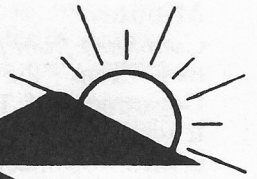




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West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2004

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf meeting was called to order by President John Burdette in the Sheltered Workshop Resource Building at 1700 Mary Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, at 1:20 p.m. on March 13, 2004.

Board Members Present: John Burdette, Doug Evans, Jimmy Harrison, Liz Leisure, Charles Tuell; Visitor: Ruth Tuell.

The minutes from September 27, 2003 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

President's Report:

President Burdette gave a brief report on the NAD Regional 1 meeting that was held on October 24-26, 2003 at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia. Seven States out of 14 states. There was a small attendance but felt that the meeting was wonderful and successful. Twenty-three delegates from seven (Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and West Virginia) attended the conference. The discussion was about the Fulton 3 revisited. Fulton 3 is about the various aspects of NAD structure and communication efficiency between the delegates, the NAD board and the NAD headquarters. The NAD board reexamines its operation, strategies, and future plans.

He sent a letter to the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) several months ago urging them to

hire a deaf or hard of hearing deputy director. Howard Hurd was hired as the deputy director on February 17, 2004. President Burdette received news this morning that Mr. Hurd has resigned for unknown reasons.

He reported that Secretary Liz Leisure received a check in the amount of \$3,000 yesterday from the WVCDHH. They sponsored the WVAD 34th Biennial Conference in Bluefield, West Virginia, that was held on August 7-9, 2003.

He gave an update on the installations of the new TTY pay phones in the rest areas. He stopped at the rest area on his way to Parkersburg and found that there was no TTY there. All TTYs were supposed to be installed no later than January 20, 2004. He plans to notify Tim Murphy, Attorney with the West Virginia Advocates in Charleston, of his findings.

He talked about the Department of Education wanting to stop Closed Captioning on 200 programs on TV that they felt were not the educational programs. We deaf and hard of hearing people need to tell the government that we want the same rights and access to watch the non-educational programs as the hearing people.

He talked about a survey that was sent by Inclusion-Solutions through e-mail on accessing drive-thru fast food restaurants. Over 6,500 deaf and hard of hearing people participated in the survey. The Inclusion-Solutions has developed a practical solution that any drive-thru fast food restaurant can afford. They created a flyer and would like for everyone to get the word out about this solution.

He received an e-mail from Deanna Stone, Executive Director with the WVCDHH, asking for any news from all deaf clubs and WVAD to be published in their WVCDHH newsletters. The deadline for the news is March 23, 2004.

He received two e-mail from Pierre Sevigny and Marty Blakely asking if WVAD would sponsor a deaf girl from West Virginia School for the Deaf to attend National Association of the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp in Dundee, Florida, on July 18 through August 15, 2004. The total fee for the camp is \$975. \$900 is for the camp fee and \$75 is for the application fee.

He announced the 47th Biennial NAD Conference on July 6-10, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri.

He said that WVAD board would need to select two delegates to attend the conference.

He asked whether or not we want to have a picnic this summer. We need to decide when and where to have it.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President Douglas Evans greeted everyone and stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jimmy Harrison reviewed the financial reports for the board members. As of March 12, 2004, the report was accepted and approved as given. Treasurer Harrison reported that there are 161 WVAD members at present.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Liz Leisure received a Handbook for raffle/bingo operation. See Minutes on page 2

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tors from the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue. It was suggested that the WVAD invites someone from the Department to give a seminar on the types and costs of various licenses on the raffle and bingo occasions.

She brought some information from BB&T on the credit card machines. Copies of the information were distributed for members to review. She also brought an application for a Business Check Card Application.

She sent a sympathy card to Donna Keene whose both parents have passed away.

Trustees' Report:

There was nothing to report.

Old Business

A motion was made by Douglas Evans and seconded by Liz Leisure that President Burdette and Treasurer Harrison be the debit card holders for the WVAD. It was passed.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Doug Evans that Liz Leisure, Doug Evans, Robyn Guzzi, and Molly Stedman be chosen to serve on the Flora Gervas Estate committee. It was passed.

A motion was made by Liz Leisure and seconded by Doug Evans that WVAD send Jimmy Harrison and John Burdette to the NAD Conference in Kansas City as delegates. It was passed. Doug Evans moved (Charles Tuell) that we amend this motion by adding that we appoint Liz Leisure to be an alternate at the conference. The amendment was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Jimmy Harrison to withdraw \$5,000 from the WVAD savings account to pay for the deaf pageant's expenses to Kansas City provided that it will be paid back with the fundraising efforts. It was passed.

A motion was made by Charles Tuell and seconded by Jimmy

Harrison that WVAD pays the \$75.00 application fee for the deaf girl to attend the YLC, and if the application was accepted, suggests that the WVSD contact the local deaf chapters for donations to pay for the \$900 camp fee. If they are not able to come up with the full camp fee, they may contact WVAD again for further assistance. It was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Jimmy Harrison that WVAD have a picnic on August 7, 2004. It was passed. A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Doug Evans that WVAD have a picnic at the Stonewall Jackson State Park and if there is no shelter available, to have it at the Burnsville Lake. It was passed.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Charles Tuell that WVAD charges \$10 per person for age 18 and over; \$5 per person for age 12 to 17; and free for children age 11 and under for admission to the picnic. It was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Jimmy Harrison that we discuss the issues about the WVSD needs and Deaf Festival at the next board meeting. It was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Jimmy Harrison that we have our next board meeting at the Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf on May 8, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. It was passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Liz Leisure, Secretary

Schools employee retires after 40 years of service

Dwight "Buddy" Brooks was honored with a retirement party by coworkers and his family Tuesday morning in the Wyoming County Schools Maintenance Department.

Among the gifts presented to him was an engraved knife, presented by Larry Hylton on behalf of Brooks' coworkers

Also among those attending were Schools Superintendent Frank Blackwell and Assistant Superintendent Frank Mann.

Along with his wife, Carol, and children, Elizabeth Kennedy and John Brooks, the honoree's mother, Edith Brooks, and sister, Cheryl Morgan, also participated.

Brooks began his 40-year career with the Wyoming County School System 40 years ago as a custodian at Pineville Middle School.

He's worked under seven bosses during those years and in various capacities, from summers spent with roofing crews to winters hauling coal to the schools.

"Buddy has always been willing to fill in where needed and has helped electricians, plumbers and carpenters with many projects," said Jeff Brewer, school maintenance supervisor.

"Buddy has made a positive impact on all of us here at maintenance. We will miss his good humor and positive attitude.

"We wish him great success as he begins this new journey into retirement," Brewer emphasized.

*-From The Wyoming County
Report*

December 29, 2003

Tight security often means rough ride for the deaf in airports

As David Long waited at San Antonio International Airport to catch a flight to Chicago, a loudspeaker blared the announcement that his boarding gate had changed.

Other passengers slowly picked up their bags and made their way to the new gate. But Long continued to sit, unaware of what has happened.

Long, flying to Chicago to attend his brother's wedding, couldn't hear the loudspeaker. He's been deaf since birth.

After a while, airline agents noticed Long hadn't checked in at the new gate. So they paged him over the loudspeaker.

"Welcome to the world of the deaf." Said Kay Chiodo, president of Vital Signs, Inc. She is also an interpreter who was with Long to ensure he got on his flight.

Maybe gate agents were counting on Chiodo to relay the message to Long, said Carlo Bertolini, a spokesman with American Airlines in Fort Worth.

But it would have been better if they sought him out anyway, he said. After all, his ticket said he was hearing impaired.

Obviously (that would be) good customer service," Bertolini said.

Navigating an airport in the post-9-11 environment can be frustrating for anyone. But it's even for deaf and hard of hearing travelers, who often rely on a hodgepodge of written notes and arrival-department screens to keep up with what's going on.

A federal lawsuit awaiting trial in California has brought the issue to the forefront.

"Its groundbreaking," said Melissa Kasnitz, an attorney with Disability Rights Advocates, a nonprofit law center that filed the lawsuit. "We would not be surprised if airports across the country looked to (a court deci-

sion) as a model."

The lawsuit says San Francisco International Airport violated the rights of deaf people when \$800 Million worth of renovations and construction were done without meeting their needs.

The lawsuit calls for visual message boards throughout the airports, monitors at gates to display schedule and gate changes, more text telephones, and sign language interpreters.

Under federal laws, airlines must ensure that people with disabilities have timely access to information given to others passengers, the Federal Aviation Administration says on its Web site.

And areas of airports built or refurbished since 1992 must have test telephones and ways to visually communicate public broadcasts, according to the American with Disabilities Act.

In a two-year renovation recently completed at San Antonio's airport, three text telephone were added, bringing the total to six. Fire alarm strobe lights also were installed, as was a system to translate broadcasts visually that hasn't been activated.

"We are compliant" with the law, said airport spokeswoman Lisa Burkhardt-Worley.

State officials haven't inspected San Antonio's airport to see if the renovations comply with a Texas law that mirrors the federal disabilities act but is more stringent, said Patrick Shaughnessy, spokesman with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

"They do have up to a year after the renovation is complete to schedule that inspection," he said.

The FAA, which is responsible for the ensuring that airports follow the disabilities act, was unable to say last week whether San Antonio meets the requirements, agency spokeswoman Marcia Adams said.

In San Antonio, neither the airport nor major airlines provide interpreters for the deaf. Federal law demands "effective" communica-

tion, and the air carriers say they do what they can to meet that, including writing notes or allowing companions to accompany passengers to gates.

"We do work to communicate with our customers in the best way possible," said Whitney Brewer, a spokeswoman with Southwest Airlines.

James and Edelmira Raimondi of Universal City, who fly once or twice a year and have traveled the Globe, devised strategies to cope with the deaf.

They keep their eyes peeled, follow other passengers, and ask questions every few minutes.

Between the two of us, we can figure it out," James Raimondi said through an interpreter. "We always have to have lots of patience."

But if a major problems or emergency happens, such as a security breach or medical crisis.

Raimondis don't think a few words on paper will do the trick - not if details are important. They also risk missing out on whole broadcasts.

"It's so limited for us," Edelmira Raimondi said. "If there's a problem, we're stuck."

When communication is lengthy, complex or important, sign language becomes vital for the deaf people, said Rosaline Crawford, an attorney with the National Association of the Deaf.

That's because many deaf people use signing as their primary language, and the syntax is so different from English that it's like a foreign language.

A 1996 study by Gallaudet Research Institute in Washington, DC, shows that deaf students ages 17 and 18 on average read at a fourth - grade level.

It's even worse for Long, who is borderline retarded, said his brother Greg, a professor at Northern Illinois University who teaches students how to work with deaf people.

Though fluent in sign language, Long's literacy skills are at a first -

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or second grade level. he can read individual words but often can't understand the context.

The glaring barrier that creates was apparent as Long, 49, wound his way through San Antonio's airport.

Chiodo hung back at each step to see how airline and government workers interacted with him.

When a ticket agent wanted to know whether he wanted to check his luggage or carry it onboard, she wrote a note asking, check or carry? Long simply smiled and shook his head to indicate yes. He later said through an interpreter that he thought she was talking about money. Chiodo said phrasing the question in sign language syntax would sound something like, "Luggage yours airplane worker themselves on plane or luggage yourself with airplane on?"

A gate agent decided to try talking to Long. He didn't understand a word but said through an interpreter, "She had a nice face, a nice smile."

Greg Long, who helped him get through the airport in Chicago, said airlines and airports need to do better.

Greg Long spend several hours making phone calls just to arrange for him and Chiodo to accompany his brother past security check-points at each airport.

"They actually got a little snippy with me." He said, "It shouldn't take this degree of effort to get somebody like my brother through an airport."

*-From Mont-As DeNEWS
Great Falls, Montana*



Track struggles at home

Hampshire High School battled Keyser, Hedgesville and impending rains this past Tuesday, as it hosted its second meet of the year at HHS.

The rain eventually took top honors in the meet, putting an end to the evening before all of the events could be completed, but Hedgesville came in just behind Mother Nature on the boys side, capturing first place honors with 66.5 team points Keyser finished 16 points behind the Eagles, with 50.5 team points, while Hampshire finished at the bottom with 36.

The Trojans did have some top individual performances, including three first-place finishes from senior Alex Lee. Lee took top honors in the 100-meter event, with a time of 11.25, the long jump, with a 20-foot, 10-inch leap, and soared to top honors with a foot, 8-inch high jump score.

Brad Guyer led all runners in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.22 seconds to round out the first-place finishes for HHS.

In the ladies division Hampshire finished slightly higher, coming in second with 50 team points. The Golden Tornado from Keyser took top honors with a team score of 70, while Hedgesville finished at the bottom with 40 team points.

Turning in top performances on the women's side were Brandy Jarvis, Suzy Lucas, **Carolyn Rockow** and Amanda Barry.

Jarvis took first place honors in both the 100 meter and 200 meter events, finishing the 100 in 13.2 seconds and the 200 in 27.80 ticks. Lucas' big finish came in the 400-meter dash where she took home first place with a time of one-minute and 4.2 seconds.

Rockow's first-place finish came in the discus, where she hurled the disc 102-feet, 1.5 inches in the long jump to round out the individual titles for HHS.

Hampshire also scored first place finishes in a pair of relay events.

Lucas, Barry, Jarvis and Janet Leach teamed to win the 4X200 relay, before the team followed that effort with a win in the 4X400 relay were not run by either group as rain and lightning sent the teams home.

Both track teams were also in action this past Saturday at Fort Hill. Many HHS athletes posted top times in the event.

*-From Hampshire Review
April 28, 2004*

Editor's Note: Carolyn Rockow is a senior and will graduate from the West Virginia School for the Deaf this year.

Seven qualify for state track meet

It was a big weekend for the HHS track team, as seven Trojans finished high enough in the regional tournament to qualify for states this coming weekend in Charleston.

Head Coach Megan Fuller's girls set the pace, qualifying six athletes for the state round at Laidley Field, Brandy Jarvis finished third in the 100 meter dash, finishing in 13.07 seconds to earn a trip to Charleston.

Jarvis also qualified as part of the third place 4X100 meter relay team that will also be making an appearance at states. Jarvis, Suzy Lucas, Janet Leach and Amanda Barry finished in 52.24 seconds to gain the right to make the trip.

The final two state qualifying scores came in the discus where **Carolyn Rockow** and Jeana Barnes finished second and third in the region. **Rockow** hurled the discus 99-feet and 9-inches for second place, while Barnes' discus fell just short of Rockow's, traveling 97-feet and 3-inches.

These six were the only qualifiers on the ladies side, but there were some near misses and some impressive times, Jarvis, who qualified in two other events, missed qualifying for the 200 meter dash

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by two spots. Jarvis finished fifth with a time of 27.51 seconds.

The 4X100 relay team of Lucas, Leach, Barry and Jarvis nearly made it two relay events when they finished fifth in the 4X200 with a time of 1 minute and 52.93 seconds.

In the 4X800, Alice Russel, Ashley Combs, Amber LeHew and Jessica Watson did not come quite as close, but they still finished with a respectable time. The quarter crossed the finish line in 12 minutes and 31 seconds to take home a sixth place finish.

Also finishing sixth in the region in the high jump was Brittany Wolford. Wolford soared 4-feet, 8 inches to record the sixth place finish.

On the men's side, only Alex Lee qualified for the state meet. Lee had hoped to post qualifying scores in a number of events, but an injury kept him from running any of the foot races. Lee competed only in the long jump, but did qualify for the state meet in that event.

*-From Hampshire Review
May 19, 2004*

West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting Minutes September 27, 2003

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf meeting was called to order by President John Burdette in the Putnam County Library, Hurricane, West Virginia at 10:30 a.m. on September 27, 2003. President Burdette welcomed the members and guests.

Board members present: John Burdette, Liz Leisure, Worthy Devericks, Robyn Guzzi, Doug Evans, Charles Tuell, Jimmy Harrison; Visitors: Eileen Greathouse, Ruth Tuell, Lois Devericks.

The minutes from August meetings were read and approved

as corrected.

President's Report:

President Burdette gave up update on the TTY pay phones in the rest areas. It was not necessary for deaf people to attend a hearing on September 16, 2003. Tim Murphy with the WV Advocates, stated that the TTY phones are in and the purchasing office is working on installment contracts. Mr. Murphy will keep us posted.

He had a WVAD booth at the Eighth Annual PATHS Assertive Technology Conference in Charleston on September 17 and 18, 2003. There were 50 exhibits.

He received a brochure from Ruby Losh regarding the Town Hall Meeting at Fairmont State College to be held on October 11, 2003. The meeting will be presented by the new Executive Director of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Deanna Stone. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

He received a letter from Ruby Losh asking WVAD to sponsor a computer workshop. He is going to send Ruby a letter and tell her that the WVAD board has decided not to sponsor the workshop at this time because we will be spending some money on the NAD Regional 1 conference in Charleston on October 24-26, 2003.

He and Veronda Harrison, who is co-chairperson, have been working on the finalization of the details for the NAD Regional 1 conference to be held October 24-26 in Charleston. The brochures have been mailed to the other region members.

He stated that he has in contact with Molly Stedman who is interested in setting up a Jr.NAD conference in Mingo County using the money inherited from the Flora Gervas estate. This would probably take a year or two to set it up. Ms. Stedman is a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Project Director at Marshall University. She attended the WVAD Conference in Bluefield and has recently become

a WVAD member.

He stated that we need to discuss how much scholarship WVAD should give to the new Miss Deaf West Virginian, Linda Jane Phillips.

He reported that the projector bulb is still working and questioned whether or not the WVAD should buy a new bulb for backup.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President Douglas Evans greeted everyone and stated that because he is newly elected, there is nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

The newly elected treasurer, Jimmy Harrison, has not started his job yet because the previous treasurer is still working on the August and September 2003 reports.

The previous treasurer, Liz Leisure, stated that she could not finish the financial report for the August 2003 WVAD conference because she has not received a bill for the printing of the program books yet.

She still has not received a bill from Joe Balog, Interpreter, for the services that he provided at the WVAD conference.

She stated that an agreement with the BB&T was signed by the 2003-2005 WVAD officers and returned to the bank.

She reviewed the financial reports for the WVAD board. As of August 31, 2003, report was accepted and approved as given.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Liz Leisure asked everyone to look at the list of the upcoming WV Events. Everyone agreed that we should continue updating the list by contacting every deaf chapter in West Virginia.

She stated that we need to set up some guidelines in using the money inherited from the estate of Flora Gervas. She reminded everyone that the will restricted the use to Mingo County.

Trustees' Report: There was nothing to report.

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At 12:15 p.m. a ten-minute break was taken.

President Burdette announced that Veronda Harrison has been chosen as the Membership Coordinator. He also announced that Donna Williams has been asked to be the Proofreader for the WVAD Newsletters.

2005 WVAD Conference

Committee Report:

Robyn Guzzi updated the board on the 2005 WVAD Conference. She stated that a conference room at the Holiday Inn in Clarksburg can hold up to 175 people. A block of hotel rooms has been held and the rate will be \$62.00 per night. She will be receiving a code number for people to use when calling in for reservations. She talked about selling raffle tickets for which their local deaf club has obtained a business license. Their goal is to raise \$5,000 for the conference. The next committee meeting will be held at Burger King on October 18, 2003.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Jimmy Harrison that WVAD schedules the upcoming board meetings at different locations where a deaf club is held. It was passed. A request was made to schedule a WVAD board meeting during the October 2004 homecoming in Romney.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Robyn Guzzi that WVAD send delegates to the NAD Regional 1 conference in Charleston on October 24-26, 2003. Worthy Devericks moved (Charles Tuell) to amend this motion by adding the word "four" before the word "delegates." The amendment was adopted. On motion of Mr. Harrison with the amendment to send four delegates to NAD conference, it was passed. The board appointed Doug Evans, Robyn Guzzi, John Burdette, and

Veronda Harrison to attend the conference as delegates.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Robyn Guzzi that WVAD pays for registration fees for all chosen delegates, mileage to transport Veronda to and from conference, and cost of lodging for two nights for Doug Evans. It was passed.

A motion was made by Worthy Devericks and seconded by Charles Tuell that WVAD get involved with the West Virginia School for the Deaf to find out if there is anything we can do to help them make any improvements for the school. It was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Worthy Devericks that WVAD choose a new pageant director today. It was passed. Robyn nominated Molly Stedman to be the new pageant director. President Burdette will contact and ask Ms. Stedman if she will accept the nomination.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Worthy Devericks that WVAD approve giving scholarship money to Linda Phillips, the new Miss Deaf West Virginian. Worthy Devericks (Doug Evans) moved to amend this motion by adding the word "\$400.00" before the word scholarship and removing the word "money" after the word scholarship. The amendment was passed. On motion of Mr. Harrison with the amendment to give Linda \$400.00 scholarship was passed.

A motion was made by Worthy Devericks and seconded by Robyn Guzzi that WVAD raise the craft table fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per day. It was passed.

A motion was made by Liz Leisure and seconded by Doug Evans that WVAD set up a new committee to establish guidelines for use of the inheritance money from the estate of Flora Gervas. It was passed.

A motion was made by Worthy Devericks and seconded by Doug Evans that WVAD have a WV Deaf Festival during the WVAD

conference. It was moved and seconded to lay the pending motion on the table. It was passed.

A motion was made by Jimmy Harrison and seconded by Robyn Guzzi that WVAD purchase a new projector light bulb to be used as a backup. It was passed.

A motion was made by Robyn Guzzi and seconded by Jimmy Harrison that WVAD sign up for a debit/credit card. It was passed.

A motion was made by Doug Evans and seconded by Robyn Guzzi that WVAD get a new credit card machine. It was passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, Jimmy Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Worthy Devericks seconded. It was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Leisure, Secretary.

Obituary

Mildred A. Bulter

Mildred A. Bulter, 94, of Winchester, Va., died Monday, April 19, 2004, in a local nursing home.

Mrs. Bulter was born Nov. 28, 1909, in Hundred, WV, the daughter of Ralph Clayton and Martha Jane Whitlatch Moorehead. She was a beautician and owned her own shop in Hundred for several years. She was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf and attended the Beauty Culture College at Parkersburg, WV.

She was a member of the Winchester Deaf Fellowship and several deaf clubs in Winchester.

She married Marshall Newlin Butler on April 28, 1938, in Winchester.

Surviving with her husband, are a daughter, Martha Butler of Winchester; a brother, Ralph Moorehead of Farmington, NM; and a granddaughter.

A funeral was at 1 p.m. Friday at
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Calvary Church of the Brethren, with pastor Chuck Davis officiating. Burial was in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Winchester Deaf Fellowship, 578 Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA 22602.

Kenneth Sanford Brockell

Kenneth Sandord Brokcell, 77, of Dunbar, died Monday, April 28, 2004, at Thomas Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was a member of the Christ Church of the Deaf.

Surviving are caregivers Bob and Betty Thomas and Diane Ramsey; cousins, Joyce McGlothlin of Knoxville, Tenn., and Margaret Humphries of Georgia.

Service was 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

Friends called one hour prior to the service at the mortuary.

Editor's Note: Kenneth was a member of Charleston Association of the Deaf. He was enrolled the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1933.

Edith Herriott

Edith Parsons Pancake Herriott, 82, of Romney, WV, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at the Hampshire Center in Romney.

She was born on July 28, 1921, in Romney, a daughter of the late Joseph Andrew and Mary H. Pancake. She was also preceded in death by her husband, George Herriott on Oct. 7, 1983; and four sisters, Alma Lacey, Avery Mileson, Anne Pancake and Frances Jones.

She was a teacher at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and retired after 35 years of service. She was a life member of the Romney Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the G.F.W.C. of Romney and was active in the Hampshire County 4-H program.

Survivors include four stepsons, Ephriam Herriott of Springfield, Joseph Herriott of Uniontown, Pa., Andrew Herriott of Springfield and Lucien Herriott of Romney; three sisters, Mary Jo Slane of Harrisonburg, Va., Virginia L. Pancake of Romney and Sally P. Kuykendall of Romney, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Friends were received on Friday after 11 a.m. at the family residence, River View Farm, River Road, Romney. A graveside service was held Saturday, June 5 at 10:15 a.m. at the Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney. A memorial service followed at 11 a.m. at the Romney Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Oren "Jerry" Foust, Jr. officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Romney Presbyterian Church of the charity of the donor's choice.

Congratulations to the West Virginia School for the Deaf Class of 2004

Carolyn Louise Rockow Romney, WV

Clubs: Future Business Leaders of America - FBLA - 2 years; Future Farmers of America - FFA - 3 years; Jr. NAD - 4 years; Skills/USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America - VICA - 4 years.

Sports: Basketball - 4 years; HHS Track & Field - 3 years; Volleyball - 4 years; HHS Soccer - 2 years
Activities: Tapestry Show Choir - 3 years.

Honors Received: Class Valedictorian Homecoming Court; Honor Roll - 4 years; HHS Discus Throw - 3rd place All-State

Mindy Spencer Red House, WV

Clubs: FBLA - 1 year; FFA - 3 years; Jr.NAD - 4 years; Skills/USA VICA - 4 years.
Sports: Basketball - 4 years; Volleyball - 4 years
Activities: Tapestry Show Choir - 4 years

Honors Received: Salutatorian; Homecoming Queen 2003; Homecoming Court - 3 years; Honor Roll - 4 years; Girls State; Dorm Student of the Month; All-star Basketball; All-star Volleyball.

Holly Nicole Romanello Nimitz, WV

Clubs: FBLA - 2 years; FFA - 6 years; Jr.NAD - 3 years; Skills/USA VICA - 3 years
Sports: Basketball - 4 years; HHS Track & Field - 1 year; Volleyball - 4 years.

Activities: Tapestry Show Choir - 3 years.

Honors Received: Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; Dorm Student of the Month; FFA President - 2003; All-star Volleyball; All-star Basketball.

Paul Edward Parent, Jr. Romney, WV

Clubs: FBLA - 4 years; FFA - 4 years; Jr.NAD - 4 years; VICA - 4 years

Sports: Basketball - 4 years; Girls Volleyball Manager - 2 years

Activities: Tapestry Show Choir - 3 years

Honors Received: Homecoming King 2003; Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; Dorm Student of the Month; FFA Reporter

Brian Michael Cross Wheeling, WV

Clubs: FFA; VICA
Sports: Basketball - 1 year; HHS Track & Field - 2 years; HHS Cross Country - 4 years

Honors Received: Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; Dorm Student of the Month

Keith Allen Richardson Romney, WV

Clubs: FBLA - 4 years; FFA; Jr.NAD - 4 years; VICA - 4 years
Sports: Basketball - 3 years; HHS Football - 3 years

Activities: Tapestry Show Choir - 4 years

Honors Received: Homecoming Court; Honor Roll; VICA President; FBLA President.



7th Annual WV Deaf Clubs

Christmas Party

Present By:

Beckley, Charleston, Clarksburg, Fairmont, Lewisburg,
Parkersburg, and Wheeling

December 4, 2004

Days Inn

2000 Sutton Lane

I-79, Exit 67

Flatwoods, WV 25506

304-765-5055

\$20.00 Per Person Before November 20, 2004

~Early combo will receive 3 tickets free for cash prizes and 3 tickets free for
alphabetic manual blanket. ~

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Our First Experience

Written by Douglas Evans

Last October of 2003, the WVAD hosted the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Region One conference in Charleston, West Virginia. Twenty-three representatives from seven out of 14 states attended the conference.

My fiancee Robyn Guzzi, WVAD Trustee and I, as a Vice-President represent for West Virginia State. It was our first experience to be on WVAD Board and to participate in NAD Region One conference. Meeting with many deaf representatives from each States were a quite challenge and interested to us. We had learned so much from their experiences, advice and ideas on how to improve to make our WVD organization better for now and future as well to help NAD.

What made us more proud of our WVAD, was because many representatives from NAD Headquarters and States praised the WVAD for our fabulous job to make the conference to go smoothly and successfully. They often told us how impressed they were with our WVAD for how organized our organization was and how beautiful our State was which made us feel good.

On our way home after the conference, Robyn and I were talking bout our experiences with thoughts and realized it was worth our time to participate and represent for WVAD.

*All truths are
easy to understand
once they
are discovered;
the point is to
discover them.*

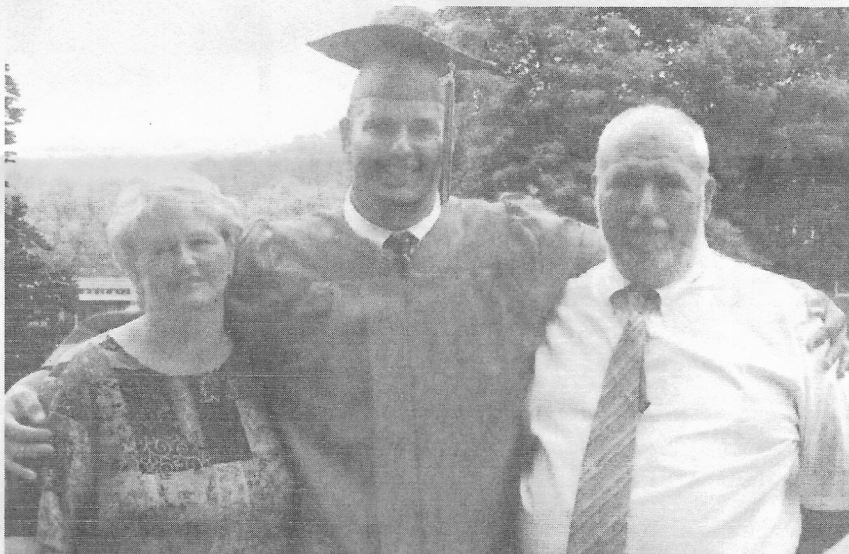
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A Great Lift and Laugh!

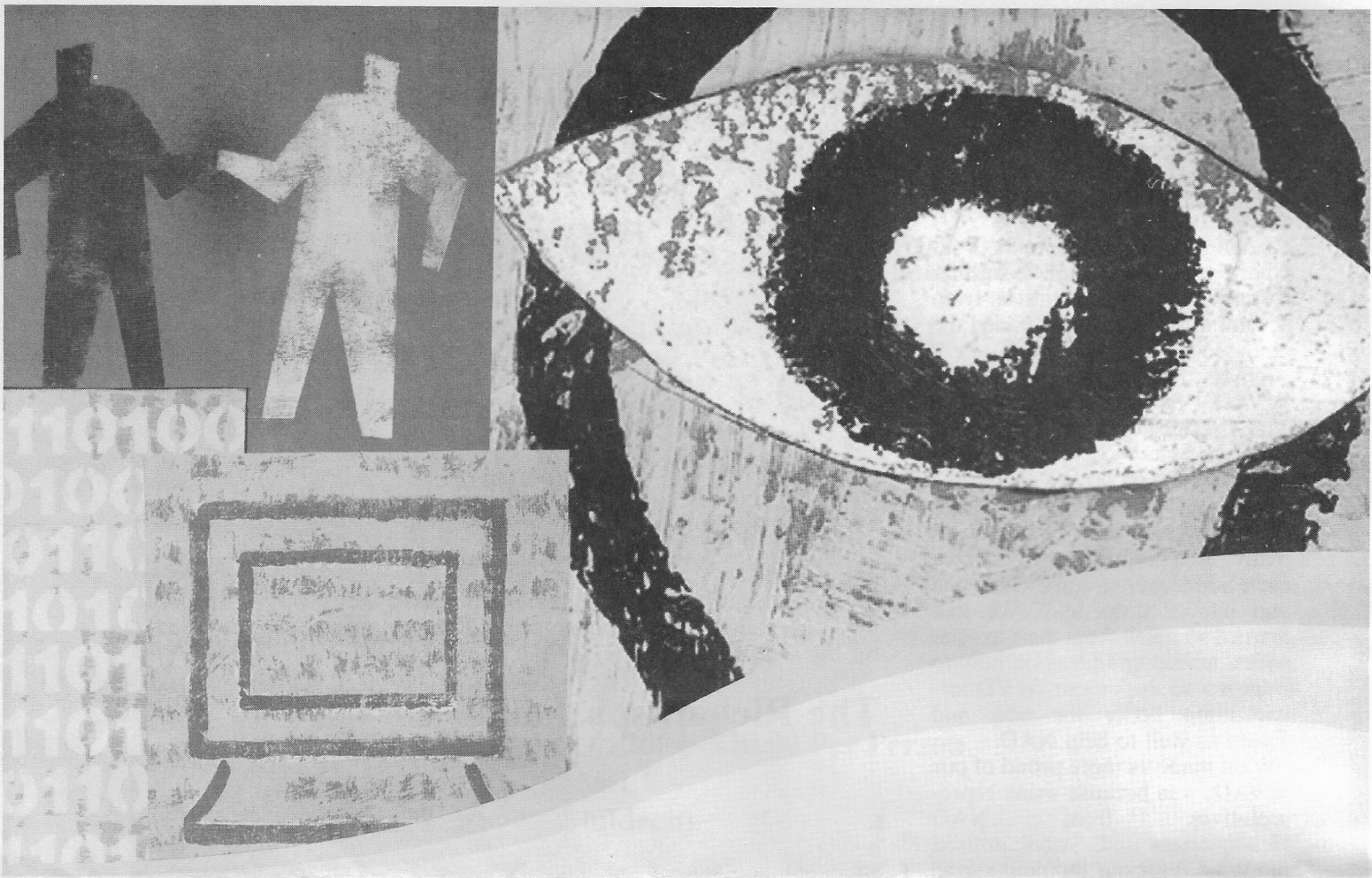


Finally seeing the world from a different view! West Virginia School for the Deaf graduate Keith Richardson of Romney giving Secondary School for the Deaf Principal J.D. Corbin a 'lift'!

The Richardson Family



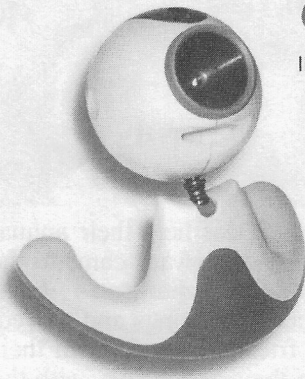
On June 11, 2004 West Virginia School for the Deaf held their annual graduation for their graduating seniors. The biggest reward came to the Richardson family. When Keith was 2 years old the Richardson's, John, Terri, their sons David and Keith packed up their belongings and moved, leaving their other family members and dear friends behind, from their home in Princeton to Romney, WV to provide their son, Keith, with the best possible education available in West Virginia. Graduation day was a day of joy and sadness. They joy they've been waiting for, Keith's graduation day and holding his diploma, receiving an education for a successful future, and sadness that his education at WVSD has come to an end. Keith's future plans are undecided at this time, but with the strong support of his loving family. Keith will make the best decisions for himself and his son, Parker. Special recognition goes to his parents, John and Terri for loving and supporting their son, and for the sacrifices parents must make for their children.



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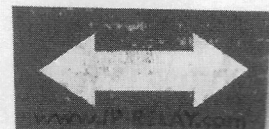
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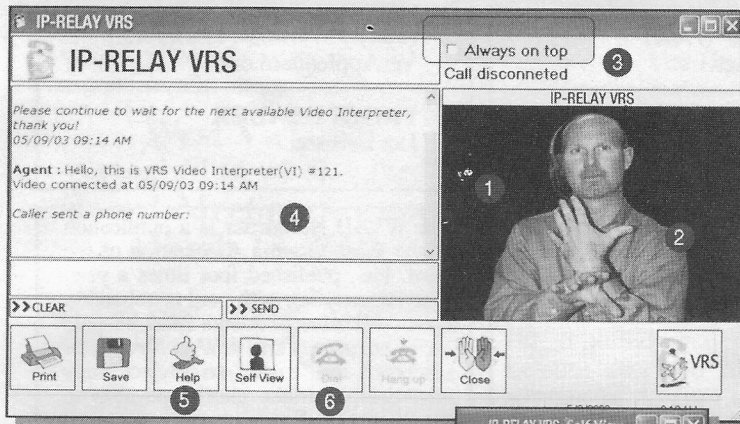
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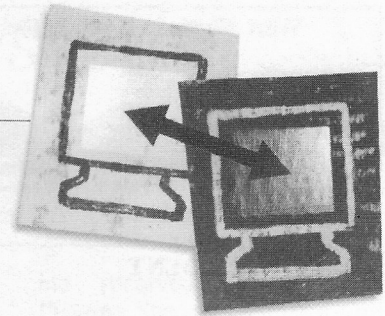
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