

## SMILES AND SCOWLS

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To multitudes of volunteers who worked hard to make West Virginia's 26th annual Vandalia Gathering at the Capitol grounds a happy success in perfect weather.

To fiddler Jake Krack, mandolin picker Mike Melton, banjo artist Bruce Jones and all the other performers who copped prizes at the Vandalia Gathering.

To lowbrow vandals who destroyed the former Bronco Junction camp for asthmatic children in Putnam County - and to Shawnee Hills officials who failed to protect the property.

To five brilliant West Virginia youths - Hillary Homburg and Matthew Miller of Charleston, Jason Gianola of Nitro, Brent Hardman of Parkersburg and Ashley Jenkins of Preston County - chosen for free education as WVU Foundation Scholars.

To Bruce Hardwood Floors, adding 92 more jobs at its large Randolph County plant.

To Allegheny Power, which donated nine 1995 cars to the Good News **Mountaineer Garage**, which provides them to low-income West Virginia families needing transportation to work and school.

To inept want to hear riverboat captains on the Kanawha who "quite often" ram barges into bridge piers, according to the state transportation secretary.

To Alfred Peery, listed by the regional Red Cross as an 18-gallon blood donor.

To Kanawha Circuit Judge Duke Bloom, who cut his court's backlog from more than 2,000 cases to 621 - and to other Kanawha judges who cleared up stagnating cases.

(smile) To eight selfless Kanawha County high school students - Danielle Fink, Anthony Hess, Elisabeth Forrester, Erica Johnson, Natalie Rezek, Jason Bossie, Philip Meadows and Kabeer Shah - given medals and \$1,000 scholarships for their volunteer work.

(smile) To the Mountain State Rodeo Association, which gave Charleston \$8,000 worth of light poles for Magic Island, and also gave other groups poles left over after the competition for line repair workers.

(smile) To Alexander "Zon" Giltinan, who will be honored by the Roark Sullivan Lifeway Center on Leon Sullivan Way for two decades of volunteer work for the men's emergency shelter.

(smile) To the memory of West Virginia diplomat Cyrus Vance, to be honored through a \$5,000 annual award bearing his name, given to an outstanding foreign affairs teacher.

(smile) To state archivist Fred Armstrong and others who tracked down the "Lover's Leap" historical marker that had been stolen from a Morgan County roadside, and recovered it from a Virginia antique store.

(smile) To West Teays Elementary School in Putnam County, Elk Center Elementary in Kanawha County, and 16 other West Virginia schools honored as Blue Ribbon Schools or Schools of Excellence.

(smile) To former Secretary of State Ken Hechler, now 87, who showed he still has spunk by arriving on a motorcycle to address the Spring Benefit Luncheon of the Shepherd's Center of Charleston at First Presbyterian Church.

(smile) To Martha Cole of Charleston, Mary Frances Burnette of South Charleston and 10 other outstanding West Virginians honored at the 17th annual Celebrate Women Awards Dinner.

(smile) To University of Charleston security director Jack Rinchich, given a top law enforcement award by the National Association of Chiefs of Police and the American Police Hall of Fame.

To Craig McGhee, who worked so hard in behalf of a new bridge at the Orchard Manor public housing complex that the Legislature named the span for him.