

WVAD Quarter News

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37th Biennial Conference Summary by Linda Eckhart

WVAD hosted its 37th Biennial Conference in Mineral Wells, WV, on August 6-8th. Our theme for this conference was "Jump on Board with WVAD."

During the weekend, we had three exciting workshops and nine exhibitors to show their products. Our presenters were Ruby Losh, who presented on "How to Work with an Interpreter;" Don Trembley from the local Social Security office who presented on "Social Security Benefits;" and John Egbert who presented on "Deaf Bilingual Coalition." Friday evening, attendees enjoyed WVAD Feud and Dingo. On Saturday evening, Crom Saunders entertained us with his comedy and jokes.

Our newly elected officers for 2009-2011 term are President, Linda Eckhart; Vice-President, Jimmy Harrison; Secretary, Liz Leisure; Treasurer, Veronda Harrison; Six-Year Trustee, Jackie Sherill-Robinson; Four-Year Trustee, Scott Hottle; and Two-Year Trustee, Worthy Devericks.



New elected officers for 2009-2011 starting from left to right: Linda Eckhart, President; Jimmy Harrison, Vice President; Liz Leisure, Secretary; John Egbert, DBC Presenter; Veronda Harrison, Treasurer; Jackie Robinson, 6-Year Trustee; Scott Hottle, 4-Year Trustee; and Worthy Devericks, 2-Year Trustee.

The conference was enjoyed by all those who had attended. There were about 70 in attendance. Our next WVAD

conference will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, and it will also be hosted by WVAD. ■



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John Egbert presents the Deaf Bilingual Coalition (DBC).

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From the President's Corner,

Linda Eckhart



Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to start by congratulating all newly elected and re-elected officers for the 2009-2011 Executive Board. I am excited and honored for the opportunity to serve WVAD as President for this term.

This term I, along with the board would like to focus on strengthening WVAD. Some of our goals would be increasing our membership, attracting the youth to join WVAD, and continuing to educate those in the state about Deaf needs and rights.

WVAD just finished our 37th Biennial Conference which was held on August 6-8th in Mineral Wells, WV. There were exciting workshops and entertaining throughout the weekend. Please read the following conference summary to learn more about what happened at the conference.

There has been a couple exciting things happening in West Virginia:

- WVCDHH has hired a new director, Marissa Johnson. She has moved here from Maryland and brings many experiences with her. WVAD looks forward to working closely with her in the upcoming months.
- West Virginia now has a new relay service provider as of September 16, 2009. Sprint Relay is now the provider in our state. Please check www.westvirginiarelay.com for more information.

WVAD now has a new editor for our newsletter. I'd like to officially announce that Tami Kapaldo is now our editor. If you have any news, events, or announcements, please send them to her at editor@wvad.org.

Be sure to check out our website www.wvad.org for updates from the board and on events around the state.

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In closing, if you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to share with the Executive Board, please feel free to contact us. We will be happy to hear what you have to say and share.

Sincerely,

Linda Eckhart

WVAD President

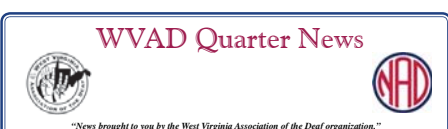


Letter from the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone for providing stories and photos to make my first issue a success! It was very much appreciated. Please continue to submit stories and photos to make future newsletters exciting! It's your newsletter for you to read and enjoy! Thanks again!
Tami

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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Trustee:	Scott Hottle



WVAD Board Minutes

Date: February 21, 2009

Location: South Charleston Library Conference Room

WVAD Board Meeting, South Charleston Library Conference Room, February 21, 2009

Present: Douglas Evans, Robyn Evans, John Burdette, Liz Leisure, Veronda Harrison, and Linda Eckhart.

Absent: Worthy Devericks.

Standing Committee Members: Caryn Keller and Jimmy Harrison.

Absent: Mary Kesler, Ruby Losh, Monica Kelly, and Josiah Kelly.

Visitors: Andrew Brenneman and Erin Fulton.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the conference room of the South Charleston Library, South Charleston, WV, on February 21, 2009, at 1:28 p.m.

The January 10 board meeting was cancelled due to board member's illness and inclement weather and was scheduled for February 21.

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 5, 2008, was approved as read.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison gave the following report: As of February 20, 2009, there is \$2,409.97 in the checking account, \$4,446.57 in the savings account, \$15,054.45 in the Mingo County Fund (one laptop and one LCD projector were purchased), and \$12,003.63 in the certificate of deposit accounts. She received two checks today. One check was from the United Deaf Services (UDS) in the amount of \$3,500.00 and the other one was from the WVAVRS in the amount of \$350.00.

President Douglas Evans gave his report about the October 6, 2008, meeting with

Dr. Pat Shanks at the West Virginia School for the Deaf (WVSD). Also, attended this meeting were Robyn Evans, Worthy Devericks, John Burdette. They asked about setting up a Board of Trustee but were informed that it could not be done. They were told that the West Virginia School for the Deaf is not allowed to publicize their school to the public. They are working on introducing a law allowing them to do that.

On December 9, 2008, three representatives from the Division of Rehabilitation Services came to Fairmont and talked to 48 deaf and hard-of-hearing people explaining their services. The refreshment was provided by the WVAD.

He mailed several brochures on the WVAD conference to each WVAD board member so that they may be distributed to the interested individuals in his/her area. He received a letter from April Hottle regarding a lack of school interpreters.

Vice-president John Burdette reported that he attended the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing board meeting on February 12, 2009. He said that they are still working on the deaf children's bill of rights including the interpreter's rules. Barbara King with the Division of Rehabilitation Services announced during the WVCDHH board meeting that the Deaf Training and Evaluation Unit at the

Rehabilitation Center in Institute, WV, will close at the end of June 2009. However, the deaf and hard of hearing individuals can still receive services through their local Division of Rehabilitation Services offices. The WVCDHH has received 9 applicants for the Executive Director's position. The interview process will begin on or around March 6, 2009.

Secretary Liz Leisure reported that a deaf man filed a complaint against The Medbrook Medical Center in Bridgeport, WV, for refusing to provide an interpreter. The deaf man and his wife received \$4,000 each in compensatory damages. She received a few e-mails from high school and college students requesting information about deaf culture and events. She bought and mailed sympathy cards for Jackie Robinson. She received an e-mail from "Tom Neville Show." It is the film debut of Spanish-born, deaf comedy satirist Tom Neville, who also co-wrote the screenplay.

Liz's e-mail to Nisha May of Bill Mangus State Farm in Dunbar about the Liability Insurance Policy was returned. She is not sure if that means Nisha is no longer employed there.

Trustee Robyn Evans reported that she also received an e-mail from "Tom Neville Show." She said it is a fundraising opportunity and we could make [\(See WVAD Board Minutes ... page 4\)](#)



If you are submitting an article, please send any accompanying photos in a standard photo format, as a separate file. We cannot use photos that are embedded or included in a Word document. Photos with captions and articles should be submitted to the [WVAD Editor](#). Thank you.

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50 percent profit. She will contact them for more information.

Trustee Linda Eckhart said that she was contacted by someone who was interested in knowing about a deaf camp.

John Burdette as Coordinator for DDLEOS stated that hopefully he can finish the Communication Tips and Video Tips before the August conference. He gave a brief report on the scripts. He may have to rewrite the scripts. He is going to order the wallet size cards through Ohio Valley Press because they are cheaper when we have the money.

Committee Moves TTY Signs (CMTS) – Douglas has not received any response to the letter that was sent to Mr. Paul Mattox at the WV Department of Transportation in October 2008. Douglas will follow-up on that letter.

John Burdette spoke on behalf of Ruby Losh who was absent regarding the WV Telecommunication Relay Service. Ruby received a letter from the Public Service Commission (PSC) acknowledging the receipt of her letter. The case number is 08-1770-T-PC. Ruby received another letter from the PSC requesting a petition on the Advisory Board such as who will be serving on the committee, who will be responsible for mileages and where the meetings will be located. She received a denial of the petition on December 9, 2008. The PSC does not want to set up an Advisory Board. Ruby suggested that we contact Sandra Squire, the Commission's Executive Secretary, and request having two informal meetings per year for updates and that WVAD be responsible for mileages.

Caryn Keller stated that she is not able to report on the Youth Program at this time because she has not received any response from the board members on whether or not they liked her ideas that she sent via e-mail. She would appreciate it if all the board members would read that e-mail and let her know.

Robyn Evans reported that a Town Hall was held on October 18, 2008, in Parkersburg. Only one out of eight

people in attendance were deaf. 13 people watched the film. Robyn's goal for the March 7, 2009 ASL film to be held in Fairmont is to get at least 100 deaf people.

She said that CSDVRS is no longer partnered with SPRINT Relay.

For WVAVRS, September 2008 was a good month but in October, the number of relay calls made was pretty low. She has some brochures on E-911 to send out to WVAD members and non-members. She will also ask Linda to post it on the WVAD website. Over 6,000 people on the waiting list for the new "Z" 340 videophone product. A "V" meeting should be held on a monthly basis.

Linda Eckhart announced that Tammy is no longer working at the Comfort Inn-Suites. Sherry Steele is the new manager. Linda talked about looking for sponsors for the WVAD conference. She opened a new checking account for the WVAD conference with the United Bank. She will check on souvenirs for the conference.

John Burdette reported that the survey showed that the deaf and hard of hearing people requested that the following workshops be given at the conference: Audism, Using the Interpreters Appropriately, and WVAVRS. Jimmy Harrison reported that WVAD has 209 members.

New Business:

John Burdette moved that WVAD buy a full-page ad to put in the WVDBA program book for 50 dollars. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD buy a full-page ad about the WVAD conference for 50 dollars to put in the WVDBA program book. The motion passed.

Linda Eckhart moved that WVAD have four different levels of exhibitors instead of two different levels as stated on the form. The four different levels should be Corporate, Private, Nonprofit, and Crafters. Robyn seconded. Veronda moved that this motion be amended by adding that the crafters will be sent a separate letter. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD raise the corporate fee to \$150.00 a day. The motion passed.

Robyn moved that WVAD raise the private exhibitor fee to \$75 a day, \$125 for two days, non profit \$ 50.00 for one and \$75.00 for two days, and crafters \$15 a day and \$25 for two days. The motion passed.

Linda Eckhart moved that WVAD raise the corporate exhibitor fee \$250 for two days. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD cut \$15.00 from each combo ticket in the first column and \$10.00 from each combo ticket in the second column. No change in the combo ticket in the third column. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD support Sprint Relay Service's bid to provide relay services in West Virginia. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD gives two free tickets to the early bird registrants and one free ticket to the on-floor registrants for Saturday night door prizes. The motion passed.

Linda Eckhart moved that WVAD board members volunteer time to make study materials for educational interpreters to improve their skills. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD pay for board members' mileage to the February 21, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

John Burdette moved that the next board meeting be held at the Greenbrier Valley Deaf Club on May 9, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. The motion passed.

Doug moved that the second board meeting be held in Parkersburg on August 6, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m. ■



15th Annual WV Deaf Bass Fishing Tournament by John W. Burdette

The 15th Annual WV Deaf Bass Fishing Tournament was held the weekend of June 5 and 6, 2009 at Berry's campground on the New River in Hinton, WV. We had 14 anglers participate in the tournament along with several fans. Even though there was a lot of rain the week before tournament weekend, the group decided to go ahead with the tournament despite of water rising. Some anglers managed to catch some bass during the day. Some tent campers

watched the water overnight and were afraid that the water would enter their tents. One of the tent campers did move two times to keep away from water.

It was a very close contest between the first and second place winners. First place winner was Jason Hall from Virginia with 3 bass in total weight of 7.3 lbs. Second place winner was Tony Keathley from Letart, WV with 5 bass in total weight of 7.2 lbs. Third

place was Gene Smith from Berkeley Springs, WV with 2 bass in total weight of 2 lbs and 9/16 oz. Fourth place was Larry Mathews from Jeffrey, WV with 2 bass in total of 2 lbs and 1/2 oz. After announcing the tournament winners, there were door and cash prizes as well as giveaways.

Please keep an eye on next year's fishing tournaments and plan to join us for the fun! ■





West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association & West Virginia Deaf Women Bowling Association
Cordially Invites You to Our

CHRISTMAS PARTY FUNDRAISER

Cash Prizes

DINGO \$500.00
Team will get
win \$100 then
split in \$25.00
each

December 5, 2009
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Fairmont Holiday Inn
930 E Grafton Road
Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

Silent Basket Bid
Electronics, WVU,
Bath, & More!

\$30.00 per person includes Appetizers, Admission Prizes, and DINGO
Deadline November 23, 2009
At Door- \$40.00

~100 People Limited~
Reservation comes first- At Door last chance
Recommendation send your reservation as soon as possible!
No children are allowed!

Registration at 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM * Silent Bid Baskets starts at 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM
DINGO starts at 6:00 PM

Name: _____

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Please R.S.V.P. by November 30th to
Jimmy Harrison, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526
304.757.7863 TDD/FAX * 866-928-2834 * jharrison5@aol.com

(See Christmas Party Flyer ... page 7)

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Direction to Fairmont Holiday Inn

From North I. 79, go South I. 79, get onto Exit 139 (Downtown), turn left for ¼ mile, turn left and go uphill.

From South I. 79, go to North I. 79, get onto Exit 139 (Downtown), turn right for 1/16 mile, turn left and go uphill.

From East I. 68, go to West I. 68 and merge onto South I. 79 and get onto Exit 139 (Downtown), turn left for ¼ mile, turn left and go uphill.

From West Rt. 50, go to East Rt. 50, merge onto North I. 79 and get onto Exit 139 (Downtown), turn right for 1/16 mile, turn left and go uphill.

For Holiday Inn Reservation

Call 866-270-5110



CAD Happy New Year Party Update

CAD will have a HNY party on
January 2, 2010. More information
to follow later.

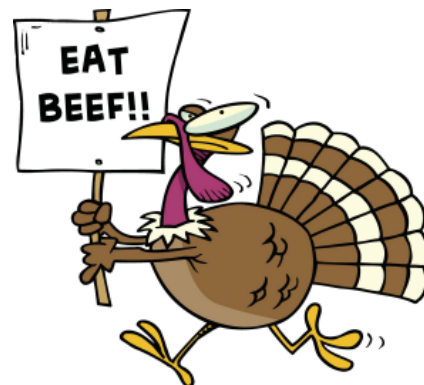


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FAD Thanksgiving Party

Fairmont Association of the Deaf (FAD) will be open on November 7, 2009 for Thanksgiving social. For more information, go to www.wvad.org and click Fairmont Association of the Deaf. Join us for some good food and have fun! ■





Greetings, West Virginia!

The Sprint Relay team is thrilled to be serving the communication needs of the citizens of and visitors to the State of West Virginia, effective September 16, 2009. Our long tradition in the relay communication business demonstrates our strong commitment. Our never-ending drive for innovation has been the key to expanding accessible communication options.

We are pleased to announce that West Virginia Relay has a new logo! The West Virginia Public Service Commission requested that the new logo be selected by relay users from this state and we are very proud to present the final selection.



We are pleased to keep all existing relay phone numbers the same with the exception of the 900 number. We're also offering new toll-free numbers to benefit people with specific communication needs.

- 711
- TTY/HCO/ASCII: 1-800-982-8771
- Voice: 1-800-982-8772
- Speech-to-Speech: 1-866-519-0570
- Spanish to Spanish: 1-866-519-0569
- CapTel Voice-in: 1-877-243-2823
- Spanish to English: 1-877-298-3348 (New)
- TeleBraille: 1-877-298-3349 (New)
- VCO Direct: 1-877-298-3330 (New)
- 900 (not toll-free): 1-900-230-7272 (New)

West Virginia Relay Customer Service (TTY/ASCII/HCO/Voice/VCO):

- 1-800-676-3777 or 1-866-430-1274 (English)
- 1-800-676-4290 (Español)

Sprint's TTY Operator Service:

- 1-800-855-4000



CapTel Customer Care:

For equipment/service support and profile registration, users can reach CapTel Customer Care Monday–Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.

- 1-888-269-7477 (Voice/CapTel/TTY)
- 1-866-217-3362 (Spanish)
- Email: CapTel@CapTel.com

For more information and to learn about all of our services, please check the new website at www.westvirginiarelay.com.

If you have questions, concerns or service suggestions, please contact West Virginia Relay Customer Service at 1-800-676-3777/1-866-430-1274 (Español: 1-800-676-4290) or by email at Sprint.TRSCustServ@sprint.com.

We look forward to working closely with the West Virginia Public Service Commission, the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Relay users of the state, and the community at large.

Sincerely,

Danny Barrett

Danny.d.barrett@sprint.com

West Virginia Relay Outreach Manager



12th Annual Pig Roast Festival by Ruby Losh

Last July 11, 2009, our 12th Annual Pig Roast Festival, hosted by Fairmont Association of the Deaf, was held at Valley Falls State Park. We had to relocate our picnic site because of construction that was going on at our usual place. We were excited to welcome 166 people to our picnic at the beautiful state park where we could take an advantage to learn about the history. It was nice to see old friends and make new friends.

The weather was fair, we had rain in the morning, and it was pleasant and cool in the afternoon. We played in a tournament with a new game, Ladderball. The champions were Jeff Wetzel, Wardensville, WV, and Anthony Bonvantura, Dallas, WV. Second place went to Mary Kesler, Green Spring, WV,

and Ruby Losh, Rivesville, WV. Third place went to Cal Skeener and Tiffany Zink, Shanks, WV.

We gave away \$1,000 for admission prizes. We also had cash prizes, BINGO, pull-up tips, and Pot of Gold games. Everybody enjoyed winning prizes. We had a great time.

Our 13th Annual Pig Roast Festival will be at the Wavetek Park with nicer

road and landscaping. It should be very beautiful and simple to find our shelter. The date for the 13th Annual Pig Roast Festival will be on July 10, 2010. Upcoming information will be announced in 2010. So mark your calendar! ■



(See Pig Roast ... page 10)

(Pig Roast from page 9)





"In Memory of Loved Ones"



Dwight "Buddy" Brooks



Dwight "Buddy" Brooks, 67, of Pineville, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2009.

Born August 18, 1941, at Coon Fork, he was the son of Edith Halsey Brooks of Pineville and the late Kelly Brooks.

Buddy retired from the Wyoming County Board of Education Maintenance Department in 2003 after 40 years of service. He was a lifelong resident of Wyoming County and was a 1961 graduate of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney where he played football. He loved to hunt and fish, four-wheeling and watch drag racing. Buddy enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters most of all.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Brooks.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his wife of 45 years, Carol Sue Asbury Brooks; a son, John Brooks of Pineville; a daughter, Elizabeth Kennedy and her husband, Tom, of Oceana; two brothers, Myron Brooks and his wife, Dorthea, of Louisville, KY and David Brooks and his wife, Pat, of Shady Spring; three sisters, Christine Beymer and her husband, Ray, of Brooks, Barbara Mullins of Kernersville, NC and Cheryl Morgan and her husband, Woodie, of Baileysville; and two granddaughters, Marrisaa Brooks of Logan and Lindsey Kennedy of Oceana. ■

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Mary Katherine Sherman



Mary Katherine (Hinkle) Sherman, 70, of Clendenin, passed away Monday, August 10, 2009, at her residence along with her husband Glenn Roy Sherman.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel Edward and Katherine (Miller) Hinkle.

Surviving are a son, Neil G. Sherman of the United Kingdom; a daughter, Lisa Katherine Cantwell (husband William H. Cantwell II) of West Melbourne, FL; a brother, Samuel L. Hinkle (wife Yvonne Hinkle) of Moorefield, WV; and a grandson, William Howard Cantwell, III of West Melbourne, FL.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in care of Dr. Patsy Shank, Superintendent, 301 East Main Street, Romney, WV 26757.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2009, at Matics Funeral Home in Clendenin with Rev. Harold Slate officiating.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service. Condolences may be expressed on line at www.maticsfuneralhome.com. ■



Connie Sue Cash



Connie Sue Cash, 56, of Leon, died Sunday, September 6, 2009, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington. She was born January 14, 1953, in Richard, S.C. She was the daughter to the late Shufford Lester and her mother, Irene Blackwell Lester, of Beckley.

She was a homemaker and a graduate of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind. She was a member of the Teays Missionary Baptist Church.

Preceded in death besides her father was one son, James Sheppard; one grandson, Connard Lyons; and brother, Carlos Lester.

She is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Carlos Cash of Leon; daughters, Cheryl and (Chris) Lyons of Point Pleasant, Amanda (Bryan) Bailes of Leon and Bobbi Cash of Leon; grandchildren, Shanon and Kasey Lyons and William and Constance Bailes; mother, Irene Lester of Beckley; and brothers and sisters, Mickey and (Mickey) Lester of Lizton Ind., Carol and (Jim) Stone of Hickory, N.C. and Phillip and (Dee) Lester of Beckley.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday Sept. 12 at the Leon Baptist Church in Leon with Rev. Basil Hudson and Johnny Haymen officiating. Burial was at the Leon Cemetery. Friends called from 11 a.m. to time of the service at the church on Saturday. The Deal Funeral Home served the family.

E-mail dealfuneral@suddenlinkmail.com to send condolences to the family. ■
(See Obituaries ... page 12)

Bessie Marie Tress



Bessie Marie Tress, 77, of 72 Chariot Lane in Falling Waters, WV, died Friday, August 14, 2009, at Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown, MD.

Born September 29, 1931, in Clover District, WV, she was the daughter of the late William and Ovie Potts Helmick. She was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Donald E. Tress of Falling Waters; two daughters, Brenda L. Tress-Mowl and her husband, Gary, of Fishers, Indiana, and Janet Tress of Falling Waters; three grandchildren, Amelia Mowl, Anthony Mowl, and Jon Mowl; one sister, Martha Mayne of Ocean City, MD; and one niece and one nephew, Marian and Roger Moore of Glen Burnie, MD.

The family received friends Monday, August 17, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Osborne Funeral Home, 425 S. Conococheague St., Williamsport, MD. The funeral home was open Monday after 1 p.m. for the convenience of family and friends.

Funeral services was on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Osborne Funeral Home, 425 S. Conococheague Street, Williamsport, with the Rev. Ernest E. Witmer officiating. Interment was on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Meadowridge Memorial Park, Elkridge, MD. The family received friends Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gary L. Kaufman Funeral Home at Meadowridge Memorial Park.

The family requests the omission of flowers. Memorial donations may be made to Williamsport Food Bank, 35 W. Potomac St., Williamsport, MD 21795.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.osbornefuneral-home.net. ■

James Lee Vishnick

James Lee Vishnick, 64, of 15 North Street, Jeromesville, died Sunday, June 14, 2009 at his residence. He was born August 6, 1944 in Baxter, West Virginia the son of Whitey and Estelle Baber Vishnick. He graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf and was a factory worker for American Augers. Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by a daughter, Gay Ann Vishnick of Loudonville; two grandchildren; a special friend, Dee Tackett; a brother, Larry Vishnick of Baxter, WV; and four sisters, Carol Turek and Marie Wells both of Baxter, WV, Rose Landis of Parkersburg, WV, and Mary Wells of Jasper, GA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Spotts Vishnick on October 23, 2002; his parents; two brothers, Whitey Vishnick, Jr. and Stanley Peters; and two sisters, Anna Nickelson and Betty Cutright. Graveside services was at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Jeromesville Cemetery with Pastor Bonnie Zimmerman officiating. Friends were received Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 5-8 p.m. at Fickes Funeral Home in Jeromesville. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and left at the funeral home. ■



WV Facts and Trivia

1. West Virginia's nickname is the Mountain State and its motto is "Mountaineers Are Always Free."
2. The world's largest sycamore tree is located on the Back Fork of the Elk River in Webster Springs.
3. The first major land battle fought between Union and Confederate soldiers in the Civil War was the Battle of Philippi on June 3, 1861.
4. 18.15% of the nation's total coal production comes from West Virginia.
5. The first rural free mail delivery was started in Charles Town on October 6, 1896, and then spread throughout the United States.
6. A variety of the yellow apple, the Golden Delicious, originated in Clay County. The original Grimes Golden Apple Tree was discovered in 1775 near Wellsburg.
7. One of the first suspension bridges in the world was completed in Wheeling in November 1849.
8. Coal House, the only residence in the world built entirely of coal, is located in White Sulphur Springs. The house was occupied on June 1, 1961.
9. West Virginia University was established on February 7, 1867 under the name of "Agricultural College of West Virginia."
10. Chester Merriman of Romney was the youngest soldier of World War I, having enlisted at the age of 14.
11. The first brick street in the world was laid in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23, 1870, on Summers Street, between Kanawha and Virginia Streets. ■



WVU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sat., 9/5	Liberty	Home
Sat., 9/12	East Carolina	Home
Sat., 9/19	Auburn	Away
Thurs., 10/1	Colorado	Home
Sat., 10/10	Syracuse	Away
Sat., 10/17	Marshall	Home
Sat., 10/24	Connecticut	Home
Fri., 10/30	USF	Away
Sat., 11/7	Louisville	Home
Fri., 11/13	Cincinnati	Away
Fri., 11/27	Pitt	Home
Sat., 12/5	Rutgers	Away





Entertainer Crom Saunders presents the "Attack of the Killer Hearing Aid!" with Dalton Harrison looking on.

President Doug Evans presents a President's Award in Recognition and Dedication to WVAD and Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf (GVAD) to Erin Fulton.



Conference attendees who came to watch and learn about Deaf Bilingual Coalition.

BREAKING NEWS!



Find us on
Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=670803243&ref=name#/group.php?gid=136005551663&ref=mf>

West Virginia Association of the Deaf is thrilled to announce the opening of their new Facebook group page. You will be able to keep up with WVAD news and information every time you check your Facebook. You will also be able to post events and be involved in discussions.

Check out the West Virginia Association of the Deaf Facebook page today to see what's happening.

Many thanks to John Burdette for doing this for our organization!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Fall Back!

Remember to change your clocks November 1st this year because of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Daylight Saving Time began on the second Sunday in March and will end on the first Sunday in November at two in the morning. The Department of Energy will study the results of this change and then report them to Congress. For more information, see <http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b.html>. ■



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Set clocks back 1 hour
November 1, 2009



"This day I married my friend,
The one I laugh with,
Live for, dream with, love."

Dallas and Theresa Pack

We are pleased to announce our marriage
which took place on July 11, 2009
in a hillbilly ceremony
at the Summersville Campground, West Virginia.



Charleston Business Celebrates One Year Anniversary

Story by Kristen Sell

WOWK-TV 13 News, 8/25/09

CHARLESTON -- A Charleston business is celebrating their one year anniversary Tuesday.

Sorenson VRS opened it's doors in Northgate a year ago.

The company does interpreting services along with offering other services to the deaf community.

Tuesday, they were given the chance to look around and see things from behind the scenes.

This local hub is the only one in the state, but they work with folks across the nation proving video phone services.

"If you have a video phone, like two deaf people have a video phone they can talk with each other while seeing each other so they can sign," explained Julie Barie, one of the company's Interpreters. "Because you can't use the phone obviously you have to use the video, so the relay service

is the interpreter is like the middle person between the hearing person and the hearing person they needed to call like the doctor, pizza, whatever you needed to call you could use the interpreting service to be the middle person."

Barie says their services mean a lot to the deaf community, who are glad to be able to make calls themselves. ■



W.Va. School for the Deaf Offers Home-Based Education Program

Submitted to the Dominion Post, Morgantown, WV, Sunday, September 27, 2009

The West Virginia School for the Deaf offers Ski*Hi, a free home-based education program for families of deaf and hard-of-hearing children ages birth through five. Ski*Hi focuses on language development and communication.

A parent advisor will make weekly visits to the home. During the visits, the parent advisor will model language development activities with the child with hearing impairment and will share information with parents to help them face the challenges and make informed decisions concerning the child.

Ski*Hi serves children who have mild to profound hearing loss and children with cochlear implants. Ski*Hi also assists children who have chronic ear infections that cause delays in speech and language development. Info: the West Virginia School for the Deaf at (304) 822-4843, (304) 822-4837, or ski*hi@access.k12.wv.us. ■

Manchin Takes Hard Line With Educators

Story by Ry Rivard, Daily Mail Capitol Reporter

Charleston Daily Mail, 8/28/09

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- The bulk of state funding for public schools - the \$1.7 billion funneled to county school boards through the School Aid Formula - is exempt from budget cuts being proposed by Gov. Joe Manchin.

But Manchin is asking the state Board of Education to cut 4 percent of the budgets for the agencies it directly oversees, including the state Department of Education. Those budgets total \$107 million a year.

The governor says state education officials must take a hard look at their budgets and end attempts to "hide behind children" when asked to make cuts.

He also supports a statewide audit of the entire public school system, which includes not only those agencies, but also the 55 county school boards.

Manchin said when agencies look at programs they should ask, "Is it public service or is it self-service?"

The audit, if it happens, would be similar to one called for earlier this year by the state chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. The union argued that less money is going into classrooms because counties have become top-heavy with administrators.

Manchin also wants to look at the issue, said spokeswoman Sara Payne Scarbro.

"He believes that the taxpayers deserve to know where their money is being spent and to see if it is being spent as efficiently and as effectively as possible," she said in an e-mail.

"The governor wants to also know how much spending is reaching the classroom and how much is administrative."

Despite some of the tough talk, Manchin has so far protected the state education agencies and county school systems from the layoffs and furloughs seen across the country.

"We're not going to get to the next level without education taking us there," he told the Board of Education this week.

The 4 percent cut he's asking of the board is less than the 5 percent across-the-board cuts he wants at other state agencies.

The governor did take aim at the Regional Education Service Agencies, which he said were created to consolidate county boards of education but are now another layer of government expense.

The agencies provide a hodgepodge of services, from computer repair in schools to firefighter training. These are necessary services, all agree. But critics argue that the RESAs that provide them are unnecessary, bureaucratic middlemen.

Thirty years after the agencies were created, there are still 55 boards of education along with the eight RESAs.

Manchin appears ready to eliminate them, an idea he floated earlier this year.

"Something's not working," he said.

The governor suggested he could deal with the fallout from any cut to the agencies.

"I can take a hit on that," Manchin said.

Some education board members were more protective of the agencies and noted a committee is meeting later this year to study RESAs.

Over the decades, there have been multiple studies on the RESA program and suggestions on how to revamp it. A 2006 legislative task force produced 27 recommendations to change the agencies. But lawmakers keep reviewing the programs, which were established in 1972 to glean federal education money.

Besides the RESAs, the state Board of Education oversees three other agencies. The biggest is the Department of Education. The two other small divisions are the Office of Education Performance Audits and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, which are organized separately from other public schools.

Proposed budget cuts suggested by education department staff reduce 4 percent from each of those four departments.

Exempt from the cuts is the largest area of state education spending program, the \$1.7 billion school funding formula that provides money to schools and pays the vast majority of the state's teachers and school staff. This means

few cuts are likely to be seen in the classroom.

The \$13 million budget for the deaf and blind schools faces a \$522,000 cut. The \$89 million budget at the Department of Education would lose \$3.5 million. The audit office's \$733,000 budget would decline by \$29,000. The RESAs would lose \$168,000 of their \$4.2 million budget.

But to avoid making cuts to the deaf and blind schools, Manchin said, "I would cut it all from RESAs."

All the board's cuts together amount to \$4,281,912. The total budget for RESAs has been capped by the Legislature at \$4.2 million.

The newest member of the board, L. Wade Linger, also questioned why there were not more selective cuts.

He said that perhaps some agencies could stand a 5 percent cut while others should have only 3 percent cuts.

Linger, a businessman by trade, said he understood that division chiefs try to get as much money as they can for their division.

"That's why you rise to the top of a division," he said.

Linger compared government agencies to family homes that accumulate as much stuff as they have storage for. Government agencies, he suggested, take as much money as they are given.

Superintendent Steve Paine defended the plan, saying cutting each agency by 4 percent was a fair and equitable starting point.

RESA defenders argue that they leverage their small line item, which goes to staff and operating costs, to receive \$30 million to \$35 million in grants for specific programs.

RESAs provide computer repair for schools. They train thousands of firefighters and emergency personnel. They conduct welfare assessments for the state Department of Health and Human Resources. They last year conducted 30,000 hearing exams for county school systems. They do bulk purchasing for school systems to drive down prices on supplies, which RESA officials say saves counties millions. ■

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Alumni	Conference	Fingerspell	Internet	Social
ASL	Convention	Food	Newsletter	Sorenson
Awards	Deaf	Friends	NTID	Sprint
Banquet	Dingo	Fun	Officers	Videophone
Blackberry	Events	Gallaudet University	Picnics	West Virginia
Bowling	Facebook	Hall of Fame	Quarter News	WVAD
Chat	Fall	Hands	Romney	WVSD
Class Reunion	Festival	Homecoming	Sign Language	

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(See answers on page 7)

CHECK OUT OUR QUARTER RECIPES!



German Chocolate Bars (Submitted by Phoebe Jo Richards)



- 1 pkg German Chocolate cake mix
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten (plus another egg in 2nd mixture, see below)
- 1 can (14 oz) Nestle Carnation sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1-1/3 cup flaked sweetened coconut, divided
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup (6 oz) Nestle Toll House swirled morsels, divided

Preheat oven to 350 °F.

Pour cake mix into large bowl, cut in butter and lightly beaten egg with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Press onto bottom of ungreased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Combine sweetened condensed milk, 1 egg, and vanilla extract in medium bowl. Beat until well combined. Stir in 1 cup coconut, nuts, and 1/2 cup swirled morsels. Spread mixture evenly over base, sprinkle with remaining coconut and swirled morsels. Lightly press down morsels.

Bake for 30 to 32 minutes or until center is almost set. Center will become firm when cool. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.



Broccoli Salad (Submitted by Connie Boyce Davis)



- 4 cups chopped broccoli (not the stalk)
- 1 medium chopped onions (optional, or can use green onions)
- 8 slices fried bacon, crumbled or real bacon bits (whole bag)
- 1 cup of Colby monterey jack cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup light Hellmann's mayo
- 3 Tbsp white vinegar
- 3 Tbsp granulated sugar or you can use Splenda

Stir together mayo, vinegar, and sugar then add broccoli, onions, bacon, and cheese. Toss then put in refrigerator.





TAMERA A. KAPALDO



What made you want to be the WVAD newsletter editor? I felt that I had the expertise to do the job and felt that I needed to volunteer some of my time with the WVAD organization since I am practically done raising my sons.

Do you have a nickname? Yes, Tami.

What is the name of your hometown? I was born in Parkersburg, WV, but since I've lived in Morgantown since I was 11 years old, I am going to say Morgantown's my hometown!

Where do you work at and what do you do? I work at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) as a word processor.

How long have you worked there? 30 years.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? I am proud that I have raised 2 fine sons and have kept the same job for 30 years.

What is that thing you are sitting on in the picture above? A metallic polar bear at San Diego, California zoo. It's hard to see because it was getting dark.

What is your secret ambition? It wouldn't be a secret anymore if I told you. 😊

What person has been the biggest influence on your life? My parents, they wanted me to have the best education there was for me by sending me to WVSD.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Myrtle Beach, SC.

Who is your favorite cartoon character? Elmo.

What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time? Run around with my favorite girlfriends on weekends.

Name three things you can do without. Traffic in Morgantown; arrogant, rude people; and lousy service at restaurants.

What person, real or fictional, would you most like to meet? President Obama.

What movie could you see any time? Mrs. Doubtfire and The Parent Trap.

What is your all-time favorite TV show? HGTV show.

Name three things always found in your kitchen. Iced tea, coffee, and yogurt.

What would you do with a million dollars? Build my dream house, pay off my family's bills, and invest.

What is an interesting, but little known fact about you? I was nominated by then Governor Jay Rockefeller to be a Forest Festival princess in Elkins, WV, in 1980.

All members are encouraged to nominate a friend for the "Meet Me" column. Please submit all nominees to WVAD Quarter News Editor.