

7th Annual WVAD Christmas Party by Tamera Deem

WVAD held its Seventh Annual Christmas party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV, on December 8, 2018. Everyone had a good time, meeting old and new friends, catching up on news and reminiscing memories that brought joy to their faces.

Fifty-one (51) people came from far and near.

The main dishes were provided by WVAD, which consisted of ham, baked creamy chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, yams, rolls, etc., plus covered dishes and desserts that people brought to complete our meal. Veronda Harrison, being the chef, and several volunteers were a big help in the kitchen and they cooked a wonderful meal for us. We also want to thank those who brought covered dishes. It was very much appreciated. Thanks to those who pitched in, in the kitchen and helped with the clean up after the party.

We had an Ugly Sweater contest again this year. Eight (8) people participated in the contest and showcased their sweaters, shirts, and outfits. They were judged by Worthy Devericks, Leslie Pysell, and Steven Miller

who did not participate in the contest. Winners of the Ugly Sweater contest went to Ron Haugh winning first place as the Grinch, receiving \$25; Mary

Myers won second place receiving \$15; and Shawn Heckler won third place receiving \$10. Congratulations to 8 people for participating in the



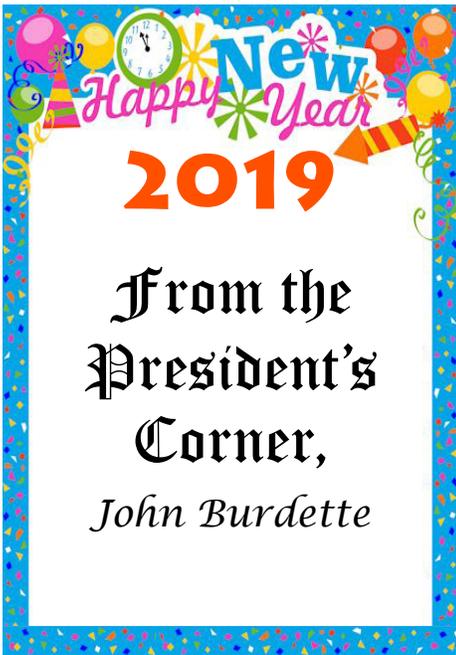
L-R: Ugly Sweater Contest Participants: Kim Grey, Shawn Heckler (3rd place), Ron Haugh (1st place), Cheryl Greaver, Regina Ennis, Sandra Kesling, Mary Myers (2nd place), and Sylvia Mick.

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Welcome to our Winter newsletter! Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great holiday.

On October 25-27, 2018, Christopher Mick, Vice President, and Tamera Deem, Secretary, attended National LEAD-K Summit in Sacramento, California, to bring updated information for WV LEAD-K team to help pass the LEAD-K bill during the 2019 WV Legislation session.

A friendly reminder, if you haven't registered to renew your Kroger's rewards card, you would need to go in the Kroger's website and choose West Virginia Association of the Deaf again and every year after that in the month of September. This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donation from Kroger every time you purchase groceries in any of their stores using your rewards card at no additional cost to you! See page 5 for more information.

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

- WV Legislative session started on January 9, 2019, and ends on March 9, 2019. WVAD prepared two bills to submit for 2019 WV Legislature session. We will continue to push WV's LEAD-K

bill and also submit another bill (change the wording from "hearing-impaired" to "deaf and hard of hearing" in all WV laws that are in effect).

- West Virginia Deaf Awareness Day at the Capitol, by WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See page 13 for flyer and directions.
- Save the date for WVAD's Biennial Conference on August 8-10th, 2019, to be held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. See pages 6-7. Also check out WVAD's website at www.wvad.org and Facebook page for more information about the conference.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for membership form), please send the form and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Jimmy Harrison. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and PayPal. You may also pay through Cash Square apps but you need to

contact Jimmy (contact info is on the membership form) to make payment arrangements. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jimmy Harrison. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. This would also be a good way to give someone a membership as a gift.

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

Warmly,

John W. Burdette

WVAD President



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contest. Prizes that included \$600 in cash giveaways (admission, cash prize, and costume cash prizes), a 50-inch 4K Ultra-HD Smart TV, outdoor fire pit, 7 in 1 cooker, portable

propane gas heater, Bunn coffeemaker, and waffle maker.

We want to emphasize that the attendees are the ones who makes the party a success for us and want to thank you for coming to our Christmas

party. We look forward to seeing everyone again (both old and new faces) at our next Christmas party. The WVAD Board wants to wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year! 🍀



Deaf Santa Visits Area Kids at Mountwest Community and Technical College

By Dave Lavender, *The Herald-Dispatch*, http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/deaf-santa-visits-area-kids-at-mctc/article_477eb53b-6934-545f-8b45-cfa8b1aafa2b.html, Posted: December 2, 2018

HUNTINGTON — In a room getting warmer by the minute, 180 or so people eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa Claus.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus walked in, he did not wait to sit down. With both hands he motioned for all the children to come forward, and with arms stretched wide began hugging the tiny tots by the dozens.

For the kids who came from as far away as Columbus, Ohio, and Beckley, West Virginia, this wasn't just any Santa Claus; this was the Santa Claus who knows and understands their Christmas wishes.

For the 10th year, Hurricane, West Virginia, resident Ernest Williams, who has been deaf since birth, and his wife, Vickie, who plays Mrs. Claus and who is deaf and blind, have brought Christmas magic to Mountwest Community and Technical College for its Brunch with Deaf Santa.

Organized by Leigh-Ann Brewer of the American Sign Language Program at Mountwest in conjunction with the Culinary Arts (providing food) and the Early Childhood Education programs (providing arts and crafts), the event features Williams, the signing Santa, as well as a host of elves, all fluent in American Sign Language. Santa and his elves visited with the kids and gave them presents from the children's written Christmas lists that were submitted in late summer and donated by area groups.

As "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" played in the background, one of Brewer's main elves has been Laurabeth Meade, who is in her third year at Mountwest double majoring in



Mountwest Community and Technical College hosted a "Brunch with Deaf Santa" on Saturday, December 1, 2018, in Huntington, WV. Photo Credit: Lori Wolfe, *The Herald-Dispatch*

ASL and early childhood education. She was making last-minute preparations, with Brewer and others scrambling to make sure needs were met for those who had walked up Saturday morning for the event.

"What is so special and so heartwarming is watching the love that comes from Mr. and Mrs. Claus," Meade said. "He sees these kids, and it is real tears crying. He walked in today, and I greeted them and she gave my sign name last year and I just boo-hooed – and I am not a crier – but just watching their interactions is overwhelming. Night to Shine (a special-needs prom) is the only other thing that makes me feel this way."

Donations were taken at FedEx, as well as a Christmas tree on Mountwest's campus where folks could help fulfill wishes.

"This year we got a late start, so a lot of hours have been spent in a very short amount of time," Meade said. "It showed up quick. I think that we announced it maybe three weeks ago, so I have been putting the needs up on the tree and asking for a GoFundMe, but God takes control and it always works out."

While early childhood majors such as T.J. Gibson kept the kids busy with game and craft stations where they could play with Legos, make [\(See Deaf Santa Visits... on page 9\)](#)

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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2. Click on **Community** tab.
3. Select **Kroger Community Rewards**.
4. Click on **Re-enroll Now**.
5. Click on 5th **Edit** under **Community Rewards**.
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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 WV Association of the Deaf.
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"Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others."



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Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV ~ August 8-10, 2019

Registration is NOW OPEN! Register today to attend an informative conference! To register for the conference, please visit www.wvad.org or WVAD Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/West-Virginia-Association-of-the-Deaf-175193862245/>) to complete the form.

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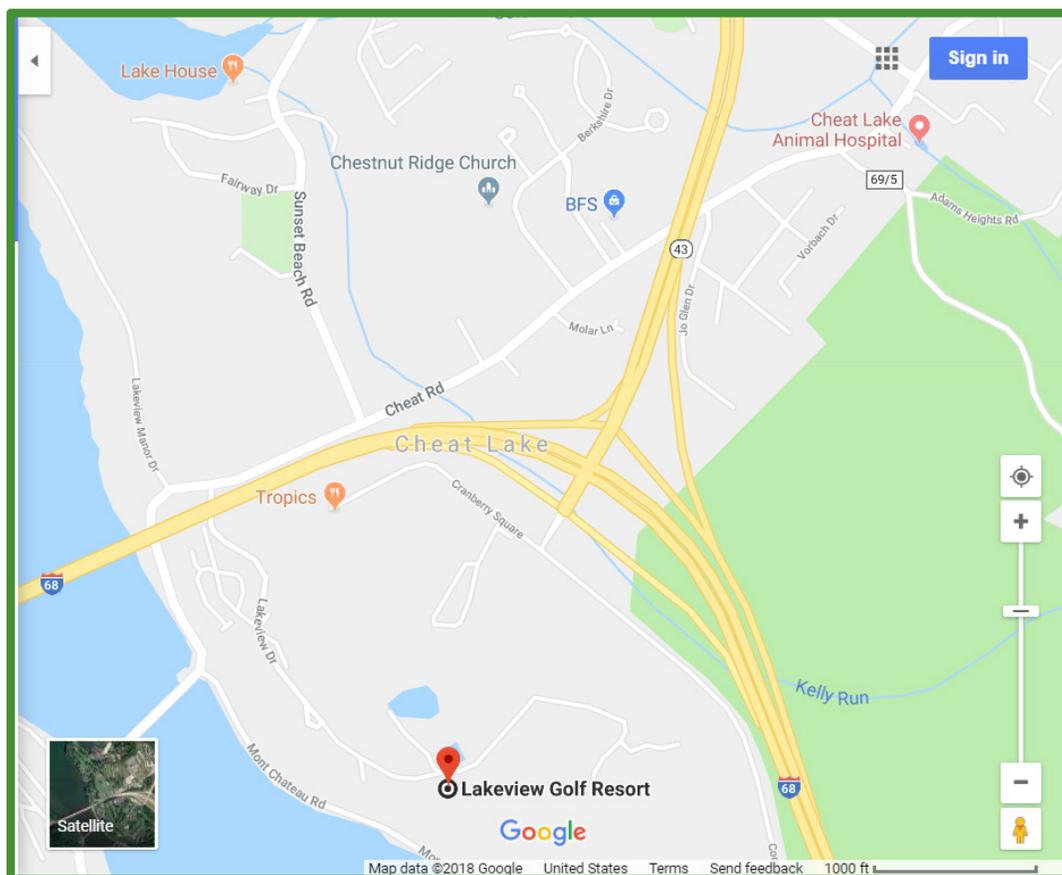


Directions to Lakeview Golf Resort One Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508

Traveling from Charleston, WV area, go I-79 North. Take Exit 148 for I-68 East toward Cumberland, MD. Take Exit 10 toward WV-857/Cheat Lake/Fairchance Rd. Turn left at traffic light onto WV-43 N. Take Exit 1 towards Cheat Lake/Fairchance Rd/State Rd 857. Turn left onto Bowers Ln (0.2 mile). Turn right onto Fairchance Rd (0.3 mile). Continue onto Cheat Rd (1 mile). You will see a big Lakeview Resort sign along the road on your left. Turn left onto Lakeview Drive.

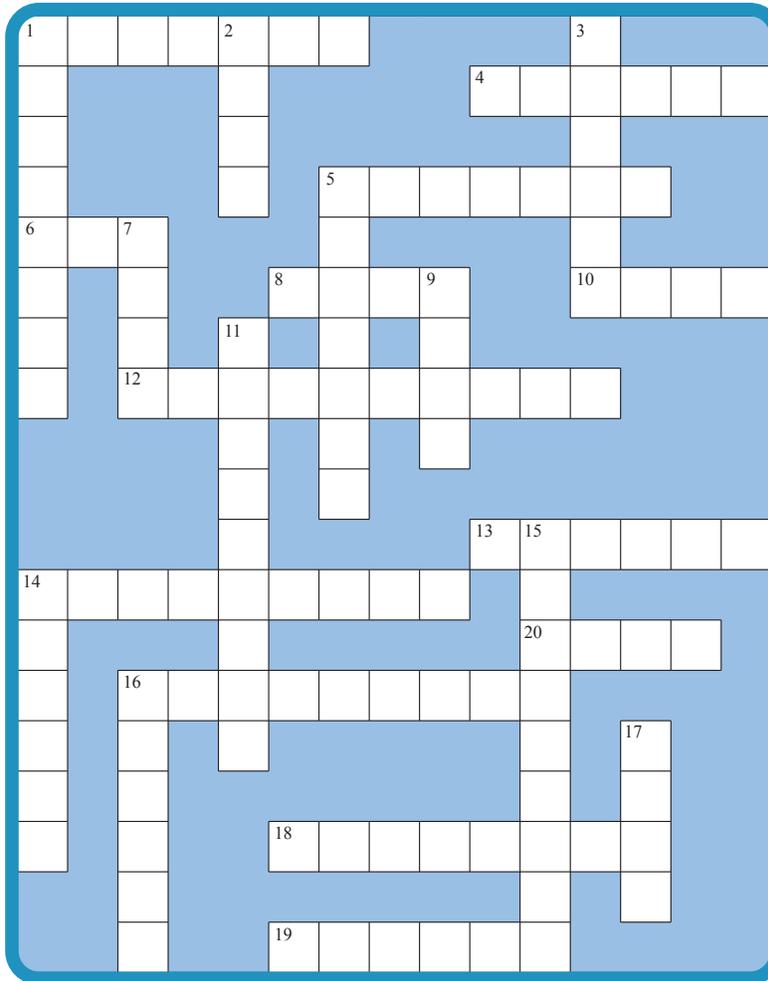
Traveling from Cumberland, MD area, go I-68 W/US-40 W. Take Exit 10 toward WV-857/Cheat Lake/Fairchance Rd. Keep right at the fork and merge onto WV-43 N. Take Exit 1 towards Cheat Lake/Fairchance Rd/State Rd 857. Turn left onto Bowers Ln (0.2 mile). Turn right onto Fairchance Rd (0.3 mile). Continue onto Cheat Rd (1 mile). You will see a big Lakeview Resort sign along the road on your left. Turn left onto Lakeview Drive.

If you are using a GPS for directions, please enter the address: 150 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508.





WINTER FUN CROSSWORD



Across:

- 1 To keep warm, wear this.
- 4 A person who lives in the cold northern areas of North America, Greenland, and Siberia.
- 5 When animals move to somewhere warm, they do this.
- 6 A traditional toy you spin to celebrate Hanukkah.
- 8 When walking on icy ground, watch your _____.
- 10 "Let it _____!"
- 12 A famous song is called "Winter _____."
- 13 These help when driving through snow.
- 14 Hot _____ is a popular cold weather drink.
- 16 People like to sit by this to warm up.
- 18 A sport that's on TV during the winter.
- 19 A spike of ice.
- 20 When skin freezes, it suffers from frost_____.

Down:

- 1 The winter _____ falls on December 20 or 21.
- 2 People put their presents under this.
- 3 You need these to have fun on an ice rink.
- 5 These keep your hands warm.
- 7 A vehicle that clears snow from roads.
- 9 One of the coldest parts of the Earth is the North _____.
- 11 Not a ski.
- 14 Another word for cold.
- 15 Many animals, including bears, do this every winter.
- 16 Snow_____ are symmetrical, but no two are alike.
- 17 This helps melt icy roads.

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gingerbread cookies, necklaces, and hand trees, students from Mountwest's Culinary Arts program made sure everyone was fed with French toast sticks, sausages, and drinks.

Among the students, mother and daughter Trel and Hope Vance, who are in their first semester in culinary school together, had big smiles watching the kids be so happy in the moment.

Stacey McCallister, the Director of the Culinary Arts Program and the cafe, said she wouldn't miss the event for anything, and she's not kidding. Just a couple years ago, she couldn't work the event because of surgery but came anyway just to experience it.

"I always tell the students they will love doing this, but be sure and keep a tissue handy," McCallister said a few minutes before having to get a napkin to dab tears in her eyes.

Jeremiah Cruz, a 2015 graduate of the ASL Program and who gave the commencement speech at his graduation, wouldn't miss the brunch for the world. He and his wife, Carla, also a graduate of the program, bring their son, Laynce, every year to see Santa.

Jeremiah Cruz, who is from New York City, is living in Huntington after graduating from school here but is planning to move to Florida. He said he is proud to be a graduate of Mountwest and to be a part of its ASL Program.

"I will always be a Mountwest supporter all of my life. It is very special," Cruz signed. "I am a deaf individual and was born and raised using sign language all of my life, but when I came to school I learned things that were different. I learned how to teach my language to hearing people and to teach other people in the community about how to communicate with deaf people. I wanted to learn the linguistics of my own language. Like hearing people know English but they need to take classes in English, deaf people know sign language but need to take classes in the linguistics of ASL. I wanted to know the depths of deaf history and the deaf culture, and it has helped me build a stronger deaf identity."

Candace Ansah said sharing and celebrating the deaf culture is important in her family. She had her 1 1/2-year-old toddler, Charlie, there to meet Santa and was texting photos to her deaf husband,

Nick Ansah, who could not make the event because he had to work.

"We think it's really important for him to see so many adults signing and to be as a family embrace deaf culture," Candace said.

For good reason, the event is an annual favorite of Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo, President of Mountwest, and his wife, Carol, who both broke into wide smiles when Santa came strolling in.

Carol, who said she has had hearing aids for about half of her life, said nothing exhibits the true spirit of Christmas like this event.

"Everyone should come to this event at least once in their life to see the spirit of Christmas — it is right here with everyone pulling together for all of these beautiful children," Carol said as Santa made his way into the room. 🎅



Mountwest Community and Technical College hosted a "Brunch with Deaf Santa" on Saturday, December 1, 2018, in Huntington, WV. Photo Credit: Lori Wolfe, The Herald-Dispatch





JACK W. BRADY

Jack Witmer Brady, 91, died after a short illness on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at home under the care of Hospice Savannah. Born on March 2, 1927, in Waycross, Georgia, he was a son of Henry and Evelyn Brady. He was preceded in death by his parents; five siblings; his daughter, Ruth Ann Brady; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Bristow.

Jack was a World War II Navy veteran, having served in the Pacific. He spent his career in the education of the deaf and served as Superintendent at the Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV, and Kentucky, as well as the Atlanta Day School. He served as National President of the Administrators for the Deaf and was a member of the WV Superintendent's Advisory Council of Education. After retirement, he became principal of the Northwestern Regional Education Program in Winchester, VA. After moving to Savannah, he was a paraprofessional in special education at Windsor Forest High School, as well as a counselor at Consumer Credit Union.

His survivors include his wife, Rosalind; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Brady of Rome, GA; his step-daughters, Emily Glick of Savannah, GA, and Elizabeth Acosta and her husband Sal of St. Clairsville, OH; step-son, Jack Glick and his wife Heather of Culpeper, VA; and 2 grandchildren, Olivia and Liam Glick.

Services will be private, and a Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends at a later date. For more information, please visit http://www.hampshirereview.com/obituaries/article_57908ee8-d3ec-11e8-a4b8-f7c54a72846b.html. 🍀

"In Memory of Loved Ones"



JAMES T. STOLLING

James Thomas Stollings, age 79, passed away on December 8, 2018. Beloved friend of Dawn Fucile and son of the late Russell and Rhoda (nee Dingess).

James is survived by three siblings and preceded in death by two siblings, uncle, and great-uncle. He was a dear friend of the late Howard W. Edwards and dedicated associate for 40 years with The Edwards Funeral Home in East Cleveland. Jim was a member of the Cleveland deaf community.

James graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV in 1957.

Friends were received at the DeJohn-Flynn-Mylott Funeral Home of South Euclid, 4600 Mayfield Road on Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services were held on December 12, 2018, at the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Lake View Cemetery (<https://www.dejohnfuneral.com/james-thomas-stollings/>). 🍀



NORMA J. C. LONG

Norma Jeanne Cain Long, age 84, died on December 13, 2018, at her home in Romney, WV. Born October 9, 1934, in Big Bend, WV, she was the oldest child of Thomas B. and Agnes Gillespie Cain.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William David Long, brother, Thomas G. Cain, and sister, Beverly Joan Cain Bunch.

Norma is survived by her daughters, Laura Ruble of Romney, Lisa Long of Shepherdstown, WV, and Davin Parsons and her husband, Matthew of Largo, FL; seven grandchildren: David Ruble of Elkins, WV, Zachary Ruble of Romney, Ellis Baker of Tacoma, WA, Madison Baker of Seattle, WA, Burzie C. Baker IV, Marley Parsons, and Samuel Parsons of Largo, FL, and one great-grandson, Zavid Ruble of Romney.

Norma graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1952 and then attended Potomac State College in Keyser. After attending college, she worked at the West Virginia Capitol for Denzel Gainer.

She moved to Romney in 1957 with her husband. While living in Romney, she was a teacher at the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind, a legal secretary for the law office of Bill Loy and also the law office of Bill Oates. She worked at the Hampshire County Circuit Clerk Office with Circuit Clerks Bob Powell and Wayne Hott. She worked in the office of WV Family Law Master, Charles Parsons, until her retirement.

Throughout her life, she was a very active member for the Democratic party on the local, state and national levels, and her love for the state of West Virginia was always evident. She was a **(See Obituaries on page 11)**

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member of many organizations: Hampshire County Democrats, Jaycettes, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, GF Women's Club, and the Hampshire County Historical Society. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Romney.

Norma has donated her body to medical research at West Virginia University.

Friends were received at the First United Methodist Church, 49 High Street, Romney, on Saturday, December 29, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and a memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. with Mark V. James officiating. Luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Panhandle, Hospice of the Panhandle, 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430, WV Public Broadcasting ([WVpublic.org](http://www.wvpublic.org)), or a charity of your choice.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home of Romney, WV (<http://www.mckeefuneralhome.com/obituary/norma-long>).



NINA JOYCE BECK

Word was received that Nina Joyce (Cromer) Beck, age 74, passed away in March 2016 at a home care in Walkertown, NC. She was born in Mullins, WV, on October 18, 1941.

Nina was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Russell "Rusty" Beck.

Survivors include three nieces and nephew.

Nina graduated from the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1961. She retired from the Ford factory.

No funeral services were held. She was buried in Michigan.

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HELEN A. HEATWOLE

Helen Alkire Heatwole, 84, of Slanesville, WV, died on Friday, December 21, 2018, at the Davis Medical Center in Elkins, WV.

Mrs. Heatwole was born on February 27, 1934, in Hampshire County, WV, a daughter of the late Clifton M. and Pauline Shanholtz Alkire.

Helen was a 1950 graduate of Capon Bridge High School. She attended Shepherd University and Kent State University in Ohio majoring in Education. She specialized in teaching the deaf and was a teacher at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for 25 years. Helen was co-owner of Heatwole's Grocery and Antiques for 25 years.

She was a member of the Hampshire County Board of Education for 18 years where she served as President for 10 years. Helen was instrumental in receiving the first funding in the state from the School Building Authority for Capon Bridge Elementary School. She was a member of the Board of Directors at the Potomac Center in Romney. Helen served on the Slanesville Park and Recreation Committee and received state funds for this project as well. She visited schools in Seoul, South Korea. Her life was dedicated to education and caring for her family. She was protestant by faith.

Helen was married to Robert G. Heatwole on Friday, July 13, 1956, for 42 years. Robert preceded her in death on December 4, 1998.

Surviving is a brother: Terry A. Alkire, Sr. of Slanesville, WV; and one sister: Eloise Whitacre of Whitacre, VA. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lori Louise Heatwole on January 19,

2012; a brother, Robert G. Alkire, Sr. and a sister, Wanda Spaid.

Funeral services were held at the Giffin Funeral Home and Crematory in Capon Bridge, WV, on Friday, December 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. Family received friends from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Pastor Don Kesner officiated. Interment followed at the Salem Cemetery in Slanesville, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Slanesville Park and Recreation. For more information, please visit https://www.winchesterstar.com/obituaries/helen-a-heatwole/article_9e063b85-2ad3-536f-bf6e-e7c3b4320b0a.html.



JAMES A. BUEMI, SR.

James A. Buemi, Sr., age 87, of Riverdale, MD, passed away on December 18, 2018. He was born on May 15, 1931, in Huntington, WV, and was the son of the late Antonio and Lillian (Floyd) Buemi.

James was preceded in death by his wife who passed away in July 2018, his parents, and a brother Charles Buemi in 2015. He is survived by his sister Mary Leighty of Columbus, GA, and a son, James A. (Sandra) Buemi, Jr. of New Carrollton, MD, and 2 grandchildren (Anthony and Traci Buemi). He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

James graduated from the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1951.

No funeral services were held.



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CHARLES B. PYLES

Our beloved brother, uncle, and friend, Charles Beckley Pyles, age 83, was called home Friday, November 9, 2018. He passed away peacefully at Columbus Colony Elderly Care (CCEC) in Westerville, Ohio.

Born August 31, 1935, on the family farm in Seebert, WV, he was a son of the late Ernest Jacob and Stella Grimes Pyles.

Charles enjoyed visits by his close friends and family. He would greet you with a smile, often a tear, and a loving hug. He had many loves. He loved his

precious wife of 40 years, Judy, who preceded him in death in 2005. He loved his church family in Eastlake, Ohio, and camping in his Airstream camper while traveling throughout the United States with a special group of friends. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, was an avid OSU and WVU fan. He loved coming "home" to West Virginia and told endless stories of growing up on the farm.

He attended public school until the age of 15. While struggling to learn, it was at that time his parents realized he had a hearing loss and sent him to West Virginia School for the Deaf. He graduated in 1955 and pursued his ability to learn how to do upholstery work at West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services. He had several skills, such as upholstery work and doing home improvement projects. Charles worked in various factories until medical reasons forced him out of the workforce and on disability. He continued to help care for his wife and assist her with mobility while she continued to work. He was a wonderful husband to her and step-father to her daughter.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard, James, and Basil Pyles; sisters, Dolly Cook, Wanda

Wilfong, and Virginia Stull; and most recently his precious nephew, Dee Pyles.

He is survived by his brothers, Roy Pyles, and wife, Delores, and Curtis Pyles, and wife, Irene, all of Seebert; step-daughter, Shirley Samolis, of Ohio; step-grandson, James Samolis, Jr., of Texas; an abundance of nieces and nephews who loved him dearly; and many close friends.

Per his wishes, the body was cremated and his ashes returned to his home state of West Virginia. A private service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at CCEC and Kindred Hospice Care for their ongoing love, support, and contact with the family.

To honor Charles' memory, donations may be made to CCEC of Westerville, Ohio, or Kindred Hospice of Columbus, Ohio (<https://pocahontas-times.com/charles-pyles/>).



(Fun Page Answers from page 8)

Across:

- 1 Sweater
- 4 Eskimo
- 5 Migrate
- 6 Top
- 8 Step
- 10 Snow
- 12 Wonderland
- 13 Wheels
- 14 Chocolate
- 16 Fireplace
- 18 Football
- 19 Icicle
- 20 Bite

Down:

- 1 Solstice
- 2 Tree
- 3 Skates
- 5 Mittens
- 7 Plow
- 9 Pole
- 11 Snowboard
- 14 Chilly
- 15 Hibernate
- 16 Flakes
- 17 Salt



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On February 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the
State Capitol — Upper Rotunda
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25305

West Virginia Deaf Awareness Day has been created to promote awareness of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Join us for networking opportunities with exhibitors from various agencies, Deaf associations and other community resources focusing on services for people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind.

We hope to see you there!



West Virginia Commission for
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



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In the News



State Board 'Impressed' With WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB)

By Milly Mullins, *Hampshire Review* Staff, October 17, 2018; Updated: October 17, 2018 (http://www.hampshirereview.com/news/article_4a86fce8-d20a-11e8-b1ac-1f7d9e7ca3f2.html)

In a last-minute idea to visit the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the State Board of Education touched down in Hampshire to see the school's progress in academics and infrastructure.

"The State Board of Education and Dr. Paine have been so incredibly supportive of our schools and we're so glad they were able to come visit today," said Mark Gandolfi, Superintendent of Administration.

"It's been amazing. There are so many great things happening at our school as a result of that support."

One of the school's key successes, which board members said were among many of the things they were impressed with, was its progress with programming and curriculum.

Gandolfi said academics ultimately revolve around each particular student—from their beginning needs to their specialized interests later in their curriculum.

"Every student experience here is very much individualized," said Gandolfi. "We're meeting them where they are and maximizing their potential."

The individualized experience is true throughout academics and throughout other programming including career and technical work, as well as general extracurricular activities.

"I was here 4 or 5 years ago and I can see a dramatic improvement and dramatic changes in curriculum and in the appearance of the school. It's very impressive," said State Board President Dave Perry.

"We're also very pleased with the partnerships we've seen formed within the school and the community."

The school has several partnerships both with Hampshire County Schools and several businesses in the community including Hampshire Memorial Hospital and more.

"Right now the school is participating in providing paintings to the local hospital and we're excited to hear about archery. When you talk archery on a state level, you talk about the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind," Perry added. "Not only are the academics doing well, but the extracurricular activities are too."

State Superintendent Steve Paine said he, too, is very impressed with the school the immense growth its had in all its programming.



State Board of Education members accompanied by Delegate Ruth Rowan, Superintendent of Administration Mark Gandolfi, and Chief Academic Officer Jamie Vittorio visit the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Photo by Milly Mullins, Review Staff

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"Their goals have been exceeded with very high expectations and I'm very pleased. I have been up here 3 times in the last 13 years and this is the most impressive visit I have had yet," said Paine.

"I can't tell you enough that the current emphasis for academic achievement for these kids is stronger than I've ever seen. We look forward to a long future working with the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind."

Paine stressed that he wants the community to know the school is going strong and there is no chance it will close. "I want to put to rest any

notion of this place closing right now," he said.

"We are very pleased with what we see. We are very committed to the improvement we have seen happening in the last. It's very impressive."

Perry and Paine said they thank Delegate Ruth Rowan for championing the school and for inviting them to visit the campus and see all of its progress.

"It's just fantastic. It's a great day here in Hampshire County to have the West Virginia State Board of Education at our school," said Rowan.

"A lot of wonderful things are happening here and I'm grateful they came to see it firsthand."

Overall, the Board of Education members, who went all over campus seeing both the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind, as well as the multipurpose room, cafeteria, and administration building among others, said they were pleased, impressed, and happy to be visiting the school.

"There were a lot of great things discussed today and a lot of great things in motion," concluded Gandolfi.

"There's a lot more coming. We have such a bright future and their visit today really solidified that. This is a credit to the staff here. The staff here is so incredible and they really shined today. It is just fantastic." 🍌



Superintendent of Administration Mark Gandolfi (center) speaks to Board President Dave Perry (left) on campus with Delegate Ruth Rowan (right) and other board members. Photo by Milly Mullins, Review Staff



Career and Technical Education Director Kathy Kuykendall talks about the school's career training curriculum and opportunities. Photo by Milly Mullins, Review Staff



Board members enjoy cupcakes from West Virginia School for the Deaf students while they discuss the school's Pro-Start culinary program. Photo by Milly Mullins, Review Staff



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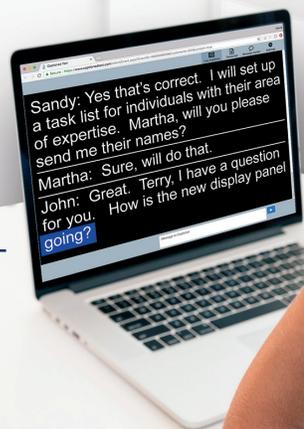
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EASY BAKED FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

(<https://gatherforbread.com/easy-baked-french-toast-casserole/>)

This would make a perfect breakfast for a Sunday morning. For best results with this recipe, you will want to use a crusty french bread, not soft bread. Soft bread will make your casserole soft and mushy. You can toast up any bread in the oven for a few minutes to give it some crisp. It is recommended that you use real maple syrup and vanilla extract, not imitation vanilla with this recipe. It makes a difference!

1 day old loaf of French or other crusty bread (14-16 oz)	6 eggs
3/4 cup half and half	2 cups milk
1 Tablespoon vanilla extract	1/2 cup or less sugar
	1 teaspoon cinnamon

For Topping:

1/2 cup packed brown sugar	1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon	3 Tablespoons cold butter



1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Spray a 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray.
2. Cut bread into cubes or tear into small pieces. Placed in a greased 9x13 baking pan. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, half and half, sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour over bread in the pan. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.
3. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Cut butter into small pieces and add to flour mixture. With a fork, blend butter into mixture until it resembles small crumbs; sprinkle over bread in the pan.
4. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. To check, shake the casserole. If it wiggles a lot, it's not done. Continue to bake until it is cooked through completely.



CRANBERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE

(<https://barefeetintheKitchen.com/cranberry-christmas-cake/>)

(Prep Time: 20 mins; Cook Time: 45 mins; Total Time: 1 hour, 5 mins; Serves 16)

This cranberry Christmas cake is an absolutely perfect cake that takes very little effort to make. No icing, no topping, nothing else is necessary at all. When I made this cake over the holidays, I replaced the cranberries with fresh blueberries. The cranberries or blueberries soften and burst as the cake bakes. There is a good bit of sugar in this recipe and it balances the tartness of the cranberries or blueberries.

The batter is very thick and heavy. It resembles cookie dough when it has finished mixing. You will need to press it into the pan to spread it out. There is no baking soda or baking powder needed in this recipe. The extended beating time for the eggs provides the necessary leavening for the cake. **Do not shorten or skip the beating process.** I store this cake at room temperature, either uncovered or very loosely covered. This is a moist cake and the crust will soften a great deal if it is stored airtight. It will still be tasty, but it won't be the same the next day if it's kept airtight. If you freeze this cake, thaw it uncovered at room temperature if possible. **Editor's Note:** This recipe is highly recommended! It's wonderful!

3 eggs	2 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour (see note below for gluten-free alternative)	12 oz fresh cranberries or blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 350 °F. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking butter spray.
2. With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. The sugar and egg mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl.
3. Add the butter and vanilla; mix for two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries or blueberries and stir to mix throughout.
4. Spread in a buttered 9x13 pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cool completely before cutting into small slices. This is great for a party!



Gluten-Free Substitution: 1-1/4 cup brown rice flour + 1/2 cup potato starch + 1/4 cup tapioca starch + 1 teaspoon xanthan gum may be substituted for the amount of all-purpose flour listed in the ingredients above.

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