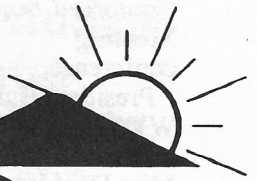




# WVAD Newsletter



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## West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting on November 4, 2000

The West Virginia Association of the Deaf board meeting was held on November 4, 2000 at Ramada Inn at 11:10 a.m. in Wheeling, WV.

Present were: President, John Burdette, Vice-president, Jimmy Harrison, Treasurer, Liz Leisure; Secretary, Terry Ford; Trustees, Clyde Swartz, Joey Major and Ray Matos. Also in attendance were Ken Hartzell, Richard Mackey, Katherine Swartz, Veronda Harrison, and Tom Morris.

Ray Matos sent President John Burdette some information about Ramada Inn. Some board members are very concerned about the high expenses.

President Burdette asked the board, which would be better Ramada Inn or Holiday Inn Express. The board think Holiday Inn Express will be cheaper and better.

Ray Matos suggested that we drop Ramada Inn and use Holiday Inn Express. President Burdette said Ray Matos gave him information that WVAD can get a refund of \$200.00 one month before the conference. We voted for the Holiday Inn Express. Passed. It will be same date June 14, 15, and 16, 2001.

**Foods:** Buffet from Undo. President Burdette asked Ray Matos to find out how much it would cost for the meeting room. The hotel rooms rate cost \$55.00 for all singles and double.

Ray Matos will check on cost of renting equipment such as a projec-

tor.

President Burdette asked Ray Matos to check about exhibit equipment.

Jimmy Harrison suggested hiring two or three interpreters. WVAD will pay for meals, travels, and lodging for the interpreters.

President Burdette asked Ken Hartzell if he will be a chairperson to have a committee to help and work together as a team with him. WVAD will select members to train the Wheeling Association of the Deaf Conference Committee members on Thursday night how to do things during the conference.

WVAD will contact Kara Russell, Lisa Winters, Trudy Ford, Erika Davis, and Steve Leland interpreters to see if they would be willing to interpret for the WVAD Conference.

President Burdette asked Jimmy Harrison to contact people who make crafts to invite them to have exhibits.

President Burdette suggested that the chairperson and committees to take pictures of the Mayor and ask him to write a short letter for the program. Chairperson to take pictures and writing, also committees to take pictures, too.

President Burdette will contact the Governor before April 15, 2001.

Jimmy Harrison suggested that Ray Matos and the committees take care of giving small souvenirs and WVAD will provide something to keep memory of

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## Statewide Interpreting Training

### Collaborating for Successful Interpreting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Interpreting Training will take place at the following locations and dates. If interested in participating, please contact Jim Smiley, RESA VII, Special Education Director at (800) 427-3600 or e-mail: JSmiley@access.k12.wv.us. These workshops are brought to you by the following: Gallaudet University's Regional Interpreting Grant, West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, RESA VII, West Virginia Department of Education, West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, and Fairmont State College Interpreting Program.

Interpreting Training Dates and Locations:

April 7, 2001 -

Fairmont State College

June 15-17, 2001 -

WV Association of the Deaf

Biennial Conference in Wheeling

August 14-16, 2001 - TBA

*A spring day  
feeds the  
whole year.*

-- Russian Proverb

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### **Meeting**

conference.

President Burdette suggested that WVAD try to invite specialists.

President Burdette suggested that Miss Deaf Pageant be on Saturday night.

Committee's adjourned at 2:00 p.m., then resumed at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from the July 23, 2000 WVAD board meeting were read and were approved.

### **President's Report:**

1. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from Liz Leisure that she sent to Reverend and Mrs. Jim Norton and Trevor that WVAD was pleased to acknowledge the donation in memory of Alma Norton.

2. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association about the program book to provide for the advertisements.

3. President Burdette reported that he received a letter from President Ruby Losh about West Virginia Deaf Alumni Association Newsletter advertisements in January 2001.

4. President Burdette informed that Ray William from Georgia to be State Association Chairperson (SAC).

5. President Burdette contacted Jr. NAD sponsor at West Virginia School for the Deaf to ask if any deaf person wanted to attend the October 31 through November 5, 2000 Junior NAD Conference, but got no response.

6. President Burdette suggested that WVAD would invite Vickie Williams to have Deaf-Blind workshop about Helen Keller Institute.

7. President Burdette said about the brochure has been update and printed. It is now ready for distribution.

### **Vice-President's Report**

Jimmy Harrison reported the membership drive.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Liz Leisure reported WVAD

Financial Report from July 1, 2000 to October 31, 2000.

2. Liz Leisure reported that she wrote a letter to West Virginia Advocates, Inc., about all the rest areas in the State of West Virginia needed to have TDD pay phones installed to make communication accessible to the deaf and hard-of-hearing motorists.

3. Liz Leisure reported that about 501 (C) (3) of the WVAD By-laws needs to be updated by adding what we will do with the remaining assets after all the bills are paid in case the association is dissolved. There is no mention of that in the By-laws and it should be added. Liz found someone who could look over the application for her before she sends it to the IRS to make sure it is complete and accurate. The person said that we do not need to hire a lawyer or a certified public accountant to do the work.

### **Secretary's Report**

Terry Ford reported that she received a letter from Fairmont Association of the Deaf. They wrote a letter to Charity Reedy Hines complaining about problems with the Relay Services.

### **New Business**

1. Jimmy Harrison (Major) moved that WVAD pays for a full-page advertisement in WVDDBA program book to advertise the upcoming WVAD Conference. Passed.

2. Liz Leisure (Swartz) moved that WVAD buy a postage scale for the editor. Passed.

3. Jimmy Harrison (Major) moved that WVAD discuss the conference registration fee raised. Passed.

4. Liz Leisure (Swartz) moved that WVAD invite Vickie Williams and Cynthia Ingham to give a workshop, including a booth on Ushers Syndrome and the Helen Keller Institute. Passed.

5. Liz Leisure (Harrison) moved that WVAD give one fourth of the money to each West Virginia School for the Deaf, National Association of the Deaf, Gallaudet University and West Virginia

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing if WVAD should dissolve. Passed.

6. Jimmy Harrison (Swartz) moved that WVAD relocate the conference from Ramada Inn City Center to Holiday Inn Express. Passed.

7. Clyde Swartz (Major) moved that WVAD would go the board meeting at Parkersburg on January 13, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. If bad weather, then postponed it until February. Passed.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

## **A New Virus**

A new virus has just been discovered that has been classified by Microsoft (www.microsoft.com) and by McAfee (www.mcafee.com) as the most destructive ever! This virus was discovered by McAfee and no vaccine has yet been developed. This virus simply destroys Sector Zero from the hard disk, where vital information for its functioning are stored.

This virus acts in the following manner:

It sends itself automatically to all contacts on your list with the title "A Virtual Card for You." As soon as the supposed virtual card is opened, the computer freezes so that the user has to reboot. When the ctrl+alt+del keys or the reset button are pressed, the virus destroys Sector Zero, thus permanently destroying the hard disk.

In just a few hours this virus caused panic in New York, according to news broadcast by CNN (<http://www.cnn.com>). This alert was received by an employee of Microsoft itself. So don't open any mails with subject "A Virtual Card for You." As soon as you get the mail, delete it.

Please pass on this mail to all your friends!

Also: Intel announced that a new and very destructive virus was

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### **Virus**

discovered recently. If you receive an e-mail called "An Internet Flower For You," do not open it. Delete it right away! This virus removes all dynamic link libraries (.dll files) from your computer. Your computer will not be able to boot up!!

-From Internet

## **WVSD places fifth**

Hosting the 69th annual ESDAA Boys' Basketball Tournament, the West Virginia School for the Deaf Lions fought their way to a fifth place finish on February 15-17, 2001.

The Lions posted a 1-1 record for the tournament, with their sole loss coming at the hands of the second place finisher, the Tigers of JHS 47 School in New York. However, the Lions were playing with only five team members in the loss, with one player out with the flu.

In the loss, WVSD was led by Marcus Leake, who racked up 27 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Freshman power forward Keith Richardson netted seven points to go with his team-high 11 pounds and two assists. Senior forward Daniel Cochran had six points and four rebounds to go with his team-high six assists and three steals. Paul Parent, Jr. added two pints and four rebounds. Brian Cross rounded out the Lion roster for the contest.

"It was disappointing to only have five players in the first game, but I'm happy that they played hard," remarked WVSD head coach Paul See. "On Thursday two of the boys weren't very experienced, but they played hard and played good defense. I'm proud of them," commented See.

With the loss, WVSD fell into the consolation bracket to play the Arrows of Austine, Vermont.

In that contest, WVSD came away with a 49-37 win.

Senior center Marcus Leake turned in team highs with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Daniel Cochran tossed in 14 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

Senior point guard Jason Wilson scored nine points, grabbed five rebounds and swiped five steals after coming back from an illness. Keith Richardson bucketed two points and hauled down seven rebounds while rejecting two shots. Brian Cross recorded six points and two rebounds while Parent tacked on two points and two rebounds.

"It was good to have the point guard back. Daniel was able to move back to forward to rebound for us," explained See.

Named to the All-Star first team were Marcus Leake; Joe Malone of Mill Neck; Governor Baxter's Brian Cloutier; Luis Quiles and Steven Erwin of JHS 47 and Gerald Griffin of Rome, New York.

The All-Star second team was comprised of Daniel Cochran of WVSD, Mill Neck's James Edwards and Joey Guha; Governor Baxter's Kyle Curtis and Chris Dyndiuk; Austine's Josh Johnson and Naquan Gabriel from Rome, New York.

As part of the weekend-long tournament, WVSD won the Team 21 competition, Governor Baxter took the Team Foul Shooting crown and Luis Quiles of JHS 47 was named as the individual knockout champ. Austine won the Team Sportsmanship Award.

In the cheerleading competition, Rome, New York won the team title with Governor Baxter finishing in second place.

And in the coaches' game, the WVSD staff defeated the ESDAA coaches.

- From Hampshire Review

Always imitate the behavior of winners when you lose.  
-- Anonymous

## **Trap Hill student demonstrates sign language to show how she communicates with deaf parents**

"Look at me when you're talking."

That phrase takes on a whole new meaning for Corella Tackett when she talks to her parents because both are hearing impaired.

The Trap Hill Middle School seventh grader uses sign language to communicate with her parents and recently took a first place award in the school social studies fair for a project on sign language.

After Drema McNeal's students finished reading about American author and educator, Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf, she invited the Tacketts to visit her class and demonstrate how they communicate with their children on a daily basis.

"The class was amazed at how fast they talked with their hands and how well Corella was able to keep up with both parents signing at the same time," McNeal said. "It was a true learning experience for all of us."

The Tacketts met while attending the School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney. They married and had two daughters, Corella and Cayley.

Corella's grandmother taught her spoken language and Corella's parents taught her sign language at a very early age.

McNeal said Corella entered her project on sign language in the county social studies fair on February 3.



# Overcoming obstacles

## Deaf student teaches peers her language

Deafness a handicap?

Not for Lindsey Huddleston, a senior at Point Pleasant High School/Mason County Career Center. This young woman has used her deafness as an asset and as a tool to help others.

Deaf since a high fever took her hearing when she was 8 months old, Huddleston began signing at the tender age of 3. This gave her the ability to communicate with others who could sign.

As for those who couldn't, she taught them, and continues to teach today.

Huddleston first began teaching her peers in middle school by forfeiting her lunch hour for two years.

"Her students were so excited about being given the opportunity to learn sign language that they gladly gave up half of their lunch hour too," said her interpreter Terri Johnson.

She now teaches second and third graders at Ordinance Elementary School sign language, writes her own lesson plans and has been accepted into the sign language teaching program at Eastern Kentucky University this fall.

On Friday she will sign the "Star Spangled Banner" 7 p.m. in the PPHS gym. Her best friend, Alysia Pullin will interpret for her.

She also has her driver's license and, according to her driving instructor, "she's one of the best drivers I've ever worked with."

"That's because those without hearing have their strength in sight," Johnson said.

Huddleston's many academic accomplishments began back in middle school with her teaching.

In the Social Studies Fair her first place project was on sign language, the deaf culture, showing the alphabet, and demonstrating the special needs of the deaf who live independently on their own.

She competes in the Optimist Club's speech contests. She too second place both in her ninth and 10th grade years. This qualified her to go to the Kentucky Regional/State Competition, where she represented West Virginia and walked away runner-up.

In her junior year she won QUOTO Club's Outstanding Hearing Impaired Student in the Tri-State Area. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, carries above a 3.5 GPA, and has a perfect attendance record.

She was in 4-H 1993-95 and has completed her PPHS community service credits by working with Walk America, babysitting, and being a Special Olympics Buddy.

Was it already mentioned that she's taking a dual credit history course through Marshall University?

Huddleston's parents couldn't be more proud. Mom Debbie works full time and is Lindsey's only caregiver as her father, Mike, is in a nursing home due to severe injuries received in a car crash several years ago.

One of Lindsey's proudest associations is with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She said she's been a Christian since ninth grade.

Huddleston's take on life?

"Well, I think it would only be fair if deaf people were treated equally and given the same opportunities as those with hearing," she said.

She had two senior projects this year. The first was on the Heather Whitestone, the deaf Miss America.

The second project was more of a quest hoping to inspire people to write to the statehouse to get closed captioning in the movie theaters.

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# 2 deaf pizza men answer their calling

Don't be offended if a Pudgy's Pizza guy delivers a pizza to your doorstep without saying much.

Larry Cogar and Ken Gifford are, however, dedicated to getting your pizza delivered on time - fresh and guaranteed with a warm smile and a wave good-bye.

While Cogar and Gifford appear to be your ordinary looking guys, they may have trouble making your words out since they're hearing impaired.

That doesn't matter to Westover Pudgy's Pizza owner Jeff Davis, though.

"I wouldn't call these guys disabled," Davis said. "We're extremely lucky to have them. They're wonderful guys, and they're always willing to work. When nobody wanted to work on the big football games this season, these guys did."

Davis said that when they're not out on the road delivering, they're cleaning or folding boxes in the shop.

With only three months of experience at Pudgy's Cogar and Gifford have made a positive impact on fellow workers and customers.

"Everyone gets along real well with each other," Davis said. "All of our employees are learning sign language. They (Cogar and Gifford) can sign as fast as we can talk, and I think that might irritate them," said Davis, chuckling.

A cook, Cory Kyle, said that they're lucky that Cogar and Gifford can read lips well, or they'd be in a world of hurt.

Cogar and Gifford applied for employment at Pudgy's around the same time. They are no strangers

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## Pizza

to each other, either.

"We went to school together at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney," said Cogar, who only has 20 percent hearing in his left ear.

An accident at the age of 7 caused Cogar to become deaf in his right ear. He fell out of his bed and damaged nerves behind his ear, also impairing his left ear.

While Cogar needs the assistance of a hearing aid, he said that his hearing may improve as he gets older because of the hearing aid.

As a former employee at the Bridgeport FBI Center, Cogar said he needed a change in occupation.

I wanted something different, so I became a driver," Cogar said.

"I told Larry that I couldn't pay him as much as they (FBI) did," Davis said. "But money isn't as important as job satisfaction."

Cogar said that he's satisfied with his position.

"The boss is very patient," Cogar said. "I've never had a problem with him. It's also very open minded here, and no one ever complains."

Cogar, 31, lives in Grafton with his wife and 4-year old son.

"I travel 25 miles a day to go to work," he said. "I enjoy driving and figuring out all kinds of shortcuts."

Some people think that deaf people can't drive because they are unable to hear, Cogar said.

"We use our other senses to their full potential. Our eyes are always open."

Some may also think that hearing plays an important factor in Cogar's favorite sport, hunting.

"People are like, 'How can you go hunting if you don't hear?' You have to be very patient and use your eyes."

His patience and vision paid off when he bagged a four point buck with his rifle.

"I thank my uncle, John Hartman, for teaching me how to hunt when

I was 7 and couldn't hear," Cogar said. "He was patient, and I learned more from him than he knows."

While Cogar and Gifford have the same job and attended the same school, they also share the same hobbies.

Gifford, 28, enjoys hunting as well.

Before delivering pizzas, Gifford attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a school dedicated to the deaf community.

Born with spinal meningitis, Gifford has minimal hearing in both ears. But he might have enough hearing to enjoy his favorite radio station, WVAQ, while making deliveries. He has his radio tuned to 101.9 most of the time and has it cranked up all the way.

Gifford said that his job was cool and that he loved it.

Along with making deliveries, Davis said he is teaching Gifford to make pizzas.

"He really likes making tips, too, so he can buy toys for his computer," Davis said.

In his spare time, Gifford learns computer programs, plays computer games, surfs the Web and chats with other Internet users. Gifford is so fascinated with computers that Davis had to restrict him from the one in his office.

"His computer was down once so I let him check his e-mail on mine," Davis said. "It got a little out of hand."

Davis could recall another moment between him and Gifford.

"Kenny had a girlfriend for only a month, and they had broken up," Davis said. "He was acting all heartbroken on a busy Saturday gameday. I chewed him out. But I had to write it all down. Everything's been good to go from there. He sure is a big ham."

-From *The Dominion Post*

## Deaf community reacts to murder

Members of the local deaf community say they are shocked at the recent murder of a 19-year old hearing impaired student at Gallaudet University in Northeast Washington, D.C.

The young man from Texas was found stabbed to death in early February in his dorm, just four floors up from where another 19-year old student was found beaten to death in September.

Local residents, familiar with the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf and hearing impaired met Friday to discuss the impact on the local deaf community.

"This is no different than if it were at any other college or university," said WVU graduate Mary Ennis, whose sister is currently a student at Gallaudet.

Ennis said the focus needs to be on the fact that a young man was murdered and not that the young man was hearing impaired.

"Whenever something like this happens, there is a certain shock value that follows," said Ennis. "But after a while, it wears off and things settle back down."

"Of course we feel bad for the young man and for his family," she said. "But we're not really connected to the incident just because he was hearing impaired."

Pierre Sevigny, a Gallaudet graduate and current instructor at the West Virginia School for the Deaf, said he understands too well the impact such an incident has on college students.

"When I was a student at Gallaudet in 1960, a classmate of mine was murdered by an outsider," said Sevigny.

He said Gallaudet is a good university, but that it is not necessarily in a good area.

Although security has been in

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### Lindsey

Huddleston would like the theaters to make translation machines available to those who need it.

-From Point Pleasant Review

## House Burns

On Thursday evening, October 26, 2000 Sam and Debby Steel's house was started to burn from the garage. Their daughter, DJ was sitting in the living room doing her homework. She noticed the flame in the first floor bedroom. She ran upstairs and tried to tell her mother, Debby while she chatted with someone in the WebTV, DJ screamed at her. Debby ran outside and to find DJ. She found the garage was on fire. Thanks for her daughter saved Debby. Many people helped by giving them things. They bought a nice new house this month. We hope they will be happy living in the new house.

On Monday, December 25, 2000 old wiring burned down Larry and Sue Matthew's house. They live in their son's home. They are planning to buy a new trailer or home.

## Deaf Club Closed

The officers of Beckley Association of the Deaf, has decided to close the deaf club because of other interests. They feel that they can no longer be involved and have closed the accounts and the money has been donated to the WV School for the Deaf for their sports program and new playground equipment for the elementary school. Please feel free to attend to other deaf clubs.



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### Murder

place at the university previous to the recent slayings, school officials say it has been tightened even more since the murders.

University officials said students must swipe an ID card to enter the building where the two slayings occurred and guests can only enter if accompanied by residents of the dorm.

Marty Blakely, athletic director and director of student living for WVSD, is familiar with college life and with Gallaudet University.

Blakely spent a year at the university and witnessed the 1988 protest which persuaded Gallaudet officials to hire a deaf president for the university.

Protestors were granted their demand, requiring that more than 50 percent of the school's trustees be deaf or hearing impaired, Blakely said.

He said a lot of incidences go on at colleges and universities and that Gallaudet is no different.

According to Blakely, he is still quite comfortable with Gallaudet in spite of the circumstances.

"My sister will be a little more cautious for a while," said Ennis. "She will go around on campus with a friend or with other students, and she'll be careful when and where she's walking."

But, Ennis said, many of the students don't really know what happened because they are not privileged to the details.

Sevigny said one of the difficulties for police investigating the incidents is the language barrier between the hearing and the hearing impaired.

"There are times when police must use an interpreter, and anytime there is a third party involved in a conversation, there is a breakdown in communication to some degree," said Sevigny.

But local members of the deaf community say they are confident that the police are doing all that can be done to solve the murders

and that Gallaudet officials are doing all that can be done to prevent a repeat of the two tragedies.

-From Hampshire Review  
February 14, 2001

## Obituary

### Bessie F. (Taylor) Sapp

Bessie F. Sapp, age 101, living in Marietta with her son Robert, died Tuesday, November 3, 1998. She was in A.G. Rhodes Home, recovering from a broken hip.

Mrs. Sapp was born in Newton, WV and married the late Raymond V. Sapp in 1926. They lived in Daytona Beach, Florida area from 1956 until Bessie lived with her sons in North Carolina and Georgia in the last few years.

Bessie Sapp attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV until about 1912-1913. She was a member of the Westside Baptist Church of Daytona, the Deaf Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary Typographical Union and a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution at her death.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Sapp of Marietta, Ga., and Howard Sapp of Gates, NC, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

*Editor's Note:* Bessie Sapp enrolled the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1905. She was a member of West Virginia Association of the Deaf.

### Olive G. (Shillingburg) Johnson

Olive Geneva Johnson, 84, of Capon Bridge, formerly of Headsville, died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at the Winchester, Va.

Mrs. Johnson was born on Aug. 4, 1916, in Laureldale, a daughter of the late Wilbur and Hattie Shears Shillingburg.

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### Obituary

She attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney in 1925. She was a cook for the Holiday Inn in Winchester.

She was married to Wilbur L. Johnson on Jan. 20, 1938, in Beaver Run.

A funeral service was on Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Giffin Funeral Home in Capon Bridge with the Rev. Lawrence Shillingburg and the Rev. Lloyd Heatwole officiating.

Graveside service was held in Potomac Memorial Gardens in Keyser.

### Paula K. Farley Young

Paula Kay Farley Young, 21, of Poca, formerly of Nitro and St. Albans, died Jan. 30, 2001, in an automobile accident in Mason County.

She was a sign language interpreter at Point Pleasant High School, a Mary Kay consultant and a member and Sunday school teacher at Landmark Church of God, Nitro. She was a native of Huntington and attended Fairmont State College.

Surviving: husband, David A. Young III; parents, Paul and Sally Farley of Nitro.

Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

### Clifford P. Bruffey

Clifford P. Bruffey, 71, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001.

Mr. Bruffey was a graduate of the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney in 1947.

He was missionary to the deaf for 50 years.

He was former chaplain at Gallaudet University. He was former pastor of First Baptist Church Deaf Congregation in Alexandria, Va.

Surviving: Ruth Melton Bruffey, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and children. Burial was in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## You Know You're From West Virginia If:

You've never met any celebrities.

Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.

"Vacation" means driving through Wyatt on the way to Morgantown.

You've seen all the biggest bands ten years after they were popular.

You measure distance in minutes.

Down south to you means Kentucky.

You know several people who have hit a deer.

Your school classes were canceled because of cold.

Your school classes were canceled because of heat.

You've ridden the school bus for an hour each way.

You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.

You know what's knee-high by the Fourth of July.

Stores don't have bags; they have pokes.

They don't have shopping carts; they have buggies.

You've seen people wear bib overalls at funerals.

You've seen a car running in the parking lot at the year.

You end your sentences with an unnecessary preposition.

Example: "Where's my coat at?" or "Where are you going to?"

All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, or grain.

You install security lights on your house and garage and leave unlocked.

You think of the major four food groups as beef, pork, beer, and Jell-O salad with marshmallows.

You carry jumper cables in your car.

You know what "cow! Tipping" or "Possum Kicking" is.

You only own 3 spices: salt, pepper, and ketchup.

You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with ice and snow.

You think everyone from a bigger city has an accent.

You cook green beans for hours.

You think sexy lingerie is tube socks and a flannel nightie.

You don't ever park your car without setting the emergency brake.

The local paper covers national and international headlines on one page but requires six pages for sports.

You think that deer season is a national holiday.

You know which leaves make good toilet paper.

You find -20 degrees F "a little chilly."

You know all four seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter, and Road Condition.

You know what a real tomato is, and have a recipe for candy ones.

You know if another Hillbilly is from southern, Central, or northern West Virginia as soon as they open their mouth.

Your parents have threatened to have you sent to Pruntytown.

You can watch someone order a hotdog and know in what part of the state they live. -Chill AND slaw, anyone?

You can spell words like Allegheny, Monongalia, Monongahela, Kanawha and Hawks Nest.

You know how to pronounce Canaan and Gilmer.

You know at least one couple who went to Virginia or Maryland to get married.

You know why you do not eat ramps raw.

You actually understand these jokes and forward them to all of your West Virginia friends and family.

# West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.

## 33rd Biennial Conference

Wheeling, WV

June 14-16, 2001

### Tentative Conference Agenda

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2001

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Social

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2001

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitions & Crafts
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Address of Welcome
9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon	Helen Keller National Center Workshop
12 Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	WVAD First General Session
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 p.m. - Midnight	Social/Reception/Dingo/Cash Bar Hosted by Wheeling Association of the Deaf

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2001

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitions & Crafts
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Workshop
12 Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	WVAD Second General Session
	Election of Officers
4:30 p.m.	General Session Wrap-up
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet
	Keynote Speaker: Astrid Goodstein
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Miss Deaf Pageant
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Ballroom/Disc Jockey/Entertainment
	Doorprizes/Cash Bar



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## 33rd Biennial Conference

June 14-16, 2001

at

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Wheeling, WV

# \$1,000.00

## Cash Prizes Giveaways

Reception  
Guest Speakers  
Entertainment

Socialize with Old & New Friends  
Sightseeing Places  
Banquet

Workshops  
Meetings  
Ballroom

If you are an early bird and purchase a combo ticket before June 2, 2001, you will get two tickets per person for cash prizes. If you purchase a combo ticket after June 3, 2001, you will get one ticket per person for cash prizes.

**Come one, Come all, and Have Fun!**  
**Please Don't Miss A Chance to Win!**

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### Event Fees

Conference	Registration	Friday Night Social & Game Reception	Saturday Night Banquet & Ballroom	Total
WVAD Member	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Non-Member	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$100.00
Student (13 to 18)	\$10.00	--	\$20.00 (Banquet Only)	\$30.00

Conference	Early Bird I Till - April 30	Full Combo May 1 - June 2
WVAD Member	\$55.00 (Save \$35.00)	\$65.00 (Save \$25.00)
WVAD Senior Citizen (55+)	\$50.00 (Save \$40.00)	\$60.00 (Save 30.00)
Non-Member	\$65.00 (Save \$35.00)	\$75.00 (Save \$25.00)
Non-Member Senior Citizen (55+)	\$60.00 (Save \$40.00)	\$70.00 (Save \$30.00)
Student (13 to 18)	\$20.00 (Save \$10.00)	\$25.00 (Save \$5.00)

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### Combo Tickets

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*No Personal Checks Accepted after June 2, 2001\***

**Deadline on June 2, 2001 For Cancellation of Any Events.**

Please make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and mail to: WVAD Conference, Elizabeth Leisure, Treasurer, 3302 Central Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26104.



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**Room Rates**

**Single \$55.00**

**Double \$55.00**

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**Route 1, Box 258**

**Tridelfia, WV 26059**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARRIVAL DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DEPARTURE DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of GUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**  **CHECK**  **MONEY ORDER**  
 **CREDIT CARD**  **VISA**  **MASTERCARD**  **DISCOVER**  
 **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  TTY  Voice  Both

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail/Internet \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be listed online and in a TTY Directory?  Yes  No

Are you a member of NAD?  Yes  No

Yourself  Deaf  Hearing  Interpreter

Spouse  Deaf  Hearing  Interpreter

\$30.00 for two years Regular

\$15.00 for one year Regular

\$20.00 for two years Senior Citizen (55+)

\$10.00 for two years Student (Age 12 and 18)

Yes! Here is my donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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