NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) Experience Held at Camp Taloali in Stayton, Oregon – July 22 to August 18, 2016

By Bobbi Ann Hundley

The day before I left to go to the Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) in Oregon, I couldn’t sleep because I was so excited. After getting on the plane and arriving in Oregon, I felt so overwhelmed and left out when I saw everyone signing and communicating with each other. There were times where I became homesick and lonely, because I knew no one there.

As time went by, I met some people and became very close with 2 people. We got split up in different groups and because of that, I became lonely again. In the group that I was assigned to, there were some people I didn’t get along with, but with the skills I learned while being there, I learned to move on.

One of the other things that was hard for me was how so many of them knew each other, because they came from big schools. I come from a small school in a small town in WV. However, that did not stop me from trying to meet new people!

For the first two weeks, I had a hard time adjusting to my new “life,” but then after learning new skills and becoming comfortable with being there, I began to socialize with more people.

During my time at YLC, I gained some wonderful experiences. Being there gave me the chance to learn how to meet new people and work on my social skills. While working on my social skills, I also learned a lot about work ethics. For example, I learned that if I cannot get along with a person, I need to respect the person and continue doing what I am doing.

(See NAD Youth... on page 11)
Summer season has arrived! I am sure everyone is looking forward to going out more in this hot weather with summer activities!

On May 19-21, 2017, WVAD Board was at the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) campus for the second annual Family-School Association (FSA) weekend. We also had our board meeting on campus. The WVAD Board was pleased to learn that Zachary Stump, WVSD student, will be attending the National Jr. NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) this summer from July 17 to August 12.

This summer season is in full swing for WVAD. We are very excited and want to warmly welcome you to attend the 2017 Biennial Conference at the Resort of Glade Springs on August 3-5, 2017. This will be the second time in WVAD history to have a conference at a resort. The theme is “Collaborating Leads to Creating Connections Together!” The conference flyer is on page 6, registration combo form is on page 7, and lodging information is on page 9. We hope you will come to our conference! Also, planned for the weekend will be game night, awards banquet, and entertainment. Please check the WVAD website (www.wvad.org) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for more information and updates.

I want to update everyone on things that will be happening in the coming months.

- A friendly reminder – you can still register for the conference by July 15th (see page 7). Take advantage of great rates and be sure to send in your combo today so you can come and enjoy an educational weekend, as well as a social weekend with old and new friends. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for the conference combo, membership, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.
- On October 5-7, 2017, NAD Leadership Training Conference (NLTC) will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Please join us and celebrate Deaf WestiVal with WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), WV Association of the Deaf (WVAD), and WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) at the WV State Fair in Lewisburg, WV, on Friday, August 18, 2017. For more information about Deaf WestiVal, please see flyer on page 10.

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 2 chances to win 2 tickets to the WVU Homecoming football game vs. Texas Tech on October 14, 2017. Please see one of the board members for tickets. Information about this is on page 5. Also, WVAD is selling 2015 Conference group photo if anyone is interested in buying one. The information about this is on page 12.

For those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 23 for form), please send the form and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Larry Hubbard. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Larry Hubbard, Membership Coordinator.

Have a safe summer and stay cool! We hope to see you at the WVAD conference at the Resort of Glade Springs!
WVAD Board Meeting Held at WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Romney, WV, May 21, 2017

West Virginia Association of the Deaf’s Mission Statement:
The West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc., (WVAD) operated by, of, for the Deaf Community, advocates, and promotes to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals including but not limited to deaf-blind individuals, parents of deaf children, interpreters, late-deafened adults, and children of deaf adults.

Members Present:  John Burdette, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Donna Williams, Larry Hubbard, Jeffery Simmons, and Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Dallas Pack and Theresa Pack.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) in Romney, WV. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with Secretary Donna Williams present.

The minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2017, were sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via videophone and e-mail. The minutes of the meeting was published in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison’s Financial Report:
As of May 18, 2017, total expenses from February 25 to May 18, 2017: checking account – $2,744.61; savings account – $3,565.68; Mingo County Fund – $14,548.60; WVAD Conference Fund – $8,050.17; Deaf Youth Program – $873.00; Education Fund – $211.79; WV Deaf Grassroot Movement – $237.00; 2 Certificate of Deposits – $12,003.63. Total balance in all accounts – $42,234.48. Donna moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Passed.

President John Burdette’s Report:
• NAD Regional 1 Monthly VP meetings: March 15 — Tami Deem participated; April 18 — discussed the next NAD conference in 2018 in Connecticut for the 200th Anniversary; many states have postponed their LEAD-K bill to 2018 Legislative session. May 17 — had technical difficulties; however, there was some discussion about a survey.
  • Dr. Martin Keller, Superintendent of WVSDB said that Zachary Stump, WVSD student, was accepted in the Youth Leadership Camp. Dr. Keller asked if WVAD could donate some money for his expenses.
  • WV Deaf Awareness Day: Submitted the exhibit application forms for WVAD and LEAD-K. Larry Hubbard represented WVAD. Donna Williams, Mitchell Miller, and Sara Miller represented WV LEAD-K.
  • April Hottle, WVAD Education Advocate, attended the Fair Shake Network Legislative Training March 7.
  • Received an e-mail from Earnest Covington, III requesting a picture or attachment of the new communication visor card. Earnest attended the Emergency Respondent meeting. WVCDHH will help pay for printing and laminating the cards.
  • Received an e-mail from Earnest Covington, III responding to my request for suggestions who can give presentation at the WVAD Conference. He suggested Crystal Kelley Schwartz from Texas for motivation presentation.
  • Received letter from Larry Hubbard donating the $237 in the WV Deaf Grassroots Movement funds to WVAD.
  • Received e-mails from Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV, and Days Hotel in Flatwoods, WV, asking to host the WVAD Conference in 2019.
  • Sent e-mail to Jolene Downs, Sales Manager at Lakeview Resort, asking if we could visit the site after noon of May 18th.
  • Tami Deem and I met with Kim Lapana, Director of Group Rooms, who works with Association and Government groups, Thursday, May 18th. She asked for our conference needs and will prepare a proposal for us. We took a tour of the resort.
  • Received an e-mail from Ruby Losh about Deafhood Workshop being offered June 22-25, 2017, at WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.
  • Received an e-mail from Charles Lyne informing Tami and I about WVAD website for previous WVAD newsletters. There were four newsletters that cannot be accessed due to 404 error. Tami and I both replied and informed Andrew Kapaldo, Webmaster, about the problem.
  • Sent e-mail to Rachel Rajca, Career Academy for Post-Graduates (CAP) Program Coordinator, asking if we could meet on VP to talk about the possible idea of having WVSD Jr. NAD members serve as pages at the upcoming conference.
  • WVAD board members attended the Family-School Association Day at WVSDB on May 20, 2017. Both WVAD and LEAD-K had an exhibit table.
  • Received an e-mail from April Hottle asking WVAD to sponsor a (See Board Minutes on page 4)
(Board Minutes from page 3)

graduation party for the deaf and hard of hearing graduating from high school this year and in recent years. At this time, the By-Laws say WVAD give money and two-year free WVAD membership to those who graduate from WVSDB.

- Attended the WVCDHH board meeting Friday, May 19, in Wheeling. Shared that Earnest Covington gave a 3-page report of what he had done since the previous board meeting. The minutes will be posted on the WVCDHH website after the next board meeting in Glade Springs Resort Thursday, August 3. Earnest does many things that we are unaware of.

Vice-President Tami Deem’s Report:
No report.

Secretary Donna Williams’ Report:
No report but reminded everyone to think of someone to replace her as Secretary. She will be happy to mentor the new secretary.

Trustees’ Report: No report.

Editor Tami Deem’s Report:
Deadline for next newsletter is June 15 to print July 1.

Membership Larry Hubbard’s Report:
At last board meeting, there were 198. Now, there are 192 members.

Legislative Advocate Antonia Hall’s Report via e-mail:
- HB 2123 for funding for WVSDB was filed. It passed; however, the Governor vetoed to provide funds for the victims of the flooding in 2016.
- HB 2571 for LEAD-K was submitted in the House Education Committee by Del. Ruth Rowan of Hampshire County. The bill was changed slightly to remove the WV Department of Education and add Department of Health and Human Resources. It passed in the House Education Committee and then it was submitted to the House. It passed the House with no opposition and was sent to the Senate; however, one delegate changed his vote later. The Senate had many bills; therefore, HB 2571 was not submitted to the Senate Education Committee for almost three weeks. The Senate Education Committee made many changes in the bill. Several WVAD members and friends went to the Capitol several times for several hearings in the Senate Education Committee. In the end, the Senate Education Committee referred the bill for Resolution Study. That means a group of legislators will meet to study the bill and ask the WV LEAD-K Team, AG Bell, and the Luke Lee Listening Language & Learning Lab in Huntington to meet with them and ask us questions. We are still waiting to hear when that meeting will be.

Education Advocate April Hottle’s Report:
- Attended the Stakeholders Meeting at Romney November 2, 2016, as the Education Advocate representative of WVAD.
- Spoke by phone with Dr. White regarding his comment that LEAD-K should be policy rather than law (November 2016).

Fundraising Veronda Harrison’s Report:
Continue selling “That’s My Pan.” Yankee Candle Fundraising brought in $133 profit.

If order anything from Amazon, use AmazonSmile and select WVAD. WVAD will be given 0.5% from orders.

Kroger—must renew the rewards program every September. To renew, go to www.kroger.com. Answer the questions. Then click on Community (See Board Minutes on page 5)

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

It is the purpose of WVAD Quarter News to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. WVAD Quarter News strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the WVAD Quarter News editor at WVAD Editor concerning material appearing in WVAD Quarter News. WVAD Quarter News will publish materials submitted by anyone, subject to editorial review and approval. Please remember to send references of any outside sources you may use. Authors’ names will be withheld from publication at their request. The views and opinions expressed by contributors to WVAD Quarter News are the authors’ own and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of WVAD Quarter News.
RAFFLE TICKETS — 2 TICKETS (2 DRAWINGS)
FOR WVU HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME,
WVU VS. TEXAS TECH, 10/14/2017

WVAD is selling raffle tickets for 2 chances to win 2 tickets to the WVU Homecoming football game vs. Texas Tech, scheduled for October 14, 2017 (home game), kick-off TBA. If anyone is interested in buying any raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD Board members (John Burdette, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Donna M. Williams, Jeffery Simmons, Larry Hubbard, or Worthy Devericks). For credit card purchases, please contact Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) at 304-964-6025 Videophone or e-mail at verapple@aol.com.

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 September 30, 2017 (need not be present to win).

6 Raffle Tickets for $5.00
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

Registration Rates:

- Full combo includes registration, workshops, business meeting, Friday night social, and Saturday banquet and entertainment.
- WVAD membership is NOT included in the combo registration fee. Each WVAD member will be responsible for their own membership renewal when it’s due. It may be renewed at the conference if desired.

Accessibility Request: Accessibility requests must be received no later than June 30, 2017. Please contact Jimmy Harrison at JHarrison5@aol.com or Veronda Harrison at Verapple@aol.com.

Cancellation Policy: We will refund the combo except registration fee if there is death in the family or health reasons (written documentation is required from the doctor).

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- You may make arrangements with Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e-mail Verapple@aol.com) to make payments.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Glade Springs Resort
255 Resort Drive
Daniels, WV 25832

For Reservations: Telephone No.: 877-814-7316
Group Code: WVAD

* (Group Code Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is June 30, 2017)

- Prices are $99.00 + taxes and fees ($121.37/night) for ALL lodging unit types per bedroom ((The Inn, Executive Suites, Chestnut Hill Lodges, and Oak Lane Villas). For handicap accessibility rooms, the rooms are at the Inn. People can share and split the cost of a room.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LODGING, see page 4 or see http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-lodging.php.
- Rotunda breakfast buffet (inside the Inn hotel) is $10.00 + tax and gratuity. Must identify that you are with WVAD.

NOTE: WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, and restaurants.
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

(Please print clearly. One form per person. You can make a copy for second person. Make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and write “CONFERENCE” on check memo line. Mail to Veronda Harrison, WVAD Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.)

First Name, Last Name: ________________________________

☐ Member (☐ New; ☐ Current) ☐ Non-Member

Address: ____________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ____________

Video Phone No.: __________________________ Cell Phone (Text) No.: __________________________

E mail: ____________________________________________

Or complete the credit card information below:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Card

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* Students must show proof of student status (valid student ID from high school or college required).

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DIRECTIONS TO
GLADE SPRINGS RESORT, DANIELS, WV

The Resort at Glade Springs is located in Daniels, WV, with convenient access from I-64, I-77, and Route 19.

Martinsburg, WV (265 miles — 3 hours, 55 minutes)  Romney, WV (219 miles — 4 hours, 17 minutes)
Morgantown, WV (175 miles — 2 hours, 56 minutes)  Clarksburg, WV (144 miles — 2 hours, 27 minutes)
Parkersburg, WV (147 miles — 2 hours, 18 minutes)  Charleston, WV (71 miles — 1 hours, 11 minutes)
Huntington, WV (123 miles — 2 hours)  Beckley, WV (7 miles — 14 minutes)
Baltimore, MD (341 miles — 5 hours, 15 minutes)  Youngstown, OH (330 miles — 4 hours, 54 minutes)
Pittsburgh, PA (247 miles — 4 hours, 7 minutes)  Altoona, PA (314 miles — 4 hours, 58 minutes)

* Some routes require toll fees.

For GPS / Navigation Systems: Address is 2400 Ritter Drive, Daniels, WV 25832.

Check out Google maps or http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-directions.php for directions to Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV.
LODGING INFORMATION FOR
GLADE SPRINGS RESORT, WV

ALL LODGING — CHECK IN: AFTER 4:00 P.M. / CHECK OUT: 11:00 A.M.
(Guests arriving prior to 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms become available.)

All Rooms per Bedroom are $99.00/Night plus Taxes and Fees ($121.37)

The Inn ($121.37/night per Bedroom): Handicap accessible. These traditional rooms and suites connect to the Conference Center and Rotunda restaurant. Each room sleeps up to four people, with two queen beds or one king bed and a sofa bed, and features granite bath surrounds. Suites feature a gas log fireplace, wet bar, and DVD player.

Executive Suites ($121.37/night per Bedroom): Executive Suites have a private bedroom with a king bed, refrigerator and microwave, a luxurious bath and a separate parlor with a pull-out sofa bed. Our resort suites have been completely renovated with flat screen TVs in both the parlor and the bedroom, all new furnishings, fabrics, and carpet. Amenities also include coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, wireless internet, and pet friendly available.

Chestnut Hill Lodges ($121.37/night per Bedroom): These contemporary, roomy lodges can sleep up to 32 people with a variety of bedrooms, sofa beds, and bunk rooms. These stand-alone cottage accommodations feature full kitchens, dining rooms, and living rooms with fireplaces.

Oak Lane Villas ($121.37/night per Bedroom): These 3-bedroom units feature beautiful views of the fairways from spacious screened-in porches, fully equipped kitchens, and fireplaces. Each bedroom has an adjoining private bath. Oak Lane Villas sleep up to twelve people.

TO RESERVE:

Reservation Telephone No.: 877-814-7316
Times to Call to Reserve: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Closed

Group Code: WVAD (Applies to ALL Rooms; Cut Off Date is June 30, 2017)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. RESERVATION PROCEDURES: Individual guests will be responsible for making their own reservations. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 814-7316 and ask for the West Virginia Association of the Deaf room block. This toll-free number is specific to WVAD group. A major credit card will be required upon reserving individual rooms and a seven (7) day cancellation period would apply, whereby an attendee cancelling their reservation within seven (7) days of arrival will be charged one night's lodging at the group rate.

2. First night deposit is not required at time of reservation.

3. The more people you share the room with, the cheaper it cost because you can split the cost of the room.

4. The conference and all WVAD events will be held in various rooms at The Inn hotel.

5. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc.

6. You can also bring food from home for the kitchen if you reserve a room with a kitchen. There are 4 restaurants on the Resort if you want to eat out or you can go to restaurants outside the Resort.

7. FUN PASSES: Individuals lodging through Glade Springs Resort will receive fun passes during their stay at Glade Springs. Fun pass activities include the following: 1 scavenger hunt per person, 1 geocaching card per person, 1 round of disc golf (includes scorecard and disc rental) per person, 1 complimentary game of bowling per person, 1 hour boat rental at Lake Mallard per person, and 1 bucket of driving range balls per person. A fun pass is awarded for each person staying in the room on the Resort. The fun pass is good for your entire stay at Glade Springs Resort.

8. For more information on activities, see http://www.gladesprings.com/west-virginia-adventure-activities.php.
Please join the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, along with West Virginia Association of the Deaf, for a fun day at the State Fair of West Virginia on August 18, 2017. We will be there from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

We will have tables set up with information. Please stop by while enjoying the fair!

We hope to see you there!

Date: August 18, 2017
Fair Hours: 9:00am – 11:00pm
Address: 947 Maplewood Ave.
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Sponsored by the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Questions? Contact Sarah Lowther
Phone: 304-558-1675
Email: Sarah.B.Lowther@wv.gov
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One of my favorite things that happened during my stay at YLC, my creative thinking increased! My overall experience at YLC was a good one even though I had some challenges and frustrations. The challenges and frustrations helped me learn how to work through them.

The WV Association of the Deaf (WVAD) also donated money towards my trip to YLC. The majority of the money went towards the supplies that I needed for camp. The rest of the money helped me with my travel expenses, such as food, etc. Without WVAD, I wouldn’t have the supplies that I needed to make my trip a smooth/successful one, so thank you for that WVAD!

Editor’s Note: The NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) is an intensive educational four-week summer camp program for deaf and hard of hearing high school students. The camp provides leaders the ability to develop their scholarship, leadership, and citizenship (SLC) qualities in nature environment.

Leaders experience self-discovery, learn about self-identity, confidence, and self-esteem and understand many things about themselves. NAD YLC is also an extension of the activities and training offered by the Jr. NAD.

The camp selects 32 male and 32 female leaders from all over the United States and internationally. The leaders receive donations to cover their application and tuition fees and travel expenses. Community members, including NAD YLC alumni, builders, and guest presenters, are actively involved in this program. Each of them makes a lasting impact on the program.

The YLC program is designed to provide deaf high school students with the training and educational opportunities necessary to transition to opportunities in higher education, meaningful employment, and leadership development. Interactive activities offer leaders the opportunity to understand the emphasis on ‘learning by doing,’ adopting the old Chinese proverb: “Tell me, and I’ll forget. Show me, and I’ll remember. Involve me, and I’ll learn.”

This dynamic camp program builds character and promotes a lifetime of healthy activities and relationships with others.

This highly popular program has graduated over 2,500 alumni in its 48 years of existence. This, in turn, contributes to a network of successful alumni. Many of these alumni have become successful leaders and advocates for the deaf and hard of hearing community, including businessmen and women, teachers, professors, lawyers, doctors, NAD board members, and employees. NAD YLC is a “once in a lifetime” opportunity.

WVAD is happy to announce that the WV School for the Deaf is sending Zachary Stump to the 2017 Youth Leadership Camp this year.
GROUP PHOTO FOR SALE

WVAD is selling 40th Biennial Conference group photo. Proceeds will go towards the WVAD organization. If anyone is interested in purchasing photos, please see one of the Board members. For credit card purchases, please contact Veronda Harrison (Treasurer) at 304-964-6025 Videophone or e-mail at verapple@aol.com.

WVAD 40TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE PHOTO ORDER FORM

Please print clearly. One form per person. You can make a copy for second person. Make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and write “CONFERENCE PHOTO” on check memo line. Mail to Veronda Harrison, WVAD Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.

First Name, Last Name: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________
City: ____________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________
Video Phone No.: ______________ Cell Phone (Text) No.: ______________
E mail: ____________________________

Or complete the credit card information below:

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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. 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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Wood County, Wirt County Implement Text-to-911


PARKERSBURG – A new method of reporting emergencies is now supported by Wood-Wirt County Central Dispatch, officials announced on Friday.

Text-to-911 will accept text messages to 911 for aid, but should only be used in limited circumstances, said Rick Woodyard, 911 director.

Voice calling 911 remains the best way to report an emergency; however, there are times when that is impractical or can’t be done, such when the caller is hard of hearing, has a speech impediment, or the situation requires silence so as not to divulge the caller’s hiding place, such as in a domestic violence situation, Woodyard said.

“Call when you can, text when you can’t,” he said.

Text-to-911 is part of the next generation of 911, Woodyard said. The other components are audio and visual messages to dispatchers, of which Wood County is unable at this point to offer, he said.

The system has been tested for the past two months, during which time problems have been and continue to be identified and worked out, Woodyard said.

While there are situations where texting is beneficial, including in the rural areas of Wood County and in Wirt County where signal strength won’t allow a voice call but will allow text messages, callers must understand that the response may not be immediate to a text, he said. It can take a while before the message is received at 911, but upon being received is generally immediate, Woodyard said.

Also, a voice call to 911 enables dispatchers to obtain additional information about the emergency and allow them to hear background noise and conversations, Woodyard said.

“Nothing is going to replace a voice call to 911,” he said.

Woodyard offers tips to use when texting to 911. Among those:

• Be clear and send brief messages without abbreviations or slang.
• Text the exact location if possible.
• Text what emergency help is needed.
• Stay calm, answer questions, and follow instructions from 911.
• Text-to-911 is for emergencies only.
• It is a crime to text or call 911 with a false report. Prank texters can be located.

Residents are advised not to test the system and parents should educate their children that the system is for emergencies only, he said.

Also, location of the emergency is of paramount importance to make sure responders are sent to the right place, Woodyard said. For example, some addresses in Marietta are the same as in Parkersburg, he said.

Dispatcher Patrick Smith of the Wood-Wirt County Central Dispatch sits at monitors where emergency Text-to-911 messages are received. The 911 center has been testing the new system and on Friday announced its availability. Photo Credit: Jess Mancini
Non-Verbal Six-Year-Old Boy and Deaf Dog Learn to Communicate Using Sign Language


A six-year-old boy who cannot speak and a deaf dog are a “match made in heaven,” according to the boy’s mother.

Connor Guillet is able to communicate with three-year-old boxer Ellie using sign language and has become inseparable from the affectionate rescue animal since the family took her in a week before Christmas.

Connor, who was adopted at four weeks old, was born addicted to opiates, and has since been diagnosed with damage to his brain and nervous system, in addition to a chromosomal disorder called DiGeorge syndrome, and autism.

“Connor is severely delayed psychologically, physically, and emotionally,” Ms. Guillet told CBS News.

“He is nonverbal and requires speech therapy. It is unknown whether he has the ability to speak with a limited vocabulary.”

Since he also has issues with motor skills, even using sign language is difficult for Connor, but his mother said Ellie is adept at understanding.

The family, from Florida, already had an eight-year-old boxer when they were contacted by a rescue center in late December, which said it had a deaf animal that only responded to sign language available for adoption.

“I had a lightbulb go off immediately,” Ms. Guillet said. “To think that Connor can sign to her and actually communicate with her made my heart melt.”

Connor and his mother met the dog the next day.

“That was it,” Ms. Guillet said, adding that Connor petted, kissed, and hugged the dog, who responded by licking the child.

“She was beyond gentle with him,” Ms. Guillet said. “Boxers are known to be great with kids, but there is something definitely special about Ellie.”

Ms. Guillet agreed to foster the dog to see how she would interact with Connor at home. The pair quickly became inseparable.

They play tug of war, run up and down the slide in the back garden, and cuddle on the couch together, Ms. Guillet said, adding that, finally, Connor has found a friend he can relate to.

“It warms my heart like nothing else,” said Ms. Guillet, adding that she is now going to adopt Ellie and “make her a permanent member of the family.”

Connor Guillett and his dog, Ellie. Photo Credit: Brandi Guillet (Facebook)
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4. Sooner State
8. Equality or Cowboy State
11. Aloha State
13. Green Mountain State
15. Treasure State
17. Show Me State
19. Palmetto State
22. Prairie State
25. Lone Star State
27. Keystone State
29. Evergreen State
30. Old Dominion State
31. Peace Garden State
32. Granite State
34. Sunflower State
37. Golden State
41. Volunteer State
42. Mountain State
45. Last Frontier
46. Mount Rushmore State

Down
1. Pine Tree State
2. Constitution State
3. Beehive State
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7. Bay State
9. Buckeye State
10. Badger State
12. Silver State
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(See Fun Page Answers on page 21)
WVAD Quarter News, Summer 2017
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WV Association of the Deaf is having a fundraiser with Yankee Candle. If anyone is interested in shopping for candles, popcorn, flowers, etc., please see one of the board members (John Burdette, Tami Deem, Donna M. Williams, Veronda Harrison, Worthy Devericks, Larry Hubbard, Jeff Simmons, and Theresa Pack). It would be a great gift for Mother’s Day, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday, etc. To see the catalog, go to website: https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/2017S/catalog/Spring17Catalog.pdf.
2nd Annual Family-School Association Day
By Tamera A. Deem

The 2nd annual Family-School Association (FSA) Day was on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) in Romney, WV. The event was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the variety of activities and having the opportunity to meet and hang out with two special out of town guests: Alex Abenchuchan, creator and host of The Daily Moth news, and Nico DiMarco, deaf Disc Jockey (twin brother of Nyle DiMarco).

Alex has over 100K viewers worldwide. He came to visit the WVSDB campus for several days and worked with the students at WVSDB, teaching them how to produce efficient, quality videos. In addition, Alex interviewed some students, faculty, staff, alumni, and visitors during his stay.

The beautiful sunny day began with a pancake breakfast. A variety of fun activities and events were enjoyed by the WVSDB community which consisted of DJ music on the grounds of WVSDB in the afternoon and Junior-Senior Prom for the students that evening. STEM activities were also provided for the students. There was a cornhole tournament and bouncing houses for everyone to enjoy. The children enjoyed getting tattoos. Alex and Nico joined us for the festivities and mingled with everyone. They enjoyed their stay in wild, wonderful West Virginia.

WVAD, WVAD LEAD-K team, Sprint Relay, and Hands & Voice had a booth outside for everyone to visit and learn about their missions and goals.

Priscilla Epperly, FSA Coordinator, did a wonderful job pulling everything together, along with lots of volunteers who helped out to make the day a huge success!

WVAD had their board meeting on campus the next day on Sunday. See board minutes on page 3.
(Board Minutes from page 5)
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FISH TACOS
(Yield: 6 Servings; Total Time: 26 minutes)

1-1/2 pounds mahi-mahi fillets
2 Tablespoons lime juice
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
12 small corn tortillas, warmed
Pico de Gallo salsa, for garnish
1 avocado, pitted and cut into thin slices, for garnish

1/4 cup dry white wine
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 lime, quartered
Romaine or iceberg lettuce, shredded, for garnish
Sour cream or crema, for garnish

1. Pat fish dry and combine in a nonreactive bowl with the white wine, lime juice, and garlic. Set aside to marinate about 10 to 15 minutes.
2. When fish is ready, remove it from the marinade, pat dry, and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
3. Heat oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat. When oil shimmers, place fish skin-side down in skillet. Cook until opaque and firm to touch, about 3 minutes per side.
4. Flake the fish, squeeze one of the lime wedges over the top, and toss to coat. To make a taco, stack 2 tortillas on top of each other and fill with fish, lettuce, salsa, a few avocado slices, and a dollop of sour cream. Repeat to make 6 tacos total.

KAHLÚA DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES
(Yield: 4 Servings; Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes)

1-1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 oz unsweetened chocolate
1/4 cup plus 1 Tablespoon of Kahlúa liquor

1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon black pepper
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Grease 9” x 9” metal baking pan. Preheat the oven to 350 °F.
3. Mix eggs and sugar.
4. Add in flour, salt, and baking powder. Mix well.
5. Pour in the melted butter/chocolate mixture. Mix well.
6. Add in 1/4 cup of Kahlúa liquor. Mix well.
7. If you want to add in chocolate chips, fold it in batter and stir carefully (optional).
8. Bake for 30 minutes (5 to 10 minutes extra if you’re using chocolate chips).
9. Remove from oven and let brownie cool down.
10. When brownie pan is cool, brush 1 tablespoon of Kahlúa liquor on top and serve.

SWEET AND SPICY COLESLAW
(Yield: 6-8 Servings; Total Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes)

2 pounds green cabbage
1 medium yellow onion
1/4 cup mustard
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

4 carrots
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon black pepper
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Cut cabbage in quarters and remove core. Peel carrots and onion and cut into pieces that would fit through the feed tube of a food processor. Fit food processor with the large-holed grater attachment and push cabbage, carrots, and onions through feed tube to grate.
2. In a large bowl, toss vegetables together.
3. In another medium bowl, prepare the coleslaw dressing by whisking together the mayonnaise, mustard, cider vinegar, sugar, black pepper, and cayenne. Toss dressing with the cabbage mixture, and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 2 hours before serving.
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