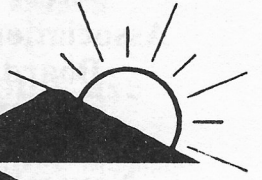




# WVAD Newsletter



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## President's Corner

The West Virginia Legislature passed a bill recognizing American Sign Language as a foreign language in high schools and colleges. Selecting a state-wide curriculum is under the works of the Department of Education and the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing that will become part of the state Instructional Goals and Objectives.

The hospitals are required to screen all newborn babies for hearing loss. The Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Council with a representative from the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) is working on developing a resource guide for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children as part of the Newborn Hearing Screening program.

There is a bill pending in the current legislature requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to identify drivers who are deaf by using a code on the drivers' license. It would require the deaf person to have an audiologist verify the hearing loss.

Other bills pending in the current legislature are: Hearing aids coverage by health insurance; re-classifying educational interpreters from a service level to a professional level equal to that of teachers for better pay and better benefits; and providing a four year training program for interpreters.

Other programs in West Virginia includes the Telephonic Communication Device Loan

Program which include TDD's, amplified telephones, low vision TDD's, and Braille TDD's.

Postsecondary Education Consortium recently held a roundtable discussion including several state agencies and WVAD to identify needs within the state. The following were determined by the group as critical needs: Find funds from grants; access to technology; interpreting training; family advocacy; and literacy.

WVAD President John W. Burdette is on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the West Virginia Commission of the Arts. The purpose of this committee is to assist West Virginia toward a universal and inclusive environment in the arts where programs, services, activities and employment are accessible to everyone—people with and without disabilities and people of all ages.

## Wise Signs Three Access Bills

Governor Bob Wise signed three bills into law at a ceremony in his Capitol office on April 3, 2002.

S.B. 638 gives drivers the opportunity to place a symbol on their driver's license indicating they are deaf or hard of hearing.

"The new designation will provide law enforcement officers with a quick method of immediately identifying persons with a disability so they can provide access to an interpreter and reduce misunderstandings," Wise said.

The optional endorsement will be

applied upon request at any DMV licensing location, and upon certification by a licensed audiologist. There will be no additional charge if requested at time of license renewal or at other transactions such as new address or replacement of a lost license.

The Accessible Voting Technology Act S.B. 226, requires that if counties upgrade or replace voting machines certified by the Secretary of State to have the capability to provide non-visual access to the blind or visually impaired, then the county must provide a voting machine with these capabilities at the polls.

"All our citizens have rights to be heard at the voting booth," Wise said. "This Technology Act will assure access for the visually impaired."

Finally, S.B. 279 requires the commissioner of the Division of Highways to provide family restrooms at all rest areas along interstate highways in the state.

"This legislation will benefit West Virginians of all ages," Wise said. "Not only will caregivers traveling with Alzheimer's patients appreciate the convenience of a family restroom, but so will families with young children."

***I repeat...that all power is a trust; that we are accountable for its exercise; that, from the people, and for the people, all springs, and all must exist.***

*-- Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield*

**West Virginia  
Association of the Deaf  
Board Meeting  
at the  
Clarkersburg VFW  
November 17, 2001**

Board meeting started 1:00 p.m. November 17, 2001 at the Clarkersburg VFW in Clarkersburg, WV.

Present: President John Burdette; Vice-President Jimmy Harrison; Treasurer Liz Leisure; Secretary Donna M. Williams; Trustees: Joey Major; Charles Tuell; Clyde Swartz. Visitors: Duane Pritt; Veronda Harrison; Jerry Whitlock; Jason Harrison; Dalton Harrison; Doug Evans.

The minutes were read, revised and approved.

**President's Report:**

Letters:

WV Advocates

WV Culture and History

NAD/NFSD asking for donations for WTC Fund

FCC regarding upcoming meetings

Marty Blakely asking WVAD to sponsor student of the month

WVCDHH regarding TDD's at rest areas

Regional I meeting in Providence, RI November 2-4, 2001. Two years ago at the regional meeting in Baltimore, MD, they had training for submitting bills and symposiums. At the meeting in RI recently, the delegates chose 10 bills to be carried to the symposium at the NAD Conference. This summer at NAD will have 6 forums--3 in morning and 3 in afternoon.

Good news--3 states competed for bid to host next regional meeting in 2003. WV won the bid. Think will have in Charleston or White Sulphur Springs.

PEPNET Meeting in Charleston November 7-8, 2001 to discuss post secondary services to deaf. John and Donna attended.

University of Tenn sponsored and paid. Made some goals and timelines. Things WVAD can help is with advocate, role model, technical expo during conference, write grants, support interpreter Training program at FSC.

Picnic this summer? Can be same place or different place.

During WVAD conference, it was moved that WVAD contact pager companies, set up open caption in theaters. John found some information. Earl Hollinstead informed John that Morgantown have open caption. Probably focused on larger cities like Charleston, Parkersburg, etc. John talked with Jerry Nelson, Vice President Wyndtel Company regarding pagers in West Virginia. Jerry said it is not possible in WV at this time because don't have towers in WV. West Virginia is too rural. Tower cost \$100,000 paid by the server/company. Pager will work only 10 to 15 miles; therefore would need many towers. Jerry suggested we wait. Rural areas are last on the list. Even parts of Virginia is hard as well as Montana.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Membership - Oct. 2001 \$120 for all senior citizens for total of 261 members. 19 people did not renew since August.

**Secretary's Report:**

Still trying to get list of all events in the state. Some deaf clubs slow responding. Have list of all deaf clubs presidents and contact persons.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report distributed. Liz Leisure asked if any questions. No questions.

Workshop on 501(c)(3) in Charleston December 7. Liz cannot go. Asked if anyone else can go.

Copy machine maintenance coverage for \$99.00. Do we want to continue this?

**Trustee's Report:**

None

**Committee's Report:**

Pageant: Need lots of donations. Donna distributed the flyers and little posters for jars.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Joey Major (Charles Tuell) moved to have WVAD biennial camp/picnic August 2-3, 2002 at Summersville Dam/Lake Campground. Passed.

Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved to charge \$10 admission (include door prize and one meal) for members and non-members adults aged 18 and up. Cash prizes based on number of admissions. Passed.

Liz Leisure (Joey Major) moved to amend to charge children aged 12 to 18 \$3.00. Children under 12 free. Passed.

Joey Major (Jimmy Harrison) moved WVAD be in charge of horseshoe and fishing tournament. Passed.

Jimmy Harrison (Joey Major) moved WVAD be in charge \$5.00 for each tournament with all money received to be given as prizes. Passed.

Clyde Swartz (Joey Major) moved to send 3 delegates to the NAD Conference July, 2002. Failed.

Jimmy Harrison (Donna Williams) moved to send 2 delegates to the NAD Conference July, 2002. Passed.

Jimmy Harrison (Donna Williams) moved to have workshop given by BPAO in the spring at a deaf club in each district. Passed.

Jimmy Harrison (Clyde Swartz) moved that WVAD board approve the bid for hosting the NAD Regional I conference in 2003. Passed.

**Announcements:**

Doug Evans read letter he will give WVAD and security deposit for 2005 WVAD Conference.

Liz Leisure moved to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.

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**Meeting**

Next meeting possibly April 13, 2002 in Bluefield with a social afterwards.

## From the Editor's Desk

It is springtime now!

I AM BUSY! I took care of my mother at her home for three weeks. I volunteered to help the band banquet which my son, Jason is involved in the band. I will be a chaperone with Monica Spangler, who is the WVAD Deaf Pageant and will go to a retreat at the Maryland School for the Deaf on June 28-July 2. After that I will go to the National Association of the Deaf at Washington, DC on July 2-July 8. Keeps me running around.

I apologize that I didn't make the WVAD newsletter issue Jan., Feb., Mar., 2002 because I didn't get enough news. If you have any news, please send to me.

Have a nice day!

## Mals to interpret during story hour

Claudia Mals of Romney, a 28-year teacher of the elementary school of the West Virginia School for the Deaf, will interpret in the language of signs the story hour at the Hampshire County Public Library.

Evelyn Smith will be storyteller. Mals will begin interpreting on Wednesday, June 12 at 11 a.m. Story hour will be held the same day and hour each week.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mals and her husband, Stanley, a mathematics teacher at the junior-senior high school for the deaf, have four children. Two are in college and two are at home.

*From Hampshire Review  
May 29, 2002*

## West Virginia Legislature Senate Journal Seventy-fifth Legislature Regular Session, 2002

### Senate Resolution No. 9

Congratulating the Pocahontas High School football team on winning the 2001 Class AA championship.

Whereas, The Pocahontas High School football team had an exceptional season which earned it the opportunity to participate in the 2001 Class AA championship playoffs; and

Whereas, The Pocahontas High School football team won the 2001 Class AA championship; and

Whereas, The coaching staff, consisting of Bob Lemley, Jim Abshire, Mel Reed, Dave Harper, Dave Rueckert, Mike Sawyer, Charlie Hartley, Bobby Lemley, Bruce Kenll, Matt Raynes and Brent Raynes are commended for their outstanding leadership ability; and

Whereas, The players on the Pocahontas High School football team, including Matt Santmyer, Andrew Shamblin, Matthew Payne, Tony Sotelo, Brent Roberts, Jake Shamblin, Josh Hull, Aaron Underwood, Eric Patton, Alan Barie, Steve White, Darrell Thomas, Wes Browning, James Wiseman, James Pullen, Mitchell Browning, Jonathon McCormick, Fletcher Kinder, Sean Lowe, Ryan Burdette, Steven Homes, Eric Gibson, Jarrett Smith, Jeff Carr, Chad Harris, Trey Dailey, Jesse Looper, Josh Harper, Bradley Roberts, Ralph Whittaker, Daniel Carter, Paul Ghareeb, Anthony Scott, J. R. Hill, Derrick Holmes and Josh Craigo, are commended for their outstanding athletic ability, team spirit and sportsmanship therefore, be it.

**Editor's Note:** Alan Barie is a son of Larry Barie and Melinda Hurd. Larry was a graduate of West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV in 1978. Melinda was a graduate of Virginia School for the Deaf in Staunton, VA in 1978.

## VA Hospital Loses Another EEOC Discrimination Case

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg has lost its second discrimination lawsuit within four months, this time to a deaf employee.

Donna Nutter Rodwell, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission judge, on Wednesday awarded Phillip Hensley \$135,000 in damages.

Hensley said that during his 12 years' work in the facility's carpentry shop, he was subjected to a hostile work environment on a daily basis. He said he had to endure teasing, slurs, gestures, derogatory jokes, pranks, and comments regarding his disability.

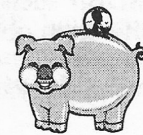
He also said the hospital failed to provide a sign language interpreter for him during performance reviews, training, EEOC meetings and staff meetings.

Rodwell said the failure to provide an interpreter demonstrated a "reckless disregard for individuals with a disability, or unbelievable level of ignorance of the law, as to be contemptible."

The ruling said Hensley did not report the behavior to management because his supervisor was present at times, because was embarrassed that people teased him and because he was afraid of what would happen to him.

Legal counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the VA Office of Employee Discrimination Complaint Adjudication will decide whether or not the agency will appeal the decision, said Barbara Corbin, assistant to VA Medical Center chief George Moore.

*From Cumberland Times-News  
March 14, 2002*



## School for Deaf, Blind, Eastern College sign agreement

The West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College recently signed a memorandum of agreement, which will enable the two institutions to improve services for both students and businesses in the Hampshire County community.

The memorandum outlines ways in which the two institutions can collaborate, share resources and work in tandem on new programs for the community. "This MOA between Eastern and WVSDDB begins the process of expanding educational opportunities for students in our area and is a very worthwhile undertaking," said Jane K. McBride, superintendent for the WVSDDB.

One of the benefits of this agreement is the establishment of an Eastern Access Center at WVSDDB. This includes a video distance learning classroom with 24 computer stations capable of fast Internet access. Among other functions, the access center enables students in the area to take interactive college courses offered by Eastern at WVSDDB. The access center will be staffed by an Eastern employee who will assist students and serve as a liaison with the WVSDDB.

The college is working closely with WVSDDB to implement programs directly related to the needs and interests of the hearing and vision impaired students, district high school students, adults and businesses. As requested by the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the college also will join with WVSDDB to offer special programs that maximize the unique capabilities of WVSDDB, such as sign language certification courses and interpreter training.

"There has been a great interest

voiced from the region to offer sign language and interpretation training. Pastors at churches and public school officials, as well as other local businesses have requested the need to provide these services to their organizations," said Lisa Rocks, EWVCTC program director.

According to Linda S. Dunn, president of Eastern, the college will have eight access centers throughout the counties of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker. This is the seventh center to be established. All eight centers will be completed and open by fall 2002.

In addition to the access centers, the college has a headquarters in Moorefield, as well as, a mobile computer training center, which provides work force education programs at industries and businesses throughout the District.

Eastern currently offers courses that lead to one of three associate degrees. They also offer certificate programs as well as skill set certification programs designed for those who want to advance in their job or progress toward a higher college degree. Some courses are offered over the Internet and by other distance learning methods, such as, interactive video and broadcast television.

"The Eastern way is to provide education that Works," Dunn said. "Our mission is to provide practical, affordable and accessible education to many segments of the communities we serve. It means forming partnerships with WVSDDB, as well as businesses and government throughout the region."

Eastern is a comprehensive community and technical college. For more information about Eastern, call toll free 1 (877) 982-2322 or (304) 434-8000.

*From Potomac Highlands  
March 8, 2002*

## News of the Week

One of the world's most beautiful women has a hearing problem. A newspaper in Oregon recently mentioned actress Halle Berry having a hearing loss. Asked why wasn't she wearing a hearing aid, she was quoted as saying "I probably would but my vanity won't allow it."

Huh! Heather Whitestone, the only deaf woman to become Miss America, wore a hearing aid and did not hide it in public.

*From DeafDigest*

## Brain Teasers

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. There are two plastic jugs filled with water. How could you put all of this water into a barrel, without using the jugs or any dividers, and still tell which water came from which jug?
4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
6. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it!

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## **Brain**

It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

### **Answers:**

1. The third Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.
3. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug.
4. The answer is Charcoal. In Homer Simpson's words: hmmm...Barbecue.
5. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!
6. The letter "e", which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.

## **Eleven deaf and blind students saved from burning bus**

Eleven students from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind escaped a burning school bus Friday, but the driver of a Mercedes-Benz that skidded on ice and collided with it was killed, authorities said.

The collision set both vehicles ablaze along U.S. 29 near Wellford, Highway Patrol spokesman Lt. Mike Gibson said.

Manfred Gustaf Deleon, 17, of Spartanburg, died in the 7:15 a.m. crash. He was a junior at Byrnes High School, according to the Spartanburg County Coroner's office.

The 11 students on the bus, who ranged in age from 5 to 19, were taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, where they were examined and released, along with

the bus driver, who suffered a minor injury, a hospital spokeswoman said. An attendant accompanying the students was unharmed.

The children, seven of them deaf and four with multiple disabilities, had been drilled in emergency procedures and escaped the bus quickly, said Katie S. Rice, director of public information for the school.

"Our kids actually practice evacuating so we feel like prevention was very worthwhile in this situation," Rice said.

Although the bus was filling with smoke, driver Sandra Plotar, who had a leg injury, and the attendant worked together to remove the children, including two who were in wheelchairs, Rice said.

"The driver was injured and still working to get kids out," she said. "Both the driver and the assistant should be commended for what they did, getting the kids out quickly."

Roger Williams of Lyman had two children on the bus.

"The kids seem to be doing OK," he said of Kate, 7, and Glen, 8, both of whom are deaf.

"Our son tends to get upset, and he was talking with a school counselor. But they were unharmed and handling things OK," he said. "While one is saddened by the loss of the other driver, as a parent I'm relieved."

Williams said his wife, Sherry, had dropped the children off at the bus stop before going on to work. Williams had just arrived at his job when the school president called with the news.

"My wife had already gone to the hospital and the kids were fine," he said. "They were cleared and went back to classes."

Williams said his kids will continue to ride the bus as long as they want.

"If you drive on the highway," he said, "you're probably safer in a big yellow school bus than in a car."

The bus, a 1995 Thomas, was on a routine pickup of students from the Greer area, school transportation director Jerry Casey said. Such buses, which feature wheelchair lifts, child safety seats and more, cost upwards of \$120,000, he said.

Casey said he had checked the weather at 5 a.m. and again at 6 a.m. and conditions were fine. In the interim, the temperature dropped, but the buses were already on the road.

At the hospital, the students were in high spirits as they watched videos, played games while waiting to be picked up. Relieved parents got four of the children while the rest went on to school, Rice said.

The school picks up as many as 120 students each day from the Greenville-Spartanburg area who attend day classes, Rice said. On weekends, students are picked up from around the state.

Authorities are still investigating the cause of the accident. The vehicle's passenger side lodged under the driver's side of the bus as it came to a stop in a muddy area beside the northbound lanes. Fire crews from Duncan, Welford and Startex put out the fire.

By 9 a.m. crews were sifting through the wreckage of the two vehicles and measuring skid marks. The yellow paint had been burned from the top of bus, leaving only gray metal exposed. The Mercedes was crushed and charred, and windows on both vehicles were either blown out by fire or smashed by firefighters.

The accident occurred just east of Interstate 85. The northbound lanes of U.S. 29 were blocked for several hours as troopers diverted traffic around the scene, Gibson said.

Founded in 1849 by the Rev. Newton Pinckney Walker as a private school for the deaf, the facility's 38 buildings occupy a 160-acre campus on State 56. The

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### **Burning Bus**

School for the Blind was established in 1855 and together they became a state school a year later.

Of its 350 students, 65 percent live on campus, attending K-12 classes and an adult program. Besides regular school curriculum, students learn sign language and other skills for the disabled.

The school operates on a \$22 million budget, including \$13.4 million in state funds.

*From GreenvilleOnline - News  
February 8, 2002*

## **Obituaries**

### **Thomas Craig Dove**

Thomas Craig Dove, 26, of Chattaroy, passed away Sunday, December 16, 2001, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born May 9, 1975, at South Williamson, Ky., a son of Joyce Gilman Dove of Chattaroy.

Mr. Dove was valedictorian of the 1993 graduating class of the West Virginia School for the Deaf at Romney, an employee of Logan General Hospital and a member of the Nolan Freewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Nolan Freewill Baptist Church. Burial followed at Williams Cemetery at Chattaroy.

### **Elbert Lee Pack**

Elbert Lee Pack, 82, of Beckley, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at his home following a long illness.

Born May 3, 1919, in Brighton, he was the son of the late John William and Melissa Jane Vest Pack.

Mr. Pack was a retired carpenter and of the Baptist Faith.

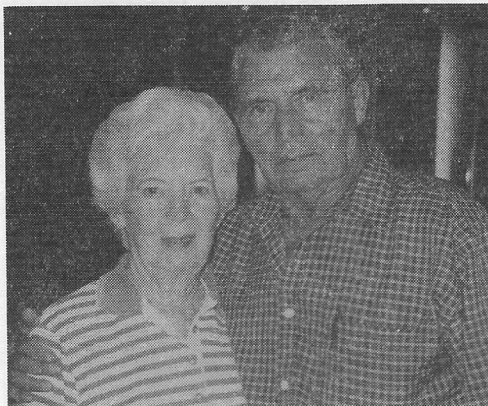
He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal (Pratt) Pack, three

brothers Elmer; Edward and Orase, and a sister Annabelle.

There was no visitation or service. His body was cremated.

**Editor's Note:** Elbert attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1927. Orase (1929); Annabelle (1931); and Elbert's wife Opal (1925) attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney. Elbert's deaf nephews are Dallas and Jerry Pack. His deaf sister-in-law is Myrtle (West) Pack.



**Francis Albert Swartzle**

Francis Albert Swartzle, 79, of Pinellas Park, FL, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, while on a cruise.

Born in Drafting, Pa., he came here in 1998. He was a lifetime member of Pennsylvania Sociment of the Deaf, Lycoming Valley Association for the Deaf in Williamsport, Pa., the St. Petersburg Association for the Deaf, the Happy 55 Club and Bay Area Senior Citizens. He graduated from the Philadelphia School of the Deaf high school. He retired after 35 years of service with Litton Inc. in Williamsport as a machinist and lathe operator.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Betty Lou; a daughter, Sheryl Swartzle, New York; a son, Terry, New Jersey; a sister, Jean Fisher, Cogan Station, Pa.; two brothers, Paul, Lawrenceville, Pa., and Simon, Battle Creek, Mich.

Moss-Feaster Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Belcher Road Chapel, Clearwater, FL.

**Editor's Note:** Francis' widow,

Betty (Teets) graduated in 1947 from the WV School for the Deaf. She was born in Aurora, WV near Red House, MD, worked in Morgantown until she married Francis and moved to Williamsport, Pa. The couple retired and had been snowbirds between Pa and Florida till 1998 before they moved to Pinellas Park, FL as their permanent home.

The couple was on the Norwegian Line Cruise Sky to the Eastern Caribbean Islands December 15 to 22, 2001 with at least 100 deaf guests included Delores and Roy Pyles and Virginia Hopkins when Francis died. The couple (Betty and Francis) celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on the cruise, but Francis died 2 days before the cruise returned to the Miami Port, and three days before their wedding anniversary (Dec. 23rd). They won a total of almost \$3,000 from Bingo and Casino on the cruise so they seemed to have the fantastic celebration.

Our deepest sympathy to Betty.

### **Robert Walter Linzey**

Robert Walter Linzey, 77, a resident of Our Lady of Hope Health Center, Richmond, Va., formerly of Romney, and Staunton, Va., died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Born Nov. 17, 1924, in Easton, Pa., he was the son of the late Stanley C. and Mae Ellen Rowden Linzey.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He taught at both Robert E. Lee High School and Virginia School for the Deaf before moving to Romney, where he both taught and served as principal at the West Virginia School for the Deaf until his retirement in 1988.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Betty Linzey Potter.

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## West Virginia Events 2002

**May 31, June 1, June 7-8, June 14-15 - Children of a Lesser God.** Actors Guild, 724 Market Street (corner of 8th Street and Market Street) Parkersburg, WV at 8:00; \$10.00

**June 9** - Same above at 2:30 p.m. WVAD Treasurer Liz Leisure plays the lead Sarah. For reservations, call (304) 485-1300 or send e-mail to [info@actorsguildonline.com](mailto:info@actorsguildonline.com) OR contact Donna M. Williams at [dmwilliams49@yahoo.com](mailto:dmwilliams49@yahoo.com)

**June 1** - Beckley Association of the Deaf

**June 1** - Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf

**June 1** - Wheeling Association of the Deaf

**June 7** - WVSD Graduation's Day

**June 7-8** - WV Deaf Bass Fishing Tournament at Bluestone State Park and New River, \$10.00 combo for member and \$15 combo for non-member. Includes Saturday lunch, dinner and door prizes.

**June 8** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Mini-Golf Tournament and Social. Valley Worlds of Fun, 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m., \$10.00; Winfield Community Center 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., \$1.00 includes refreshments, drinks, and games. Contact: Ruby Losh [rllosh@aol.com](mailto:rllosh@aol.com)

**June 8** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf ???

**June 15** - Cumberland/Romney Association of the Deaf picnic at Clearbrook Park in Winchester, VA

**June 22** - Mt. Clarksburg Association of the Deaf picnic at Burnsville Lake, Shelter #2; 10:00 a.m. to Dusk; \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child under 18

**June 28-29** - Kentucky DeaFestival, Lexington, KY

**July 2-8** - National Association of the Deaf Conference, Washington, DC

**July 13** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Pig Roast, Winfield Community Center, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., \$20.00 includes meal and door prizes (5.00 for children) Bring own drinks and lawn chairs; Horseshoe Tournament - \$5.00; Contact: Ruby Losh [rllosh@aol.com](mailto:rllosh@aol.com)

**July 20** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf picnic

**July 23-25** - Educational Interpreter Workshop, Flatwoods, WV

**July 25-28** - Eastern Deaf Timberfest, Hedgesville, WV (near Martinsburg)

**July 27** - WVAD picnic, Summersville Lake, Shelter #3.

**August 2-3** - Romney Fishing Tournament, Romney, WV

**August 3** - Cumberland/Romney Association of the Deaf

**August 3** - Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf

**August 3** - Beckley Association of the Deaf

**August 10** - Mt. Clarksburg Association of the Deaf

**August 10** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf

**August 17** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Boat Tour, Stonewall Jackson Lake, \$10, 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact: Mike Losh [fntdeaf@yahoo.com](mailto:fntdeaf@yahoo.com)

**August 31** - Charleston Association of the Deaf picnic, Valley Park in Hurricane, WV

**September 7** - Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf

**September 14** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Social, Winfield Community Center, 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., \$10.00 admission; \$5.00 FADGO; Contact: James and Regina Ennis (304) 853-2924 TTY; (304) 853-2296 FAX; [ennis1953@aol.com](mailto:ennis1953@aol.com) or [ennisra@aol.com](mailto:ennisra@aol.com)

**September 14** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf

**September 28** - Charleston Association of the Deaf Social

**October 4-5** - WVSD Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Romney, WV

**October 4-5** - Deaf Awareness, Romney, WV; Contact: Alex Young at [AlexYoung@wvdhhr.org](mailto:AlexYoung@wvdhhr.org)

**October 5** - Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf

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### Obituaries

A service was conducted Saturday, March 2, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Staunton. Interment was in Thornrose Cemetery.

#### Henry J. Cook

Henry J. Cook, 78, of Columbus, Oh., died Saturday, Mar. 9, 2002.

He attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney in 1929.

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

Surviving are two sons, Henry J., Jr., and Willis J. (Julie) and one daughter, Helen Drosak.

The service was in Busch Family Funeral Chapel.

#### William C. Johnson

William C. Johnson, loving husband, father and grandfather, 77, of Huntington, WV, went to be with the Lord April 29, 2002, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Born February 15, 1925, in Blue Jay, WV., the son of the late Lora Edna and Wilbur "Happy" Johnson of Beckley, WV.

"Little Happy" was a 1944 graduate of the WV School for the Deaf at Romney, WV and a member of the Greater Huntington Deaf Association, the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, and the National Association of the Deaf.

A 23-year employee of National Mattress Company, he was presently a member of Lewis Memorial Church.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Betty Huff Johnson of Huntington; one daughter, Linda A. Johnson of Locustwood Farm, Chesapeake, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2002 at Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery.



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### Events

**October 5** - Beckley Association of the Deaf

**October 5** - Wheeling Association of the Deaf

**October 12** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf

**October 19** - Mt. Clarksburg Association of the Deaf

**October 26** - Charleston Association of the Deaf Social, Nitro of Women's Club in Nitro, WV

**November 2** - Charleston Association of the Deaf Mixed King and Queen Handicap Bowling Tournament

**November 2** - Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf

**November 2** - Beckley Association of the Deaf

**November 9** - Wheeling Association of the Deaf UNDO Christmas Party, Ramada Inn City Center Hotel in Wheeling, WV

**November 9** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Sports 2nd Coed Volleyball Tournament, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; \$20 per person for 6 players per team; \$10 Fan; If interested contact Mary Ennis (304) 822-8925 TTY/FAX or maryennis@hotmail.com

**November 9** - Fairmont Association of the Deaf Thanksgiving Dinner, Winfield Community Center, 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.; \$20 includes meal and door prizes and \$5 for children

**November 9** - Parkersburg Association of the Deaf

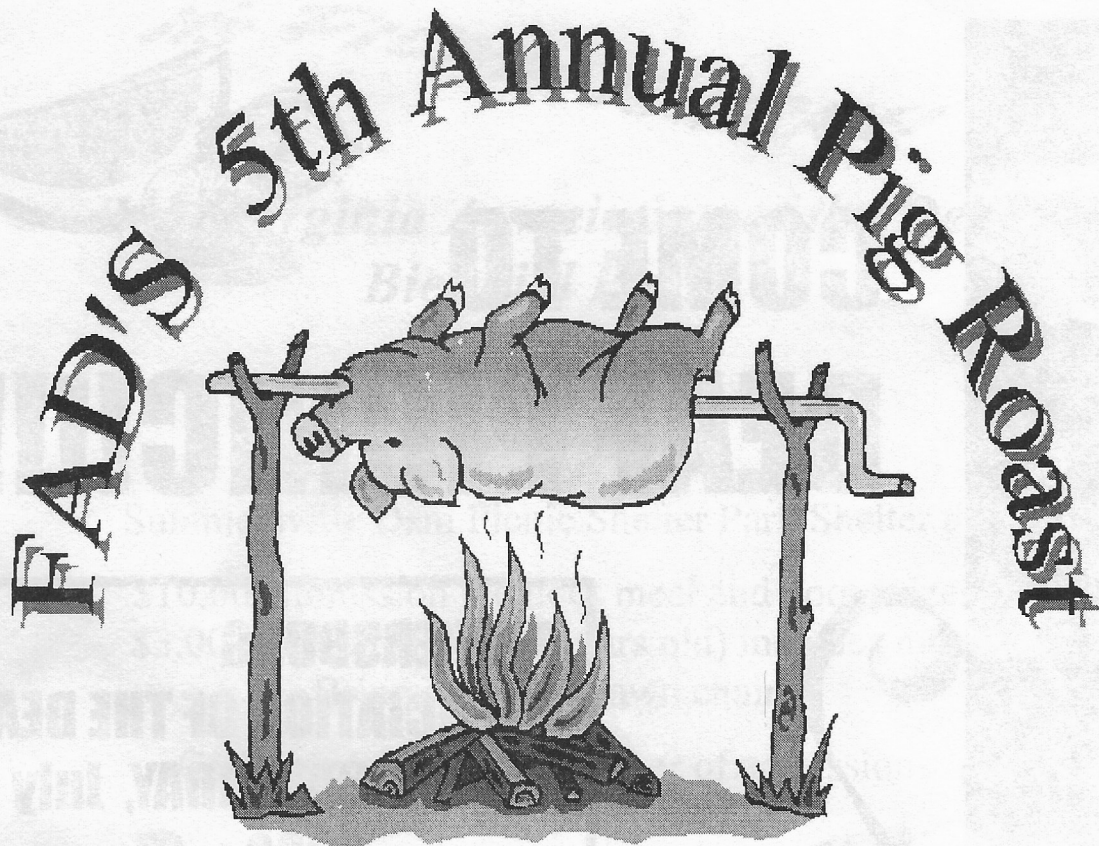
**November 16** - Mt. Clarksburg Association of the Deaf Thanksgiving Dinner

**December 7** - WV Deaf Clubs Christmas Party, Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV. More info later.

**January 4, 2003** - Charleston Association of the Deaf New Year Party. More info later.

Mark  
your  
Calendar





July 13, 2002

Winfield Community Center

Fairmont, West Virginia

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

## **\$1,500 CASH DOOR PRIZES**

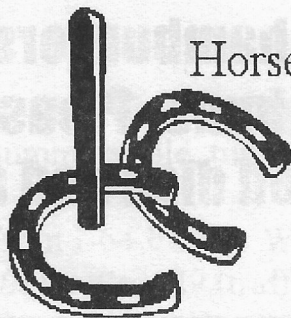
\$20.00 Admission included meal and door prizes

\$5.00 Children (3 years old - 17 years old) included meal

Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs

For more information- Leslie Pysell, 304-265-2223 TTY & FAX

E-mail: [lpysell@aol.com](mailto:lpysell@aol.com)



Horseshoe Tournament

\$5.00 Fee

\$100 Prizes

Starts at

12 NOON

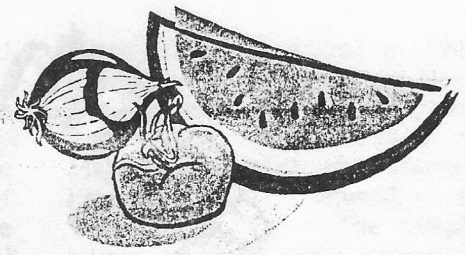
### **GAMES**

Badminton

Bean Bags

2/20 Cards

Raffle Drawing  
and MORE!



# COME TO DEAF PICNIC!!!!

## **PARKERSBURG**

## **ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

**Date: SATURDAY, July 20,  
2002**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to ????**

**Where: Shelter #10 at City  
Park in  
Parkersburg, WV**

### **Admission:**

**\$10.00 per person**

**\$5.00 per person age 5 to  
18 - Under age 5 - Free**

**PAD will have hamburgers,  
hot dogs, and buns. Please  
bring a covered dish and a  
dessert.**





*it's PICNIC FUNTIME!*

***West Virginia Association of the Deaf  
Biennial Picnic***

July 27, 2002

11:00 AM til Dark

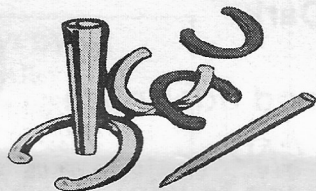
Summersville Dam Picnic Shelter Park Shelter #3

\$10.00 Admission includes meal and door prizes

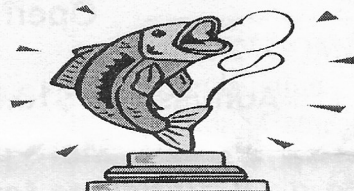
\$3.00 children (12 to 18 years old) includes meal

Bring your own lawn chairs

Cash prizes based on number of admissions



Horseshoe Tournament: \$5.00

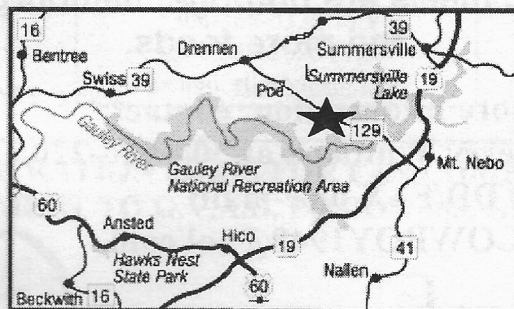


Fishing Tournament: \$5.00

For more information about Battle Run Campground


Call (304) 872-3412 or 872-3459

Direction:



North: From I-79 Take Exit 57, US Rt. 19 S to Summersville. Five miles south of Summersville, turn right on Rt. 129 (traffic light). Picnic Shelter is on the right.

From I-64 East or West and I-77 South: Take Exit 48, US Rt. 19N. Travel US Rt. 19N to Rt. 129 (traffic light and U-Save on your right), turn left onto Rt. 129. Picnic Shelter is on the right.



# Charleston Association of the Deaf

at the Shelter #4  
Valley Park  
Hurricane, WV

## 54th Anniversary Picnic

Saturday, August 31, 2002

Open at 10:00 a.m. till Dark

Admission: \$10.00 includes meal and door prize

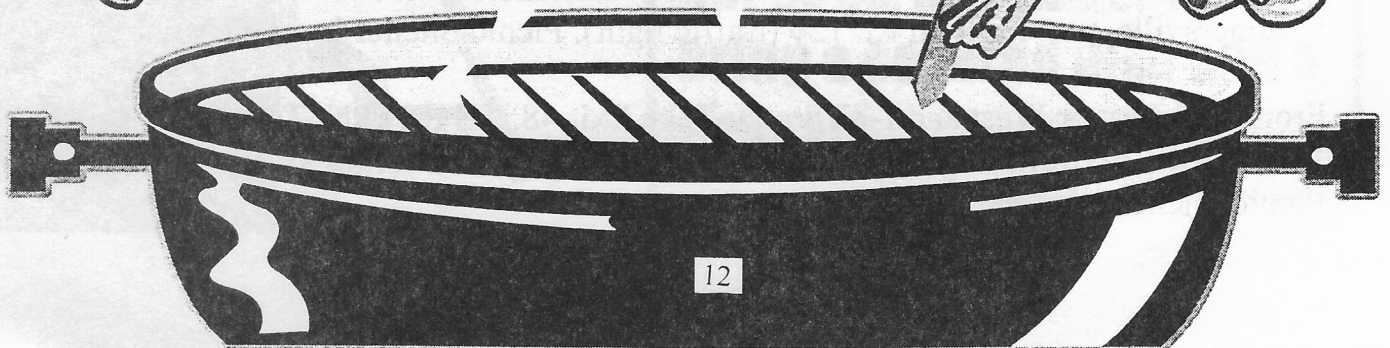
More prizes donated by CAD  
(10 tickets for \$5.00 more chances to win)

Cashprizes  
(3 tickets for \$1.00)

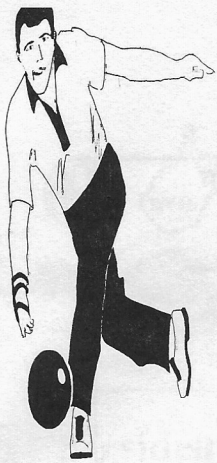
Play Games, Water Games, and more!  
Picnic meals are hotdogs, hamburgers,  
and more foods.

For more information, contact:  
President Jerry Whitlock at 304-586-2205  
TDD/FAX or e-mail:  
[DALCOWBOY1948@aol.com](mailto:DALCOWBOY1948@aol.com)

Come on and Have Fun!



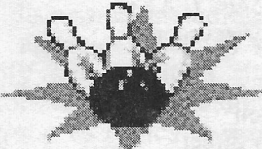




18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association  
 &  
 West Virginia Deaf Women Bowling Association  
 Hosted by  
 Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf  
 Lewisburg, West Virginia  
 March 14 – 16, 2003



Cash Prizes  
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**\$30.00 Before February 14, 2003.**  
 (Accept personal check)

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