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## Legislative Updates for 2012 by Liz Leisure

Here are the legislative updates for 2012. Please contact me at VP number 304-699-0164 if you have any questions about any of these bills.

**SB 211** – This bill prohibit drivers in West Virginia from using wireless communication devices without hands-free equipment including texting and cell phone calls. If pulled over for first time for texting, the fines will be \$100. Second time, the fines will be \$200.00. Third time, the fines will be \$300.00. Three points will be added against driver's license on third and subsequent violations. This bill was passed and sent to the Governor for his signature. The texting enforcement will take effect July 1, 2012. The cell phone enforcement will take effect July 1, 2013.

**HB 4122** – This is a bill to help people get certified as ASL teachers. ASL teachers must have Bachelor's degree in any field and from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and pass a state board approved test or tests to show ASL skills. The bill passed in both houses and was signed by the Governor on Wednesday, March 12, 2012.

**SB 245** – This is a bill to authorize the West Virginia Commission for the

Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) to increase pay scale for qualified interpreters and to change length of time an interpreter's registration in the interpreter registry is valid from 2 years to 3 years. Both rules were passed.

**HB 4572** – This is a bill to add classifications: educational sign language interpreters I, II, and sign support specialists, including pay increases. It also updates terms by adding classifications for other positions. Due to the fact that there are so many positions listed in the bill and there is a fiscal note totaling \$673,000 (only \$20,000 for interpreters), the bill died in the Senate. The plan for next year is to try again but try to separate the interpreters from the other positions listed in the bill.

**SB 531** – This bill is to allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to create a special license plate that says "hearing impaired" for those who would like to purchase them. This is voluntary. This bill died in both House and Senate.

**SB 501** – The bill is to require health insurers to cover hearing aids for children (under age 18) up to \$1,400.00 each. The House added PEIA and other private insurance to the bill. This bill died Saturday

night, March 10, 2012, during the conference committee because both House and Senate could not agree on it. The Senate said a child could see a doctor to prescribe a hearing aid but the House said a child must see either a doctor or an audiologist. This bill may be added to special session later this year.

**SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 70** – This is a study on to look at access to hearing aids for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. This resolution passed in the Senate. The same resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 140, was introduced in House but was not voted on. The Fair Shake Network plans to send a letter requesting that they study on these issues.

**SCR 96 and HCR 104** – Identical Resolutions about the Deaf Child's Bill of Rights – this is a resolution expressing the Legislature's support for the items listed in the Deaf Child's Bill of Rights. It says that the Legislature agrees that these things are necessary for deaf and hard of hearing children. This resolution, Deaf Child's Bill of Rights, passed both houses and a copy of this resolution will be sent to the WVCDHH and all other appropriate organizations.

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## From the President's Corner,

*John Burdette*



Happy Spring to Everyone!

I hope everyone stayed warm during these cold months of winter. Spring is just around the corner. I am really looking forward to going out more and I am sure you are too!

Disability Advocacy Day was hosted by the Fair Shake Network at the State Capitol in Charleston, WV, on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. WVAD had an exhibit booth there. Many people stopped by the booth and picked up the information.

The WVAD Board had its second meeting on February 24 in South Charleston, WV. Six board members were present. There were also three visitors. The next board meeting will be in Martinsburg, WV.

I want to update everyone on the projects or things that have been happening in West Virginia.

About the smoke alarms project/program to provide free smoke alarms for people who are deaf and hard of hearing and own homes. Right now, the commission is working on creating and developing the application form.

Several bills were introduced to WV Legislature. House Bill 2941 and Senate Bill 351 were about a special license plate with the symbol of ear with slash. I learned that this bill "died" in the Roads and Transportation Committee. I want to thank everyone who called and sent e-mails to legislators asking them not to support the House Bill and Senate Bill. (See page 1 for Legislative Update.)

Public Service Commission (PSC) had a hearing on February 8-9, 2012, about which relay provider WV will use. Three relay service providers submitted their bid. As of now, no decision has been made yet!

On August 11, 2012, WVAD will be hosting our biannual picnic at Burnsville Lake – Shelter #3 at Riffle Run Day Use Area. WVAD will provide the meat. Please bring a covered dish. There will be corn hole tournament and other games. Come and join us for a day of fun and camp out with us that night too.

For those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for membership form), please send the form and payment to our treasurer, Veronda

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Harrison. If you are not a member of WVAD, please join. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jimmy Harrison, membership coordinator.

In closing, Please check WVAD website ([www.wvad.org](http://www.wvad.org)) or e-mails for more information or updates on our next board meeting. Keep in mind all our official board meetings are open to the public. Please come and join us to observe and see what's going on with WVAD.

*John Burdette*

WVAD President



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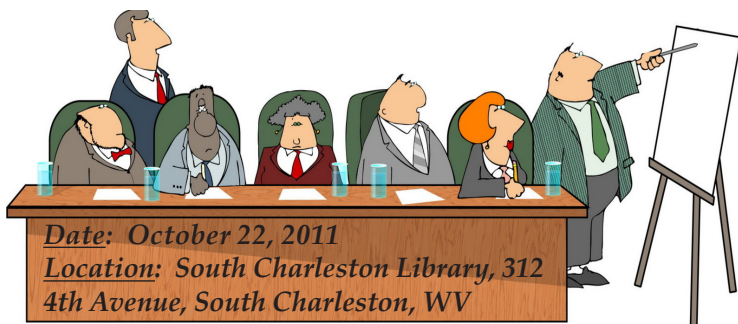
### WVAD Quarter News



"News brought to you by the West Virginia Association of the Deaf organization."

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# WVAD Board Minutes

## WVAD Board Meeting Held at South Charleston Library, 312 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV, October 22, 2011

### 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:

John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, Veronda Harrison, Liz Leisure, Jackie Robinson, and Worthy Devericks.

#### Member Absent:

Bill Cash.

#### Visitors Present:

Brandon Hall, Douglas Evans, Robyn Evans, James Ennis, Regina Ennis, Lois Devericks, Donna M. Williams.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in conference room at South Charleston Public Library, on October 22, 2011. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., with the secretary, Liz Leisure, being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as distributed.

The treasurer (Veronda Harrison) gave the financial reports. She reported that, for the past 3 months, she has been working on getting money back from the Ramada Inn in the amount of \$2,282.30. This was for the luncheon and refreshments that were provided by the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH). That information was also on the signed contract. The hotel made

a mistake by billing WVAD instead of WVCDHH. The hotel has a new accountant that is supposedly trying to straighten out this problem. Since there has been no response from the new accountant, Liz contacted Kari Presler, Secretary for the WVCDHH, about the problem. Liz said that Kari has e-mailed the hotel manager, David Burke, on Friday, October 21, 2011, requesting that he reimburse the WVAD and bill the WVCDHH for the charges. We will continue to follow up until the issue is resolved.

Veronda reported that the BB&T was not able to provide funding for our WVAD 2011 Conference because they received our request too late to process before the event. The BB&T stated that we may make another request for a future event, but we must send an application by November 1.

Veronda reported that as of October 21, 2011, there is \$740.34 in the checking account; \$5,604.95 in the savings account; \$14,520.11 in the Mingo County Fund; \$2,492.18 in the WVAD Conference Fund; \$858.00 in the Deaf Youth Program Fund; and \$12,003.63 in the Certificate of Deposit Accounts brings a total of \$36,219.21.

President John Burdette announced that one of our trustees, Bill Cash, is terminally ill and is home now under Hospice care.

President Burdette reported the following:

- Jimmy Harrison received a library catalog that he requested in his e-mail to Norma Czernicki of Romney, WV, to see if he could find any information about articles. After looking at the catalog, he could not find anything in it.
- As Marissa Sanders, Executive Director for the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH), suggested, the Commission printed our latest WVAD newsletter to help save our printing cost. The newsletter looked good except the pictures were a little dark. The next time the Commission prints our newsletter, the pictures will be better. We will send her a thank you note for printing our newsletters.
- He and Liz Leisure have been working together with Marissa Sanders, Deborah Lovely from Division of Rehabilitation Services, Jamie

(See Board Minutes on page 4)



If you are submitting an article, please send any accompanying photos in a standard photo format, as a separate file. We cannot use photos that are embedded or included in a Word document. Photos with captions and articles should be submitted to the [WVAD Editor](#). Thank you.

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Hayhurst Marshall from WV Assistive Technology Systems, and Carol Nolte from WV State Fire Marshall, on a project to provide deaf and hard of hearing individuals with accessible smoke alarms. All but Liz had a teleconference call to discuss how to get this project running, to determine what kinds of alarms are needed, and to determine how these alarms will be distributed. Two smoke alarms will be given to each home owner. The landlords are responsible to install smoke alarms in their apartment or house rentals. In the e-mail from Marissa Sanders on October 21, 2011, the grant was approved and the money has been transferred to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). There are still a lot to do to get the project up and running. We hope to start distributing in 2012.

- Marissa Sanders needs a list of five deaf or hard of hearing people who are willing and able to serve on the WVCDHH board. The people on the list would have to submit applications. The applications are on their website.
- He received a VP call from Ruby Losh regarding a need for American Sign Language Performance Interview (ASLPI) at the West Virginia School for the Deaf.
- He received an e-mail from the West Virginia Department of Highways needing some guidance on locating an interpreter for their deaf employee. He referred them to the WVCDHH for assistance in finding an interpreter.
- He received an e-mail from the Depp family about their daughter, Ariel, not getting an interpreter in her home school. He advised them on whom to contact for legal assistance. He recently learned that the family has been summoned to court last Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in Charleston, WV. He has not heard what happened with the hearing. Meanwhile, he e-mailed Howard Rosenblum, Chief Executive Officer of National Association of the Deaf (NAD), to tell him that the family was not able to get any help from several lawyers, state agencies, and

NAD. The family has no money to pay for the legal fees. Ariel is currently being homeschooled.

- Mr. Rosenblum responded stating that he informed the family that they could help them find legal assistance as they cannot take on the case in West Virginia. He has not heard from the family since the first contact. President Burdette told the family to contact NAD again.
- President Burdette attended the meeting on September 11, 2011, with the Interim Education Subcommittee along with Marissa Sanders, Donna M. Williams, Liz Leisure, Jennifer Casto, and Janelle St. Martin. Delegates Tim Ennis and Robert Beach run the meeting as chairpersons of the subcommittee. The subcommittee was conducting a study on the educational and communication barriers facing deaf and hard of hearing children and their families. President Burdette gave a report on what the speakers, Marissa Sanders, Annette Carey, and Dr. Lynn Boyer, discussed in their presentations.
- On October 11, 2011, Marissa Sanders, Liz Leisure, Linda Phillips, Michelle Pine-Depp, and Ariel Depp attended the second meeting with the Interim Education Subcommittee to discuss the educational experience in the mainstreamed programs.
- President Burdette reported that Marty Blakely at West Virginia School for the Deaf set up a Deaf Awareness Week. He, as well as Roy Forman from WVCDHH, Dr. Boyer and J. C. Corbin from WVSD, and the Mayor from Romney, WV, attended the event. A proclamation was made on Monday, a silent lunch was provided on Wednesday, and a contest was conducted on Thursday.
- He was informed by a deaf driver that the police in Romney would not accept the visor card shown them when he was pulled over.

Vice-President Jimmy Harrison had no report to give at this meeting except to say that he has a message from Trustee Bill Cash for everyone. Trustee Cash said hello and he was sorry that he could not attend the meeting today. He also sent his love.

Secretary Liz Leisure reported that she and Donna M. Williams have been attending the Interpreter Task Force (ITF) meetings in Charleston, WV. A development of three brochures (one for businesses, one for deaf consumers, and one for interpreters) is now finished after many drafts. The ITF is now working with the Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to provide evaluation for West Virginia interpreters. Marissa is working with the WV Department of Purchasing to find out how to pay the evaluators. A few interpreters have taken the written tests in Virginia and will go back later for the performance tests.

Roy Forman, Deputy Director for WVCDHH, has left the Commission to accept the interpreter job at the Bureau of Public Debt in Parkersburg, WV. The Commission will be looking for a replacement and also someone to run the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) tests.

Secretary Leisure reported that she, Linda Phillips, Michelle Pine-Depp, Ariel Depp, Marissa Sanders, and Connie Pitman attended the second meeting on October 11, 2011, with the Interim Educational Subcommittee, to tell about their educational experience in the mainstream programs.

After the meeting was over, Lewis County Delegate Margaret Smith asked about making special license plates that says "Hearing Impaired" for those who choose to use them. Chairperson Tim Ennis asked Marissa to answer that question. Marissa explained that she discussed this with the WVCDHH Board and it was decided to refer this project to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Delegate Smith was not happy with this decision.

Secretary Leisure reported that at the first meeting, she and John Burdette met Steven Dale, Deputy Commissioner, with the Division of Motor Vehicles, who gave a presentation about deaf people taking a driver test. She and John told him about a test in American Sign Language (ASL) but he said he never heard of it. He does want to follow the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). He also does not support the idea of putting the words "hearing impaired" on the license plates. He also said if a person want this on his license plate, [\(See Board Minutes on page 6\)](#)





## Jake van Beem

Jake van Beem, 66 passed away on board his sailing yacht in Corfu, Greece, on December 19, 2011, following a brief illness. He was born in London, England, November 23, 1945. Surviving is his wife, Vickie (Spinks) van Beem.

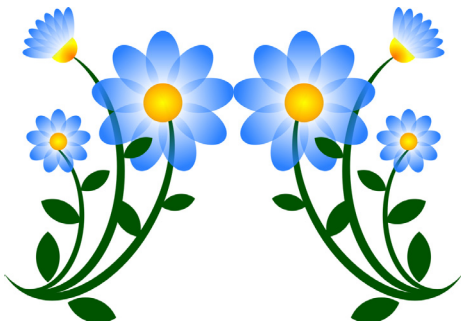
He was a former Seaton Hall houseparent at WVSD. His wife was a former Social Studies teacher at elementary school and former assistant principal at Jr.-Sr. High School.

Burial was at the British Cemetery in Cortuf, Greece, on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. 🍀



## Luke Kenneth Samples

Luke Kenneth Samples, 86, born August 27, 1925, died February 15, 2012, of a heart attack. He was retired from Griffin Pie Company, and attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. The body will be cremated, and there were no services. 🍀



*With Deepest Sympathy*

## "In Memory of Loved Ones"



## Billie Joe Seabolt

Billie Joe Seabolt, 71, of Ashland, KY, formerly of Proctorville, OH, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY.

He was born May 23, 1940, in Charleston, WV, son of the late Amos and Evelyn Seabolt.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters Carolyn Seabolt and S. Faye Shafer; and three brothers Paul Seabolt, Roy Seabolt, and A. Lee Seabolt. He is survived by one daughter E. Candy Seabolt; four sons Billy Smith, Buddy Smith, Bobby Smith, and Barry Smith; numerous grandchildren; two brothers Gary Seabolt and Perry Seabolt; two sisters Betty Seabolt and Immea Jean Seabolt; and very close friend Sharon Goodwin.

Billie Joe graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1957.

Funeral service were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011, at Hall Funeral Home, Proctorville, OH, by Pastor David Ball.

Burial followed in Miller Memorial Gardens, Miller, OH. Visitation were held 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011, at Hall Funeral Home, Proctorville, OH.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.timeformemory.com/hall](http://www.timeformemory.com/hall). 🍀



## Vivian "Betty" Shockey

Vivian "Betty" Casto Shockey, age 82, of Romney, WV passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at her home while under the care of Hospice.

Born on July 13, 1929, in Romney, WV, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Cora (Shanholtz) Cheshire.

Betty worked and retired as a cook from West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV.

She was preceded in death by three husbands: Raymond Kline, Basil Casto and Frank Shockey; 1 son: James Kline; four brothers: Eldon, Clarence, Allen, and Harry Cheshire, and a sister: Maxine Leatherman.

Surviving are six sons: Raymond B. Kline, Paul Kline, Steven Casto, all of Romney, WV, Richard Kline of Capon Bridge, WV, Edward Kline of High View, WV, Michael Shockey, of Augusta, WV; two sisters: Mildred Sirk, Charlotte Pyles, both of Romney, WV; two brothers: Allen Cheshire of Junction, WV, Harry Cheshire of Cross Junction, VA; fourteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services was held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Romney Assembly of God Church, Romney, WV, with Pastor James Mou officiating. Interment followed at Ebenezer Cemetery, Romney, WV.

The family received friends on Friday, 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the McKee Funeral Home, 115 E. Birch Lane, Romney, WV.

All arrangements were handled by McKee Funeral Home, Romney, WV. 🍀



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it must be optional. Worthy Devericks commented that in the 1950s, someone wanted the word "deaf" printed on the license plates but the NAD said no.

Secretary Leisure learned that there are 22 deaf and hard of hearing students with only one interpreter at Minks Shoals Elementary School.

Since the American Sign Language Teachers Association Chapter in West Virginia is not active, Secretary Leisure recently joined the Ohio Chapter. She and Donna M. Williams attended the Ohio ASLTA mini-conference in Findley, OH, on September 23 and 24, 2011. They learned a lot that helped to improve their teaching ASL. They met with the author of the new textbook "MasterASL" named Jason Zinza who is a CODA but signs like a deaf person. Mr. Zinza was one of the presenters who talked about developing standards for teaching ASL similar to other foreign languages for K-16.

#### **WVAD Membership:**

Vice-president Jimmy Harrison reported that the number of members went from 185 to 171.

There was no report from the trustees.

#### **List of Standing Committee Members:**

- WVAD Editor: Tami Deem
- Webmaster: Liz Leisure (temporary until a replacement is found)
- Membership Chairperson: Jimmy Harrison



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West Virginia Association of the Deaf has a Facebook group page which was started this past fall. You will be able to keep up with WVAD news and information every time you check your Facebook. You will also be able to post events and be involved in discussions.

Check out the West Virginia Association of the Deaf Facebook page today to see what's happening.

Many thanks to John Burdette for doing this for our organization!

- 100th Anniversary: Jimmy Harrison, Robyn Evans, and Larry Hubbard
- ASL Task Force: Scott Hottle
- WVAD Storage/History: Robyn Evans, Pierre Sevigny, Jimmy Harrison, and Veronda Harrison
- WVAD 2013 Conference: Douglas Evans (he will recruit few more people to serve on the committee)
- Deaf Drivers and Law Enforcement Officer Safety (DDLEOS): (President Burdette will pick someone to take over.)
- Youth Program Director: (President Burdette will find a replacement for Caryn Keller.)
- Liaison: (President John Burdette will pick someone.)
- Mingo County Scholarship Fund: Liz Leisure

Douglas and Robyn Evans gave their presentation on the three hotels that they visited to help decide on where to have our next WVAD conference scheduled for August 1-3, 2013. They showed slides and provided details on each of the three following hotels: Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, Comfort Inn in Martinsburg, and Clarion Hotel in Shepherdstown, WV.

The motion for a 10-minute recess starting at 3:10 p.m. was adopted.

President John Burdette showed two brochures regarding the fundraising ideas. One was from the Pizza Hut and the other one was from Bob Evans Restaurant.

#### **New Business:**

Worthy Devericks moved that we have our annual picnic at Burnsville, WV, on the first week of August 2012. The motion passed.

Jackie Robinson moved that we charge \$10.00 for admission cost to the August WVAD annual picnic. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that we use Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV, to hold our next conference in 2013. The motion passed.

Liz Leisure moved that we submit a list of five deaf and hard of hearing people to Marissa Sanders who are willing to serve on the WVCDHH Board. The motion passed.

Worthy Devericks moved that we have a deaf delegate to serve on the State Board of Education Committee. The motion passed.

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Jimmy Harrison moved that we send two delegates to the next NAD Conference which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 3-7, 2012. The motion passed.

Worthy Devericks moved that we reimburse the WVAD officers attending this meeting for mileage. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we have a free workshop in the spring of 2012. The motion passed.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Robyn Evans announced that the Clarksburg mall is now showing closed captioned movies.

James Ennis asked how many deaf people are in West Virginia. Mr. Ennis said this question was also asked by the legislators. Lois Devericks stated that a few years ago, there were reportedly 18,000 Deaf people in West Virginia. President Burdette stated that a Census was not done due to HIPAA. At this time, we do not have a count on the deaf population in the State of West Virginia.

Liz Leisure

WVAD Secretary







# 7th Annual Ramp Dinner

Saturday, April 28, 2012

12:00 til 6:00 p.m.

at

Alderson Community Center

## **Menu includes:**

Ramps  
Ham  
Scrambled eggs  
Cole slaw  
Desserts

Corns  
Fried potatoes  
Brown beans  
Cornbread or bread  
Iced tea & coffee

Carryouts are available.

## **Meal Price:**

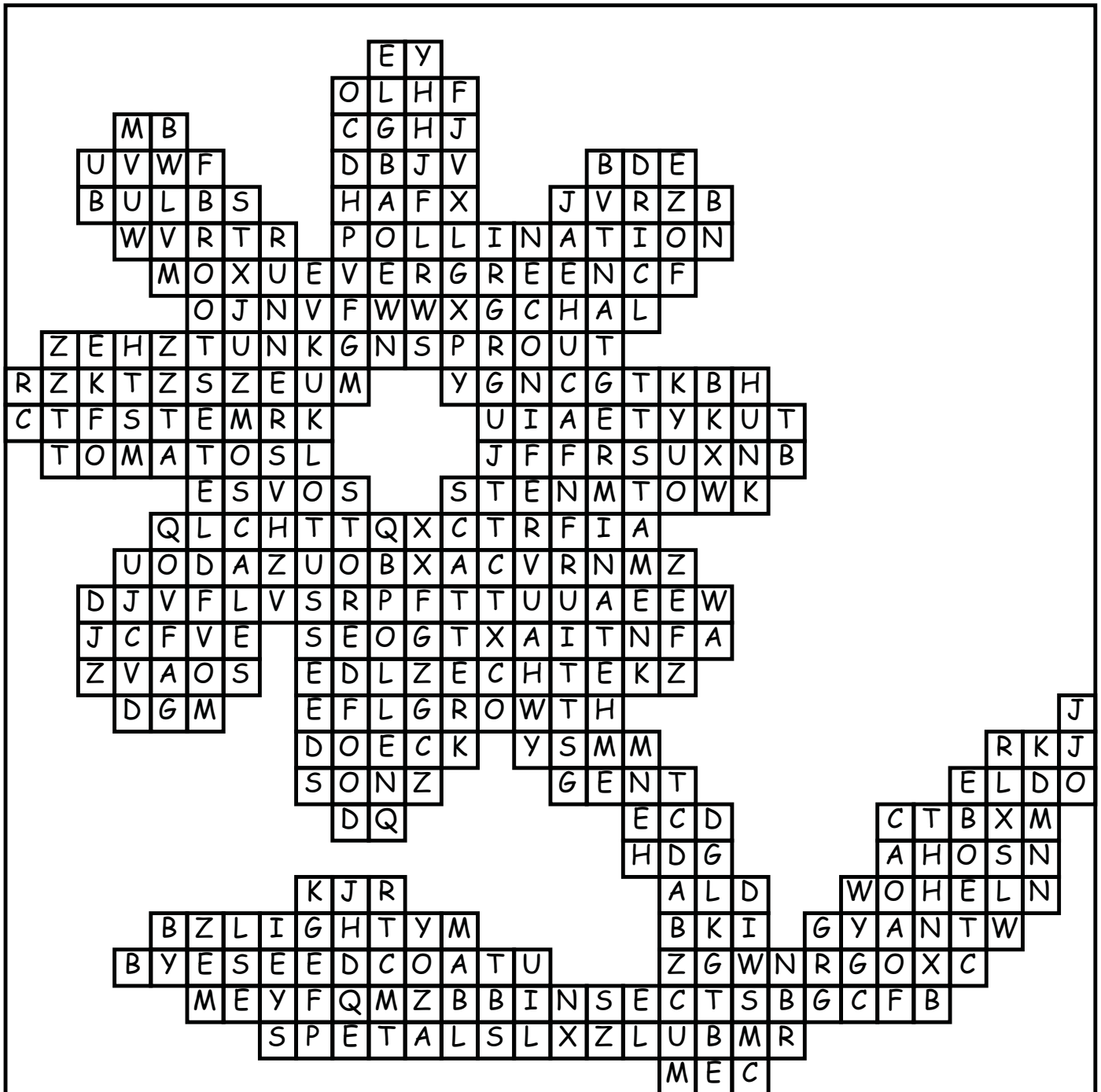
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ROOTS	LIGHT	WATER			

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# In the News



## Nitro's Citizen of the Month an Inspiration to the Community

By Ben Calwell, [bcalwell@cnpapers.com](mailto:bcalwell@cnpapers.com), 304-348-5188 (Re-printed with permission of the Charleston Gazette-Mail Metro Department)

Teresa Lovejoy is an independent soul who doesn't let her disabilities get in the way of a fulfilling life. Her sunny disposition and ready smile have long served to inspire her fellow Nitro residents.

As such, Nitro Mayor Rusty Casto has named Lovejoy Nitro's Citizen of the Month for January. An open house hot dog luncheon in her honor will begin at noon Friday, Jan. 20, at Village on Park, across from the Nitro High School football field.

Lovejoy, who is deaf and legally blind, has led an interesting life. She was the salutatorian of her class at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind at Romney.

She attended West Virginia State University from 1993 to 1999, majoring in communications, with a focus on television production and films.

At State, she was involved with the "ESPN 2 Sports Nuts" program, working on production, lighting, props and design.

And with her interest in acting, Lovejoy also was a student at the National Theater of the Deaf in Chester, Conn., attending on a \$2,500 scholarship. While there, she learned about acting, storytelling, mime, improvisation, creative writing and poetry.

Another journey took her to California, where she participated in the Media Workshops in Los Angeles. While there, she stayed on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Media Workshops gave us understanding of production, producers, motion pictures, directors, writers, editors, cameramen, crews..." Lovejoy said in a prepared statement.

While in California, Lovejoy also visited the set of the television show "Baywatch" and attended a "Days of Our Lives" luncheon at Universal Studios.

Lovejoy's interest in space took her and other deaf and hard-of-hearing

students to the U.S. Space Camp and Academy in Huntsville, Ala.

"I was on the Grumman Blue Team. We had a lot of fun and a great time," Lovejoy said.

Lovejoy is active in spreading the word about the need for sign language interpreters for the deaf and hard-of-hearing in the Kanawha Valley.

At age 19, Lovejoy learned how to live independently at the School for the Deaf and Blind. That sense of independence has stayed with her, giving her the confidence to travel to California, New York and Canada.

Lovejoy said she is honored to be Nitro's Citizen of the Month for January.

"I've lived in Nitro since I was a baby, and I am thankful for the community of Nitro," she said.

Nitro Mayor Rusty Casto said of Lovejoy: "She always has a kind word and let's nothing stop her. She's as good as gold." 🍌



**Metro photo by Ben Calwell**

*Teresa Lovejoy, center, is Nitro's Citizen of the Month for January. Behind her, from left, are City Recorder Rita Cox; Johnny Thaxton, maintenance supervisor at Village on Park; Nitro Mayor Rusty Casto; and Reva Sisk, Village on Park property manager.*



## Jonathan Stokes Passed a Milestone of 1,000 Career Points by Paul See

I am proud to recognize Jonathan Stokes, a Senior at WV School for the Deaf, has passed a milestone of the total of 1,000 career points.

This event took place on February 16th just a day before we headed to Rhode Island for ESDAA Division II Boys Basketball tournament. He was presented with a basketball. He is the fourth player in my coaching career to surpass 1,000 points.



*Coach See and Jonathan Stokes with his basketball.*

## ESDAA Division II Boys Basketball Tournament by Paul See

From February 17th through 19th, WVSD boys basketball team participated in the ESDAA Division II Boys Basketball Tournament hosted by Rhode Island School for the Deaf.

There were 7 schools including WV School for the Deaf that participated in this tournament. The schools were Rhode Island, St. Mary's (Buffalo, NY),

Rochester (NY), Delaware, Governor Baxter (Maine), and Austine (Vermont).

We faced Austine (Vermont) School for the Deaf in opening round and won with the score of 73 to 41. We faced Delaware School for the Deaf in semi final and lost with the score of 56 to 32. We battled with the host school Rhode Island for 3rd place and won with the

score of 60 to 52. Rochester won the ESDAA championship as Delaware came in 2nd. Austine finished 5th as St. Mary's came in 6th.

Jonathan Stokes was selected as Honorable Mention as DeSean Thomas was selected to be on All ESDAA First Team.





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# West Virginia Association of the Deaf

August 11, 2012

**Burnsville Lake**

Shelter #3

At Riffle Run Day Use Area

Burnsville, WV

**Open at 11:00 a.m. until Dark**

\$10.00 per person includes two meals and door prize

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We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring covered dishes (for those who bring will get an extra door prize ticket) and desserts.

Games include:

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WVU Throw Blankets

Cash Prizes

Come out and join us.

Plan to camp out Friday and Saturday nights with us.

Riffle Run Campground is on first-come-first serve basis.



## Fire Alarms by John Burdette

The WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is working on a program with the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services to provide free smoke alarms to homeowners who are deaf or hard of hearing to help improve their ability to live safely in the community.

WVAD was very helpful in bringing this need to the attention of agencies that may be able to help.

The Commission will create a way to identify and evaluate applicants, and approve the purchase of alarms for individuals who have applied for these alarms. Staff from Centers for Independent Living (CILs) will be trained to assess applicant's homes and determine the number and type of alarms to be provided. Interpreters will go with the CIL staff on the home visits, if needed.

Applications for the alarms will go through the Commission's office, be reviewed and approved/disapproved based on proof of hearing loss (a statement from a doctor or audiologist showing there is a hearing loss and how much hearing loss).

The process is simple and hopefully will be a positive one for those who need these alarms. We are still working on the applications and the process, but right now we can take names and put them on a waiting list. We will keep you informed as the program gets ready to start.



### SAFETY TIP:

Test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries when you change your clocks.

## Communication Access and Accommodation Card

(Courtesy of [DeafDigest Gold](#) - published on line January 15, 2012)

This New Year print your own personalized card to use when you visit your doctor or any health care office. You can make your own card to state your communication and language needs. Click on the "Create Card" button when you have filled in the blanks below. Print the card and keep it with your other identification cards.

Show the card to let doctors and other health care providers know about your

language and communication needs. When you first schedule an appointment too, let the office know what you need in advance to ensure you have a visit where communication flows smoothly.

You can check this out in front page in <http://www.healthbridges.info>.

HealthBridges is a website which offers behavioral health, advocacy, and resource information for people who are deaf, deaf-blind, and/or hard of hearing.

## 2012 Biennial NAD Conference and Kentucky DeaFestival

The 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial NAD Conference will be held at Hyatt Regency Louisville and Kentucky International Convention Center on July 3-7, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme of 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference is "Nothing About Us, Without Us!"

The opening ceremonies begin the conference on July 3 at the Louisville Slugger baseball stadium with a buffet, tickets to evening's baseball game, and fireworks. The College Bowl Finals take place on July 5. Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miss Deaf America competition on July 6 and learn about the new program that will showcase young deaf and hard of hearing leaders of tomorrow. The final day of the conference on July 7 ends with a BBQ dinner at the DeaFestival Kentucky Jam Tent.

National Association of the Deaf is partnering with DeaFestival Kentucky! DeaFestival Kentucky will be on Saturday, July 7. Everyone will get to see deaf artists, poets, comedians, and more. In addition to the Kentucky DeaFestival being open to everyone without admission, the exhibits at the NAD Conference are as well!!!

For more information about NAD Conference and DeaFestival Kentucky, please check [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org).



## Amazing but True Facts! (<http://www.topfive.com/arcs/t5050302.shtml>)

1. Scuba divers cannot pass gas at depths of 33 feet or below.
2. Catfish are the only animals that naturally have an odd number of whiskers.
3. The first McDonald's restaurant opened for business in 1952 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and featured the McHaggis sandwich.
4. It is nearly 3 miles farther to fly from Amarillo, Texas to Louisville, Kentucky than it is to return from Louisville to Amarillo.
5. The typewriter was invented by Hungarian immigrant Qwert Yuiop, who left his "signature" on the keyboard.
6. The trucking company Elvis Presley worked at as a young man was owned by Frank Sinatra.
7. Because printed materials are being replaced by CD-ROM, microfiche, and the Internet, libraries that previously sank into their foundations under the weight of their books are now in danger of collapsing in extremely high winds.
8. Calvin, of the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip, was patterned after President Calvin Coolidge, who had a pet tiger as a boy.
9. Among items left behind at Osama bin Laden's headquarters in Afghanistan were 27 issues of Mad magazines. Al Qaeda members have admitted that bin Laden is reportedly an avid reader.
10. Due to the natural "momentum" of the ocean, saltwater fish cannot swim backwards.

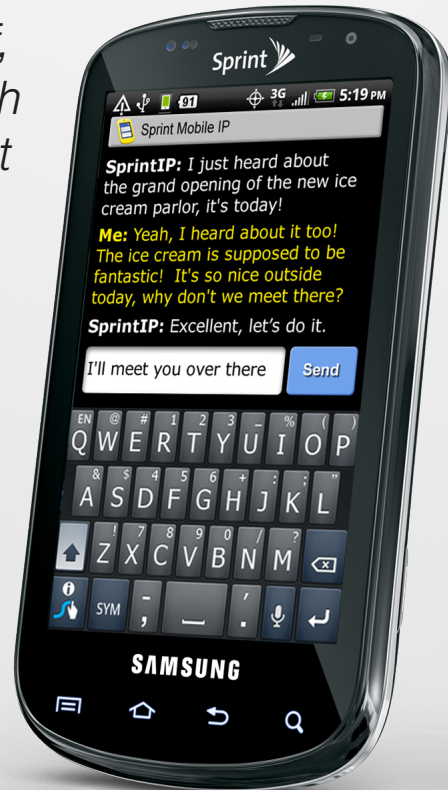
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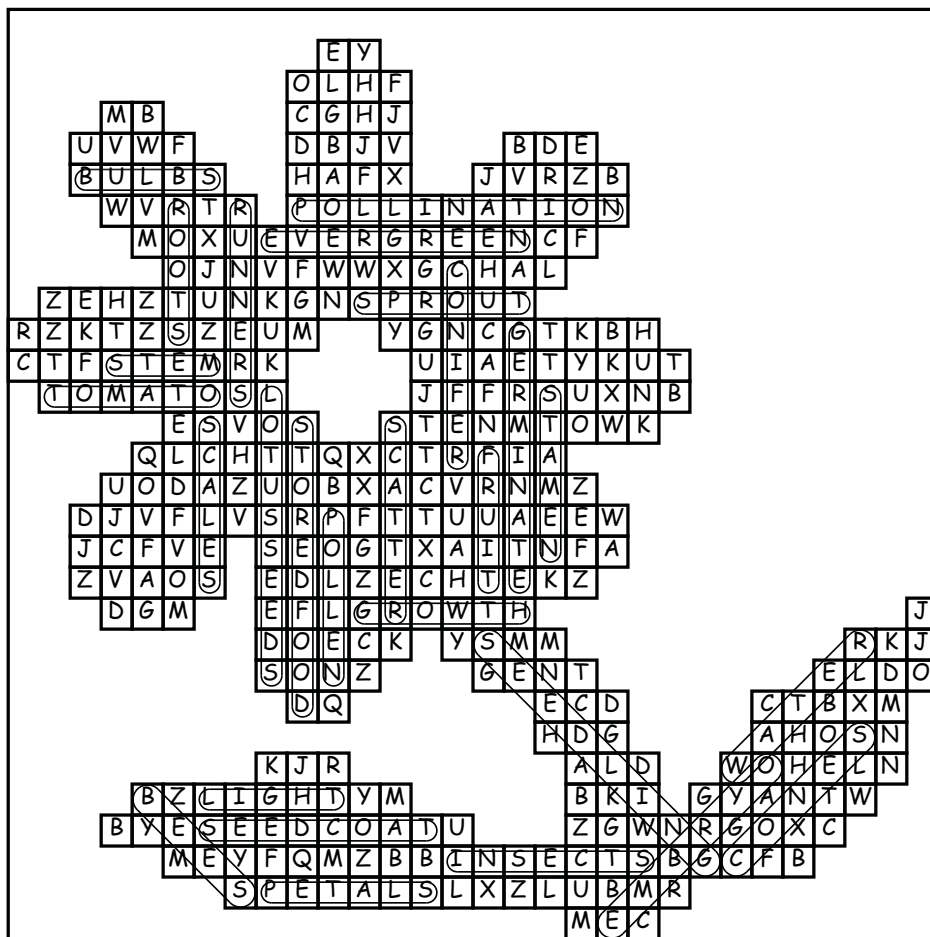
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## Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Whose life are you running for? Participate in the Susan G. Komen West Virginia Race for the Cure® and show everyone whose life you are running for. Are you running for your mother, your sister, a co-worker, a friend? Are you running for your own life? Or are you running for the future? No matter whose life you are running for, now is the time to get involved and run for their life!

Komen West Virginia Race for the Cure will be on May 5, 2012, in Charleston, WV. The site opens at 7:00 a.m. for registration at the Capitol Complex Kanawha Blvd, Charleston, WV. The walk/run will begin at 9:00 a.m.

All funds from the Komen Race for the Cure go to research, education, screening, and treatment programs.

Get Involved! Keep the Promise! Please click on this website (<http://www.komenwv.org/komen-race-for-the-cure/>) for more information.

For the safety of all participants, rollerblades and pets are discouraged from participating in this event.

Missy Barie, for the 3rd year, will be gathering up friends to continue the tradition of *Deaf Pink Warriors* team!

Missy is planning a team social dinner which will be held on May 4th.

Look for more information about this upcoming event in our spring newsletter. If you have any questions or want to get involved with the team, please contact Missy at [missy1837@hotmail.com](mailto:missy1837@hotmail.com).

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## Black and Blue Burgher



2 lbs 80/20 ground chuck  
 2-3 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce  
 1/4 tsp fresh ground black pepper  
 Good sturdy burger buns, preferably cornmeal dusted

1 small onion, chopped fine  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 8 oz Gorgonzola cheese

Gently mix the ground meat with the onions, Worcestershire sauce, and salt and pepper, incorporating the ingredients into the meat easily. Form into 8, 1/4-lb burgers. Throw on a hot grill (or under a broiler) about 3 minutes per side for Pittsburgh rare (black on the outside and pink on the inside), or longer to suit your taste. Top each burgher with a tablespoon of the cheese and leave the burgher on the heat until it starts to melt. A simple slice of tomato and some A-1 or Heinz ketchup is all these burghers need.



## Roasted Asparagus



2 lbs fresh asparagus  
 Kosher salt, plus extra for sprinkling

Good olive oil  
 Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 °F.

Break off the tough ends of the asparagus and, if they're thick, peel them. Place the asparagus on a baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil, and then toss to coat the asparagus completely. Spread the asparagus in a single layer, and sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper. Roast the asparagus for 25 minutes, until tender but still crisp.

It'd be good to have some bleu cheese crumbled and ready when the asparagus comes out of the oven; just sprinkle that wonderful cheese over the freshly roasted greens and serve immediately!



## Orange Refrigerator Cake

### Cake



1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix  
 4 eggs

1 cup vegetable oil  
 1 small can mandarin oranges and juice

### Frosting

1 large can crushed pineapple with juice  
 1 (9 oz) carton Cool Whip

1 small pkg vanilla instant pudding\*  
 (\* lemon pudding can be substituted)

Mix cake ingredients together well, and bake in greased and floured 9x13-inch pan at 350 °F for 35 minutes. Cool.

Mix together frosting ingredients. Frost cooled cake. Refrigerate for several hours. Keeps well.

\*Sometimes instant lemon pudding is substituted in place of the instant vanilla pudding; it gives the cake a bolder, tangier taste. (Also top each piece of cake with an orange slice that is rolled in Turbinado sugar – larger crystals than regular sugar.)



1. **What motivated you to be a trustee for the WVAD organization?** I have been the Charleston Association of the Deaf Trustee for past 3 years so I am ready to move up. I am quite familiar with how the meetings and things are run.
2. **What is the name of your hometown?** Charleston WV.
3. **Where were you educated and what made you go there? What was your major?** Mink Shoals Elementary School – 1st grade, WVSD until I graduated in 1976. NTID in 1976, majoring in Civil Technology, and Rochester Institute of Technology in 1979. I graduated in 1982 in Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering.
4. **Where do you work at and what do you do?** I work at the WV Department of Environmental Protection in Permitting Section as Environmental Resources Specialist. My responsibilities are giving out wasteload allocations (WLA) for the businesses and homes. People for homes or businesses can request a WLA if they have failing septic system or are going to build a new facility. I process them based on quality of stream of the state of WV. If the pollutant such as dissolved oxygen is higher than limit imposed by the law, the WLA is denied. For homes with failing septic system, information provided by a county health department, WLAs are processed and approved.
5. **How long have you worked there?** 20 years.
6. **What can you share about your family?** I am single. I have one sister who is a Registered Nurse at CAMC – Memorial Division. I also have two nephews and one niece.
7. **What accomplishments are you most proud of?** Work at WVDEP – I have accomplished a lot. System is becoming easier than when I first started at WVDEP 20 years ago. The first time I had to do a WLA, it took a day or less and now I can do them within an hour by computer softwares.
8. **What is your secret ambition?** I want to do something better than I am now.
9. **What person has been the biggest influence on your life?** My late dad.
10. **Where is your favorite vacation spot?** I have traveled most places in the USA. I thought Key West, Florida was a good place for a relaxing vacation spot. I don't have any favorite spot right now.
11. **Where is the farthest place from home you've been?** California in 1982.
12. **What is your hobby or favorite thing to do in your spare time?** Antiquing, home remodeling, interior decoration.
13. **Name three things you can do without.** Drinking soda, a rotary saw, and music.
14. **What person, real or fictional, would you most like to meet?** Famous architect – Frank Lloyd Wright.
15. **What movie could you see any time?** *It's A Wonderful Life*.
16. **What is your all-time favorite TV show?** *Brady Bunch*, *Bewitched*, and *Twilight Zone*.
17. **Name three things always found in your kitchen.** Peanut butter, tea, and rag.
18. **What is your most cherished childhood memory?** 1960's and 1970's – Many things had happened in these era: Beatles, hippies, jeans, everything became colorful, and more styles in fashions. Cold war with old Soviet Unions.
19. **What would you do with a million dollars?** I would help deaf people for better quality of life.
20. **If you could start afresh, what profession would you choose, and why?** Architect, I was denied to be in architecture field due to my bad penmanship when I was in college. Things are getting better every year by better technology. No penmanship is required. Everything is drawn and/or written by computer.

*All members are encouraged to nominate a friend for the "Meet Me" column. Please submit all nominees to WVAD Quarter News Editor.*



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