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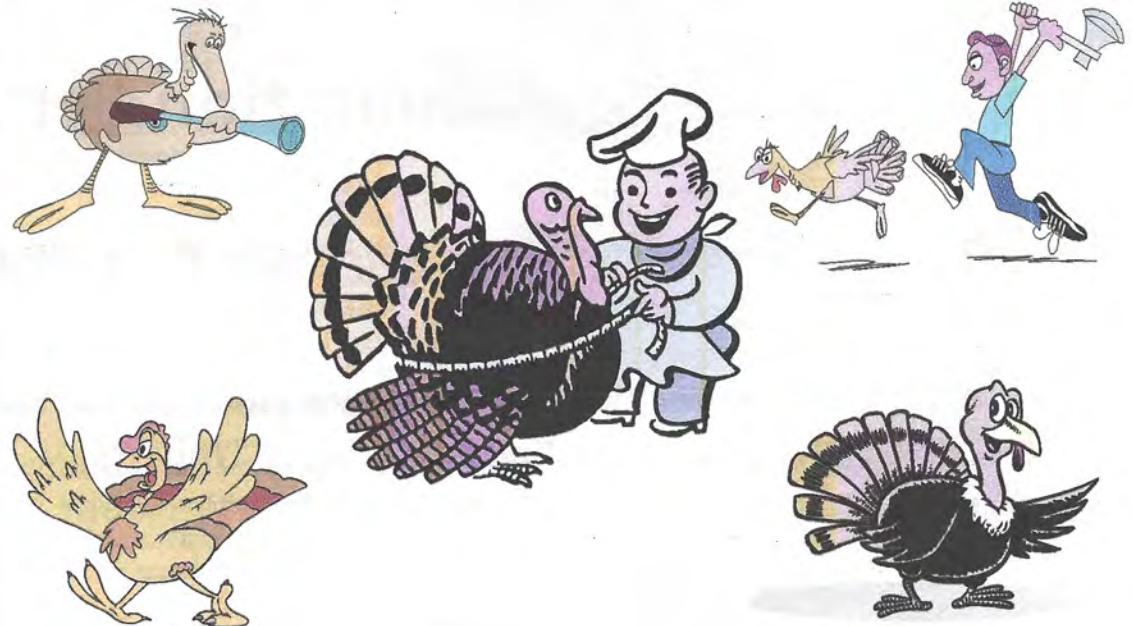
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING from the WVAD!



WVAD hosted biennial Picnic



FROM EDITORS:

2008 Issue:

OCT, NOV & DEC

Deadline:

DECEMBER 1, 2008

Distribution:

Santa Clause will deliver before December 25.



The Picnic Day held at Sutton Lake in Sutton, WV on Saturday, August 2, 2009. More pictures of picnic can be seen on page 3.



Monica Kelly



West Virginia Division

of

Rehabilitation Services

December 9, 2008

@ 3 p.m.

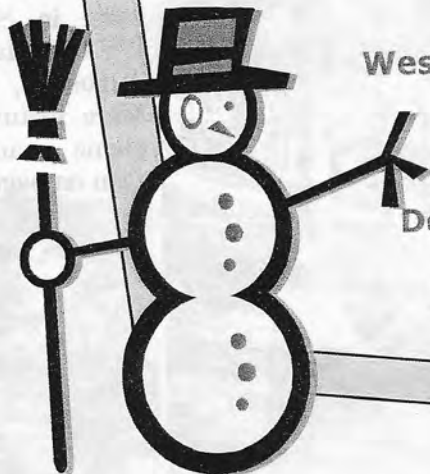
at Fairmont State University
Ruth Ann Musick Library, Room MMA
Fairmont, WV

WVDRS Town Hall: Deaf and Hard of Hearing people are highly encourage attending to hands out your concerns!

Presenters: Barbara King & Patricia Shingleton

**Snack Provided by
West Virginia Association of the Deaf**

**For More Information:
Douglas Evans, 866-696-0987 VP
or
Ruby Losh, 866-629-8157 VP**



WVAD NEWS PAGE

TOWN HALL UPDATE & UPCOMING MEETING

I want to share with everyone about our town hall meetings that we had already hosted along with ASL Films. Our first town hall meeting was hosted at Romney, WV on September 25, 2008, we had about 10 people attended the town hall meeting. We showed ASL Films "Wrong Game" and we had a good turnout for the ASL Films, 50 people showed up for the film.

Second town hall meeting was at Parkersburg, WV on October 18, 2008, we had a very disappointing number showing up for both town hall meeting and ASL Film. Only 7 people showed up to the town hall meeting, out of that 7 people, only one was deaf; the rest was hearing people. We were excited to be showing a brand new ASL Films "Legend of the Mountain Man" for first time in West Virginia; only 13 people attended the film. That was very disappointing number.

Our next town hall meeting and ASL Films showing "Legend of the Mountain Man" will be at Fairmont, WV on March 7, 2009.

From those two town halls and its disappointing numbers. I am asking you all to please tell your friends, family, anyone you know to attend our meetings. I have heard some comments about meeting as boring, what WVAD is, and what it can do? I highly encourage you to attend and support your State. We need people's help to move WVAD into new direction. Our goals and dreams for WVAD and the communities in West Virginia are very high but we can't move until we have members, non-members behind us. That was the purpose for having the meeting so we can see what you need and WVAD can HELP. We are hoping to host several workshops throughout the years, but as of right now, we have to keep it on hold until we can get better feedback from people in West Virginia and also for those who resides outside of WV and still loyal to WV.

Also, we are enclosing the email, our secretary, Liz Leisure sent out after Parkersburg's town hall meeting, she expressed the feelings that all Board felt.

Robyn Evans, Town Hall Coordina-

MESSAGE FROM THE WVAD SECRETARY

I wanted to write and tell you all about the town hall that I went to last Saturday on October 18, 2008, in Parkersburg, WV. Even though there were a small number of deaf people, few interpreters, and few hearing ASL students that came to the town hall, we all had a great time. I am very proud of Robyn Evans because she did a wonderful job giving a presentation about the WVAD and WVAVRS. After the town hall and some really good refreshments (cookies, chips, pizza and sodas). John Burdette showed an ASL film about "the Legend of the Mountain Man" which was sponsored by Sprint Relay. I really enjoyed watching that film. It was so good that, most of the time, I could not take my eyes off the screen. The film was signed by all deaf actors (it was not closed captioned nor voiced) and it was worth \$10.00 to see it. I recommend that everyone see it. If you would like to see the film, I would suggest that you contact Robyn Evans by emailing her at trustee1@wvad.org or calling her via VP at 866-696-0987 to find out when and where the next town hall and ASL film will be held.



WEST VIRGINIA DEAF CLUBS

For those deaf friends who have no access to personal computer or Internet service. We have WV Deaf Clubs information for you.

Beckley Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets the 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Nancy Nichols
24goby8@charter.net

Charleston Assoc. of the Deaf

Contact: Jimmy Harrison
JHarrison5@aol.com

Fairmont Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets 2nd Saturday
Of the month

Contact: Michael Losh
fmtdeaf@yahoo.com
www.geocities.com/fmtdeaf

Greenbrier Valley Assoc.
of the Deaf

usually meets 2nd Saturday
of the month

Contact: John Burdette
JBMiami@aol.com

Huntington Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Sej-Christina Bentley

Parkersburg Assoc. of the Deaf

meets three times a year

Contact: Liz Leisure
lizleisure@verizon.net

Romney Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

E-mail:

RAD_CLUB_26757@yahoo.com

Website:

www.geocities.com/rad_club_26757

Wheeling Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Ray Matos

Pierpont Community & Technical College
American Sign Language Communication Program
&

Interpreter Training Program

Invites you to

Audism Unveiled

December 2, 2008

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fairmont State University, Fairmont, WV
Ruth Ann Musick Library, Room MMB

1:00 pm—2:30 pm: Film

2:30 pm—4:00 pm: Panel

Admission: FREE

For More Information

Ruby Losh or April Starks

304.367.4022 TTY/VP 304.367.4252 VOICE

Ruby.Losh@Pierpont.edu or April.Starks@Pierpont.edu



West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

THEIR NEXT MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SET YET,
HOWEVER, WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE WVAD
OCT, NOV AND DEC 2008 NEWSLETTER.

2009 CONFERENCE COMBO RATES

W V A D



37th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



at

Mineral Wells Comfort Suites

AUGUST 6-8, 2009

<i>EARLY BIRD COMBO RATES:</i>	<i>COMBO 1</i> <i>Dec 1, 08—Apr 30, 09</i>	<i>COMBO 2</i> <i>May 1, 09—Jul 25, 09</i>	<i>On The Floor</i>
WVAD MEMBER	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 95.00
WVAD NON-MEMBER	\$ 85.00	\$120.00	\$135.00
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBER (55 & UP)	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
SENIOR CITIZEN NON-MEMBER	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00	\$110.00

<i>ON THE FLOOR RATES:</i>	<i>REGISTRATION</i> <i>(REQUIRED)</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i> <i>NIGHT</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>NIGHT</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
WVAD MEMBER	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 95.00
WVAD NON-MEMBER	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	\$135.00
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBER (55 & UP)	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 85.00
SENIOR CITIZEN NON-MEMBER	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 65.00	\$110.00
STUDENT (12-18)	\$ 10.00	N/A	\$ 25.00	\$35.00

NOTICE: The fill-in registration form will be in Oct, Nov, & Dec 08 newsletter. Remember, the Santa Clause will delivers the newsletter before December 25th that is if you are a good boy/girl this year, not NAUGHTY.....

COMFORT SUITES - MINERAL WELLS



HOTEL RESERVATION for the WVAD's 37th Biennial Conference

Conference Attendees:

To reserve your room for your staying during the conference August 6-8, 2009, you may send your request via e-mail to Tammy McClung at tmcclung@intlind.com or mail to:

Comfort Suites
Attn: Tammy McClung
167 Elizabeth Pike
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

The room rate for all rooms (King Size and Double Beds) is **\$79.00 per night**. Make sure you write down which room and how many nights you desire to reserve. In addition, be aware that there is no smoking rooms at all, however, there is nice smoking designation area for Smoker's convenience.

If you need more information, you may call Linda Eckhart via VP



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WV Public Service Commission

201 Brooks Street Charleston, WV 25301 Toll Free: 1-800-344-5113 FAX: 304-340-0325



For Immediate Release

July 10, 2008

New local dialing procedure is on the way

Beginning July 26, 2008, West Virginia telephone users should start preparing for the introduction of the 681 area code by getting accustomed to dialing 10 digits for local calls (area code + 7—digit telephone number). Starting on that date, calls will be completed regardless of whether the old or new dialing procedure is used. However, this new local dialing procedure (10—digits) must be used starting February 28, 2009, by everyone in West Virginia. Customers subscribing for new service in West Virginia may receive the new 681 area code after March 28, 2009.

In addition to changing their dialing procedure, customers are encouraged to begin re-programming their automatic dialing equipment, including life safety systems, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, gates, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and similar functions. Customers are also urged to check with their security or alarm companies to ensure that their systems are programmed to correctly implement the new dialing pattern.

It is important to remember that a local call will still be a local call regardless of the area code. After the new area code is assigned, your next door neighbor could potentially have a different area code than you. However, whatever is a local call to you now, will remain the same after the switch.

The procedure for dialing long distance calls will not change. Continue to dial a 1 plus the appropriate area code, then the telephone number. Also the way you dial special service numbers will not change. You can continue to dial only three digits to call 211, 411, 711, 811 and 911.

The 681 area code is being added to West Virginia because of the possible exhaustion of available numbers in the 304 area code. An overlay is the addition of another area code (681) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (304). An overlay does not require customers to change their existing area code or telephone number. If you currently have a telephone number with the 304 area code, your telephone number **will not** change.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Service Commission at 1-800-344-5113 or accessing the website, www.psc.state.wv.us and clicking “10-Digit Dialing.”

BlackBerry Sales from Sprint Relay Store!



BlackBerry®
8830™



BlackBerry®
Curve 8330™
NEW:
Red



BlackBerry®
Curve 8330™
Titanium



ORDER ONLINE at: www.sprintrelaystore.com

	You Pay Today	Sprint Mail-in Rebate <small>Offer expires: 11/01/08</small>	FINAL COST	Car Adapter Included
BlackBerry Curve 8330 (Red & Titanium)	\$199. ⁹⁹	-\$100. ⁰⁰	\$99. ⁹⁹	Yes
BlackBerry 8830	\$319. ⁹⁹	-\$100. ⁰⁰	\$219. ⁹⁹	Yes

***THIS OFFER IS NOT VALID AT ANY RETAIL STORES OR SPRINT.COM WEBSITE.**
All purchases must be made through Sprint Relay Store or authorized Sprint Relay representative.

May require up to a \$36 activation fee/line, credit approval & deposit. \$200 early termination fee/line applies. **Phone Offer:** Offer ends 11/01/08. While supplies last. Taxes excluded. No cash back. Requires activation at the time of purchase. **Sprint Mail-in Rebate:** Requires purchase & activation by 11/01/08. Line must be active 30 consecutive days. Rebate form must be postmarked by 11/15/08. Allow 10 to 14 weeks for rebate. Upgrade: Existing customers in good standing with service on the same device for more than 22 consecutive months currently activated on a service plan of \$29.99 or higher may be eligible. See www.sprintrelaystore.com/rebate for details. Other Terms: Coverage not available everywhere. Offers not available in all markets/retail locations or for all phones/networks. Pricing, offer terms, fees & features may vary for existing customers not eligible for upgrade. Other restrictions apply. (c)2008 Sprint. Sprint and the logo are trademarks of Sprint.



Sprint Relay Store BlackBerry Wireless Device Matrix

ORDER ONLINE at www.sprintrelaystore.com



	BlackBerry [®] Curve 8330™	BlackBerry [®] 8830™
Final Cost After Mail-in Rebate	\$99. ⁹⁹	\$219. ⁹⁹
Operating System	BlackBerry OS 4.3	BlackBerry OS 4.2
Keyboard Type	Full QWERTY	Full QWERTY
Navigation	Trackball	Trackball
SMS	Yes, unlimited	Yes, unlimited
Push Email Capability	Yes	Yes
RAM Memory	96 MB	64 MB
Expansion Memory	Yes, MicroSD	Yes, MicroSD
Plays Video from Memory	Yes	Yes
Built-In Camera	Yes	No
Built-in Video Camcorder	Yes	No
Network Speed	EVDO Rev 0	EVDO Rev 0
Sprint TV*	Yes	No
Phone as Modem	Yes	Yes
Bluetooth Technology	Yes	Yes
Speakerphone	Yes	Yes
Open Attachments	Yes, text & graphical	Yes, text & graphical
Adjustable Font Size	Yes, on all programs up to 14 points	Yes, on all programs up to 14 points
Instant Messaging (IM)	Yes, downloadable	Yes, downloadable
IM with "D" Delivery and "R" Read Indicators	Yes, BlackBerry Messenger	Yes, BlackBerry Messenger
Hearing Aid Compatible Rating	M4/T4	M4/T4
Google Maps	Downloadable, uses built-in GPS hardware & Cell Tower Triangulation technology	Downloadable, uses built-in GPS hardware & Cell Tower Triangulation technology
TeleNav	Uses built-in GPS hardware*	Uses built-in GPS hardware*
Ready for International**	No	Yes

* Additional monthly charge may apply

** WorldWide BlackBerry Email and Web International Data Roaming Plan is required.

NOTICE: Even though, the Sprint Mail-in Rebate expires on November 1, 2008, you may contact John Burdette for any updates on any Sprint related. John's contact information can be found on the back of this newsletter.

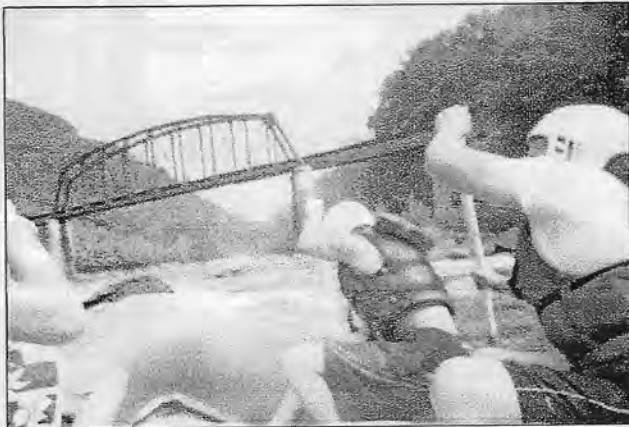
Silent Adventures®

Mission Statement

The Silent Adventures Program is designed to provide a sensitive outdoor environment experience that recognizes deaf culture and maximizes communication to reduce feelings of isolation and sensory deprivation by encouraging individual growth and providing personal guidance.

Program Description

Silent Adventures consists of a six day outdoor recreation experience traveling to many of the best natural areas in WV including: Coopers Rock State Forest, Seneca Rocks, Black Water Falls, Smoke Hole Caverns, and the New River Gorge.



Program Goals

This program is focused on supporting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to build their self-esteem and self-confidence, and develop problem solving, communication, and goal setting skills.

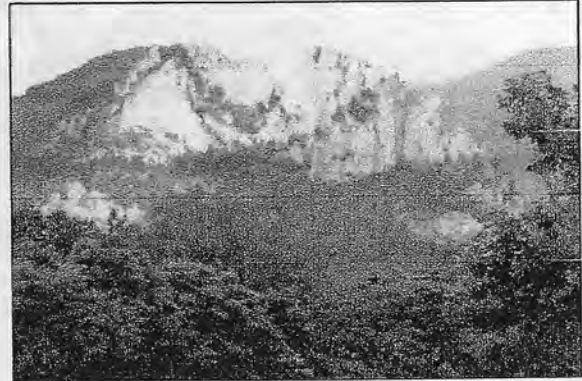
A highly qualified staff of faculty, sign language interpreters, and student leaders from Fairmont State University will challenge and provide support to the participants during this week long wilderness adventure. Participants will learn how to work together, explore their surroundings, and discover new ways of tackling problems.

Contact Information:

Silentadventures@fairmontstate.edu

Stephenie Jaggie: Sign language Interpreter/Coordinator
(304) 367-4073v or (304) 367-4072vp

Matthew Schmück: Assistant to Dean for Outdoor Programming and Outreach
(304) 367-4984



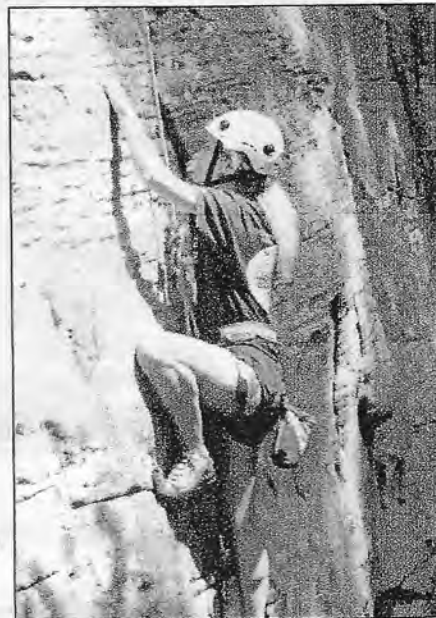
Activities

Outdoor recreation activities include camping, sleeping outdoors, hiking, rock climbing, caving and white water rafting. All activities are beginner friendly and incorporate a strong sense of safety and risk management.

Around the camp fire, the group will address many issues high school and college students face during their college years, including freshman transition, academic success, social development, and promoting healthy life styles. Discussion topics will be specifically focused on the special needs of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Continuing Experience

Participants in this program will also have an opportunity to engage in several community service projects such as: developing a nature trail, designing a community garden, and green spaces





welcomes you to our
Town Hall

When: March 7, 2009

Where: Fairmont State University

1201 Locust Avenue

Ruth Ann Musick Library, Multi Media A

Fairmont, WV 26554

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Cost: FREE

Refreshments will be provided.

For More Info: Contact Robyn Evans

Trustee1@wvad.org or VP 304-623-4863.

Town Hall is for anyone, including members and non-member, deaf & blind, late-deafened, professional working with those population, family. We would love to hear your concerns and/or problems, and what WVAD can do to make some changes. Hope to see everyone there!

We will be showing ASL Film sponsored by Sprint Relay at 5:30 pm. More information is coming on that.

OBITUARIES PAGE

(Per Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks requests that I put the obituary of Marshall Taylor in this newsletter since he knew most of deaf people who graduated from the WVAD are wondering about Mr. Taylor)

Don Kesner Review Staff

MARSHALL TAYLOR

1915? - 2008

ROMNEY—Marshall Taylor, Romney's oldest icon, passed away Tuesday morning at the questionable age of 92.

For longer than anyone can remember, Marshall Taylor has been the familiar figure who sat on the bench in front of the Hampshire County Courthouse.

Records show him to be 92 years old, but public opinion is that Marshall is older than his given age.

Mary Jo Gilmore, a niece who lives in the Cumberland, Md., area, said Tuesday morning that Marshall is, in fact, much older than 92.

His life has been a mystery of sorts, living in the basement of the county courthouse, sweeping up the leaves and watering the flowers.

According to Gilmore, Marshall was the oldest of 11 children born to the late Reginald and Mary Ellen Thompson Taylor.

Although Marshall was born in Hardy County, Gilmore said he and his family grew up off U.S. Route 50 behind what used to be Long's Building Supply.

"These were five houses behind Long's Building Supply," said Gilmore. ("Marshall's father) built all five of the houses. Four of them were for the children and their spouses and one was the homeplace."

According to Gilmore, Marshall shall lived with his parents since he never married and had no children.

"But he'd get feisty at times and his parents would put him out," Gilmore said. "Marshall would be out for a while then come back home."

But he was reportedly young when he was offered to move into the old, original courthouse, where he helped out by doing chores.

After the old courthouse burned, and the current one was built, Marshall was given a room in the basement as a place where he could live.

"Marshall would bank the fires and keep the courthouse warm, as well as continue to keep the area around the courthouse clean," said Gilmore.

The courthouse eventually went to an automated heating system, but according to Gilmore, officials didn't have the heart by that time to put Marshall out.

And so the man whom no one seemed to know much about continued to make his home in the basement of the courthouse, where he lived until he was recently placed in a nursing home for health reasons.

Sharon Link, clerk of the County Commission, said Marshall had cataracts and macular degeneration of the eyes.

"He was losing his eyesight," said Link. "He knew his way around the courthouse but he got to where he didn't even want to go outside."

According to Gilmore, Marshall also had cancer — a mass on his lungs that was quickly growing.

"Because of his age and his health, surgery was never suggested," said Gilmore.

Marshall's life was simple, yet unique in many ways.

He lived most of his life within about a four or five block radius.

Judge Donald Cookman said Tuesday morning that it's a sad day for Romney.

"Marshall has been a fixture around here ever since I can remember," Judge Cookman said. "I remember him from when I was a child. He's been here when I'd come to the courthouse as a prosecuting attorney, and ever since I've been a judge on the bench."

There are numerous stories floating around about Marshall and his many years at the courthouse.

A reliable source tells of a time a Mrs. Williams, who lived up above the town of Romney, sent word for Marshall to come and trim her hedges.

Marshall was reportedly sitting on his bench outside the courthouse when he was presented with the request.

According to the source, Marshall's response was, "Well, I expect I could if I can find the time."

According to Gilmore, Marshall was a man with no cares, and no real responsibilities.

For the record, Marshall's age will be recorded as 92.

His birth date will be put down as August 31, 1915.

But that information is simple for the sake of having some kind of a record, according to Gilmore.

"No one really knows how old

Marshall was, or when he was really born," said Gilmore.

According to Gilmore, being the first of 11 children, birth records weren't necessarily kept at the courthouse.

"Family records were put down in the family Bible," said Gilmore. "And no one knows what happened to (the Taylor's) family Bible with all the records in it."

But for the sake of making sure that Marshall was able to receive the Social Security, a designated birth date had to be established, according to Gilmore.

"And so, with the help of the clerk who keeps the records, we looked and found that the oldest man in Romney was a man with the last name of Hines."

Gilmore said they knew that Marshall was older than Mr. Hines, so they picked a birthdate and gave it to Marshall.

Hampshire County Sheriff Nathan Sions said things will be different without Marshall being at the courthouse.

Very little is known about the man who has been a local icon for so long.

He passed away Tuesday morning at Hampshire Memorial's Long-term Care Unit.

Marshall has one sister, Betty J. Taylor-Dailey-Ince of Windsor, Conn.

He is preceded in death by his brothers and sisters; Reginald Taylor Jr., Buck, Holmes, Charles and William Taylor, Evelyn Biggs, Sarah Hazel and Marian Taylor.

Marshall is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, who live in Maryland, Connecticut and New York.

"We offer many thanks to Sharon Link, a special lady who stood by him daily," said Gilmore. "Romney will never be the same without Marshall sitting on the bench in front of the Romney Courthouse."

Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time, but arrangements are under the direction of McKee Funeral Home in Romney.

Notice: As a editor, I followed up the website to find out the exact date when Marshall Taylor actual passed away and found additional information which is <http://www.mckeefuneralhome.com/Obituaries/07-23MarshallTaylor.html>. Mr. Taylor passed way on Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

NOTICE: Only one person passed way between July to September, 2008 for newsletter purpose. It was Finis C. Dickey, a husband of Lula McLung. His obituary will be put in Oct, Nov, and Dec 08 newsletter.

MEETING MINUTES

West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting

Meeting Room at Country Inn and Suites
Charleston, WV
June 8, 2008

Present: Douglas Evans, Robyn Evans,
Worthy Devericks, Veronda Harrison,
Linda Eckhart, John Burdette, and Liz
Leisure

Chairperson: Ruby Losh

Absent: Caryn Keller, Monica Kelly,
Josiah Kelly, Jimmy Harrison, and Mary
Kesler.

Visitors: Janis Williams, Ronnie Williams,
and Lois Devericks.,

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in
the meeting room of the Country Inn and
Suites in Charleston, West Virginia, on
June 8, 2008, at 1:28 p.m. President
Douglas Evans and Secretary Liz Leisure
presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting,
February 2, 2008, were corrected and
approved as read.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison gave the
financial report. As of May 31, 2008:
Checking \$4,207.53; Savings \$1,442.64;
Mingo County Fund: \$16,250.42 and CD
\$12,003.63.

President's Report:

President Douglas Evans announced that
the WVAD will not be sending delegates
to the NAD 49th Biennial Conference in
New Orleans this year as originally
planned due to financial problems.

He gave a brief report on the 2008 Deaf
Tech Fair at the Charleston Civic Center
on April 5. Approximately 139 people
attended the fair. The WVAVRS and
WVAD participated as the exhibitors.

He and Robyn took a tour at the Sutton
Lake Picnic and Campground where our
annual picnic will be held in August. They
also took some pictures to give us board
members some ideas what the area looked
like.

He announced that the position for West

Virginia Commission for the Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Executive Director has
been posted and that the deadline for
application is June 10.

He showed us the Ad that was designed
and placed in the 2008 DIXIE Program
Book.

He and Robyn attended the graduation at
the West Virginia School for the Deaf on
June 6 and presented the following gave
checks to:

A check for \$100.00 was given to Pamela
Sue Thompson of Montrose, West
Virginia. She is the Valedictorian of the
Class of 2008. A check for \$75.00 was
given to Justin Allen Gregory of Chloe,
West Virginia. He is the Salutatorian of
the Class of 2008. A check for \$25.00 was
given to Sarah Mae Abernathy. She is the
most outstanding Senior of the Class of
2008. The following five seniors received
free two-years WVAD membership cards:
Pamela Thompson, Justin Gregory, Sarah
Abernathy, Megan Cavender, and Gordon
Redden.

He will be meeting with Roy Forman with
the WVCDHH on June 9, at 10:00 a.m.
and with the Public Service Commission at
2:00 p.m.

He received an e-mail from Clyde Swartz.
He will be responding to the e-mail.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President John Burdette has nothing
to report at this time.

Secretary's Report: Liz reported that she
received and responded to Received three
e-mails that were forwarded to her from
the WVAD1930@wvad.org account
e-mail.

Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks stated
that he has nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Robyn Evans stated that she has
Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks has
nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Robyn Evans has no report to give
to the board at this time.

Coordinators' Report:

John Burdette, Chairperson for
DDLEOS: Chairperson Burdette stated
that he is still working on the
communication tips. He is also still
working with Lt. Lynch on getting an
approval for the script. He would like for
deaf and hard of hearing people send him
testimonies and/or stories about problems
that they had with policemen during any
traffic stops.

2008 State Fair – He tried to contact Roy
Forman twice about sharing their booth
with us at the 2008 State Fair. He still has
not heard from Roy.

TTY Signs - President Douglas Evans will
write a letter to the Department of
Transportation cabinet Secretary about
moving the TTY signs away from the rest
areas ramps to the interstates where they
can be better seen by the motorists.

Liz Leisure

Liability Insurance Policy: As mentioned
in the previous board meeting, most state
associations do not have liability insurance
coverage for directors and officers. Liz
feels it is risky not having coverage if
something happens during any of our
events

Mingo County Scholarship Funds: Again,
as mentioned in the previous board
meeting, the board members need to read
and approve the draft guidelines for
scholarship.

Budget Planning: Liz checked on how
much was profited from the 2003, 2005,
and 2007 Conferences. It appeared that we
have spent more money that we have
profited. We need to look at the 2007
WVAD Conference Financial Report in
order to plan the budget for the 2009
conference.

Veronda Harrison:

Promotion: Veronda is still trying to
locate the business that printed and/or
added logos on our shirts. They moved
without giving their new address and
telephone number. Liz suggested that
Veronda try locating the business by
checking the www.411.com

Worthy Devericks: No report.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Robyn Evans:

Workshops:

Robyn stated that she hasn't worked with Mary Kesler on setting up workshops yet.

WVAVRS: Robyn worked as an exhibitor for the WVAVRS at the 2008 Deaf Tech Fair at the Charleston Civic Center. There were approximately 139 people in attendance. Many hearing people were interested in learning and asked questions about the video relay service. WVAD received a check from CDSVRS in the amount of \$600 for the months of January, February, and March of 2008. We will be getting a check every month instead of every three months.

2008 Summer Picnic: Robyn reserved 20 sites at the Gerald R. Freeman Campground at Sutton Lake for the WVAD 2008 picnic. If a camper wants to reserve a campsite, he will have to submit his name to Robyn by July 1, 2008. Up to eight people can stay on each campsite. If a reservation is not made, the campsites will be taken on first-come, first serve basis. There is a charge for a visitor's pass and it is three dollars.

Linda Eckhart:

2009 Biennial Conference – The conference will be held at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, WV. Lodging is \$75.00 per night.

Website Master:

Linda showed the website at the board meeting. She continues to update the website. She updated the interpreter directory and the deaf events. Everyone is encouraged to email her the updates at WVAD1930@wvad.org. Otherwise, they will not be posted on the website.

By-Laws: There is no new report.

There was a 20 minutes recess began at 4:25 p.m.

West Virginia Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Board (WVTRS) – WVAD Taskforce – Ruby Losh, Chairperson:

Ruby would like to have a representative from the following agencies to serve on the board:

- * John Burdette, WVAD Representative
- * Public Service Commission
- * West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- * Division of Rehabilitation Services
- * Self Help for the Hard of Hearing
- * Visual Disorder
- * Verizon
- * Representative from each deaf club

Ruby talked about what issues she will be presenting at the Public Service Commission meeting tomorrow. She wants to set up a formal meeting with all the representatives to get the ball rolling and make the WVTRS official.

Monica Kelly – WVAD Advocate – Absent

Jimmy Harrison – 100th Anniversary – John Burdette spoke in Jimmy's absence. He suggested to Jimmy that he interview the older WVAD members to get some history on WVAD.

Mary Kesler – American Sign Language Task Force (ASLTF) Robyn Evans spoke in Mary's absence. Mary wanted to report three things: West Virginia Board of Education knows about the West Virginia Association of the Deaf ASL Task Force and that we are interested in setting up an ASL certification program. She contacted two colleges about setting up the certification program but she hasn't received any response from them. She is going to try e-mail at least five other colleges and hopefully they will be interested in the same program. She will distribute the update/information she gathers from WVDE and colleges.

Caryn Keller (Linda Eckhart) Youth Program: No report.

Unfinished business: None

New Business:

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD decides what to do with the money received from the WVAVRS. Linda moved that this motion be amended by changing the motion from "decides....to "put the money in the savings account and

use the money as needed". Amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

Liz Leisure moved that WVAD discuss whether or not we should buy insurance coverage for our organization. Linda Eckhart moved that this motion be amended by asking Liz Leisure to contact State Farm to get rates/options for liability insurance coverage and/or causality. Then bring the information to the next board meeting. Amendment carried. The motion as amended passed.

Robyn Evans moved that we have a Town Hall/ASL Film. The motion passed. (Doug appointed Robyn to handle the town hall meetings/ASL film.

Robyn Evans moved that we discuss and plan the summer picnic. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that we discuss reimbursement for mileage. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that WVAD pay Doug and Robyn Evans for one night lodging in South Charleston including mileage. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that we have next board meeting at Romney on Sunday, October 5, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed.

John Burdette moved that we have the other board meeting in Lewisburg area on second Saturday on January 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

WVAD BOARD MEETING

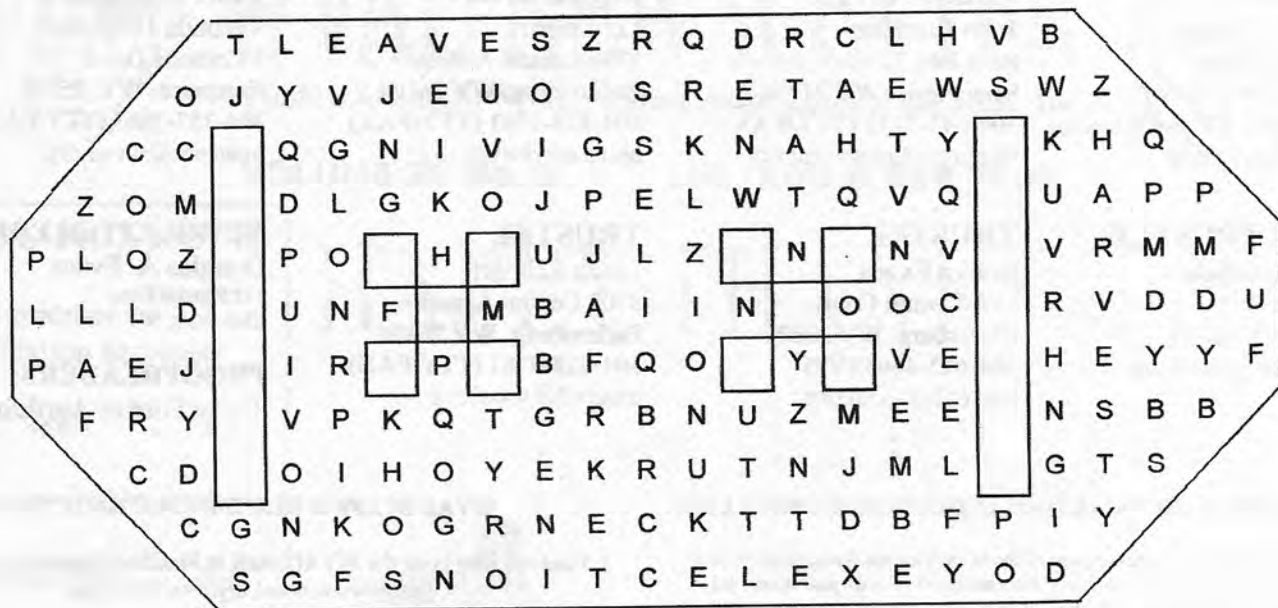
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1:00 p.m. in Lewisburg, WV

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