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This newsletter is dedicated to uniting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of East Texas and all supporters by providing information and reporting events that enhance our lives and our community.

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We Are In An Exciting Time

A lot of exciting things are happening in East Texas for the Deaf/HH Community and TDHHC. TDHHC has been developing working relationships with many different entities in order to provide interpreting services. We have seen a large increase in the volume of services provided for the Deaf/HH Community.

This year TDHHC, the Advisory Committee, and ETDA are bringing back Deaf Awareness Week and KissFist. So be looking for more information coming soon. Take notice of the events that are going on this month. We have to expand the Community Events sections. There will be another workshop for the Deaf happening on June 4 at 4 PM at the Raw Iron Gym in Tyler. Afterward, everyone can go to Tyler Deaf Chat at Whataburger. If you have any suggestions for future workshops for the Deaf community, please let Alana know and we can begin working on it.

One of the most exciting changes that TDHHC has made is meeting and exceeding the needs for interpreting requests. We have started an internal mentoring program with pre-certified Interpreters who are now contracted with TDHHC. TDHHC is developing an environment for our pre-certified interpreters to have real-life experience and improve their skills as they are working towards their certification.

Over the past year, we have been working on improving TDHHC's working relationship with TJC and their Interpreter Training Program (ITP) with the Dean, Department Chair, faculty, and students. The focus is to put in place a mentoring program to help the student become involved in the Deaf/HH community before they graduate; enter into the interpreter's world and provide an easy transition into the interpreting field.

In spite of these crazy and exciting times, the one thing that will never change is our core purpose, to ensure that the needs of the Deaf/HH in East Texas are met with quality, skilled and certified professional interpreters whose hearts and desires are to be involved in the Deaf/HH Community.

On Behalf for TDHHC Board of Directors

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DID YOU KNOW?

By Patrick Grona

Luther Haden "Dummy" Taylor was an American right-handed pitcher in Major League Baseball from 1900 to 1908 who was deaf. He played for the New York Giants and Cleveland Bronchos and was one of the key pitchers on the Giants' National League championship teams of 1904 and 1905.



Deaf Hangout — May 21

It's that time again! Our next workshop is here. Come and enjoy the Self-Defense class that will be taught in ASL. All ages and skills are welcome! It will take place at Raw Iron Gym (3320 Troup Hwy Suite 160, Tyler.) Next to Roma's restaurant.



Lindale Deaf Chat — May 20

RAW IRON GYM
TYLER, TEXAS

BENEFITS OF HAVING SELF-DEFENSE SKILLS

JUNE 4th At 4:00

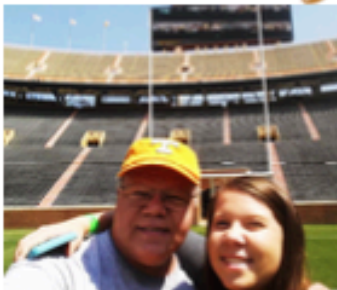
- Self-defense
- Safety
- Positive mentality
- Sharpen Intelligence

JUNE 4th At 4:00

FREE COMMUNITY CLASS!

3320 Troup Hwy suite 160 Tyler, Texas

MEMBER *spotlight*



Morgan

By Elizabeth Crook

picked up ASL growing up. Morgan was born deaf and has acquired Sign Language from her parents and school. Neal believes ASL is the best way to communicate with any child with varying degrees of hearing loss.

Morgan and her father love to spend time traveling together in Tennessee, and they would visit many historical sites such as Virginia and North Carolina. Morgan appreciates the positive influence and encouragement she received from her father.

Today, Morgan is a secretary for ETDA and a member of the TDHHC Advisory Committee. She attended National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in NY, with a major in business. Currently, she resides in Tyler and works for Sorenson. In Fairview, TX, her father is a Training Education Specialist at the Department of Treasury.

Deaf Father Knows Best

Neal Raney was thrilled to become a father when his daughter Morgan was born, and a few years later, he was blessed with a son who is CODA.

Neal lost his hearing when he was a toddler and



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Self Defense Class Tyler
5	6	7	8	9 Senior Citizens Luncheon @ On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina	10 Longview	11
12	13	14 Flag Day!	15	16	17 Lindale	18 Deaf Hangout
19 Happy Father's Day	20	21	22 Senior Citizens Breakfast @ Mama's restaurant	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	TSID Conference	

Community Events

- **June 4:** Self-Defense Class at 4 PM. This class will be taught in ASL(3320 Troup Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701) .
- **June 4:** Tyler Deaf Chat at Whataburger (4825 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler 75703) Starts at 6 PM.
- **June 9:** Senior Citizens Luncheon at 1 PM located at On The Border Mexican Grill & Cantina (4301 S Broadway Ave. Tyler) 55 and over are welcome!!
- **June 10:** Longview Deaf Chat at Whataburger (2401 Gilmer Rd, Longview 75604). It starts at 6 PM.
- **June 17:** Lindale Deaf Chat at Whataburger (311 S Main St, Lindale 75771). Starts at 6:30 PM
- **June 18:** Deaf Hangout at Times Square Grand Slam (5201 S. Broadway Ave. Tyler 75703). Starts at 4 PM. For easy meet up, meet near VIP Bowling Lanes. **If you want to bowl, please bring cash. (\$12/person)**

- **June 19:** Father's Day
- **June 22:** Senior Citizens Breakfast at Mama's restaurant in Tyler, TX. The address is 2106 E. 5th St. Tyler, TX. 75701 on June 22 at 9:00 AM — Hope to see you all, Fred Clarkson and Carols Holdridge
- **June 22 - 26:** Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf (TSID) Conference in College Station, TX
- **June 30 - July 4:** National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference in Orlando, Florida

Upcoming Events

- **July 19 - 21:** Statewide Conference for Education of the Deaf (SWCED) in Corpus Christi, TX
- **July 31 - August 4:** DeafNation World Expo in Las Vegas, NV



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