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MEMORABILIA - 9/11

These pictures were submitted by Rochelle Simpson and Audrey Leger to remember what happened on September 11, 2001:



"We praise a man who feels angry on the right grounds and against the right persons and also in the right manner at the right moment and for the right length of time." — Aristotle



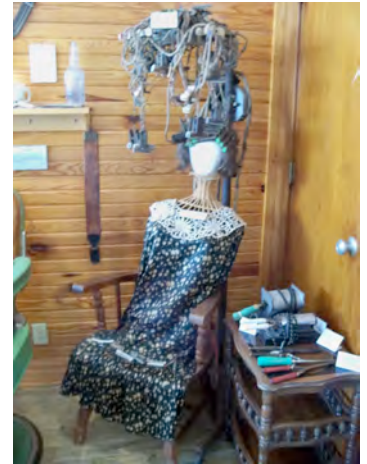
Houston Deaf Senior Trip

On August 18, 22 senior citizens took a trip to Humble, TX to visit Humble Museum and McKay Clinic Medical Museum. Humble Museum was organized as a Bicentennial Project.



The original building was a replica of a one-room schoolhouse and was next to the library. In 1988, it was moved to Main Street. We saw the head of Old Limey, a longhorn who roamed the area and defied capture. According to the guide, he was a friendly longhorn and didn't hurt anyone.

In 1902, the discovery of oil brought attention to Humble and was the springboard for The Humble Oil Co., which progressed to Exxon and is now known as ExxonMobil. The picture shown on the right is the old way for women to get perms. Ouch! The first post office opened in Pleasant Humble's home in 1886.



Dr. Haden Edwards McKay, Sr. began his medical practice in Humble in December of 1919. The McKay Clinic was built by him and his son, Dr. Haden Edwards McKay, Jr. All of the furniture and equipment used for medical purposes were used by both Doctors. Dr. McKay, Jr. passed away on January 13, 1996 from cancer of the brain. He saw patients while undergoing chemo treatments. There are 6 rooms in this building used for delivery of babies and for emergency treatments. Junior serviced Humble for 14 years as a City Councilman and then, as a Mayor for 24 years. These 2 Doctors touched many lives through their wisdom and advice. Mrs. Lillian McKay graciously deeded the McKay Clinic to the Humble Museum as a memorial to these 2 doctors.

We stopped at Woodlands Mall in the Food Court for lunch. Then, we headed to Sam Moon to shop for bags, purses, jewelries, hairpieces, belts, etc. and went to Tuesday Morning shop for discounted items.

It was a fun trip enjoyed by all even though the temperature was 105! Whew!



Birthday for August



Judy Lorenz, Danny Hensley, Ralph Daniels, James Fair, Dorothy Thomas

Birthday for September

- 9th - Lennie Morton
- 13th - Amelia Guerra
- 17th - Trevelyn Green
Robert Yost
- 20th - Tommy Wells
- 24th - D.H. Williamson
- 28th - Josephine Davis



Wedding Anniversary in July



Jenice & Tommy Wells 50 years

Wedding Anniversary in September

- 6th - W.Richard and Joan Brubaker (1958)
- 28th - Joe and Sheila Kennedy (1982)

Calendar of Events

Friday, September 2: **ASL Social** will meet at Furr's Fresh Buffet, 21005 I-45, Spring, TX 77373 from 4:00 PM till 9:00 PM. Come and meet friends to chat and have a good time.

Tuesday, September 13: The **Citywide PIP** program will present a onetime only educational presentation called: "S.W.A.T. Active Shooter". This program will be presented by Sergeant Harold Lawrence from the HPD (S.W.A.T) Team. He will present this informative program that will educate the Citywide PIP membership on how HPD responds to an active shooter that may be in a school or public building. Also, we will hear comments from Chief of Police Charles A. McClelland, Jr. Interpreter and captioning will be provided. Seating may be limited, so come early. Please plan to attend at 1602 State St. (Auditorium), Houston, TX 77007 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, September 14: **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a SUMMER LUNCHEON FLING with Cold Cuts (roast beef, ham, salami, chicken breast), Sandwich breads (white & wheat), Lettuce, tomatoes, Cheese, Pickles, Mustard/Mayonnaise, Chips/Dips, Tropical fruit salad, and Cold drinks provided by Purple. As for desserts, it will be voluntarily basis. Anyone want to bring a dessert is to contact Larry at 866-970-8115. Information provided by President Don Hahn.

Friday, September 16: **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their field trip to Beaumont, TX. Please be at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 7:00 AM as bus will leave at 7:30 AM. Our first stop will be St. Anthony Cathedral Basilic (\$1). After that, we will stop at Brazos Cattle Company for lunch. Then, we will head to Gator Country (10). Please contact Margie Graham at 281-552-8321 (OJO) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information and to sign up.

Saturday, September 17: **Texas Gatorfest, Inc.** at Anahuac, TX 77514 welcomes everyone to the Alligator Capital of Texas from 10:00 AM till dark. Please join them for live music, airboats, Cajun food, alligators, carnival rides, and much more. Airboats has become one of the premier attractions at the Texas Gatorfest. Speeding thru open marsh with the wind blowing thru your hair is an activity everyone should experience.

Wednesday, September 28: **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their social playing cards or other games. If you have ideas to make anything, please let us know. Everyone is willing to learn something new. Please come and join us from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM.

Convicted Rockville deaf-services company founder jailed

Submitted by Audrey Leger from The Gazette by Kevin James

John T.C. Yeh, founder and former CEO of Rockville deaf services company Viable, has been detained without bail "based on recent violations of the conditions of his bail and pretrial release," according to an order signed May 9 by a federal judge. Both Yeh and his brother, former Viable executive Joseph Yeh, were to be sentenced on Monday of next week, but that has been postponed to July 27, according to court documents. The men pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Trenton, N.J., in October to conspiracy to commit mail fraud. In November 2009, they were among 26 people nationwide to be charged in an indictment with conspiring to defraud the Federal Communications Commission's Video Relay Service program, which helps deaf people communicate, by billing the government for millions of dollars in illegitimate calls. The Yehs each face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. John Yeh also was arrested in April and charged with theft of items valued at between \$10,000 and \$100,000 and conspiracy to commit theft, according to Montgomery County District Court documents. He posted bond and was released, according to court records. Yeh is scheduled to be tried on those charges on June 28 in Rockville. So far, 22 of the 26 people charged in the case have pleaded guilty to various charges. Benjamin Pena of Scottsdale, Ariz., was found guilty last June following a three-day jury trial in Trenton on five counts, including two counts of filing false claims with the government and two counts of mail fraud. Pena, a former consultant to Viable, hired two others, whom he paid in cash to make illegitimate calls that were billed to the FCC program through another company, according to court documents. In 2008, he and the employees generated about 200,000 minutes of calls that generated billings of \$1.3 million, according to court documents. Two other former Viable executives, Anthony Mowl and Donald Tropp, are among those who have pleaded guilty in the case. Tropp is expected to be sentenced in July, according to court documents.

Egg Whites...who knew???

Interesting & Amazing

Submitted by Audrey Leger

A young man sprinkling his lawn and bushes with pesticides wanted to check the contents of the barrel to see how much pesticide remained in it. He raised the cover and lit his lighter; the vapors inflamed and engulfed him. He jumped from his truck, screaming. His neighbor came out of her house with a dozen eggs, yelling: "bring me some eggs!" She broke them, separating the whites from the yolks. Another neighbor helped her to apply the whites on the young man's face. When the ambulance arrived and when the EMTs saw the young man, they asked who had done this.

Everyone pointed to the lady in charge. They congratulated her and said: "You have saved his face." By the end of the summer, the young man brought the lady a bouquet of roses to thank her. His face was like a baby's skin.

Healing Miracle for burns: Keep in mind this treatment of burns which is included in teaching beginner fireman this method. First aid consists to spraying cold water on the affected area until the heat is reduced and stops burning the layers of skin. Then, spread egg whites on the affected are. One woman burned a large part of her hand with boiling water. In spite of the pain, she ran cold faucet water on her hand, separated 2 egg white from the yolks, beat them slightly and dipped her hand in the solution. The whites then dried and formed a protective layer. She later learned that the egg white is a natural collagen and continued during at least one hour to apply layer upon layer of beaten egg white. By afternoon she no longer felt any pain and the next day there was hardly a trace of the burn. Ten days later, no trace was left at all and her skin had regained its normal color. The burned area was totally regenerated thanks to the collagen in the egg whites, a placenta full of vitamins. This information could be helpful to everyone: Please pass it on.

Thank you note received

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. David Harkness and Family

Surprising Cancer Fighter

Reader's Digest of November, 2010

The news about good cholesterol-the high-density kind, aka HDL-just got better. Experts already know that it helps protect against heart disease. To raise your HDL Cholesterol; 1) Get regular aerobic exercise, 2) Maintain a healthy weight; 3) Include lots of omega-3 fatty acids in your diet (fish is the best source); 4) Have an occasional drink if you're so inclined (alcohol in moderation raises HDL); and 5) If you smoke, quit.

Milwaukee Post Office Clerk Scott Walker serves customers with more than a smile

Submitted by Denis Tucker written by Henry Rosoff, FOX6 Reporter

We have all been on the phone with a customer service representative ready to pull our hair out. You can shout or scream, but nothing seems to get done. Scott Walker, a Milwaukee post office clerk, almost always leaves his customers happy and without yelling. Walker waves and smiles. You may wonder why the wave, but he will point out the reason as he taps his hat. That's when customers find out he's deaf. Walker communicates with customers at the Post Office through a binder of frequently used phrases along with hand motions. If that becomes too complicated, then he uses a two-way typing device called a Ubi-Duo.

Olive Garden Toscana Soup

Submitted by Nancy Johnson

1 pkg. mild Italian sausage (about 6 links)
3-4 potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced
1/2 an onion, chopped
1/2 lb. bacon, sliced in 1/2 inch pieces
1 1/4 tsp. minced garlic
2 cups kale (1/2 of a bunch) cut in half then sliced
2 Tbsp. chicken base
1 quart water
1/3 cup heavy cream

Remove the casing from the sausage and brown sausage thoroughly in a frying pan. Or you could bake it on a cookie sheet at 300 degrees for 25 minutes. Cut the sausage in half lengthwise, then cut it at an angle into 1/2 inch slices. Place onion and bacon in a large saucepan and cook over medium heat until onions are translucent. Add the garlic and cook 1-2 minutes more. Add the water, chicken base, and potatoes and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the sausage, kale, and heavy cream. Simmer for 4-5 minutes and serve. Serves 5 people.

Save the Date! Of October 1, 2011

Submitted by CSD E-News

Grow with CSD event featuring special guest, Marlee Matlin, at Mall of America from 10 AM till 12 PM. It is being held by Best Buy Rotunda Stage in Minneapolis, MN. She will appear on the stage for CSD's Grow campaign. The Grow campaign aims to raise funds and increase awareness of CSD's programs and services for the deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Her appearance will include a presentation and a book signing

The Z Receives Local, National Honors

Clearwater, Fla. [July 11, 2011] — The Z has recently been honored with four awards, acknowledging the company's innovation and impact on both local and national levels. The Z was recognized twice on June 10 at coolTECH, the Tampa Bay Technology Forum's fourth annual showcase of new technologies and cutting edge innovations in the Tampa Bay region. The Z was named runner-up for the Judges Award in Innovation and also earned honorable mention in the Popular Vote. A week earlier, the company received the James C. Masters Promotion Award from TDI, the leading national advocacy organization that addresses equal access issues in telecommunications, media and information technologies for the disability community. The 'award—presented on June 4 during the 19th Biennial TDI Conference in Austin—goes to an individual, organization or company that has made an outstanding contribution to improving the accessibility of telecommunications, media and information technology for the deaf and hard of hearing communities. On May 24, the Clearwater Downtown Partnership presented The Z with the Water's Edge Business Sustainability award as part of its 4th Annual Momentum Awards.

"We're honored to be recognized for the work we do," said Sean Belanger, CEO. "These awards are a testament to the dedication and innovation of all of our staff, who are committed to bringing the best communication access to deaf and hard of hearing people across the country."

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Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend

NAD Celebrates George Veditz's 150th Birthday

Submitted by Audrey Leger and printed by Deaf Network

On August 13th, we celebrate the 150th birthday of George Veditz, the seventh President of the National Association of the Deaf. Born on August 13, 1861, Veditz later became one of the most ardent and visible advocate of the NAD and of American Sign Language. He realized in the early 1900s that the newly developed technology of motion pictures were an ideal way to convey the beauty of sign language to the world. One of his motion pictures showing his passion for sign language was recently accepted into the Library of Congress. Then, 150 years after his birth and thanks to his gift to us, NAD continues to advocate for the preservation, protection, and promotion of American Sign Language for all deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States. Happy birthday, George Veditz!

North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens wins National Award for Organizational Achievement from Deaf Seniors of America

Submitted by President Mack Harris



At NTDSC's recent general meeting (Thursday, August 4th), President Mack Harris broke the news to the members that NTDSC won the

biggest honor – national one. NTDSC is recognized for performing exceptional service benefiting its deaf seniors. We had a brief celebration at the meeting. Our Vice-President Dianna Elledge will be at Deaf Seniors of America's Biennial Conference in Chicago to accept the national award during the Awards Luncheon.

(Editor's note: Congrats to NTDSC for receiving this award. They have done an excellent job of handling their organization and serving the deaf seniors' needs. I'm very proud of them!)

Press "CLEAR" Button

Submitted by Audrey Leger

People are getting really desperate due to the constantly rising gas prices. A friend just told me

about something that happened to one of his coworkers. She used her credit/debit card to purchase gas at the pump (like most of us do). She received her receipt like normal. However, when she checked her statement, there were 2 \$50.00 charges added in addition to her purchase. Upon investigation, she found out that because she did not press the 'clear' button on the pump, the employee inside the store was able to use her card to purchase his/her own gas!

To keep this from happening, after you get your receipt, you must press the 'CLEAR' button or your information will be stored until the next customer inserts their card. Be sure to tell all your friends/family so that this doesn't happen to them. I had never noticed the clear button, but I got gas the other day and sure enough it is there. I shall be using it from now on. Lower left corner!

Redefining Deaf

Submitted by Cynthia Stevens

Redefining Deaf has now established a home and place to grow. Beginning Sunday, July 24 at 9:15, we embark on developing a strong community of Deaf, HH, late deaf, CODA, and friends of Deaf at FM Houston. FM Houston continues to examine and act upon the steps necessary to make it truly accessible to the Deaf community. Our new Deaf Room is located on the lower level in LL9b and can be easily accessed by using the lower level elevator located just across from the Sanctuary's main lobby entrance. Everyone is welcome to become a member of this new family of individuals who wish to share with others their thoughts and feelings about topics that provide for personal learning. Redefining Deaf meets from 9:15-9:40 with coffee and continental breakfast for a morning social time. This is followed by group discussion on topics related and relevant to the series presented by Dr. Wende each Sunday in the 11:00 AM service. This service is ASL interpreted to include singing. If you can't join us for the discussion and worship, no worries. Redefining Deaf continues with a social time at the lunch table each Sunday at a local eatery. It's a great time to share with others. FM Houston is located at 1320 Main Street at Clay Street in downtown Houston. Free parking is located directly across the street in a church-owned parking lot with private cart pick up to bring you right to the front door.

So, what's keeping you from checking out the Redefining Deaf experience? Come be a part of

what will be a wonderful Deaf directed, Deaf designed, Deaf organized group.

Emergency Info

Submitted by Nancy Johnson

"I am an older person and unfortunately have some health issues, which causes my family to worry. My daughter insisted that I put a USB flash drive on my key ring that contains my information, including:

- * my name, age, address, and telephone number
- * a list of names to contact in case of an emergency
- * a list of my current medications and allergies to other medications
- * a list of my current medical diagnoses
- * my current insurance information as well as the information for my two doctors

On the outside of the flash drive, it reads "Emergency Information" in bold letters.

A few months ago, I had a heart attack and was not able to communicate whatsoever. Thank goodness that my wise daughter had made me that flash drive! It saved my life. The 2.0 flash drive costs under \$5, and it took her only a few minutes to create and install on my key ring. Now, I take it with me everywhere. Robert L. in Gilbert, AZ



Football FINALLY makes sense. . .

Submitted by Judy Lorenz

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then, for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!"

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

Submitted by Paula Szablowski

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David... He got to be king by killing a giant with a sling shot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them. After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New

Testament.. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.') During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats... Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

New Pastor in Town

Submitted by Robert Yost

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

This Cartoon Will Become A Classic

Submitted by Sharon Head

This is dedicated to all my senior friends. You have to be over 60 to truly understand it...

And to those that aren't there yet, this is a warning!

Obituary



Buck Linsten Lynch, 66, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, surrounded by family. Buck was born on October 14, 1944, to Arthur and Lila Lynch in Matador, and raised in Whiteflat, Texas.

Buck was known for his great sense of humor and he was always so full of life. Being deaf didn't hold him back from anything. He enjoyed life with his many deaf friends and most of all with his family. Buck retired in 1997 after more than 30 years of work as a printer. Growing up, Buck attended the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, where he learned the trade of printing. He is preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers. He is survived by his two sisters, Lola Allison and Martha Woodard of Amarillo; wife of 40 years Frances Taylor-Lynch; step-daughter Betty Fernandini; daughters Lisa Godsil & husband Kevin, and Molly Elliott; son Wayne Lynch & wife Pen, and six grandchildren.

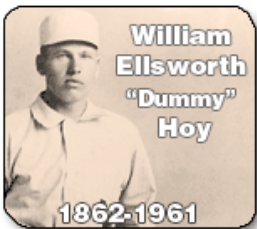


Mary Maxine Chatelain Sheffield died peacefully, surrounded by family on Sunday, August 14, 2011 in Roswell GA. Maxine was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of the Transfiguration Catholic Church in Atlanta GA. She was born November 16, 1935 in

Alexandria, LA the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Deville Chatelain. Maxine graduated valedictorian from the Louisiana School for the Deaf in 1956. She was a former proof reader for The Alexandria Daily Town Talk and in Baton Rouge for the State Times and Morning Advocate until 1987. Recently, secretary of the Low Country Association of the Deaf, member of the South Carolina Association of the Deaf and a member of the Deaf Seniors of GA. Maxine is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years Robert Jack Sheffield Sr.; her parents Edward and Elizabeth Deville Chatelain; 6 brothers; and one sister. Maxine is survived by son, Jack Sheffield, Jr & his wife Jennifer of Charleston,

SC; daughter, Jill Sheffield & her partner Sylvia Primeaux of Roswell, GA; 7 grandchildren, brother, Elton Chatelain & wife Barbara of Denham Springs; two sisters; and sister in law, Darlene Chatelain all of Alexandria. Maxine will be sorely missed by her family and many Deaf friends in Louisiana, South Carolina, and Georgia. Memorials may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Bill Beggs, 64, of Sun City in Georgetown, TX died peacefully with his family at his side of complications following surgery. Bill had been a native of Houston, TX until moving to Sun City about 12 years ago. He was active in the Horticulture, Stained Glass, Ceramics, and Woodworking Clubs. Though deaf and cerebral palsied since birth, he seemed to find a way to communicate with everyone he met. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ike W. Beggs and Marguerite Gillette Beggs, and uncle, Wally Claypool. He is survived by Barbara and Bob Hallmark, Bette Claypool, Susan and Allan Lambert, and 2 cousins and their spouses and children.



William Ellsworth "Dummy" Hoy - Major-league ballplayer (5/23/1862—10/7/1961) had the longest major-league career of any deaf player—15 years—although he played about half of it on bad teams.

Hoy was a slightly-built, nimble player, 5'4" or so. He played in the Northwestern, National, Players', and American leagues. He was on four pennant-winning teams, two minor, two major: Oshkosh of the Northwestern League in 1887, Chicago White Stockings of the American League in 1900 and 1901, and Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League in 1903. An intrepid center-fielder, good hitter, and speedy baserunner, Hoy set several base-stealing records, and while with the Washington Senators, had three assists from the outfield to the catcher in one game on June 19, 1889, for the all-time record. He led the National League in stolen bases in 1888 with 82 thefts. While with the White Sox, he had a record 45 assists in 137 games that season. He is believed to have played an important role in the development of umpires' signals.



Eleanor Zabel Willhite - Aviatrix (1892—1991) was the first deaf woman to earn a pilot's license. She was working as a typist-stenographer when an acquaintance (who also happened to be a flight instructor)

suggested she learn to fly—and become South Dakota's first woman pilot. After enrolling in aviation school, she made her first solo flight in 1928. Her father, Charley "Pard" Zabel, bought her an open-cockpit Alexander Eaglerock OX-5 biplane, which she named *Pard* in his honor. She barnstormed—participated in air shows, races, and county fairs, gave rides to folks who had never before been in an airplane, performed aerial stunts, and just had a good time. High-spirited and indomitable, she inspired other deaf people to fly. Until 1944, she worked as a commercial pilot (the first and last deaf person to do so), carrying airmail. She founded the South Dakota chapter of the Ninety-Nines, the organization of pioneering women flyers. Shortly before her death, she was inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame. The *Pard* is now on display at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, Alabama.

Editor's Message



Sure hope the weather becomes cooler now that September is approaching. We do need more rain though. Whew! It's been a long time since we had a dry drought.

All the children are back in School. Can't believe how fast time has passed. Please remember speed limits in School areas. No TEXTING in school areas or you will have to pay a fine.

Audrey Leger wants me to inform you all that if you have anything pertaining to HDSCLF and the Newsletter, please send emails to hdscnews@yahoo.com and not her personal e-mail address. Thanks for respecting her wishes!

Nancy Morris

Relay Consumer Alert: New FCC Rules on Toll Free Numbers

Submitted by Audrey Leger

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is pleased to announce that on August 4, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its final rules on the use of toll free (800 or 866 numbers). The order stops the assignment of new toll-free numbers to Video Relay Service (VRS) users and requires the transition to local ten-digit numbers. If a VRS user wishes to obtain a toll free number or continue using his/her toll free number, he/she must pay separately for the toll free number. Telephone users use local ten-digit numbers and can pay separately for toll free numbers. The FCC also adopted a one-year transition period where previously assigned toll free numbers will continue to work until August 3, 2012. If you use a toll free number, you need to start using your local ten-digit number and let your family, friends, and colleagues know to contact you at your local ten-digit number. Your toll free number will no longer work after August 4, 2012 unless you make arrangements to pay for it separately. Both providers and the FCC will do outreach on this issue to consumers. We applaud the FCC for its hard work and making this important step towards the goal of functional equivalency for all deaf and hard of hearing people.



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