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## Forming Bonds: EPDA Helping Build Relationships Within Deaf-Blind Community

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MARTINSBURG — The Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc. (EPDA) held events Friday and Saturday to raise awareness and address issues within the community.

More than 100 people attended the EPDA's movie night at the Holiday Inn on Friday and at least 40 attended the town hall on Saturday.

"The EPDA's mission is to improve relationships between deaf, deaf-blind, and hearing individuals," Mary Ann Jividen, the President of EPDA, said. "We understand needs, help a deaf person access communication, and train caretakers."

The town hall gave deaf, hard-ofhearing, deaf-blind, and late-deafened individuals a chance to share grievances and find resources that could help them. Four interpreters were used throughout the town hall for the nondeaf attendees.

A three-person panel listened to the issues community members were facing.



WV Sprint Relay and WVAD Booths at the Town Hall in Martinsburg, WV. L-R: Sylvia Mick, Tami Deem, Sally Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, and Erin Fulton.

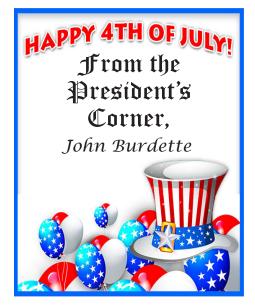
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Summer is here! I know many of you are pulling out your shorts and swimsuits! Some of the great ways to spend the summer are to go to the beach; swim at the river, lake, or pool; and go down water slides to relax and to get some relief from the hot weather.

WVAD is doing a couple fundraising projects: they are \$1,000 Giveaway raffle tickets and raffles for WVU football game tickets (see pages 6-7). Drawings will be held on August 11, 2018, at the WVAD Summer Picnic – Summersville Lake dam site picnic area shelter #3. If anyone is interested in buying either raffle tickets, please see one of the WVAD board members.

WVAD Board Meeting was held via Zoom<sup>®</sup> Video Conferencing on May 6, 2018. It was a new experience for the board to meet via Zoom<sup>®</sup> Video Conferencing for the first time.

WVAD attended the Second Biennial Town Hall and Social Gathering on May 12th, 2018, in Martinsburg, WV. WVAD President John Burdette was on the panel to answer any questions and share the community's concerns. WVAD also had a booth set up. Thank you Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances (EPDA) for hosting this event (see story on page 1).

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

• Exciting news about a video that is out about our WV Deaf/Hard



of Hearing Visor Card. West Virginia Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) worked with the Charleston Police Department and Filmanatix to create this video. WVCDHH and WVAD hope this video will help bring understanding and awareness between deaf/hard of hearing drivers and law enforcement officers. Please share this video at https://www.facebook.com/WVCDHH/videos/1893097130743227/.

- Nitro Regal Cinemas in the Charleston area has been providing open captioned movies for the deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, and late-deafened moviegoers. It is also nice to see Regal Cinemas Morgantown 12 now provides open captioned movies every Wednesday and Saturday at the University Town Centre in Morgantown, WV. Hopefully other movie theaters across West Virginia will follow and make it more accessible for deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and latedeafened moviegoers in their area in the near future.
- Unfortunately, Trix Bruce's (well-known nationwide workshop presenter) interpreter seminar scheduled for July 13-14, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Express Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, WV, has been cancelled due to not

### PUBLICATION INFORMATION AND ADVERTISING RATES

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- enough registrants signed up for the CEU classes.
- Save the Date Saturday, September 22, 2018: *Deaf WestiVal* will be held at the Civic Center in Charleston, WV, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information by WVCDHH.

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) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any information or updates about WVAD.

Enjoy the sun and stay cool!

John W. Burdette

John Burdette - WVAD President



# WVAD Board Minutes

### WVAD Board Meeting Held via Zoom© Video Conferencing, May 6, 2018

## 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, Chris Mick, Veronda Harrison, Gloria Hollen, Tami Deem, and Jeffery Simmons.

Member Absent: Worthy Devericks.

Visitors Present: Jimmy Harrison.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held via Zoom© Video Conferencing. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held November 4, 2017, was sent via e-mail. (It was corrected and approved via videophone and e-mail.) The minutes of the meeting was published in the Winter 2018 WVAD newsletter.

# <u>Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:</u>

Financial report from November 3, 2017, to May 5, 2018: Balance in checking account – \$1,476.82; savings account –\$3,566.39; Mingo County Fund – \$14,550.24; WVAD Conference Fund –\$6,038.60; Deaf Youth Program – \$753.00; Education Fund – \$239.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. Jeffery made motion to accept financial report as read. Chris seconded. All accepted financial report as read.

#### **President John Burdette's Report:**

- NAD Region 1 Monthly VP meeting:
  - November 15, 2017 Vice-President Chris Mick participated.
  - January 24, 2018.
  - February 21, 2018.

- March 23, 2018 Cancelled.
- April 18, 2018 Vice-President Chris Mick participated.
- Dr. Martin Keller and WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB):
  - Sent an e-mail to Howard Rosenblum, CEO of NAD.
  - Received response from Mr. Rosenblum.
  - Met with Mr. Rosenblum via videphone along with Ruby Losh.
- Received an e-mail attachment from Lizzie Sorkin from NAD sharing 2016-2017 NAD Annual Report that was released.
- Received an e-mail from Sharon Steorts, bill drafter on final bill (LEAD-K).
- Received an e-mail attachment from Chrissy Vorreyer-Davis, CEO of Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliance (EPDA) about vendor booth registration for May 12, 2018.
- The Heritage Company (United Deaf Service UDS):
  - UDS sent a 1-year contract addendum that extends through 12/31/2018 for WVAD to review and sign.
  - Sent the signed contract addendum back to them and requested that they send us their donor list for year 2017.
  - They sent the 2017 donor list file that included every donor and their gift history from all over West Virginia via e-mail as an attachment.
- House Bill 4223 (LEAD-K bill) Failed.

- Received an e-mail from WV Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) regarding WV Deaf Awareness Day being cancelled due to WV Teachers' Strike.
- Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV:
  - Sent a signed contract to Kim Lapana for our 2019 WVAD Conference.
  - Received a countersigned contract from Kim Lapana.
  - Received an e-mail from Megan Reeler, Catering Sales Manager, for our conference in August 2019. She will get in touch with WVAD on banquet event order.
- Received an e-mail from Patricia Bruce about an upcoming Deaf Trix Bruce Seminars coming to Holiday Inn Express Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, WV on July 13-14, 2018. There will be 3 workshops offered at \$60.00 each.
- Received an e-mail from Steve Lovi, NAD Region 1 Representative, asking what the status was with sending delegate(s) from WVAD to the NAD Conference in July. WVAD has decided not to send any delegates due to financial hardship.
- Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances, Inc. (EPDA):
  - Movie Night: "Hedy & Heidi: The Lost Sister" - Friday, May 11, 2018.
  - 2nd Biennial Town Hall and Social Gathering – Saturday, May 12, 2018. Liability insurance is required for exhibitors/ vendors.

(See Board Minutes on page 4)

### (Board Minutes from page 3) Vice-President Chris Mick's Report:

No report.

#### **Secretary Tami Deem's Report:**

- Received an e-mail on March 15, 2018, from Valerie Behmanesh (Deaf Collections and Archives, Gallaudet University) regarding Winter 2017 newsletter. She needed a copy of it. She was making a bound of WVAD newsletters. I told her to check out wvad.org and download the newsletter from there. She thanked me for replying.
- Set up WVAD PayPal account on March 16, 2018.
- Worked with Andrew (WVAD Webmaster) to set up DONATE button on our WVAD webpage on March 16, 2018.
- Wrote a generic Thank You letter to donors that donate money on March 25, 2018.
- Posted fundraisers on Facebook and WVAD Webpage on March 25, 2018.
- Received Sign Mail from Roland Doudt, Editor from Ohio Alumni Association of the Deaf, regarding WVAD's newsletters on April 16, 2018. He was curious where we get our newsletters printed because the quality was awesome and also wanted to tell me that I do a wonderful job on the newsletters for WVAD. I returned his call and told him how the newsletters were printed and what software I use for the newsletters. I asked him how he found out about WVAD newsletters. He said that his friend Bonnie Sanderlin showed him her WVAD newsletter and he loved it so he decided to contact me about it.

### **Trustees' Report:**

No report.

### **Editor Tami Deem's Report:**

Deadline for the next newsletter June 15, 2018.

### Membership Larry Hubbard's Report:

At the last board meeting, there were 205 members. Now there are 198 members.

## Legislative Advocate Antonia Hall's Report via e-mail:

No report.

## Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:

President Burdette said that April still keeps in touch with him to keep him updated on her latest activities as an education advocate.

#### **Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:**

Continue with football raffles and picnic raffles. Still continue with the Kroger Community rewards and AmazonSmile rewards. Also continue with the WVAD\$Ball fundraising.

### Old Business:

Picnic flyer has been sent out but need to discuss gifts for picnic. Suggested camping things and summertime gifts. Send Veronda any ideas we may have. Spend \$500-\$600 in gifts. Possibly plan to have hot dogs and pulled pork/chicken and buns. We will also do cash prize raffle like we have done in the past at other events.

#### **New Business:**

• All exhibitors and vendors need liability insurance for the Eastern

Panhandle Deaf Alliance (EPDA) event this weekend. President Burdette checked liability insurance quotes on line for different categories and you can buy for 1-day event through an insurance agency. WVAD should consider getting liability insurance for whole year to protect our organization at different events that we may have such as picnic, Christmas party, and WVAD conferences. Veronda will check out some insurance agencies this week before the EPDA event this weekend.

- We need to come up with a theme for our 2019 conference. Need to start a new conference form and theme before the picnic in August so we can announce about the conference at the picnic. Later we can decide on workshop speakers and entertainment.
- LEAD-K for WV Need to appoint someone to lead as Point of Contact (POC) and start a new group of people on the LEAD-K team.
- Need to update officers' photos and get group photo done soon.
- Tentative next board meeting via ZOOM© on August 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Jeffery moved to close new business. Passed. Gloria made a motion to adjourn meeting. Jeffery seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.



# 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.



Editor: Tamera Deem President: **John Burdette** Vice-President: Chris Mick Tamera Deem Secretary: Treasurer: Veronda Harrison Senior Trustee: Gloria Hollen Trustee: **Worthy Devericks** Trustee: **Jeffery Simmons** 



August 11, 2018 ~ Saturday



SUMMERSVILLE LAKE AT THE DAM SITE

Picnic Area Shelter #3



\$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!









# 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. You may also go to 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



# Buy Your Raffle Tickets!





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### 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. You may also go to 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).

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### WALTER LEE LUIKART

Walter Lee Luikart, 76, of McMechen, WV, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2018, at Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, WV.

He was born September 22, 1941, in Bergoo, WV, the son of the late Durward and Macel (Stewart) Luikart.

Walter graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1960. Walter was a former glass installer for Kings Glass in Moundsville, WV, and was a Baptist by faith who enjoyed bow hunting.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his two sisters, Deborah Marshall and Doris Hall, and a niece, Lisa Jones.

Surviving are two daughters, Korin Santos of Massachusetts and Nicole Sulea of Maine; sister, Barbara (Stanley) Yonak of Bethlehem, WV, and brother David Luikart of Jefferson Hills, PA.

Per Walter's request, there will be no services at this time.

On-line condolences may be expressed to the family at www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were handled by Altmeyer Funeral Homes, Lutes & Kirby Vance Chapels, 118 Grant Avenue, Moundsville, WV.

For more information, please see http://www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com/obituary/walter-lee-luikart/.



### **CARROLL HAMLIN**

Carroll Hamlin, 79, of Huntington, WV, passed away April 5, 2018.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother Harold on June 3, 2018, 4 brothers, and 1 sister. He was also preceded in death by 2 sons (Mark and Randy). He is survived by sister-in-law Billie of Georgia and John of Huntington, WV; and 2 children, Julian Hamlin of Dunbar, WV, and Tina Hamlin of Bedford, VA.

Carroll graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, in 1957. He was cremated and there were no funeral services.

# "In Memory of Loved Ones"



### **MARZINA BROWN**

Marzina Mae Lawson Brown, 83, of Fraziers Bottom, WV, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 12, 2018, at home following a short illness. Born October 27, 1934, she was preceded in death by her parents, Harry H. and Brookie L. Sheets Lawson; sisters, Elizabeth Hunley and Phyllis Estep; brothers, Oather and Donald Lawson.

Marzina was a homemaker and wonderful wife, mother, and grand-mother. She enjoyed sewing, going to the casino, WVU football, and watching *Dancing with the Stars*. She was also known for leaving a lasting impression



on all those whom she met with her contagious spirit. She will be greatly missed.

Surviving are her loving husband of 61 years, Samuel Brown; daughter, Molly Smith of Fraziers Bottom; son, Kelvin Brown, (Shelia) of Oak Hill, OH; brothers, Dayton Lawson of Columbus, OH, Kermit Lawson (Connie) of South Charleston; grandchildren, Jennifer Casto of Scott Depot, Sammy Smith (Jennifer), and Hattie Frazier (Sam) all of Fraziers Bottom, Brooke Brown of Kill Devil Hills, NC; great-grandchildren, Mason, Nathan, Ella, Trey, Toby, Emma, and Tayte.

A celebration of Marzina's life took place Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Hampton Inn, Teays Valley, WV. You may also visit her Tribute page at AffordableCremationsofWV.com to share your memories with the family.

The family extends their appreciation to Susie, April, Holly, and Janet of HospiceCare for their love and care of our mother. Memorial contributions may be made to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., West, Charleston, WV 25387. Cremation services were provided by Affordable Cremations of WV, 413 D Street, South Charleston, WV.

For more information, please see http://m.acofwv.com/obituaries/events?obituaryId=3061438.



### DOROTHY (ANGALICH) HERROLD

Word was received that Dorothy (Angalich) Herrold of Westerville, Ohio, passed away sometime in April 2018.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Herrold, III, son William Jr., and sister-in-law Mary Dallas Herrold. She is survived by 1 grandson Kyle Herrold.

Dorothy graduated from the WV School for the Deaf in 1949.

Unfortunately there's no other information available. Rest in peace Dorothy.

(See Obituaries on page 9)

#### (Obituaries from page 8)



### MARY K. CARUTHERS

Mary Kathryn Caruthers, 47, of South Charleston, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at CAMC General Division in Charleston, WV.

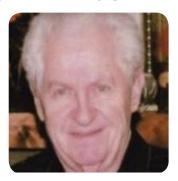
She was a Christian and a 1990 graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Audra Caruthers and brother, Ronald.

She is survived by her sisters, Sue (Mark) Holsinger and Sharon (Wayne) Midkiff; brothers, Paul Smith, David (Connie) Caruthers, and Henry (Betty) Caruthers; several nieces and nephews.

Service was on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Curry Funeral Home, 2097 Childress Road, Alum Creek with Pastor Frank Chapman officiating. Burial followed at Forks of Coal Memorial Park in Alum Creek, WV.

The family received friends 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home. For more information, please see <a href="http://curryfuneralhome.org/?p=6838">http://curryfuneralhome.org/?p=6838</a>.



### HAROLD HAMLIN

Harold Hamlin, age 79, of Auburn, Georgia, passed away June 3, 2018. A native of Huntington, WV, he was preceded by his parents, George and Della Massie Hamlin, twin brother, Carroll Hamlin on April 5, 2018, and siblings George Hamlin, Elmer Hamlin, Alford

Hamlin, Joel Hamlin, and Ruth Turner. Mr. Hamlin was a retired upholsterer.

Surviving are wife, Billie Hamlin; daughter Connie Christian; grand-children Candice Wolfe, Clarissa Gilliam, and Cailyn Christian; greatgrandchildren, Robert Wolfe, David, Wolfe, Ronin Gilliam, Colin Gilliam, and Trevor Christian; and brother John Hamlin.

Harold graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1957.

The family received visitors Friday, June 8, 2018, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home (http://hosting-3042.tributes.com/obituary/show/Harold-Hamlin-106149282).



### JOAN FORMAN

Joan Forman, 83, of Morgantown, WV, passed away Monday, April 30, 2018, at the Point Manor Personal Care Home. She was born September 26, 1934, in Monongalia Co., a daughter of the late Roy Webster and Roseann (King) Brooks.

She was a member of the Fairmont Association of the Deaf and the WV Association of the Deaf. She attended WV School for the Deaf in 1941.

She is survived by her sons, Byron Forman of Maidsville, WV, and Brady Forman (Paula) of Parkersburg, WV; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and a sister. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Brinley Forman; daughter-in-law, Candy Jo Forman; 3 sisters; and 1 brother.

Friends and family were received at Hastings Funeral Home, 153 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV, on Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Ray Frankhouser officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview Cemetery at Pisgah. Online condolences may be made at http://hastingsfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2987/Joan-Forman/obituary.html.



### CARL W. WOODALL

Carl W. Woodall, 94, of Tioga, WV, went home to be with the Lord on May 14, 2018, with his family by his side.

Carl was born on December 2, 1923, in Tioga, WV, to the late John Woodall and Victoria Collins Woodall. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Carl worked at the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, for 16 years. He retired from the MD School for the Deaf in 1986 with 33 years of service. Carl was a member of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by brothers, Roy Woodall, Fred Woodall, Denzil (Peanut) Woodall; sisters, Verla Woodall Hatley, Anna Woodall Brown, Beulah Woodall Faith, and Betty Jean Brown Bennett.

Carl is survived by his wife of 72 years, Viola Brown Woodall, Tioga, WV; son, Carl Delmas Woodall, Fredrick, MD; daughter-in-law, Paula J. Ammons, Fredrick, MD; granddaughter, Delanne Woodall Hamlow (Eric Hamlow), Fishers, Indiana; greatgrandsons, Logan Hamlow and Ashton Hamlow, Fishers, Indiana; sister-in-law, Louise Woodall; several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Thursday, May 17, 2018, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Craigsville, WV. Funeral service was on Friday, May 18, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Craigsville, WV. Interment was at the WV Memorial Gardens, Calvin, WV. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church or Kanawha Hospice Care. For more information, please see https://www.facebook.com/simonscolemanfh/.



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# **US Presidents**

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- 11. POLK, James K. (1845-1849)
- 12. TAYLOR, Zachary (1849-1850)
- 13. FILLMORE, Millard (1850-1853)
- 14. PIERCE, Franklin (1853-1857)
- 15. BUCHANAN, James (1857-1861)
- 16. LINCOLN, Abraham (1861-1865)
- 17. JOHNSON, Andrew (1865-1869)
- 18. GRANT, Ulysses S. (1869-1877)
- 19. HAYES, Rutherford B. (1877-1881)
- 20. GARFIELD, James A. (1881)
- 21. ARTHUR, Chester (1881-1885)
- 22. CLEVELAND, Grover (1885-1889)
- 23. HARRISON, Benjamin (1889-1893)

- 24. CLEVELAND, Grover (1893-1897)
- 25. MCKINLEY, William (1897-1901)
- 26. ROOSEVELT, Theodore (1901-1909)
- 27. TAFT, William Howard (1909-1913)
- 28. WILSON, Woodrow (1913-1921)
- 29. HARDING, Warren G. (1921-1923)
- 30. COOLIDGE, Calvin (1923-1929)
- 31. HOOVER, Herbert (1929-1933)
- 32. ROOSEVELT, Franklin (1933-1945)
- 33. TRUMAN, Harry S. (1945-1953)
- 34. EISENHOWER, Dwight (1953-1961)

- 35. KENNEDY, John F. (1961-1963)
- 36. JOHNSON, Lyndon B. (1963-1969)

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- 37. NIXON, Richard (1969-1974)
- 38. FORD, Gerald (1974-1977)
- 39. CARTER, Jimmy (1977-1981)
- 40. REAGAN, Ronald (1981-1989)
- 41. BUSH, George (1989-1993)
- 42. CLINTON, Bill (1993-2001)
- 43. BUSH, George W. (2001-2009)
- 44. OBAMA, Barack (2009-2017)
- 45. TRUMP, Donald (2017-)

(See Fun Page Answers on page 17)



# Sports News



## Local Hearing Impaired Boy Wins Wood County Basketball Championship

**With Team** By Megan Vanselow, *TheNewsCenter* Staff Writer, http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Local-hearing-impaired-boy-and-team-win-Wood-County-Basketball-championship-474789963.html, Posted: Wednesday, 11:38 p.m., February 21, 2018 | Updated: Thursday, 10:20 a.m., February 22, 2018

PARKERSBURG — A perfect season on the line, a championship game and a 6th grade basketball player unlike any other. Javien Tibbs is a starting forward for Blennerhassett Middle School, but he's also hearing impaired.

His coach, Holmes Marty, says "He can communicate I mean he is one of our five starters and he does the little things on the court that you can't measure in statistics. You know he's a great ball handler, he gets down the court, he gets a ton of assists, steals, he's just everywhere, does a wonderful job. The whole team just runs so well together and he's a huge part of that."

The Blennerhassett 6th grade boys basketball team played in the Wood County Middle School Championship game Wednesday against their rival Edison. The Bobcats had an undefeated 15-0 regular season, with one game left to win.

"Win or lose it's an amazing group and I'm so blessed to be able to work with all of them," says Marty.

Javien succeeds on the team with help from his interpreter turned coach. Debbie Parsons signs to Javien what his coaches and teammates are saying on the court. "She's actually taught the team how to sign some things so we can communicate better with Javien on the court."

Parsons has been with Javien since he was three, and started to help coach him in basketball since third grade.

"We actually had a student the second day of school pass away. Her name was Harley Becker, she unfortunately passed away in a drowning accident. She was one of my former students at Blennerhassett and we named two plays after her, Harley and Becker, for her first and last name so Debbie taught the whole group how to sign H for Harley and B for Becker so we can run those plays and Javien knows what's





going on so he doesn't have to look at the bench all the time."

Javien says he loves to play with the rest of the Bobcat boys, especially his brother Tay, who is also part of the team.

In the loud atmosphere of a championship game, things don't sound the same to Javien. But it doesn't make it any less exciting.

"He always has the biggest smile it's so infectious, he's just an amazing kid to be around."

The Bobcats took a big lead in the first half of the game and then it was down to the wire in the final minutes. But in the end, Javien and his teammates were champions.

The Blennerhassett Bobcats were also regular season champions, going 16-0. Javien was named to the 2018 middle school all county team, along with two of his Blennerhassett teammates.

# Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) and Live Interpreting Services in Medical Settings

As technology and services are consistently evolving, it is critical to engage the deaf or hard of hearing community when adopting new technology and services to ensure that it is aligned with their goals.

Medical providers planning to implement VRI services should consult with deaf and hard of hearing individuals in their community. Additionally, medical providers should conduct regular outreach and education programs to introduce the system to the community. These education programs should include the medical provider's policy and procedures on providing and using VRI services and the provision of on-site interpreters; how deaf and hard of hearing individuals should notify medical provider staff when VRI services do not result in effective communication; which staff position (staffed 24/7) is responsible for conducting and reviewing communication assessments and the provision of auxiliary aids and services, including VRI services; and how to file complaints and use the grievance system when necessary. Medical providers should make their VRI policies available on their websites and patient handbooks.

VRI is a technological tool that may be used by medical providers to ensure immediate communication access with deaf and hard of hearing individuals who communicate in sign language. It is the position of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) that the use of on-site qualified sign language interpreters should always be the first approach with deaf and hard of hearing patients and companions who use sign language. When VRI is used in the absence of any available on-site interpreter, it must be used properly in terms of policy, procedure, and technology. Failure to conform to these standards is not only a failure to ensure effective communication under federal law but also creates unnecessary risks to the medical welfare and health care of deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

For more information, please see this link: https://www.nad.org/about-us/position-statements/minimum-standards-for-video-remote-interpreting-services-in-medical-settings/.

Print this card (below) and take this with you whenever you have a doctor appointment or if you go to a hospital. If they want you to use VRI and it isn't a good fit for you, print or download this card from NAD website (https://www.nad.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2018\_VRI\_card.pdf) and tell them one or two (two is better) of the reasons listed. This is your right to have a live interpreter. Make sure you put the request in writing and give it to the head nurse with instructions to relay the message to the Language Services Department and their Legal Department. You have to ask and demand to get the services you need!

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- 1) I cannot see the VRI screen.
- 2) The VRI screen is too small; I cannot understand the interpreter.
- 3) The VRI machine keeps freezing and/or is blurry; I cannot understand the interpreter.
- 4) The VRI interpreter cannot hear you and therefore cannot interpret.
- 5) The VRI machine has disconnected too many times. It is not reliable.
- 6) I cannot see both the VRI and what is going on in here.
- 7) The personnel here do not know how to set up the VRI machine.

Per federal regulations, VRI does not provide effective communication unless it meets all of the following criteria:

- 1) Real-time, full-motion video/audio over high-speed, wide-bandwidth video/wireless connection that delivers high quality video that does not produce lags, blurry or grainy images, or pauses in communication.
- 2) A sharply delineated image large enough to display interpreter's face, arms, hands, and fingers, and participating individual's face, arms, hands, and fingers, regardless of body position.
- 3) A clear, audible transmission of voices.
- 4) Adequate training to users of technology so that they may quickly and efficiently set up and operate the VRI.

According to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), VRI is not appropriate for the following types of patients:

- \* Patients who cannot see or cannot be seen by the VRI due to mobility restrictions.;
- \* Patients who are heavily medicated, intoxicated, or in a lot of pain;
- \* Patients who are highly emotional or present with violent tendencies;
- \* Patients with cognitive limitations;
- \* Patients with a secondary disability (e.g., low vision);
- \* Patients who are in critical or serious condition;
- \* Children.

According to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), VRI is not appropriate for the following types of situations:

- \* Highly sensitive communications (e.g., diagnosis or discussion of a serious illness);
- \* Initial meetings with a specialist;
- \* Informed consent for tests and procedures;
- \* Eye exams;
- \* Mental health settings;
- \* Some occupational and physical therapy sessions;
- \* Patient transport;
- \* Conversations with multiple speakers;
- \* Fast-paced interactions;
- \* If the VRI cannot be seen easily due to space restrictions.



www.nad.org/VRI-card

### Tips for More Effective Advocacy (https://www.nad.org/about-us/law-advocacy-center/advocacy-tips/)

As a deaf or hard of hearing person, it is likely that you will find yourself faced with a situation where it is necessary for you to advocate on your own behalf. Individuals with disabilities, including deaf or hard of hearing individuals, are frequently subject to injustice. Therefore, deaf and hard of hearing people must learn to be effective self-advocates. Why is selfadvocacy important when laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 were passed precisely to safeguard the rights of people with disabilities? Not everyone obeys the law! A deaf or hard of hearing person may be turned down when requesting a qualified sign language interpreter, CART services, or an assistive listening system from a college, a doctor's office, or an employer. It is important to be familiar with your rights under disability laws so you can explain the law, get help when necessary, and get the services you need.

### **Request Specific Accommodations**

Be specific about the type of accommodation you need. Don't just ask for "communication." Explain that you need a qualified interpreter, specify the type of interpreter, and provide information on where to find interpreter services. If you need to use a telephone on the job, be prepared to explain whether you need an amplified phone, a TTY, a pager, or some other telecommunication device. The ADA does not give you the right to choose any interpreter or equipment you prefer, but, if you are specific about the type of service you need, you are more likely to get it.

Make your request for reasonable accommodation as early as possible. It often takes time to find a qualified interpreter, or other auxiliary aids or services.

If you have problems obtaining an accommodation, get as much information as you can in writing. This documentation or proof can be very helpful if you have to file a complaint later. Keep a simple record of the people you talked to, what occurred, and when it happened.

### **Know Your Rights**

A successful self-advocate is informed – take the time to learn your

rights. The Internet is a valuable source of information. The websites of government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Justice, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the U.S. Department of Education provide a wealth of information on the legal rights of individuals with disabilities. Many states have one or more disability law centers that may be able to provide you with information.

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) website at www.nad.org has information on civil rights laws, such as the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and more. You may also contact the NAD Law and Advocacy Center to inquire about particular legal rights.

Be aware that different laws apply to similar situations. For example, if you have an employment problem, the law may be different if you work for a company with less than 15 employees, if you work for the federal government, or if you work for a state or local government.

### **Educate Others**

Do not assume that the place you are dealing with is familiar with its legal obligations or with people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Sometimes discrimination is a result of sheer ignorance. Provide the place with information about its legal obligations. The NAD Law and Advocacy Center has many educational and informative legal documents that can help you explain why you need an accommodation.

#### Know Who You Are Dealing With

Know the nature of the place you are dealing with. For instance, is the place a successful business, a business near bankruptcy, a federally funded agency, or a religious organization? The obligation to provide reasonable accommodation varies based on the nature of the place. Sometimes a place designates a particular person or office to consider requests for reasonable accommodations. Identify this office, so you do not waste time arguing with someone who does not have the authority to provide an accommodation. The person in authority will likely be familiar with the legal requirements, potential

accommodations, and available resources for you. If reasonable accommodations are denied, advance to the next level of authority.

#### **Follow Proper Procedures**

Follow any established procedures for requesting reasonable accommodation or disputing the denial of reasonable accommodation.

### Be Tactful

The best self-advocates are courteous and tactful. Tact involves choosing your battles wisely, educating, and persuading. Be consistent and confident when self-advocating.

### **Compromise**

Compromise requires flexibility. Be willing to consider other forms of accommodations if your particular request cannot be granted.

Compromise does not mean you should settle for less than you deserve. You should not accept accommodations that do not work for you. When you have done everything that is within your power, and there is nothing more you can do to obtain your rights to reasonable accommodation, it may be time to file a complaint or see a lawyer!

#### NAD Law and Advocacy Center

The NAD Law and Advocacy Center educates, advocates, and litigates on behalf of and to empower deaf and hard of hearing people.

#### **Information**

NAD is a clearinghouse for general legal information about deaf-related issues. This information is available to deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their families, and friends; to organizations serving deaf and hard of hearing people; and to employers, government agencies, service providers, and businesses. They provide information online at www.nad.org and respond to hundreds of e-mails and calls every month for information, advocacy support, legal advice, representation, and referral.

For more information on law and advocacy, please visit NAD's website: https://www.nad.org/about-us/law-advocacy-center/.





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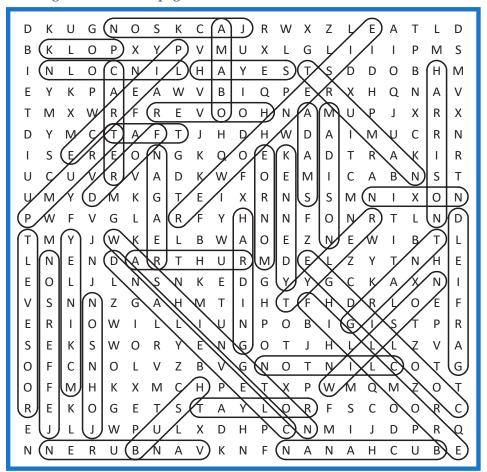
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### (Forming Bonds... from page 1)

Panelists included John Burdette, President of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf; Sarah Mathis, Community Education and Resource Development Specialist at Disability Rights; and Earnest Covington, Executive Director for the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Attendees agreed transportation is one of the most pressing issues the deaf community faces.

"Getting to doctor's appointments can be difficult, especially at night and in small towns," Burdette said.

Another issue is the ability to communicate with law enforcement. Currently, there are visor cards that are being used to help law enforcement to communicate with deaf people. An officer only needs to point to a picture and they can learn if the deaf person uses ASL, reads lips, or needs to write to communicate.

"In West Virginia, law enforcement are willing to work with us and we are willing to work with them, but visor cards don't work well in a crisis situation," Covington said. "Our goal is to train officers in ASL and disability."

Hospitals are another area where deaf people are having problems, because most don't have interpreters and rely on video remote interpreting, according to attendees.

"I went to the hospital for pain and the staff wanted me to communicate by writing," Noelle Beeghly, an event attendee said. "They wouldn't even use the video remote interpreting.

It costs hospitals more to pay for an interpreter as needed instead of having them as staff members, according to Covington.

"It's hard to get services for the deafblind," Noble Powers, a 92-year-old man that has been deaf and blind for over 20 years, said. "There's a lot of equipment for the deaf, but not for the deaf-blind."

Lisa Marion said she adopted a deaf child and is learning sign language and getting information because of EPDA.

After the town hall, attendees could visit the 22 booths of vendors and exhibitors for more information.

The vendors included Gallaudet, a university for the deaf; the Deaf Quilters Association; Deaf Pagers; Friends Interpreting Services; and many others.

#### PHILLY CHEESESTEAK STUFFED SHELLS

(Yield: 6 Servings; Prep: 15 minutes; Cook: 25 minutes; Total Time: 40 minutes) (https://dinnerthendessert.com/philly-cheesesteak-stuffed-shells/)

 pound lean ground beef
 small yellow onion, diced
 Tablespoons ketchup
 teaspoon Kosher salt
 ounces cheddar cheese, cut into small cubes (divided)
 Tablespoon cornstarch

2 Tablespoons butter 1 small green bell pepper, diced 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper 24 jumbo pasta shells, cooked 1 cup milk (whole) 1 cup beef broth



- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 °F.
- 2. Add ground beef to a large cast iron skillet (this browns very well) and brown until a deep brown crust appears before breaking the beef apart.
- 3. Stir the ground beef and brown until a deep crust appears on about 50 or so percent of the beef.
- 4. Remove the beef (you can leave the fat) and add the butter, onions, and bell peppers.
- 5. Let brown for 1 to 2 minutes before stirring, then let brown for another 1 to 2 minutes before stirring again.
- 6. Add the beef back into the pan.
- 7. Add the ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and black pepper into the pan and stir.
- 8. Take it off the heat and scoop it into the pasta shells.
- 9. Top each shell with cubes of cheese (use half the cheese for this).
- 10. Using the same pan, add the beef broth, milk, and cornstarch and whisk before turning the heat back on.
- 11. Add in the rest of the cheddar cheese a little at a time while whisking for 3 to 5 minutes or until thickened.
- 12. Pour about half the sauce around the shells.
- 13. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes to melt the cheese.
- 14. Serve with the remaining sauce.



#### WATERMELON FRUIT BOWL

(Yield: 16 Servings – 3/4 cup each; Prep Time: 15 minutes; Total Time: 4 hours and 45 minutes) (http://www.kraftrecipes.com/recipes/watermelon-fruit-bowl-50990.aspx)

1 quart (4 cups) boiling water 1 quart (4 cups) cold water 4 cups assorted summer fruits (watermelon balls, honeydew balls, banana slices, strawberry slices, pineapple or any fruit you may prefer)

2 packages (0.6 oz each) JELL-O Sugar-Free Gelatin, any flavor Watermelon Bowl



### Watermelon Bowl

Select a large round watermelon (12 to 14 pounds). Cut off thin slice from bottom of watermelon, then cut off top 1/3 of watermelon. If desired, use sharp knife to scallop edge of larger watermelon piece. Scoop out fruit from both pieces with melon baller. Invert watermelon shell onto paper towels; let stand to drain excess juices before filling with fruited gelatin. Mix desired amount of watermelon with other fruits before adding to gelatin as directed. Reserve remaining watermelon for snacking or another use.

- 1. Add boiling water to gelatin mixes in large bowl; stir for 3 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water.
- 2. Refrigerate 1-1/2 hours or until thickened.
- 3. Add fruit; stir. Pour into Watermelon Bowl. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.

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