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# LEAD-K

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## WV LEAD-K Update by Donna M. Williams

On February 21, I attended the House Education Committee meeting when the LEAD-K House Bill 4223 was on the agenda. Delegate Paul Espinosa invited me to answer questions. One question was why the WV Department of Education (WVDE) is not in the bill for ages 3-5, inclusive. I responded saying that we had the same question and that WVDE refused to be in the bill unless legislators mandate (force) them.

After I spoke, Assistant WVDE Superintendent, Clayton Burch, spoke. He said the bill duplicated what they already have in process. I wanted to ask him questions about data and reporting but I was considered a guest and could not ask.

Next, was a discussion about members of the Advisory Committee.

The LEAD-K Team tried to get Deaf people added to be on the committee but Delegate Rowan would not add it. However, thanks to Delegate Michael Folk from Berkeley County area, he pushed to have a Deaf person added to the list. He has a brother who is Deaf and understands about deafness. After a heated discussion, a motion was made to amend the bill adding a Deaf person to be on the Advisory Committee. All except 5 or 6 delegates voted yes to amend.

A few members of the Deaf community asked "what are the qualifications to be on the Advisory Committee?" And, what is considered "qualified." Also, who will make the selections? WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) will make the selections. Will they invite anyone

who is deaf to join the committee? An e-mail was sent to Delegate Rowan and Delegate Rohrbach asking them these questions but no response.

Other amendments made to the bill include:

- Added 'language' between speech and pathologists.
- Added American Sign Language mentors.
- Changed 'cochlear implant' to 'assistive technology' after we complained about 'cochlear implant'.

Other amendments/changes the Team requested were not accepted.

The bill passed the House Education Committee and was sent to the House Finance Committee to discuss the financial costs for DHHR to implement this bill. It had been estimated that it would cost about \$110,000 the first year for new computer, new program, new staff, etc., and then about \$4,000 each year after that. We do not know how they came up with these dollar amounts.

After several e-mails asking to put this bill on the Finance Committee's agenda and asking for the status, I finally received an e-mail from Delegate (See WV LEAD-K Update on page 15)



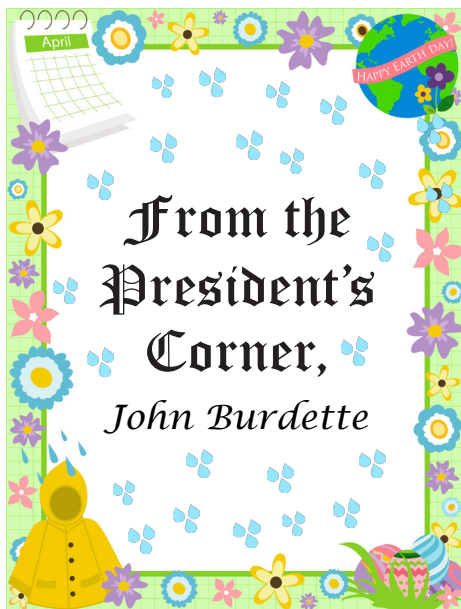
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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

I hope you had a pleasant winter season. This winter season has been impacted hard by the flu. We were hit by several winter storms the day after Spring arrived. I am sure everyone is eager to start planting flowers and do some gardening soon.

WVAD is hosting a couple fundraising projects: \$1,000 Giveaway raffle tickets and raffles for WVU football tickets. Both drawings will be held on August 11, 2018, at the WVAD summer picnic to be held at the Summersville Lake dam site, picnic area shelter #3. If anyone is interested in buying raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD board members or check out [www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org) to purchase tickets on line.

Primary election is coming up on May 8, 2018. I want to share with the registered voters about WV's New Voter Identification Law that started in January 2018. Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired. Please see page 5 for more information on voter ID requirements. If you are not a registered voter, register today! You must register 21 days before the date of the election. Your vote could make a big difference on May 8, 2018. For more information on registering, please check out <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing#Landing>. Many House of Delegates and some members of Senators are up for re-election. More information about primary list of candidates can be found at <https://sos.wv.gov/elections/Documents/2018%20Primary%20Certified%20List%20of%20Candidates.pdf>.

I want to update everyone on projects or things that have been happening in West Virginia.

- The House Bill 4223 on Language Equality Acquisition for the Deaf Kids – Kindergarten Ready (LEAD-K) for WV was introduced



in the House of Delegates on January 19, 2018. The bill was sent to House Education on the following day. Last action was the bill was passed with amendments in House Education, then sent to House Finance on February 22, 2018. The bill did not pass this year. WVAD's LEAD-K team is continuing to work on this bill and hope to get this bill passed next year. 2018 Legislative session ended on March 10, 2018 (see story on page 1).

- Sorenson VRS and ASL/Interpreter Education Program will be offering interactive workshops at North Central Advanced Technology Center, 500 Galliher Dr., Fairmont, WV, on April 21, 2018. There will be two workshops offered: (1) "Optimizing Interpreter Strengths" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and (2) "Understanding and Decompressing from Stress and Vicarious Trauma" from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you know of any interpreters who need to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs), please pass this information to them (see [https://lookaside.fbsbx.com/file/WV\\_Community\\_Workshop\\_Flyer%20%28003%29%20%28002%29.pdf?token=AWx6xnYR3XxKj9V7-ebICvGVd\\_fS6AivNJG6M3PeLiTubjUSrYe8KmF7SAYKRkrxkdeVtd-nPn8ST9U5eOp\\_U77AAivD8A8ZSOX-ToOiqm82PZ42VbgMpJvYfYO-hxOZmuRO8zyJrvknrUyTIBRgU2WSv](https://lookaside.fbsbx.com/file/WV_Community_Workshop_Flyer%20%28003%29%20%28002%29.pdf?token=AWx6xnYR3XxKj9V7-ebICvGVd_fS6AivNJG6M3PeLiTubjUSrYe8KmF7SAYKRkrxkdeVtd-nPn8ST9U5eOp_U77AAivD8A8ZSOX-ToOiqm82PZ42VbgMpJvYfYO-hxOZmuRO8zyJrvknrUyTIBRgU2WSv)).
- Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances (EPDA) is hosting "Hedy & Heidi: The Lost Sister" movie on Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV. Please check out their Facebook page to buy tickets (<https://www.facebook.com/events/201501813733490/>). Heidi will be there to socialize with you! Seats are limited (400 seats), opens

## PUBLICATION INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING RATES

The WVAD *Quarter News* newsletter is a publication of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc., published four times a year (January, April, July, October). Free subscription with paid dues. All advertisements must be paid in advance. The WVAD *Quarter News* reserves the right to reject any advertisement. Make checks payable to **WVAD**. Send ads with payment and any news to Tamera Deem.

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at 5:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m. and closes at 10:30 p.m. They will also have a 2nd annual Town Hall event on Saturday, May 12, 2018, located at the Independent Baptist Church in Hedgesville, WV (see pages 6 and 7). Please plan to come and enjoy the whole weekend in Martinsburg, WV.

- Trix Bruce (well-known nationwide workshop presenter) is coming to Charleston, WV, on July 13-14, 2018, at Holiday Inn Express, Charleston Civic Center. There will be three different workshops offered to interpreters. If you know of any interpreters who need to earn CEUs, please pass on the information (<http://www.trixbruce.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Flyer-July-13-14-2018-Charlestown-WVA.pdf>).

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for membership form), please send the form and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Jimmy Harrison. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jimmy Harrison, Membership Coordinator. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. This would be a good way to give someone a membership as a gift.

In closing, Please check the WVAD website ([www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org)) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any updates and/or any information about WVAD.

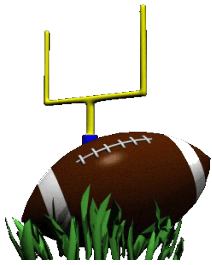
Warmly,

*John W. Burdette*

John Burdette – WVAD President

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## **RAFFLE TICKETS – 2 TICKETS (2 DRAWINGS) FOR WVU HOME FOOTBALL GAME, WVU VS. YOUNGSTOWN STATE, 9/8/2018**

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 2 chances to win 2 tickets to the WVU home football game vs. Youngstown State, scheduled for September 8, 2018, kickoff TBA. If anyone is interested in buying any raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD Board members (John Burdette, Chris Mick, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Gloria Hollen, Jeffery Simmons, or Worthy Devericks). For credit card purchases, please contact Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) at 304-964-6025 Videophone or e-mail at [verapple@aol.com](mailto:verapple@aol.com). You may also go to [www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org) to purchase tickets on line.

Feel free to let your family and friends know about this as they are welcome to participate in the drawing. Drawing will be held on August 11, 2018 (need not be present to win).

## **6 Raffle Tickets for \$5.00**

West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.		PHONE/VP	NAME
<div><div><b>WEST VIRGINIA</b></div><div><b>9/8/18 (Time TBA) FOOTBALL GAME</b> <b>2 CHANCES TO WIN 2 TICKETS</b> Drawing will be on 8/11/2018 Need not be present to win <b>6 tickets for \$5.00</b></div><div><b>YOUNGSTOWN ST.</b></div></div>			

**Buy Your  
Raffle  
Tickets!**



**\$1,000  
Giveaway!**

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 15 chances to win some cash (\$1,000 Giveaway)! If anyone is interested in buying any raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD Board members (John Burdette, Chris Mick, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Gloria Hollen, Jeffery Simmons, or Worthy Devericks). For credit card purchases, please contact Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) at 304-964-6025 Videophone or e-mail at [verapple@aol.com](mailto:verapple@aol.com). You may also go to [www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org) to purchase tickets on line.

Feel free to let your family and friends know about this fundraiser as they are welcome to participate in the drawing. Drawing will be held on August 11, 2018 (need not be present to win).

### WV Association of the Deaf Summer Picnic 2018 Raffle Ticket (\$1,000 Giveaway)

1st	\$100.00 Cash
2nd	\$50.00 Cash
3rd	\$75.00 Cash
4th	\$25.00 Cash
5th	\$75.00 Cash
6th	\$50.00 Cash
7th	\$75.00 Cash
8th	\$100.00 Cash
9th	\$50.00 Cash
10th	\$75.00 Cash
11th	\$25.00 Cash
12th	\$75.00 Cash
13th	\$50.00 Cash
14th	\$75.00 Cash
15th	\$100.00 Cash

Drawing: August 11, 2018  
3 Tickets for \$5.00 for Chance to Win  
Need Not be Present

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## Why is Voting Important?

*"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."* ~ Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States

In order to gain an understanding of why voting is so important, let's take a look back at the history of voting rights. Contrary to popular belief, the United States' Constitution did not originally guarantee citizens the "right to vote." The United States was created with the understanding that only certain individuals would make the decisions when it came to government.

There are several amendments to the U.S. Constitution which address the right to vote and who actually has this "right."

- 14th Amendment – All persons born within the U.S. are citizens and guaranteed rights and privileges (1868).
- 15th Amendment – No citizen denied the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude (1870). This amendment was intended to give freed slaves the same privileges offered to the white majority in the United States. States were able to get around this amendment by creating Jim Crow Laws and other barriers to prevent minorities from voting.

Jim Crow Laws were requirements for individuals to pass in order to become eligible to vote. These included:

- Literacy Tests – These tests excluded under-educated Americans from voting. This was specifically focused towards African Americans.
- Grandfather Clauses – A requirement which said if your grandfather was eligible to vote, then you are eligible to vote. This would exclude many African Americans whose ancestors were not eligible to vote because of slavery.
- Poll Taxes – A fee would be required to vote. The intention is to stop lower income citizens from having a voice in government.

As you can see, the 15th Amendment did not accomplish what it had originally intended. Minorities still did not share equal rights when it came to voting in the United States. For more

information on the 15th amendment, see link: <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=44>.

- 19th Amendment – No citizen shall be abridged of their right to vote based on sex (1920). This amendment gave women the right to vote.

Generations of women worked tirelessly to gain suffrage. This is by far one of the most important amendments to the Constitution when it comes to voting, because it gave the right to vote to half of the population of the United States. If you are a female and reading this document, you have/will have the right to vote because a battle was fought for you in history.

From protesting and picketing to large rallies, women ignored the resistance of opponents who many times verbally and physically assaulted them. Decades of protest and the will of women to never give up paid off, and today women can register and vote for the issues which they feel strongly about. For more information on the 19th amendment, please see link: <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=63>.

- 24th Amendment – No poll tax is allowed or failure to pay any other tax shall prevent a person from voting (1964). This amendment eliminated some of the Jim Crow laws which were a result of the 15th Amendment.
- 26th Amendment – All persons 18 or older shall not be abridged of their right to vote (1971).

This amendment was passed in 1971 after 11 unsuccessful attempts by U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph (D), WV. Senator Randolph was from Harrison County, WV. Randolph originally introduced the bill during his time in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Vietnam War brought up the topic of why can 18 year olds fight and die for our country, yet they are not eligible to vote for the members of Congress who send them overseas.

The amendment was also passed very quickly because it was considered politically dangerous to be against giving troops the rights they deserved during the upcoming election in 1972. The potential for an opponent to rally voters against a candidate

were too strong, not to support the amendment.

This amendment is the reason why eighteen year olds and seventeen year olds who will be eighteen by the date of the next General Election are eligible to vote. Seventeen year olds are not permitted to vote in municipal or special elections however.

- Voting Rights Act of 1965 – Applied a nationwide prohibition against the denial or abridgment of the right to vote on the literacy tests on a nationwide basis. For more info on the Voting Rights Act of 1965, see link: <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=100>.

Finally the barriers to vote were lifted for minorities.

Now that we have taken a moment to learn from the past, let's take a moment to look at some reasons why you personally should be interested in voting.

### Reasons to Vote

- So you can decide. Why let other people decide what is best for you when you have a voice: the vote.
- It's your right. Young people, women, and underrepresented groups all fought hard for the right to vote. Even today there are countries where people are still fighting for the right to vote. Vote in honor of those who can't.
- Representation – Does it seem as if politicians don't "get" you? Want politicians in office who represent your needs and concerns? Then vote.
- More money. Votes equal cash. Candidates give money to causes you care about: youth programs, the environment, HIV/AIDS, or cancer research, to name a few. Find out where the candidates stand on these issues and vote for the ones that agree with you.
- To cancel out someone else's vote. Whether it's your neighbor, your teacher, or somebody famous – you probably know someone who is going to vote the opposite of you.
- To bust the stereotype! Some adults think "Young people are lazy, they

(See [Why is Voting... on page 12](#))

## Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc. (EPDA) to Host Weekend Events on May 11-12, 2018

Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc. (EPDA) will be hosting "Heidi and Hedy: The Lost Sister" movie on Friday night (May 11, 2018) at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (301 Foxcroft Avenue) in Martinsburg, WV. They will also be hosting a Town Hall event (see page 7) that will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018. There will be over 20 vendors.

EPDA has a group rate for you to reserve a hotel room if you would like to spend a night or two during their weekend event (May 11-12, 2018). Their group rate is \$104.00 plus taxes per night. To reserve a hotel room, please go to this link: [https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/martinsburg/mrbwv/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrS=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn.ki.sp.nd.ct&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qGrpCd=PDA&qIta=99801505&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=20&qSHp=1&qSmp=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb\\_u=1&icdv=99801505](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/martinsburg/mrbwv/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrS=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn.ki.sp.nd.ct&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qGrpCd=PDA&qIta=99801505&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=20&qSHp=1&qSmp=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb_u=1&icdv=99801505). This group rate ends on April 27, 2018. Be sure to reserve a room between now and April 27, 2018. Please come and have a fun weekend with us! You won't regret it!

Follow Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc.'s Facebook page for video announcements (<https://www.facebook.com/WVDEP/>).



**BAD CATS ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS**

# MOVIE NIGHT

Buy your tickets at:  
<https://goo.gl/gA52ce>  
(case sensitive)

**hedy & Heidi**  
The Lost Sister

**HOLIDAY INN - WEST VIRGINIA**  
**301 FOXCROFT AVE., MARTINSBURG, WV 25401**  
**MAY 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**  
**\$20 TICKETS - BUY TICKETS ONLINE!**  
**MORE INFO: CONTACT EPDEAFALLIANCES@GMAIL.COM**  
**BENEFITS GO TO EASTERN PANHANDLE DEAF ALLIANCES, INC.!**



Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc.

(Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Late-Deafened)

Hosts

## Second Biennial Town Hall

**Scream  
For  
Our Rights!**

Here's the Scoop

Of

**Equal Access & Services**

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**Independent Bible Church Building**

**2306 Hedgesville Road**

**Martinsburg, WV 25403**

**EPDeafAlliances@gmail.com**

***8:30a-12p: Town Hall***

***12-6p: Social  
Gathering/Booths***



# WVAD BIENNIAL PICNIC

August 11, 2018 ~ Saturday



**SUMMERSVILLE LAKE  
AT THE DAM SITE  
Picnic Area Shelter #3**



**Open at 11:00 a.m. until Dark**

**\$1,000 Giveaway  
(Depends on Attendance)**

**Chance to Win Cash Prizes and Gifts  
(10 Tickets for \$5.00 or 30 Tickets for \$10.00)**

**\$20.00 per person – includes 1 meal and door prize**

**\$10.00 per child (13-18 years old)**

**\$5.00 per child (5-12 years old)**

**Children under 5 years old – free**



**We will provide meats. Please bring covered dishes and desserts (for those who bring covered dish or dessert will get 1 ticket).**

**Drinks are \$1.00 each.**

**Plan to camp out Friday and  
Saturday nights with us!**

**Come Out and Join Us for Some  
Good Food and Good Times!  
Meet Old and New Friends!**





# KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS & AMAZON SMILE

## Free & Easy Ways You Can Help...

Check out our trusted partners and after a quick signup process or app download, they will donate to our WV Association of the Deaf organization every time you complete your shopping at the grocery store or on line. Thank you for your support!



**SUPPORT WVAD! IT'S AS EASY AS SWIPING  
YOUR KROGER REWARDS CARD EACH TIME YOU SHOP!**

West Virginia Association of the Deaf has partnered with Kroger's Community Reward Program! This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donations from Kroger EVERY TIME you purchase groceries in ANY of their stores using your rewards card at no additional cost! Sign up is easy! Re-register annually.

Simply register online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and choose West Virginia Association of the Deaf! Please share this with your family and friends!

## Directions on How to Sign WVAD Up on Your Kroger Rewards Card

1. You must renew the rewards program on your rewards card yearly every September. To renew, go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com). Make sure you are registered. If not, you need to register so you can have an account with them.
2. Click on **Community** tab.
3. Select **Kroger Community Rewards**.
4. Click on **Re-enroll Now**.
5. Click on 5th **Edit** under **Community Rewards**.
6. "Find your Organization" screen comes up. Type in **West Virginia Association of the Deaf** and select this organization. Click on **Enroll**. Now you are all set! Thank you for supporting our organization!

If you need help with this, please contact Veronda Harrison at (304) 964-6025 or Tami Deem at (304) 212-2291.



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WVAD!**



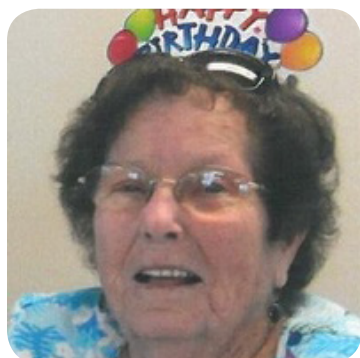
**SUPPORT WVAD! AMAZON SMILE WILL GIVE  
0.5% OF YOUR ELIGIBLE PURCHASES TO  
WV ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.**

West Virginia Association of the Deaf has partnered with Amazon Smile Program! This is a program where our organization receives 0.5% donations from Amazon Smile EVERY TIME you shop on line at no additional cost! Sign up is easy! No need to re-register annually.

Here's how to donate:

- Log into Amazon Smile: <http://www.smile.amazon.com>. If you do not have an account with Amazon, set one up.
- When you are logged in, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to give to.
- Scroll down to "pick your own charitable organization" and type in WV Association of the Deaf.
- Select WV Association of the Deaf. You only have to do this once and you are set to go!

Just login to Amazon Smile every time you shop on line. Enjoy shopping on Amazon Smile! Please share this with your family and friends!



## REVA F. CORBIN

Reva Florence Corbin, 88, of Moorefield, WV, formerly of Hampshire County, WV, passed away on Saturday January 20, 2018, at Hampshire Health Care Center, Romney, WV.

Born on June 26, 1929, in Kena, WV, she was the daughter of the late Opa and Myrtle (Gandee) Payne.

Reva worked as a houseparent for the WV School for the Deaf until retirement. She was a member of the Moorefield Duffy United Methodist Church, loving mother, and grandmother.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Pauline, Ruth, and Margaret; a brother Opie Payne; and an infant brother.

Surviving is a daughter, Diana Scott of Fisher, WV; a son, Joseph Corbin Jr. of Romney, WV; a sister, Barbara Booze of Cross Junction, VA; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday January 23, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Augusta, WV, with Pastor Denzil Davis officiating. Interment followed in Ebenezer Cemetery, Romney, WV.

The family received friends 1 hour prior to service at the funeral home. All arrangements were handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV. See link <http://www.mckeefuneralhome.com/obituary/rev-a-corbin> for more information. 🌿



## JOSEPH A. JEZERSKI

Joseph Avery Jezerski, 82, of Boynton Beach, Florida, passed away February 9, 2018. Joseph was born on August 22, 1935, to parents John and Josephine Jezerski in Weirton, West Virginia.

Joseph was preceded in death by his sister Martha (husband Lynn) Frye of Noblesville, Indiana, who passed away July 8, 2017. Joseph will be lovingly remembered by his family, beloved wife of 59 years Noreen Jezerski; children, Lawrence Jezerski, Jeffrey (wife Barbie – Daniel, Nicole), Jay (wife Kelly – Jake, Hannah, Ethan), Timothy (wife Rina – John, Anna, Jacob); brother, John Jezerski, Jr. (wife Esten) of Weirton, WV; her sister, Marilyn Knetzer (husband Paul) of Safety Harbor, FL.

Joseph attended the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1941 and Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, the Class of 1955, in Pittsburgh, PA. He retired from *The Pittsburgh Press/Post-Gazette* after 35 years.

Joseph was dedicated to many deaf organizations. He was a previous president of Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf. He was also one of the founders of PSAD Land Camp in Clearfield County.

A funeral mass was at Saint Matthew Catholic Church, 6090 Hypoluxo Road, Lake Worth, FL, on Friday, February 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. A memorial service of Joseph A Jezerski will held in Pittsburgh, PA, in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to PSAD Land Camp, 1961 New Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520. Website: [www.psadweb.org](http://www.psadweb.org). Support us! Donations – In memory of Joseph A Jezerski. Link: <http://www.psadweb.org/donations/>. Arrangements were under the care of Tillman Funeral Home & Crematory. 🌿



## BUDDY E. SPEARS

Buddy E. Spears, 87, of Kent, WA, a former Winchester, VA native, died on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Buddy was born on March 12, 1930, in Mineral County, WV. He was the son of the late Cecil Spears and Ina Johnson Spears.

His former wife Joan Wells Spears, preceded him in death August 30, 2002.

Buddy and Joan owned and operated Spears Upholstery for over 35 years in the Winchester, VA area. He was very involved in the deaf and handicapped community. He formed a social club that was called Tri-State Silango, which meant Sign Language Group. He was a former member of Calvary Church of the Brethren in Winchester, VA.

He leaves behind a wife Majorie Borgens-Spears, her children and family of Seattle, Washington.

Surviving him are four children: Homer Spears and wife Dawn of Winchester, VA, Lee Spears and wife Yvonne of Sterling, VA, DeMarchi Spears of Stephens City, VA, and Febra Spears Christian and husband Michael.

Along with his surviving children, there are 8 grandchildren with 2 that have preceded him, and 8 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service is being planned, tentatively April 15th, for family and friends.

Details will be in the Winchester Star and other forums such as social media. 🌿

(See Obituaries on page 14)

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# SPRING SUDOKU

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(See Fun Page Answers on page 15)



## Be Registered & Be Ready TO VOTE!

### A Helpful Guide to West Virginia's New Voter Identification Law

**Beginning January 1, 2018, voters must show a form of identification to vote in person during the Early Voting period or on Election Day in any election.** Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired.

Please note that there are exceptions to the voter ID requirement, which can be found on the back of this card. Also, this new law *does not* apply to absentee-by-mail voting.

#### Acceptable Forms of Non-Photo Identification:

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card or Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card
- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement issued within six months of the date of the election
- Health insurance card issued to the voter

#### Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification:

- WV driver's license or other WV ID card issued by the DMV
- Driver's license issued by another state
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card issued by the U.S.
- U.S. or WV Government employee ID card
- Student ID card
- A concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit

**Register to Vote, Update or Check Your Registration Status Online:**

**[ovr.sos.wv.gov](http://ovr.sos.wv.gov)**

**Or at your County Clerk's Office**

Source: W. Va. Code § 3-1-34.



### There are three (3) exceptions to the new voter ID requirement:

*Exception 1: Signed, Sworn Statement by an Adult who has Known the Voter for 6 Months or More.*

A voter *does not* have to show an ID to vote if the voter is accompanied by an adult who:

1. Has known the voter for at least 6 months;
2. Shows a photo ID with his or her name and address; and
3. Signs an affidavit at the polling place confirming the voter's identity.

*Exception 2: A Poll Worker Knows the Voter.*

A voter *does not* have to show ID to vote if a poll worker has known the voter for at least 6 months. No additional affidavit or ID is required.

*Exception 3: Residents of State Care Facilities*

Residents of licensed WV state care facilities *do not* have to show ID to vote if:

1. The voter is a resident of the care facility;
2. The care facility is a polling place; and
3. The resident's polling place is located at the care facility.

#### Frequently Asked Questions:

**Q:** What if a voter cannot obtain any of the forms of ID?

**A:** Registered voters can apply for a free Voter ID Card from their county clerk. Applications must be submitted in person at the county clerk's office, and voters can choose to be mailed their Voter ID Card or pick them up at the county clerk's office.

**Q:** What if a voter shows up to vote, does not have an ID, and does not fall under any of the exceptions?

**A:** The voter will be able to vote a provisional ballot and has an opportunity to prove his or her residence at the county clerk's office before canvass begins (usually 5 days after Election Day).

\* Alternate formats of this card are available upon request.

**More Info is Available at [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov) or the WVSOS Office at 304-558-6000**

Source: W. Va. Code § 3-1-34.



### (Why is Voting... from page 12)

don't care about their communities, they don't vote." Prove them wrong.

- If you don't vote, someone else will. Our government was designed for citizen participation, so if you don't vote – other people are going to make the decisions for you.
- It's your money. The county commissioners, governor, state treasurer, legislators, President, and members of Congress you vote for will decide how to spend your money. Vote for those that agree with your point of view.
- Schools matter. You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets.
- You'll need a good job. When you're done with school, you need somewhere to work and you'll want job training, pay equity, fairness in hiring, and workplace safety.
- Save the world. The air, the land, the water, we need them all.
- It's your backyard. Crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, schools, parks, and recreation.
- I don't want other people making my choices for me. I want to have a voice in the things that affect me!

You may be thinking "This voting stuff sounds great, but what can I do? I'm not old enough to vote anyways." There are many ways to be a part of the voting process before you are actually old enough to vote.

1. Spread the word – Get as many people who are eligible to vote registered. You can go to this link

(<https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing>) and print off copies of the West Virginia Voter Registration application until your printer is completely out of paper! Or you can go to the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website (<https://www.dmv.org/wv-west-virginia/voter-registration.php>) and register.

2. Find out when you can register – In West Virginia, you may register to vote if you are 17 years old and will be 18 by the date of the next general election. This means if you are 17 years old and will be 18 by November 6, 2018, you may register to vote with your local county clerk's office. That's right; you can be 17 and vote in WV!
3. Get involved – Click on this link (<http://sos.wv.gov/elections/civics/Documents/How%20to%20get%20involved.pdf>) to see some ideas on getting involved in Civic Life as a young adult.
4. Contact the WV Secretary of State office at <https://sos.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or call toll free at 1-866-767-8683. Former Secretary of State Natalie Tennant feels that government should be open and engaging to all the citizens of West Virginia, including the future leaders of the state. Work with your teachers to find a date and call the office to see if current Secretary of State Mac Warner would be available to visit your school, or to do a webcast if his schedule does not permit traveling that day.

Voting is very important to your future. Hopefully learning some of the history, reasons, and ways you can



get involved with voting will help you describe to others why it is so important. Knowledge is power and if you don't learn how to use your civic "voice" when it comes to making decisions, you will never be heard. *Article Link:* <http://sos.wv.gov/elections/civics/Documents/Why%20is%20Voting%20important.pdf>. Also, check out this interesting link: <https://www.50statesofblue.com/2017/12/voter-fraud-west-virginia-voter-id-laws/>. This link explains the reason why WV enacted a voter ID law to prevent non-existent voter fraud.

Register to vote today! Your vote (voice) counts when you vote! 🗳️



### **This is a West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) non-profit organization newsletter for our WVAD family and friends.**

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## GEORGE P. SPIROFF

George P. Spiroff, 86, of Fort Ashby, WV, passed away March 21, 2018, surrounded by his family.

Formerly of Morgantown, WV, he was the son of the late Michael T. and Julia (Sulick) Spiroff. He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Leo, Daniel, Paul, Nicholas, James, and David; and two sisters, Polly Martin and Veronica Mealy.

He is survived by his wife Carol, children Susan Hoag (husband Keenan), Roanoke, VA, and their children Kara and Kassie; Michael Spiroff (wife Kristie), Fort Ashby, WV, and their children Eric (wife Jennifer), Ashley, Kala, and Jacob (wife Savannah); Mark Spiroff (wife Carol), Morgantown, WV, and their son Joshua; and Lisa Chaney (husband Steve), Cumberland, MD, and their children, Morgan, Jocelyn, and Jordan; brother Victor Spiroff, San Antonio, TX; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George was loved by many and liked by all. He always came with a smile and a joke on hand. He enjoyed spending his fall weekends with his family cheering on the West Virginia Mountaineers. The wisdom and values he passed on to his children and grandchildren will forever be cherished.

George attended St. Francis High School, Morgantown, WV, and West Virginia University.

He was a veteran of the Korean War while serving in the U.S. Navy. He completed four years of sea duty and served on the USS Burdo.

He retired from the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, as Director

of Special Services, Safety Officer, and Director of Transportation. He worked as a Budget Analyst in the Department of Finance and Administration at the State Capital in Charleston, WV, prior to coming to Fort Ashby.

He was a member of Annunciation of Our Lord Catholic Church, Loyal Order of the Moose – Lodge #1341, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1101, Romney, WV.

He was also responsible for starting the Fort Ashby Pee Wee Baseball League. After the original team was selected, the remainder of the boys didn't have any team on which to play. So a Pee Wee League was formed by George and his wife Carol.

Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, Inc., Fort

Ashby, WV, Sunday, March 25, 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Monday at 10:00 a.m. in Annunciation of Our Lord Catholic Church, with Rev. James Watson, OFM, Cap, as celebrant. Military honors was accorded by Ft. Cumberland Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard. As per his request, George was cremated after the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Fort Ashby Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1110, Fort Ashby, WV 26719, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 108 Byte Dr., Ste. 103, Frederick, MD 21702.

For more information, please check out <http://www.upchurchfh.com/obituaries/George-P-Spiroff?obId=3036023#/obituaryInfo>.



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(Fun Page Answers from page 11)

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(WV LEAD-K Update from page 1)

Paul Espinosa, Chair of the House Education Committee, on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He said the bill “did not pass House Finance so it will not receive further consideration this session. Unfortunately, the delay in reaching a consensus on the bill left insufficient time to advance the bill out of the House by the deadline (February 28<sup>th</sup>).” We are not sure what Delegate Espinosa meant by ‘consensus.’ An e-mail was sent to Delegate Espinosa asking for clarification but no response.

What’s next? We, the LEAD-K Team, would like to try again for Legislative Session 2019. We also need to meet with WV AGBell and the Director of The Luke Lee Listening Language & Learning Lab in Huntington, WV (an oral pre-school program). We need to

look for someone to facilitate this meeting. Sheri Farinha, National Executive Director of LEAD-K, strongly suggests a Deaf person facilitate. We might need to hire someone to come from out of state.

Next year we will consider appointing a new sponsor for the LEAD-K bill. We may also submit the same bill in both the House and the Senate. We need to continue educating the legislators about this bill.

We want to thank President John Burdette for his constant support and help with several documents, Jessica Withrow for interpreting various meetings at the Capitol, and April Hottle for going to the Capitol almost everyday meeting and talking with legislators and gathering information. 🐦



## DEAF WESTIVAL 2018

**Date:** September 22, 2018

**Tentative Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

Please save the date for Deaf WestiVal!  
It will be held at the Civic Center in Charleston, WV to kick off Deaf Awareness Week. We will have workshops, vendors, exhibits, and more!

Mark your calendars  
and join us for a great day!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

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## ASPARAGUS QUICHE

(<https://www.lemonsforlulu.com/asparagus-quiche/>)

A simple quiche featuring fresh asparagus and crisp pancetta! It's quite versatile and it is perfect for any meal, not just breakfast. It can be made in advance and makes for wonderful leftovers! This quiche has quite a bit of asparagus, lots of pancetta (bacon would work too), and creamy Guyere cheese. The perfect simple and savory asparagus pie is the perfect meal for any time of the day!

1 unbaked pie crust from a 14.5 oz Pillsbury package  
3 oz pancetta, chopped  
1 cup Italian blend cheese  
1 cup half and half  
3/4 teaspoon basil

1 lb asparagus, trimmed  
1 Tablespoon all purpose flour  
1 cup Guyere cheese  
3 eggs, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon thyme



1. Preheat oven to 425 °F. Unroll pie crust over a 9-inch pie plate. Bake crust for 5-6 minutes, remove and set aside. Reduce oven to 325 °F.
2. Cook asparagus in a small amount of water, until bright green and tender, about 6 minutes. Drain. Reserve 4 stalks of asparagus and set aside. Cut remaining asparagus in 1/2 inch pieces, mix with flour and set aside.
3. Cook pancetta in a small skillet until cooked. Drain on a paper towel.
4. Arrange asparagus over crust. Top with cheeses. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs, half and half, salt, basil, and thyme. Pour egg mixture over cheese. Sprinkle quiche with pancetta.
5. Bake quiche for 25 minutes. Remove and arrange remaining 4 pieces of asparagus on top of quiche. Bake for an additional 5-10 minutes or until middle is firm and toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let set for at least 10 minutes before slicing.



## CAKE MIX CINNAMON ROLLS

(Serves 24; Prep Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes) (<https://www.lemonsforlulu.com/cake-mix-cinnamon-rolls/>)

Cake mix cinnamon rolls are light, festive, and fun; a great way to turn breakfast into something special!

1 15.25 oz box Pillsbury Holiday Funfetti cake mix (divided)  
2-1/2 cups warm water  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 Tablespoon cinnamon  
3 cups powdered sugar  
1/2 cup M&M Holiday Minis

4-1/2 cups of flour, divided  
2 (1/4 oz) packets rapid rise active yeast  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup turbinado sugar  
1/4 cup cake mix  
2/3 cup heavy cream



1. In the bowl of a stand mixer that has been fitted with a dough hook, combine cake mix (reserving 1/4 cup), flour, and yeast. Mix. Slowly stir in warm water and continue to mix until dough begins to gather. Beat in remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time until begins to pull away from the sides of the bowl.
2. Sprinkle your work surface with flour and place dough onto the prepared area. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough into a 10 x 13 inch rectangle pan.
3. Spread melted butter over the dough.
4. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, turbinado sugar, and cinnamon. Sprinkle this mixture over the butter.
5. Carefully and slowly roll one long end towards the other, pinch the seam. Using a pizza cutter, cut the dough into 2-inch rolls. Place rolls cut side down onto a greased jelly roll pan. Cover the pan with a towel and allow dough to rise for 45 minutes.
6. Preheat oven to 350 °F. When dough has risen, place the rolls in the oven and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the rolls and allow them to cool completely.
7. To prepare the frosting, combine the reserved 1/4 cup cake mix, powdered sugar, and heavy cream in a bowl. Whisk until smooth. Spread frosting over the cooled rolls and sprinkle with M&M Holiday Minis.

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## WVAD MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New ☐ Renewal  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VP ☐ Voice ☐ Both  
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### You

- ☐ Deaf  
☐ Hard of Hearing  
☐ Hearing  
☐ Interpreter

### Dues for You

- ☐ \$15 for 1 Year — Regular  
☐ \$25 for 2 Years — Regular  
☐ \$20 for 2 Years — Senior (Age 55 and up)  
☐ \$10 for 2 Years — Student (Age 12 – 18)

### Spouse

- ☐ Deaf  
☐ Hard of Hearing  
☐ Hearing  
☐ Interpreter

### Dues for Spouse

- ☐ \$15 for 1 Year — Regular  
☐ \$25 for 2 Years — Regular  
☐ \$20 for 2 Years — Senior (Age 55 and up)  
☐ \$10 for 2 Years — Student (Age 12 – 18)

- ☐ **Yes!** Here is my donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Yes!** I want to donate to Deaf Youth Program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **Yes!** I want to donate to Education Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I want to be a WVAD volunteer.  
☐ Spouse wants to be a WVAD volunteer.

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