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## 1998 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

### GOVERNOR

DWAN PERRY  
NATIONALIST, RANDOLPH  
HOMETOWN: BLUEFIELD

### SECRETARY OF STATE

ERIC "BOOGY DOWN" BUGYIS  
NATIONALIST, CALHOUN  
HOMETOWN: PARKERSBURG

### AUDITOR

DUSTIN "SPIKE" HOTSINPILLER  
FEDERALIST, PANHANDLE  
HOMETOWN: BRIDGEPORT

### TREASURER

JEREMY "BUCK" MOUNT  
FEDERALIST, LEWIS  
HOMETOWN: HUNTINGTON

### COMM. OF AGRICULTURE

JOHNNY "THE ITALIAN STALLION" MADIA  
NATIONALIST, LEWIS  
HOMETOWN: CLARKSBURG

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

BRENT "JOHNNY COCHRAN" STEPHENS  
FEDERALIST, RANDOLPH  
HOMETOWN: KISTLER

### SUPREME COURT

SCOTT "THE TOOL MAN" TAYLOR  
NATIONALIST, PANHANDLE  
HOMETOWN: MORGANTOWN

PAUL "THE BIG STICK" FERGUSON

FEDERALIST, KANAWHA  
HOMETOWN: PRINCETON

LUKE "IRON MAN" HATFIELD

FEDERALIST, PANHANDLE  
HOMETOWN: ST. ALBANS

"IRON" MIKE THOMPSON

NATIONALIST, PANHANDLE  
HOMETOWN: CHARLESTOWN

STEVE "THE BIG BLUE" HERRON

FEDERALIST, CALHOUN  
HOMETOWN: FAIRMONT

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 1998

6:30 REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS  
7:20 FLAG RAISING  
7:25 BREAKFAST

GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION

GROUP 1 - BARBOUR, KANAWHA, PANHANDLE  
GROUP 2 - BRAXTON, RANDOLPH, WEBSTER  
GROUP 3 - MARION, MONROE, UPSHUR  
GROUP 4 - CALHOUN, GILMER, LEWIS, MONONGALIA

	8:30-9:10	9:20-10:00	10:10-10:50	11:00-11:40
GROUP 1	PRESS REL.	BAL./FIREARMS	DRIVER SAFETY	CIRCUIT CLK.
GROUP 2	BAL./FIREARMS	DRIVER SAFETY	CIRCUIT CL.	PRESS REL.
GROUP 3	DRIVER SAFETY	CIRCUIT CLK.	PRESS REL.	BAL./FIREARMS
GROUP 4	CIRCUIT CLK.	PRESS REL.	BAL./FIREARMS	DRIVER SAFETY

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

PRESS RELATIONS - JACKSON LODGE - ROB JOHNSON, INSTR.  
BAL./FIREARMS - ASSEMBLY HALL - MIKE ELLIS, INSTR.  
DRIVER SAFETY- SEWING CENTER, J.F. KYER, INSTR.  
CIRCUIT CLK.- WEST VIRGINIA BLDG. - JAMIE FERGUSON, INSTR.

8:30 - 11:50 SENATE (EEC-LEFT) AND HOUSE (EEC-RIGHT) IN  
SESSION GOVERNOR AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEET IN BASEMENT OF JACKSON LODGE.  
SUPREME COURT MEET WITH ADVISOR IN RIGHT WING OF  
FLAME WAY BUILDING. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS  
IN BASEMENT OF JACKSON LODGE.

11:00 ALL ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES FOR WEDNESDAY'S COURT  
TRIALS REPORT TO SUPREME COURT TO BE SWORN IN.

12:15 LUNCH - DAVID HARDESTY, PRESIDENT WVU  
JOHN PERDUE, STATE TREASURER

1:15 - 2:15 CIRCUIT COURTS IN SESSION WITH LEGAL ADVISORS (CIVIL  
CASES). ALL CITIZENS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR JURY DUTY.  
  
LAWYERS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PRESENT CASES.  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN SESSION IF NEEDED.  
BOYS' STATE POLICE ORGANIZED AND WORKING.

2:30 INAUGURATION - JUDGE FOX

3:30-4:00 EACH COTTAGE SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES...1 CITY, 1 COUNTY  
ELECTED OFFICIAL... TO HARRISON COTTAGE TO DISCUSS CITY  
AND COUNTY PACKETS

3:45-4:45 ATHLETICS AND BAND PRACTICE

5:15 - 5:25 RETREAT

5:30 DINNER

6:30 - 7:45 ATHLETICS AND BAND PRACTICE

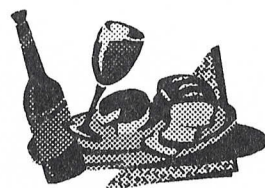
8:00 ASSEMBLY- ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
BOB KISS, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

11:00 CITIZENS TO COTTAGES. COUNSELORS MAKE DECISIONS ON  
LIGHTS OUT AND CITIZENS BEING OUT OF THE COTTAGE.  
(CITIZENS MUST BE IN BY 1:00 A.M.)



Mountaineer Boys' State Menu - 1998

Wednesday, 6/10	grape juice hot & cold cereal scrambled eggs/sausage patties biscuits, toast, butter, jelly coffee, milk	creamed turkey rice mixed vegetables cole slaw biscuits, bread, butter coffee, milk, punch pears	lasagna buttered corn tossed salad rolls, butter coffee, milk, iced tea pudding/topping
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## SUPREME COURT SCHEDULE

### Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. - Discuss Supreme Court Procedure (pg. 127).  
Select Crier. Select Clerk. Select Chief Justice. Set up courtroom.
- 9:00 a.m. - Recess.
- 9:30 a.m. - Reconvene.
- 9:45 a.m. - Practice Case #1
- 10:30 a.m. - Recess
- 11:00 a.m. - Reconvene. Hear motions for admissions to bar. All attorneys and judges involved in Wednesday court cases are to be present; Practice case #2.
- 12:00 p.m. - Recess.
- 1:15 p.m. - Observe court cases.

### Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. - Hear petition for appeal from Circuit #1 and Circuit #4 and other business.
- 9:00 a.m. - Recess
- 9:45 a.m. - Reconvene. Announce decisions. Hear petition for appeal from Circuit #2 and Circuit #5 and other business.
- 10:15 a.m. - Recess
- 10:30 a.m. - Reconvene. Announce decisions. Hear petitions for appeal from Circuit #3 and Circuit #6 and other business. Hear motions for admissions to bar. All attorneys and judges involved in Thursday's court cases are to be present.
- 11:15 a.m. - Recess. Write opinions and conduct court business.
- 12:00 p.m. - Recess
- 2:30 p.m. - Reconvene. Announce decisions. Hear appeal cases.

### Friday

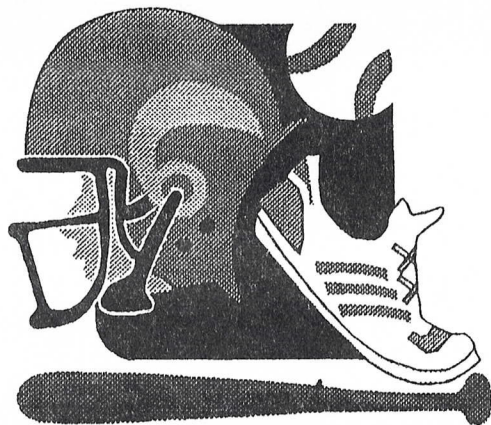
SAME AS THURSDAY (see p.1)

- 1:15 p.m. Reconvene. Announce decisions. Conduct remainder of court business as time permits.

This schedule is subject to change as deemed appropriate by the Supreme Court.

NOTICE: The Supreme Court will consider any appeal from any citizen(s) and/or staff members and/or matter where the court has origin jurisdiction. Anyone seeking to present a matter to the Supreme Court must be represented by a Boys' State Attorney and must petition the court to consider the matter desired to be reviewed. The appropriate petition forms can be obtained at the Supreme Court. Please approach the Supreme Court at anytime that it is in session to arrange to have a matter reviewed.

# SPORTS PAGE



## ATHLETIC RESULTS

Lewis F Upshur Marion N Webster	<i>Rained Out</i>	Gilmer Randolph N <del>Kanawaha N</del> Randolph F	Barbour Panhandle N <del>Braxton F</del> Panhandle F	Kanawaha F <del>Monroe N</del> Lewis N Monroe F	Braxton F Marion F Calhoun Monongalia
Barbour Monongalia Braxton N Monroe N	<i>Rained Out</i>	Kanawaha F Webster Lewis N Marion F	Braxton F Randolph F <del>Calhoun</del> Upshur	Lewis F <del>Panhandle F</del> Marion N Randolph N	Gilmer <del>Monroe F</del> Kanawaha N Panhandle N

## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Braxton F Monroe F Calhoun Panhandle N	Lewis F Monongalia Marion N Monroe N	Gilmer Webster Kanawaha N Marion F	Barbour Randolph F Braxton N Upshur	Kanawaha F Panhandle F Lewis N Randolph N
Gilmer Panhandle F Kanawaha N Randolph N	Barbour Monroe Monongalia Panhandle N	Kanawaha F Monongalia Lewis Monroe N	Braxton F Webster Calhoun Marion F	Lewis Randolph F Marion N Upshur

## COTTAGE INSPECTION - JUNE 9, 1998

<b>BARBOUR</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>MONONGALIA</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>BRAXTON</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>MONROE</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>CALHOUN</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>PANHANDLE</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>GILMER</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>RANDOLPH</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>KANAWHA</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>UPSHUR</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>LEWIS</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>WEBSTER</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>MARION</b>	<b>100</b>		

## KNOW YOUR ATHLETIC STAFF

Todd Morgan, Athletic Instructor, resides at 12 Briarwood Terrace, Fairmont, WV with his wife, Vicki and son, Tyler. Todd is the owner of Dry Cleaning World, Inc. He is a member of the Rotary Elks and is a Computer Science major.

He has been a Boys' State staff member for 20 years. He has helped with cottage inspections for many years. Todd says Boys' State is a great camp to learn about government and the election process.

Brandon Craft, Athletic Instructor, resides at PO Box 157 Bloomingrose, WV 25024 with his parents and sister, Tracy. He is currently a student at Glenville State College majoring in Biology and Chemistry.

Brandon plays football for Glenville and is a student assistant in zoology lab.

Brandon is the 1995 Boys' State Governor and also works as a party advisor at Boys' State. He says the Boys' State program is a wonderful opportunity for the young men and future leaders of West Virginia. Every citizen and staff member is very fortunate to be a part of such a class act program.



## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SPEAKS TO CITIZENS OF MBS

Commissioner Gus Douglass spoke to the citizens of Boys' State on June 9, 1998. He spoke about the changing role of the agriculture department at the state, national, and world levels. He says today it is more important than ever to see that our food is free of contamination and disease.

Commissioner Douglass was elected to his 8th term as Commissioner of Agriculture in November, 1996, and took office in January, 1997. He was elected to previous terms in 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1992, and was a gubernatorial candidate in 1988.

Commissioner Douglass grew up amidst agriculture in Grimms Landing in Mason County, West Virginia. He was state and national president of the FFA and was chosen West Virginia Star Farmer and later helped to organize and served as first president of the National FFA Alumni Association.

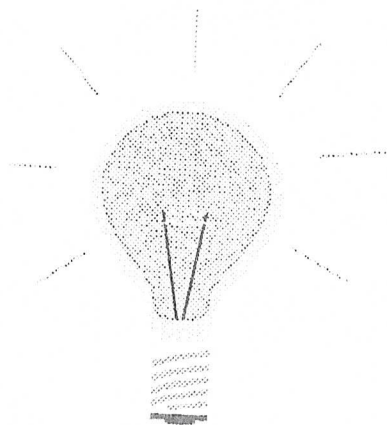
He is a recipient of a wide variety of awards and honors, including the Gamma Sigma Delta award for distinguished service to West Virginia Agriculture and Progressive Farmer Magazine's "Man of the Year" in West Virginia Agriculture. In 1990, he was enshrined in the Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame.

He and his wife Anna Lee have four children and belong to the Leon Baptist Church. Douglass is a Mason and a Shriner.

We are very pleased to have Commissioner Douglass as a guest speaker at the 61st Mountaineer Boys' State.

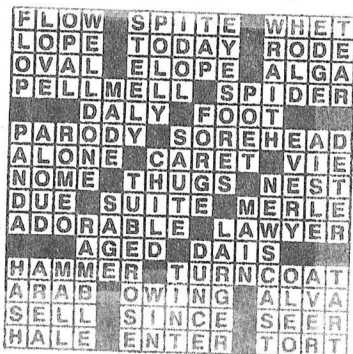


Randolph Cottage Senior Counselor Mike Park presents Commissioner Douglass with a Certificate of Appreciation

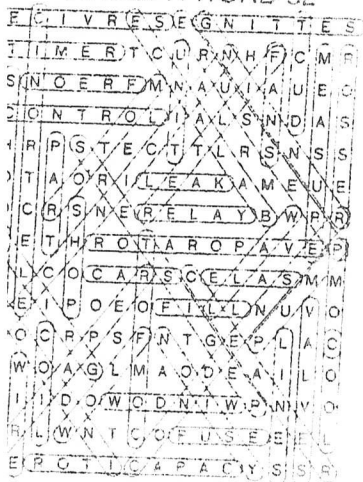


## TUESDAY'S ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD 115



### CIRCLE-A-WORD 52



## The American Legion Mountaineer Boy's State Court Trial Rating Form

### JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

#### FIRST CIRCUIT

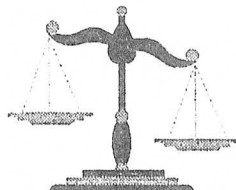
RANDOLPH - WED.  
MONROE - THURS.

#### SECOND CIRCUIT

UPSHUR - WED.  
LEWIS - THURS.

#### THIRD CIRCUIT

MARION - WED.  
CALHOUN - THURS.



#### FOURTH CIRCUIT

GILMER - WED.  
PANHANDLE - THURS.

#### FIFTH CIRCUIT

MONONGALIA - WED.  
KANAWHA - THURS.

#### SIXTH CIRCUIT

BRAXTON - WED.  
WEBSTER/BARBOUR - THURS.

In the even numbered years, the county designated to conduct the court trial on Wednesday will conduct a civil trial. The county designated to conduct the court trial on Thursday will conduct a criminal trial.

In the odd numbered years, the county designated to conduct the court trial on Wednesday will conduct a criminal trial and the county designated to conduct the court trial on Thursday will conduct a civil trial.

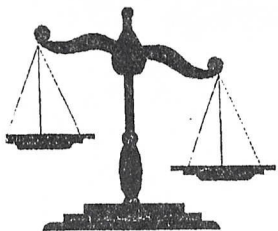
### THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE; WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT; A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC; A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN STATES; A PERFECT UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE; ESTABLISHED UPON THESE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND HUMANITY FOR WHICH AMERICAN PATRIOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES.

I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY TO LOVE IT, TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION, TO OBEY ITS LAWS, TO RESPECT ITS FLAG, AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.

(Authorized Version)





# BOYS STATE LEGAL ADVISORS



## KOCSIS, SLUSS & WILLIAMS ATTORNEYS AT LAW

### RANDY KOCSIS

Randy K. Kocsis is a native of Fairmont, WV and was a citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State in 1979. He has been a Boys' State staff member since 1980. Randy initially served as a Junior Counselor in Monongalia Cottage and later as a JC in Barbour Cottage. He obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the West Virginia University College of Law and accepted an appointment as an FBI Special Agent after graduating from law school in 1986.

After completing FBI training, Randy was assigned to the FBI's Houston, Texas office where he worked for over eight years. He had the opportunity to work on a variety of interesting matters while in Texas. Randall was transferred to FBI headquarters in 1995 and was later transferred to the FBI's new Criminal Justice Information Services Division Office in Clarksburg, WV where he worked as a supervisory special agent until August 1997. At that time, Randy was transferred to the FBI's Investigative Office in Clarksburg where he is assigned to investigate a multitude of Federal Criminal Violations in the Northern District of West Virginia.

Randy has used his legal skills to improve the Boys' State legal program. He has rewritten the law lecture, bar examination and he also prepared the court trial packets. He is currently functioning as one of the legal advisors.

Randy's wife, Janette, is a native of Rock Cave, WV. In their spare time, they rescue stray dogs, take them home, take good care of them and keep them. How about that for a couple of humanitarians? Would you like a dog?

Randy also serves as a Volunteer Fireman and Vice President of the Worthington, WV Fire Dept. Additionally, Randy serves as the CEO of a major model railroad that is currently under construction at his residence near Enterprise, WV.

Randy is available to answer any questions that any citizen may have about law school, the FBI, or other matters that he may be able to provide assistance in. He has also served as the Senior Counselor of Barbour and Marion Cottages.

Randy is a graduate of Fairmont State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. His home address is PO Box 347, Enterprise, WV 26568 and he may be contacted at his office, (304) 624-6200.

### MELVIN WILLIAMS

Melvin E. Williams, Legal Advisor, resides at 4051 Midlands Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188. Melvin graduated from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy and Religion. He is also a graduate of the College of William and Mary School of Law.

He is currently studying for the bar exam to begin as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Bedford County, VA. He is immediate past interim pastor to Ivy Farms Church of the Brethren, Newport News, VA.

Melvin is an Emergency Medical Technician and Vice President of the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire

Dept. His special honors include Moot Court, National Trial Team at William and Mary, and student body president for two years at Bridgewater College.

Melvin has been at Boys' State since 1990. He says that Boys' State is a tremendous influence and continuing motivator in his life. Living in Virginia, Boys' State is one means through which he might give a little back to the state that reared him.

### STEVE SLUSS

Steve Sluss attended Boys State as a citizen in 1976 and has been a part of the Boys state staff all but 2 years since then. He served as a Junior and Senior Counselor in Panhandle and Randolph cottages as well as legislative advisor. In 1994 and this year he taught the course on Magistrate Courts. In 1996 and 1997 he taught the course on Courts Procedure. For the past 4 years he has assisted with the Bar Exam and served as advisor to the Nationalist and Federalist parties.

Sluss graduated in the first graduating class of Frankfort High School in Mineral County. He has a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Marshall University and his Law Degree from West Virginia University. In 1983 and 1984 he served as the youngest member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. After that he spent 6 years as a Mineral County Commissioner. Two of those years were as President. Sluss served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Kanawha County and is currently the Chief Assistant and Legal Counsel to Kanawha County Assessor Phyllis Gatson.

"WE WILL WORK FOR YOU!"



Steve Sluss, Randy Kocsis,

Melvin Williams





# New River/ Greenbrier Valley

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ighty rivers and breathtaking natural scenery are matched in splendor by world class hotels and cozy bed and breakfasts and inns. There are incredible state parks, adventures awaiting on the mild or wild whitewater of the region and hiking and biking on designated rails-to-trails or on the backroads and forests of your choice.

These ancient mountains and rivers tell the

**Come to the New River/  
Greenbrier Valley for nature at  
its most inspiring and  
civilization at its most refined.**

War battles; of the timber, the coal and the  
railroads which fueled turn-of-the-century  
prosperity; of historic cities, towns and  
celebrations.

## Historic Lewisburg

Minutes west of White Sulphur Springs off I-64 is the lovely old town of Lewisburg, where dozens of shops and galleries inhabit a quaint collection of 18th and 19th century buildings, now designated as a National Historic District. The shops offer art, antiques, rare books, collectibles, gifts, fashions and accessories. There are a variety of inns, cafes and restaurants serving cuisine for the adventurous and the discerning. Lovely, historic bed and breakfast accommodations are found throughout the historic district.

At Lewisburg's own 1902 Carnegie Hall, a gift from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, performers ranging from Isaac Stern to Asleep at the Wheel have graced the stage. A recently restored movie theater features live entertainment as well as popular films. In summer, the Greenbrier Valley Theatre Company produces shows in The Barn.

This August, a reenactment of the Battle of Dry Creek will be "fought" in the Greenbrier State Forest, between White Sulphur Springs and Lewisburg.

Another recent addition to this area is Swift Level, an upscale guest house with an accent on personalized service. Swift Level specializes in equestrian mountain trips and guided fly fishing and mountain biking excursions.

*A number of  
Civil War  
engagements  
were fought in  
Lewisburg and  
surrounding  
Greenbrier  
County. Each  
year the Battle  
of Dry Creek  
is re-enacted  
in Greenbrier  
State Forest.*

## The Nation's River

North of Hinton, the New River takes on the waters of the Greenbrier River and plunges into a 1,000 foot deep gorge where 53 miles of its course is designated the New River Gorge National River.

The National Park Service operates two visitor's centers on the New River. The Canyon Rim and Hinton visitor's centers have year round programs ranging from Sunday conversations with the region's old-timers to guided walking tours of the Gorge's historic communities to canoe safety clinics.

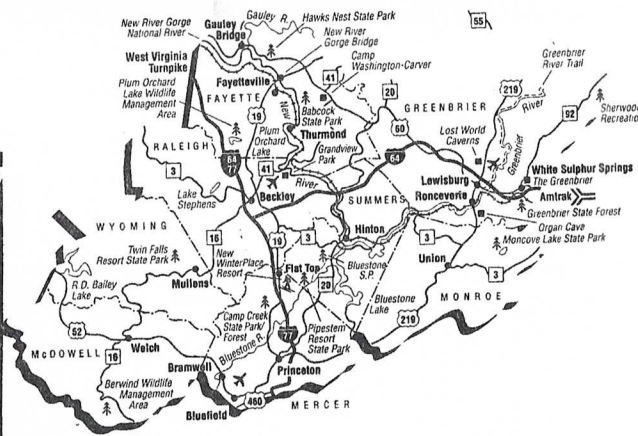
The Hinton Visitor's Center provides an orientation to the New River's southern reaches, including information on the old railroad town of Hinton and scenic wonders such as Sandstone Falls.

More than a million visitors stop annually at the northern Canyon Rim Visitor's Center near the New River Gorge Bridge on U.S. 19 at Fayetteville. The center offers a stunning view of the New River Gorge and the world's longest steel arch bridge which spans it.

## Over The Edge!

Crossing the gorge via the four lane New River Gorge Bridge is exhilarating enough for most. But a rare few take their excitement to another level at the annual *Bridge Day* celebration, as two lanes of the bridge are closed to vehicle traffic the third Saturday of October.

BASE jumpers fling themselves over the edge of the highest bridge east of the Mississippi and repellers dangle between the catwalks under the bridge with ropes in excess of 900 feet. For a safer thrill, join the



100,000 spectators who salute this engineering feat by enjoying the entertainment, craft and food booths which line the bridge's length for this single day each year.

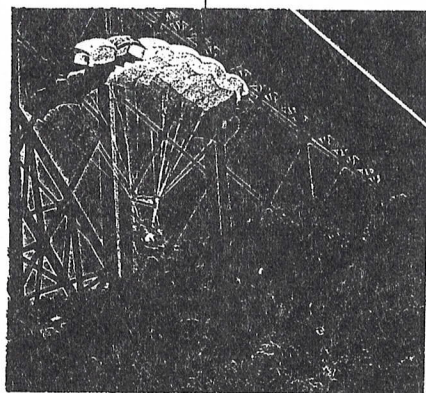
## Fun Down Below

The New River and its surroundings are home to the unusual in sports, sights and historical attractions.

The river is best known for its spectacular whitewater rafting and kayaking. But it also welcomes the less adventurous with gentle family whitewater float trips, canoeing on its upper reaches, tour boat cruising, interpretive history walks and excellent

smallmouth bass fishing.

The stretch below Cunard called the Lower New deserves its national reputation for major whitewater. More than 20 professional whitewater companies operate on the Lower New, guiding brave rafters through challenging Class IV and V rapids.



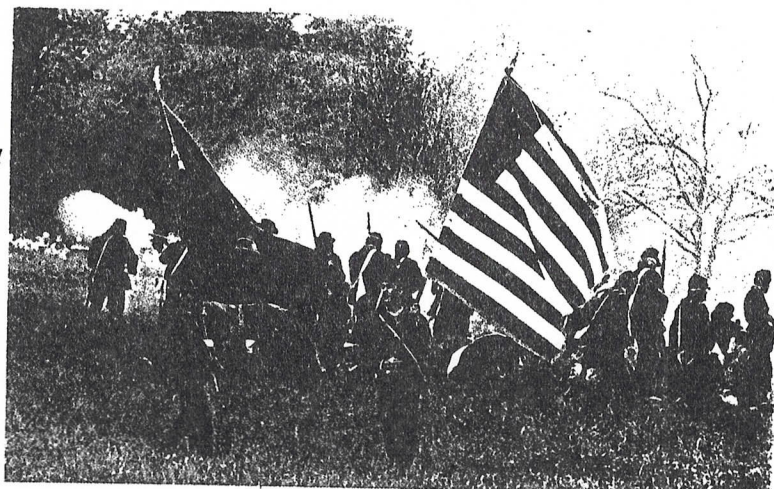
LARRY BELCHER

**Watch the daredevils who head for the New River on Bridge Day in October.**

The upper New River reveals easy-going Class I, II and III rapids for a lilted scenic trip through backcountry teeming with egrets, herons, kingfishers, deer, bobcat and mink.

Sightseers who want a memorable New River experience should sign on for a jetboat tour from Hawks Nest to the New River Gorge Bridge. *Miss M. Rocks*, a 16 passenger canopied tour boat operated by New River Jet Boats, deftly maneuvers upriver for an optimum view.

Regardless of your skill or thrill level, outfitters have programs to suit you. Phone 1/800/CALL WVA for a complete list.





# THREE'S COMPANY

**Solution on page 62**

1. Getting married
2. First or last name Douglas
3. Make haste
4. Circular
5. U.S. cities
6. Air transportation
7. Harmony
8. Punctuation marks
9. Warship names
10. Boxing match
11. Hills
12. Epochs
13. Hand warmers
14. Musical groups
15. Tools

# FLOWER POWER

**Answers on page 65**

