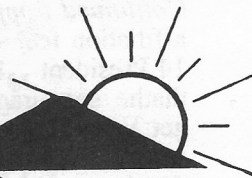




WVAD Newsletter



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West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting March 5, 2000

A board meeting of the WVAD was held on March 5, 2000 at Holiday Inn Express at 8:43 a.m. in Triadelphia, WV.

Present were: President John Burdette; Vice-president Jimmy Harrison; Secretary Terry Ford; Treasurer Liz Leisure; Trustees Clyde Swartz, Joey Major and Ray Matos. Also attendance were Ken Hartzell, Josh Ballengee, Jackie Sherrill, Kathy Hasy, Thomas Morris, Sr., Donna McWilliams and Veronda Harrison.

The minutes from the December 4, 1999 WVAD board meeting were read and approved.

President's Report:

1. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from WVAD Foundation, Inc. President will check with Mrs. Norma Czernicki and see if she wants to remain on the board.
2. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from NAD and wants WVAD to donate money to "Burn the Mortgage."
3. President Burdette reported that he wants to thank Ray Matos and WVAD members for doing their job to reserve rooms for our workshops.
4. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from WVDDBA asking if we would be interested in setting up a booth for exhibit on March 24, 25, and 26, 2000 in Martinsburg, WV for a \$50.00 fee.
5. President Burdette reported that he got 2 laptops and a printer. We

need mouses and batteries, also.

6. President Burdette reported that he will go to the NAD State Association President Conference at Norfolk, VA on June 30, 2000. NAD will pay him for a room for two nights.

7. President Burdette reported that WVAD donated \$50.00 to NAD 10k. Miles.

8. President Burdette reported that he recommended four members to serve on the WVCDHH board. The following four members are John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, James Ennis, and Zellie Meadows. Jimmy Harrison has already received a letter of acceptance from the Governor's Office.

9. President Burdette reported that he sent a letter on January 18, 2000 to Mr. Jeff Idelon to support Mr. William "Dummy" Hoy to be inducted as a member of the baseball Hall of Fame.

10. President Burdette reported that he sent a letter to Debra Sturduant, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services on January 15, 2000 urging her to keep closed captioning on all television programs and videos.

11. President Burdette reported that he would send a letter to Public Services Commission asking them to set up 711 Relay Systems in WV.

12. President Burdette reported that he asks the WVAD to plan the 85th Anniversary this year.

13. President Burdette reported two deaf chapters Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf and Charleston Association of the Deaf each paid \$100.00 for two years

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Workshops in Wheeling, WV

On Saturday, March 4, 2000 the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) was held the workshops at Holiday Inn Express in Wheeling, WV.

NAD President Libby Pollard gave two workshops. The first workshop was "Building a Strong Relationship between the NAD and WVAD." After refreshments (breaktime) the second workshop was "Leadership within the Deaf Community." There were approximately 50 people attending.

After lunch the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) held a Town Hall meeting, which was led by Executive Director Charity Reedy Hines. It was very successful because almost everyone who showed up participated in the discussion. WVCDHH's goal is to set up a Task Force to study programs and service delivery for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing persons.

This will enable the Commission to give supporting documentation to legislators for certain bills that relate to deaf, hard-of-hearing and deaf-blind community needs.

The refreshments were provided by WVAD and DHHR.

We wish to thank NAD President Libby Pollard for coming to West Virginia and giving us the workshops.

We hope to invite President Libby Pollard to the WVAD Conference next year.

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affiliation fee.

14. President Burdette reported that he encouraged deaf people to get Voter Registration Cards.

15. President Burdette reported that he would go Martinsburg and Romney to meet the Jr. NAD sponsor and discuss about Jr. NAD activities.

16. President Burdette reported that he invited NAD President Libby Pollard to be here next year in 2001 for the WVAD Conference.

Vice-president's Report:

1. Vice-president Jimmy Harrison reported that he received e-mail from Cabell County Public Library requesting updated information about our organization.

2. Jimmy Harrison reported that he received e-mail from NAD about the new issue of the E-Zine via the NAD Broadcaster.

3. Harrison passed out to board members copies of the Constitution and By-laws. He wanted to thank Veronda Harrison for doing good work on the copies of Constitution and By-laws.

4. Harrison reported that he received checks from Charleston Association of the Deaf, Wheeling Association of the Deaf and Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf for affiliation. Jimmy learned that one other deaf chapter and the Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf does not wish to affiliation. He and John Burdette will plan to talk with them again.

5. Harrison reported that he received 12 voter registration applications. Jimmy and John Burdette will go to Parkersburg Association of the Deaf on March 13, 2000 to encourage deaf people to register to vote. On March 11, 2000 Jimmy will go to Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Terry Ford reported that she asked President John Burdette to give her information earlier at

three weeks and give her time to arrange before two weeks notice the board members.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Liz Leisure's report was accepted.

2. Liz Leisure reported about requirement for 501C (3). She learned that WVAD doesn't have a Chapter of Article, but must have one so she can apply for 501C (3). John Burdette will do some research on 501C (3).

Trustee's Report:

Ray Matos reported that he had some problems contacting board members. The members needed to get information. He suggested that we set up a schedule for a good time to contact one another.

Joey Major moved that we have 10 minutes recess at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m.

1. President John Burdette reported that WVAD/GVAD Fund totaled \$771.36.

2. Ken Hartzell reported that WVAD Conference will reserve Ramada Plaza Center in 2001.

3. Veronda Harrison reported that she wanted to thank us for a new laptop. She asked what to do with the old laptop. Do we sell or what?

4. Veronda Harrison reported that Norma Czernicki is still proofreading for the WVAD Newsletter. She is staying in Texas until June.

New Business

1. Ray Matos (Joey Major) moved that WVAD purchase one more laptop for the President. Passed.

2. Jimmy Harrison (Liz Leisure) moved that WVAD pay \$50.00 to WVDBA for exhibit on March 24, 25, and 26, 2000. Passed.

3. Terry Ford moved that WVAD added to have souvenirs for exhibits.

4. Jimmy Harrison (Joey Major) moved that Terry Ford will take over for WVAD exhibit all day on Saturday, March 25, 2000. Terry accepted.

5. Jimmy Harrison (Liz Leisure) moved that WVAD would pay

Terry Ford for hotel, gas and meals for one night. Passed.

6. Liz Leisure (Joey Major) moved that WVAD donate \$100.00 to NAD to help "Burn the Mortgage." Passed.

7. John Burdette (Joey Major) moved that WVAD set up an endowment fund. Passed.

8. Liz Leisure (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD/GVAD Fund split the balance of \$771.36 from the 1999 WVAD Conference. Failed.

9. Ray Matos (Clyde Swartz) moved that the balance of \$771.36 be given to WVAD to use for buying another laptop. Passed.

10. Jimmy Harrison (Liz Leisure) moved that WVAD plans a picnic for the 85th Anniversary in August 2000. The date and location of the picnic will be announced later. Passed.

11. Joey Major (Liz Leisure) moved that the next meeting will be on April 29, 2000. John Burdette will make an announcement later about the location. Passed.

12. Veronda Harrison (Joey Major) moved that WVAD would sell the old laptop and printer. Passed.

13. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD President pick a chairperson for Fund Raising Committee for 2001 WVAD Conference. Passed.

14. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD ask the WVCDHH to change the Relay Service contract from AT&T to Sprint. Passed.

15. Liz Leisure (Clyde Swartz) moved that the meeting adjourn at 1:02 p.m.

**Here's hoping
you land on
your feet - and
find success
soon!**

President's Write

January 15, 2000

Debra Sturdivant
Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW Room
3527, Switzer Building
Washington, DC 20202-2641

I am writing to tell you to keep Closed Captioning on all of the television programs and videos. It help us the deaf, and hard of hearing people to view the closed captioning on any of the television programs and videos. Captioned programs allow deaf and hard of hearing people to watch programs with their hearing family and friends. This allows them to learn from each other by sharing their perspectives and responses to the program.

Without full access to a wide range of captioned programs, deaf and hard of hearing children and adults will not have access to common

knowledge, which will result in a serious disadvantage in competitive global economy. There should be no limit or restrictions in defining educational, news, and informational materials. With a limited definition of education, deaf and hard of hearing people will be less aware of what is going on in society and therefore find it difficult to participate fully.

All programs are educational because they have the potential to expose the viewer to new ideas, thoughts, and perspectives as well as the potential to develop language skills. People learn a lot outside the classroom and outside formal educational settings. Also, by watching closed and opened captioned programs has been shown to improve literacy skills through incidental learning.

PLEASE keep closed captioning to all television programs and videos.
John W. Burdette
President, WVAD

January 18, 2000

Mr. Jeff Idelson
Director of Education
Communication
National Baseball Hall of Fame
25 Main Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Dear Mr. Idelson,

I am writing in support of Mr. William "Dummy" Hoy. Mr. Hoy is a role model for the deaf and hard of hearing Americans. He was the first Deaf player to succeed in the Major Leagues. The hand signals were first invented by Mr. Hoy as Visual Communication in the game of baseball because of his deafness. Yet, the hand signals are still used by Umpires today. The deaf and hard of hearing people in the state of West Virginia recommends Mr. William "Dummy" Hoy to be inducted in

the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In addition of Mr. Hoy's outstanding career, he contributed to baseball made a difference and his participation as a baseball player. He deserves to be enshrining as one of the greatest baseball players and his invention of hand signals that are still used in today's baseball. The deaf and hard of hearing from the state of West Virginia are looking forward to see Mr. Hoy inducted as a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
John W. Burdette, President
West Virginia Association of the
Deaf, Inc.
Rt. 1, Box 12-G
Ronceverte, WV 24970



What's New With Relay

Could we get to the point a little faster?

Sure...just dial 711 to access AT&T Relay Service!

711 is now the only number you need to put you in touch with AT&T Relay. You get the same quality connection you've always counted on, without having to dial your old, 11-digit toll free number! In fact, dialing 711 will eliminate the need to dial 800 numbers all together. However, the 800 numbers you're currently using will remain active.

711 works for both Voice callers and TTY/ASCII (PC) users alike, making access to relay services more convenient and keeping the lines of communication open between the hearing and anyone with a hearing or speech loss.

Dialing 711 adds no additional charges and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. About the only thing you can't do with 711 is use it in the case of emergency. 711 is NOT the relay users equivalent of 911!

711 is Becoming a National Resource.

Pack your friend's telephone numbers in your overnight bag and dial...dial...dial! 711 is going national. So whether you're away on vacation, on the road, or away on business, chances are the 711 network is right there with you. Look for the new, easier to access, 711 number available on the following dates in each of the following states:

Pennsylvania Relay - May 1
New Jersey Relay - May 15
DC Relay - May 31
Delaware Relay - June 12
Rhode Island Relay - June 26
Virginia Relay - June 26
West Virginia Relay - July 10
Vermont Relay - July 24

-From Internet

Employee of the Month



My name is Terry Satterfield Ford. I live in Fairmont, WV I am married and have two daughters. My husband of 29 years is David Ford, he is a postal worker in Fairmont. My oldest daughter Trudy Ford is an interpreter for the deaf in the Federal Government and my youngest daughter Dolly Ford is a Senior West Virginia University and interprets for the deaf as well. I am proud of all three of them.

I graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney in 1969. I am currently an employee for Information Manufacturing Corp. (IMC), contracting with the Federal Government. I have been working with IMC since May 1999. I have different job duties with this company and I enjoy working there very much.

This last November, we had a department meeting. My supervisor conduct meeting as usual routine, but I was surprised at end of meeting! My upper boss wanted to present an award - Employee of the Month. I did not expect it when she called my name! I was shocked and did not know what to say. My upper boss presented me with Employee of the Month Certificate for good work, attendance, good attitude and work performance and respect for other's, an employee of the month pin, and a letter direct from upper boss! I more surprise when she tell me I have award to have one day off work with pay. I was feel honored to the presented with this award.

Written by Terry Ford.

Mrs. Norma Czernicki, WVSD Librarian, Retires

Mrs. Norma Czernicki recently retired after over 30 years at WVSD, first as a reading teacher, and most recently as our librarian.

While at WVSD, Mrs. Czernicki re-catalogued every book in the library (over 13,000 volumes), started a reference collection as well as a bound periodicals collection, and founded a professional section on deafness.

Prior to her position on our campus, she worked at the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, TN and the Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, Montana, before coming to West Virginia.

Mrs. Czernicki came to WVSD&B in 1969, where she began her career as a reading teacher. Four years later she became the Librarian in the Secondary Department, the job she held until she retired.

Mrs. Czernicki is spending sometime with her daughter and family in Texas, and will return to Romney in June.

-From The Lions Tale

\$650,000 comes with state visit

On the steps of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Gov. Cecil Underwood last Friday announced a number of grant awards for the region.

The grants covered a wide range of projects, from those dealing with education to economic development Hampshire County's share totaled \$650,000.

Underwood made the announcements prior to attending the local Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner event in Augusta.

The governor made official an earlier announced \$200,000 for the proposed Capon Bridge Technology and Industrial Park.

The grant will cover the cost of

final design and initial construction startup for the water and sewer system that will serve the park.

The planned technology/industrial park is located just east of Capon Bridge along Smokey Hollow Road.

Hampshire County Development Authority Director Dave Pancake said the \$200,000 Industrial Park Assistance Grant provides an important first step in the development of the park.

-From Hampshire Review

You Are Deaf And Are Breaking the Law If:

You are a clergyman of a Nicholas County, WV congregation and touched on humor while giving a sermon in sign language. It is against the law for a member of the clergy to tell jokes or humorous stories from the pulpit during a church service.

We know that our deaf clergymen do mix in some humor to make the members of the pulpit understand and appreciate what the sermon is all about. Yet these clergymen would be hauled off to jail in Nicholas County!

-From DeafDigest Blue

The Toughest Man in West Virginia

as written by Jennifer Gilbert



January 1996 was a "first" for the Toughman Contest. Clermont Gilbert, better known by his fans as MOOSE, was the first deaf participant in the West Virginia's Toughman Contest.

The Toughman Contest is an annual boxing competition located in different sanctioned areas in the state. They follow all the rules of regular boxing, with added head gear, and belt for extra protection of the less seasoned boxers. The competition is a two night event. Fridays are always the first night, with each person fighting one match to eliminate half the participants. It's always a great thrill to see so many men all thinking they are so "tough," and then losing on the first night. But they always have the same comment, "this is not as easy as it looks!" The match consists of three, one minute rounds. Granted if the participants can last that long!

The 17th Annual Toughman Contest was the first competition Clermont competed in. It was located at the Nathan Goff Armory in Clarksburg, WV. The referee waves a white towel to signal the end of rounds. At the end of Saturday night, Moose came in 3rd place.

During the summer of 1996,

Hubert Anderson invited us to be featured on his television program "Signing On." In this interview Hubert asked questions that related to deaf culture, Clermont's boxing experience, and our relationship as deaf/hearing.

The 18th Annual Toughman Contest in 1997, Clermont came in 2nd place. It was believed that he would have won that night, but there was an uneven number of participants, and a name (Clermont's) had to be picked out of a hat to fight an extra game. So he had to fight 5 matches instead of 4, that left him exhausted.

Then one month later Clermont decided to try fighting in Parkersburg. He won during the playoff's, but came back and lost Saturday night.

Before the 19th Annual Toughman fights, WBOY television came to our home to do an interview featuring Clermont. He was also interviewed for the Clarksburg Exponent/Telegram. They did a life story of him, and took pictures of him running. Clermont won this Toughman contest in 1997. He was awarded \$1,000.00, and a silk champion's jacket. A week after the contest, he was awarded with a Certificate from Jerry Thomas of WV Sports Promotions, as being "The Most Popular Boxer," (crowd favorite). He was also given a video tape of the competitions.

In the fall of 1998, he was invited to Morgantown to participate in an exhibition fight. Exhibition matches are not scored, it is a half-time event with boxing favorites.

The 20th Annual Toughman Contest in 1999, Clermont came in 3rd place. He lost to big George Randolph, a linebacker for Glenville State College football team.

Summer of 1999, he was asked to participate in the Tyler County

Fair boxing matches. He came in first place, received a trophy, and free passes to the fair.

Clermont started intense training many months before the 2000 competitions. Everyday he worked out at the FBI gym, Jerry Thomas' gym in Clarksburg, or at the YMCA, and with the equipment at home. He was also motivated to run 2 to 3 miles everyday. This is how he tore a cartilage in his knee, and required surgery after the fights. Time was drawing near for the fights and he was very positive that he would win this year's fights. Two days before the 21st Toughman Contest started, Clermont came down with the flu, and bronchitis. Our spirits really deflated at this time, and we became worried as his temperature rose to 105 degrees. We knew many friends, and family were coming into town for this competition. Friday night came, and he was still fevered, he was really having a hard time getting his breath. He did win, and we needed to continue to think positive for Saturday night fights which were more serious. Saturday night came, he was still sick, but we prayed for luck to be on our side. After each match, the paramedics took him in the back, and gave him oxygen. This seemed to help out a lot with the bronchitis. After 4 fights, he became champ for the 2nd time. He was awarded \$1,200.00, and another silk champion jacket. He was informed that because had won 2 times in Clarksburg, he will not be permitted to fight there anymore.

Monday, after the fights, a reporter for "Harper's" magazine from New York City came to our home and did a long interview of him. He will be featured in an upcoming issue.

Clermont was invited to compete in the National Toughman competition. This will depend on if enough money will be raised during fundraises. He also plans to compete in 2001 in Parkersburg, WV.

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's Location

After thoughtful consideration and with the approval of Joan Ohl, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources, and members of the Board of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), I am happy to inform you that the WVCDHH will be relocating its office from Charleston to Romney, WV, effective this summer. This presents a wonderful opportunity for substantial development of the Commission and its services, bringing maximum benefit to all of us as an agency and as a community. The Charleston office space will be used during the Legislative sessions and for any other meetings in the area.

With this move we will be joining the majority of other states in providing a commission located within a radius of 50 miles of its state's School for the Deaf. Currently, we are one of only three states located more than two hundred miles from the locus of the aggregate state resources for the Deaf. My informal study has shown that out of thirty-one com-

missions for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, twenty-two (71%) are located within fifty five miles of the schools for the Deaf.

With the strong correlation of the two public agencies that serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations, there has long been a desire to bring them in closer proximity. Our relocation will help the WVCDHH incorporate services, resources and data allowing us to significantly improve the number and quality of our services and access to services, maintain an accurate and complete database, and obtain other necessary information associated with the population we serve. We will minimize the problems of duplication of services and inadequate programming due to limited staff and resources that we have experienced in the past.

I ask for your continued support during this transition of the WVCDHH. Stay tuned to hear of the many exciting plans we envision!

From: Charity Reedy Hines,
Executive Director

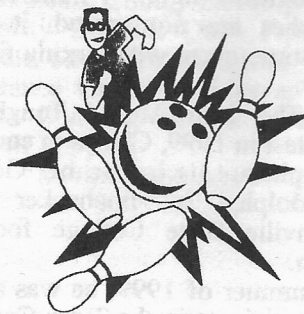
West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association

Our fifteen annual tournament was held in Martinsburg, WV on March 24-26, 2000. On Friday morning Gerald Musick won master championship. On Saturday morning and afternoon during double and single events Eugene Misner from Pittsburgh won single and all events. Eugene Misner and Ricky Smith from Baltimore, MD won double events. On Sunday we had 22 teams. Team events: John Wade, Daniel Krapta, Wilbur Wright, and Moses Vance won championship.

During Friday night we had a meeting. Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf joins as new member and will host our 2003 tournament in Lewisburg, WV.

Jimmy Harrison and Wilbur Wright exchanged positions in office.

Next year's tourney will be in Gaithersburg, MD and in 2002 it will be in Fairmont, WV.



Educational Interpreters Conference

For Educational Interpreters and Teachers for the Deaf:

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Department of Education have agreed to jointly provide Educational Interpreters a three-day conference from August 14-16, 2000 at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, West Virginia. Teachers for the Deaf are strongly encouraged to attend - mark your calendar now!

This first-ever conference will be funded by the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (through RSA Region III Interpreter Training Grant Office at Gallaudet University) and the Department of Education. Jim Smiley, RESA VII Director has agreed to coordinate the conference and its plans. Please look out for any upcoming mailings from Mr. Smiley to register for this conference.

This commitment is also a result of recommendations drafted to the State Board of Education by the West Virginia Advisory Council on Education for Exceptional Children (WVACEEC) to provide training for all interpreters in the public schools. So, this is becoming a reality for you and your profession!

This fantastic opportunity will allow you as Educational Interpreter and Teacher to come, learn and share your skills and knowledge in this profession. The topics tentatively set for the training are:

Monday, August 14 Professional Interpreting (cover Introduction to Interpreting, Ethical Codes and Standards, and Anatomy of a Decision)

Tuesday, August 15 Rules and Responsibilities of the Educational

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Interpreting Team (covers the Roles and Responsibilities of the Educational Interpreter, Multidisciplinary Team, So What Can I Say to the Educational Team (and How Can I Say It?)
Wednesday, August 16 Supporting the Education of the Student (covers Communication Comprehension, Applying Principles of Deaf Culture for Effective Interpretation, Student Development and Educational Support Services)

Mattel, Inc. Receives Praise From American Speech-Language Hearing Association for "Sign Language Barbie"

Mattel, Inc., was congratulated today by American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), the national professional, scientific and credentialing association for more than 98,000 audiologists, speech language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists for introducing the Sign Language Barbie(R) doll now available at Toys "R" Us.

"Mattel's efforts to raise awareness about hearing loss and alternate forms of communication is highly commendable," said ASHA President Jeri Logemann, Ph.D. CCC-SLP.

The new doll, which is packaged in a schoolroom setting, represents a sign language teacher and highlights American Sign Language (ASL) through the use of hand positions on the box and on stickers included with the doll. One hand is permanently molded into the sign for "I love you."

"A doll that models ASL signing will facilitate a better understanding about communication for both hearing children and children who are deaf," said Lagemann.

"For the future, we hope Mattel, Inc., will remember the millions of children with disabilities and continue to provide toys that serve to educate as well as entertain. We stand ready to support them in this endeavor."

Consumers who would like more information about the Sign Language Barbie(R) may log on to the Toys "R" Us Web site at www.76.toysrus.com. Consumers who would like more information about speech, language, or hearing disorders may log on to ASHA's Web site at www.asha.org or call ASHA's Action Center at 1-800-638-8255.

ASHA-certified audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiologic treatment including hearing aids. ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems including swallowing disorders. This year marks ASHA's 75th anniversary-75 years of quality and dedication to the identification, treatment, and prevention of communication disorders.

*-From PRNewswire
April 14, 2000*

Did you know?

If you are disabled (including Deafness) or over the age of 65, you can get tax exemption for your property tax. Please read...

The Constitution of West Virginia Art. 10, sec. 1b, susec. C. General homestead exemption

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, the first twenty thousand dollars of assessed valuation of any real property, or of personal property in the form of a mobile home, and used exclusively for residential purposes and occupied by the owner or one of the owners thereof as his residence who is a citizen of this state and who is sixty-five years of age or older or

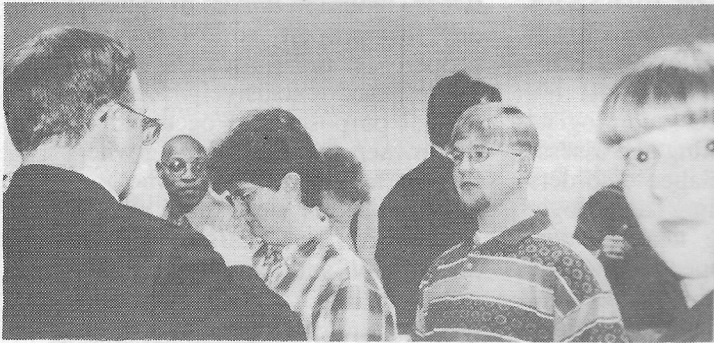
is permanently and totally disabled as that term may be defined by the Legislature, shall be exempt from ad valorem property taxation, subject to such requirements, limitations and conditions as shall be prescribed by general law.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, the Legislature shall have the authority to provide by general law for an exemption from ad valorem property taxation in an amount not to exceed the first twenty thousand dollars of value of any real property, or of personal property in the form of a mobile home, used exclusively for residential purposes and occupied by the owner or one of the owners thereof as his residence who is a citizen of this state, and who is under sixty-five years of age and not totally and permanently disabled: Provided, that upon such enactment of such general law, this exemption shall only apply to such property in any county in which the property was appraised at its value as of the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty, or thereafter, as determined by the Legislature, and this exemption shall be phased in over such periods of time not to exceed five years from the date such property was so appraised, or such longer time as the Legislature may determine by general law: Provided, however, that in no event shall any one person and his spouse, or one homestead be entitled to more than one exemption under these provisions: Provided, further, that these provisions are subject to such requirements, limitations and conditions as shall be prescribed by general law.

The Legislature shall have the authority to provide by general law for property tax relief to citizens of this state who are tenants of residential or farm property.

Workshops in Wheeling, WV

on Saturday, March 4, 2000



Obituaries

Howard D. Fritz

Howard D. Fritz, 91, of Beaver, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in the Beckley hospital following a long illness.

Born May 30, 1908, he was the son of the late James W. Fritz and Catherine Rice Fritz.

Mr. Fritz was a printer and worked for The Washington, DC, Evening Star for 25 years prior to moving back to West Virginia upon his retirement in 1973.

He was a member of CWA/ITU union, the Beckley Moose Lodge 1606, Clifftop Missionary Baptist Church, West Virginia Association of the Deaf and was founder of the Beckley Association of the Deaf.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arah Fritz; four sisters, Magnola, Lena, Edith and Mae; and four brothers, Swan, Everette "Doll," John and Ray.

Survivors include a sister, Peggy "Abby" Bolender of Orlando, Fla.

Services were 3 p.m. Saturday at Rose and Quesenberry Peace Chapel with Dr. G. Elmo Ranegar officiating. Burial followed in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

Friends called one hour before the services at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley.

Editor's Note: He was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1924.

Wilbur Ray Asbury

Wilbur Ray Asbury, 71, of Pittsburgh died May 1, 2000, in St. Clair Hospital, Mount Lebanon, after a short illness.

He worked for the Pittsburgh Press from 1967 to 1991. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf, the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, West Virginia Association of the Deaf,

National Association of the Deaf and CWA/ITU.

Surviving: wife, Gloria Lee Asbury; sons, David R. and Jeffrey L.; four grandchildren. Service was 11:00 a.m. Friday at Rock Branch Independent Church, Nitro, WV, with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating.

Burial was in Asbury Cemetery, Nitro.

Friends called from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Gatens Funeral Home, Pocahontas.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Editor's Note: Mr. Asbury was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1949.

We will miss him so much.

William "Billy Joe" Joseph Hoover

William "Billy Joe" Joseph Hoover, 66, Romney, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He donated his body to medical research through the Human Gift Registry of WVU.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m., at the Shaffer Funeral Home, Romney.

Editor's Note: Mr. Hoover was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1953.

He was a houseparent for the West Virginia School for the Deaf and retired.

He was a member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

He has a deaf nephew, Paul See. We will miss him so much.

James Mick

James Mick died suddenly on May 26, 2000 at age 57.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Mick of Avon, NY, sister and brother-in-law, William (Meledia) Mick of VA, Steven (Pam) Mick of WV; Special friends, Gerald and Vickie Ott, Sr., and Vanissa Ott; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held May 31, at 11:00 a.m. at the Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf., Rochester, NY. Burial was at the White Haven, Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Livingston County Hospice Fund, 2 County Campus, Mt. Morris, NY 14510.

Editor's Note: James Mick was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1962. He was a member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

Phyllis Wanda Adkins

Phyllis Wanda Adkins, 68, of Huntington, passed away June 2, 2000. Graveside services was conducted at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2000 at Raylous Cemetery, by Rev. Jim Asbury.

She was born November 8, 1931 in Wayne County, a daughter of the late Ottie Sharp and Rosa Myrtle Bowen Adkins.

She was a long-time member of Grace Gospel Church.

She was graduate of WV School for the Deaf, retired from Huntington Dress Factory, and belonged to the Huntington Association of the Deaf. She was a member of West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois M. Adkins and Eura Mae Cremeans; one brother, Tilman Adkins. She is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ottie Adkins, Jr. and Glenna M. Adkins of Huntington and Vernon and Iris Lea Adkins of Beaver Creek, OH; and her special friends in the Huntington deaf community.

Friends called Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Deaf Ministry at Grace Gospel Church, Huntington.

COMING EVENTS

June 15 - Governor will sign the Executive Order at the State Capitol at 11:30 a.m., Charleston, WV

June 16-17 - West Virginia Deaf Bass Fishing Tournament at the Greenbrier River Campground, Lewisburg, WV

June 24 - Ohio Association of the Deaf at Six Flags, Ohio

July 3-8 - National Association of the Deaf Conference, Norfolk, VA

July 22 - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf Picnic at City Park, Parkersburg, WV

July 23-29 - Deaf Youth Camp of WV, Inc., at Jackson's Mills, Weston, WV

August 5 - West Virginia Association of the Deaf 85th Anniversary Picnic, Burnsville Lake, WV

August 14-16 - Educational Interpreters Conference at Flatwoods, WV by West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

August 19 - Deaf Muzzleman

October 7 - Alumni Homecoming and West Virginia School for the Deaf 130th Anniversary, Romney, WV

October 28 - Charleston Association of the Deaf Picnic at the Valley Park, Hurricane, WV

November 4 - Wheeling Deaf Association Christmas Party at the Ramada Plaza City Center Hotel, Wheeling, WV

December 9 - WV Deaf Club Christmas Party at Flatwoods, WV



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Wheeling Deaf Association

Welcomes You To
The Eighth Annual

Christmas Party

November 4, 2000

Ramada Plaza City Center Hotel
12th & Market Street
Wheeling, WV (same old place, McClure House)

! \$10,000 GIVE AWAY !

\$6,500.00 - Cash Prize - \$6,500.00 • (*Depends Upon Attendance*)

Plus More: Door Prizes - \$3,500.00 in Cash • Prizes Totaling - \$10,000.00
Great Buffet Dinner- \$30.00 per person

Please Don't Miss the Excitement!!

Social Hour - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Dinner Begins at 4:00 pm sharp, no later!

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D.J. Music 9:00 pm to 12:00 am

(Please No Children)

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the cost will be \$35.00 at the door.

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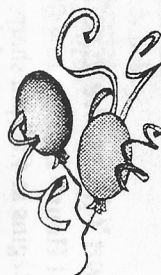
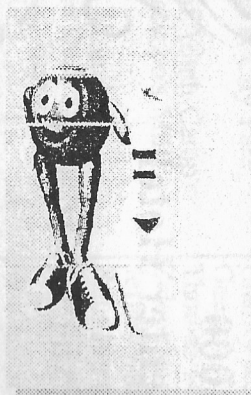
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22nd John Popovich Bowling & Social Night at Fire Hall

The 22nd John Popovich Bowling will be held at Wilson Lane, Route 50, Romney, WV. FANS-\$5.00. The tournament will start at 9 AM.

John Popovich founded the Classical Handicap Tourney.

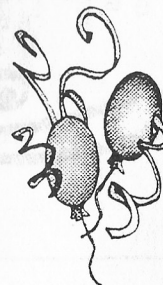


Social night at Romney Fire Hall from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

BINGO will be given away \$1,000.00, and the bonus will be given away \$500.00.

Surprise prizes 3 tickets for \$1.00, 10 tickets for \$3.00, and 20 tickets for \$5.00.

Cash prizes will be given away.

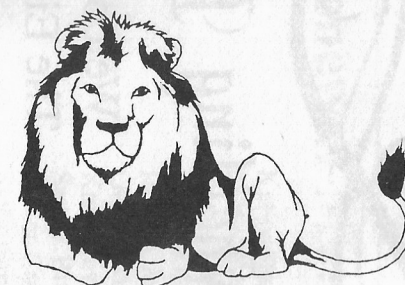


130th Anniversary

WVDAA

October 6 & 7, 2000

Combo Ticket
Information



TTY: 304-368-0322
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www.wvdaa.org

Reunion Event

Matthew "Magician" Morgan



October 6, 2000,

WVDAA is providing a big celebration, 130th Anniversary of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind at Romney, West Virginia.

Reunion dinner will be provided at Multipurpose Room while Matthew "Magician" Morgan gives the 60-90 minutes performance for our pleasure and joyful night by hugging your old friends and say big HELLO! Matthew "Magician" Morgan is from Wisconsin.

If you have seen him before, then you will know it would be thrilling, but his magic show will be doubly fascinating because he has new equipment for variety of magic. For those who have not see it, you are in a treat for this action.

Check his webpage at www.magicmorgan.com



Price List	
Member Early Bird (Jul 1—Aug 31) The weekend include Reunion Dinner, Magic Show, and Saturday events for \$20.00.	\$20.00
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Nonmember (Sept 1—Sept 30) The weekend include Reunion Dinner, Magic Show, and Saturday events for \$40.00.	\$40.00
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For member or nonmember 1 day visit The price will be same as above. <i>Strongly encourage send the money now.</i>	
Join Membership for Two Years Subscript newsletter 4 times for 2 years and discount for special events.	\$10.00

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WVAD 85TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Burnsville Lake at Riffle Run Campground
Shelter #3 and #4

August 5, 2000

9:00 a.m. til 10:00 p.m.

**\$1,000.00
CASH GIVE AWAY!**

If over 125 people attend then an extra
\$500.00 will be given out.

RSVP by July 25, 2000

WVAD will be serving two meals. Many fun
and games planned. Come out and join us.
Plan to camp out Saturday night with us.
See back for more information.

Shelters Number 3 and 4 are located adjacent to the Marina/Boat Dock near the Burnsville Dam. The Burnsville Dam is located about 3 miles above the town of Burnsville, West Virginia. Watch for the sign that says "Burnsville Lake."

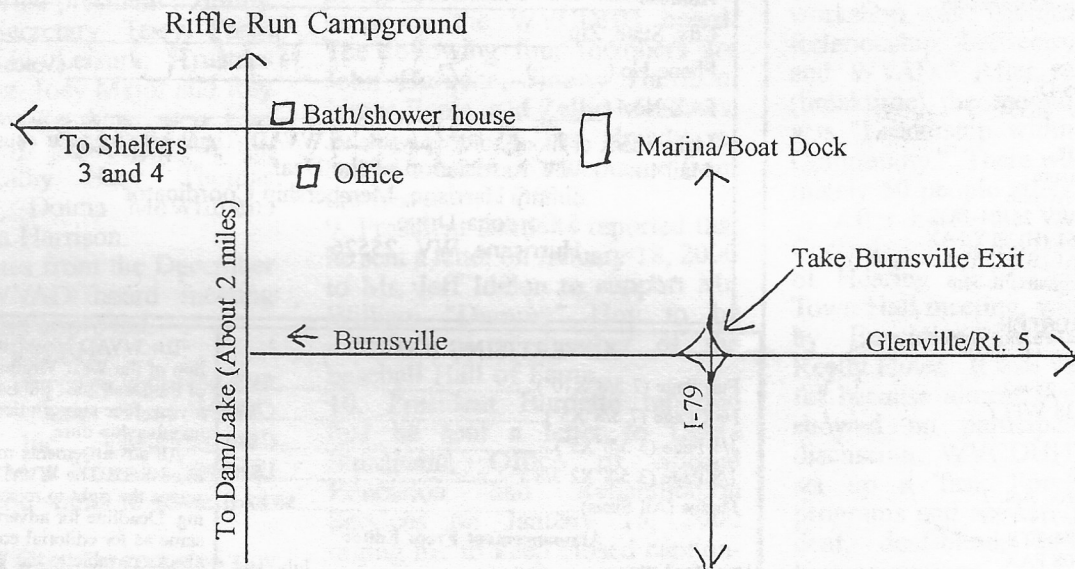
Near the Burnsville Dam, there is Riffle Run Campground. There are 54 sites with electrical hookups, shower/restroom facilities, sewage dump stations and fresh water fill-up stations. No reservations. For first come, first serve only.

On the other side of the lake, there is Bulltown Campground that has 204 campsites. It takes about 30 minutes to drive over there. To get to Bulltown Campground, take the Flatwood exit via I-79. Turn left at the stoplight. Go about ten miles.

If you want to reserve a campsite at Bulltown Campground for Friday and/or Saturday night, you may either reserve on-line www.ReserveUSA.com or call 1-877-83306777 (TTY). Do this as soon as possible to be sure it is available.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Liz Leisure (304-428-7761; liz-zyl@wirefire.com) or John Burdette, WVAD President (304-647-3131; johnbmi-ami@aol.com).

Hope to see you there!



Cut along line and return form with check or money order.
Please print clearly the names of people attending.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Write in number of people attending
_____ Members: \$25.00 per person

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