



## Welcome to Charity Reedy Hines, Executive Director



Charity Reedy Hines started working as the Executive Director of West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on October 1, 1999. Before starting the job, she lived in Glenville, Maryland and is married to Danny Hines, who is a native of Galesville. They have two children, Amberlin who is soon to be five years, and Reedy, who turned two in December. Amberlin is profoundly deaf and Reedy is unilaterally (one ear) deaf.

Charity was born and raised near Harrisonburg, Virginia and graduated in 1983 from Broadway High School which is located fifteen miles from West Virginia and Virginia borderline. Her educational background included instruction in the self-contained classroom, the residential school

and the mainstream program. She attended nine different schools before she graduated from high school but never moved from her childhood home in Singers Glen, Virginia.

Charity graduated from Gallaudet University in 1989 with a BA in Psychology and received a MA in Family Centered Early Childhood Education (formerly known as Parent-Infant Deaf Education) in 1997. She completed one year of doctoral studies at Gallaudet in Deaf Education, as well.

The Executive Director position was advertised in the Deaf Digest in the early part of 1999. This is where Charity first learned about the position. As the application and interview process progressed, Charity and Danny explored possi-

bilities the area by visiting the Commission, the city of Charleston, schools for their children, etc. When the job was offered in July of 1999, Charity accepted the position without hesitation. West Virginia reminds Charity a lot of her upbringing and she feels at home.

In order to achieve maximum participation and productivity in the West Virginia Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, Charity has many short term and on-going goals. They range from establishing one and five-year strategic plans for the Commission; establishing interagency collaboration; maintaining a census/register of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind population; conducting Town Hall meetings throughout the state and having a Task Force formed to study programs and service delivery. The reports from the Town Hall meetings and Task Force will enable the Commission to give supporting documentation to the legislators for certain bills needed by the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind community and the funding for those needs. The Task Force report will provide a strategic and long-range plan to provide and ensure accommodations for all. Right now, the Commission is in the planning stage for the year of 2000.

If you are interested in learning more about the Commission and its plans, you may find the Commission's homepage at [www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/default.htm](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/default.htm). If you have any question, please contact Charity Reedy Hines at (304) 558-2175 (V/TTY).

## Town Hall Meetings

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will host the Town Hall meetings. The Town Hall meetings are designed to meet with and survey the needs of:

- 1) Deaf, DeafBlind, Oral, Cued Speech Users, and Late-Deafened persons;
- 2) Professionals working with these populations (Teachers, Educational Interpreters, Audiologists, Speech Pathologists, etc.);
- 3) Family members of Deaf Individuals.

Please come and share your concerns regarding programs and services needed in order to live independently or to provide independence for others. After the Town Hall meetings, the information will be gathered and discussed with the Governor and Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources. Your input is very important, so please plan to attend. Charity Reedy Hines, Executive Director, would like to meet you at one of the meetings.

Friday, March 3 at Fairmont  
Saturday, March 4 at Wheeling  
Monday, March 7 at Romney  
Tuesday, March 8 at Martinsburg  
Saturday, March 18 at Parkersburg  
Thursday, March 30 at Princeton  
Friday, March 31 at Lewisburg  
Saturday, April 1 at Beckley  
Saturday, April 8 at Huntington  
Saturday, May 6 at Charleston

For any information, please e-mail [Creedy@wvdhhr.org](mailto:Creedy@wvdhhr.org) or call at (304) 558-2175 (V/TTY). If you have access to the internet, please check out the homepage address: [www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/default.htm](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/default.htm) for Town Hall information and updates.

**The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.**  
-- Helen Keller



## Birth Announcement

Gabrielle Irene Truman was born on November 16, 1999 to proud parents, Gary and Dori Truman of Craigsville, WV. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 ounces at birth. She has two older brothers, Joshua Okey, 2 years old, and Roderick Leroy, 8 years old. The parents were the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind graduates in Staunton, VA. Gary has worked for Columbia Forest Products Craigsville for 4 years.

Congratulations!

## Suber's 28 not enough for WVSD against Delaware

Sophomore Danielle Surber put up a career high 28 points to lead the visiting West Virginia School for the Deaf in a 39-36 loss to the Delaware School for the Deaf Wednesday evening, January 21, 2000.

Surber also finished with 20 rebounds for a double-double and also grabbed two steals and gave out two assists. Stephanie Smallwood followed Surber with six points while Holly Romanello had two. Sylvia Atkins brought down seven rebounds for the WVSD Lady Lions.

Delaware Deaf was led by Melinda McDowell's 17 points. Miranda Donnelly added 13 points and Kelly Boyd ended the game with four points.

West Virginia Deaf (3-5) was scheduled to play the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on Thursday but the game was postponed due to the weather. The Lady Lions played the Flintstone jayvee team Friday, January 21, 2000.

*-From Cumberland Times-News*

## All American Reading Challenge

Our school is participating in the McDonald's All American Reading Challenge sponsored by McDonald's and Scholastic, Inc. When a student completes a book, he or she gives a brief explanation to the librarian. All books read by the student are recorded in a book log. When ten books have been completed, the student is given a coupon signed by the librarian. With it, the student can get a free All American Meal which includes a hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, and a small soft drink at McDonald's.

*-From Lions' Tale*

## Warm Vacations in South

Norma Browning and John Favre, of Craigsville, WV spent almost a month in south for the long holidays last winter. They visited her son, Dennis, and John's siblings near Biloxi, MS. They also visited many old deaf friends, who moved to Florida from Rhode Island, where Norma and John used to live for years before their retirements and moving to Craigsville. They met many deaf friends, formerly of West Virginia in Florida.

They enjoyed the long and warm vacation so much that one of them may think about moving south one day.

Patricia (Collins) and Charles Wolford, of Pleasant Plains, IL, paid their first visit to Florida in their lives last January. They stayed with Delores and Roy Pyles in Port Richey, FL, so they all went to West Palm Beach, FL for the Florida Deaf Bowlers Association's 20th Anniversary Tournament during the weekend of January 20-23. They met many old friends, who they had not seen for years.

When the Wolfords returned to Illinois, they had to shiver again up in the north.

## Thanks from Marty Blakely

Written By Janet Blakely

Mr. Marty Blakely of Romney, WV, would like to thank the many deaf alumni and friends of the West Virginia School for the Deaf for the donations of exactly \$223.14, which had been collected at the West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association (WVDAA) Homecoming Ballroom last October 2nd. The money collected from them is kept in the WVDAA Account Fund.

Mr. Blakely, Director of Student Life at Seaton Hall, has worked hard to improve the quality of secondary residential education programs for all students. The students have to improve on their daily behaviors toward others, and more in order to deserve the award: "Student of the Month." Mr. Blakely always appreciates his Seaton Hall Staff for their untiring efforts and support.

We present two recipients framed pictures which are hung up on the main wall in a lobby till end of the residential schools year. They can take the pictures home with them. They also get two T-shirts with WVSD emblem printed on them, and a dinner at the restaurant of their choice with the June donations of money permits.

The staff loves to watch the glowing faces of the students who receive awards as the students in the assembly wave their hands. They deserve more than that.

I would like to share Mr. Blakely's comments with you all. He commented that WVSD is people. It takes its personality from what they do for, with each other for the best interests of students. For example: Be nice to one more person. Do one more activity. Say hello to someone you don't know. Pay someone a compliment. Say thanks to someone who did something for you. Learn something new in activities everyday. Show respect for yourself and for others. WVSD will always be a part of a

student's life when they leave here. Take pride in it now. Help make it a better place, day by day, through the better ways students do things, the better way they act. Mr. Blakely strongly believes that WVSD should be a community where people like the wonderful alumni, and other caring friends offer strength and support to each other. It should be a community that offers personal growth to everyone, it shall be a good place to learn, to become, to work, to be. This is all about that.

Mr. Blakely wants to thank you all again for the untiring support you all have showed us this year.

## Moving to Florida

Barbara (Stollings) and Larry Adkins sold their beautiful house in Falling Waters, WV, last fall where Dorothy (Angalich) and William Herrold were their neighbors, and moved to Fort Meyers, FL in the vicinity near their son. They are believed to be enjoying their new residence in Florida.

We wonder if the Herrolds still miss their old neighbors.

## KKK in Houston, Texas

Karen Kay Kingrey has been with the Task Force in Houston, Texas for two years. She loves the nice, warm climate there during the wintertime.

Karen grew up in Sissonville, WV, graduated from the WV School for the Deaf, and worked for the WV Department of Motor Vehicles for years before moving to Rochester, NY and Houston, TX.

She says "HELLO" to everyone.

## Wedding Anniversary

Janis (Hill) and Ronald Williams of St. Albans, WV, will be celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 9th. They are the proud great grandparents of three little darlings.

We wish them good luck in

staying together for five more years till their 50th Anniversary.

## Obituaries

### F. Jack Reed

F. Jack Reed, 66, of Berthoud, (formerly of Clendenin, WV) died Dec. 9, 1999, in Berthoud after a short illness.

He was born December 20, 1932 in Clendenin, WV, son of the late Tharal Dewey and Lora Harqua Reed.

He was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1952.

He worked in the Wood Shop of the Samsonite Luggage Company in Denver, Colo., for 7 years. He was a mechanic for Shupe Brother's Trucking. He worked 17 years with Building Maintenance and was a mechanic for Monfort of Colorado in Greeley, Colo. He also worked at the Wayside Inn in Berthoud.

Surviving: wife, Sharon Reed of Berthoud, Colo.; daughters, Cindy Cook of Johnstown, Colo., and Connie Reed Fitzgerald of Austin, Texas; brothers, Willis Reed of Florida, David Reed of Denver; sisters, Dorothy Robinson and Elizabeth Funfstuck, both of Charleston; three grandchildren.

The service was held Buckhorn Presbyterian Church, Masonville, Colorado. The burial was in Rest Haven Memory Gardens, Loveland, Colorado. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Fort Collins Hospice or American Cancer Society.

### Robert E. House, Sr.

Robert E. House, Sr., 81, passed away December 12, 1999 after an extended illness.

Mr. House was born in Henry, WV on February 8, 1918, to Katherine and Edward House. He retired from Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., with 37 years of

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service and was vice president and secretary of the Akron Club of the Deaf.

He graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

He is survived by his loving wife, Violet of 50 years; daughter and son-in-law, Kathi and Jim Vargo of Barberton, Ohio; son, Robert Jr. of Clinton, Ohio and his friend Sue Hobbins of Columbus, Ohio. A special thanks to Dr. Robert Scarcella, Ohio, Dr. Michael Hughes and the Norton EMS.

Friends called 6 to 9 December 14, 1999, at the Bacher Funeral Home, Norton, Ohio, where the service was at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Rev. Bill Lee officiating. Interment was at East Liberty Cemetery.

### **Christopher R. Haynes**

Christopher R. Haynes, 41, of Chelyan died Dec. 27, 1999, in General Division, CAMC, after an apparent heart attack at home.

He was a mail handler for the Postal Service at Southbridge Centre.

Surviving: wife, Lisa Carol Todd Haynes; son, Junior Hansel at home; two daughters, Felichia Louise Haynes and Christina Mae Haynes, both at home; mother, Sylvia Haynes Kirk of Chelyan; sisters, Hester Tate of Sissonville, Sylvia Haynes James of Charleston; brothers, Timothy and Thomas Kirk, both of Chelyan.

Service was 2 p.m. Thursday at Leonard Johnson Funeral Home, Marmet, with the Rev. Tim Oakes and the Rev. Henry Oakes officiating.

Burial was in the Marmet Cemetery.

### **Jeanette P. Weiner**

Jeanette P. Weiner, 75, died Jan. 4, 2000.

She was born Nov. 21, 1924 in Charleston, WV.

She attended the West Virginia

School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, and married her high school sweetheart, Paul Weiner.

She worked at the Detroit News until retiring and leaving for Florida to live. She then returned to Michigan to live again and was a member of several Senior Citizen Deaf Clubs of the Metropolitan area, DAD, MDSCC, Waterford Senior Citizens and the Frat.

She was also a member of the Apostolic Faith Church that she enjoyed attending. She is survived by her children: Paulette Forth, Keith D. Weiner, Dianne Territo, Gary Weiner and Rebecca Fenech; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; four brothers: Kenneth Davis, Alan Davis, Jerry Davis, and Jimmy Davis.

Services began at 9:30 a.m. at the Pawlus Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville and continued to Apostolic Faith Church, 6400 Textile, Ypsilanti. Interment was at the White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Mich.

*Editor's Note:* Her husband, Paul Weiner, was a deaf brother of Charles Weiner, who had been the WVAD President for almost 25 years before he committed suicide many years ago.

She was a member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

### **Herman E. Shawver**

Herman Elmer Shawver, 65, of Fort Ashby, formerly of Corliss, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Born Nov. 17, 1934, in Corliss, he was the son of the late Oscar C. and Alma (Stover) Shawver.

Mr. Shawver attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney for 12 years. After graduating, he became a houseparent for the school and retired with 40 years of service. He was Methodist by faith.

Surviving are four brothers, Howard Raymond Shawver and Clyde Harold Shawver; both of Beckley; Herbert Harrison

Shawver, Cabin Creek; and Henry Lee Shawver, Bradenton, Fla.; three nieces; and one nephew.

Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home Inc., Route 28, Fort Ashby, on Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. His body was then taken to the Melton Funeral Home, Beckley, where friends were received on Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.

A graveside service was conducted at the Shawver Family Cemetery, Corliss on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

*Editor's Note:* Herman was a member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

We will miss him so much.

I got this message from Ray and Thelma Shawver (Herman's brother and sister-in-law): "To the deaf people; the families of Herman Shawver appreciate your thoughtfulness, friendship, and the love you had for our deaf brother, Herman. We know he was well loved by all of you. Sincerely, The Shawver Families."

### **Ruby Cavendar**

Ruby Rose Cavendar, 38, of Chloe, WV, formerly of Big Chimney, died Jan. 19, 2000, in Memorial Division, CAMC, after a long illness.

She was a former sign language interpreter for the Appalachian Center for Independent Living and a former employee of the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center and Kanawha County schools. She was a member of the Singing Hands and founder of the Talking Hands Fun Club.

Surviving: husband, David L. Cavendar, daughters, Shannon and Ann Cavendar, both at home; sister, Linda S. Rowh of Dublin, VA several nieces and nephews.

Service was 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at Elk Funeral Home, Charleston, with the Rev. Stan Abshire officiating and with interpreter Sandra Snodgrass. Burial was in

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Cavendar Cemetery, Coopers Creek, Charleston. Friends called two hours prior to service at the funeral home.

*Editor's Note:* Ruby was the second child and daughter of the late Nancy (Boice) and William Kabulski, who both had attended West Virginia School for the Deaf many years ago. Ruby was the certified interpreter for the deaf in West Virginia.

We will miss her very much. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.

### **Edward Eugene Czernicki**

Edward Eugene Czernicki, 73, of Romney, WV, died Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at the Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC.

Born December 30, 1926, in Thorp, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late Joseph and Clara (Hodorowski) Czernicki.

He was an Eagle Scout and a graduate of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan. In 1955 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Gallaudet University, Washington, DC. While at Gallaudet, he wrestled and played football for the Bisons. He completed additional course work at the University of Tennessee, Catholic University of America, Shepherd College, Marshall University, and West Virginia University.

Mr. Czernicki taught deaf students for a total of 43 years--at the Montana School for the Deaf in Great Falls, the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville, and most recently, the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, where he taught driver education for 29 years.

He attended Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Romney. He was an active member of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf, the Cumberland (MD) Association of the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf, the WV

Drivers Education Association, and the Hampshire County Retired School Employees. He served a term on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing in Charleston, WV.

He enjoyed walking his Boxer Molly, reading, and traveling as well as attending WVAD, CAD, NAD and other Deaf Community events. He had a great sense of humor and boundless energy and enthusiasm. He was much loved and will be sorely missed.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Norma (McCarty) Czernicki; two daughters, Marla Kay Garlic and husband, John of Weslaco, Texas and Paula Ann Czernicki of Many Farms, Arizona; two grandchildren, Dinitri and Kyrie Garlic; one brother, Joseph Czernicki, Franksville, Wisconsin; and three sisters, Marie Tranel of Galena, Illinois; Alice Laski of Phillips, Wisconsin; and Irene Gryskiewicz of Merrill, Wisconsin.

As Mr. Czernicki requested, his body was bequeathed through the Human Gift Registry to the West Virginia University Medical School for research. A memorial service will be held at the Our Lady of Grace Church in June so that out-of-town friends and relatives will be able to attend.

The family suggests that contributions in his memory be made to the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, School Street, Romney, WV 26757.

### **Brinley Conner Forman**

Brinley Conner Forman, 72, of New Hill Community, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 22, 1927, in Monongalia County, son of the late Roy Conner and Mable Thomas Forman.

He was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf and a member of the Morgantown Deaf Club. He retired from Sterling

Faucet in 1990 after 35 years. He was a member of the State Line Hunting Club.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joan Brooks Forman; two sons and spouses, Roy and Paula Forman, of Cheat Lake; Byron and Candy Forman, of New Hill; five grandchildren, Chad, Nicky, Ashley, Joey and Shara; a brother, Jack Forman, of Bradenton, Fla.; and two sisters, Sandra Curry, of Springtown, Texas, and Bobbie Etta Mercer, of Morgantown.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Forman.

Friends called at Hastings Funeral Home from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Services was at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, with the Rev. Ray Frankhouser officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, Pisgah.

### **James "Tiger" Morton**

Mr. James "Tiger" Morton, 61, died Dec. 27, 1999, in Memorial Division, CAMC.

Mr. Morton was a legislative liaison and ombudsman for the state Department of Health and Human Resources and a recipient of the Distinguished West Virginia Award.

His office within the human resources department was frequently regarded as the "court of last resort" because of Morton's ability to use his personal and political networks to reach out to people in need.

Mr. Morton, who was hearing, had always been interested in working with the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as an ex-officio from the first day of the commission's birth in 1989, because he once said he knew Clifford Bruffey, the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Gallaudet University graduate, since their childhood days. They grew up as neighbors and childhood friends. Mr. Morton used to say that he had a great respect for Clifford, who was a well known

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deaf preacher in the Washington,  
DC area, retired a couple of years  
ago, and moved to Tennessee to be

near one of his daughters.

Mr. Morton will be missed very  
much by many deaf and hearing  
friends.

**All things grow with  
time - except grief.  
-- Jewish Proverb**

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