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Tech Day TV Listening Devices a hit!

Rob Obar played host on our first Tech Day March 9. Armed with his knowledge of technology, he welcomed visitors and asked if they wanted to put some “ears on” and try the Sennheiser’s TV Listening System.

Here’s what we saw:

1. Visitor has the device placed into his ears and connected to music.
- 2: Visitor’s eyes light up and he breaks into a big smile!
3. Next (of course) is “How much does it cost?”
4. In this gentlemen’s case, “nothing” because he is a US Military Veteran. The VA Audiology Department in Pittsburgh provides hearing aids and this TV listener. Enrollment in the VA Health System is necessary.

For everyone else, Hear Fayette has a supplier with prices comparable to most of the new products shown on Amazon. Next Tech Day is on April 20, 2017 from 10 till 2 in the Samaritan’s Well. Check Facebook for announcements of future dates.

Mount Aloysius College



3rd Biennial Student-Run Interpreting Conference

April 7-9, 2017

For more information, here's the link:

<http://www.mtaloy.edu/interpreting-conference/>

Hear Fayette's Plant Sale tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Watch for announcements on our Facebook page.

SATURDAY, March 25, 2017

Mall at Robinson

100 Robinson Centre Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Noon – 4pm

Sponsored by

Center for Hearing & Deaf Services

[HTTP://WWW.HDSCENTER.ORG](http://www.hdscenter.org)



SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES*

Saturday Beginners Class

Sixteen people decided to give sign language a try and began their first class on January 7. Thirteen students continued with only a few absences.

Our regular teacher, Jeff Martz, was unable to teach due to burn injuries to his hand and lower arm. He is recovering after that horrible experience.

We asked our friends to fill in for Jeff; and classes were so educational and fun! Teachers we love you: Cindy Hanzes, Elisha Stender, Norma Luketic, Kim D'Angelo, Steve Kovscek.

Thanks to our awesome teachers and dedicated students!
Next Beginner's Class starts in September

Tuesday & Wednesday Classes

Betsy Kipila teaches Intermediate Sign for those who know basic sign language. You are welcome to come from 5 till 6 p.m. on Tuesday for that class. Betsy also teaches ASL Structure Class on Wednesday from 5 till 6 p.m.

*If it's necessary for us to cancel class for any reason, we will post a notice on our page and send emails as well.

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HEARFAYETTESVDP](https://www.facebook.com/hearfayettesvdp)

Saturday Signers Practice from 11 till 12:30 on Saturday.
Drop in and keep your skills from disappearing!

Important! Please read.
IRS Warns of Video Relay Scam Targeting Deaf and Hard of Hearing

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/irs-warns-of-video-relay-scam-targeting-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing>

RESOURCES

Important site for information in Pennsylvania is the **Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**. This is the place to find all sorts of services: <http://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/odhh/Pages/default.aspx>

Discover assistive technology—devices that can help you hear, speak, and more. Learn how you can borrow, try, and keep them and how to finance purchase if necessary. <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/piat/>

One great source for persons who are Deaf or have hearing loss is **healthbridges**. Take a look. All videos are signed and captioned. <http://healthbridges.info>

Noisy Planet: How to help save your hearing and your children's precious ability to hear. <https://www.noisyplanet.nidcd.nih.gov>

SayWhatClub can be described as online friends with hearing loss. You are welcomed to join in and communicate and commiserate with people who have similar problems: Deaf, hearing loss, Meneire's, balance difficulties, cochlear implants and more. Check them out. They are a great group. <http://www.saywhatclub.com>

Free Captioned phones and captioning for iPad <https://captioncall.com>

But I don't need hearing aids!

The decision to buy and use hearing aids takes time. Be patient while a person goes through a process of recognizing their hearing loss. Some describe the feeling similar to the stages of grief. We first have to get through denial of our loss and finally detect for ourselves that our hearing is not quite sharp.

The loss of hearing may be gradual and happen over a long period of time. Because we can still hear some sounds, it's hard to believe that we have lost our ability to understand what is said. Be kind. Be patient. Thank you for understanding.

Please note: Mass at Our Lady of Grace RC Church, Mt. Pleasant Rd. Greensburg PA at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday is signed for Deaf or others who use sign language.

The Hear Fayette Program is one of the many good things that happen at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Uniontown Conference, PO Box 195, 70 N. Mt. Vernon Ave. Uniontown PA 15401

New happenings: A group within SVdP have been helping the homeless in our community. One way they help is by making sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags. Plastic strips are cut into strips, then crocheted into sturdy moisture-proof mats for sleeping outside.

SVdP has a great store, furniture department, and seasonal shoppe that have inventory provided by generous people throughout the community. Unique, useable, and affordable goods are on display and available daily. The personnel are terrific volunteers (some in their 80s).

SVdP has a quilting group, Good Samaritan Quilters, who create and stitch child-sized quilts for kids in local hospitals and shelters.

Also, SVdP has an emergency food pantry; a dismantling group that gleans metals for recycling; a group called Handfuls of Mercy who make soft crosses and visit persons in nursing homes or homebound; Bible Study groups; and opportunities for volunteerism. (And that's just a few of the amazing happenings at SVdP). A new Website will be up and running in February, and you will be able to see for yourself!

*If you are receiving our news for the first time, welcome!
We may have talked to you at one of the events that we attended.*

If you needed specific information about hearing aids, phones, sign language classes, or other help, please email.

Please let us know at [hearfayettenews@gmail](mailto:hearfayettenews@gmail.com)

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or if you have comments or suggestions.

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