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PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?

*COLLEGE/CAREER FAIR to be held at Assembly
Hall from 1 - 3 p.m.*

This afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m., representatives from some of the most respected colleges, universities, and agencies in West Virginia have been invited to participate in the Mountaineer Boys' State College/Career Fair.

The school personnel that have been asked to attend are schools such as Davis and Elkins College, Alderson Broaddus College, Bethany College, the University of Charleston, Marshall University, West Virginia University, West Liberty University Institute of Technology, Ohio Valley College, Salem International, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Concord College, and Potomac State College. Representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines will also be on hand. In addition, representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Police, Conservation Officers, and United States Marshall's Office will be present.

This fair is a great opportunity to look into your future and get an idea of what you would like to do after high school.

Groups that have been scheduled for athletics at 2 p.m. should plan to attend the fair at 1 p.m. All other groups should participate after 2 p.m.

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Afeef in Action!

Afeef and the gang have not taken their positions at boys' state lightly. Today was a busy day for those at the Public Board office. They tackled a few bills, are in the middle of a heated dispute between the house and the senate and did the road to road show.

Their first item of business today was their road to road show. Going all through out Boys' State, making stops at the Police Academy, various cities and counties, and other sorts of places, Afeef and the gang spread the message of additional funding. If any project or business needs additional funding all they need to do is write a piece of legislation stating: What they need the money for, how much, and why they feel they deserve the money over top of the other projects.

Also in the gang's schedule today was the passing of a bill. Their first bill was one that reduced the amount of frivolous lawsuits and dealt with the rights of teenagers currently serving in the military.

Any delegate who is going to Governor's Honors Academy and would like to know who else is going, please drop a note by the Newspaper Headquarters in Harrison Cottage and we will prepare a list.

the Schedule

6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters
 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall
 7:20 - FLAG RAISING
 7:25 - BREAKFAST
 8:25 -11:00 City, County, State governments, Boards of Education organized and working (See Thursday AM schedule)
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with Advisors for further instructions.
 9:45 - 11:30 Hoppy Kercheval Radio Show - West Virginia Building (**SEE SCHEDULE BELOW**)
 12:05 INFORMATION at Dining Hall
 12:15 LUNCH
 1:00 - City, County, State Board of Education packets due at GHQ.
 1:00 - 3:00 College/Career Fair at Assembly Hall. **All Delegates should attend.**
 1:00 - 2:00 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.
 State Police and Conservation Officers participate in training exercises.
 2:00 - 5:00 Athletics and Swimming
 5:15 - INFORMATION AT DINING HALL
 5:30 DINNER
 6:30 - 7:30 Athletics and Swimming
 7:15 - 8:00 Band practice
 8:00 - ASSEMBLY - (Talent Show The West Fork River Review)
****AFTER ASSEMBLY — CITIZENS PROCEED DIRECTLY TO COTTAGE FOR PIZZA**
 Newspaper staff organized and working.
 11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages
 11:00 - 12:00 See Monday for specific details.

Hoppy Kercheval Trivia Challenge

GROUP 1 (9:45 – 10:40)

Braxton
 Kanawha
 Marion
 Northern Panhandle
 Randolph

GROUP 2 (10:40 – 11:30)

Barbour
 Calhoun
 Gilmer
 Lewis
 Monongalia
 Monroe
 Upshur
 Webster

Hoppy Kercheval will be at MBS this morning to conduct a live quiz bowl competition via radio. The two groups of cottages are to meet in the West Virginia building at the allotted times. Each group will be divided into two halves and sit on opposite sides of the room. Each group should choose an appropriate name for themselves to be said while on air, and four members of each group should be chosen to represent the others while in the competition.

The four participants will answer questions on stage with no help from the audience members with the exception of one lifeline: the choice to ask the help of the team's audience.

As well, one "cheerleader" should be designated to motion his group to cheer when they answer and quiet when it gets too noisy.

Prizes will be given to participants.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE FRIDAY 17, 2005

FIRST SESSION

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
VOLLEYBALL BESIDE BRAXTON	VOLLEYBALL BESIDE SOFTBALL	FRISBEE BEHIND CHAPEL	SOFTBALL GRASSFIELD	BASKETBALL BEHIND GILMER
MARION - F GILMER	KANAWHA - F PANHANDLE - F	BARBOUR WEBSTER	BRAXTON - N MONONGALIA	LEWIS - N BRAXTON - F
KANAWHA - N MONROE - N	LEWIS - F RANDOLPH - F	CALHOUN UPSHUR	PANHANDLE RANDOLPH - N	MARION - N MONROE - F

SECOND SESSION

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICIALS

Thaddeus Light from St. Mary's, West Virginia, was elected to the office of Supreme Court Justice. He was a citizen of Lewis Cottage. Thaddeus lives with his parents, James and Eve Light and siblings, James and Stephanie. He attends St. Mary's High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Honorary Club, Boys and Girls Club, Keystone Club, 4-H, Coachmen's Club and Ski Club. He also plays soccer and runs track. He has received various honors such as the Golden Horseshoe, Boys and Girls Club youth of the month, "I Dare You" award, 1st place in Criminal Investigation (S.C.O.R.E.S. academic competition), 4th place in the shot put, and class A state track meet 2005. After high school, "Tad" plans to attend college and possibly law school. He stated that he came to Boys' State with low expectations, but it didn't take long for him to realize that the week was going to go well. He would like to sincerely thank all his friends and advisors for helping him have fun. Considering the 5:30-6:00a.m. wake-ups and no ladies; this very well could have been the worst week of his life. However, it has been great!!

Brandon "Smitty" Smith of MBS Lewis Cottage was elected President of the Senate. He is the son of Kelly and Mary Beth Smith from Glen Dale, WV. He has one brother, Andrew. Brandon attends John Marshall High School where he participates in the Student Council, Red Cross, National Honor Society, Hi-Y (Vice Pres.), Drama Club, Forensics Team (Student Congress), Calculus Club, AP Program, and Young Life. He has been selected Student of the grading period and was one of two delegates to the 2005 U.S. Senate Youth Program. He won second place at the State Forensics Tournament and has been selected to attend the Governor's Honors Academy in July of 2005. Brandon plans to pursue a career in law, politics, or economics. He is currently considering Universities of West Virginia, Marshall, Virginia, Duke, Notre Dame, and Wake Forest, among others. Brandon says that Boys' State has been an excellent experience and the most productive way to spend a portion of his summer. Each day he gains more and more appreciation and respect for the value of the program. Aside from serving in the Senate, he would have to say that his favorite experience so far was Wednesday's assembly and the moving stories of the veterans. He is honored to serve as President of the Senate. He has a high interest and respect for the legislative branch of government and his position fits him well. He says he is lucky to have found such a strong fit.

Jordan Laird of Wheeling, WV was elected Speaker of the House at MBS. He was a citizen of Lewis cottage. Jordan resides with his parents, Jeff and Lisa Laird and siblings Evan and Taylor. He attends Wheeling Park High School and is vice-president of the Student Council. He is a member of the Hi-Y Club, National Honor Society, and the American Cancer Society. He has been a National Forensic League Distinguished member, West Virginia Judicial Scholar, Hi-Y Youth in Government Associate Justice, National Youth Leadership Forum on Law member, and West Virginia State Debate Champion. He participates in baseball and swimming. Jordan plans to attend college and law school and pursue a legal profession. He chose this career so he can enjoy, grow, and contribute to society and the future of West Virginia. Jordan says that MBS has been a week of youth government and will be one of the most memorable experiences in his life. He says that each delegate has been given the opportunity to put his core skills and values to use and to put perfection into his representative positions. He cannot thank the American Legion enough for the opportunities they have presented him with. Jordan thanks his counselors and cabin members for helping him have such a great experience.

Jeremy Wayne McCarty was elected Supreme Court Justice at Mountaineer Boys' State. He campaigned under the name Jeremy "Flippin Crazy" McCarty and stayed in Marion cottage. Jeremy resides at Weston, West Virginia with his parents John and Janice McCarty and siblings Jennifer, Joe, and Jacob. He attends Lewis County High School where he participates in the Interact Club and National Honor Society. He is on the wrestling team and plays football and baseball. He has won several awards including lettering in wrestling and making the All State Team 2002-2005 and being a third year letterman in baseball. He is a second year letterman on the football team and been on the first and second teams in the big 10 conference. After graduation, Jeremy plans on attending college and pursuing a career as an x-ray technician. Jeremy says that it has been a very beneficial week at Boys' State and that he has learned several new things about government and law enforcement. He came to MBS with an open mind and much support from his family. He would like to thank his family, friends, counselors, and fellow citizens for supporting him and helping him get elected to office.

Jonathan D. Evans of Huntington, WV was elected Treasurer of MBS. He resides with his parents, Danny and Cindy Evans, and one brother, Zachary. Jonathan attends Cabell Midland High School and is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Club, Academic Team, and Tri-M Music Honorary. He is in the Honors Program, GHA, National Honor Society, Department Awards in programming, World History, Freshman Choir, and AP Composition. He plays a pretty mean game of Foosball and Ultimate Frisbee. Jonathan plans to attend a four year college and study computer science. "J.D. was a citizen in Kanawha cottage at MBS. He has had an amazing experience that he will never forget. He also gives a thank you to his counselors, Robert Hawkingberry, Roger Hayes, and Rex Blake for being the greatest counselors ever.

MANCHIN speaks at MBS

Mountaineer Boys' State was greatly honored to have a governor other than Robbie Herron or Afeef "Chocolate Thunder" Ahmed. West Virginia Governor Joseph Manchin graced us with our presence for a speech after the formal review on Wednesday evening. Governor Manchin was born August 24, 1947 in Farmington, West Virginia, where he graduated from Farmington High School. He later graduated from West Virginia University. Sadly, he never attended Boys' State, but he wished that he would have has the immense honor. In his personal life, Governor Manchin is a proud husband, father, and grandfather. Also, as everyone could tell, he is one of the most proud West Virginians.



The governor spoke on a variety of not only political and state topics, but topics on pride and hard work. He spoke about how he traveled to Japan recently and told the citizens all the wonderful achievements and how special West Virginia is. He also described to us how West Virginia was one of the most under appreciated states in America. Even though we have the most envied, beautiful natural surroundings, some of the most proud people in the United States, and a number of other advantages, West Virginia winds up incorrectly at the bottom of the good lists and at the top of the bad.

He hopes to change this stereotype. He wants to instill pride in those who have lost it. He also wants to help the large amount of West Virginians without running water and approximately forty percent of citizens with sanitation. Finally, he hopes to not only promote higher education but also promote better body image and health. His entire speech was full of inspiration and high moral. We all surely deeply appreciated he governor's attendance.

I had the distinct honor to interview the governor. Unfortunately, though, due to the oncoming sunset, he had to leave before I could really go in depth. Although, he did leave us with one very important message: "It's your time, and you need to step forward now, be a leader, and take action. It is your time."

The governor also said that he deeply enjoyed the formal review and the band and choir. Hopefully everyone took something away from this great man. Finally, remember his words the next time someone degrades the name of West Virginia: "We are the envy of the world, they just don't know it yet."

SMOOTH CRIMINAL



The Boy's State police and conservation officers graduated Wednesday at noon and were soon in full force. Within less than half an hour of their graduation, an especially ambitious law enforcement official, Joseph Walden of Panhandle, made the first arrest of the week. Austin Maynard, also of Panhandle, was taken into custody shortly after 12:30, Wednesday for multiple offenses.

"I don't feel much different, but now the magistrates will have something to do," Maynard said when questioned on his feeling about the



arrest.

Mr. Maynard was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license, speeding, reckless driving, and resisting arrest.

In a final statement from Maynard, he commented on being the first Boy's Stater arrested, "Yeah, it's a good title to have." Austin Maynard is awaiting trial in Panhandle County.

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their life in a good, truthful way that fits their desires and passions. That is the true road to happiness.

You know him. You love him. He spoke at your Thursday dinner. It is Tony Caridi, the voice of the Mountaineers. Tony spoke to Mountaineer Boy's State on hard work. He opened his speech saying that just because you are smart, does not mean you'll be successful in life. He said that if intelligence or even extreme talent was the biggest factor to success, then how did the West Virginia University basketball team, who has not been this successful since 1959, go so far this season with none of the high ranking players on their team? He answered that in two words: hard work. He would prefer someone less intelligent or talented if they are determined. Passion was his second topic. If you do not have the passion for an occupation, you very well might be miserable for the rest of your life. "You need to find the one thing you would do for free, and make it your life's work," he said. Finally, he mentioned that another key to success is integrity. If you lack integrity, you will have to cover up for your actions over and over. Whether it is in high school, business, or relationships, you should tell truth at first so it does not haunt you afterward. Tony Caridi wants everyone to live

Breakfast

Eggs
Biscuits
Gravy
Bacon
Cereal
Fruit

Lunch

Sloppy Joes
Fries
Green Beans
Salad
Cinnamon Rolls

Dinner

Spaghetti
Meat Suace
Italian Bread
Garlic Sticks
Salad
Doughnut Holes

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ATHLETIC RESULTS THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005

AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5		
Volleyball Beside Braxton	Volleyball Beside Softball		Frisbee Behind Chapel		Softball Grass field	Basketball Behind Gilmer
SESSION ONE						
Upshur Panhandle3-F	Braxton-F Kanawha-N		Monroe-N R andolph-F		Gilmer Marion-F	Barbour Lewis-F
Marion-N Webster	Panhandle-N Randolph-N		Monroe-F Monongalia		Lewis-N Kanawha-F	Braxtonk-N Calhoun
SESSION TWO						
Braxton-F Webster	Marion-N Monongalia		Braxton-N Lewis-N		Barbour Calhoun	Kanawha-F Panhandle-N
Monroe-F Randolph-N	Marion-F Upshur		Gilmer Monroe-N		Kanawha-N Randolph-F	Lewis-F Panhandle-F

Future Leaders of this Country

After the general Election one of the young men that Post 73 sent to Boys' State told me he was just going to be an ordinary citizen at Boys' State. I am not sure if he realized that this country was built and is still being built by the ordinary citizen. The ordinary citizen is the one that fought to defend and is still defending this country. The ordinary citizen is the one that wrote the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States of America. An ordinary citizen is the person who is the farmer, preacher, grocery storeowner or clerk, doctor, nurse, housewife, postman/woman, a person who owns a business or works for a business owner no matter what the business is. No matter who you are or what you do, you are THAT ordinary citizen. You are the one who is going to help continue to build this country. The men and women who helped to build this country were Christians and understood that we needed to remember and be involved with the church. They knew we had to have an education. They understood that it takes the ordinary person to be involved at the city, county, state and national level. It is not necessarily the rich person but also the person who is employed by someone, owns a small business or is a housewife. We are all "that ordinary person". We are what has built and will continue to build this country. Please remember where you have come from and where we need to go for this country to survive and continue to be the country that our forefathers wanted it to be. You are the one who is going to lead this country in the future.

By: Sonja Adkins

Order in the Court!

Court is in, and we have felons among us. Throughout Wednesday and Thursday, Boy's State tested their legal ability in mock trials throughout the camp. Two counties partnered up and went through realistic hearings from the witnesses to the irking paper work. Panhandle and Braxton took part in the case "Mountaineer Boy's State vs. Zack Kuiken" Wednesday afternoon which led with many interesting turns.

The court began with the entering of the judge, jury selection made of Braxton citizens, oaths, and other technicalities. Shortly after, though, it became more interesting. As the prosecution opened with their witnesses, Zack Kuiken, who was accused of drunk driving, seemed destined to be convicted guilty. The attorneys questioned witnesses, looking for the evidence that would prove his stumbling, smell of alcohol, and disorientation to be caused by his third DUI offense. The prosecution claimed this to be caused from alcohol consumption, but the defense claimed this to be due to a schizophrenic mind alteration due to a concussion and a busted knee. After questioning six witnesses, the jury left to decide Kuiken's fate.

During the break, Ms. Bridget Furbe complemented the nearly talent of Panhandle's court system. She did comment on some of the witnesses' impromptu skills and the defendant's shy persona.

When the court reconvened from the recess, they found Zack Kuiken not guilty of all charges. Even with the sometimes dull parts, the badgering of witnesses and arguing among the attorneys made the entire event worthwhile. Hopefully the rest of the mock trials went as well as Panhandle's.

Judge Maxwell and friends deliver speeches

A forty-year veteran of the bench, the Honorable Robert Maxwell served as speaker and emcee for the assembly. Mr. Maxwell serves as a Federal Judge, just two steps below a Supreme Court Judge. I think he deserves brush his shoulder and pop his collar. But anyway, this man did an excellent job of presenting his information and introducing the other speakers, including the second best prosecuting attorney in Randolph County, his son. These men were not ordinary Joes, even compared to all the speakers we've had tonight. Some of them may not have been publicly elected to the positions, but they still are at the head of the state in the areas of work. Thank you men for coming tonight and sharing your points on how we will be able to lead this state to prosperity.

