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**ON THE COVER: Consumer Michael Fitzpatrick is shown holding a certificate from his workplace - Goodwill. Story on page 30 of the print edition.**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind”s annual Easter egg Sale is on now! Now taking orders for the delicious hand-made, individually packaged and decorated, peanut butter filled, milk or dark chocolate Easter eggs. Cost os $8 each. Eggs will be available on April 6th, To place your order, call the Services Division office at 304-522-6991. Funds to benefit CWAB® Services Division.**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

**Mission and Vision Statements**

**OUR MISSION: Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind is committed to promoting and advocating the economic, educational, and social welfare of the blind and visually impaired of all ages so that they can maintain a lifestyle comparable to other members of society.**

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**From the Director**

**Hello all,**

**I want to start by offering my condolences to Joann Wallace, Association President, on the loss of her longtime partner, Laundle Powers. Laundle served CWAB® for many, many years. Most recently as Board Treasurer. His loss is felt by all of us here at CWAB® and our prayers and best wishes are with Joann and the rest of his family as they navigate life without him.**

**Spring is right around the corner and I for one cannot wait!! Winter has seemed to be 3 years long!! Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal. A time full of hope and promise of what is to come. And I am ready for both.**

**At CWAB® Services Division we are preparing for spring by planning activities, cleaning, and organizing.**

**Coming in April we begin a 6 week pottery class at the Huntington Museum of Art. This is a very popular activity and fills up fast so get your request to me if you would like to join in. It will be every Wednesday from 1 – 3. Preference is always given to anyone who has never signed up. Then enrollment is offered by first-come, first-served basis.**

**On March 16th, we will be offering a meal prep class. This promises to be very beneficial to our consumers and I am very excited to learn some new things myself.**

**We have some other new ideas “cooking”. I can’t wait to make the arrangements and announce them here.**

**As always, if you have concerns, questions, or needs (or praises!) please feel free to reach out to me at the office. Also, if one of the staff goes above and beyond for you, please let me know that as well. We always identify an employee of the year and your feedback is often part of that decision process.**

**Until next month,**

**Toni I. Walls, COMS, CVRT**

**Executive Director**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

**Services Division**

**There are two photos with this article. The first is of Toni Walls. She is seated with her torso turned slightly toward the photographer. She is wearing a black sweater over a floral print blouse. She has below the shoulder-length hair, and is slightly smiling. The background of the image is totally black.**

**Cabell-Wayne**

**Loses Board Member, Treasurer**

**LAUNDLE “LON” POWERS passed away peacefully on February 17, 2022, at the age of 85, at his home in Huntington. He was surrounded by a dearly loved girlfriend, Joann, and a dear pet, “Buddy.” He was born on October 9, 1936, in Huntington, a son to Fred and Flossie Powers. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Powers; sister, Loyesell Duke; and brothers, Harlan, Bill and Bob Powers. He served in the United States Army. He was an avid sports enthusiast and played football in high school and was a Golden Gloves champion. He attended Marshall University. He retired from ACF Industries of Huntington and worked in the accounting department. He was an active volunteer at the Cabell Wayne Association of the Blind, where he served as an Executive Board Member and Treasurer. He is survived by one daughter, Tammy Minor; two grandsons, Tyler (Jackie) and Joshua Minor; a great-grandson; several nieces and nephews; and a beloved girlfriend, Joann Wallace, and a loved pet, “Buddy,” who was his constant companion. According to his wishes, he will be cremated, and no services are planned at this time. Condolences may be sent to his family at www.chapmans-mortuary.com. Contributions can be made in his honor to Cabell Wayne Association of the Blind if desired.**

**Activities**

**MARCH**

**Wednesday 12:30 to 2:30**

 **2nd - Crafts**

 **9th - Cooking**

**16th - Music Appreciation**

**23rd - Bingo**

**30th - Pottery**

**Support Groups**

**1st - D - Kim Blake**

**3rd  - B - Holbrook**

**10th  - A - Wallace**

**10th - C - McComas**

**17th  - B - Holbrook**

**24th  - A - Wallace**

**24th - C - McComas**

**APRIL**

**Wednesday 12:30 to 2:30**

 **6 – Pottery**

**13 – Pottery**

**20 - Pottery**

**27 – Pottery**

**Support Groups**

5th     - D - Kim Blake

7th     - B - Holbrook

14th  - A - Wallace

             C - McComas

21st  - B - Holbrook

28th - A - Wallace

            C - McComas

**Our Programs, and What They Can Do For You**

**In our February 2022 issue we began a new series of articles entitled: “Our Programs and What We Can Do For You” It is our hope that over the coming months that these articles will give you, the consumer, a better understanding of each program offered by Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind Services Division, and how you would benefit from using these services. This month, we focus on “Consumer Services”, and program head Candy Allen.**

**Hello, my name is Candy Allen and I am the Consumer Services Coordinator here at CWAB® I would like to tell consumers of CWAB® Services Division what services I provide.**

**1 Reading – Mail, other items.**

**2 Bill Pay – through mail or in-person.**

**3 Banking – check writing, bank business.**

**4 Organization – files, mail, home.**

**5 Labeling – with Pen Friend device or other means.**

**6 Shopping – assisting with purchasing items needed by the consumer.**

**7 Other needs as discussed and approved by Director.**

**I can be contacted at CWAB® Services Division at 304-522-6991 if you have any questions about my services.**

**Candy Allen**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

**Consumer Services**

**candyallen@cabellwayne.org**

**304-522-6991**

**Notes From The Editor**

**HI there! Welcome to our March 2022 edition!**

 **I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended our Valentine Social, and to those who requested music, as well as those who expressed their gratitude for the music I played. Honestly playing music for a Cabell-Wayne event, for me, is more stressful than being on the radio! Being a disc jockey you are in a room by yourself and playing material that has been set for you to play. Being in front of fellow consumers playing tunes is a totally different ballgame! I try my best to make it enjoyable, and I appreciate your support.**

**April is the month for our annual Easter Egg Sale! Be sure to pay special attention to the flyer on the inside of the front cover.**

 **Take care. I will see everyone soon!**

**Meal Prep Class**

**Meal prepping has become quite the thing in recent years. Many reasons are responsible for this – time saving, space saving, money saving, and often healthier than eating out or other “quick” meal ideas.**

**With this in mind, and at the suggestion of Association President Joann Wallace, we will be offering a Meal prep cooking  class on Wednesday, March 16. This class will begin at the usual 12:30 and may extend past 2:30. Participants will take home at least 1 meal prep.**

**This is in line with our desire to move toward more opportunities for useful, needed instruction for our consumer.**

**If you have ideas about what you would like to see us add to our lineup please feel free to reach out to me.**

**Thank you,**

**Toni I. Walls, COMS, CVRT**

**Executive Director**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

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**304-522-6991**

**Valentine Social, Socially Fun!**

**The annual Valentine Social was held Friday, February 11th at Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind’s “big room”. The event is held yearly as close to the actual Valentine’s Day holiday as possible.**

**Numerous consumers attended and were served their choice of either fettuccini Alfredo or baked spaghetti by Toni Walls, Hailey Tabor, Zach Davis, and Candy Allen. A choice of cupcake or fudge for dessert was also offered. Media-Marketing Manager Jerry Crabtree played appropriate music.**

**As a tradition, a king and queen were crowned. Ronnie Kinser was the “King”, and Leah Thompson was “Queen”.**

**The event was held from 2 to 4 p.m.**

**There are six photos with this article. The photos feature consumers socializing, dancing, and of the elected King and Queen.**

**It’s Getting A Little Crafty In Here!**

**One of the more fun things offered by Cabell-Wayne recreation is the periodically held craft classes. These classes are usually tailored for holidays and held close to that particular occasion.**

 **Recently Executive Director Toni Walls assisted eight consumers in a painting class held in the Services Division, “big room.” The class painted tactile marks on wood for the three participants who were totally blind. Another crafts class is scheduled for March.**

 **For details on any CWAB® service or activity, please call the Services Division office at 304-522-6991.**

**There are three images with this article. Images show craft class participants as they work on their projects.**

**Pottery Class**

**Hello all!!**

**With the retirement of long-time Recreation Coordinator, Linda Worthy in October, we have been working hard to ensure that recreational activities are being offered. We are looking at what has worked in the past, as well as making some tweaks along the way to meet the needs of the consumers now. Of course, staffing also comes into the equation when looking at what we are able to offer.**

**With all of that in mind, we are excited to announce that we have entered into an agreement with the Huntington Museum of Art to offer a spring pottery class!! These classes will begin on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 and go for 6 consecutive Wednesdays, ending on May 11, 2022. Pottery has always been a very popular recreational event and we are also working toward scheduling our normal fall classes as well.**

**Pottery sign up has always been offered first-come, first-serve with preference given to anyone who has not ever taken the pottery class. We will be working that way again in the spring. All sign ups will be overseen by Toni Walls, Executive Director. Sign ups begin now!!**

**With COVID in mind, please be aware that masks may be required to attend.**

**One image with the article shows pottery instructor and a student in a recent pottery class.**

Transportation!

What a great need this is!

**Consumers of CWAB® Services Division are very blessed. Transportation is made available through funding from the Teubert Foundation for needs such as doctors appointment, work, YMCA program, CWAB® events, and other needs as available.**

**With this privilege comes rules. We have to ensure that this program is utilized efficiently and appropriately. I want to go over some of these rules today.**

**All transportation must be scheduled no later than 24 hours prior to pick up. For Monday appointments this would mean by Friday prior to the time of appointment on Monday.**

**For recreation events, the general rule is sign up by the Friday before the event. Wednesday afternoon recreation follows the 24 hour rule.**

**If you participate in the YMCA program, you are asked to call your schedule in by Friday morning by 10 for the following week. We will not take sign-ups for the following week before Wednesday.**

**Medical appointments are preferably scheduled between 9 am and 1 pm. If your return pick up time falls after 4:30 we will be unable to pick you up. Timing also depends on your distance from the agency and the location of your appointment. For individual information please call to discuss with Transportation Supervisor Jim Dorton, or Assistant Transportation Supervisor Hailey Tabor.**

**Drivers are instructed to call you between 10 minutes to 1 hour prior to your pick up. This is affected by your distance from the office. If you do not accept this call your ride may be cancelled or delayed. Once a driver arrives at your location they will indicate their arrival by phone call or horn. You then have 10 minutes to board the shuttle. Drivers are instructed to call the office after waiting 10 minutes and will then be instructed to leave.**

**Drivers have complex schedules. Because of this, you may be picked up as early as 1 hour prior to your appointment. We will attempt to make you aware of these early pickups but may not always be able to. In order to meet everyone’s needs with the manpower we have on staff, this is a necessary flexibility that you must have. Also, if you call for a return trip it may take up to 1 hour for your driver to reach you for pickup. All care is taken to minimize these times but may be necessary based on demand for that day. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.**

**As we still deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, temperature checks are still a tool that is advised by the CDC and will continue for the foreseeable future. Please pause at the top of the steps in the shuttles to allow the driver to take your temperature.**

**And everyone’s favorites:**

1. **No food or drink allowed on shuttles. This is without exception and includes thermal cups and bottles. They must remain sealed at all times.**
2. **Drivers are instructed to not engage the vehicle until all passengers are belted. Seat belts MUST be worn for the entire ride, until driver places shuttle in park. This is without exception.  Failure to comply may lead to you missing out on transportation services in the future. Also, you should be aware that if a driver is discovered to have driven with a passenger unbelted they face disciplinary action including dismissal. This is a zero tolerance policy.**

**Transportation follows a warning system for non-compliance. Warnings are issued for failure to cancel a scheduled ride, having open food or drink on the shuttles, failure to wear seatbelt, failure to answer call prior to pick up, failure to board shuttle within 10 minutes of shuttle arrival. Warnings follow a progressive severity, starting with a verbal warning with no consequences and ending after the 7th warning with Permanent suspension from transportation services. More severe non-compliance may lead to accelerated penalties.**

**Please respect your drivers. They may not take the route you are familiar with but they may know of traffic problems you aren’t aware of.**

**If you have a concern, feel free to discuss it with Transportation Supervisor Jim Dorton or Executive Director Toni Walls.**

**Our transportation department is a wonderful privilege to those who need the valuable service. Let’s be appreciative and compliant with the rules.**

**Thank you!**

**Toni I. Walls**

**Executive Director**

**Guide Page by Email**

**Click, Open, and Read!**

**For three decades the GUIDE PAGE MAGAZINE has been freely offered in a variety of formats to suit the vision needs of consumers,, and the general public. change as technology changes. Generally we offer large print, Braille, or an audio CD, and for our internet savvy consumers, audio, and text issues, which are available on cwab.org.**

**We produce hundreds of copies of the GUIDE PAGE Magazine each month, with most formats requiring postage for delivery. The most cost effective issues we produce are email.**

**Email issues need no ink, paper, packaging, or postage. Recipients simply open their inbox and read or let their screen reader software read it for them.**

**By changing your current subscription to email only, you will greatly assist us in continuing to provide the GUIDE PAGE to you. For more information, please call 304-522-6991.**

**Fitzpatrick Recognized By Goodwill**

**After his wife’s passing, Mike Fitzpatrick needed a purpose and a reason to get out of bed every day. His job as a Greeter at Goodwill gave him that purpose. Mike Fitzpatrick has worked at Goodwill since 2014 and says he is blessed to be able to get up and come to work every day.**

**Despite enduring childhood cancer and a brain tumor that resulted in blindness, Mike walks into work with a smile and a positive outlook on life every day. He is responsible for greeting customers as they enter and exit the store, and Mike loves every minute.**

**Mike went through Goodwill Employment Services Work Adjustment Program, which is designed to prepare individuals who have never been employed to enter a work environment. Mike applied for a position because he needed a job that could support him. Mike is involved with the Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind, where he is on their Board of Directors and is where he met his late wife. He began his career cutting textiles as part of the recycling program, and is now a Greeter at the Virginia Avenue retail store.**

**“I just love getting to talk to new people, hear their voice, and want to cheer people up if I need to,” Mike said. “I can hear in someone’s voice if they are not doing very well, so I try to tell everyone to have a blessed day.”**

**Mike is a devout Christian and credits his positivity and happiness to GOD. He loves to share the word of GOD with others, and loves to share his faith with store customers. He attends Jefferson Church of God, located in Huntington. However, Mike firmly believes his job has given him skills like maturity and patience.**

**Outside of work, Mike enjoys spending time with his church family, going fishing, and is an avid Raiders fan. He encourages others to be themselves and to put their faith in GOD.**

**Mike is a joy to be around and we are lucky to have him as part of the Goodwill family!**

**#WhyGoodwill**

**The lone image with this article shows Fitzpatrick holding a sign from Goodwill. The sign Is white trimmed in green. At the top, the words, “HELLO MY NAME IS’, in white typeface letters over a green background, followed by a white block, with Mike F.” printed by a large black marker. In the signs center is a heart-shaped area, with dozens of small images filling its boarder. There is a wide geeen boarder across the bottom with the Goodwill logo on the left, and the word “#ShareGoodwoll”, in white typeface letters. Fitzpatrick is wearing a red t-shirt. An ID lanyard and credentials is hanging around his neck. Fitzpatrick is very broadly smiling!**

**Activities Center Serves Community**

**Since its completion in the Spring of 2008, the C.W.A.B. Activities Center has been a virtual beehive of activity! Having served as a location for concerts, weddings, parties, and meetings, the center is a fully-equipped facility that can serve any need**

**Available as a rental facility the building boasts a spacious double-range kitchen with a restaurant-style sink, refrigerator, freezer, and microwave. Access to tables and chairs, tablecloths and dinnerware are also available.**

**Holiday decorations are also available.**

**The C.W.A.B. Activity Center is an excellent choice for any event - large or small.**

**For more details, contact the Services Division office at 304-522-6991.**

**There is one image with this article. The image is a full-page representation of a brochure containing twelve images. All images are of the interior of the center in various angles, and with various activity decorations.**

**Cabell-Wayne**

**Association of the Blind**

**Services Division**

**T-Shirt Sale**

**CWAB® Services Division is offering t-shirts for sale. These have the logo and name on the front left and the new design on the back of the t-shirt. Description of the back is as follows:**

**Name across the top with logo at top of back of shirt facing a weaving roadway. Along the roadway are signs labeled (from top to bottom) “The Guide Page”, “Recreation”, “Consumer Services”, “Adaptive Technology”, “Transportation”, “Vision Rehab”, and “OM”. At the bottom there is a banner that reads “Independence”.**

**Basic colors being offered are Navy, Royal blue, Red, Marshall Green, and Purple. We have some of these in stock at all times. There are many other colors available so if you desire a different color please call and ask for Toni to discuss. We are also offering several tie-die versions.**

 **Prices:**

**Short sleeve                 $15**

**Long Sleeve                 $20**

**Short Sleeve Tie-Die   $20**

**Long Sleeve Tie-die     $25**

**Orders will be placed soon, so get yours in now!**

**Prices subject to change based on cost to CWAB®**

**There are two photos with this article. They are of Hailey Tabor wearing a tee shirt as mentioned. The caption reads: Transportation team member, Hailey Tabor, shows the front and back of the Royal Blue t-shirt”**

**Ongoing Fundraisers**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind Services Division relies on multiple fundraisers. Since the onset of COVID-19, our regular schedule of events have been adjusted, and re-adjusted. Despite these changes, there are still ways to assist with fundraising.**

**Following are some of those ways. For more information please contact Toni Walls or Danielle High.**

**AmazonSmile® - go to smile.amazon.com to shop. On your first visit there you select the charity to which you wish to donate.**

**Kroger Community Rewards - This is linked to your Kroger card. You must set up a digital account and link your card to an organization. Our NPO number is PK519.**

**Rada Cutlery – Knives, utensils, quick mixes, gift sets and recipe and gift books. Call CWAB® for information on ordering.**

**Marcos Coupon Card Fundraiser**

**For $10 you can purchase a Marco’s Fundraiser card. On the back of the card you will find 12 coupons. They are:**

**• 1 free medium, one topping pizza**

**• 5 coupons for free medium pizzas with the purchase of any Large or XL pizza at regular price**

**• 4 coupons for free cheesy bread with any large or XL pizza at regular price**

**• 2 coupons for a Free CinnaSquare with any Large or XL Pizza at regular price**

**There is one image with this article. The image is of the front of the Marcos Coupon Card.**

**Shopping Opportunities**

**Consumers are able to utilize CWAB® Services Division Transportation Program for scheduled shopping trips on Tuesdays or Thursdays. These trips are available to:**

**Walmart Rt. 60, Target, \Kroger on 5th Avenue, Huntington Mall, Aldi’s on Washington Avenue**

**Any other location requests must go through Executive Director, Toni I. Walls for consideration.**

**Here are shopping guidelines:**

 **• Two hour limit**

 **• One location**

 **• Must be between the hours of 10-1**

 **• Purchases are limited to what the consumer can carry independently. Drivers may help get purchases to the front door, if schedule permits.**

**A guide or companion is encouraged.**

**Cabell-Wayne’s “Official” Welcome**

**for Newcomers**

**Doing anything strangely and for the first time, can be a daunting task. It’s no different if you are moving into a new home, starting a new job, or visiting a doctor‘s office for the first time. We all get the jitters. The same is true for new visitors and new consumers of Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind.**

**To make it easier to get acquainted, the Services Division offers new, and potential consumers two pieces of printed information that helps to bridge the gap between the strange and the familiar - The CWAB® Consumer Handbook, and the agency’s greeting brochure. Each with its own wealth of information.**

**Inasmuch as many of the readers of the Guide Page Magazine may not be familiar with, say the agency brochure, we will present it to you on the following two pages.**

**In regular print form, the brochure is a trifold document, which makes it super easy to mail. Information on our services as well as agency contact information is included. If you’d like to have a printed copy, contact the Services Division at 304-522-6991.**

**Here is the content of that brochure:**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

**CWAB® Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**Helping to shape the future and enrich the lives of the blind and visually impaired in our area**

**CWAB(R) is the leading local resource for people who are blind or visually impaired. CWAB(R) works with other organizations and community resources to provide consumers with every opportunity available to them.**

**CWAB(R) is a non-profit organization founded in 1975. The Services Division Component, which provides aids and instruction to registered consumers was activated in 1989 and is funded through grants, including a major one from the Teubert Charitable Trust, and through direct contributions.**

**“What bars us from first-class status is not inferiority inherent in blindness, but rather, the tacit acceptance of a diminished role with minimal expectations and minimal opportunity for full participation.” Ann Shroeder, 1989 International Rehabilitation Conference**

**CWAB® Vision:**

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**CWAB® Mission:**

**The Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind is committed to promoting and advocating the economic, educational, and social welfare of the blind and visually impaired of all ages so that they can maintain a life style comparable to other members of society.**

**Here is what we do:**

**Transportation, Vision Rehabilitation, Orientation and Mobility, Adaptive Technology, Consumer Services, Recreation, Media/Marketing, Peer Support Groups, Volunteers, Community Involvement, Employment Support**

**Transportation is provided to registered consumers of CWAB®. Destinations include doctor’s visits, work locations and CWAB® events. All other requests are handled on a case by case basis.**

**Vision Rehabilitation is provided through a CVRT® (Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist)**

**Consumers are provided with aids based on evaluation of visual function as well as need. Training in Daily Living Skills including creating and reading Braille, cooking, and organizing is also available.**

**Orientation and Mobility (OM) is the way we function in our environment. Training in the specialized skills involved is offered by our COMS® (Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist) and is individualized to meet the needs and abilities of the consumer.**

**Adaptive Technology provides specially adapted computers and Electronic Video Magnifiers to qualified consumers through a lending program. Training is also available on these and other devices.**

**Consumer Services provides assistance with daily tasks such as shopping, book keeping, organization and other necessary tasks.**

**Adult Recreation offers social interaction through many activities such as picnics, parties, bingo, plays, concerts, YMCA and crafts. These activities allow consumers to enjoy a full and active life-style.**

**Teubert Prep is the recreation program for children of Cabell and Wayne counties who are blind or visually impaired. It offers opportunities to socialize one-on-one with peers who are sighted. Families are provided an opportunity to share challenges and successes with a Parents support group.**

**Our Media-Marketing program is responsible for producing the monthly Guide Page Magazine and for maintaining the agency website www.cabellwayne.org. Advertising and spreading the word of what we do through all media resources is also a priority for this program.**

**Peer Support Groups meet on a regular basis. In these groups our consumers are provided opportunities to learn and socialize with others who share similar life experiences.**

**Volunteers are an important part of what we do. Volunteers are utilized for direct and indirect services.**

**Community Involvement including in-service education, health fairs, and outreach events. We also strive to include the community in our events.**

**Employment Support is provided by all programs of CWAB® from Transportation to Adaptive Technology to VRT to OM. Our goal is to assist in any way we can so that our consumers live the life they desire.**

**If you have any questions, wish to apply for one of the programs, or know someone who could benefit from our services, please contact:**

**Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind**

**Services Division**

**38 Washington Avenue**

**Huntington, WV 25701**

**304-522-6991**

**Fax 304-522-6924**

**Website: www.cabellwayne.org**

**Please remember us in your will.**

**Planned Giving**

**So, what is planned giving? By definition, a planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning.**

 **Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind has had the good fortune to receive several such gifts.**

 **These gifts will provide goods and services to the blind and visually impaired of Cabell and Wayne Counties of West Virginia. They will also provide funding for operational expenses.**

 **Planned Giving is the most practical way to ensure your personal and financial wishes are fulfilled after you are gone.**

 **Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind is more than happy to discuss with you the many ways the agency could benefit from your wishes. Contact the Services Division office at 304-522-6991.**

**CWAB Services**

**TRANSPORTATION – Getting around is a major roadblock to the blind and visually impaired. Consumers are offered free transportation to work, doctor’s appointments, shopping, and group activities. Limited vision no longer means limited transportation.**

**ORIENTATION & MOBILITY – O&M’s goal is to train consumers with techniques of safe, efficient travel both in the home and into the community. Skills are taught that are vital for independence, confidence and self-satisfaction. Instruction is built around the goals and needs of the student.**

**REHABILITATION – Learning new skills to improve daily living enhances quality of life for the visually impaired. Magnifiers and talking devices are available. Instruction in Braille, cooking, and even simple tasks like phone dialing can lead to a more independent life.**

**COMPUTER TRAINING - Training is the key to computer technology. Utilizing keystrokes and enhancement software, the student learns to complete a variety of tasks sighted computer users take for granted. Limited vision should not limit your technical training.**

**ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY - A CCTV can be used to magnify books, newspapers, and magazine print to the size of a regular television screen allowing individuals the ability to enjoy reading again. Adaptive technology can bring you back to the world, and the world to you.**

**RECREATION – Everyone knows the key to success is the ability to play well with others. CWAB®’s recreational program offers a variety of activities for any age consumer. Both indoor and outdoor events are scheduled on a regular basis.**

**For more information on services, volunteering, and planned giving, call 34-522-6991.**

**This is the end of the GUIDE PAGE MAGAZINE Volume 33, Issue 3, <. > edition for March 2022.**

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