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 installation 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-mails 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 operat-
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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 WWSD 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 Chiolo, 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 Chiolo 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-departure screens to keep up with what's going on.

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

"It's 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 decision) 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 telephones 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 Burkhartt-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" communication, 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 problem 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 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 - See Airports on page 4
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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 under-
stand 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, includ-
ing 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 Brandi
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 re-
gional 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, travel-
ing 97-feet and 3-inches.

These six were the only qualifiers
on the ladies side, but there were
some near misses and some im-
pressive 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.


The minutes from August meetings were read and approved as corrected.

President's Report:

President Burdette gave an 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 I conference in Charleston on October 24-26, 2003. Worthy Deverricks moved (Charles Tuell) to amend this motion by adding the word "$400.00" before the word scholar- ship 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 Deverricks 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 should 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 Deverricks 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.

Obituary

Mildred A. Bulte

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

Mrs. Bulte 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.

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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 Brokecell, 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 McGreen and 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: 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

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. ~

November 21, 2004 – December 4, 2004- $30.00 Per Person
~REFUNDABLE~
(Please No Children)

~$6,000 APPROXIMATELY GIVES AWAY~
$2,000 – Cash Prizes GUARANTEE!!!
$2,000 – Admission Prizes GUARANTEE!!!
$700.00 – Christmas Presents GUARANTEE!!!
$1,000 Approximately- TIPS

Excitement Schedule
Registration open at 2:00 p.m. at Days Inn Lobby
Social night open at 4:00 p.m. at Days Inn Ballroom
Fresh Fruits provide at 7:00 p.m.
NOTE: We will be not serve dinner!

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
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Person x $20.00 = ____________

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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 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 about our experiences with thoughts and realized it was worth our time to participate and represent for WVAD.

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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 on, 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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