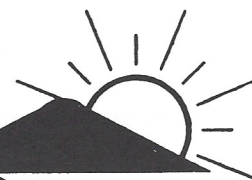




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Board Meeting at the Waffle Hut in Flatwoods, WV

A board meeting of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) was held on August 28, 1999 at 1:08 p.m. at the Waffle Hut Restaurant in Flatwoods, WV.

Present were President, John Burdette; Vice President, Jimmy Harrison; Secretary, Terry Ford; Treasurer, Liz Leisure; Trustees Clyde Swartz and Joey Major. Ray Matos was absent. Also, a visitor present was Donna Williams.

The minutes from the June 17, 1999 WVAD board meeting were read and approved.

Vice President, Jimmy Harrison read the minutes of the Biennial Conference and discovered that Pierre Sevigny was spelled wrong. Jimmy asked Liz Leisure to correct the last name. Read as approved.

President's Report:

1. President Burdette reported that NAD Region I will have a conference on October 29, 30, and 31, 1999 in Baltimore, MD.

2. President Burdette reported that National Deaf Awareness Week will be September 19-25, 1999. He will make an announcement as soon as possible.

3. President Burdette reported that United Service Deaf wants to know who the new officers are and who signs the checks. John Burdette and Liz Leisure are the ones who sign the checks.

4. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from Ruby Losh about advertising and page sizes: Full page - \$50.00 and half page - \$25.00 for Homecoming program book.

5. President Burdette reported that he received a packet from the

National Association of the Deaf telling deaf people how to register to vote.

Vice President's Report:

1. Vice President Harrison reported that he got a call from Ray Matos. Ray could not make it to the WVAD board meetin, because his friend passed away. He was a pallbearer. Harrison told him to tell the family that WVAD gives them our blessing and sympathy.

2. Vice President Harrison reported that Ray Matos preferred WVAD give two weeks notice for any meeting.

3. Vice President Harrison reported that he received nine memberships and four WVAD Newsletter subscriptions.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Liz Leisure reported that at the conference in Lewsburg, WV, she announced that the financial report was not completed. She has completed the report and everything is resolved. Congratulations to Liz for doing a great job.

2. Liz Leisure reported that she received \$4,810.77 from United Services Deaf and deposited in the checking account.

3. Liz Leisure reported that she received new a business license from WVAD.

4. Leisure reported that the saving account balance is \$8,384.24.

5. Liz Leisure reported that Clyde Swartz gave \$100.00 to WVAD to be deposited in the saving account.

WVAD/GVAD Committee's Report:

1. John Burdette reported that he was almost completed with the financial report.

2. Burdette reported that the deposited in WVAD/GVAD Fund was \$11,408.04. Total expenses paid was \$10,569.21.

New Business:

1. Vice President Harrison (Liz Leisure) moved that the WVAD Newsletter raise the price from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Motion carried.

2. Clyde Swartz (Liz Leisure) moved that we have 15 minutes recess at 3:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:22 p.m.

3. Liz Leisure (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD place a full page advertisement in the program book for Alumni Homecoming. Motion carried.

4. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD set up an organization affiliate Task Force Committee. Motion carried.

5. Liz Leisure (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD send the board members to Baltimore, MD for the NAD Region I meeting on Oct. 29-31, 1999. Motion carried.

6. Liz Leisure (Joey Major) moved that WVAD set up a booth for National Deaf Awareness Week on September 19-25, 1999. Motion carried.

7. Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) moved that WVAD have a Happy 2000 New Year party. Motion failed.

8. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD apply for IRS tax exempt status 501(c) (3). Motion carried.

9. Liz Leisure (Jimmy Harrison) moved that WVAD provide workshops in the year of 2000. Motion carried.

10. Jimmy Harrison (Liz Leisure) moved that WVAD should brainstorm about possible topics of workshops for the year 2000. Motion carried.

11. Jimmy Harrison (Joey Major) moved that board members invite Libby Pollard to come and provide training for WVAD on how to

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Woman struck dead by freight train

A woman commuter from Charles Town, WV, was killed by a CSX freight train this morning at the Brunswick train station as she prepared to catch a MARC train, officials said.

The 5:26 a.m. accident closed the Brunswick train station to commuters for about two hours.

Brunswick Police Chief Phil O'Donnell said police were withholding the woman's identity until her family could be notified.

"We are continuing our investigation, but preliminarily, the circumstances suggest that this was a tragic accident," the police chief said.

Police said the woman, 43, had identification on her that showed she was employed at the IRS office in Washington, D.C. Officials at the woman's workplace told police that the woman was deaf, Chief O'Donnell said.

"We don't know what role, if any, her condition played in this accident," he said.

What police do know is that the woman parked her car in the commuter lot at the Brunswick station and crossed the railroad tracks for unknown reasons, perhaps to buy coffee or a newspaper.

She was on her way back across the tracks to the commuter side when she was hit by the freight train, traveling 39 to 40 mph, within the speed limit, Chief O'Donnell said.

The train "had its lights on, the whistles and horns blowing, but for some reason, the woman didn't see the train. Apparently, she looked up, and tried to back up, but somehow she became caught" on the tracks and was hit, the police chief said.

Deputy First Class Troy Barrick, an evidence technician at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, assisted Brunswick police by taking photographs at the scene and collecting evidence.

Commuter arriving in Brunswick shortly after the accident were told to board trains at nearby train stations in Harpers Ferry, WV, or at Point of Rocks.

Train employees were being questioned, in addition to the one witness to the early morning accident.

-From The Frederick News-Post, Maryland

Editor's Note: Sandy Creamer died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999 after a freight train struck her in Brunswick, Maryland.

She was employed as a program analyst for the Internal Revenues Service in Washington, D.C.

She taught math one year at West Virginia School for the Deaf and was houseparent to small boys for six years.

She graduated in 1973 from North Dakota School for the Deaf and was a 1978 graduate of Gallaudet University.

She was secretary of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf and editor of WVAD Newsletter for six years.

Her son, Efren Creamer is a 4 year scholarship at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.. Her daughter, Elissa Creamer is a high school sophomore at Charles Town.

The church at Charles Town was full and people were standing at church services on Dec. 19.

Sandy will be buried in North Dakota on December 23, 1999.

We are very deepest sympathy to her family.

45-year-old Deaf Woman Jumps Through Window to Escape Blaze

A deaf Jack Run woman jumped through a window Sunday night, Sept. 12, 1999 to escape her burning home, witnesses said.

Martha Matheny, 45, was in stable condition, according to a spokeswoman at United Hospital Center. Matheny was unable to escape through her front door Sunday night, so she crashed through a glass window and jumped about 10 feet to safety, said Ell Deems, 22, a neighbor.

Nutter Fort Fire Department Deputy chief Jeff Hardman said the front of the building, where the door was located, was on fire when crews arrived at the scene Sunday night. It took crews less than an hour to contain the fire in the one-story home just feet from Jacks Run. The cause of the fire was still being investigated, Hardman said.

Deems said he was called to the fire by Matheny's mother, Wanda, who lives beside her in a mobile home.

"I kicked the door down to try to get her out, but the fire was already too bad," Deems said Sunday night. "The fire just started falling in, so I couldn't get to her."

Martha Matheny's son, Brad, also tried to help his mother but was hampered.

"I tried to get my mom out, but I couldn't find her in the smoke," he said.

Deems said many of Martha Matheny's injuries were related to her jumping through the glass to safety.

"She was cut up pretty bad," he said.

*-From Telegram Newspaper
Clarksburg, WV*



Obituaries



Loy Golladay

Loy Golladay, teacher of the deaf One of the founding educators at NTID, he was an advocate for the hearing impaired.

Loy Golladay, a teacher of the deaf for nearly 50 years, died August 18, 1999 at his home in Manchester, Conn., from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 85.

Mr. Golladay was one of the founding teachers when the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester Institute of Technology, opened 30 years ago.

"He was one of the best teachers of English in all education of the deaf and that is saying something because English is the toughest subject to teach deaf students," said Robert Panara, NTID's first deaf teacher; who now is retired and lives in Henrietta.

Born in Virginia, Mr. Golladay became deaf when he contracted spinal meningitis when he was 8 years old.

"When he became deaf, his friends dropped away, so he started reading all the books he could in his father's library," said his daughter, June Edgerton of Manchester.

He went to school at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV then entered Gallaudet University in Washington when he was only 15 years old.

"When you are deaf, you could go at your own pace," his daughter said. "He was extremely intelligent. He had an IQ of 160."

Mr. Golladay graduated from Gallaudet in 1934 when he was 20. He returned to West Virginia to teach at his former school from 1934 to 1941. Then he moved to North Dakota, where his wife, Gladys Annabelle Walford was from, and became editor of the Cass County Tribune in West Fargo.

"He owned it, he edited it and he published it," his daughter said.

In 1942, he moved to Connecticut, where he taught English and literature at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford. He served as editor of the school's paper, *The American Era*, for 20 years.

When NTID opened in 1968, Mr. Golladay was recruited by Panara to teach English. He also taught photographic vocabulary to hearing students at RIT, his daughter said.

He earned master degrees from Gallaudet in 1942 and the University of Hartford in 1957. He also received a doctorate from Gallaudet in 1981.

While at NTID, he was given several awards, including the Eisenhart Award for outstanding teaching.

He lived in Gates with his family until he retired from NTID in 1984.

"He loved teaching and he always loved kids," his daughter said. "He was always willing to help other teachers and to really make a difference for people in the world. That was important to him, to make a difference."

When not in the classroom, Mr. Golladay wrote poetry, edited books and enjoyed playing golf and public speaking.

"He had a tremendous sense of humor," his daughter said.

Mr. Golladay also served as president of the Connecticut Association of the Deaf, working to educate the public about the abilities of deaf people.

Other than his daughter, Mr. Golladay is survived by his grandson, Eric James Edgerton of Manchester; and numerous nieces and nephews. His wife died six years ago.

Donations in his honor can be made to the American School for the Deaf, 139 N. Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107.

-Greg Livadas
Credit Democrat & Chronicle
Rochester, NY
From Silent News

Katherine L. Young

Katherine L. Young, 85, of Cranberry township, PA, and formerly of Tancy Village, Frederick, MD, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999, at Passavent Hospital in North Hills, PA.

Born Dec. 19, 1913, in West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Irene Barron Russell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey S. Young, Sr., in 1976.

She was a member of Frederick Church of the Brethren.

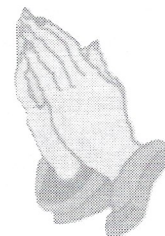
She is survived by two children, Irene McCaffrey of Pittsburgh and Harvey Young, Jr. of Thurmont, MD; two sisters, Charlotte Willingham and Betty Lou Nicewarner; four brothers, Pittman Russell, Alan Russell, John Russell and Jim Russell; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Shirley Russell.

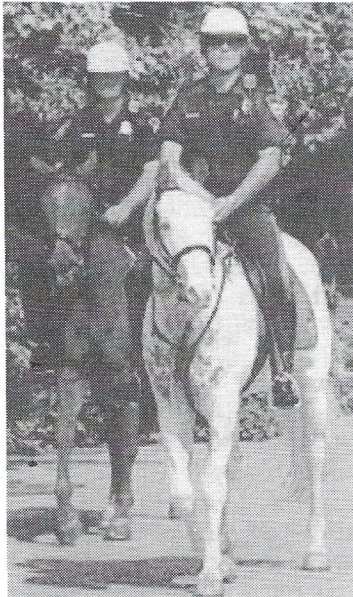
Services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD. The Rev. Lerry W. Fogle officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Frederick, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Deaf Fellowship, c/o Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave., Frederick, MD 21701.

Editor's Note: She attended West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV.



Hi Ho Snoopy! Deaf Horse Serves Police



While John Loope rides his stablemate, Snoopy, right, proves that deaf horses can do anything.

When police officer Loope walks into the barn, all of the horses stir—except for Snoopy. Snoopy is one of the newest horses in the Roanoke City Police Department in Roanoke, Virginia. He is an American Paint, with brown pointed ears and a brown "cap" on his white head.

Snoopy is four years old. He is registered as "Master Apache Paint" and performs in horse shows as "Ghost Dancer." But most people just call him "Snoopy" because of his Beagle markings. He was donated to the police department because he is deaf or perhaps hard of hearing.

"We noticed that he seemed to startle from his left side," said Office John Loope, who is Snoopy's main rider. "We called the family, and the family said that he may have a little hearing in his left ear."

Loope believes the hearing is very faint because, when he enters the barn, the other horses know he's there. Snoopy doesn't know people have arrived until he can see or

smell them. "He keeps hanging his head out of the door," said Loope.

Snoopy has a 'deaf voice," too, he said. While other horses whinny and neigh, Snoopy "kind of woofs," said Loope.

"It almost sounds like hard breathing," he said. "But you can tell he wants to communicate."

So far, Snoopy's communication has been masterful.

He has been written about in the Roanoke newspaper and in horse magazines. Everyone knows him. When Loope goes to town, everyone wants to know where Snoopy is. At first, Loope was a little worried about Snoopy joining the police department. Loope wasn't worried about Snoopy's deafness, but his age. Snoopy is still young. "We've never had a horse be able to stay in the department who was under five years old," said Loope.

But so far, Snoopy's "doing just fine," he said. He has made his way through several steps of training and made several excursions into the city with a police officer on his back. Loope has been a member of the Roanoke police for 22 years, he said. Horses joined the department in 1993. Now there are 14 horses, including Snoopy, two full-time mounted officers, and three alternative riders, he said. He believes the horses are very effective in helping police fight crime. Seated on a horse, a police officer looks over cars and people, he pointed out. Loope has even had horses that helped him spot problems in the parks. Loope is optimistic about Snoopy's success.

"The Indians called this kind of horse a spirit horse," said Loope. "They believed that American Paints would keep them safe in battle."

He thinks that Snoopy's deafness may be a plus. City noises sometimes make hearing horses jumpy and nervous. He is not sure what will happen when a horse experiences the city through vision.

"We have high hopes," Loope told newspaper reporters.

-From World Around You

Board Meeting

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improve services in West Virginia. Motion was carried.

Liz Leisure (Clyde Swartz) moved that new business closed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Obituaries

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Waneta Thompson

Waneta Thompson, 64, of Parkersburg died Dec. 2, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 4, 1935, a daughter of Virginia Angus Thompson of Parkersburg and the late Russell K. Thompson.

Survivors include her mother; one brother; Blaine Thompson of Washington; one sister, Shelia Burdette of Enterprise, Ala.; two step brothers, Roliff and Veri Morehouse, both of Mineral Wells.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, south Parkersburg, the Rev. Dean Ash officiating. Burial in Evergreen South Cemetery.

Old Closed Captioning Decoders and TDDs

John Burdette, President of WVAD, is looking for old closed captioning decoders and TDDs that still work. He will give them to needy deaf children and adults who cannot afford them.

He wants equipment that works.

John can be reached at:

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School for the Deaf athletes display courage, inspiration

A funny thing happened to me on my way to Hell. Jesus came into my life. This would be funny if it weren't so serious.

In March 1993 I had a growth/tantamount brain tumor removed from the base of my skull. The neurosurgeon said it had been there for a long time, pressing against the spinal cord and completely overrode the central nervous system to the point that I had no control.

For years, I thought I was losing my mind, with the headaches, the burning sensation and pain. It affected my job, as I couldn't perform my duties, my home life and my social life as I alienated many people with my behavior. After it was discovered and removed, it was like a whole new life had begun.

It's the same with sin. Once it's removed, Jesus casts it into the sea of forgetfulness and he won't recall it. But, we humans can, by not forgiving ourselves or one another, or committing the same sin again.

Recently, I received a call from the neurosurgeon that I need to undergo a much more intricate surgery in the same area as before. I had mixed emotions. I was glad that tests were over and I knew what I was facing, but I hated the idea of surgery. I began to feel disheartened, but before I boarded the "pity train," I decided to go to a local basketball game. The Moorefield High School girls were at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV. I hadn't been there in years.

I was one of the first basketball "junkies" to enter the gym. Before long the gym was full of West Virginia Deaf fans. Although they were fellow basketball fans, I felt as if I was in a foreign land, as I couldn't communicate. It was frustrating for me to watch the coach, the players and the fans all "talking" in sign language, yet I couldn't understand.

Then, I understood how they must feel. Why isn't sign language taught in public schools? It could be taught as a foreign language,

with credits. There are several sign languages, but knowing one is better than not knowing any at all!

A student would have more opportunity to use it than Spanish French or Latin. It could be priceless in an emergency. At least, it could be offered as an option.

The WVSD team displayed good ball movement on offense and a tenacious defense, but couldn't put one in the win column against a good Moorefield team.

In a boys' WVSD game I'd attended in 1990, one of the players was fouled on a layup and fell to the floor, hitting his head and knocking him out. A cheerleader, his girlfriend, knelt beside him, clasped her hands together, closed her eyes and prayed. Her lips were moving, yet there was no voice. Then she made the sign of the cross. (Catholic? Maybe, but it's just another form of worship).

Her boyfriend began to stir and she raised her head to the ceiling and mouthed the words "Thank you" to God. It was the most beautiful testimony of faith I've ever witnessed.

How often do you get the chance to testify about the Lord to encourage someone, but don't say anything fearing some one will laugh at us or we won't "fit in?" Here was a girl calling on her Lord and savior for help for someone dear to her heart, and praying before a gym full of people, most of whom she didn't know.

I encourage, no, I implore you: if you have a tyrant for a boss, or uninspired employees; if your son or daughter, mom or dad, is on alcohol or drugs, is abusive, or they "can't live without that leather coat; if you're a judge and some come before you with their weak excuses; if you're a minister with a "falling away" congregation, or vice versa; or if you feel like giving up, then take a reality check and take them, or at least go yourself, to a sporting event at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

These kids are great! You'll see

good sportsmanship and camaraderie, you'll see romance (because they're just like everyone else), you'll see D.J. Christie, who crawled behind the dusty bleachers to retrieve my fallen coat; and you'll see that these people are tough as whatever disability they may have and to them it's just a temporary setback.

I thought I had problems, but they inspired me to write this. I take complete responsibility for everything I've said and done and if I've offended anyone in any way, please, I ask forgiveness.

Please, go to one of these games and see what really is important in life. The experience will do more good than any pep talk, drug or alcohol seminar, leather coat or jail sentence. These people have a way of ministering through their lifestyles.

Thank you, "Lions!"

-From Cumberland Times-News

Contributes to WVSD&B

Jane Lee McBride, superintendent of the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, accepted a check from Janet McCauley to purchase games for the students' dorms.

The General Federation of Woman's Club of Romney appreciates the courtesy of Mrs. McBride for allowing this club to use the multipurpose room for the Heritage Days Show, "Yesteryears" and also for graciously opening the superintendent's quarters to the GFWC WV President Margaret Shires, her assistant, Regina Wikle, and GFWC WV fund-raiser chairperson, Carol Allen. These ladies were in Romney attending the GFWC WV Eastern District Convention.

-From Hampshire Review



Romney Middle School competing in cross country

Romney - After many practices that began in mid-August, the Romney Middle School cross country boys and girls 10-meet schedule was supposed to begin on September 16, but thanks to Hurricane Floyd, that meet was never to be. However, the rest of their nine meets scheduled began on September 21, even though both boy's and girl's rosters for a team (which had to consist of five) were not complete.

The following 7th and 8th grade boys made up the boy's roster: (8th graders) Bryan Beverage and Michael Turpin, (7th graders) D.J., Baker, Alex Long, Rusty Riley and Caleb Warner. The boys picked up another runner, Brian Cross, an 8th grader from the WV School for the Deaf, who was a welcome addition to the team. Eventually, the boys did pick up enough practices to run as a team after the third meet.

As fate would have it, the girls never did have enough to make a team, but three 7th grade girls ran for the cause and individual satisfaction at every meet, and they were: Lisa Ayers, Lauren Cunningham and Jenna Maphis.

All meets proved to be a challenge for the runners, and all the runners met the challenges that come with cross country running with all they could bring up within themselves.

There were two highlights to the '99 cross country season, and one of those was the James Wood Invitational held on Saturday, October 2, in which nine schools participated. The boys did qualify for a team and ran in the boys A race. None of the boys finished in the top 20 places, but they ran well and improved their race times. Bryan Cross was not able to finish the race because of a haunting knee problem. The three girls ran in what was considered the B race (those schools did not have enough to make a team), and all came away with a medal: Lauren Cunningham took first place,

Jenna Maphis came away with the sixth place medal and Lisa Ayers ran away with the ninth place spot.

On Thursday, October 14, Romney Middle School had their country meet at Hampshire High School, in which three schools participated: Capon Bridge, East Hardy and Romney Middle School. The boys and girls ran together on a grueling 2.5 mile course which was the longest course of the season. Romney's top three finishers were Lauren Cunningham (5th overall); Bryan Cross (6th overall) and Michael Turpin (11th overall). All runners did their personal best and were all considered winners when they crossed the finish line.

Results of the county meet: Capon Bridge, 25 (winner); Romney Middle, 31; East Hardy, Incomplete.

-From Hampshire Review

Editor's Note: Brian Cross, an 8th grader at WV School for the Deaf, Jr.-SR High School, has joined the Romney Middle School cross country team. At a county meet on October 14th, Brian took 6th place overall. Congratulations!

WVSD baseball team has winning season

The West Virginia School for the Deaf little league team, the A's, had a winning season. This is the second year that the school has had a team. The team plays under the auspices of the Hampshire County Little League program. They play against other Hampshire County teams.

WVSD's second year of playing baseball was very productive. The school is proud of the team and their efforts. It was great fun cheering for the winning team and being champion Little League players.

The team looks forward to next year's Little League season and being part of the action again. They're preparing for another strong showing on the Little

Hall of Fame

The West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association held its biennial induction for the Athletic Hall of Fame on October 2, 1999.

Recipients for the year's induction were: Malcolm Grabill, California, one of the greatest wrestlers to graduate from WVSD; Larry Adkins, Fallings Water, WV, an All-American center on the 1958 WVSD football team; Jack Riggelman, Ohio, outstanding linesman; William Hoover, Romney, former athletic who became a houseparent at WVSD and devoted his time and effort to run the school's scoreboard for many years; John Deuel, Romney, retired football coach who was named outstanding coach of the year 1994 by Deaf American magazine; and Richard Smrz, Maryland, football, basketball and track coach who founded the athletic hall of fame.

The committee who selected the Hall of Fame inductees were: Doug Godfrey and Doyle Workman, Martinsburg; James Ennis, Orlando; and Pierre Sevigny, Romney.

League circuit, and hope to go undefeated for a second straight year.

-From Hampshire Review

Editor's Note: John Jordan, Jonathan Edwards, Corey Grace, Billy White, and Bradley Grey are now in 7th grade.



New and Renewal Membership

Richard Barney	Myrtle Hagedorn	Jackie Higdon
Larry Jones	Violet House	Orace Jones
Connie Pitman	Patricia Lower	Evelyn Buck
Samuel Leach	Victor Davy	Gloria Tipton
Lucy Towler	Roy Pyles	Delores Pyles
Margaret McCabe	James Stewart	Charles Lyne
Debbie Lyne	Faith Hicks	Harry Grabill
Bessie Gomez	Ella Martin	Dan Haught
Nancy Haught	Beryl Tray	Lula Dickey
Elizabeth Leisure	Terry Ford	Ken Hartzell
Patricia Wolford	Fae Fuller	Ren Fuller, Jr.
Dean Swaim	Mary Kress	Joey Major, Jr.
Jeanette Weiner	Vasiliois Bongalis	Melvin Creamer
Nancy Reppart	Herman Shawver	Don Bullock
Robert House, Sr.	Loman Mossor	Joan Forman
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Rafael Matos, Jr.	Ruth Henry	Lilborn Stollings
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Clara Stroud	Burley Landis	Nina Stitt
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Laughing

When the mother returned from the grocery store, her small son pulled out the box of animal crackers he had begged for, then he spread the animal-shaped crackers all over the kitchen counter. "What are you doing?" his mom asked.

"The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

Charleston Association of the Deaf Harvest Picnic at the Valley Park



Front row from left to right: Shannon O'Neil, Kenny Stephens, Debby Steel, Missy Dukich, Jason Harrison. Back row from left to right: Ricky Harlow, Janice Harless, Janice Harless's daughter, Kara Russell, Dalton Harrison, Jeffrey Stump, Jimmy Harrison.

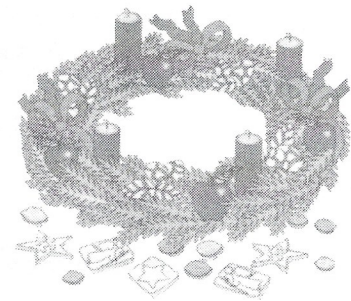
On October 30, 1999 Charleston Association of the Deaf held the Harvest Picnic at the Valley Park in Hurricane, WV. The weather was so perfect and beautiful.

Ten people carved the jack-o-lanterns for the contest. The contest winner was Kara Russell and she got five dollars.

Costumes contest winner was Jeffrey Stump as nurse and got ten

dollars. Jeffrey looked like a real nurse. Children costume contest winner was Jason Harrison (Jimmy and Veronda Harrison's son) as Dungeon Master and got five dollars.

Veronda Harrison made different color breads (green, red, orange, and brown) and also made the Dracula's eyeballs. They were so good.



**Best wishes for
 a wonderful
 holiday season
 and a new year
 of health and
 prosperity.**

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