



Dear WVAD Members and Friends

The WVAD's 37th biennial conference is approaching in few weeks and we, the board members are exciting to have other entertaining events at the upcoming conference at Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, (near Parkersburg) West Virginia. We, the members are also looking forward to meet you again and some possible new faces to meet.

As the WVAD President, I would like to announce that I have decided that the President letter in this newsletter issue is my last letter. I will not run any offices of West Virginia Association of the Deaf for 2009—2011 terms. Since I will not running for the President, I would like to remind you, the WVAD members who may interest in running any WVAD offices for the 2009-2011 terms. According to the WVAD By-Laws, to be eligible to run any WVAD Officers: 1. you must be current WVAD member; 2. you did attend to the WVAD conference in 2007 (36th biennial conference in Charleston); 3. presence at this (2009) 37th biennial conference at Mineral Wells, W.Va. If you meet all three criteria to run any offices and are interested in, please inform the election chairperson to be announcing during the General Assembly I at the conference on Friday, August 7th and the new officers elected will occur during the General Assembly II on Saturday, August 8th. I wish you all the eligible candidates good luck for running any WVAD offices.

As this is my farewell letter as President of WVAD, I want to say that I have enjoyed my two terms representing as your president. That has been wonderful experience to work with all of you. I am sure that most of you have heard about my situation where I had been taken to hospital for stroke. Yes, that is true, I had mild stroke, weakness in left side. I am at HealthSouth working on recovering my left side. This has been difficult time for me and my family. I am working toward my goal where I can have no effects of the stroke by the time WVAD has our conference.

I will see most of you at the conference in August, so in the meantime, you all have a great and safe summer.

Douglas A. Evans, President

WVAD NEWS

There are several things that we want to share with all of you. First of all, combo rates has been changed, from now on until the date of the conference, we will be lowering the rates. Look below to see what our rates will be.

EARLY BIRD COMBO RATES

WVAD STATUS	COMBO 1	On The Floor
WVAD MEMBER	\$ 55.00	\$ 95.00
WVAD NON-MEMBER	\$ 70.00	\$135.00
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBER (55 & UP)	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00
SENIOR CITIZEN NON-MEMBER	\$ 60.00	\$110.00

Town Hall Meetings has been wonderful experience. WVAD travelled to 4 different cities: Romney, Parkersburg, Fairmont, and Charleston; We also showed ASL Films after the town hall meeting. We hoped for better turnout to the town hall meetings but we still had good experience. Everyone who watched the Legend of Mountain Man has commented on how much they have enjoyed the movie. If you haven't seen it yet, you should find out if there is one showing near you and GO SEE IT!!!!

WVAVRS have exciting news to share with all of you!! Some of you may have heard about CSDVRS' Z product, WVAD is excited to share with you that we are selling them. I am attaching the order form you can fill out and mail to CSDVRS. You need to use the specific form that is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions about the product, you can email Robyn Evans at trustee1@wvad.org or vp at 304-841-0264.

WVAD's biennial conference at Parkersburg on Aug 6-8 is coming up. Most of you may be asking about what is happening over the weekend during the conference. You can check out the agenda on WVAD's website; www.wvad.org, under the conference link, you can find agenda link. If you know of anyone who is interested in exhibiting their product, especially someone who may be interested in selling crafts, please contact Robyn Evans. If you have any other questions, you can contact Linda Eckhart at trustee2@wvad.org. We have exciting things going on through the weekend. We hope to see you at the conference!!

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The ASI program wants to have the scholarship up and running by fall semester. We would like to see work on at least two students in order to attend college next year with this scholarship.

In conjunction with the fund-raiser, the ASI program is also reaching out to the community for support. It is in the process of creating brochures and fliers with William Curtis Johnson's story. West Virginia Electric has already offered to help sponsor the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP DEAF COMMUNITY ATTEND COLLEGE

The Parthenon: Marshall University Student Newspaper; written by Danielle Jordan

Submitted by Veronda Harrison

A father's story is helping build a new scholarship for the American Sign Language program.

The William Curtis Johnson Memorial Scholarship will help members of the deaf community attend college. The scholarship will provide tuition for students to attend Marshall Community and Technical College.

The ASL student association is hosting a series of fundraisers to help fund the scholarship.

A silent auction, set to take place April 18, is among the fundraisers the association will be hosting. The ASL program has also teamed up with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to have bake sales this week.

Leigh Ann Brewer, program coordinator of the ASL program, said the scholarship would provide members of the deaf community a chance to attend college.

"This scholarship will be for deaf students who want to attend college majoring in ASL," Brewer said. "It's been difficult for these students because of the special services they need in class, such as an interpreter. This scholarship would help fund that."

Brewer said the ASL program's goal is to provide \$1,500 per semester per student with this scholarship.

Brewer said she wants to create awareness for the community with this scholarship.

"We want to be able to change college and make it more accessible to deaf students," Brewer said. "We would also like to create an awareness in the community and with the faculty and staff."

Linda Johnson, professor at MCTC, said she wants to open up opportunities for members of the deaf community.

The scholarship was established in memory of Johnson's father. William Curtis Johnson was a deaf and always wanted to attend college, but was told he couldn't.

"Daddy grew up in the coal fields of Beckley and was sent to a deaf school when he was five," Johnson said. "He always wanted to attend college, but was never able to."

Johnson said this scholarship was set up to help people like her father and she wants to provide opportunities for students to grow and further their education.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT PATTON CELEBRATED 61th ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Bill McCoy

Robert and Mary Patton of Romney, WV celebrated their 61th wedding anniversary on November 10, 2008. The couple was married on November 8, 1947.

Mr. Patton works at the WVSD in the vocational building as an instructor in the upholstery department and is retired.

Mrs. Patton is the former Mary Baker. She was graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1947. She is retired from WVSD dormitory houseparent at the WVSD's Seaton Hall.

Both are long time members of WVAD and belonged to several clubs and organizations. Memberships included Charleston Association of the Deaf (CAD), West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD), West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association (WVSDAA) and Romney Association of the Deaf (RAD). Robert had been a trustee of all deaf organizations for more than 50 years.

Above all... he was one of the founders of West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association and Charleston Association of the Deaf.

To celebrate their milestone wedding anniversary was held at Romney VFW building during the RAD with Thanksgiving dinner, greeting cards and beautiful cake. Many words of congratulations were given to the couple with American Sign Language by the members and visitors.



Mary and Bob Patton



Billie Jean and Harold Hamlin

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD HAMLIN'S 50th GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Harold and Billie Jean Hamlin of formerly from Huntington, WV, currently live at Winder, GA celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sept 14, 2008. Family and friends joined the celebration at the home of their daughter Connie and son-in-law James Christian.

The couple was married on Sept 14, 1958 in Huntington, WV at their minister's house and Rev. Teddy R. Riffle officiated at their wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Billie Jean Hamlin is former Billie Jean Dingess, daughter of the late Henderson and Mabel Dingess of Shively, WV.

Harold Hamlin is son of the late George and Della Hamlin of Huntington, WV.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamlin have one child, a daughter, Connie Christian of Auburn, GA. They also have three granddaughters and one grandson. Their names are Candice, Clarissa, Cailyn, and James Anthony Christian.

OBITUARIES

MADELINE M. BLUE (TEACHER AT WVSD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

ROMNEY, WV – Madeline McDowell Blue, of Romney, WV died Friday, March 13, 2009, following a brief illness. Mrs. Blue was loved and respected for her dedication to her family, her church, and her community.

Mrs. Blue spent her childhood in Camden and Montgomery, Ala. As a young woman, she came to Romney to become a teacher of the deaf, and lived in Romney for the rest of her life. She taught students in primary grades of the West Virginia School for the Deaf for 35 years. She married John Rinehart Blue in 1938. Following the death of her husband in 1965, she owned and operated the Romney Ben Franklin store until 1991.

Mrs. Blue's contributions to the communities of Romney, Hampshire County and West Virginia were too numerous to recount fully here. Mrs. Blue became active in local chapters of the Parent Teachers Association while her children were attending the Romney schools, and went on to be a president of West Virginia PTA. Mrs. Blue was first elected to the Hampshire County Board of Education in 1966, and served as member or president for 28 years. She was a member of the West Virginia School Boards Association and The Board of Trustees of the National School Boards Association, where she served on its Executive Committee. Mrs. Blue was a moving force in the establishment of The Potomac Center in Romney, and guided its development as member or president of the Board of Directors for many 20 years.

Mrs. Blue was active in local and statewide politics, and was an ardent supporter of many Democratic Candidates.

Mrs. Blue was a faithful and active member of the Romney Presbyterian Church. She was member or leader of many Lay Renewal teams that visited Presbyterian Churches in the eastern and southeastern states, which was an activity that brought her special joy.

Mrs. Blue was preceded in death by her husband, John, and her sister, Ruth McDowell Kinnard.

She is survived by her children, John A. Blue and his wife Elizabeth of Pasadena, Calif., Julia T. Blue and her husband Donald Weir, of Lutz, Fla., and David S. Blue, of Washington, D.C.; and her granddaughter, Catherine W. Blue, of Houston, Texas.

A funeral service will be conducted in the Romney Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 15, 2009, at 3 p.m. Friends will be received by the family in the fellowship hall of the church immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Madeline M. Blue Scholarship Fund, in care of The Bank of Romney, PO Box 876, Romney, WV 26757, or to the Romney Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Rosemary Lane, Romney, WV 26757

Inquiries may be directed to the Shaffer Funeral Home, Romney, WV.

ERNEST EVANS (CLASS OF 1965)

Ernest Evans, 62. Sunrise July 6, 1946 Sunset April 30, 2009. Visitation 6 p.m. and Funeral 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Emmanuel Baptist Church of the Deaf, 1610 West Lane Ave., 43221

Arrangements entrusted to MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME, CHAPEL OF PEACE, 2500 Cleveland Ave. Visit www.MARLANGARY.com to offer condolences to EVANS family.

WILMA SMITH ENROLLED WVSD IN 1947

Wilma Carol "Carrie" Smith, 73, of Walkersville, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital of Weston, following a brief illness.

She was born in Webster County of February 26, 1936; daughter of the late Clarence Butler and Onalee (Radcliff) Butler.

Mrs. Smith was married to Verl E. Smith, who preceded her in death on July 10, 1970.

Mrs. Smith is survived by five daughters; Susie Sias and her husband Herb of Jane Lew, Helen "Cricket" Hanyes of Walkersville, Annie Montgomery and Shelly Bleigh and her husband Bob, both of Weston, and Sherry Jarrell of Atlanta, Ga.; and one son, Michael Smith and wife Kim of Roanoke. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren; Tammy Lucas, Cody Lucas and Chirsty Gay, Raetta Atkinson, Mary Rolarbough, Robbie Haynes, Anna Montgomery, Keri Stout, Cody Montgomery, Justin Bleigh, Leslie Pertz, Joshua Smith, Jamie and Michael Minutelli, Adam and David Jarrell; and nine great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Dot Butler and Diann Butler; one brother-in-law, Joe Hawkins; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were received at the Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home of Weston on Thursday, June 4. Funeral services were held on Friday at 2 p.m. from the Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home chapel with Reverend Wease Day and Reverend Hal Hevener officiating. Interment followed services in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens of Jane Lew.

JAMES LEE VISHNICK

JEROMESVILLE: James Lee Vishnick, 64, of 15 North Street, Jeromesville, died Sunday, June 14, 2009 at his residence. He was born August 6, 1944 in Baxter, West Virginia the son of Whitey and Estelle Baber Vishnick. He graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf and was a factory worker for American Augers. Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by a daughter, Gay Ann Vishnick of Loudonville; two grandchildren; a special friend, Dee Tackett; a brother, Larry Vishnick of Baxter, WV; and four sisters, Carol Turek and Marie Wells both of Baxter, WV, Rose Landis of Parkersburg, WV and Mary Wells of Jasper, GA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Spotts Vishnick on October 23, 2002; his parents; two brothers, Whitey Vishnick Jr. and Stanley Peters; and two sisters, Anna Nickelson and Betty Cutright. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Jeromesville Cemetery with Pastor Bonnie Zimmerman officiating. Friends may call Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 5-8 p.m. at Fickes Funeral Home in Jeromesville Memorial contributions may be made to the family and left at the funeral home.

SAMUEL N. LEACH

UNION – Samuel N. Leach, 90, of Union, died of natural causes Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Summers County Hospital, Hinton. He had been a resident of the Greenbrier Manor since May of 2009.

He was born Sept 2, 1918, at Gap Mill, WV, a son of the late Arthur J. and Lydia Lynch Leach and the grandson to J. Harvey and Florence Johnson Leach and J.W. "Pete" and Margaret E. Reed Lynch.

He was a descendant to families recorded in the History of Monroe County and members who served in the Confederate States Army of the Civil War. He graduated from Romney School for the Deaf and Blind, excelling in sports, especially football. His vocation was as a skilled furniture maker working in factories in Huntington, WV, and High Point, N.C., where he retired in 1973 and returned to Union to live. He was actively involved with the association for the speech and hearing impaired. His speed to sign language was incredible. He loved sports, watching TV and reading.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, James R., William A. and Paul E. Leach.

He is survived by a brother, Eugene H. Leach and wife Yvonne, of Shady Spring, two sisters, Miss Mary Eva Leach, with whom he resided, and Mrs. Helen M. Canterbury and husband Ralph, of Sinks Grove, WV; 11 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at the Green Hill Cemetery in Union with the Rev. Bob Ratliff officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of the service Wednesday at the Broyles-McGuire Funeral Home in Union.

Arrangements by Broyles-McGuire Funeral Home, Union

CLARA B. STROUD

Westerville – Clara B. Stroud, age 82, of Westerville, went to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, February 22, 2009, at the St. Ann's Hospital. She was born in Bolair, West Virginia, on May 12, 1926, and raised in Webster Springs, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Guy and Sina (Mathes) Mustoe.

At young age, Clara began working in a glove factory, where she remained for several years until she married Raymond Stroud on October 19, 1963. After her marriage, she enjoyed being a loving homemaker, first in Akron and later in Flint, Michigan where Ray worked for General Motors. Upon his retirement, they lived in his hometown of Mesick, Michigan.

Together they enjoyed travelling all over the United States, and most especially returning to see her family in Webster Springs, West Virginia. After nearly thirty-nine years of marriage, he preceded her in death on February 25, 1992.

To be nearer to her family, Clara moved to Westerville, Ohio, in 1998, where she found a loving and accepting deaf community at the Columbus Colony Elderly Care Center. There she enjoyed attending the Liberty Baptist Church. She was very active within the center attending many small groups, signing in the choir, and participating in many recreational activities.

A "social butterfly," once Clara knew she could trust her new friends she would "open up" and enjoy sharing her wonderful sense of humor and fun personality. She was truly delighted when her friends and family would learn new signs and have new ways to share with her. An excellent teacher, she also encouraged her family and friends to learn more about signing and the entire deaf community.

She will be missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Dennis & Yvonne Schultz of Mount Gilead; adopted daughter, Joy Shroud of Sulphur, Oklahoma; two granddaughters, Hadassah (and fiancé Daniel Lux) and Adna Schultz; three sisters, Jean Kriebel of Tampa, Florida, Ann Merceline Rosales of Detroit, Michigan, and Eleanor Carpenter of Webster Springs, West Virginia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Clara was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward, Bill, and Howard Mustoe; and three sisters, Glenna, Pauline, and Gladys.

Her family will greet friends from 10 – 11 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009, at the Snyder Funeral Home, Craven Chapel, 67 N. Main St., Mt. Glead, where services celebrating her life will follow immediately at 11:00 a.m. with her son, Dr. Dennis Schultz officiating. Burial will follow in Bryn-Zion Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbus Colony Elderly Care Center, 1150 Colony Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

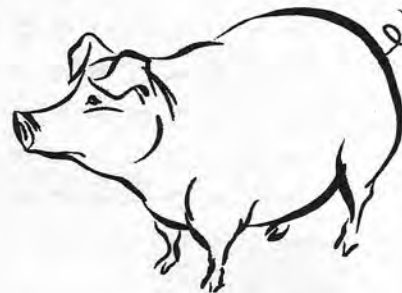
12th Annual Pig Roast Festival

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July 11, 2009

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Fairmont, West Virginia

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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For More Information: Contact Michael Losh, 304-278-5723 TTY, 304-278-5663 FAX, or mikelosh@aol.com Enclosed Valley Falls State Park brochures. Come and enjoy the NATURE.

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