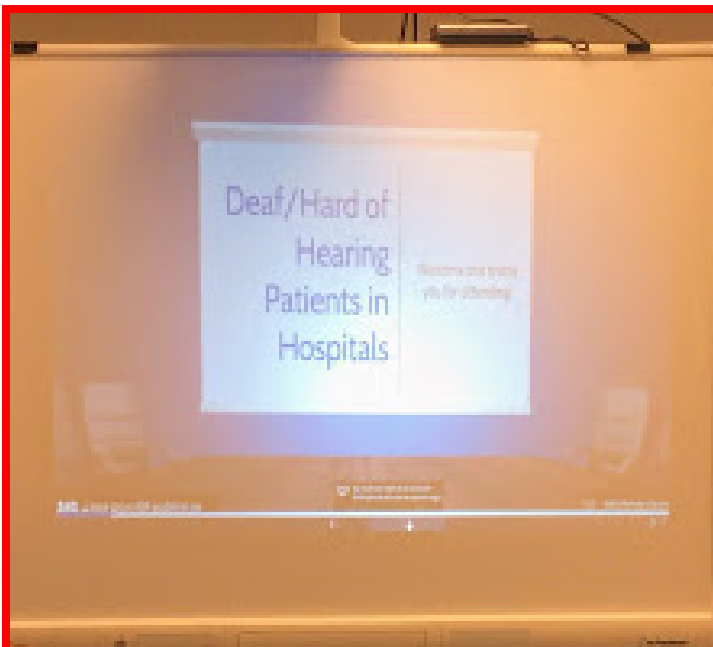


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**(NAD's Top 5 Priorities... from page 4)**  
entities on the best strategies to support and implement these standards.

**Priority No. 2 — Establish a Task Force with Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) on all aging-related issues.**

NAD shall create a task force on aging with DSA. The task force will gather and share information, analyze research and data, promote and publish on the website all the relevant information that will benefit everyone involved in elderly care including seniors, family, caretakers, retirement communities, medical practitioners and providers, and others. It is important for NAD to recognize all subsets of our population including youth, adults, and also our senior community.

**Priority No. 3 — Focusing on Systemic Barriers in Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Deaf/HH.**

To create a task force to focus on working with Federal and State agencies in collecting data to ensure that service provision is clarified and maximized for Deaf individuals in respect to current Federal laws/regulations (e.g., Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA/Order Of Selection, OOS).

**Priority No. 4 — National Parent Campaign.**

With appreciation to LEAD-K for engaging in community organizing to address language acquisition by young deaf children, we also need to focus our energies on a campaign that reaches out to and educates parents who first learn that their newborn child is deaf. A national campaign, in support of and in collaboration with state associations, is needed to recruit parents as allies to promote ASL and English as the primary languages of instruction with the understanding that equal consideration shall be given to the signed and spoken language(s) of the home- which will be another strategic prong in our fight to combat language deprivation.

**Priority No. 5 — Campaign to spotlight the oppression of Deaf people within the justice system.**

The NAD shall collaborate with other organizations to create a campaign to:

- (1) Create awareness about the lack of communication access in interactions with police officers and throughout the justice system in the United States and the adverse impact such lack of communication access has on the Deaf community; and

- (2) Create awareness about the lack of communication access and possible U.S. Constitutional violation of Amendment 8 related to cruel and unusual punishment in state and federal correctional facilities across the United States and the adverse impact such lack of communication access has on the Deaf community; and
- (3) Spotlight current, ongoing efforts to promote equal access to the justice system for the Deaf and hard of hearing; and
- (4) Take actions to combat the perception that the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act do not apply to Deaf people who are serving a prison sentence; and
- (5) Create a national training for law enforcement on working with Deaf, Deaf Person of Color, DEAF LGBTQ+, DeafBlind, Deaf with other disabilities, underprivileged Deaf individuals, and other Deaf underrepresented groups.

Within 6 months of the conclusion of the NAD's Biennial Conference in Hartford ("Hartford"), the NAD shall identify community organizational partners and individuals to collaborate with in pursuing this priority, and shall begin developing the campaign.

Within 1 year of Hartford, the NAD and its collaborating community organizational partners and individuals shall launch the campaign to spotlight the oppression of Deaf people in the justice system.

For more information and vlogs about these priorities, please visit <https://www.nad.org/about-us/priorities/>.



**(Fun Page Answers from page 8)**

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**RECOVERY COACH NEEDED**

The West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, WV Association of the Deaf, and the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services are recruiting individuals who would be interested in being trained as a Recovery Coach to provide support to individuals who have an addiction or mental illness.

If you are interested, please contact Earnest Covington at 304-400-6959 Video-phone or e-mail [Earnest.Covington@wv.gov](mailto:Earnest.Covington@wv.gov) or Sarah Lowther at 304-558-1675 or e-mail [Sarah.B.Lowther@wv.gov](mailto:Sarah.B.Lowther@wv.gov).



# VOTING

## Dates 2018



### Election Days

**Primary Election: Tuesday, May 8**

**General Election: Tuesday, November 6**

### Registering or Switching Parties

**to VOTE in Primary Election: register by Tuesday, April 17**

**to VOTE in General Election: register by Tuesday, October 16**

### Absentee Voting

#### Primary Election

**Earliest day to apply: Tuesday, February 13**  
**Last day to apply: Wednesday, May 2**

#### Deadline to Submit

**By mail: postmarked by Tuesday, May 8**  
**In person: Monday, May 7**

#### General Election

**Earliest day to apply: Tuesday, August 14**  
**Last day to apply: Wednesday, October 31**

#### Deadline to Submit

**By mail: postmarked by Tuesday, November 6**  
**In person: Monday, November 5**

### Emergency Absentee Voting

#### Primary Election

**Earliest day to request: Tuesday, May 1**  
**Last day to request: noon Tuesday, May 8**

#### Deadline to Submit:

**By mail: postmarked by Tuesday, May 8**

#### General Election

**Earliest day to request: Wednesday, October 31**  
**Last day to request: noon Tuesday, November 6**

#### Deadline to Submit:

**By mail: postmarked by Tuesday, November 6**

### Early Voting

**Primary Election: Wednesday, April 25 — Saturday, May 5**

**General Election: Wednesday, October 24 — Saturday, November 3**

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**Don't forget to vote on November 6, 2018. Your vote counts!**  
**Remember to vote for those who support LEAD-K and issues that matter the most to you!**

## SAUSAGE, EGG, AND CHEESE BISCUIT CASSEROLE

(Yield: 9 Servings; Prep: 15 minutes; Cook: 55 minutes; Total Time: 1 hour, 10 minutes)

(<https://www.thecountrycook.net/sausage-egg-cheese-biscuit-casserole/>)

1 16-oz can jumbo buttermilk biscuits  
1 lb sausage, cooked and crumbled  
2 cups Colby and Monterey Jack  
cheese, shredded  
6 large eggs

1/2 cup milk  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 2.75-oz packet country  
sausage gravy  
2 cups water



1. Preheat oven to 350 °F.
2. Spray 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray.
3. Cut each biscuit into eighths.
4. Line bottom of the pan with the biscuits.
5. Sprinkle cooked sausage evenly over biscuits.
6. Then sprinkle shredded cheese over sausage.
7. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs with milk (for 2 minutes) and season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
8. Pour egg mixture over the cheese layer.
9. In a medium bowl, combine packet of gravy mix with 2 cups of water. Whisk until combined.
10. Pour gravy over egg mixture layer.
11. Cover and bake for about 45-55 minutes. Slice and serve!



## APPLE CRISP COOKIE CUPS

(Yield: 15-20 Servings; Total Time: 50 minutes)

(<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a49383/apple-crisp-cookie-cups-recipe/>)

1-1/4 cup brown sugar (divided)  
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened  
(plus more for cooking apples)  
1-1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp kosher salt  
2 tsp cornstarch  
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg  
Caramel sauce, for serving

3/4 cup granulated sugar (divided)  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
1-3/4 cup rolled oats  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon (for crust)  
6 Granny Smith apples (peeled,  
cored, and finely chopped)  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
(for filling)



1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Grease 2 muffin tins with cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl using a hand mixer, combine butter, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, and 1 cup brown sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and mix until evenly combined. Add flour, oats, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt and stir until just combined.
2. Using a medium ice cream scoop, scoop dough into muffin tins, press down with a spoon to create cups. Bake for 15-20 minutes until the cookie cups are golden brown and set. (Don't worry if the cookie cup centers rise!)
3. While the cookies are still warm, make the cups. Spray the bottom of a small shot glass with cooking spray and press the shot glass down into the center of each cookie to create cups. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes, then transfer to wire cooling racks.
4. Meanwhile, melt about 2 tablespoons butter in skillet over medium-high heat. Add apples and cook until beginning to soften. Add the remaining sugars, nutmeg, cinnamon, and cornstarch and cook until softened and caramelized.
5. Spoon the apple filling into the cups. Drizzle with caramel and serve warm or at room temperature. Enjoy!



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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New ☐ Renewal  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VP ☐ Voice ☐ Both  
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### You

- ☐ Deaf  
☐ Hard of Hearing  
☐ Hearing  
☐ Interpreter

### Dues for You

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

### Spouse

- ☐ Deaf  
☐ Hard of Hearing  
☐ Hearing  
☐ Interpreter

### Dues for Spouse

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

- ☐ **Yes!** Here is my donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail with membership application to:  
West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.  
Jimmy Harrison, WVAD Membership Coordinator  
5 Cordoba Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
Video Phone No.: 304-964-6025

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