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WE NEED EVERYONE TO KEEP THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AN OPEN POSITION. WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
PROGRAM CHAIR
MEMBER at LARGE
PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



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- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP -----**\$2.00/FAMILY**

CAVING EVENTS

Keep It Coming!

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WEBSITE & CAVING LINKS

- SEP 1-5 ----- **OTR!!!!**
- SEP 3 ----- Doo Dah Parade – 10am
- SEP 5 ----- **LABOR DAY**
- SEP 11 ----- PATRIOT'S DAY
- SEP 11 ----- GRAND PARENT'S DAY
- SEP 12-14 ---- Growing Communities on Karst
- SEP 14 ----- TSG meeting - 7pm
- SEP 23 ----- **AUTUMNAL EQUINOX**
- SEP 24 ----- Annual Fall Bash – Fisher's Landing
- OCT 6-10 ----- Fall TAG Cave-In
- OCT 10 ----- COLUMBUS DAY
- OCT 12 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm – Annual Auction
- Oct 14-16 ---- Fall VAR – RASS Field Station
- OCT 15 ----- Bridge Day
- OCT 31 ----- All Hallow Eve (HALLOWEEN)
- NOV 6 ----- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
- NOV 8 ----- Election Day
- NOV 9 ----- TSG Grotto meeting – 7pm – Nominations
- NOV 11 ----- VETERAN'S DAY
- NOV 12 ----- Sadie Hawkin's Day
- NOV 24 ----- **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- NOV 25 ----- BLACK FRIDAY
- DEC 14 ----- TSG meeting – 7pm – Elections
- DEC 17 ----- Annual TSG Xmas Celebration – 6pm
- DEC 18 ----- Xmas caving
- DEC 22 ----- **WINTER SOLSTICE**
- DEC 24 ----- **XMAS EVE**
- DEC 25 ----- **XMAS DAY**
- DEC 31 ----- **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

- Tri-State Grotto ----- www.tristategrotto.net/
- VAR ----- www.varegion.org/
- NSS ----- www.caves.org/
- NSS Convention 2010 ----- <http://www.ics2009.us/>
- OTR ----- www.otr.org/
- MAR ----- www.caves.org/region/mar/
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- Todd Roberts ----- http://s63.photobucket.com/albums/h143/Todd_05/
- Bob Gulden ----- www.caverbob.com/home.htm/
- Rock Climbing Knots Friction ----- www.chockstone.org/TechTips/prusik.htm#Bachman/
- Tri-State Grotto MySpace ----- www.myspace.com/tristategrotto/
- Animated Knots by Grog ----- www.animatedknots.com/
- White Nose Syndrome ----- <http://www.caves.org/grotto/dcg/wns-notice-to-cavers.pdf>
- WV Caver ----- <http://wvcaver.speleo.us>
- WNS ----- <http://www.caves.org/WNS/WNS%20Info.htm>
- Containment Procedures ----- <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenosemessage.html/>
- Crystal Grottoes Caverns ----- www.crystalgrottoescaverns.com

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JUN 25-30 -----NSS Convention, Lewisburg, WV

***** CAVE BUCKS *****

CAVE BUCKS is a voluntary donation for cave purchases. The money is collected at each monthly meeting and sent to the organization of choice. The money SHOULD NEVER be kept past the week it is collected.

Month of August ----- \$35.00

TOTAL TO DATE: ---- \$5039.00

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GROTTO BIRTHDAYS

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
Twila Bracken, Art Hanson Sr, Ann
Muldoon, Nathan Roser

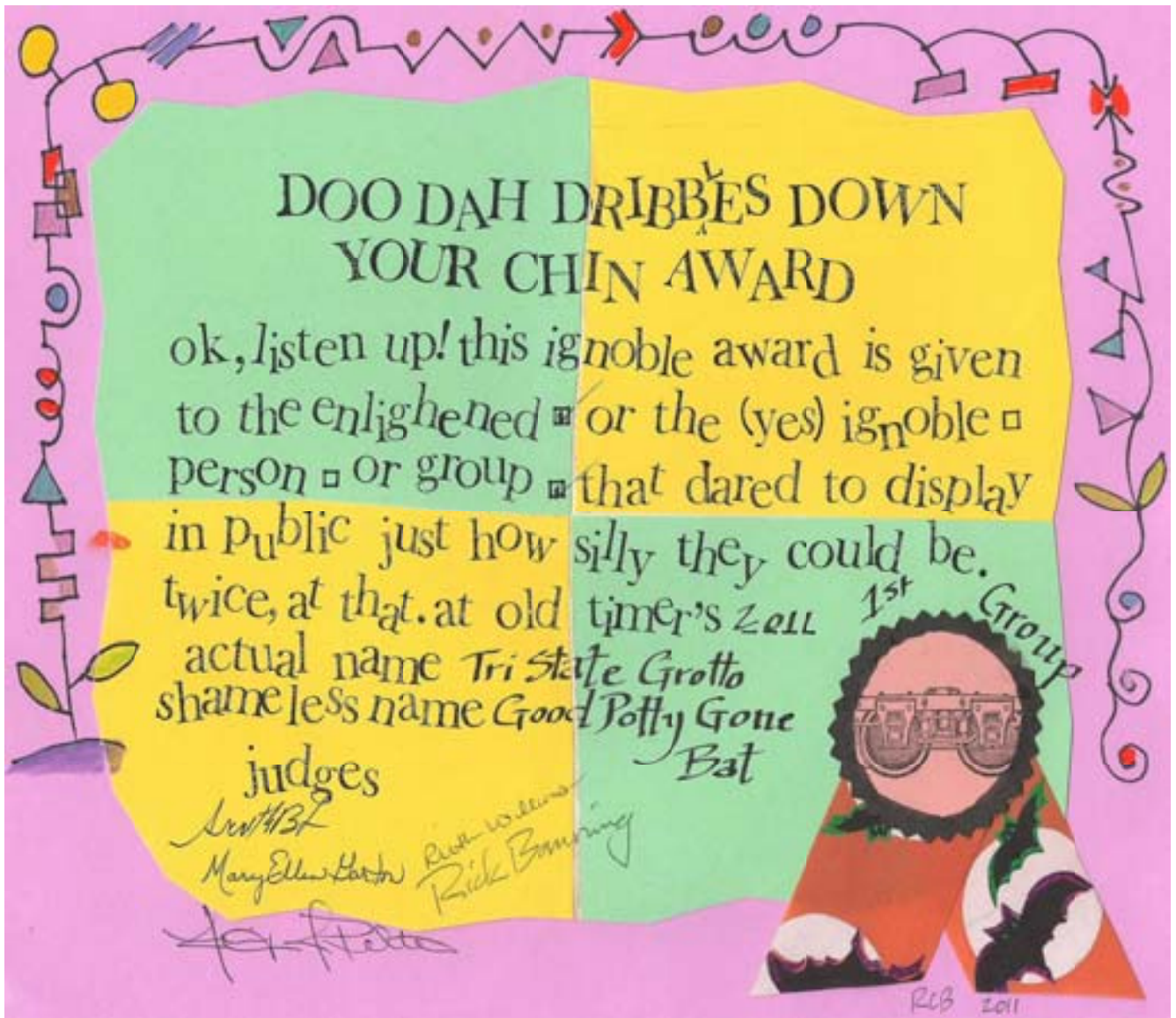
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GROTTO NEWS

TRI-STATE DID IT AGAIN!!!!!!

Well we did it again! We're #1 in the Doo Dah Parade for the 4th or 5th time!!!! Our entry into the Doo Dah won 1st place and we also won best costumes! We received a trophy for the costumes!





The Dig at Crystal Grottoes Caverns

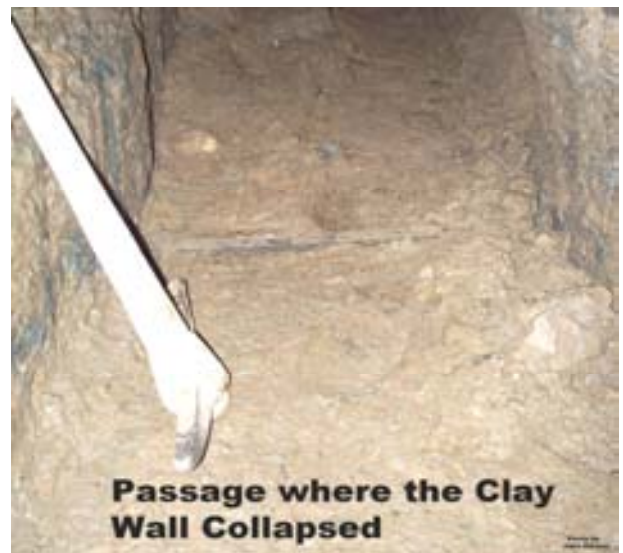
By John Di Carlo NSS 25744

Boonsboro, MD - Russell Linton and his three grandchildren started digging a little before 10 am. They had three wagonloads before 10 am. They had started digging on a collapse about 15 feet off the visitor trail at the pig ears. This blocked the way to our dig site.

As more people arrived we moved some people down the passage to the lead dig site and left others to work on the collapse. A wagon was pulled out that was full of water. It had been sitting there since the last dig and had filled with drips off the formations on the ceiling.

The crew that was digging the collapse cleaned it up and also widened the area so it would be an easier turn for the wagons. The lead crew made it tough on them. When they filled a wagon the crew at the collapse would have to move their wagon to let the lead wagon by.

Over time we had tried different implements to dig with. Nothing was working for us. The clay would stick to a shovel, which made shoving clay into anything a big chore. We would use the shovel to break up the clay then pick up the clumps by hand. This time I brought my hoe. It would slice into the clay. Lifting the handle would break out blocks of clay. These were easier to pick up and throw into the wagons. We filled the wagons in record time. Really, we over-filled the wagons. We had four drywall bucket loads in them.





Passage after the collapse was cleaned up

By lunchtime we had 50 wagonloads of clay and one wagonload of water taken out.

Crystal Grottoes served us pizza for lunch. One was pepperoni and one cheese. They ordered two more pepperoni pizzas that came at afternoon snack time. There were two buckets of iced down, bottled water, for drinks.



Formations above our dig site

After lunch the dig started back up. The wagons started spewing out of the cave again. Paulette Bennett, who was counting wagons, had her chair and cooler set up right outside the backdoor. She didn't miss a one.

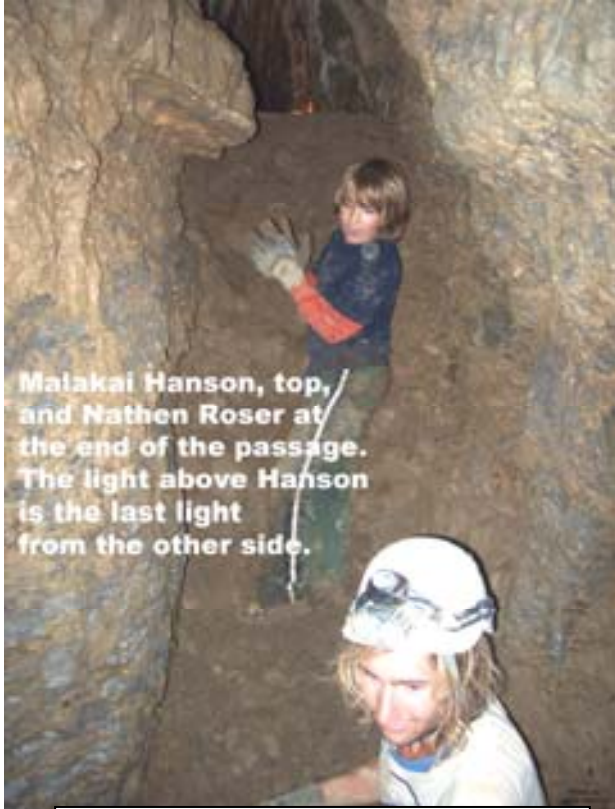


Art Hanson, Jr. pulling out a wagon



Paulette Bennett Counting Wagons

Russell Linton had to act as a traffic cop. With all three wagons flying in and out we didn't want any head on collisions. Going down the passages the wagons couldn't pass each other. There are only a few spots that they could pull over to pass.



The Crew was as follows: Russell Linton, Justin Lawall, Collin Lawall, Jarod Buchanan, Nathan Roser, John Di Carlo, Ali Ferreira, Dave Cunningham, Cory Hackley, Bob Bennett, Paulette Bennett, James Durst, Art Hanson, Jr., Malakai Hanson, Todd Zimmerman, Douglas Kretzer, Cody Margetson, Tom Twigg, Christal Hanson, Lucas Hanson, and Joe Clemens.

This gave us 21 people, with 126 hours of donated labor worth \$2,520.00.

There was a record amount of clay taken out. We took out 101 wagonloads of clay. This equaled 404 drywall buckets of clay or 202 cubic feet of clay. We also took out one wagonload of water and 2 wagonloads of rock. Total 104 wagons and one long 6-inch hose that was in the way. [Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Text Box Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]

