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LEARNING TODAY...
LEADING



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GENERAL ELECTION 2005

GOVERNOR

Afeef "Chocolate Thunder" Ahmed - Federalist
Braxton

SECRETARY OF STATE

Ryan Felty - Federalist
Monroe

AUDITOR

Whitley Fullen - Federalist
Kanawha

TREASURER

Jonathan "J.D." Evans - Nationalist
Kanawha

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Derek Ross - Nationalist
Barbour

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Cox - Federalist
Gilmer

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Nathan Terry - Nationalist
William Rucker - Federalist
Jeremy "Flippin Crazy" McCarty - Federalist
Michael Bush - Federalist
Thaddeus "Tad" Light - Nationalist

Webster
Kanawha
Marion
Panhandle
Lewis

**ATHLETIC RESULTS
FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005**

FIRST SESSION

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Volleyball	Volleyball	Frisbee	Softball	Basketball
Beside Braxton	Beside softball	Behind chapel	Grass field	Behind Gilmer
KANAWHA-N <i>RANDOLPH-N</i>	MONROE-F <i>MONONGALIA</i>	BRAXTON-N <i>GILMER</i> <i>BRAXTON-F</i>	BARBOUR UPSHUR	WEBSTER
<i>PANHANDLE-N</i> LEWIS-F	<i>MARION-F</i> RANDOLPH-F	KANAWHA-F <i>LEWIS-N</i>	<i>CALHOUN</i> <i>MARION-N</i>	PANHANDLE-F MONROE-N

SECOND SESSION - CANCELED DUE TO RAIN

MARION-N	KANAWHA-N	MONROE-F	GILMER	BARBOUR
PANHANDLE-F	MONROE-N	PANHANDLE-N	KANAWHA-F	BRAXTON-N
UPSHUR	BRAXTON-F	RANDOLPH-F	LEWIS-N	CALHOUN
MONONGALIA	RANDOLPH-N	WEBSTER	MARION-F	LEWIS-F

Menu

Breakfast

Eggs
Sausage
Toast
Biscuits
Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal
Fruit

Lunch

Rib Sandwiches
Chips
Baked Beans
Apple Sauce
Salad
Chocolate Pudding

Dinner

Lasagna
Green Beans
Rice
Garlic Bread
Salad
Jell-O

A job well done to
Andew Zickafoose

Thank you to
the delegate that retrieved
the volleyball from over the hill several times

Young Gun: Chief of Staff for West Virginia Secretary of State

After a big wake-me-up with another excellent performance by the Boy's State Band, the competitions and dance by John John Horn II from Braxton, and the quintuple standing ovations for Governor Bobby Herron, we were introduced to our guest speaker for the Monday night assembly Mr. Ben Beakes. Beakes was a remarkable speaker full of enthusiasm. Even though Beakes was selected to attend Boy's State, he could not attend due to the passing of his grandfather. A graduate of Nitro High School and the University of Charleston, Ben, after losing out for a position on the West Virginia House of Delegates, was appointed to be the youngest chief of staff for West Virginia Secretary of State Betty Ireland.

During his inspirational speech, he spoke on many important and pressing subjects. He opened speaking on hard work. He said that as long as you make your own way, you are as important as everyone else. Beakes stated, "Understanding your role in society by doing the best dog-gone job they can whether you're a mechanic down the street or chief of staff of the West Virginia Secretary of State makes you a leader."

Next, Ben elaborated on the importance of voting. He explained the VIP (Voting is Powerful) program to the

camp. This was exemplified by two powerful examples: the courage of Iraqi and Afghani citizens by displaying their blue voting thumbs while bombs are going off around, and by demonstrating that politicians only take care of those who vote. This sparked the movement for those 18 to 25 to get out and vote. He followed that with an example that it is possible. If a college campus can take over a city, 18 to 25 year olds can get out and vote.

He concluded by telling Boy's State to lead by example and take yourselves and others out to vote in your own communities. Beakes also reassured Boy's State that "You can do anything you put your mind to."

In closing, I would like to leave two things. First, there is a non-partisan, non-profit club called Freedom's Answer which will help to promote voting participation and awareness. For more information, either access their website at www.freedomanswer.org or contact me, Chris Kryaninko, in Panhandle. Second, we are expecting Governor Bobby Herron to beat Ben Beakes record as the youngest chief of staff in West Virginia. I hope you get on the ball, Bobby.

The Most Welcomed Guest...Ever By Chris Kryaninko

Miss Karen Lampe graced us with her presence Tuesday to speak about AmeriCorps*NCCC during the morning classes. Karen is 19-years-old and originates from St. Louis, Missouri. She is single, obviously the most adored guest speaker, and, yes, she has met our beloved Governor Bobby Herron. She is studying fire management and fire science at Arizona State University. She also hopes to use her leadership ability to one day become a senator or mayor.

During everyone's favorite class, she spoke about how interesting AmeriCorps is. Over 10,000 men and women have taken part in this national service organization filled with dedicated 18- to 24-year-olds who want to help serve community needs with creativity, leadership, and hard work. AmeriCorps*NCCC campuses are in Charleston, SC; Denver, CO; Perry Point, MD; Sacramento, CA; and Washington, D.C.

While serving the one year term, AmeriCorps volunteers participate in CPR training, first aid, disaster response, and, if eligible, certified to fight forest fires. Also, AmeriCorps provides all food, housing, transportation around the country, medical, and a living allowance of \$200 every other week. Also, there is a \$4,725 education award given to all those who successfully complete the program to pay for college or graduate, or to pay back qualified student loans.



Karen wants to relay a message to all of Boy's State that the experiences and memories with your 10 to 12 group members will last forever, and she encourages everyone to apply for AmeriCorps, especially the Fire Fighting Team, in which she was on. She also wanted to Thank everyone for being so courteous and welcoming.

For more information or applications for AmeriCorps*NCCC, you can log onto www.americorps.org or request an application at 800-942-2677.

Food For Thought

Don't take food for granted. It's something we all do, but after Mr. Douglas' speech, we now know not too. Whether we heed his warnings, though, is left to be decided. Hopefully, the Department of Agriculture keeps up the good work and we won't have to worry.

Gus Douglas has been a mainstay in the Department of Agriculture. He is a 10-time incumbent as the Commissioner of Agriculture. He made it clear that the food system is very suspect to threats, be it disease or terrorists. The mosquito, which is able to pass on disease, and mad cow disease are just two of the many horrors of the Department of Agriculture. He referred to Gen. Tommy Thompson when he affirmed that we are extremely lucky that terrorists have not disrupted the food system.

On a lighter note, it was good to see enthusiasm from Mr. Douglas. For a man that has been to Boys State to speak nearly 30 times, it seemed like it was his first time here when he got his certificate of appreciation. It wasn't a "Hulk-Out", but the enthusiasm was still there. He also showed a

sens of care for us. Although his closing statement, which to some may have seemed token for his speech, you could tell he meant what he said.



Killer K

The citizens of Boys State were treated to a spectacle yesterday morning with a presentation by Trooper Barlow and his 3 ½ year old, 85 lb., German Shepard Argo. The team is one of 14 K-9 units utilized by the State Police, yet they must service 7 rather large counties (Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Webster, Nicholas, Pendleton, Tucker, and Randolph). They work extraordinarily hard at their tasks, commanding responsibility for narcotics and tracking jobs.

Argo and Barlow do most of their duties during routine traffic stops, but have been known to appear on the sidelines of Mountaineer Field. As for Argo's power and ability, a single bite of his can break bones and his "muzzle punch" feels like that of Muhammad Ali's.

Argo may train more than Ali or any other prizefighter. He and Trooper Barlow travel to Charleston for 2 days every year for "bite school". All of Argo's commands are in Dutch (he was born in

Holland) and successful completion of a command is reward with praise and his toy. Argo has been sworn in as a police officer and lives at the Barlow residence.

Trooper Barlow himself is no slouch in the field, as he has been an officer for 9 years, including 2 with Argo. During the course of that time, he has been awarded the Medal of Valor for saving a fellow officer in the infamous Monroe



General Store Hours – June 12 – 18

Sunday	10am-5pm
Monday	10am-8pm
Tuesday	10am-10:30pm (evening pizza)
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-10:30pm (evening pizza)
Friday	10am-8pm
Saturday	10am-5pm



**The store carries cold drinks, ice cream, chips, candy, pepperoni rolls. There will also be pizza the evenings shown above.

**When the pool is open, cold drinks, ice cream, chips and pepperoni rolls will

Out and About at Mountaineer Boys' State



the Schedule

6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters
 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall
 7:20 - FLAG RAISING
 7:25 - BREAKFAST

NOTE: ALL BOYS' STATE LAWS, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, IN EFFECT AND ENFORCED. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ORGANIZED AND WORKING THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF WEEK.

8:25 - 12:00 Senate and House in session in Jackson Lodge basement.
 Governor and Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge basement meeting rooms.
 Supreme Court and Attorney General meet with advisor(s) in Flameway Hall.
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet in Assembly Hall for Legal Instruction.
 Legal - All Circuit Court Judges, Magistrates, Circuit Clerks, Sheriffs, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Defense Attorneys associated with scheduled court trials (both Wednesday and Thursday) meet in Assembly Hall to receive specialized instruction.
 Bank and Newspaper organized and working.
 County Boards of Education meet in South Eastern Learning Center.
 State Board of Education meet in the Chapel.
 City and County Officials and unassigned delegates meet in WV Building for the following instruction:

8:25 - 8:50 County Clerk
 8:55 - 9:20 Assessor
 BREAK
 9:30 - 10:00 City Government
 10:05 - 10:35 County Commission/County Government
 BREAK
 10:45 - 12:00 Break out for Specialized Instruction
 County Commission - West Virginia Building
 City Government - Rotary Pavilion
 Assessor - EEC #7 (bottom left)
 County Clerk - EEC #6 (bottom right)

Public Service Announcements by Educational Broadcasting Director and/or staff throughout remainder of week.

12:05 INFORMATION at dining hall
 12:15 Lunch
 1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. ALL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.
 2:45 Band practice
 3:00 INAUGURATION in Assembly Hall. Boys' State Governor's Address.
 3:30 - 5:00 Athletics, Band practice, **LAW ENFORCEMENT SCENARIOS**, Swimming
 5:15 INFORMATION AT Dining Hall
 5:30 DINNER
 6:30 FORMAL REVIEW (Parents, Guardians, American Legion Personnel, Dignitaries, Distinguished guests present)
 ASSEMBLY - Immediately following Formal Review in Exhibition Hall (Family and Guests welcome)
 AFTER ASSEMBLY - Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working.
 Musicians and performers gather on Marion front porch.
 11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages
 11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings

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Kanawha-F	Braxton-N	Lewis-F	Panhandle-F	Marion-F
Lewis-N	Calhoun	Marion-N	Upshur	Monongalia
Randolph-F	Monroe-N	Panhandle-N	Webster	Randolph-N

Former Boys' State Citizen, Staff Member Teaches Press Relations

Michael Jackson is not innocent, he is not guilty. We may never know if Jackson did or didn't do what he was accused of, but Rob Johnson has to report he is not guilty. Mr. Johnson made that clear to our class. He talked about what his class was about, too. The media gets its freedom of press from the first amendment. The writers of the constitution passed this amendment in order to keep the government in check in the public eye. He alluded to C-SPAN and how all five people in the country watch it. Most of us learn about the happenings of the government through the news. None of us want to know about everything that happens in the government, just the interesting stuff, which leads to another point Rob made.

News must be determined on a daily basis. Say if an underclassman at your school got caught smoking pot during lunch, would that make WSAZ. Probably not. What if your principal got caught? Now he would make the news, surely. It's the same crime, yet one makes the news, and one doesn't.

Rob, a former Boys State citizen and counselor, said that a more dignified person is a larger story than the ordinary Joe. The principal is more worthy for the news coverage because he is held to a higher standard than the kid. A kid smoked pot and got caught, that's not news.

Rob also warned us about how to interact with the media. The more important we are, the closer the media's eye will be on us. How we handle the limelight will greatly affect how we will survive in power. The minute we let our future power, if we have any, get to our head, we will fall from the highlife.



State Treasurer Representative Speaks to Delegates

State Treasurer John Perdue could not make to his dinner speech, so he sent Paul Hill to represent him. Paul Hill is 1963 alum of Boys State. He spoke about what Mr. Perdue does, in a very efficient manner mind you, and what the Treasury Department does as well. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the state's finances, or the state's banker. He also handles unclaimed property in the state. Perdue also as set up financial education in the state, ranging from elementary student level to adult.

Hill's final point was that we all find something that we enjoy in life and pursue it. There is no reason to be stuck in an unenjoyable career longer than you should. Nor should a speech be longer than it needs to be. Short and to the point, Hill made the shortest speech of the week. Hopefully he gets to represent those others who can't make it.