Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 2010 by Tami Deem

One day Missy Barie decided to organize a group of deaf people to participate in the “Susan G. Komen Race for Cure 2010” walk in Charleston, WV, that was held on May 1st, 2010, in honor of our dear friend, Phoebe Jo Richards, who had battled breast cancer last fall and beat the disease and also for others who have either survived or lost the battle to breast cancer.

Those who walked with Phoebe Jo were Tami Deem, Marilyn Bishop, Missy Barie and her daughter Ellen, John Burdette, Erin Fulton, Melinda Hurd, Larry and Sally Hubbard, and Julie Simmons. We walked 3.1 miles (USA Track and Field certified) on the Kanawha Boulevard and Phoebe Jo made it through the walk! We were so proud of her!

At the end of the race, bananas, water, and yogurt were offered to those who either raced or walked.

The race raised $161,671.48 in donations. There were 348 survivors participating in the event and 6,315 participants.

After the event, we went to Olive Garden and had dinner together. Food was awesome!

Because we had so much fun together and felt it was such a rewarding feeling towards a worthy cause, Missy is planning to organize this again next year with special t-shirts for us! Mark your calendar for May 7th, 2011! Come and join us! You will feel overwhelmed being at this race and it’s a wonderful feeling that no one can describe! You have to be there to experience it!

Phoebe Jo leaves an important message for you all and wants ALL of you to check your breasts faithfully once a month (more often would be great) and to go for yearly mammogram check up because she wouldn’t want you to go through what she went through; “it’s a terrible thing to go through and I am telling you it’s NOT fun,” she says.

For more information, please go to http://www.komenwv.org.

Phoebe Jo Richards, breast cancer survivor, survived the race! Way to go girl!

Early Detection Saves Lives - Schedule Your Mammogram Today!

(See more photos on page 10)
Greetings,

I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot days and that this newsletter finds everyone well.

First, congratulations to all seniors who graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf. Trustee Worthy Devericks attended this year’s graduation and presented awards from West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) to Valedictorian, Roderick Stickley; Salutatorian, Cassandra Heaster; and Outstanding Senior, Polly Hodge. Again, congratulations!

I attended the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing’s town hall that was held in Parkersburg, WV. There were 26 in attendance. The audience had a chance to hear what the Commission is about and some of their goals. They also had a chance to express concerns as well as suggestions. Be sure to read the Commission’s goals that were sent out in the mail and offer feedback or participate in one of the taskforces.

I wanted to update everyone on things that will be happening in the coming months.

On August 7, 2010, WVAD will be hosting our biannual picnic at Bulltown Campground at Shelter #5. WVAD will provide the meat. Please bring a covered dish. There will be Corn Hole Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, and water games. Come join us for a day of fun and camp out with us that night, too. See our flyer on page ___ for more information.

The Board along, with our Conference Chairperson, Jimmy Harrison, is working hard to plan your next conference which will take place in Charleston, West Virginia, on August 4-6, 2011. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and attend. The conference site will be at Charleston House Holiday Inn on Kanawha Boulevard, East. It is located in downtown and within the walking distance to the Civic Center and the Charleston Town Center Mall.

Continue to check our website, www.wvad.org and newsletter for more information and updates.

Please continue to share your ideas and offer feedback as WVAD is for YOU.

Sincerely,

Linda Phillips

WVAD President

Have a Safe Summer!

This is a a West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) non-profit organization newsletter for our WVAD family and friends.

It is the purpose of WVAD Quarter News to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. WVAD Quarter News strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the WVAD Quarter News editor at WVAD Editor concerning material appearing in WVAD Quarter News. WVAD Quarter News will publish materials submitted by anyone, subject to editorial review and approval. Please remember to send references of any outside sources you may use. Authors’ names will be withheld from publication at their request. The views and opinions expressed by contributors to WVAD Quarter News are the authors’ own and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of WVAD Quarter News.
West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting, Meeting Room at Best Western Charleston Plaza, 1010 Washington Street, East, Charleston, WV,

January 3, 2010


Members Absent: Worthy Devericks.

Standing Committee Members: John Burdette.

Standing Committee Members Absent: Caryn Keller, Ruby Losh, and Robyn Evans.

Visitors: Erin Fulton and Connie Davis.

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the meeting room at the Best Western Charleston Plaza, on January 3, 2010. President Linda Eckhart called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. with the secretary, Liz Leisure, being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

The treasurer reported a balance of $297.61 in checking account, $7,053.14 in savings account, $15,067.62 in the Mingo County Fund account, $12,003.63 in Certificate of Deposit accounts. The current interest rate for the Certificate of Deposit is 1.2 percent.

The president gave a report on the NAD Leadership Training Conference that she and the secretary attended on October 29-31, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio. She also read several e-mails that were sent to the WVAD website. She further announced that the 140th West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni will be held at WVSD on September 24-26, 2010.

The secretary reported that she sent a sympathy card to Georgia Guzzi. She gave a brief report about the conference she attended with the president on October 29-31, 2009.

The trustee reported a problem with interpreters not contacting hospitals and/or doctors’ offices to cancel their assignments. This problem is very frustrating for deaf people who ended up not having interpreters present for their appointments with the doctors or at the hospitals.

There was no unfinished business.

Liz Leisure moved that WVAD close the safe deposit box account that costs $37.10 a year. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that the WVAD summer picnic in June 2010 be moved to August 2010. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we increase the newsletter subscription price from $10.00 for two years to $20.00 for two years. Veronda moved to amend this motion by changing the words “without” to “with” tangible (not cash) door prizes. Amendment passed. The main motion as amended passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that we publish 6-month-old newsletter on the website. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we host a special event in March 2010. The motion passed.

The motion for a 15-minute recess starting at 12:25 p.m. was adopted.

Veronda Harrison moved that we set the annual picnic admission price at $20.00 per person with door prizes. Motion was passed.

Scott Hottle moved that we charge the admission price for children from age 5 to 17 including college students for $5.00 without the door prizes. Veronda Harrison moved to amend this motion amended by changing the words “without” to “with” tangible (not cash) door prizes. Amendment passed. The main motion as amended passed.

Jimmy Harrison (SH) moved that we have a corn hole and horseshoe tournament at the picnic at the picnic at the picnic at $5.00 per person including a water balloon contest for fun. The motion passed.

Veronda Harrison moved that we auction off a corn hole at the deaf picnic for the fundraising purpose. The motion passed.

Jimmy Harrison moved that we give out up to four extra tickets to those that bring a covered dish or a dessert to the picnic excluding pops and chips. The motion passed.

Scott Hottle moved that we pay mileage for the officers to attend the board meeting. The motion passed.

Scott Hottle moved that we choose a new board member to serve on the West Virginia Commission for the (See WVAD Board Minutes ... page 5)
West Virginia Association of the Deaf

August 7, 2010

Burnsville Lake

Shelter #5
At Bulltown Day Use Area
Burnsville, WV

Open at 11:00 a.m. till Dark
$20.00 per person includes meal and door prize
$5.00 per child (12 to 18) includes meal
Children under 12 free

We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, and mashed potatoes.
Please bring covered dishes (for those who bring will get additional door prize ticket) and desserts.

Cash Prizes Based on Number of Attendees.

Games include:
Horseshoe Tournament ($5.00 to play)
Corn Holes ($5.00 to play)
And More….

Come out and join us.
Plan to camp out Friday and Saturday nights with us.
For more information about Bulltown Campground, Call (304) 452-8006

(See WVAD Picnic Directions ... page 5)
Directions to WVAD Picnic, Burnsville Lake

Getting there to Shelter # 5:

If traveling North of Charleston on I-79: Take Exit 67 (Flatwoods). Turn right after exit ramp. Turn left at the stoplight and proceed north on Route 19. Follow for 10 miles and look for a sign that says Bulltown Campground/Historical Area (Millstone Road) on the left.

If traveling South on I-79: Take Exit 91 (Roanoke). Turn right on Route 19 South. Follow for 28 miles and look for a sign that says Bulltown Campground/Historical Area (Millstone Road) on the right.

From Morgantown/Clarksburg: Take South I-79. Take Exit 67 (Flatwoods). Turn left at the stoplight and proceed north on Route 19. Follow for 10 miles and look for a sign that says Bulltown Campground/Historical Area (Millstone Road) on the left.

Camping Areas:

Bulltown Campground: Call (304) 452-8006 or http://www.recreation.gov.

Riffle Run Campground: Take Exit 79 (Burnsville). Follow Route 5 East to campground.

80th Birthday Party by Delores Pyles

Virginia Hopkins of Spring Hill, FL, and formerly of Gandeeville, WV, was given a special surprise 80th birthday party April 10th at her youngest daughter Laura Crouse and her husband Marty’s Brooksville, FL residence.

The guests were several of Virginia’s family members from Maryland and her special deaf friends, including her former first deaf male teacher of MD School for the Deaf, Merv Garreston and his wife, Carol, Delores and Roy Pyles (Florida snowbirds from Hillsboro, WV), and others from Florida.

Virginia never had any birthday party before so she really enjoyed her first party very much with lots of good foods, friendship, and gifts.

Virginia graduated from Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD, in 1948. After she retired in 1986, she and her husband John moved to Gandeeville, West Virginia. She served the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (former WV Commission for the Hearing Impaired) as a board member for three (3) years.

After she and John moved to Florida in 1996, John died 4 months later. Since 1997, as an active Floridian, she is involved with a local deaf club, the Red Hat Women’s Club, and travel. She really enjoys her life in Florida.

Aerobics for Your Heart

To keep your heart healthy, you need to move enough to get your heart pumping faster and do it often. Now that spring is here and the temperature is on the rise, outside activities are no longer an excuse. Pick one you enjoy to avoid boredom. Vary the routine and have a partner. Skipping “just this once” will be much harder.

If you don’t currently exercise, start with 10 minutes and increase each time. The goal is 30 minutes of continuous exercise most days of the week. One of the best exercises is walking. Almost everyone can walk, it is low impact, and it is not dependant on one’s fitness level. Not to mention, children can be part of a walking program.

Always include a warm up of at least five minutes of slow movement and stretching to prepare your muscles. Also, take another five minutes to cool down after your workout and stretch your muscles. Do not include the warm up and cool down in your exercise time.
Audra Mezzatesta

Audra Mezzatesta, age 87, of Romney, WV, passed away on March 21, 2010, at Hampshire Center, Romney, WV.

Mrs. Mezzatesta was born August 7, 1921, in Romney, WV; she was the daughter of the late Ethel Hannas McDonald.

Audra was a 1941 graduate of Romney High School where she played basketball. She was a graduate of the WV Beauty College in Martinsburg, WV. During her life, she was a self-employed cosmetologist and worked for the WV Department of Highways, Hampshire County Schools, and retired from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind. Audra was active and held leadership roles throughout her life in the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, and Women of the Moose. She was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Audra is survived by her husband of 66 years, Anthony “Tony” Mezzatesta; two children, Jerry Mezzatesta and wife Marylou of Romney and Tammy Moreland and husband Bruce of Surfside Beach, SC; daughter-in-law Carol Mezzatesta of Winchester, VA; sister-in-law Mary Weakland of Kent, Ohio; four grandchildren, Kimberly Lee (Steve), Jiniuff Harbour (Steve), Troy Mezzatesta (Jeanne), and Jeffrey Mezzatesta (Luann); two step-grandchildren, Grant Clark, Michael Clark, and six great-grandchildren, Joshua and Jordan Lee, Ashley, Troy, and Drew Harbour, Sophia Mezzatesta, and Asher Mezzatesta.

Along with her mother, she was preceded in death by her eldest son, Terry A. Mezzatesta and infant daughter, Pamela R. Mezzatesta.

Mrs. Mezzatesta instilled in her children and grandchildren a sense of responsibility, a caring and compassionate attitude, and an impeccable work ethic. She will be sadly missed by all who loved her.

The family gives special thanks to Mrs. Mezzatesta’s caregivers of the Hampshire Center and Hospice of the Panhandle.

All services were private and handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV. Memorials may be made to Hampshire Center, HC-63 Box 2580, Romney, WV 26757 or Hospice of the Panhandle, 122 Waverly Court, Martinsburg, WV 25401 or any organization of choice.

James L. “Bucky” Cool


JamesCool passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2009. He was born on August 25, 1937, in Webster Springs, WV. James enrolled at WVSD in 1944.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. in the Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, WV, with Pastor Joe Clutter officiating. Entombment was at WV Memorial Gardens in Calvin, WV.

All services were handled by Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Inc., Webster Springs, WV.

Charles Bradley Tuell

Charles Bradley Tuell, age 74, of Welch, passed away Monday, May 31, 2010, at his residence. Born August 15, 1935, in Welch, he was the son of the late Charles Daniel and Virgie Ellen Pruitt Tuell.

He was a resident of Welch the greater part of his life, and he enjoyed all sports.

He graduated from the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, and he was a member of the Beckley Association of the Deaf. He was a retired composer for the Washington Post and the Welch Daily News in the Classified Department. He was a member of the Monday Night Bowling League and a member of the Hemphill Methodist Church.

Preceded in death by in addition to his parents, one granddaughter, LaDonna Yvonne Tuell.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Ruth Bishop Tuell; three sons, Charles B. Tuell, Jr., of Braddock, VA, Raymond L. Tuell and fiancée Annie of Welch, Timothy Mark Tuell and wife Vera of Welch; three granddaughters, Ashley Tuell of Morgantown, Tiffany Tuell of Welch, Krystal Tuell of Weaverville, NC; one grandson, Timothy Tuell II; and one great-granddaughter Brianna Denny.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. from the Fanning Funeral Home Chapel in Welch with Rev. Brian Long officiating. Burial followed at Iaeger Memorial Cemetery in Roderfield.

Friends were able to call Thursday morning at the funeral home from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Pallbearers were family and friends.

Fanning Funeral Home of Welch served the Tuell family.

(See Obituary on page 7)

Kenneth Lane

Kenneth Lane passed away on April 20, 2010. He attended WVSD in 1953.

The Metro Denver Association of the Deaf, Silent Athletic Club of Denver, held a memorial service for Kenneth on April 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. They had chicken, potluck dish, and dessert.
Edward L. “Eddie” Ganoe

Edward “Eddie” Lee Ganoe, age 84, of Romney, WV, passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Ganoe was born on October 4, 1925, in Romney, son of the late Ervin Edward and Audra May (Wise) Ganoe. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, April Ganoe, and one brother, Marvin “Tubby” J. Ganoe.

P-Sgt. E-7 Edward L. Ganoe served in the U.S. Navy for 2 years, 9 months, and 8 days during World War II and served 18 years in the U.S. Army receiving the following awards: Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Clasp and Four Loops, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with One Silver and Two Bronze Service Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. In 1959 while stationed in Germany, he met and married his wife, Rosemarie. Upon returning to Romney, “Eddie” was employed and retired from the WV School for the Deaf and Blind having been in Purchasing.

He was a life member of the VFW Wappocomo Post 1101 and the Romney Volunteer Fire Department. “Eddie” enjoyed many hobbies including stain glass art and wood working. He was a wine meister delighting friends and family with his “special” dandelion wine.

Surviving are his wife of over 50 years, Rosemarie (Neumann) Ganoe; one son, Edward Lee Ganoe, Jr., and wife Sandy, Romney; three daughters, Silva Buckley and husband “Jr.,” Arthur, WV, Susan Wolford and husband “Joe,” Winchester, VA, and Karen Malick and husband Kevin, Augusta; two brothers, Paul Ganoe and wife Jean, Savage, MD, and Eston Ganoe and wife Jean, Savage; three sisters, Alma Croston, Savage, Elva Petty, Louisville, KY, and Patsy Mciahel and husband Raymond Inverness, FL; five grandchildren, Christal Runion and husband Josh, Karen Buckley, Nathan Wolford, Kathy Ganoe, and Spencer Malick.

The family received friends at their residence on Sunday, January 31, 2010, from noon until 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Panhandle, 122 Waverly Ct., Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Allen Richard Hannas

Allen Richard Hannas, age 73, of Romney, WV passed away on Wednesday May 19, 2010, at Western Maryland Health Systems, Cumberland, MD.

Born on January 20, 1937, in Hampshire County, WV, he was the son Clara (Orndorff) Hannas of Romney and the late Eugene Hannas.

He worked for the WV School for the Deaf, where he coached baseball. He was a member of the V.F.W. #1101, American Legion Post 91, and Loyal Order of Moose, all of Romney, WV.

Surviving with his mother, is his wife Kay (Baldwin) Hannas; 2 daughters, Tammy Kesner and Karen Haines both of Petersburg, WV; 2 brothers, DeLyle Orndorff and wife Ruby of Augusta and Ashby Hoot of Romney; 3 sisters, Pauline Weasenforth and husband Jimmy of Keyser, WV, Audrey Rowzee, Roxanne Hines both of Romney; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Catherine Grapes and Gloria Orndorff.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the McKee Funeral Home, 115 E. Birch Lane, Romney, WV, with Pastor Robert Jeffreys officiating. Interment followed in Ebenezer Cemetery, Romney, WV.

The family received friends on Friday evening 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

George Michael Surber


Born on July 5, 1948, in Ottumwa, Iowa, he was the son of the late Rex Henry and Helen Osa (Curtis) Surber.

He worked as a houseparent and coach for the WV School for the Deaf.

Surviving is his wife Mary Beth (Thompson) Surber; 2 daughters, Erin Surber Riggleman and Danielle Surber Richardson of Romney; 1 brother, Rex Surber, Jr. of Iowa; and 3 grandsons.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Augusta, WV.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National M.S. Foundation.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV.
5th Annual Ramp Dinner by John Burdette

On April 24, 2010, our 5th Annual Ramp Dinner was hosted by the Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf, held at Alderson Community Center, Alderson, WV.

We, the committee, were very busy with the food preparations and setting up the tables and chairs in the gym the day before. Saturday morning, we all arrived at the Community Center early to start cooking and to be ready to start serving at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 100 people came to the ramp dinner. Some people asked if we had any ramps for sale. So, we sold many freezer bags filled with ramps. Many thanks to the committee who worked hard to make our ramp dinner a big success!

So mark your calendar to come to our annual ramp dinner in April 2011.
USA Deaf Basketball Tournament, East/West High School Boys All Star Game

Paul See was selected to coach at the United States of America Deaf Basketball Tournament East/West High School Boys All Star game. The tournament was held in Louisville, KY, on April 9th. Paul was the head coach of the East All Star team. One of Paul’s players from the WV School for the Deaf, Roderick Stickley, was also selected to play on the East Team.

Players on the East Team came from Massachusetts, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, South Carolina, and New York. The East Team won for the first time in tournament history with a score of 113 to 68. Paul was also named Coach of the Year for Division II Boys Basketball, by the National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Paul has been the head coach for the WV School for the Deaf basketball team for 10 years. His teams have won the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division III tournaments four times and the Division II tournament once in a span of 7 years. He has coached three players who have scored over 1000 points in their careers.

Paul has also made sure that his teams have competed locally in the Potomac Valley Conference and West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission Sectional Tournaments. Way to go Paul!

Paul See and Roderick Stickley

The East Team that won for the first time in tournament history with a score of 113 to 68.
Laura and Dalton Harrison
May 15, 2010

Love is looking into each other’s eyes every morning as if it were the first time and closing each day with a kiss that says “I can’t wait until tomorrow.”

Love is working side by side for something you believe in, knowing there’s another person in this world who is there for you.

Love is growing old together and falling in love over and over again, all along this journey you share.

Warmest wishes and special thoughts as you begin your life together.

Dalton Harrison is the son of Veronda and Jimmy Harrison.
Try to fill in the missing numbers.
Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.
Each number is only used once.
Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.
Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.
CHECK OUT OUR QUARTER RECIPES!

Seven Layer Salad
(Submitted by Liz Leisure)

One head lettuce (shredded) 1/2 bag frozen peas (thawed)
Two stocks celery (diced) 1/2 cup Vidalia onions (chopped)
1/2 green pepper 5 bacon strips (cooked and crumbled)
One small bag of cheddar cheese

Mix together. Add dressing: one cup mayonnaise and 1/4 cup sugar (I use Splenda).

Tasty Pistachio Whip
(Submitted by Phoebe Jo Richards)

6 oz package regular or fat free, sugar free pistachio instant pudding
20 oz can crushed pineapple in its own juice, undrained
1/2 cup chopped Pistachio nuts or walnuts (toasted for 5 minutes, if desired)
8 oz container fat-free whipped topping

In a large bowl, whisk together instant pudding and pineapple.
Stir in chopped nuts, reserving 2 Tbsp for garnish; using a rubber spatula, gently fold in whipped topping.
Spoon mixture into dessert glasses; sprinkle tops with reserved nuts.
Refrigarete 2 hours before serving.

German Chocolate Upside Down Cake
(Submitted by Phoebe Jo Richards)
(Preheat to 350 °F)

For bottom layer of cake:

1 cup coconut 1 cup chopped nuts

Mix together and spread on the bottom of a greased 9x13 pan.
Mix 1 box German chocolate cake mix according to directions on the box. Pour cake mixture over coconut-nut mixture.

For cake topping:

1 stick margarine 1 8-oz cream cheese
1 pound of Confectioner’s sugar

In a saucepan, put 1 stick of margarine and 1 8-oz cream cheese.
Heat over medium heat until smooth, stirring constantly. Stir in 1 pound of confectioner’s sugar.
Spoon this mixture over top of cake batter.
Bake at 350 °F for 35-40 minutes. You may have to bake it a little longer. Enjoy!
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!

Deaf Beekeeper

There is one deaf beekeeper in West Virginia and he is Charles Lyne, a 1968 graduate of WVSD. He is just getting involved with beekeeping.

Beekeeping (or apiculture, from Latin apis, bee) is the maintenance of honey bee colonies, commonly in hives, by humans. A beekeeper (or apiarist) keeps bees in order to collect honey and beeswax, to pollinate crops, or to produce bees for sale to other beekeepers. A location where bees are kept is called an apiary.

While knowledge of the bees is the first line of defense, most beekeepers also wear some protective clothing. Novice beekeepers usually wear gloves and a hooded suit or hat and veil. Experienced beekeepers sometimes elect not to use gloves because they inhibit delicate manipulations. The face and neck are the most important areas to protect, so most beekeepers will at least wear a veil.

Defensive bees are attracted to the breath, and a sting on the face can lead to much more pain and swelling than a sting elsewhere, while a sting on a bare hand can usually be quickly removed by fingernail scrape to reduce the amount of venom injected.

For more information about beekeeping, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beekeeping.

Since we all love honey, beekeeping is important.

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What made you want to be the WVAD Secretary? I have had some secretarial experience and felt that I could do the job. I am also very organized and have the ability to get along with others.

What is the name of your hometown? Grantsville, WV.

Where do you work at and what do you do? I work for Children with Special Health Care Needs as a social worker and care coordinator.

How long have you worked there? 36 years and 10 months.

Where did you receive your college education? West Virginia State College.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? Getting the TTYs installed in all the rest areas in West Virginia.

What is your secret ambition? To be a part-time ASL tutor/teacher after my retirement.

What person has been the biggest influence on your life? My father.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Either front or back porch at my house.

What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time? Reading.

Name three things you can do without. Drinking straws, Styrofoam plates, and pencils.

What person, real or fictional, would you most like to meet? Victoria Stilwell, the dog trainer.

What movie could you see any time? Any movie that is based on a true story.

What is your all-time favorite TV show? Forensic Files.

Name three things always found in your kitchen. TV, Mike’s laptop, and car keys.

What would you do with a million dollars? I would pay all my bills, give 10 percent to a church that supports deaf ministry, buy a new vehicle, and invest the rest.

What is an interesting, but little known fact about you? I am a perfectionist.

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