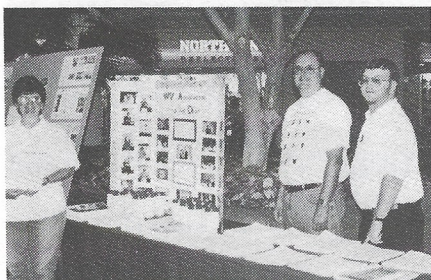


Deaf Awareness Week



The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, the Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf, and several other agencies held an exciting and educational exhibit at Town Center Mall in Charleston, West Virginia on September 20-24 for observing the annual "Deaf Awareness Week."

There were several varieties of entertainment each night such as the "Show of Hands" doing several comedy and religious singing and dancing in Sign Language; Jeff Stump danced and sang in Sign Language; Teresa Lovejoy showed her acting talent in dramas and songs; Kara Russell sang in Sign Language and later an unidentified little hearing

girl, who knew some sign language, joined Kara. Delores Pyles offered a free sign language class daily.

Thanks to Kara Russell, Jackie Sherrill, Jimmy and Veronda Harrison, John Burdette, and Delores Pyles for their time.

Deafestival

The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing held the third annual Deafestival in Louisville, KY on September 6. The all-day entertainment were given by different deaf actors, comedians, mimes storytellers, and others. There were many different exhibits of crafts, T-shirts, etc., for sale. Brenda (Napier) and Larry Mathews of Jeffery, West Virginia had an exhibit of many handmade crafts for sale there.

Gerry and Walter Lewis, Terry Bird, Marzina and Sam Brown, Delores and Roy Pyles, and their daughter, Kara Russell, and her two youngest children were there to enjoy the festival.



Editor's Note:

The WVAD Newsletter is late because of my family illness. I took care of Jimmy's mother.



50th Golden Anniversary Charleston Association of the Deaf



The Charleston Association of the Deaf (CAD) held its 50th Anniversary Celebration in the community building at Cross Lanes Fire Department Community Center on July 25, 1998. Ninety-seven deaf, hard-of-hearing people and friends attended the celebration.

CAD provided the dinner and Reverend Rod Burke gave the blessing for the dinner.

After dinner, Marzina Brown talked about how the late Hubert Anderson, Jr., who was the former Executive Director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, encouraged Terry Bird to become a leader and to set up a 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mrs. Brown expressed thanks to President Bird and the following people for help in making the celebration a success: Phoebe and Charles Richards, Debby Steel, Sharon Drake, Missy Dukich and Sam Brown.

Mrs. Brown then introduced the following people who are the oldest

CAD members: Bob and Patty Smith, Ron and Janis Williams, and Marzina Brown, herself, who has been a member for many years.

Then Mrs. Brown introduced the three following guest speakers: Keith and Mary Hamilton, William, Jr., and Nancy Heishman, and Robert Patton. They gave their testimonies about how and when the Charleston Association of the Deaf was established.

Mr. Hamilton was formerly a host of the weekly television program called "Talking Hands." The program stayed on the air for ten years. Mr. Hamilton mentioned that Marzina Brown was the first deaf person to suggest that deaf people seek jobs at the post office because they have excellent eyes and hands coordination. Because noises do not bother deaf people, they have better concentration.

Mr. Hamilton has worked many years with deaf people through the Division Rehabilitation Services and the Charleston Post Office. He

regretfully stated that he could not locate any information at his home about the Charleston Association of the Deaf but he has many, many fond memories. He remembered going to the deaf club on Capital Street in Charleston.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he does not associate with deaf people much anymore, but he still loves them, and he still does some freelance interpreting if needed. He is currently a volunteer at Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Hamilton's wife, Mary, commented that she has been married to Keith for 47 years. Mrs. Hamilton had never seen deaf people until she met Mr. Hamilton's parents. She originally exchanged written notes with the parents until Mr. Hamilton's father taught her sign language. Every since, Mrs. Hamilton fell in love with deaf people. She remembered after returning from their honeymoon, they had to go to the deaf club to visit with

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Mr. Hamilton's parents.

Mr. William Heishman, Jr., is the son of the late William and Mary Heishman. His father passed away 20 years ago and his mother passed away 14 years ago. Mr. Heishman opened his speech by stating how happy he was to see old friends and meet new friends. He has many good memories about the deaf club meetings and picnics that he attended with his parents.

His parents moved to Charleston in 1943 from Romney, West Virginia. His father returned to Romney to work as houseparent at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1965 until his retirement in 1970. His mother also returned to Romney in 1965 to work as houseparent at the same facility until her retirement in 1972. Because there was no club house back then, the meetings were held at friends' homes. They finally formed a club house in Charleston in 1948. Mr. Heishman reminisced about the times when he attended the deaf club meetings with his parents until he became age 16. When he obtained a driver's license, he dropped his parents off at the deaf club and started dating his future wife, Nancy. Mr. Heishman described his parents as super people who had good working habits.

Mrs. Nancy Heishman expressed her thanks to all those deaf people who attended the late Mr. and Mrs. Heishman's funerals. She stated that seeing all the deaf friends from everywhere really touched her heart. She also said that all of their deaf friends are like a family to them.

Mr. Robert Patton opened his speech by expressing his pleasure to be with old and new friends of the CAD. He talked about how and when the CAD was established. He found a job in Charleston during the World War II in 1943; so on weekends, Mr. Patton often drove to town to meet with deaf people at the bus stations, restaurants, and on the streets. One day, he and deaf people decided to hold a monthly meeting at their homes or at a rented hall. Finally, in the winter of 1948, a place was found on Virginia Street in Charleston, West Virginia, to hold monthly meetings on the third floor.

Incidentally, Mr. Patton's former boss, Eugene Fickle and his lawyer, Mr. Harless, who lived on the second floor in the Virginia Street building discovered the place.

Mr. Patton remarked about how he and several deaf friends cleaned up the meeting room and installed mirrors, counters, hot water tank, etc., before the it was opened in 1948. The club met on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays. At the time, there were 60 members. That was a huge success. They had good times by having dances, card games, parties and picnics. The ex-officers of the CAD were Paul Gum, Merle Sparks, Edgar Sparks, Thurman Hensley, William and Mary Heishman, Keith and Demaris Hamilton, Marvin Keckley, Cabell Goff, Clinton Amick, and Robert Patton. All have passed away except Mr. Patton.

Since 1948, the club meeting has moved four times: Capital Street, South Charleston, the old schoolhouse on Roxalana Road in Dunbar and now Jr. O.U.A.M. Building in Dunbar. Mr. Patton is proud that the CAD still exists.

After speeches were given, a group picture was taken of all those who attended the celebration. Everyone enjoyed viewing the slides (taken in 1950's and 1960's) shown by Ron Williams. \$1,000 was given away for door prizes. Everyone had a great time!

This is a true story...

About a week or so ago, a mother took her eager 3 year old son to Burger King for lunch. After they ate their lunch, the mother said that the son could go and play on the playground for awhile since he ate all of his lunch.

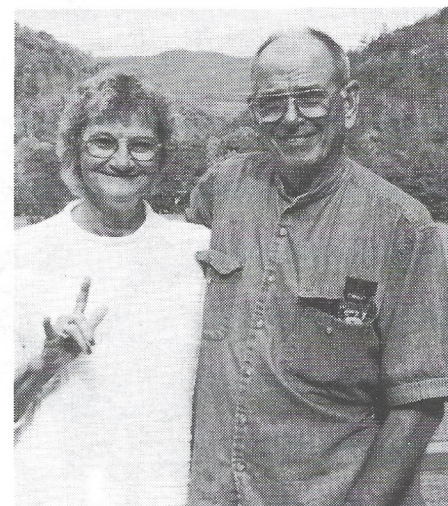
She watched as the boy played in the tunnels, slide and in the ball-pit. The boy played for about 10 minutes when he started to whimper slightly. The mother asks the boy what had happened and he meanly replied, "Hurt mommy." The mother assumed that the little boy had banged his elbow or something while playing. They left to return home. A half

an hour after they were home, the mother noticed some big red welts on the little boy's arms and legs. Not able to figure out what they were, the mother started to look at them closer. Could be red ant bites. She did not know.

An hour later, the little boy died. The note returned to Burger King to see if there red ants in the play area, in case the little boy had an allergic reaction. Burger King employees and herself discovered that there was a family of baby rattlesnakes living underneath the balls in the ball-pit area. She has since found out that this happens more frequently than not. The snakes will crawl into the ball-pit because it is dark and warm in there. She knows for a fact that another death has occurred because of this in South Carolina.

Please use caution when letting any children play in an outside play area of a fast food restaurant, this could happen anywhere. Burger Kings are now building their play area's inside the buildings for a safer environment.

Long Vacation



Kune Hillard and Robert Watson, the beautiful WV mountains can be seen in the background at Roy Pyles' summer home in Seebert, WV.

June (Luther) Hillard and her fiancee Robert Watson of Tulsa, Oklahoma left Tulsa October 2, visited their relatives and friends at each stop all the way to West Virginia, and back to Oklahoma during the middle of November. They seemed to a very interesting and exciting six week vacation and trip. Everyone was glad to see them again.

New Director of Student Living Mr. Marty Blakely

Mr. Marty Blakely is our new Director of Student Living at the Secondary School for the Deaf. Mr. Blakely and his family come to us from Pennsylvania, where he was Director of Instruction at the Scranton State School for the Deaf. Mr. Blakely has held teaching, coaching, and administrative positions in several schools for the deaf including North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Kansas. Now, he is pursuing a doctorate degree in Education Administration and Supervision and Leadership at the University of Kansas. Mr. Blakely describes himself as a lifelong learner who loves to learn something new each day. The thing he likes most about working as a Director of Student Living is helping kids with their needs for the future. Mr. Blakely explained his top three goals

for the Residential Life Program at Seaton Hall.

1) We will have a curriculum that defines our program and will provide the substance of learning. Also, a well designed secondary curriculum should be more than a set of disjointed themes and activities. It should be the total planned program of experiences available to individual learners. It will include educational/residential goals, learner outcomes, activity offerings, activity outlines, and even the student activities program. In many ways, the curriculum should be the script that will guide and fuse the interaction of all the key actors in the drama of learning.

2) We will try to develop a recipe for results using assessments to drive our instructional/residential program, including student portfolios.

3) We all know that in an age of "information power" and untethered technology, the entire universe can be in both the classroom and the dorm room if the residential school is doing it's job. Today, students can access information from literally everywhere on and off this planet. This is why we should use resource-based instruction in our program.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that the future of our residential school for the deaf will most likely be a mixture of old ideas and innovations. Whatever it contains, tomorrow is something that can be shaped and influenced today. The future does not just happen. It has to be invented. Whatever happens to the residential school in the years ahead will have been created, prompted, or allowed by today's "US", the residential school leaders and staff.

25th Wedding Anniversary



Kathy (Wheeler) and Donnie L. Hicks of Tampa, FL were getting ready to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary, which was on December 10, and to go on their first honeymoon. They did not have any honeymoon after their wedding 25 years ago. They were married in Huntington, West Virginia by Pastor James Asbury.

Kathy attended West Virginia School for the Deaf from 1967 to 1970. Donnie enrolled in the school in 1950.

The couple has two daughters and four grandchildren. The couple enjoys going to the Deaf Baptist Church in Tampa, FL and the St. Petersburg (FL) Association of the Deaf regularly.

We wish them a happy anniversary.



For Sale

2 Closed Captioned Decoders for sale. \$50.00 each.

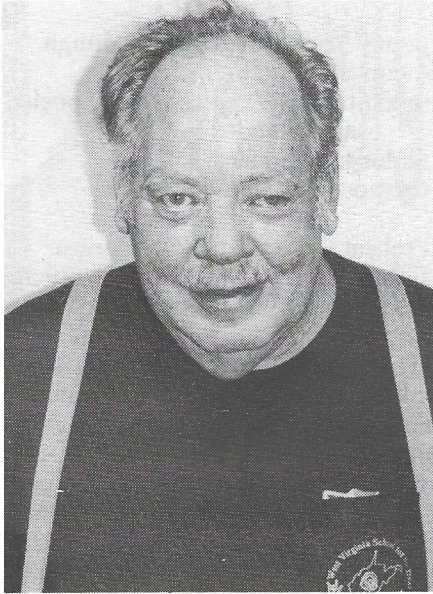
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Interesting to Join?

For new-comers from the West Virginia School for the Deaf or public schools, if you should be interested to joining the local deaf club, contact: Veronda Harrison, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526 or (304) 757-7863 TDD or (304) 757-0967 FAX or E-mail address: VerApple@aol.com.



Back Home Again



**Clyde Browning taken on
October 17, 1998**

Clyde Browning was back home in West Virginia for good. He had lived alone in his own house in Palmdale, California for years, and his health began failing. He had nobody to take care of him. When his former wife, Norma, their son, Dennis, and his wife, Sandy, all of Craigsville, West Virginia learned about Clyde's health problems; they left West Virginia on September 11 and arrived at Palmdale, CA on September 20. Clyde wanted to move back to West Virginia, but he did not know how. So, Norma, Dennis, and Sandy took care of everything. Clyde's house was put up for sale by a realtor. Dennis drove a rented truck to haul Clyde's furniture and to tow Norma's car on a dolly. Norma had to drive Clyde's motorhome, which towed his 1997 Malibu car on a dolly. She said, she was very nervous and shaky when starting to drive the 50 foot long motorhome and car together. After several mile a drive, she felt comfortable and found it fun to drive it.

Somewhere in Tennessee, the motorhome's brakes failed, and Norma had a slight accident. The motorhome had to be left in

Tennessee for repairs, and the American Automobile Association (AAA) promised to bring it to Craigsville. Norma drove her own car while Dennis drove the truck, which hauled Clyde's car to Craigsville on October 4.

Clyde was taken to several new doctors in West Virginia. He started to feel better. He went to Clarksbrug Deaf Club with his family on October 17 and had a wonderful time. Then October 21 he became worse ill, and had to be taken to the Emergency Room, where he was declared dead at 1:30 a.m. Everyone was shocked and will miss him badly.

A few days later the motorhome was returned to Clyde as the AAA promised.

Clyde and Norma planned to get remarried on Christmas Day, but it is very sad that the wedding did not taken in place at all.

Clyde graduated West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1949.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to his family.

Obituaries

Clyde Q. Browning

Clyde Q. Browning, 68, of Craigsville, Nicholas County, died Wednesday, October 21, 1998 in Summersville Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was a retired employee of Rockwell International Inc., Palmdale, Calif.

Surviving: wife, Norma Devericks Browning; son, Dennis Browning of Craigsville; stepson, Ricky Durbin of Oregon; stepbrothers, Roscoe Arbogast of Vienna, Roy Arbogast of Fairmont, Thamer Arbogast of Mount Morris, Penn.; stepsister, Dorothy Keener of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Service was 11 a.m. Friday at White Funeral Home, Summersville, with the Rev. Glenn Parsons officiating. Burial was in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Glade Creek.

Visiting hours were from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Ina Blaine D. Sanderson

Ina Blaine Deck Sanderson, 64, of Beckley died October 30, 1998, at home.

She was a homemaker and attended West Virginia School for the Deaf, Romney.

Surviving, daughters, Linda Leinius of West Bloomfield, Mich., Carol McKean of Dover, NH; brothers, Gene Deck and Elliott Deck, both of Crab Orchard; two grandchildren.

Service was 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Calfee Funeral Home, Beckley. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, Beckley. Friends called two hours prior to service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the United Way of Southern West Virginia.

Editor's Note: Ina had been dead for several days on the floor at her home before she was found dead on Oct. 30 from a heart attack.

Our Deepest Sympathies go to her family.

John Paul Stollings

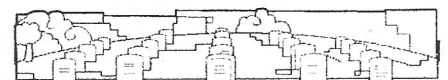
John Paul Stollings, 63, of Chapmanville died Sept. 15, 1998, in Logan General Hospital.

He was a former employee of Sunbeam Bakery, Logan.

Surviving: brothers, James Thomas Stollings of Cleveland, Ohio, Don Stollings of Tennessee, Arnold and Lloyd Stollings, both of Chapmanville; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was 11 a.m. Saturday in Leonard Dingess Cemetery, Chapmanville, with the Rev. Tony Vance officiating. There was no visitation. Evans Funeral Home, Chapmanville, was in charge of arrangements.

Editor's Note: John enrolled West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1941. His brother, James enrolled in 1945, and his other brother, Arnold was admitted to the school in 1947.



New Elected Officers



First Row Right to Left: Shannon O'Neil, John Burdette, Harvey Smith; Second Row Right to Left: Clyde Swartz, Janice McDaniel, Roy Pyles.

The Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf of Lewisburg, WV had an election on September 12, 1998. The new officers were elected as:

President John Burdette
 Vice-President Harvey Smith
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 Treasurer Clyde Swartz
 Trustees: Harvey Smith
 (Holdover), Janice McDaniel, and
 Roy Pyles

The 1999 West Virginia Association

of the Deaf Committee has been appointed by Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf, and has been busy rolling up its sleeves to make plans for a successful conference.

Make your plans to come to Lewisburg for the 1999 WVAD Conference on June 17-19, 1999.

Chairman John Burdette may be contacted you can find information on the back page of this newsletter.

Apple Pizza Recipe

1 pound store-bought pizza dough
 1/4 cup apple jelly, melted
 4 medium-sized apples, cored, peeled,
 and sliced
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pizza dough to form a rectangle. Place it on a 10" x 15" rimmed baking sheet that has been coated with nonstick cooking spray. With your fingertips, gently spread the dough to cover the pan, pressing it up the edges to form a rim. If the dough is too sticky, lightly dust it and your hands with flour. Spread the melted apple jelly evenly over the dough, then arrange the apple slices in a single layer. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle over the apples. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until edges are golden. Remove from the oven and cool slightly in the pan on a wire rack. Slice and serve warm or allow to cool before serving. 24 to 30 slices.

NOTE: For a sweeter touch, top with a glaze made of 1 cup confectioners' sugar and 2 tablespoons water. Whisk until smooth then drizzle over the pizza while still warm. Any seasonal fruits like peaches or pears and your favorite jelly can also be used.

Vacancy Notice Executive Director

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing seeks a full time Executive Director to provide professional leadership in guiding all aspects of the Commission's activities. This position serves as the chief executive officer for the Commission and is accountable to the Commission for overall policy and program direction. Duties include: planning, developing, directing, coordinating, administering and reviewing operational activities of the Commission, acting on issues pertinent to the Commission, its target population(s) and statewide operations and representing the Commission in the

fulfillment of its legislative mandates.

To the extent possible, qualified candidates should be hearing impaired and should be proficient in communicating with hearing impaired individuals using varying communication modes. Qualified candidates should have a master's degree and certification in hearing impairments; five years experience as an administrator of programs and/or services related to deaf and hard of hearing individuals; knowledge of program planning, evaluation, budget preparation, fiscal management and personnel supervision; knowledge of deaf culture, hearing loss and various methods of communication; fluency

in sign language, including knowledge and skill in diverse communication systems; strong written English and public presentation skills; grant writing experience.

Detailed job description is available upon request. Individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send a letter of application and resume no later than March 12, 1999 to: Chairperson Search Committee
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