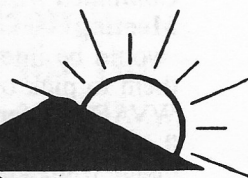


# WVAD Newsletter



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## Closed Captioning

The Consumer Information Bureau of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) received close to 1,000 e-mail notes, letters and phone calls from consumers and businesses expressing concerns over possible funding cuts or drastic revamping of the criteria of closed captioning for TV programming by the U.S. Department of Education. The FCC in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education wishes to share the following information with advocacy groups, consumers and businesses in the deaf and hard of hearing community:

Under a new law, after October 1, 2001, the Department of Education has been directed to distribute funds for captioning of television programs which are educational, contain news, or are informational. The Department has received thousands of responses from deaf and hard of hearing viewers about the need to define this criteria in a manner that includes a broad variety of television programming. The Department is carefully reviewing these responses, and will ensure that its final criteria take into consideration the concerns raised by caption viewers. In the meantime, viewers should be aware that:

\*Funds for captioning **will not** cease after October 1, 2001.

\*By January 1, 2002 (3 months after October 1, 2001), FCC rules require all television providers (broadcast, cable, satellite, etc.) to

caption approximately 50 percent of their programs, with few exceptions.

\*The FCC rules also require 100% of new programming to be captioned in 2006 - with few exceptions.

\*Remember, FCC rules say that complaints about closed captioning must first be sent in writing to the video program provider or distributor (cable or satellite company, or local broadcast station). You may send a cc of your letter to the FCC as well.

Jim House, Director

TDI Member Services 7 Public Relations

<http://www.tdi-online.org/e-notes>

*-From Deafnet*

## West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting on January 13, 2001

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf board meeting was held on January 13, 2001 at the SW Resources Building at 1:45 p.m. in Parkersburg, WV.

Attendance: John Burdette, President; Jimmy Harrison, Vice-President; Liz Leisure, Treasurer; Terry Ford, Secretary; Joey Major, Trustee; Clyde Swartz, Trustee; Visitors Linda Phillips, Eileen Greathouse, Donna M. William, Veronda Harrison, Jason and Dalton Harrison. Not present: Ray Matos, Trustee.

The minutes read; the board accepted.

### President's Report

1. President Burdette received a request from NAD for annual state

membership verification. Vice-President Jimmy Harrison will respond to that request this week.

2. President Burdette talked about new interpreter evaluation to be done by RID using their test method. WVCDHH sent letters last fall to all interpreters regarding the upcoming evaluations. He suggested that if any one knows of a person who would be interested in the evaluation he or she should be advised to contact the WVCDHH.

3. President Burdette received the original contract from the Holiday Inn Express. He plans to write to Ramada Inn for refund in the amount of \$200.00. When he gets a check, he will send to the treasurer and ask her to send a check before May 14, 2001 to Holiday Inn Express for a deposit for meeting rooms, etc.

4. President Burdette discussed plans for a Deaf Awareness Day with several deaf chapters at the Christmas party in Flatwoods, WV. It was decided that both Beckley Deaf Club and Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf would host the Deaf Awareness Day at the mall in Beckley, WV on 3rd week of September of 2001.

5. President Burdette wants all to think of a theme for the 2001 WVAD Conference.

6. President Burdette had been asked by Charity Reedy Hines, Executive Director of the WVCDHH, if there is an extra room available at the hotel for them to have an interpreter workshop.

7. President Burdette had a couple of catalogs with him if anyone

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### **Meeting**

would be interested in looking at them to pick out souvenirs for the WVAD Conference.

8. President Burdette received a menu from UNDO's. He doesn't have copies for the board members. He would like for everyone to look at it and pick out appetizers and choices of meals, if there is time.

9. President Burdette discussed selection of a deaf Pageant Director and funds for the pageant.

10. President Burdette discussed about the Deaf Youth Camp for next summer. They are asking for sponsors.

11. President Burdette asked the board to name person to become a Awards chairperson.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Vice-President Jimmy Harrison discussed about memberships.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Liz Leisure reported that she transferred \$1,000.00 from the saving account to the checking account, but she must get new checks because of change from One Valley Bank to BB&T Bank.

2. Liz reported that she already applied for 501 (c)(3).

3. Liz received a letter from United Way seeking additional members to help with planning for a volunteer recognition event in the spring of 2001.

4. Liz reported WVAD Financial Report from December 1, 2000 to January 12, 2001.

Old Business: None.

### **New Business**

1. Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) moved that WVAD send 2 delegates to SARC. Passed.

2. Liz Leisure (Joey Major) moved that WVAD appoint Donna M. William to be the Pageant Director. Passed.

3. Clyde Swartz (Jimmy Harrison) moved that WVAD appoint a new Awards chairperson for the 2001 WVAD Conference. Passed.

4. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD donate

\$500.00 to WVAD Deaf Pageant. Passed.

5. Jimmy Harrison (Terry Ford) moved that WVAD add a refund policy to the bylaws. Passed.

6. Liz Leisure (Jimmy Harrison) moved that WVAD not refund the registration fee from the conferences. Passed.

7. Jimmy Harrison (Joey Major) moved that WVAD sell new T-shirts with 2001 WVAD Conference in Wheeling printed on them. Passed. John Burdette was asked to appoint a person to chair the T-shirt Committee.

8. Liz Leisure (Jimmy Harrison) moved that WVAD have a theme for the WVAD conference. Passed.

9. Jimmy Harrison (Terry Ford) moved that WVAD donate \$100.00 to the Deaf Youth Camp at Jackson Mill. Passed.

10. Jimmy Harrison (Terry Ford) moved that WVAD set up at WVAD Bowl Championship for the conference. Passed.

11. Jimmy Harrison (Terry Ford) moved that WVAD have a booth set up at the New River Gorge Bridge Day in October 2001. Passed.

12. Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD set up a booth at the WV State Fair in August 2001. Passed.

13. Jimmy Harrison (Terry Ford) moved that WVAD purchase a new LCD projector. Passed.

14. Joey Major (Liz Leisure) moved that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

## **Good News**

Closed Captioning will soon be required for all programs.

Starting on June 21, 2001, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments will take effect. At that time, all mission critical programs must be closed-captioned.

Every downlink site must be able to show the captions on their

equipment by that date. Please check your televisions to make sure they're compliant.

*-From Netscape*

## **Ten Annoying Interpreter Behaviors**

**10. Inappropriate Attire,** Some friends mentioned that this could also include piercing in unusual places. Another example is sloppy dressing.

**9. Unprofessional Conduct,** and the inability or unwillingness to devote 100 percent of one's energy to the job at hand and not run out to make phone calls. This is also not fair to the partner interpreter. After all, what is team interpreting; for?

**8. Bossy Attitude,** Instead of being the interpreter's boss (after all, who hired the interpreter), the deaf person is treated like a child. An example of interpreter's being too presuming: Those who set up future interpreting assignments with the hearing people when it is really the deaf person's responsibility to do so. What if the deaf person's plans did not include that particular interpreter?

**7. Interjecting Thoughts,** instead of being objective and unobtrusive.

**6. Lack of Proper Facial Expression,** It makes it difficult for the deaf person to know the tone of the conversation. Interpreters who are not easy to lipread can be rough for deaf people to understand.

**5. Inability to Follow the Deaf Person,** who then has to sign unnaturally slower, thus interrupting his train of thought, or revert to Sign Exact English.

**4. Forgetting All About the Deaf Client,** This is probably a common problem because I have often heard of some situations where the interpreter chatted gaily with deaf

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### **Interpreter**

client's coworkers without even signing when they sat altogether, for example, at a cafe.

**3. Tendency to Edit, Like** Some television captioners, some interpreters do not interpret everything. So many deaf people have told me that they have lipread sentences and paragraphs that never made it through the interpreter's fingers.

**2. Inflated Opinion of Oneself,** Some interpreters claim that they are the best interpreters in the business when they really aren't.

**1. Late And No Shows,** Lateness is probably the #1 most annoying thing about the interpreters, especially those who have a tendency toward tardiness. In some situations, it would be better if the interpreter never showed up at all.

*-From Deafnet*

## **When Hearing and Vision Are a Problem**

I have Usher Syndrome, a condition that causes increasing loss of hearing and vision, including night blindness and tunnel vision. Having Usher syndrome can be frustrating.

I have trouble communicating with my friends at school, especially during my lunch break when my friends and I are standing in a group talking. Most of the time someone is caught up in telling a story about something that happened that morning and he or she forgets to face me. I cannot read his or her lips and although a few of my friends can sign, they are too busy laughing and hanging on the speaker's words.

They forget that I can't understand what is being said. It makes me feel really alone, like someone looking through a window at everyone on the other side. Afterwards a friend will try to sign to me what was said and it makes

me feel alot better. Still, it isn't the same as hearing it from the speaker and being able to laugh along with everyone else. Also when I go to after school football games, I can't see in the dark. I can't wander around with friends and they don't understand.

Usher Syndrome is frustrating not only for me, but also for my friends and teachers as well. My friends or teachers will try to tell me something but sometimes I don't understand. When I ask them to repeat they get angry. They reply "never mind," or "don't worry about it." Even worse, sometimes they repeat it in slow, open mouthed phrases that make it even harder to understand. I get really angry when people do that to me, but I try to understand what it would be like in their place. Teachers usually have more patience than people my own age. They are usually more understanding

Almost two years ago, I underwent an operation to have a cochlear implant, which is a device that is implanted in a space where a piece of skull has been removed behind the ear and a wire is extended into parts of the ear to create artificial sound. I am hoping that with time and dedication, I will be able to use my cochlear implant to communicate better with people in the hearing world.

*-By Ravon Sheets  
Capital High School  
Charleston, West Virginia  
World Around You*

## **Married Couple**

Alan Fletcher and Anita Marie got married on October 21, 2000.

Alan Fletcher was a graduate of West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1977.

We hope that they are steady happy afterever. Congratulations!



## **Suspected Bomb was Device for the Deaf**

It looked suspiciously like a bomb-- an unmarked metal box with a flashing red light placed beneath a pay telephone. So authorities evacuated a rehabilitation center at Valley Medical Center and closed down a section of Bascom Avenue for hours on Monday.

Eighty-nine patients with spinal cord and brain injuries, along with scores of workers were moved while Santa Clara County sheriff's bomb squad technicians were called in.

When they finally solved the riddle, the mysterious box turned out to be a Teletypewriter Terminal box that enables the hearing impaired to use telephones.

Joy Alexiou, spokeswoman for the San Jose hospital, said it is unknown how long the TTY box had been installed, and VMC officials were trying to find out when Pacific Bell workers placed it there. But, she said, that issue was immaterial.

The 9:32 a.m. incident at the Norman B. Nelson Rehabilitation Facility began when two people reported the device--bolted to a shelf under a pay phone in the front lobby--to security staff. The people also reported a suspicious person had been at the phone, Alexiou said.

No one at the center could identify the metal box. Officials called Pacific Bell and described the box to the phone company representative, who also could not identify it and recommended hospital officials call in a bomb squad.

Deputies were summoned to the four-story center at 751 S. Bascom Ave., and soon workers and patients were relocated for 4 1/2 hours. The patients were moved to another wing on the hospital's

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**Bomb** campus. An adjoining seven-story hospital administration building also was evacuated.

South Bascom was closed in both directions from Moorpark Avenue to Enborg lane and Fruitdale Avenue.

Meanwhile, deputies brought in a \$140,000 remote controlled robot that is equipped with two television cameras to inspect the box. After a lengthy conversation with a telephone company representative, who came to the center to view images of the box, it was determined that the device was a TTY box, which enables users to send messages and receive them over phone lines with a keyboard.

*-From San Jose Mercury News, California*

## Moving to Florida

Last fall Worthy and Lois Devericks moved to Tarpon Springs, FL from Clarksburg, WV, where they sold their house and he retired from the Postal Service. They bought a nice house in Tarpon Springs. Now they are at their summer home (camp) in Romney this summer. They had spoken about how much they enjoyed living in Florida last winter. They will return to Florida before the next winter comes back.

We wish them the very happy and relaxing life.

## Fun in Florida

Last winter Delores and Roy E. Pyles of Seebert, WV, spent their fifth winter in Port Richey, FL, but it was not just the regular quiet and peaceful winter for them like the past four winters in Florida. Some deaf freinds and strangers moved to Florida near the Pyles' residence for the winter. They were June (Luther) Hillard and Robert Watson of Tulsa, OK; Richard and Irene

Boyd of Denver, OK; Gloria Asbury of Pittsburgh, PA; Worthy and Lois Devericks of Romney, WV; John and Vivian Hook of Baltimore, MD; Bob and Caroline Downing of Gary, IN; Billy and Marlene Bloss of Enid, OK. Virginia Hopkins of Spring Hill joined us often when we, the deaf group, got together for socials such as card playing, beach going, pot luck dinners, Bingo, etc. Everyone had fun as if they were kids again.

## Remember Joyce Martin?

Joyce Martin Godbey of Dade City, FL, attended West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney during 1960-71, are moved to Florida in 1973. She worked for Sergio's Italian Restaurant. She has a hearing husband and two sons.

She would like to say "Hello" to all of her friends in West Virginia.

## Did You Know?



Jackie Sherrill and Emanuel Robinson got married on September 8, 2000. They eloped to a chapel in Aiken, SC with Rev. Jerry Tindall.

Jackie formerly lived in Washington, DC, now she lives in Dunbar, WV. She worked at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 25 years.

Emanuel has worked for the Postal Service in Parkersburg, WV for 15 years. He became owner a barber shop for 45 years at age of 22. Congraluations!

## Birth Announcement

Who said "Nothing is sweller...than our new little feller" when Joshua Wayne Simmons entered our lives on May 14, 2001. It was his proud parents, Julie (Streets) and Jeffery Simmons of Cross Lanes, WV. Joshua came in at 7 lbs. 1 ounce and measured 19 3/4 inches. He has a 19 year old sister, Jessica, and a four year old brother, Jordan. Congratulations!

## Man dies when car leaves road in Lake County

A 58 year old man died June 3, 2001, in a one car crash after he lost control of his car on a hilly and curvy stretch of Ohio 86 in Lake County, police said.

The man's 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier swerved off the right side of the road at 2:40 a.m., after a sharp turn near the intersection of Proctor Road. The car then veered left across the road, hit a tree, dipped into a concrete culvert and flipped, a dispatcner for the State Highway Patrol said.

The patrol would not release the victim's name, but Behm Funeral Homes in Madison identified him as Thomas R. Morris, Sr., a golf-course maintenance man from Thompson.

The motorist did not appear to be driving above the 55 mph speed limit, the patrol dispatcner added. It was not known whether Thompson wore a seatbelt.

Thompson, a widower, is sur-  
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# Obituary

## Nell Haines King

Nell Haines King, 97, Romney, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Romney.

Born September 9, 1903, in Romney, she was the daughter of the late Charles W. and Sallie Monroe Haines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd J. King, on July 1, 1972.

She graduated from Romney High School in 1922, and Miss Arbaugh's School, Macon, Georgia in 1924. She continued her training as a teacher of the deaf at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., and taught at a private school for the deaf. She returned to Romney to teach at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and retired in 1970 after 35 years of service.

In 1918 she became a charter member of the First Baptist Church, Romney, and was the organist for over 50 years. She played for every Lenten luncheon until 1994. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Romney Chapter 84, served as pianist, and was Worthy Matron in 1934. She was a 71-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Hampshire Post 91, a member of the Romney GFWC, the American Baptist Women and the Hampshire County Association of Retired School Employees.

Surviving are one daughter, Patricia Lynne King York and husband, Douglas, Romney; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The Order of Eastern Star Chapter 84 conducted a memorial service Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m., in the Shaffer Funeral Home, Romney.

A service was conducted Friday, May 11 at 11 a.m., in the First Baptist Church, Romney, with the

Rev. Frank Meadows, and the Rev. Randall Mathis officiating. Interment was in Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 325 W. Main St., Romney, WV 26757.

## Ray A. Mills



Ray A. Mills, 92, of North Redington Beach, Florida, died May 9, 2001 of complications from a broken hip.

Survivors include his wife, LeMoyné, two neices, Margaret Knudson of Charleston, WV, and Geneva Cooley of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Editor's Note:** Ray enrolled at West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1914. He married Gertrude Zimmerman, who enrolled at West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1917 and died in 1982. He later married LeMoyné, who is not from West Virginia. After his retirement, he moved to Florida from Pittsburgh, PA.

## David A. Reedy, Sr.

David Alexander Reedy, Sr., 81, of Linville, VA, died May 17, 2001, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 27, 1919, in Rockingham County, and was a son of the late Berlin and Ida Mae Hollar Reedy.

He was a great father, grandfather, and friend. He was a heavy equipment operator for M.A.

Layman and Sons for 38 years, before retiring, and a farmer. After his retirement, he continued to operate heavy equipment for R&S Excavating. He attended school at Virginia School for the Deaf & the Blind in Staunton. He was a member of Smith Creek Baptist Church in New Market, and was a past treasurer for a local support group for parents with deaf children.

Surviving are five children and their spouses; David A. Reedy, Jr. and Brenda Reedy of Singers Glen; Karen and Ronald Thompson of Singers Glen; Mike and Marian Reedy of Singers Glen; Linda R. and C. David Wenger of Broadway; Charity Reedy Hines and husband Daniel of Romney, WV; 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Janet Leigh Reedy and one brother, James Berlin Reedy.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Sunset Drive United Methodist Church in Broadway. Officiating was Esther Schaeffer. Burial was in the Singers Glen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to R.M.H. Foundation Heart & Monitoring System, 235 Cantrell Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22891; or the Singers Glen Rescue Squad, PO Box 75, Singers Glen, VA 22850.

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Reedy was the beloved father of Charity Reedy Hines, who is the executive director of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Romney.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her and her family.

## Susie (Spence) Pridemore

Mrs. Susie Pridemore, 89, of Chapmanville, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at Logan General Hospital.

She was born March 8, 1912, at Chapmanville, a daughter of the late Jim and Betty Stollings

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## **Killed**

vived by daughters, Tammy Phillips of Geneva and Betsy Ross of Thompson; sons Kenny Atkins of Columbus, Rand of Florida and Thomas, Jr. of Geneva; five grandchildren; and a stepbrother.

Services were through Behm, 26 River Street, Madison, Ohio.

**Editor's Note:** Thompson was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney in 1961.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

## **Many people think it isn't for them. They may be wrong. Is the Roth IRA For You?**

Sophisticated investors rushed to embrace the Roth Individual Retirement Account when it was introduced in 1998. But most Americans have yet to open Roth accounts at their banks. They probably don't realize they've passing up one of the best deals Congress has ever offered to the average taxpayer.

The money you earn in a Roth IRA is tax-free. By contrast, money earned in a regular IRA is only tax-deferred; every penny you take out will be taxable income. Here's what you should know about this wonderful account:

### **The Roth IRA is for middle class working Americans.**

The only people not eligible to open a Roth are single taxpayers who earn more than \$110,000 and married couples filing jointly who earn more than \$160,000. Roth IRA contributions are limited to \$2,000 a year, or \$4,000 for a married couple.

### **You can tap a Roth IRA without tax or penalty--anytime.**

A regular IRA ties up your money until you're 59 1/2. But you

can withdraw your contributions from a Roth IRA without tax or penalty--anytime, at any age, for any reason. For example:

Let's say you contribute \$2,000 a year, and it earns 8% a year. After four years, you have \$9,733. If you withdraw the \$8,000 in contributions, you owe nothing to Uncle Sam. Only the \$1,733 in earnings are subject to income tax, plus a 10% penalty if you take it out.

And your Roth earnings escape the 10% penalty if used to pay for higher education or a first home, or if you're disabled or your family is emptying the account at your death. If you've owned the Roth for five years or more, there's no penalty or tax on earnings used to buy a first home or withdrawn because of disability or death. After you've owned the account for five years and you're over 59 1/2, all earnings you withdraw are tax-free.

Of course, the smart thing is not to withdraw money but to keep it growing tax-free as long as possible. Unlike a regular IRA, which you must start emptying after age 70 1/2 you never have to take money out of a Roth. If you leave it to your kids, they won't owe income tax on it either.

### **You can have a Roth even with a retirement plan at work.**

Participating in an employer sponsored retirement plan can make you ineligible for a regular IRA--but not for a Roth IRA, even if you're the employer, says Ed Slott, a tax accountant in Rockville Centre, NY.

### **A Roth IRA is a better deal than a regular IRA.**

Converting an existing regular IRA to a Roth may not make sense, because a conversion triggers a tax bill. But for new contributions, a Roth IRA always beats a regular IRA. There's only one thing a regular IRA gives you that a Roth doesn't--a tax deduction.

But the Roth is still a better deal. "A \$2,000 tax-deductible contribu-

tion to a regular IRA saves you \$560 in taxes if you're in the 28% tax bracket," says Slott. "That's barely more than \$10 a week. You'd spend more on pizza and a movie ticket. And look at what you give up in exchange: You can't access your money until you're 59 1/2, and ultimately it's all taxable. If you put that \$2,000 into a Roth instead, you can take it out anytime tax-free and penalty free--and eventually even your earnings are tax-free."

### **A Roth IRA is a good gift.**

If your child or grandchild earns money babysitting or mowing lawns, a Roth IRA could grow that after school salary into a small fortune. But it's hard to persuade a teenager to save for a rainy day. So consider opening a Roth as a gift. There's no minimum age requirement. A one time \$2,000 contribution for a 16 year old will be worth \$86,855 by the time he's 65 if it grows 8% a year--and he'll never owe taxes on a penny of it.

**Editor's Note:** Ms. Kara Russell, the staff interpreter, for the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, requested to have this important information printed in our newsletter.

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## **Obituary**

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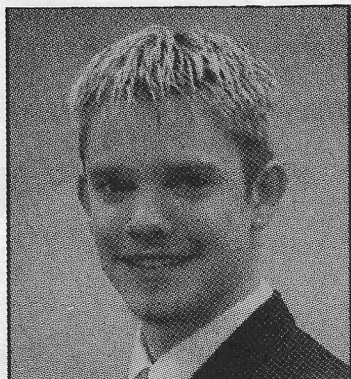
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hansford Pridemore.

Susie was a homemaker and a member of the No. 20 Whitman Community Church at Whitman.

Survivors include two daughters, Milford "Millie" Thompson of Chapmanville, and Anna Scaggs of Creston, Ohio; three sons, Jim of Chapmanville, Edward of Alkol and Robert of North Providence, R.I.; one special friend, Betty Griffith, and many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Pridemore Cemetery at Caney Branch of Chapmanville.

## Graduates of West Virginia School for the Deaf Class of 2001



**Daniel Edward Cochran**

Daniel Edward Cochran is son of Max and Vivian Cochran of Capon Bridge, WV. He graduated as the valedictorian of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Class of 2001.

He received the Robert C. Byrd Scholastic Award - U.S. Saving Bond; a check of \$100.00 for the valedictorian from the West Virginia Association of the Deaf; \$500.00 for the Loyal Order of the Moose Scholarship Award; a check of \$100.00 from the Joe W. James Memorial Award; Valedictorian Trophy.

He plans to continue his education by studying auto repair and painting at the Mineral County Technical and Adult Education Center in Keyser, WV.

### **Marcus Eugene Leake, Jr.**

Marcus Eugene Leake, Jr. is a son of Marcus, Sr. and Kathy Leake of Romney.

In the future, Marcus wants to attend technical school to study automotive engine repair.

### **Jason Sherwood Wilson**

Jason Wilson is a son of Nancy Thompson of Moundsville, WV.

He plans to continue his education by studying computer repair at the Mineral County Technical and Adult Education Center in Keyser.



**Noelle Serena Payton**

Noelle Serena Payton is a daughter of Jennie Ackley of Dallas, Texas and Jim Payton of Charleston, WV. She graduated as the salutatorian of the Class of 2001.

She received a check of \$50.00 for the salutatorian from the West Virginia Association of the Deaf; Carl D. Stickley Scholarship Award; \$500.00 for the Loyal Order of the Moose Scholarship Award; \$500.00 and a plaque for the United Auto Workers Academic Scholarship Award; a check of \$6,000.00 for the Gallaudet University President's Award; Salutatorian Trophy.

She has been accepted to attend Gallaudet University in the fall and will pursue a degree in Business Technology.

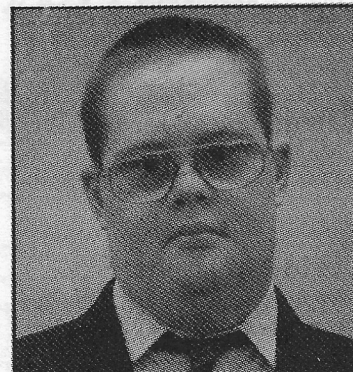
### **Joanne Shaffer**

Joanne Shaffer is a daughter of Christian and Bonnie George of Elkveiw, WV.

She plans to go to college and pursue a degree in secondary education.

### **April Lee Nicole Dixon**

April Dixon is a daughter of Rowdy and Brenda Dixon of Albright, WV.



**Joseph Wayne Canterbury**

Joseph Canterbury is a son of Kenneth and Rebecca Canterbury of Charmco, WV.

He received a certificate for the Most Outstanding Seniors from the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

Joseph will continue his education at the Vocational Rehabilitation Center at Institute.

### **Sylvia Flora Adkins**

Sylvia Adkins is a daughter of Virgil and Renea Adkins of Glen, WV.

Her future plans include attending the Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Institute, WV to receive training in food service.



*Curiosity is one  
of the permanent  
and certain  
characteristics  
of a vigorous mind.*  
-- Samuel Johnson

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