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ZALMA HIDDEN TALENT MRS. SHELBY



Mrs. Erin Shelby and her father, Clark Cloninger, brush bees off frames before the 2016 honey harvest

By Brett Hovis

Erin Shelby is a teacher at Zalma R-V. Although mainly known as an art teacher here at Zalma School, Shelby is also an apiarist outside of school. Several years ago her parents had given her a nuc, which is a small colony of bees including a queen bee, for her birthday. The bees that she keeps are Italian Honey Bees. Shelby and her dad, Clark Cloninger, have always been interested in beekeeping, and figured it could be something that they could do together.

When I asked her what her favorite thing about beekeeping is she answered "The honey." In the last two years she has collected nearly 60 pounds of honey! Shelby said that her biggest struggle is pest control, especially with wax moths and small hive beetles. Cold winters are also hard on the bees.

Shelby said that she does have future plans with her beekeeping skills, and would like to eventually use it as a retirement plan. She dreams to expand into having more than one colony. So it sounds like she has put a lot of thought into it.

ZALMA HIDDEN TALENT MISS JANET



Miss Janet Howard and Angel

By Brett Hovis

Janet Howard is a member of the Zalma R-5 Staff. She is mostly found keeping the high school library in pristine condition. However some may not know that Miss Janet has an interesting talent outside of the library. Miss Janet possesses a talent to train horses.

Miss Janet started horse training when she was 14 years old. When I asked her why she started training, she said because she just loves horses.

The first step in her horse training is to get the "ground work" done and then getting the horse use to a saddle. One example of ground work is teaching the horse to lunge with and without a rope. Another is to get the horse to "join-up", which means you must walk, stop, turn around, and say whoa, then the horse must come to you. This means that the horse understands that you are in charge.

When I asked Miss Janet what her favorite thing about horse training is, she replied "the outcome, the way the horse acts after it is broke." I then asked her what her least favorite thing was and she said giving the horse a bath. Miss Janet backed her answer by stating that "...as soon as you finish the bath the horse will go and roll around and get dirty again." She wants to keep her horse training as a hobby, but if the chance ever arises Miss Janet would love to own a horse ranch.

ZALMA HIDDEN TALENT MRS. BAILEY



Mrs. Faith Bailey discusses minerals with students on a field trip to Silver Mines

By Brett Hovis

Faith Bailey is the science teacher for Zalma High School and she has some outside experiences that help her with her job. Before her job at Zalma, Mrs. Bailey worked with seismic research while attending college at Southeast Missouri State University and she help discover some interesting things.

Mrs. Bailey was one of the people who found the Germon Crevasse along with Dr. Ray Knox and Dr. David Stewart. Their findings were published in the book *The New Madrid Fault Finders Guide*.

Mrs. Bailey's studies and experiences in seismic works help her with teaching her classes because she gets to bring in real life experiences to what she is teaching. Mrs. Bailey said that her being able to explain and show what she is teaching is a lot better than just writing and drawing it on the board.

Seismic work is not the only outside experiences that Mrs. Bailey brings into the classroom. She also has had experience in a medical lab and with forensics.