



WVAD Quarter News



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WVAD 10th Annual Christmas Party By Tamera Deem

WVAD held its 10th Annual Christmas party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV, on December 4, 2021. Forty-nine (49) people came from far and near. Everyone had a great time, meeting old and new friends and no one got sick from COVID. Everyone took precautions by social distancing; hand sanitizers and disposable plastic gloves for serving food were provided at the party for anyone who wanted to use it.

The main dishes were provided by WVAD, which consisted of creamy baked chicken, barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, yams, rolls, etc., plus covered dishes and desserts that guests brought to complete our meal. Veronda Harrison, our chef, and several volunteers were a big help in the kitchen and they cooked a wonderful meal for us. We also want to thank those who brought desserts and covered dishes. It was very much appreciated.



L-R: WVAD President Christopher Mick and special guest National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Region 1 Board Member Jacob Leffler. Jacob updated the attendees on what NAD has been doing and also updated them on the status of 2020-2022 priorities NAD has been working on.

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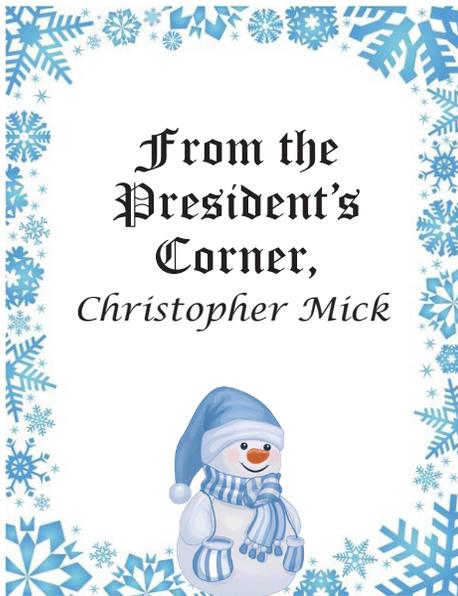


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Thanks to those who pitched in, in the kitchen and helped with the clean up after dinner was over and after the party was over.

WVAD had an ugly sweater contest again this year. Several people participated in the contest and showcased their sweaters, shirts, and outfits. Winners of the ugly sweater contest went to Sylvia Mick (\$25), Sally Hubbard (\$15), and John Burdette (\$10). The guests also played Dingo games while waiting for dinner to be ready.

There were gift prizes, cash giveaways, gift card giveaways (donated by local businesses), contest cash prizes, and Dingo prizes. The gift prizes were bed shaker alarm (See WVAD 10th Annual... page 9)



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Welcome to our winter newsletter!

I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy for the new year. I want to update you on what's going on in our organization and state.

WVAD Secretary Tami Deem attended the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) virtual town hall through Zoom on November 21, 2021. The town hall had several panelists and the Deaf community shared concerns, brought attention to different issues they may have, and asked NAD different questions. The town hall was for 2 hours. NAD plans to have more town hall events in the near future. Their town halls are open to anyone who may be interested in attending. Watch the NAD website (www.nad.org) for more information and for any upcoming events.

WVAD had their 10th annual Christmas party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV. The party was a success with 49 attendees. I want to thank those who came for trusting WVAD to keep everyone safe and healthy from COVID. Thanks to those who volunteered at the Christmas party. We appreciated all the help. I also want to thank donors for donating gift cards, baskets, and items for our raffle and silent auction. WVAD also had a special guest (Jacob Leffler) from NAD Region 1 Board. He updated everyone on what NAD has been doing. Thank you Jacob for coming to the party! See Christmas party story and photos on pages 1 and 9.

Our Legislative Chair John Burdette has been busy this 2022 Legislative session. He submitted two bills for WVAD (Senate Bill 58 – The Motion Picture Open Captioning Act and Senate Bill 103 – The Closed Captioning Act). We hope that those two bills will pass this year.

WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) has hired a new Executive Director. He will be starting his new job on February 14, 2022.

Deaf Awareness Day was originally scheduled to be on February 23, 2022, at the WV State Capitol. This event has been rescheduled to March 9, 2022, and will be virtual due to COVID numbers increasing in the state.

28th Biennial Jr. NAD National Virtual Conference will be held on March 16, 2022, for deaf/hard of hearing students who are in 7th–12th grade. If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested, please let them know about this amazing opportunity to develop leadership skills. Please contact our Youth Ambassador Director, Laura Crowder, to get more info about this conference. Her contact info is on page 19. The link to the event is <https://youth.nad.org/junior-nad/>.

The NAD Board has chosen April 1-30 as the National Deaf History Month (NDHM). This decision was partly based on a mandate from their delegates that the NAD engage in efforts to dismantle racism within our community, and this requires ensuring that our historical lens must include the experiences of

black and indigenous people of color (BIPOC) Deaf people. The efforts of NDHM must celebrate and recognize all Deaf people in the United States, especially BIPOC Deaf people.

Please encourage your friends, colleagues, and relatives to join WVAD. Ongoing involvement and contributions from WVAD members, friends, and supporters make it possible for WVAD to provide a broad range of advocacy efforts to protect the civil rights of deaf and hard of hearing West Virginians in our state.

To join WVAD and/or to keep your membership active, please send the membership form (page 23) and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Jimmy Harrison. WVAD accepts debit and credit cards for membership fees, donations, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and PayPal (wvad.treasurer@gmail.com). You may also pay through Cash apps (\$WVAD1915). If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about joining WVAD, please contact Jimmy Harrison.

In closing, please check out our WVAD website (www.wvad.org) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/West-Virginia-Association-of-the-Deaf-175193862245>) for any ongoing information about WVAD.

Stay safe and healthy,

Christopher T. Mick

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WVAD Board Minutes

WVAD Board Meeting Held via Sorenson Videophone, January 9, 2022

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: Chris Mick, Gloria Hollen, Tami Deem, Veronda Harrison, Laura Crowder, and Sylvia Mick.

Visitors Present: John Burdette, Charles Lyne, and Erin Fulton.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held through Sorenson VP. President Chris Mick called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2021, were sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via videophone and email. The minutes of the meeting was published in the Fall 2021 WVAD newsletter.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:

Financial Report from October 3, 2021 to January 7, 2022: Balance in checking account – \$1,692.41; balance in savings account – \$4,083.65; Mingo County Fund: \$14,555.80; WVAD Conference Fund – \$14,529.51; Deaf Youth Program – \$303.00; Education Fund – \$288.15; Certificate of Deposit – \$7,000.00. The board accepted the report as read.

President Chris Mick's Report:

- On October 13, 2021, President Chris Mick and Secretary Tami Deem received an email from Lizzie Sorkin (from NAD) about filling out a State Level Collaboration Survey to help NAD understand WVAD's individual relationship with the state Hands & Voice chapter. Tami felt that this survey would be best suited for Legislative Chair John Burdette to fill it out because he

keeps a very close relationship with WV Hands & Voice chapter so she forwarded the email to John, asking him to fill out the survey. John completed the survey on October 25, 2021, for WVAD.

- On October 24, 2021, President Mick changed his official WVAD email address to wvadpresident@gmail.com. It used to be mickwvad1921@gmail.com. This old email address is no longer being used. This will make it easier for future presidents to take over the new email address.
- On October 25, 2021, President Mick received an email from Karnsy (no last name provided) (hired by Grant County Schools to assist a 4th grade student who transferred from WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDDB) to a Grant County school) about how to take the EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) test and to direct her to the right person about it. Legislative Chair John Burdette and Vice President Gloria Hollen told Chris to check with Sarah Lowther, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) interim executive director. Gloria told Chris that WVCDHH moved to a new location. Their new address is 100 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25311 and their new phone number is 304-558-2675. Sarah Lowther's email address is Sarah.B.Lowther@wv.gov.
- On October 30, 2021, President Mick received an email from Tarra Grammenos (ASL interpreter and a sibling suicide loss survivor). She shared

with Chris that she was working with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Minnesota Chapter and that they created a virtual ASL event for the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day scheduled for November 20, 2021. The Zoom event was open and free to anyone in the Deaf and ASL community who has lost someone to suicide. The event was to help survivors of suicide loss come together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience. Ms. Grammenos has attended this event every year since she lost her brother 4 years ago, and she finds great comfort in meeting fellow survivors of suicide loss. For more information about this organization, check out this link: <https://isosld.afsp.org/>.

- On November 1, 2021, President Chris Mick and the board received an email from Trustee Scott Hottle, asking to resign from WVAD due to his continuing to lose his vision. On November 2, 2021, Chris emailed Scott and told him that the board accepted his resignation and thanked him for his service with WVAD.
- On November 6, 2021, the Board made a site visit to Pipestem State Park and Resort to check it out for WVAD's 2023 Biennial Conference. After making the announcement on social media that the board made a site visit, it was called out by a WVAD member that WVAD cannot have a conference at a "resort" (See Board Minutes on page 4)

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due to a Bylaws motion made at the 2019 WVAD Conference. The motion was voted and passed by the members at the 2019 conference. The board will now have to look for another place that doesn't mention the term "resort."

- On November 8, 2021, President Mick received an email from Brenda Hall about a student who decided to do virtual schooling. That student's IEP interpreter services was removed because they felt that the student didn't need an interpreter during virtual schooling, only need interpreter services to cover speech for 15 minutes a week. The lead teacher and the teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing said that virtual students do not get interpreter services. President Mick directed Brenda to contact Mary Anne Clendenin (WV Department of Education Low Incidence Coordinator) about this issue.
- On November 9, 2021, President Mick received an email from NAD asking that WVAD post info about their NAD Virtual Town Hall scheduled for November 21, 2021, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. He asked Secretary Tami Deem to post the info on Facebook and WVAD webpage so she did.
- On November 17, 2021, President Chris Mick and Vice President Gloria Hollen went to WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDb) to meet with two state officials to see where they stand about the students' education and what their current and future goals are for the students of WVSDb. The meeting went very well and they hope to meet again in the future soon.
- On December 7, 2021, President Mick participated in National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Region 1 meeting. Not much was discussed as there wasn't much happening; updates were made on what was happening in state associations' home states.
- On December 22, 2021, President Chris Mick received an email from Naomi Mersinger who works at Purdue University in The Data Mine as an ASL interpreter and strategic initiatives coordinator. She

was reaching out to see if WVAD may be interested in developing collaboration with their team. They want to make STEM (specifically data sciences) accessible to the deaf community.

- On January 4, 2022, President Mick received an email from Maya Dye, a research assistant at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign about Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technologies to Support Aging-in-Place for People with Long-Term Disabilities – RERC TechSAGE (<https://techsage.gatech.edu/>). She stated that they are conducting an interview study that explores the everyday activities and challenges of older adults who are late deafened and wants WVAD to spread the word about the study. Secretary Tami Deem will share this info in the newsletter, Facebook, and webpage.
- On January 4, 2022, President Mick participated in NAD Region 1 meeting. NAD encourages state associations to select and send their delegates to the NAD Conference, scheduled for June 30 – July 4, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. WVAD will decide who to send soon. NAD wants to know what workshops the deaf community wants for NAD conference. They also talked about some deaf people having problems contacting the Social Security Administration office. Some offices still use TTY and they need to change to videophones.
- On January 5, 2022, President Mick received an email from Legislative Chair John Burdette about the upcoming 2022 Fair Shake Network Training and Disability Advocacy Day to be held at the WV State Capitol on February 1-2, 2022. They wanted to know if WVAD would like to participate in the event. If so, we need to send in our registration form. Deadline is January 20, 2022.

Vice President Gloria Hollen's Report:

- The visit to Pipestem State Park and Resort was very nice. The weather was great. Vice President Hollen notified the Pipestem State Park Conference Coordinator that WVAD will not be able to have the conference there.

- WVAD, WVCDHH, and Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances (EPDA) representatives met with two state officials at WVSDb on November 17, 2021, to discuss WVSDb's current and future goals for the students of WVSDb. It was discovered then that Mary Ann Clendenin now works at WVSDb. The meeting went very well. They hope to meet again in the near future soon.
- WVAD Christmas party was a success. No one got sick and everyone had a great time.

Secretary Tami Deem's Report:

- Secretary Tami Deem filled in for President Chris Mick and participated in Region 1 meeting on October 5, 2021. Chanel Bonheyo (NAD Youth Program Director) announced that March 6, 2022, is National Youth Day. State associations celebrate that day by doing fundraising and host events for youth. NAD has a toolkit for youth program that she can share if anyone wants it. State associations also updated NAD on what was going on in their states.
- Zoom subscription for 1 year was started for WVAD on November 3, 2021.
- Secretary Tami Deem continues to look for grants for WVAD.
- Secretary Tami Deem started a Rada Cutlery fundraiser in November 2021. This fundraiser is ongoing.
- Secretary Tami Deem participated in the virtual NAD Town Hall on November 21, 2021. The community shared concerns, brought attention to issues, and asked NAD any questions they may have. NAD provided updates on 2020-2022 priorities. The turnout was very good and NAD plans to have more town halls in the future.
- Secretary Tami Deem did not attend the NAD Bylaws Committee meeting scheduled for December 11, 2021, due to work. However, they had another meeting scheduled for January 8, 2022, and it was cancelled due to others not being able to attend. The next meeting will be on February 12, 2022.
- Secretary Tami Deem had a wreath fundraiser for WVAD for the

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holidays. It was a success. WVAD would like to do it again this year.

Trustee Laura Crowder's Report:

- WVAD Christmas party was a success. Trustee Laura Crowder helped with the admission at the door and helped with recording winners and prizes.
- Trustee Laura Crowder and Legislative Chair John Burdette discussed about providing movie theater employees training on how to turn on/off captioning since most movie theater employees don't know how to turn them on/off. The movie theater issue refunds by giving a movie voucher for the next time the movie goer comes back to the movie theater when the devices don't work out for them. They want to continue to work on accessibility for the deaf community. They contacted Kevin Patrick about this issue and he posted an example letter on how to write a letter to Senator Craig Blair (R – Berkeley) to encourage him to pass the captioning bill in the 2022 Legislature session.

Trustee Sylvia Mick's Report:

Nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor's Report:

Deadline for the next newsletter was December 20, 2021.

Membership Coordinator Jimmy Harrison's Report:

At the last board meeting, there were 111 members. Currently there are 98 members.

Legislative Chair John Burdette's Report:

- January 2022 legislative interim meetings started today (January 9, 2022) and will end on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The WV Legislative Session 2022 will begin Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and will end on March 12, 2022. It sounds like the WV State Capitol is open to the public this year.
- The Motion Picture Open-Captioning Act (SB 593) and the Closed-Captioning Act (SB 629) by Senator Mike Caputo (D – Marion) as

lead sponsor will be reintroduced. Last year, the bills were double-referenced to two different committees. Senator Caputo suggested we, the D/HH Community, contact Senator Craig Blair (R – Berkeley), President of the Senate and the Senate Leadership, to ask him and other legislature leaders to single reference both bills. This may help with the process. If the captioning (CC) bill passes, we should set up a Captioning Advisory Board to help train and educate movie theaters on how to turn captioning on, etc.

- WVAD wants to make a few amendments to HB 4414 (LEAD-K) to help strengthen the bill. We want to change and simplify the introduction of this bill and change the year to 2023 to start selecting people to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee since this has not been done yet due to COVID-19 pandemic. We also want to make sure that people who serve on the Advisory Committee are able to sign fluently. This is a new experience for WVAD on how to introduce a new bill that includes a few amendments to HB 4414.
- Legislative Chair John Burdette plans to reach out to Senator Patricia Rucker (R – Jefferson), Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and ask her for her advice on how to submit the amended LEAD-K bill this year to strengthen it.
- There will be two upcoming events at the WV State Capitol in Charleston, WV. Fair Shake Network Disability Advocacy Day will be on February 2, 2022, and WV Deaf Awareness Day will be on February 23, 2022. This would give everyone an opportunity to meet their legislators during those two events. Both events depend on the statistics of the COVID-19 pandemic in our state. If the numbers goes up, they won't have the events.

Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:

Nothing to report.

Bylaws Committee Report:

Nothing to report.

Fundraising Veronda Harrison's Report:

WVAD has been having Rada Cutlery and Pampered Chef fundraisers and will continue to have fundraisers in the next few months. The flyers are on pages 16 and 17.

Youth Ambassador Director Laura Crowder's Report:

- At the Christmas Party Youth Ambassador Director Laura Crowder and Legislative Chair John Burdette introduced themselves to the party goers and announced about WVAD's new Jr. WVAD Program. They encouraged the youth to join the new organization under WVAD.
- Youth Ambassador Director Laura Crowder has been posting information on Jr. WVAD and WVAD Facebook pages to educate the deaf community. The information provided keeps the Facebook audience up to date on Meet and Greet, legislative bills on open and closed captioning, etc. This will help them feel involved and educate them on leadership and social skills. Not many deaf people have joined the Jr. WVAD Facebook page and we hope to see more join in the near future.
- Youth Ambassador Director Laura Crowder hosted a Meet and Greet event on Zoom on November 16, 2021, and it was not successful. It was due to lack of people showing up. The next Meet and Greet will be sometime in January. Stay tuned for date and time via Facebook.
- Youth Ambassador Director Laura Crowder has been working closely with Legislative Chair John Burdette on ideas on how to improve getting the young deaf community involved with Jr. WVAD. An email was sent to Mary Anne Clendenin, requesting that she spread the word to each school about Jr. WVAD and encourage the deaf youth to get involved and learn about this organization. Mary Anne Clendenin never responded back on the email that was sent to her.

Old Business:

None.

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New Business:

MOTION: Secretary Tami Deem motioned to merge Deaf Youth fund and Education fund to one account (Deaf Youth account). Treasurer Veronda Harrison seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Treasurer Veronda Harrison motioned to send 2 delegates to NAD conference this summer (June 30 through July 4, 2022). Trustee Sylvia Mick seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Treasurer Veronda Harrison motioned to have a summer picnic in August at Valley Park in Hurricane, WV. Trustee Laura Crowder seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Trustee Laura Crowder motioned to appoint an Accessible Coordinator. Treasurer Veronda Harrison seconded. Failed.

MOTION: Vice President Gloria Hollen motioned to have 2023 Conference at Charleston, WV. Treasurer Veronda Harrison seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Secretary Tami Deem motioned to pay WV Fair Shake Network membership dues to affiliate with Fair Shake Network. Trustee Laura Crowder seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Treasurer Veronda Harrison motioned to send someone from WVAD to exhibit at the WV Fair Shake Disability Day on February 2, 2022, at the State Capitol. Vice President Gloria Hollen seconded. Passed.

MOTION: Trustee Laura Crowder motioned to have a youth, along with Youth Coordinator, participate in the Jr. NAD National Virtual Conference on March 15-17, 2022. Vice President Gloria Hollen seconded. Passed.

Announcements:

- WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH)

Executive Director will start his new job on January 31, 2022.

- National Deaf Youth Day is on March 6, 2022. National Deaf Youth Day was developed to recognize and bring together deaf and hard of hearing youth from schools for the deaf, mainstream programs, and universities. National Deaf Youth Day serves two purposes: (1) to celebrate the unique identity of deaf and hard of hearing people and their accomplishments, and (2) to promote the idea that deaf and hard of hearing youth can do anything. To learn more about this event, check out <https://youth.nad.org/ndyd/>.
- 28th Biennial Jr. NAD National Virtual Conference will be on March 15-17, 2022, hosted by the California School for the Deaf – Riverside in Riverside, California. For more information, see link: <https://youth.nad.org/junior-nad/>.
- Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) will be on June 29 through July 24, 2022, at Camp Taloali, Stayton, Oregon. The NAD YLC, established in 1969, is an intensive educational four-week summer program for deaf and hard of hearing high school sophomores and juniors. Campers are referred to as leaders throughout the program. The camp provides leaders the ability to develop their scholarship, leadership, and citizenship (SLC) qualities outdoors. Leaders experience self-discovery, learn about self-identity, confidence, and self-esteem and understand many things about themselves. The NAD YLC is also an extension of the activities and training offered by the Jr. NAD. For more information on this program, see <https://youth.nad.org/ylc/>.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Your membership fees and donations make it possible for WVAD to protect the collective interests of West Virginia's deaf and hard of hearing community through advocacy efforts with our policy makers.

Please look at your newsletter address label for expiration date and renew before the expiration date. Join WVAD today!

- NAD Biennial Conference will be from June 30 to July 4, 2022, in Orlando, Florida. More information will be forthcoming soon (<https://www.nad.org/events/nad2022/>).

Next board meeting will be on March 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. on Sorenson videophone.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamera Deem
Secretary



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Shirley E. Malcolm Iser

Shirley Elizabeth (Nazelrod) Malcolm Iser passed away at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center on November 4, 2021, from mantle cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Shirley was born on September 19, 1947, in Romney, WV. She is the daughter of the late Harry Nazelrod and Mayoma E. (Smith) Nazelrod. Shirley was also preceded in death by her sister Sharon Ellen (Nazelrod) Liller and her first husband Randell Blane Malcolm.

Shirley had several hearing impaired family members and friends. She was very active within the deaf community. She worked at the WV School for the Deaf and the Blind for many years. She loved that job and made several lasting friendships with her co-workers and kids who attended school there. She was also employed at ABL and Aging and Family Services of Keyser WV.

She is survived and missed dearly by her loving husband of 35 years Fredrick M. Iser, Ridgeley, WV; her daughter Shannon L. (Malcolm) Emerick, Cumberland MD; her son Sebastian T. Iser, Ridgeley WV; three grandchildren, Whisper O. Malcolm, Savannah A. Malcolm, Maddox S.L. Emerick; and two great-grandsons Noah R. Deal and Chason K. Doman, all of Cumberland, MD, along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

At Shirley's request she was cremated and there was no services (<https://www.upchurchfh.com/obituaries/Shirley-Eelizabeth-Malcolm-Iser?obld=23050379#/obituaryInfo>). 🕯️

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William D. Morgan

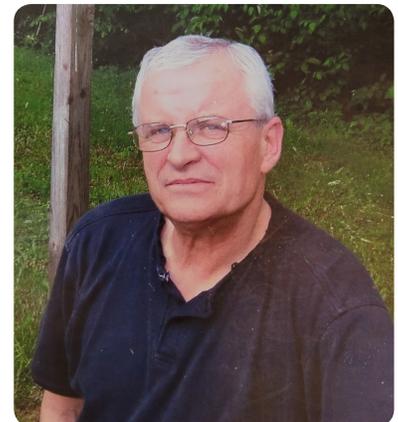
William David Morgan, of Danville, VA, passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2021. William was born on August 5, 1948, to Milliard Ote and Macie Morgan in Ronceverte, WV. He had four brothers and three sisters. He graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1967. William worked at Hickory Printing Company in High Point, NC, until he retired in 2011. He was an avid fisherman and dearly loved his Dallas Cowboys, the West Virginia Mountaineers, and NASCAR. He loved traveling back to West Virginia to see friends and family.

On June 30, 1984, he married Angie Scarce Morgan, who survives, and they shared 37 wonderful years together. He is also survived by a son, William Jason Morgan and daughter, Natasha Morgan Reynolds, both of Roanoke, Virginia; grandchildren, Brooklyn Morgan, Kallin Parker, Payton Reynolds, Conner Reynolds, and Kolton Reynolds; a step-grandson, Tyler Reynolds; brothers, Bob Morgan and Mark Morgan; sister, Relda Surgeon;

brother-in-law, Mike Scarce; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Clarence Morgan, Eddie Morgan, sisters, Jeannie Nickel and Glenna Matthew, and sister-in-law, Deborah Scarce Gray. He also leaves behind special friends, Donald Blankenship, Mike Swinney, Mike Nicklow, James Welch, and Danny Neighbors.

William was a beloved member of the deaf community and loved all of his dear friends with whom he communicated with frequently.

A memorial service was held at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 245 Mount Olivet Lane, Danville, VA, on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Tim Barth presiding. A visitation began at noon, prior to the service. For more info, please see link: <https://www.swicegood-barker.com/obituary/William-Morgan>. 🕯️



Rayburn "Ray" Adkins

Rayburn "Ray" Nathaniel Adkins, age 69, passed away due to an infection on January 5, 2022. He was born January 18, 1952, to Bobby and Eva (Godfrey) Adkins in West Hamlin, WV.

Ray graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf, Romney, WV, in 1972. He was blessed with two children and three grandchildren.

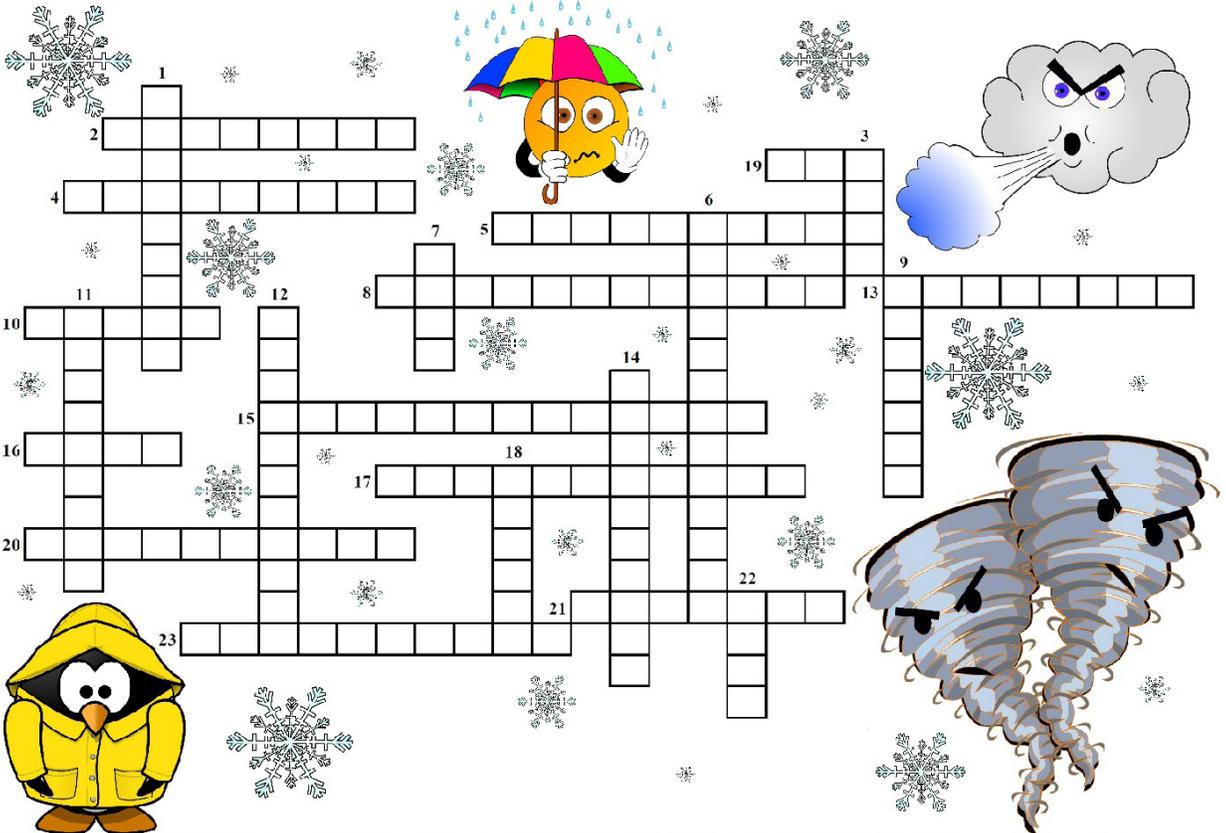
Ray was a very independent man, who loved the company of others. He spent his time at Deaf Think Positive in Columbus, Ohio. Ray was loved and will be missed by many! See link: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/23634896/rayburn-adkins?fbclid=IwAR0IQAD2tXF8XQ4B8LuqZlh7JiNV-qEvNdBz9-AGK0cSw4wKwLc0cX-6tuw>. 🕯️

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2. The transfer of heat in fluids by the movement of currents that form in the fluids is known as convection _____.
4. A scientific instrument used in meteorology to measure atmospheric pressure is called a _____.
5. _____ is a tool used to measure wind speed.
8. The change of state from a gas to a liquid called _____.
10. A _____ is the boundary that separates two different air masses.
13. The way the Earth's rotation affects the movement of ocean currents is known as the _____ effect.
15. Water that falls from the atmosphere and lands on Earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet, or hail is known as _____.
16. A body of air with the same temperature and moisture content is called an air _____.
17. The study of the atmosphere is known as _____.
19. An area where there is _____ pressure and normally produces clouds, precipitation, and other forms of bad weather.
20. The flow of heat from a warmer object to a colder object when the objects are placed in direct physical contact is called _____.
21. _____ is the condition of the atmosphere at a certain location and at a certain time.
23. _____ is the continual process of warm air rising and cool air sinking, moving air in a circular motion.

1. A large rotating storm that forms over tropical waters and produces thunderstorms, high winds, and heavy rain is a _____.
3. A warm moist air mass that slides up and over a cold air mass forms a _____ front.
6. A scientist who studies the atmosphere is a _____.
7. A cold air mass that pushes under a warm air mass forcing the warm air to rise sharply is a _____ front.
9. _____ is the average weather pattern of a particular place over a long period of time.
11. The transfer of energy across space and the atmosphere by electromagnetic waves is known as _____.
12. The change of state from a liquid to a gas is called _____.
14. The mixture of gases that surround Earth and is held in place by Earth's gravity is the _____.
18. _____ occurs when ocean waters in the Pacific Ocean in the tropics near South America become warmer causing drought and heavy rainfall.
22. An area where there is _____ pressure is usually associated with clear skies and calm weather.

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clock, smoothie maker, Amazon Fire HD 10 tablet (32 GB), Craftsman 20-volt Max 1/2-inch cordless drill (battery and charger included), air fryer, VaBroom cordless 2-in-1 sweeper with built-in vacuum, WVU football stadium 1,000-piece puzzle, two vehicle steering

wheel desks, Roomba robot vacuum cleaner, and Toshiba 50-inch 4K Ultra HD Smart Fire TV.

WVAD also had a silent auction that consisted of items and baskets that were donated by different businesses in Morgantown and Clarksburg, WV. The funds raised went towards the WVAD

conference fund to be held August 2023.

We want to thank those who came and made our party a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again (both old and new friends) at our next Christmas party. The WVAD Board wants to wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year! 🍷



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In the News



Deaf Children Share Christmas Wishes with Santa During Brunch Event

Herald-Dispatch, December 12, 2021 (https://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/deaf-children-share-christmas-wishes-with-santa-during-brunch-event/article_ddb4bb24-e212-56bd-a146-a5e125a5dac5.html)

HUNTINGTON — There weren't a lot of spoken words being exchanged, but plenty was being said as children from around the region visited Santa and Mrs. Claus at Mountwest Community and Technical College on Saturday.

Brunch with Deaf Santa, a tradition at Mountwest, took place at the college in Huntington as a way for people in the deaf and hard-of-hearing community

to experience the joy of Santa and Mrs. Claus during the holiday season.

Both Santa and Mrs. Claus signed with the children in attendance, and children also received a gift at the event, which was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mountwest offers an Associate in Applied Science degree program in American Sign Language, providing

students a foundation in American Sign Language and acquainting them with basic issues of concern in the deaf community. The program also gives people already working in the deaf community a chance to increase their understanding of American Sign Language and deaf culture to strengthen their knowledge and communication skills. 🙌



Solomon Brewer, 2, of Huntington, right, poses for photos with Mrs. Claus and Santa as Mountwest Community and Technical College conducts Brunch with Deaf Santa on Saturday, December 11, 2021, in Huntington, WV. (Photo Credit: Ryan Fischer | The Herald-Dispatch)

L-R: Mrs. Claus, Heather Hanshaw, and Santa holding twin Hanshaw babies. (Photo Credit: Ryan Fischer | The Herald-Dispatch)



(See In the News on page 13)

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WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind's \$30 Million Overhaul

By Jim King, *Hampshire Review* Staff, December 8, 2021, Updated December 8, 2021 (https://www.hampshirereview.com/news/article_09546ed8-582e-11ec-9834-77cbcd72bd37.html)

New Plan Sees 'Alternative' Use for 3 Landmark Buildings

The State Department of Education is acknowledging in a plan set for approval today that it wants to permanently shrink the footprint of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDDB), shedding perhaps three major buildings and demolishing a half dozen others.

The price tag for the overhaul has ballooned from \$13.35 million in March to \$30 million now.

Technically, the plan is an amendment to the schools' Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan that the State Board of Education approved just 9 months ago. It's the schools' projection for its space usage over the coming decade.

Today's state board meeting also has an update on the special circumstance review initiated in April that works hand-in-glove with the facilities update. The meeting is livestreamed or can be viewed afterward on the state board's Facebook page.

Much of what is in the 67-page amendment brings the written plan in line with changes the Department of Education has already implemented on the 75-acre campus.

- Administration moved out of its historic home into the classroom building before the school year started. March's plan had administration moving next year to Seaton Hall, but both the timeframe and destination changed.

- All students are being educated in a single building. March's plan had lower grades in the Sevigny Building, best known locally as the Secondary Deaf School, and upper grades in Brannon Hall, formerly the School for the Blind.
- Residential students are all being housed at Keller Hall, but in a departure from the spring plan, WVSDDB now proposes to move residential students back to Seaton Hall after it is renovated and then, in turn, renovate Keller Hall to house visiting students and adults on-campus for short courses.

The document identifies the Brannon Building, the Administration Building, and the old Elementary School for the Deaf as "considered for alternate use and/or outside occupation."

The plan also lists six small buildings on the main campus to be evaluated for demolition: the Transportation Building, Central Supply, Hines Hollow House, the Freight House, the Food (fruit) Storage, and the Boiler House.

The \$30 million proposed budget puts \$13.7 million into Seaton Hall alone — more than spring's proposed \$13.4 million upgrade for the entire campus.

Seaton Hall renovations include \$3.5 million from federal COVID response plans to replace and upgrade the heating and air system.

Otherwise the other \$26.5 million will come from unspecified WVSDDB funding.

Seaton Hall will get a complete overhaul, from a new kitchen to interior finishes.

A \$9 million overhaul of the Sevigny academic building is also outlined, with \$3 million of that for the air system.

The state's Technical Assistance Center, which has taken over the old Instructional Resource Center, is in line for another \$1.6 million in improvements.

The Blue-Gold Café, the oldest building on campus, will see \$2.3 million in repairs and renovations, creating office and meeting space.

Other costs are \$1 million for Keller Hall upgrades, \$1.15 million for the physical education building, \$150,000 for the maintenance building, and just over \$1 million for campus grounds, including \$600,000 for demolition.

But missing from the budget is any work on the three big buildings that are proposed for other uses — Brannon, Administration, and Elementary Deaf.

That includes nearly \$1.5 million budgeted in March for work on the Brannon Building, the majority going for a new air system.

Other items discarded: \$340,000 to repair the center entrance to the Administration Building and another \$300,000 for foundation and structural repairs; and \$230,000 to upgrade the elevator in the Elementary Deaf building. 🍷

WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Reports to State Board

By Jim King, *Hampshire Review* Staff, December 15, 2021 (https://www.hampshirereview.com/news/article_77348892-5db1-11ec-943e-f3cdf80f383f.html)

CHARLESTON — Educators last week painted a picture of unexpected bonding when blind and deaf students were brought together in classes this fall at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDDB).

Administrators from the state's Department of Education, WVSDDB staff, and Delegate Ruth Rowan all updated the State Board of Education on the

Special Circumstance Review that has been going on since April at the Romney campus.

"It's amazing to walk down the hall to see a blind student and a deaf student communicating," Dean of Students Melanie Hesse said.

"The kids are learning about each other," music teacher Josh Haza echoed.

"It has proven to be a wonderful thing that has happened."

The two historically separate schools were merged into a single academic setting this year for the first time in WVSDDB's 151-year history.

It was perhaps the biggest change brought about by the Special Circumstance Review that began with a [\(See In the News on page 17\)](#)

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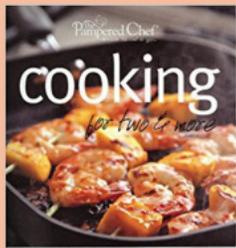


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(Fun Page Answers from page 8)

WEATHER AND CLIMATE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

WORD BANK:

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- Conduction
- Weather
- Hurricane
- El Nino
- Currents
- High
- Low
- Anemometer
- Front
- Cold
- Warm
- Atmosphere
- Meteorology
- Barometer
- Coriolis
- Condensation
- Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Mass
- Climate
- Radiation
- Meteorologist

(In the News from page 13)

weeklong visit from state education officials in late April.

But it was not the only one outlined for the State Board, which oversees WVSDB directly, at the December 8th meeting.

“We have a serious, serious issue to face with financial record keeping and spending that we’ll be tackling in the spring,” State Superintendent Clayton Burch said. He told the board that results of an outside audit are coming soon.

And Matt Hicks, who is overseeing the Department of Education’s intervention here, briefly introduced an amended facilities plan that raises the costs from \$13.4 million to \$30 million over the next 10 years.

“The original plan didn’t incorporate all the needs in the next 10 years,” Hicks said to explain the increased budget.

Then he warned, “That’s still kind of a rough number.”

He also said accomplishing all the goals may take more than 10 years, pointing out, “It took a long time to get to this.”

Part of the Elementary Deaf School building was updated about 20 years ago. The newest building on campus was built in 1994. It’s the Technical Assistance Center that locals know better as the Instructional Resource Center. 🐼

SPRING FORWARD!





*Tony Keathley and his big bass!
Caught at a public lake April 2021.*

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*Tony Keathley and his big bass again!
Also caught at a public lake July 2021.*



Tony Keathley bagged this 10-point, 18-inch spread deer with his crossbow in Jackson County, WV, November 19, 2021.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

Valley Park ~ Hurricane, WV
“The Big Shelter”

* Watch for announcement coming in Spring newsletter issue! *

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(Obituaries from page 7)



Michael J. Lippold

Michael John Lippold, 60, of Cumberland, MD, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2022, at UPMC-Western Maryland from COVID complications.

Born January 2, 1962, in Cumberland, MD, Mr. Lippold was the son of the late Richard H. Lippold and Frances "Nardy" (Woods) Lippold. He was also preceded in death by a sister: Beverly Lippold, a brother: Terry Lippold, a niece: Shayne Turner, and a great nephew: Zach Godlove.

Mike graduated from Fort Hill High School and also graduated from Frostburg State University where he played football. Mike taught over 26 years at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind where he coached numerous sports. He was a member of Our Lady of the Mountains Parish, Saint Patrick's Church. He was also a member of the Tri-State Umpires Association. He loved watching and talking about sports especially Fort Hill and was an avid Washington Redskins fan. He loved spending time with family and friends and will be remembered for his goofy outfits, energetic and bubbly personality. Mike never met a stranger. He loved to sing, especially to Josh Groban.

Mike was an exceptional father, survived by his children: Austin Lippold, Tanner Lippold (Tayler), Morgan Lippold, Mason Lippold, and their mother, Susan Meadows. He also leaves behind his grandson: Parker Lippold; his sisters: Frannie Lease, Mary "Fuzz" Stevens, and Paula Lippold and John

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Mull; his brothers: Ricky Lippold and Pete Lippold (Sandy); his sister-in-law: Charlotte Lippold; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many good friends including Paul, Steve, Abbey, Jeffrey, Ted, and Jimmy.

Services was private. See link for more info: <https://www.adams-familyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Michael-John-Lippold?obId=23784434#obituaryInfo>.



Kimberly A. Hash Brooks

Kimberly A. Hash Brooks, 50, of Glen Fork, WV, passed away on January 23, 2022, at Logan Regional Medical Center, Logan, WV. She was born on February 20, 1971, a daughter of Lacy and Joanna Hash, Jr.

Kimberly was a 1989 Valedictorian graduate of WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV. She is preceded in death by her grandparents Lacy and Betty Hash, and Donald and Gladys Lafferty, a nephew Tristen Daniels, special aunt Wanda "Janie" Lucas, brother-in-law Bobby McGuire, and uncle Ronald Lafferty.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her husband Christopher Brooks, two sisters Virginia

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Funeral service was held on January 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Stafford Family Funeral Home, Lynco, WV, with Rev. Lucian Brown and Bro. Gene Reed officiating. She was laid to rest in Palm Memorial Gardens, Matheny, WV.

Friends gathered with the family from 11:00 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Pallbearers were family and friends. The family was served by the Stafford Family Funeral Home, Lynco, WV (<http://www.staffordfamilyfuneralhome.com/?fbclid=IwAR1oj0gPANIK5ZukNnW97wcEZICli97g8RSRQk0s0b6RrtfBjU2oKbAbBcY>).



EASY HEALTHY CHICKEN BROCCOLI SOUP

(<https://simply-delicious-food.com/easy-healthy-chicken-broccoli-soup/>)

(Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 30 minutes; Total Time: 40 minutes; Servings: 6)

This recipe can also be made in a slow cooker. Cook on high for 2 hours or low for 3 to 4 hours. Similarly, you can make this in an Instant Pot and cook for 10 minutes on high pressure. This soup freezes very well. Allow the cooked soup to cool completely then transfer to freezer-safe containers or freezer bags. Freeze for up to 3 months and thaw completely before reheating in a saucepan until hot and bubbling.

1 large onion, finely chopped	2 large carrots, peeled and finely chopped
2 celery ribs, finely chopped	4 garlic cloves, crushed
1 bay leaf	1 Tablespoon dried mixed herbs
1 teaspoon chili flakes/red pepper flakes (optional)	5 cups broccoli (stems removed and finely chopped)
6 cups chicken stock/broth	2 cups milk
2 Tablespoons corn starch (mixed with 2 Tablespoons water)	2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
Lemon juice to taste	Salt and pepper to taste



1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, set over medium-high heat. Add a few Tablespoons of olive oil. Sauté the onion, celery, carrots, and chopped broccoli stalks until soft and fragrant and just starting to brown (this takes about 10 minutes).
2. Add the garlic, bay leaf, and herbs and sauté for another minute before adding the chicken stock, milk, and corn starch mix (optional to thicken) and bring to boil.
3. Simmer until the soup has thickened slightly then add broccoli and shredded chicken. Allow to cook for 15 minutes (or until broccoli is soft) then season with salt, pepper, and lemon juice (optional).
4. Serve with crusty bread.



CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

(<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a51437/chocolate-strawberry-cheesecakes-recipe/>)

(Total Time: 2 hours and 30 minutes; Yield: 1 dozen)

14 graham crackers, crushed	4 Tablespoons melted butter
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt	2 blocks cream cheese, softened
2 large eggs	1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch of salt	1 cup melted chocolate
12 strawberries	

1. Preheat oven to 325 °F and line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners. Spray liners with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine crushed graham crackers, melted butter, and salt and stir until completely moistened.
3. Press graham mixture into paper liners and set aside.
4. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add eggs, sour cream, sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat until combined. Pour filling over graham crusts.
5. Bake until center is slightly jiggly, about 20 minutes. Let cool in muffin tin, then refrigerate at least 2 hours before topping with chocolate.
6. Spoon melted chocolate over cheesecake tops, then dip strawberries in melted chocolate and rest on top.
7. Let set until firm.





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