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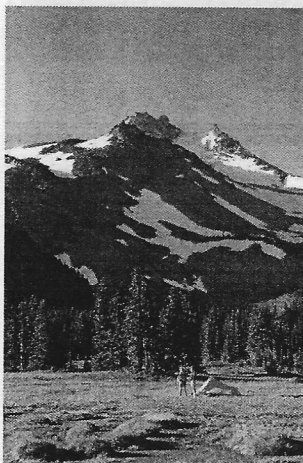
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**From Editor:**

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**WVAD Delegates Share Experience**

**By: John Burdette & Jimmy Harrison**

President John Burdette and Treasurer Jimmy Harrison attended the 47<sup>th</sup> biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri. Secretary Liz Leisure made herself available as alternate delegate when needed. There were more than 1,500 participants. The conference theme was "Eye for the Future", paving the way for participants to start a plan for NAD's future. NAD kicked off the conference with a Kansas City style barbecue and a show, The Wizard of Oz.

The NAD Board of Directors has started the long term strategic planning efforts called Fulton III (F3). The NAD Board of Directors appointed Steve Florio of Rhode Island as Chair of F3, along with Barbara Jean Wood of Colorado vice Chair.

In case you were wondering why NAD called it "F3", the original Fulton Conference was held in Fulton, MO in 1957. Next was the "Fulton Revisited" in Phoenix, AZ in 1987. Now with "F3" Restructuring Process, they will work on more structured more detailed and more intensive process over the next two years that will involve state associations and organizational affiliates, and national members as well as prospective members. Check for more information about F3 at [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

President Burdette attended the State Association President Dinner, where we as the Presidents had the opportunity to listen to testimonies from several other State Associations on their successes over the past two years. Many states have similar issues with recruiting new members, lack of communication from the prior administration and officers having no training regarding leadership and accountability. The Association Presidents and NAD Board of Directors discussed and agreed to commit to work together by increasing the communication channels between the states and NAD Board of Directors and NAD Headquarters. It was agreed that the Presidents will have a State Association Presidents Retreat to be held in the spring of 2005 in Florida.

Gallaudet University took home the College Bowl championship after defeating CSUN and NTID/RIT.

One of the most exciting events of NAD Conference was the Miss Deaf America Pageant, including our Miss Deaf West Virginia, Linda Phillips, participated along with 25 other women. She didn't make it in the final six, but she definitely learned so much during the two week long events. Erin Casler, Miss Deaf South Dakota became the new Miss Deaf America 2004-2006.

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NAD had many awesome exhibits during the week. It was difficult to look at each one of them with the busy schedule, but you could not miss the excitement with all of their freebies. Most of the State Associations donated gift baskets to be auctioned off, with proceeds going to NAD and Kansas Association of the Deaf (KAD). WVAD donated the Movie Night basket featuring three DVDs made in W.V., two popcorns and candies.

NAD also promoted its special combo rate for NAD Conference 2006 in New Orleans for the week only. WVAD purchased two combos for its 2006 delegation, saving hundreds of dollars for WVAD.

The conference ended with the closing ceremony and benefit banquet where it had a stage entertainment and dancing geared to a Mardi Gras theme in preparation for the 2006 NAD conference in New Orleans, LA. NAD collected over \$20,000 that evening from the benefit banquet. Although it was a long week for many of us, we enjoyed getting to know many people from all over the country who share the same vision and goals as NAD.

We hope to see you at the WVAD Conference on August 4-6, 2005 at Holiday Inn hotel in Clarksburg, WV – don't forget to mark your calendars.

### WVSD Celebrates Deaf Awareness Week

The West Virginia School for the Deaf observes Deaf Awareness Week during the week of September 20-24. An annual event, Deaf Awareness Week is always the last full week in September and is held in commemoration of the first World Congress of the Deaf that was held that week in 1951.

To start the week's activities, Mayor William Hicks signed the proclamation Monday designating the week Deaf Awareness. A special luncheon was held Tuesday. Other activities included presenting the class of 2005 to fourth-fifth- and sixth graders, plays and art and poster contest.

~ From: *Hampshire Review*, Sept. 22, 2004



Among the staff at the state School for the Deaf are (SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT) Patsy Shank, principal, Elementary School for the Deaf; Jane K. McBride, superintendent, West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and Maureen Wysopal, director of Student Life School for the Deaf. Standing (LEFT TO RIGHT) are Marty Blakely, Media Communication Center co-ordinator for the celebration of Deaf Awareness Week; and J.D. Corbin, principal of the Secondary School for the Deaf.

### A New and Innovative way to make a Relay Call....

Now AOL users can use My-IP Relay on AIM to make relay calls.

Here's how:

1. Add **My IP Relay** to your Buddy List
2. Click **My IP Relay**
3. Type *HI* and hit enter key to send.
4. After initial instructions appear, type *CALL* to connect to Relay Operator.
5. Follow instructions to place a call.
6. Use *GA* or *SK* during the call.







# Pageant News



## Miss Deaf WV Shares Experience

By: Linda Phillips

I had the honor of representing West Virginia at the National Association of the Deaf conference along with 25 other girls from other states. It was a wonderful experience for me as well as my chaperone, Caryn Keller. We met so many people and learned many new things to help improve our state pageant.

The two weeks started off with a week long retreat which took place at Kansas School for the Deaf. After we arrived, different activities took place so we all could get to know one another. The rest of the week consisted of workshops and practices to help us prepare for the actual pageant. Each of us were given tips and advice on our platform or talent which was very helpful. During the week we had the opportunity to explore Kansas City while we shopped and for the 4th of July we were treated to a day at a theme park.

The following week we all were moved from

the school to the hotel where the conference was to take place. We had to take two buses, one full of people, the other full of luggage, it was quite a sight.

Once we arrived we had the chance to explore the theatre where the pageant was to take place and get the feeling of what we would be doing. The week was filled with different activities for us, practices and of course pictures. Finally the preliminaries arrived, all of us were nervous, but we supported each other through the week. The last night, the winner was announced, Miss Deaf South Dakota became our new Miss Deaf America. It was quite an experience that I'll never forget.

Our final night together was a tearful one, since many of us formed a bond the two weeks we were together.

Overall I had a great time and I look forward to sharing my experience with you at the WVAD conference in August 2005.

## We Need Your Help!

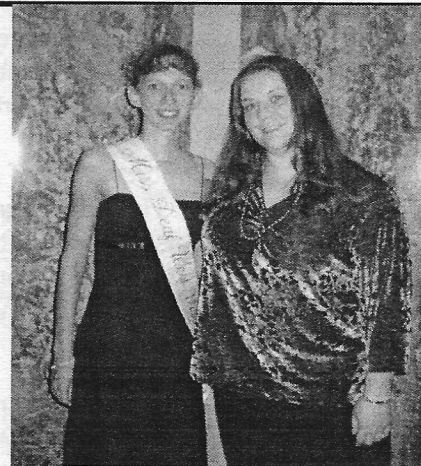
With the next conference nearing in August 2005, means it's time for the current Miss Deaf WV to pass on her crown. Pageant Director Molly Simonton and Linda Phillips along with her chaperone, Caryn Keller, have been working hard on raising money to help fund the next pageant. We still need your help with donations to make it the best pageant ever. Please consider donating.

Advertisements are also being sold for the pageant book. If you are interested, please contact Linda Phillips at [ljphillips@charter.net](mailto:ljphillips@charter.net)

Send any donations to our WVAD Treasurer:

Jimmy Harrison  
5 Cordoba Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Thank You.



Miss Deaf WV, Linda Phillips, with chaperone, Caryn Keller, at NAD Conference.

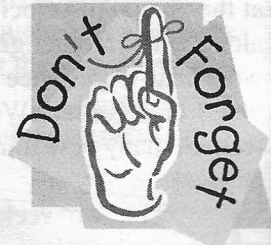
# News Here and There

**Reminder: WVAD Conference..**

**WVAD Conference will take place this August 4-6, 2005 in Clarksburg, WV.**

**Be sure to send in your combo tickets early and save money.**

**If you have any questions, contact one of the WVAD board members.**



## Commission Welcomes Roy Forman



The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing is pleased to welcome Roy Forman as the Deputy Director. He began work in June 2004.

Forman is a CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) and a NAD level 5 interpreter. He is a graduate of the sign language interpreter program at Fairmont State University and has worked as an instructor with that program. He was formerly employed as an educational interpreter in Monongalia and Preston counties.

Forman is a member of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID); RID CODA Association; WV Association of the Deaf; and several other Deaf organizations. He may be reached at 1-866-461-3578 (v/tty) or e-mail: [royforman@wvdhhr.org](mailto:royforman@wvdhhr.org)

~ From: *WVCHDD Signing Times*

## Deaf Timberfest attracts People from 47 States

About 1,200 deaf and hard-of-hearing people from 47 states and such places as Japan, Africa, and The Netherlands gathered near Williamsport for the week's Eastern Deaf Timberfest.

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, this year's event was held at Yogi Berra's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort. Activities at the event included logging, ax throwing, horseshoes, volleyball, and outdoor activities for adults and children.

Participants filled some 900 area hotel rooms and as many as four area campgrounds. It's the largest gathering of deaf and hard-of-hearing people in the world, organizers said.

To learn more about future Timberfest events, go to [www.easterndeaftimberfest.org](http://www.easterndeaftimberfest.org)

~ From: *The Herald-Mail Company*

## Editor's Note

As many of you may know Veronda Harrison is no longer Editor, I (Linda Phillips) have been asked to take over. Due to this change, there has been delays in getting the newsletter together. I apologize for this. After this one, we hope to get them out to you on time. There will be no July, Aug, Sept. issue this time. Those articles will be included in this issue. Thank you for your patience.



## WVSD Teacher Retires

The June 11, 2004 graduation ceremony at the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) was a significant day for graduating seniors but it was also a significant day for Pierre Sevigny. It was his retirement day.

Sevigny was born on October 27, 1938 in Beaupre, Quebec, Canada. He was born deaf and was given the opportunity to study French Sign Language or American Sign Language. As he observed the two, he decided on ASL because it had more to offer. Finishing his required education and wanting more, he entered Gallaudet University where he studied to become an educator. In 1961, following graduation, Jack Bradley (Superintendent of WVSD) offered him a job. This is the place he would call his home.

He met his wife, Christie, in Romney and they are proud parents of three children, Forrest, Hayley, and Christopher. Hayley, a graduate of WVU, went to Gallaudet and entered into the Interpreters Program.

Sevigny accomplished many things during his tenure at WVSD. He worked to have school employees paid on a 12 month plan instead of a 10 month plan and he started the pre-vocational program for elementary students teaching them building and repairing skills. He also integrated the students from WVSD into Hampshire High School athletics. He was a coach for football and track and field and he is still the coach for the disc throw at Hampshire High.

Sevigny plans to travel and spend more time woodworking, his favorite hobby. He is looking forward to a new grandchild as well.

~ From: *WVCHDD Signing Times*

## Celebrating PATHS to Real Choice

The Celebrating PATHS to Real Choice Conference and Artist's Showcase is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, WV for adults and/or their families.

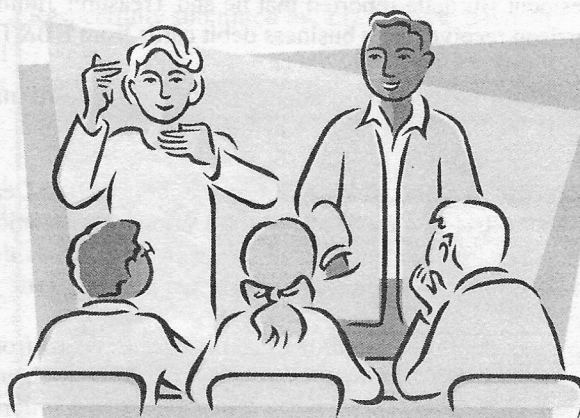
This year's conference will be divided into four interactive tracks: Employment, Community Access, Participating in the Community and Advocacy/Due Process. Morning and afternoon sessions for each track will start with an introductory presentation, followed by panel discussion.

The second day of the conference will feature three workshops for interested individuals. Topics for the sessions are: The "Fun"amentals of Assistive Technology, Transitioning from School into Life, and Accessible Computer Labs-The Role of Assistive Technology.

There will be an artist showcase to promote the works of artists and artisans with disabilities and long term health care needs.

The conference will be useful to anyone interested in learning about services and supports for adults with disabilities and long term health care needs. For more information about the conference please call 1-800-841-8436 (V)

~ From: *West Virginia Assistive Technology System*



## WVAD Board Meeting Minutes— May 2004

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf meeting was called to order by President John Burdette in the Alderson Community Center, Chestnut Street, Alderson, WV at 1:25 p.m., on May 8, 2004.

Board Members Present: John Burdette, Doug Evans, Robyn Guzzi, Liz Leisure, Charles Tuell,

Visitors: Ruth Tuell, Clyde Swartz, Margaret Simmons, Debra Witmore, Kimary King, and Delores Pyles,

The minutes from March 13, 2004 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

### President's Report:

President Burdette announced that the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) published its newsletter named "Signing Times" via e-mail. If requested, we can receive a printed version of the newsletter. It was interesting to notice that nothing was published about the WVAD picnic.

President Burdette announced that the WVCDHH scheduled a preparation workshop for the certified Deaf Interpreters at South Charleston Library to be held on June 4, and 5, 2004.

President Burdette reported that Liz Leisure received an e-mail from Terry Pickett who is a colleague of Tim Murphy, Attorney for the West Virginia Advocates, wanting updates on the installations of new TTYs in rest areas. President Burdette asked that we check the rest areas to see if any TTYs are installed or not and let know Liz by Monday so that she may report to Ms. Pickett.

President Burdette reported that he and Treasurer Jimmy Harrison received new business debit cards from BB&T.

President Burdette talked about getting a credit card machine. He was debating on whether to rent or buy one.

The deaf girl from the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD) that wanted to attend the National Association of the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp in Florida has decided not to go this year. She may try to go next year.

President Burdette stated that he still has not heard from Marty Blakely concerning whether or not there is a need for a computer in the Junior B Senior High School dorm at WVSD.

A check for \$100 Charles Weiner Award will be sent to Linda Phillips for graduating from Gallaudet University on May 14, 2004. A check for \$75 will be given to a WVSD Valedictorian and \$50 to a Salutatorian.

Reservations have been made for John Burdette and Jimmy Harrison to attend the NAD Conference in Kansas City on July 6-10, 2004. Reservations have been made for Linda Phillips to attend the retreat and NAD conference and pageant. Kara Russell has recently notified Linda and the board that she would not be able to go as a chaperone due to her job situation. We are now in the process of looking for a new chaperone.

President John Burdette received a letter from Suzanne Dennis, Silent Auction Coordinator for 2004 NAD Conference asking each State Association to donate a "theme" basket and the contents to be either shipped or brought to the conference. The baskets will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall as a Silent Auction activity. The conference attendees can try to win their basket of choice. Net proceeds from the Silent Auction will provide support for NAD advocacy efforts, with a portion to Kansas Association of the Deaf for their coordination efforts.

President Burdette stated that he was not able to reserve a shelter at Stonewall Jackson State Park for our WVAD picnic on August 7, 2004. Instead, he reserved Shelter number 1 and 2 at Riffle Run Campground at Burnsville Dam.

### Vice-President's Report:

There was nothing to report.

### Treasurer's Report:

President Burdette gave a report in Treasurer's absence. Treasurer Harrison has received a check for \$6,000 from the United Deaf Services (UDS). It will be deposited in the Savings Account.

President Burdette reviewed the report typed by Treasurer Harrison for the board members. As of May 7, 2004, the balance in the checking account was \$10,121.14 and the balance in the savings account was \$11,101.87. The report was accepted and approved as given.

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## Minutes cont.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Liz Leisure gave an update on the WVAD web page. Everything on the web page seemed to be up to date. Now we need to add Statewide Deaf Xmas Party December 4, 2004 and WVAD picnic on August 7, 2004. We still need to remove the year of 2003 on the front web page.

### Trustees' Reports

There was nothing to report.

### 2005 WVAD Conference Committee Report:

For the fundraising efforts, on June 12, 2004 there will be a bake sale, crafts, foods and drinks (where?). The committee is planning to create and sell new deaf calendars. They are also planning to sell 5,000 cash raffle tickets to give away \$2,500 and keep \$2,500. They have a balance of \$800 in their checking account. Their next committee meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2004 at Regina Jenkins' home.

Break: 2:30 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 2:45 p.m.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

Doug (Robyn) moved that we check on the availability of the other shelters at Bulltown B get either two small shelters or one large shelter. If available, change the reservation. If not, we will keep the shelters that are already reserved at Riffle Run Campground. It was passed.

Robyn (Doug) moved that WVAD pay for hot dogs and hamburgers and asks people to bring covered dishes. It was passed.

Robyn (Charles) moved that an extra ticket is given to those who bring a covered dish to the WVAD picnic on August 7 at admission for door prizes. It was passed.

Charles (Doug) moved that we sell the beverages at the August 7 picnic for \$1 each can/bottle. It was passed.

Doug (Robyn) moved that we sell pull-up tips at the August 7 picnic for cash prizes. It was passed.

Doug (Liz) moved that we have a horseshoe game at the August 7 picnic at a fee of \$5.00 per player and give away three trophies (two for men and one for woman) including cash prizes to winners. It was passed.

Robyn (Doug) moved that we sell shirts for WVAD and sell mugs and towels for deaf pageant at the August 7 picnic. It was passed.

Robyn (Doug) moved that we have a bingo game at the August 7 picnic at \$5.00 per player. It was passed.

Robyn (Charles) moved that the WVAD increases the scholarship award from \$75 to \$100 for a West Virginia School for the Deaf valedictorian. It was passed.

Robyn (Liz) moved that the WVAD donates a movie basket in an amount from \$150 - \$200 for the silent auction benefit at the NAD Conference. It was passed.

Robyn (Liz) moved that the WVAD does a survey asking people if they would rather use credit cards to pay membership dues. It was passed. Doug was appointed to create a survey.

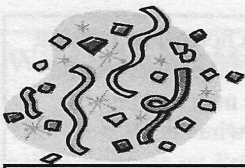
Charles (Doug) moved that the WVAD pays the officers for mileage for the today meeting. It was passed.

The Next board meeting will be held during the October WVSD homecoming. More details will be posted at a later date.

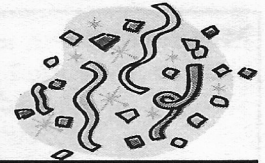
There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Liz Leisure, Secretary





# Anniversaries



## Roy and Delores Pyles Celebrate their 50th Anniversary

Roy and Delores (Stepp) Pyles of Seebert, WV and Port Richey, Florida . Roy and Delores celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 22. They celebrated on July 4<sup>th</sup> with a family gathering in Seebert provided by their three children.

Roy and Delores were married in New York City, NY on NBC Bride and Groom Television Show in 1954. NBC provided them with numerous wedding gifts and a honeymoon in New York City.

Roy and Delores are graduates of the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. Roy is retired from the Charleston Newspaper with 40 years of service. Delores was a homemaker for many years before she decided to attend West Virginia Rehabilitation to receive her data processing training. Delores retired from Huntington Bank.

On October 2, 2004 another celebration was given in honor of Roy and Delores (Stepp) Pyles 50th Wedding Anniversary by their daughter, Kara Russell of Romney, WV. Roy and Delores wanted to share in their joyful occasion with some of their closest friends who had attended West Virginia School for the Deaf or had a connection with the school.

After dinner, guests were invited to share their memories and experiences they've had with Roy and Delores. A display was available with wedding photos, the telegrams scheduling the wedding day, the story Delores and Roy submitted to the television studio to be chosen to be wed on national television. Additional memories were made on this joyous day and for that, we thank our guests for making that possible.



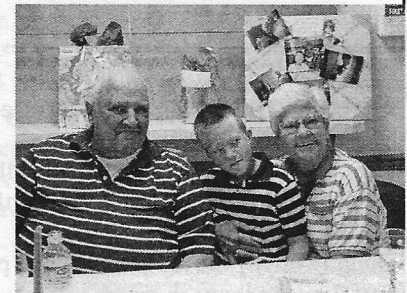
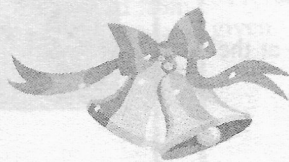
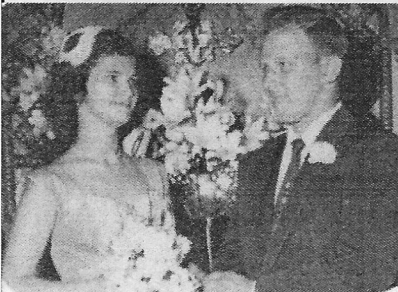
## THE HERROLDS' GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On June 26, 1954, Bill Herrold married his school sweetheart, Dorothy Angalich at the St. Matthew Episcopal Church in Wheeling, WV. Their attendants were the best man, Joe Soward of Arizona; matron of honor, Gloria Asbury of Pittsburgh; ushers, Max Pyles of Baltimore and Gabe Angalich, now deceased.

Their farmer-neighbors had a scenario for the newlyweds when they returned home from a very brief honeymoon. Farming was not in their bag so they moved to Annapolis, MD where Bill trained for his ITU card. He commuted to Washington, DC for his 27-year employment with the Washington Post. Dot was employed at several state-federal government offices.

Close friends of the honored guests planned a surprise "Golden anniversary party" at a fire hall nearby on July 17, 2004. Sister Mary Dallas arrived in Falling Waters, WV "on the sly" a few days to help with the party planning.

The long food table was delicious and plentiful. Bill and Dot cut their wedding cake once again. Happy 50th Anniversary! Keep healthy and enjoy some more years together!



Bill & Dorothy with their grandson.



## John and Faye Deuel Celebrate their 50th Anniversary

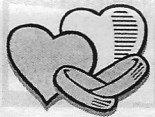
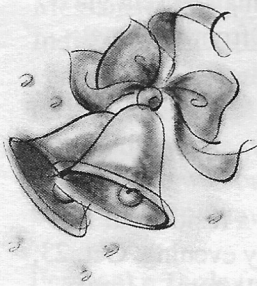
A celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John and Faye Deuel of Romney was held at Coca-Cola Bottling Plant Sunday, October 24, for their family and friends.

They were married in Fulton, MO. Their only child Barry, of Winchester gave the reception. Also attending were his wife Missy, daughter Reagan and mother-in-law.

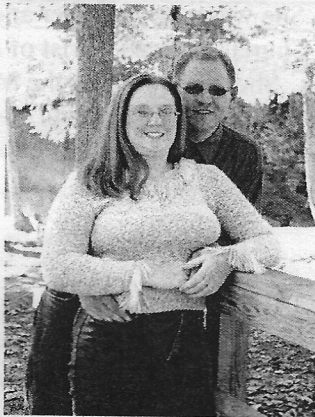
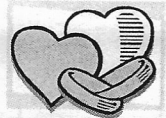
The hostesses were Norma Czernicki, Christie Sevigny and Mary Patton of Romney and Mary Asbury of Augusta. Fifty-eight people attended.

John retired as a teacher and coach at West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1997. Faye retired from there in 1995 as houseparent.

~ From: *Hampshire Review*, Nov. 24, 2004



# Engagement!



## GUZZI AND EVANS

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Guzzi of Clarksburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Robyn Dawn Guzzi to Douglas Adam Evans of Clarksburg.

She is a former West Virginia School for the Deaf student in Romney, WV and a

1993 graduate of Washington Irving High School and is currently a Fairmont State University student, majoring in Elementary Education.

Her fiancé is the son of late Carl Evans and Grace Evans of Williamsport, PA.

He is a 1984 graduate of Scranton State School for the Deaf; Scranton, PA and graduate of Mount Aloysius Junior College; Cresson, PA. majoring in General Studies and is currently a Federal Government employee and Fairmont State University student, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Robyn and Douglas have their daughter, Jacinda Evans and her fiance has also two other daughters; Dominique and Rosalyn Evans.

An open-church wedding will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 2:00 pm at Bridgeport United Methodist Church in Bridgeport, WV and a reception will follow at Cottage Corner Restaurant in Salem, WV.

# Obituaries

## Hursey Hall

Hursey Hall of the WVSD class of 1949 passed away April 7, 2004. He lived with his widow, Anna in Brooksville, FL. He had six children and many grandchildren. He was a printer. He attended Gallaudet University briefly.

## June Virginia Lutz

June Virginia Lutz, 75, of Mount Jackson, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Locust Grove. She was a graduate of WVSD. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Baker, WV. She is survived by two sons, one daughter, one brother, and two grandchildren. She was buried at the Conicville Cemetery.

## Alma Louise Liller

Alma Louise Liller, 73, of Burlington, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland. She was a retired house parent with the WVSD, Romney. She is survived by one son, two sisters, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was buried at Philos Cemetery, Westernport. Personal regards for Alma Liller may be sent via e-mail to [shafferwarnickfh@frontiernet.net](mailto:shafferwarnickfh@frontiernet.net).

## Mitchell Clay

Mitchell Clay, 63, of Colorado Springs, CO, passed away on July 30, 2004, after a long illness. He is survived by three sisters, many nieces and nephews. He was cremated.

## Carl W. Flanagan

Carl W. Flanagan, 87, of Outlook Pointe Assisted Care Center, Martinsburg, WV, formerly of Romney, WV, died Saturday, August 28, 2004, at City Hospital, Martinsburg. Mr. Flanagan served as physical education director for 35 years at the WV School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney. He is survived by one son, two brothers, one sister, and three grandsons. He was buried at Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney. Personal regards for Carl Flanagan may be sent via e-mail to [shafferwarnickfh@frontiernet.net](mailto:shafferwarnickfh@frontiernet.net).

## Mary Alene Woodard

Mary Alene Woodard, 52, a resident of Elkins, passed away Saturday evening, Oct. 23, 2004, in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown. She was married to Michael Woodard, who preceded her in death. She is survived by three brothers, four sisters, and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-nephews. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was buried at the Mt. State Memorial Gardens near Gilman.

## Loretta Trimble

Loretta Trimble, 74, of the Grafton Road, passed away Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004, at Ruby Memorial Hospital. She was a homemaker and a graduate of the Romney School for the deaf in 1950. Loretta is survived by three brothers, four sisters, several nieces and nephews. She was buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery.



Obituaries

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**Virginia Lee Pancake**

Virginia Lee Pancake, 78, of Romney, W.Va., died Friday, November 26, 2004, at her residence. Mrs. Pancake was a graduate of Fairmont State Teachers College, Fairmont, W.Va. She was a retired teacher and School Administrator with the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney. She was a member of the Romney Presbyterian Church where she has served on The Session. She also served the Presbytery of Shenandoah, Massanetta Springs Conference Center, the Indian Mound Cemetery Association for 34 years as director, the Hampshire County Historical Society and the Hampshire Heritage Days Committee. She is survived by two sisters. She was buried at Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney.

Personal regards for Virginia Lee Pancake may be accessed through Web site [www.shaffer-warnickfh.com](http://www.shaffer-warnickfh.com).

**Yvonne Ann Musick**

Yvonne Ann Musick, 64, of Morgantown, WV, died Sunday, December 12, 2004, after a long courageous battle against cancer. Mrs. Musick was a 1961 graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV. She was retired from J C Penneys where she worked as a clerk for more than 20 years. She was an active member in the Fairmont Association Deaf Society for many years. Mrs. Musick was Lutheran by faith. She is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Gerald W. Musick; two children, Gerald W. Musick II and Catherine Ann Musick of Morgantown WV as well as several other family members.

Graveside services would be conducted at the convenience of the family.

Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 1526 Mile-ground, Morgantown, WV 26505 for ovarian cancer research.

***Announcements From WVCDHH***

WVCDHH will offer the following workshops:

Foundations of Court Interpreting--April 8-11

Performance Preparation--May 6-7

Please see the brochure at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/> for more information. Classes are limited.

**Other workshops for Spring 2005 are:**

Sports Interpreting--February 26 in Fairmont

Developing Language Skills in Deaf Children--March 12 in South Charleston and April 23 in Elkins

Working with the Deaf/Blind--June 4 in Institute

We are also planning a Deaf Tech Fair on May 21 at the Charleston Civic Center. This fair will provide information about assistive technology for the deaf and hard of hearing and family, friends and service providers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in exhibiting at the fair, we also hope to have some entertainment for both kids and adults, such as stories in ASL. I need ideas and possible entertainers. I'd like to use people within the state, please contact Deanna Stone

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