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2005 WVAD Conference

The countdown has begun...

54 Days Left

(From June 12th til August 4th)

Have you sent in your combo yet??

Deadline for last combo is July 16th
After that you must pay at the door

Don't miss this exciting conference and an opportunity to learn new things and meet new people. Come join us and have fun.

Information can be found at our website
www.wvad.org

From Editor:

Issue: July, Aug., Sept.

Deadline: Aug. 20

Receive Copy: Sept.



Did you Know???

The first brick street in the world was laid in Charleston, WV on October 23, 1870 on Summers Street.

~ From WV State Facts



News Here and There

WVSD Announces Valedictorians and Salutatorian

Lisa Marie Parent and William Benton White have been named Co-Valedictorians of the Class of 2005 by Principal Corbin. Bradley Lee Grey is this year's Salutatorian.



Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent, Sr., of Augusta. She will attend New River Community College in the fall, where she will major in Photography and Graphic Arts.



William Benton White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton White of Charleston. He will attend NTID in the fall, where he will major in CAD.



Bradley Lee Grey is the son of Ms. Kim Grey and stepson of Ronald S. Thompson of Montrose. He will attend Allegheny College in the fall, where he will major in Culinary Arts.

~ From The Lions' Tale

Surprise 75th Birthday Party

John Favre of Saucier, MS was honored with a surprise 75th birthday party, which was hosted by his wife, Norma and 9 deaf lady friends at their local deaf clubroom on Saturday, May 21, 2005.



Monthly Coffee Chat Gathering

Once a month, people gather at Rendezvous Coffee House in Teays Valley for a night of coffee and chatting. What sets this monthly meeting apart is that its participants are deaf.

This event, called Deaf Coffee Chat, provides a place for people who are deaf and hard of hearing to socialize. Friends Shelia Evans and Diana Ramsey started it after discovering the lack of social opportunities for the deaf.

The idea for the chat came about after Evans encountered one such event while visiting California. "It is one of those things that's all over the U.S." Evans said. "They usually hold it in a Starbucks. When I was in San Bernardino, I walked into a Starbucks and they were having one. It's just all ages. They come in, have coffee and they talk.

Evans and Ramsey created the first Deaf Coffee Chat in West Virginia. The event is held the first Friday of each month from 5 to 10 p.m. at Rendezvous. According to deafcoffee.com, it joins chats in 34 other states and Washington, D.C.

During the chat, members simply discuss whatever is on their minds. "It's a good time to get together, improve your signing skills, communicate, find out what's new in the deaf community and be supportive of that," Evans said. However, the chat is not exclusively for the deaf and hard of hearing. Family members and students who wish to improve their sign language skills are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 201-2204 or 562-5692 or visit www.deafcoffee.com



~ From The Charleston Gazette (4-13-05)



Anniversaries



Edward and Florence Johnson Celebrate their 50th Anniversary



A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party was planned and given to Edward and Florence (Devericks) Johnson by their son, John, and daughter, Rose at the Gathering Place in Pasadena, MD February 26, 2005. The couple had not suspected anything about the party until they took their granddaughter there to watch her play upon her request, but there was no play except the surprise party and lots of beloved guests waiting for them. Florence's deaf brother, Worthy and his wife, Lois (Uhl) Devericks left their winter home in Florida for the party. Their presence at the party really surprised the couple very much. Ed and Flo

said this special event would live within their hearts. Congratulations!

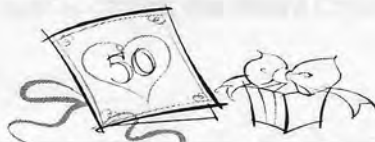


Ronald and Janis Williams Celebrate their 50th Anniversary



Ronald Lee and Janis (Hill) Williams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 9th at the Hansford Community Center, St. Albans. The party was given by their two daughters, Sandra Snodgrass and Diana Horn. More than 100 people attended the event. Many came from several states and one came from as far away as California. Many of the old schoolmates from West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney attended the event. A dear friend who had been an interpreter for the deaf for many years, Keith Hamilton, was there, too. The event was interpreted by Connie Pitman for the hearing.

Casey Tobia, granddaughter, along with the family members that contributed photos and comments, gave the couple a very special gift of a scrapbook that covered their lives together and the family that has grown from their great love for one another. The beautiful flowers were arranged by Jennifer Dillon and the wonderful food was provided from Angela's Catering.





Pageant News



UPDATES:

We (the pageant committee) have been busy the last few months. I wanted to give you a few updates of what has been going on with the pageant. The director and I have traveled to Morgantown and Romney to recruit some young ladies for our pageant. We also had a booth at the Deaf Tech Fair in Charleston on May 21st. We have some exciting news! We officially have six young ladies for the upcoming pageant. All of us are very excited to be working with these wonderful contestants.

We are planning a retreat later in June for all the contestants to get together and meet as well as prepare for the pageant. That will be an exciting time for all of us.

Also, we have been working very hard getting donations, both money and items needed for the pageant. We are so grateful to the Clarksburg/Bridgeport area as well as the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport. We have managed to get almost all of the items that we need for the pageant donated, not having to pay for anything. The hotel has been wonderful in helping us plan for the event as well.

We are still working on getting a few more items, and we still need your donations and support, more now than ever with six contestants!

We are planning an exciting pageant for you at the conference so please do not miss it.

Send your donations to:

Jimmy Harrison, WVAD Treasurer
5 Cordoba Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526



Introducing our Contestants for the MDWV 2005 Pageant



Laura Ann Crowder - Morgantown, WV

Elisha Dillow - Hedgesville, WV

Holly Lynn Palmer - Glen Easton, WV

Lisa Marie Parent - Augusta, WV

Hannah Pauley - Julian, WV

Mindy Sue Spencer - Charleston, WV



Now Accepting Nominations

West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS:

1. Must be a resident of West Virginia.
2. When nominating a person, use the last two years to determine his/her qualifications for the award.
3. Each category does not have to be completed, only nominate someone that you feel meets the qualifications for that award.
4. Must be submitted to the WVAD Award Chairperson by July 15, 2005.

WVAD Award Chairperson
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AWARD CATEGORY:

The West Virginia Deaf Mountaineer Award: The West Virginia Deaf Mountaineer Award is presented to a deaf, hard-of hearing or normal hearing individual who has volunteered his/her time and energy to provide a service of lasting benefit to the deaf community in West Virginia. The recipient or recipients shall be determined by a committee.

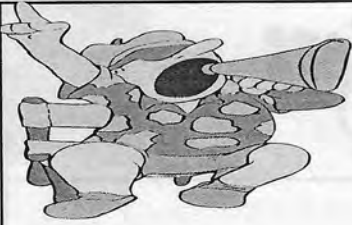
Meritorious Award: This award is presented for special services rendered by a deaf, hard-of hearing, or normal hearing individual to the West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) and its membership.

WVAD Member of the Year Award: This award is presented to an individual member of the WVAD who represents the qualities of WVAD through his or her remarkable efforts or activities. Person being nominated must have done his/her service within the last two years.

NAD Golden Hand Award: This award is presented to a person or organization who has worked voluntarily to make meaningful changes for the deaf community in West Virginia.

The WVAD President's Award: The Association's highest honor given to an individual(s) who has generously contributed their time to WVAD and/or the deaf community. The President and another member as needed shall select a recipient. This award shall be presented at the biennial WVAD conference.

*** All forms can be found at www.wvad.org under Award Nominations. If you do not have internet access, contact the Award Chairperson for the forms needed. ***



Extra News...

Clyde Swartz from Rupert, WV proudly announces that he has graduated from Deaf Bible Institute.



Did you Know??

You can use "Bounce" Sheets to repel mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of "Bounce" through a beet loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

ADVOCATE SEEKS 100,000 SIGNATURES ON CAPTIONING PETITION

Joseph Brzezowski is tired of renting DVDs and finding that they are not closed-captioned. "It is time to fight back and demand for our rights," he said in the introduction to a petition he posted recently on the website Petition Spot. His goal is to collect 100,000 signatures to share with the entertainment industry, and as of Monday morning he was closing in on the first 1,000. "Movie producers are making millions of dollars and do not care about providing closed captions," he said. "It is our turn now, we need the help." To sign the petition, go to

www.petitionspot.com/petitions/ClosedCaptioned.

~ From DeafWeekly

MOTOROLA INTRODUCES VIDEOPHONE CALLED OJO

Motorola began selling a \$798 videophone last month called Ojo (pronounced "oh, joe"). "It's the first videophone to meet expectations," said Mark Sasicki, manager of Abt Electronics in Glenview, Ill. "Ojo is the first innovation in phones in a long, long time. Videophones are finally here." According to the Chicago Sun-Times, AT&T introduced the first videophone 40 years ago at the New York World's Fair. The recent spread of broadband service and improved video displays have made the new videophones possible. Ojo provides TV-quality images on a 7-inch, tiltable color LCD screen when connected to another Ojo user. Motorola charges \$14.95 per month for unlimited Ojo calls. Sasicki predicted that the price of the Ojo device will fall, and videophones will hit the mass market within four years.

~ From DeafWeekly

Open Captioned Movies

The West Virginia Human Rights Commission and the WVCDHH recently met with cinema owners and operators to discuss accommodations for deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons. Several theaters are now offering open-captioned movies, including Regal Cinemas in Vienna and Martinsburg, Park Place Stadium Cinema in Charleston, Tri-Marquee at Southridge, Charleston, and Cinema 4 in Huntington. Our website has links for open-captioned movies and will add other links as they become available.

You can view the open captioned movie information on the WVCDHH website at www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh.

The Commission sincerely thanks Ms. Ivin Lee, executive director, and Ms. Tausha Stigall, investigator, of the West Virginia Human Rights Commission for their advocacy and efforts bring more captioned films to West Virginia residents. We also offer our appreciation to the theater owners and operators. They have responded with enthusiasm by offering a choice of movies at several locations.

~ From WVCDHH



Think about this..

INDIA PROHIBITS HEARING IMPAIRED FROM OBTAINING DRIVERS LICENSES

The government of India does not allow hearing-impaired citizens to obtain drivers licenses, the Deccan Herald reported Monday, and efforts to change the law have fallen on deaf ears. A government notification dated February 10, 2004 states, "Dumb persons without deafness may be granted a valid driving license for non-transport vehicle." But C. N. Vijayraj, who runs an organization for the deaf and hard of hearing, argues that it is rare for a non-speaking person to have hearing and thus the rule amendment does not serve a purpose. Recently, he took 62 hearing-impaired people to a government office to enable them to get a drivers license. Everyone in the group already rides or drives vehicles without a license. Still, they were turned away because they cannot hear. This issue has been ongoing for some time, the newspaper noted, and some say it is a violation of human rights to prevent hearing-impaired people from holding a drivers license.

~ From DeafWeekly

WVAD Board Meeting Minutes - Oct. 2004

The October 3, 2004 meeting was called to order by President John Burdette at 9:26 a.m. in the conference room in the Administration Office at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, West Virginia.

Members present: John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, Liz Leisure, Doug Evans, Robyn Guzzi, and Worthy Devericks

Member Absent: Charles Tuell

Guests present: Marty and Janet Blakely; Molly Simonton, Lois Devericks, and Linda Phillips

The minutes from May 8, 2004 board meeting in Alderson, West Virginia, were read and approved as corrected.

President's Report:

President Burdette shared the letter he received from Dr. Robert Sanderson advertising a new book "A Brief History of the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing", that is available from the Utah Association for the Deaf or Dr. Sanderson for \$30.00 which includes shipping.

President Burdette received the Spring 2004 issue of Research at Gallaudet on June 7, 2004 which includes a list of twelve proposed research priorities for Gallaudet University.

President Burdette recently received an e-mail regarding Grant Proposal Writing Workshop that will be held at the University of Charleston on October 25-27, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. The tuition is \$597.00 which includes all materials and certificates.

President Burdette attended the statewide RID Chapter meeting at Fairmont State College on August 3, 2004. He reported that there was a small attendance. Dolly Ford is chairperson of WV-RID Chapter. Because of lack of RID member attendance, the state was divided into eight RESA regions. A Region Leader was delegated for each region in the state to hold a similar meeting in order to accommodate those who are unable to travel long distances. The next statewide meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2004 at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney.

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will hold a workshop on "How to Work with Your Interpreter and How to Work with Your Deaf Client" on November 2, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Princeton, WV.

President Burdette gave an update on the letter that Treasurer Harrison received on September 3, 2004, from the Secretary of the State Office requesting a copy of Form 990 or a completed Computation of Fundraising Percentage Form. The former Treasurer Liz Leisure assisted with the required paperwork and faxed it to the State Office. Liz stated that once the certification page is signed by three WVAD officers and mailed to the State Office, the registration requirements will be completed.

The WVAD's Contract with the UDS expires December 31, 2004. President Burdette received a letter from Judy Holt, Account Executive with The Heritage Company, who proposes to extend the contract for one year with an option for one year renewal instead of three year renewal.

President Burdette asked Marty Blakely, who was recently promoted to Media Center/Communication Center Coordinator at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, to give a testimony about the Deaf Awareness Week that was held from September 20-24, 2004. Mr. Blakely reported that on the first day, September 20, they had a Mayor's Proclamation Reading by Mr. Hicks. Deanna Stone, Executive Director for the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and a proud representative for West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Worthy Devericks, were present on that day. On September 21, they had a "Silent Lunch" which was featured on the Hampshire Review Newspaper. On September 22, The Class of 2005 Seniors gave their presentation about deaf culture/deaf history to 4th, 5th and 6th grade elementary deaf students in the Deaf Chapel and afterwards, they had lunch. On September 23, they held a panel discussion regarding "Deaf President Now" Movement in 1988. The participants were Mary Ennis-Kesler, Pierre Sevingy, Christy Sevingy, and Stan Mals. Marty Blakely was the Moderator. On September 24, they had a workshop on "Interpreters: To better understand their role." They also had an Arts/Posters Contest. Five winners were chosen: Pam Thompson won 1st place - \$40.00 gift certificate (pizza); Hannah Pauley won 2nd place and received \$25.00; Matthew Hart won 3rd place and received \$20.00; Sarah Abernath won 4th place and received \$10.00; and Vanessa Cooley won 5th place and received \$5.00. Marty thanked the WVAD board members for the \$100 donation and stated that it meant a lot to the winners. Marty is planning to ask a deaf performer (Deafology 101) to come during the Clerc-Gallaudet Week on the week of December 11, 2004. He asked if the WVAD would consider sponsoring the Deafology 101.

President Burdette thanked Worthy for going to WVSD Deaf Awareness Week as a representative for WVAD.

President Burdette reported that the April, May, and June issue of the WVAD newsletter has not been sent out yet because Veronda's computer crashed. She has to retype everything. Hopefully, it will be sent out next week.

Veronda Harrison has resigned as the editor of the WVAD newsletter. Linda Phillips has been selected as the new editor replacing Veronda Harrison.

President Burdette gave a report on his attendance to the July 2004 NAD conference that was held in Kansas City.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President Doug Evans reported that on September 18th, 2004, the 2005 WVAD Committee had a meeting at Regina Jenkins' residence. President John Burdette was present at the meeting.

The committee continued to work on the upcoming conference and covered many issues such as Holiday Inn Contract, Event Fee, Raffle Tickets, and Booster. He said that other ideas were brought up during the meeting with big help and advice from John Burdette.

On September 20th, 2004, Miss Deaf West Virginia, Linda Phillips, and her mother, Liz Leisure, were at the Fairmont State University to where the Sign Language Interpreting Program hosted a Deaf Awareness Week during the week of September 20-23, 2004. Linda lectured about her experiences growing up as a deaf child and as Miss Deaf West Virginia.

Vice-President Evans reported that he has created a flyer for the WVAD 2005 Biennial Conference and proposed different fees for the conference in which he will hand out and discuss in new business.

Secretary's Report: There was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Jimmy showed the Treasurer's report from July 1 to September 30, 2004. Total Assets \$1,097.45; Total Expenses \$2,629.95; Balance in checking account \$5,306.27; in savings account \$11,109.03; Certificate of Deposits \$12,000.00; and in Mingo County Fund \$16,035.36. Total Balance is \$44,450.66.

Jimmy showed the report in Miss Deaf WV Pageant Fund from September 2003 to September 30, 2004. Beginning Balance \$1,533.45; Total Expenses \$4,031.33; and Ending Balance - \$2,497.88.

Jimmy showed the report for WVAD picnic on August 7, 2004 at Burnsville Lake. Total Assets \$967.00 and Total Expenses \$588.34.

Trustees' Report: There was nothing to report.

Committees' Reports:

Flora Gervas' Memorial Scholarship Committee's Report: Liz reported that she drafted a list of eligibility requirements for the scholarship award - she will meet with the other committee members at a later date to discuss the requirements, changes, and etc.

MDWV Pageant Report:

Molly R. Simonton, Pageant Director, gave a report on her attendance to the 2004 NAD Convention/Miss Deaf America Pageant in Kansas City from July 5-10, 2004 including the State Pageant Directors' meetings. She thanked the WVAD for the monetary support upfront. She stated that Linda Phillips represented the state very well and wants to stay involved. She discussed her fundraising plans and efforts by selling ads, T-shirts, and scheduling Linda's appearances. She also discussed recruitment efforts and plans for the 2005 Miss Deaf WV Pageant. She said it was recommended that a committee be formed to work on the WV Deaf Pageant as she cannot do all the work alone. Ms. Caryn Keller has been chosen to be the Assistant Director. (Ms. Keller was Linda's chaperone to the NAD conference/Miss Deaf America Pageant and Retreat.) Doug Evans agreed to help advertisement and Robyn Guzzi agreed to serve as the local member on the committee. Lois Devericks agreed to support in committee work in whatever needs to be done.

Break at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. The meeting was resumed at 12:40 p.m.

MCAD - WVAD Committee Report:

Doug Evans gave his report on the flyer that he created. The board was given a drafted WVAD 2005 Biennial Conference Flyer along with the proposed event fees for their review and recommendations. Robyn Guzzi gave a report on the meeting and banquet rooms, hotel rooms, menu selections, and a catering contract with the Holiday Inn in Clarksburg. She will go ahead and make hotel room reservations for the board members.

Old Business: None

New Business:



Jimmy (Robin) moved that the Deaf Pageant Fund debt in the amount of \$2,497.88 be written off as if paid in full. The motion was passed.

Worthy (Robyn) moved that we delete the \$15.00 pageant fee from the WVAD 35th Biennial Conference event fee. The motion was passed.

Jimmy (Liz) moved that WVAD accepts the Early Bird Combo Rates Optional A fee proposed by Doug Evans. The motion was passed.

Doug (Jimmy) moved that WVAD will not accept personal checks by mail for the conference fees after the deadline on July 16, 2005. The motion was passed.

Robyn (Jimmy) moved that the four door prize tickets are to be given to those registrants who buy early bird combo tickets before February 28, 2005. The motion was passed.

Jimmy (Doug) moved that the cash prizes to be given away at the 2005 WVAD conference be raised from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 depending on number of attendees. Robyn (Worthy) moved to amend this motion by raising the cash prizes from \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00 based on number of attendees. The motion was passed.

Jimmy (Worthy) moved that WVAD invites one of the following as our guest speaker at our 2005 WVAD Conference: Chris Wagner, President of Florida Association of the Deaf, Kelby Brick with the National Association of the Deaf, and Yerker Anderson. The motion was passed.

Liz (Jimmy) moved that WVAD reimburses Linda Phillips \$254.36 for the editor's program to create a newsletter. The motion was passed.

Jimmy (Liz) moved that WVAD reimburse all officers for mileage and lodging for one night on October 2, 2004. The motion was passed.

Robyn (Jimmy) moved that Doug Evans be responsible to create and print flyers for the 2005 WVAD conference. The motion was passed.

Liz (Worthy) moved that the WVAD go ahead and sign the one-year extended contract with the United Deaf Services. The motion was passed.

Liz (Robyn) moved that WVAD adds couple to the membership form and increase the rate by \$5.00. Robyn (Doug) moved to amend that WVAD set the membership fee for a couple at \$20.00 for one year. Worthy (Robyn) moved that this motion be tabled until the next conference. It was passed.

Jimmy (Doug) moved that WVAD offers an incentive award to new members to draw higher attendance at the conference. The motion was passed.

Doug (Robyn) moved that WVAD have the next board meeting in Wheeling, WV, in January 2005. It was passed.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Do You Know Your WVAD Officers??

How well do you know your WVAD Officers? Do you know more than just their name? If so, great. If not, here is your chance to learn more about your officers. Maybe those who already know their officers will learn some more things.

Continued from the last issue.



John Burdette is currently President for WVAD.

Why did you become an officer for WVAD? I have always wanted to be involved in the deaf community. I want to be a good leader to educate and encourage the deaf community as well as to educate the hearing community to understand our rights and needs; to serve the Deaf and hard of hearing people and advocate for their rights in West Virginia.

What would you tell people why they should come to the conference? I would tell and encourage them to come and find out what the conference is all about.... to learn information from the workshops, voice concerns at meetings, products and services at the exhibitions, and many more as well to learn more about our WVAD organization.

How many terms have you served as an officer? Four terms. Three terms as president and one term as vice-president.

What do you personally look forward to at this conference? I personally look forward to see 35th biennial conference a success in celebrating a milestone of WVAD's 90th Anniversary. I also want to see more of the young people to come to be a part of the future generations to continue an advocacy of our needs and rights.

As an officer, what goals would you like to see WVAD accomplish? I would like to see and increase WVAD visibility by advocating accessible services and programs across the state of West Virginia, also to recruit more members to join WVAD. I would like for more members to become involved on the committees.

What other organizations/activities are you involved in? Secretary/treasurer for GVAD bowling league, Vice-president of WV Deaf Bowling Association, Vice-President of WV Deaf Bass Fishing Tournament, Treasurer of WV Deaf Clubs Christmas Party, former president of Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf and Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf bowling league.

What is your favorite color? Green

What are your hobbies? Hunting, fishing, camping, reading, computer, and collectibles.

What is your favorite food? Vensions

What is your favorite TV show or movie? I like to watch action, martial arts, and comedy movies.

What is your favorite sport? Football



Jimmy Harrison is currently Treasurer for WVAD. He was born in Man, WV (Logan County). He graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1978. He has been employed by the United States Postal Service in Charleston, WV for 25 years. He is married to Veronda Harrison and has two wonderful sons, Jason and Dalton.

Why did you become an officer for WVAD? I like to be involved in politics and in the deaf community. I also want to teach and encourage young deaf people to become involved in the deaf community too.

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What would you tell people why they should come to the conference? I would tell people that should come and learn new updates in technology. They should also learn how to face new life challenges.

How many terms have you served as an officer? Five terms. Three as President, one as Vice President, and one as Treasurer.

What do you personally look forward to at this conference? I am looking forward to seeing new faces, attending workshops to gather new information, attending the deaf pageant, banquet, and the ballroom dance.

As an officer, what goals would you like to see WVAD accomplish? I would like to see an increase in the WVAD membership, more workshops to teach young people how to become better leaders and advocates for deaf people, and how to work with other organizations.

What other organizations/activities are you involved in? President of Charleston Association of the Deaf, West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association, and National Association of the Deaf.

What is your favorite color? Blue.

What are your favorite hobbies? Football, bowling, Nascar, hunting and fishing.

What is your favorite food? Steak and Lasagna.

What is your favorite TV show or movie? "Cellular" and "Top Gun"

What is your favorite sport? Football, volleyball, and horseshoe.



Obituaries



Malcolm C. Grabill

Malcolm C. Grabill passed away on November 12, 2004. He was a beloved husband of Emma for 47 years, brother of Harry Grabill, loving father to son Norman and daughter-in-law, Margaret. He attended the WV School for the Deaf in Romney. He was active in the local deaf senior centers and loved sports. He played golf locally and in the Northern California Deaf League. Memorial service was held at Lima Family Sunnyvale Mortuary on November 18, 2004.

Marilyn Venetis

Marilyn Venetis, Age 78, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of North Olmsted, Ohio, passed away on January 16, 2005, at home. She retired from United States Postal Service in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a member of Christian Life Deaf Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Columbus Senior Citizens of the Deaf, and Cleveland Association of the Deaf. She was survived by husband of 56 years, Charles Venetis, one daughter, Mabel (Larry) Lloyd of Westerville, Ohio, and one son, Nicholas (Diana) Venetis of Powell, Ohio, five granddaughters, two sisters, one brother, several nieces and nephews. The service was held at the Moreland Funeral Home. Ms. Venetis was buried at Berdon Central Cemetery.

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Half Page (7 5/8"x5").....\$60
1/4 Page (3 5/8"x5").....\$30
1/8 Page (3 5/8"x2 3/8").....\$20

WVAD Membership— Join Now!

Name _____ \$15 for one year Regular

Address _____ \$ 25 for two years Regular

City/State/Zip _____ \$20 for two years Senior Citizen (55+)

TTY _____ **FAX** _____ \$10 for two years Student (Age 12 to 18)

EMAIL _____ Yes! Here is my Donation \$ _____

Yes! I want to donate to WVAD Deaf Pageant \$ _____

Total Membership & Donation & _____

Make money order or personal check payable to: WVAD and mail with membership form to West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc., Veronda Harrison, Membership Coordinator, 5 Cordoba Dr., Hurricane WV 25526

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