

FALL 2023 - WVSILC - PO Box 625 - Institute, WV 25112

SILC Update

Fall is upon us, and cooler weather is moving in. For us at the WVSILC, it brings the busy season. We are finalizing our 2024 Budget, working on the Program Performance Report (PPR) formerly known as the 704 Report, and drafting the WV State Plan for Independent Living for the next 3 years. Planning for Independent Living (IL) Day at the Capitol will begin soon, which will be January 19, 2024, so join us at the Capitol to promote Independent Living in WV.

The 2024 Disability History Essay Contest is also underway. The Disability History Essay Contest is a partnership with the WV State Rehabilitation Council and the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services that

coincides with WV Disability History Week. It is open to all WV high school seniors and designed to provide WV high school seniors with an opportunity to showcase their writing skills, share what they have learned about disability issues in their community, and to earn money should they win. To learn more visit <https://wvsilc.org/essay-contest>.

On October 14, 2023, we held a first of its kind car show featuring vehicles modified with accessible equipment at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston, WV. The 1st Annual Freedom Car Show was quite a success considering the unfavorable weather. We had good food, great bands from the local area, and some amazing vehicles as you will see in the following

pages.

The Freedom Car Show raised \$5,620 for accessible equipment for people with disabilities. Thank you to everyone who came out and gave their time, talent, and money to make it a success. We will be back the first weekend of October 2024 to do it again! For more information on the Freedom Car Show visit <https://wvsilc.org/car-show>.

From the desk of,

Jerry Boyko
Executive Director

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Huntington, WV 25701
304-525-3324

329 Prince St.
Beckley, WV 25801
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2024 Disability History Essay Contest

The Disability History Contest Committee is pleased to announce the 2024 Disability History Essay Contest in West Virginia! This contest is designed to provide WV High School Seniors with an opportunity to showcase their writing skills, share what they have learned about the Disability Rights Movement, and perhaps earn some money. All WV high school seniors are invited to submit an entry. Contest rules are located on the entry form – be sure to read them carefully and follow ALL the rules.

All entries must include the completed entry form and must comply with all contest rules. Points will be deducted for failure to follow the rules, including failure to use “people first language”. (For examples see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obbwb1bJ5io>).

The essay topic this year is:

“In 2023, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which was incorporated as Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in 2014, celebrated its 50th anniversary. Discuss how this historical legislation has advanced access to and equity in employment opportunities for people with disabilities in your community.”

The top award will be presented to the state winner, and awards may be presented to first place and second place entries from six Districts of our state. The awards are as follows:

- State Winner..... \$3,250
- District First Place (6)..... \$1,750
- District Second Place (6)...\$1,000

The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services has generously provided funding for all awards.

All entries must be submitted electronically by E-mail with the paper form or the online entry form, both located below, by midnight on December 15, 2023 to:

WV Statewide Independent Living Council
Subject Line: Essay Contest
E-mail: trish.cash@wvsilc.org

New additions to the Appalachian Center for Independent Living (ACIL).



Appalachian Center for Independent Living (ACIL) is part of the West Virginia Independence Network (WIN). WIN centers are community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organizations that are designed and operated by people with disabilities. WIN Centers are unique in that they operate according to a strict philosophy of consumer control, wherein people with all types of disabilities directly govern and staff the organization.

The Appalachian Center for Independent Living has recently hired three new people. This was a great relief for the Executive Director, Meredith Pride. We would like to introduce Meredith and other ACIL employees.



Meredith Pride
Executive Director of ACIL

Meredith Pride

Meredith Pride is the Executive Director of the Appalachian Center for Independent Living (ACIL). She became passionate about nonprofit work after her sister, Tiffany, passed away from a traumatic brain injury at the tender age of 17. This sparked her desire to help others. Her passion

is to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities in West Virginia and be the difference that she wants to see in the world. It has driven her to be the best version of herself.

She started with ACIL in July of 2016 as the Independent Living Skills Trainer/Advocacy Specialist for five years prior to becoming the Executive Director. She expresses how much she loves her job and the work she does through ACIL. She truly feels she has her dream job.

She became a board member of West Virginia Statewide Independent living council to make a difference in the lives of others. She has a disability herself and she understands the importance of independence and resilience. She stated that everyone will experience a disability in their life, whether it be themselves or a loved one.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 39.2% of West Virginian’s 18 years and older have some type of disability.

Meredith’s father is her hero. He worked hard to put all seven of his children through college. He taught her the importance of honesty, hard work, dedication, and to always treat others the way you want to be treated, with dignity and respect. He also taught her to never make a promise that you cannot keep.

Meredith loves to read, clean, play with her Bichon Frise dogs, and spend time with her husband, family, and friends.



Cody Newsome

Cody Newsome is the Transportation Coordinator at ACIL. He has been with ACIL for 5 years and enjoys helping consumers access their community. He enjoys being able to make a difference in people's lives.

He has a quirky sense of humor and explores additive manufacturing. He is currently attending school for accounting and bookkeeping. He enjoys building computers and gaming in his spare time.



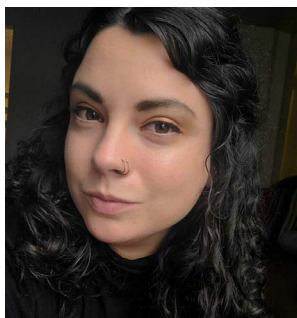
Emily Robinson
Transition Advocate

Emily Robinson

Emily Robinson was hired by ACIL as a Transitions Advocate. She herself is a person with a disability and has served on the West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council for 8 years. This taught her a lot about independent living and helped her to obtain the position with ACIL. She loves nonprofit work because it allows her to assist people and be in a fulfilling career.

Emily has a passion for assisting

individuals and to ensure that all people have access to what they need. The things that inspire her are her family and friends. She has been able to learn so much from them. She enjoys listening to music, reading books, and going on walks. Emily doesn't really have a hero. She believes that there are a lot of phenomenal people out there and many of them she looks up to.



Britany Starkey
Transition Advocate

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Britany Starkey was hired as a Transition Advocate for ACIL. She was led to ACIL because she subscribes to the belief that we can create a world without barriers for people with disabilities. She is often described as innovative. She is passionate about community living for individuals diagnosed with serious mental health conditions and advocates for policies that restore autonomy.

Britany enjoys dancing, creating art, and reading in her spare time. She has a fondness for learning and experiencing new things as often as possible.



GREETINGS FROM JOE MANCHIN III UNITED STATES SENATOR



On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State and as your United States Senator, it is my distinct honor to join you for the Freedom Car Show.

In West Virginia, the spirit of giving lives on through our commitment to excellence. One thing that makes our state so grand is the strength of our communities and our citizens who are always willing to advocate for those in need. Throughout this event and every day, let us take the opportunity to look back at the progress that has been made and aspire to an even brighter future. By standing together, we can truly make a difference and provide others with the opportunities they deserve to live independently. Remember- no matter who you are, you can always achieve more with others by your side. That starts with advocating for people with disabilities so they are better able to speak out about the issues that matter to them and to join together with others who share their vision.

Our Great State is home to many residents who strive to make it a better place for all to enjoy. I appreciate the WVSILC, the WV Independence Network, the Community Living Services Program and everyone else who worked tirelessly to make this wonderful event a reality. Please enjoy the festivities - and keep up the terrific work!

May God bless you and may God continue to bless the Great State of West Virginia .

With warmest regards,

Joe Manchin III
United States Senator



2023 Freedom Car Show Thank you!

From the WV Statewide Independent Living Council



Bridgette Young
CLSP Coordinator

Bridgette Young

Bridgette Young was hired as the CLSP Coordinator for ACIL. She has excellent management skills, which made her a strong candidate for the position. She is looking forward to seeing how rewarding it is to work for a non-profit, allowing her to effectively assist people. She has worked for businesses that were for-profit, and it was stressful and intense for her.

Her mother is her hero and her rock. Her mom has an enormous heart and is willing to help anyone in need. Bridgette also has a passion for helping others. She finds inspiration in positivity and people who build others up. She will make jokes about a serious issue as a coping method. She enjoys taking walks, eating delicious food, and visiting Disney World.



We cannot thank all those enough, who took a chance on us and came out in spite of the rainy weather to make our first car show a success. Everyone who participated played a role in this success and it couldn't have been done without each of you! With you, we will be able to help people with disabilities get the car mods they need!

Thanks to:

- The City of Charleston
- Our Sponsors
- The WV Independence Network
- The Food Vendors & Exhibitors
- Grantsville Lions Club Bingo
- The bands and sound crew who battled the weather to entertain
- The ASL interpreters
- Every volunteer who got drenched in the line of duty
- Mark Derry, Trish Clagg, and Tonya Barnett
- All those who brought their cars, bikes, and trucks out under the threat of rain.

Best of Show JR Weekley





People's Choice Jeremiah Hayes



Freedom Car Show Vendors



Nellita's Cocina



Car show winners



Oldest owner
Thom Stevens
1974 VW Thing



Youngest owner
Jason Taylor
1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee



The Shape Shop



Best Oldest
Thom Stevens
1974 VW Thing



Best Newest
Kelly Buckland
2022 Chevy Traverse



Farthest Traveled
Kelly Buckland
2022 Chevy Traverse



Marco's Pizza

Band's Choice



Jesus Phreak Blues
Matt Dworsky
1971 Plymouth Duster



The Amos Steel Company
Jeannie Elkins
2015 Chevy Corvette

Freedom Car show Volunteers



Maddy and Emily



Amanda Smith Music
JR Weekley
1966 Chevrolet Nova



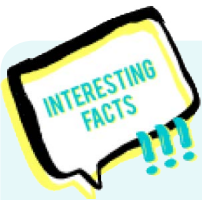
5 Star Rebellion
JR Weekley
1966 Chevrolet Nova



Relative Obscurity
Matt Dworsky
1971 Plymouth Duster



Grantsville Lions Club



Automatic Transmission

The automatic transmission was the most significant automotive invention of the twentieth century for increased accessibility and ease of use for everyone. It was extremely significant for disabled drivers because it empowered many who physically could not operate manual transmissions. Freed from manually clutching and switching gears, individuals with missing limbs, paralysis, and mobility limitations could drive. This invention helped to empower many disabled individuals with the ability to drive to work, run daily errands, and enjoy leisurely drives for recreation.

Source: American History.si.edu

Now You Know

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”

~ Ralph Braun



2023 Freedom Car Show Entrees



Bryan Elkins
2015 Chevrolet Corvette



Jeannie Elkins
2015 Chevrolet Corvette



Matt Dworsky
1971 Plymouth Duster



Chris Davis
1965 Ford Falcon



Ken Kincaid
1984 Dodge Truck D100



Tanner Dworskya
1962 Chevy Truck



Jerry Boyko
2021 Chevy Silverado LT Boss
w/AT Conversion



Ken Kidcaid
1967 VW Squareback



Forget your disabilities and explore your abilities.

~ Anonymous

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“The government says we need to replace our corporate ladder with a ramp.”



Sponsor's Choice



RYPAS
Jeremiah Hayes
2012 Harley Davidson
Ultra Classic



Putman County Bank
Bryan Elkins
2015 Chevrolet Corvette



WVSILC
Tanner Dworsky
1962 Chevrolet Truck



WVSILC
Kelly Buckland
2019 Dodge
Challenger Redeeye



Total Mobility Services
Tanner Dworsky-1962 Chevrolet Truck, JR Weekley-1966
Chevrolet Nova, Kelly Buckland-2019 Dodge Challenger Redeeye,
with Chad Edwards and Braun Rep Jeff Tellez



WVABLE
Chris Davis
1965 Ford Falcon



WVABLE
Jeannie Elkins
2015 Chevy Corvette

Network's Choice



LiveAbility
Matt Dworsky
1971 Plymouth Duster



Mountain State CIL
Kelly Buckland
2019 Dodge
Challenger Redeeye



Appalachian CIL
Devin Wanner
2011 Chevy Silverado



Mayor's Choice

JR Weekley
1966 Chevrolet Nova

BANDS

5★ REBELLION

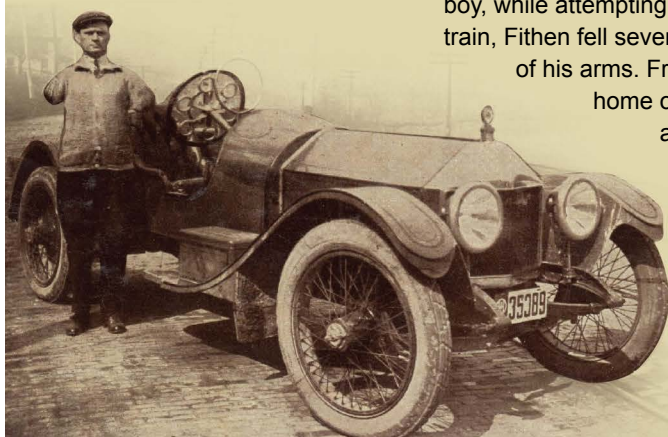


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Frank E. Fithen 1881-1940

Source: [Early Pioneers](#)



Frank E. Fithen represents one of the earliest documented pioneers of adaptive mobility equipment who redesigned steering wheels to accommodate a disability. Fithen was born in Mingo Junction, Ohio on September 26, 1881, and at an early age he developed a love of locomotives and automobiles. As a boy, while attempting to jump a freight train, Fithen fell severely injuring both of his arms. Friends carried him home on a window shutter and a physician mended Fithen's wounds on the dining room table because the town lacked a hospital. After surgery,

Fithen became a double above-the-elbow amputee with residual limbs extending a couple of inches from his shoulders. Despite his lack of arms, Frank lived life to its fullest and often remarked that the only thing he could not do was scratch his back.

In the 1910s, using his adaptive steering wheel, Fithen not only drove through every state in the contiguous United States at a time when there were mostly dirt roads and no interstate highways or GPS, but he did it at blazing speed. In an era when a mile-a-minute dizzied most people, Fithen boasted a speed record of 58 miles per hour and a distance record of 85,000 miles. By 1917, Fithen had driven over 115,000 miles across the nation demonstrating his driving prowess at fairs and carnivals.

Vehicles for Disabled Market is estimated to be **\$7.8 billion by 2032**; Growing Geriatric and Disabled Population to Fuel Market Growth

Prophecy Market Insights latest research report on the Vehicles for Disabled market provides a comprehensive analysis of the current market scenario, growth opportunities, challenges, and emerging trends. The report offers insights into the market's size and share, key market players, distribution channels, and consumer preferences. It also examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the market and provides a detailed analysis of the competitive landscape, including strategic alliances, mergers, and acquisitions.

Covina, Oct. 25, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The motor vehicle which are designed for people with disability are known as vehicles for disabled. Handicap cars, wheelchair, mobility scooter are some common examples of vehicles for disabled people.

Growing geriatric and disability population across globe has become major contribution in market growth. Advancement in medical technologies has increased lifespan of humans in last decade. As age increases the disability incidence are increased with age in 90-94 age group of people which is likely to propel Vehicles for Disabled market growth.

Vehicles for Disabled Market accounted for US\$ 2.6 billion in 2022 and is estimated to be US\$ 7.8 billion by 2032 and is anticipated to register a CAGR of 12.0%. The Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented based on Vehicle Type, Manufacturer Type, Entry Configuration, Driving Option, and Region.

The prominent players operating in the Vehicles for Disabled Market includes,

Toyota Motor Corporation, BraunAbility, Vantage Mobility International, Pride Mobility, Invacare, Sunrise Medical Holdings, Revability, Amigo Mobility International, KYMCO Global, Mobility Works and Others.

Key Highlights:

- In August 2021, Hyundai Motor and Kia Corporation launched new 'EnableLA' a ride-hailing service for disabled people in United States. The Hyundai Palisade and Kia Telluride are involved in ride-hailing service for disabled people.

Segmentation analysis:

- Based on Vehicle Type, Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented into Passenger Car, Mobility Scooter, SUV/MPV, Pick-up Truck.
- Based on Manufacturer Type, Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented into Third Party Customization, OEM.
- Based on Entry Configuration, Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented into Rear Entry, Side Entry.
- Based on Driving Option, Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented into Wheelchair, Swivel Seat, Normal Seat.
- By Region, the Vehicles for Disabled Market is segmented into North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, Middle East & Africa.



Thom Stevens
1974 VW Thing



Jason Taylor
1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee



Jeremiah Hayes
2012 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic



Dave Sanders
2022 Harley Davidson Softail



Kelly Buckland
2019 Dodge Challenger Redeye



Devin Wanner
2011 Chevy Silverado

Kelly Buckland

2022 Chevrolet Traverse



JR Weekley

1966 Chevrolet Nova



Analyst View:

Technological advancement and new launched innovative product by manufacturers has enable disabled people to drive and travel. Increased disabled population worldwide due to accidental injuries or diseased condition is anticipated to increase the demand for Vehicles for Disabled market growth over the forecast period.

Trends in the Vehicles for Disabled Market

The vehicles for disabled market is constantly evolving, with new technologies and innovations being introduced all the time. Some of the key trends in the market include:

- **The increasing demand for intelligent vehicles:** People with disabilities are increasingly demanding vehicles that are equipped with intelligent features, such as self-driving capabilities and voice-activated controls. These features can make it easier for people with disabilities to operate and use their vehicles.
- **The growing adoption of electric vehicles:** Electric vehicles are becoming increasingly popular due to their environmental benefits and lower operating costs. People with disabilities are also adopting electric vehicles, as they are often easier to operate and maintain than traditional gasoline-powered vehicles.
- **The rising demand for sustainable vehicles:** People with disabilities are increasingly demanding vehicles that are made from sustainable materials and that have a low environmental impact. This is leading to the development of new vehicles for disabled that are made from recycled materials and that use renewable energy sources.

Here are key opportunities within this market:

- **Aging Population:** With the global population aging, there is a growing market for vehicles that cater to the mobility needs of seniors who may experience limited mobility due to age-related conditions. This demographic shift creates an opportunity for adapted vehicles designed for elderly individuals.
- **Customization and Personalization:** There is a significant opportunity in offering highly customizable solutions to meet the specific needs of disabled individuals. Companies that provide tailored adaptations for various disabilities can differentiate themselves in the market.
- **Advanced Technology Integration:** The integration of advanced technology, including assistive devices and smart vehicle features, presents opportunities for improving the safety and convenience of adapted vehicles.
- **Innovative Financing Models:** Developing innovative financing models, such as leasing, rental, and shared mobility services for adapted vehicles, can make these solutions more accessible and affordable to a wider range of customers.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** The growing focus on environmental sustainability creates an opportunity to develop adapted electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrid models to reduce emissions and provide eco-friendly transportation for disabled individuals.
- **Global Expansion:** As the understanding of the importance of inclusive transportation grows, there are opportunities to expand the market into regions where accessibility solutions may be lacking.
- **Technology-Driven Assistance:** Leveraging emerging technologies like autonomous vehicles and AI-driven assistance systems can provide innovative solutions to improve mobility for disabled individuals.

Challenges:

- **Cost and Affordability:** One of the primary challenges in this market is the relatively high cost of adaptive vehicles and equipment. Many individuals with disabilities may struggle to afford these specialized vehicles, even with government assistance or subsidies.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** The market must adhere to strict regulations and safety standards to ensure the well-being of disabled passengers. Compliance can be complex and costly, leading to pricing challenges.
- **Customization Complexity:** Every individual's disability and mobility needs are unique, requiring a high degree of customization in the design and modification of vehicles. This customization can be challenging to implement efficiently.
- **Limited Awareness:** There is often limited awareness about the availability of adaptive vehicles and the funding options and grants available to disabled individuals. Raising awareness is a continuous challenge.
- **Limited Geographic Availability:** Access to specialized dealerships and services for adaptive vehicles may be limited, making it difficult for disabled individuals in rural areas to access suitable transportation solutions.

About us:

Prophecy Market Insights is specialized market research, marketing/business strategy, analytics, and solutions that offer strategic support to clients for making well-informed business decisions and identifying and achieving high-value opportunities in the target business area. We also help our clients to address business challenges and provide the best possible solutions to overcome transform and advance their businesses with growth. ■



Pumpkin Pecan Cobbler



What You'll Need:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup pure pumpkin
- 1 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups hot water

What to Do:

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.
- 2 In a large bowl, combine flour, 3/4 cup granulated sugar, the pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, and salt; mix well and set aside.
- 3 In a medium bowl, combine pumpkin, butter, milk, and vanilla; mix well. Pour pumpkin mixture into flour mixture and stir until combined. Pour batter into baking dish.
- 4 In a small bowl, combine pecans, brown sugar, and remaining 1/2 cup granulated sugar; mix well. Sprinkle nut mixture over batter.
- 5 Slowly pour hot water over the top; do not stir. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is set. Serve warm or cold.

Note: You can add ice cream or whipped cream on top for an added layer of delight.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WV STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

December 6, 2023 - Full Council Meeting

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WV Division of Rehab Services

January 3, 2024 - Executive Committee

1:00 PM

SILC Office

February 7, 2024 - Full Council Meeting

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WV Division of Rehab Services

March 6, 2024 - Executive Committee

1:00 PM

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April 3, 2024 - Full Council Meeting

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

WV Division of Rehab Services

May 1, 2024 - Executive Committee

1:00 PM

SILC Office



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