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LEARNING TODAY...
LEADING TOMORROW



Wednesday,
June 13th,
2007

GENERAL ELECTION 2007

GOVERNOR

**Tanner Moore—Federalist
Braxton
Bridgeport, WV**

SECRETARY OF STATE

**Chad "Vargs" Vargo—Federalist
Panhandle
Wellsburg, WV**

AUDITOR

**Jimmy "Slim Jim" Boggess— Federalist
Panhandle
Sissonville, WV**

TREASURER

**Johnny "Cash" Bailey— Federalist
Panhandle
Chester, WV**

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

**Harley Staggers—Federalist
Monroe
Keyser, WV**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Mike "Mike Beezy the Snowman" Barnes—Federalist
Panhandle
Clarksburg, WV**

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

**Eddie "The Law Machine" Peters- Federalist
Colin "Bag Pipes" Henning—Nationalist
Nate Romano— Federalist
Alex "Buck" Zurbuch—Nationalist
Kent "The Peacekeeper" Hess— Federalist**

**Webster
Calhoun
Marion
Panhandle
Marion**

**Moundsville
Elkins
Clarksburg
Elkins
Moundsville**

ATHLETIC RESULTS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007



Area 1 VOLLEYBALL Beside Braxton	Area 2 VOLLEYBALL Beside Softball	Area 3 FRISBEE Behind Chapel	Area 4 SOFTBALL Grass Field	Area 5 BASKETBALL Behind Gilmer
MARION N LEWIS N	GILMER PANHANDLE N	BARBOUR UPSHUR	CALHOUN PANHANDLE F	MARION F MONROE N
KANAWHA MONROE		RANDOLPH F WEBSTER	LEWIS F MONONGALIA	BRAXTON RANDOLPH N



Wednesday's Menu



<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Eggs	Rib Sandwiches	Turkey
Sausage	Hoagie Buns	Stuffing
Biscuits	Chips	Mashed Potatoes
Hot/Cold Cereal	Baked Beans	Mixed Vegetables
Bananas	Salad	Rolls
Apple Juice	Chocolate Pudding	Salad
Milk	Lemonade	Yellow Cake
		Iced Tea



General Store Hours – June 13 – 16

Wednesday 10– 6 9– 3
 Thursday 10– 6
 Friday 10—6
 Saturday 10– 5

**The store carries cold drinks, ice cream, chips, candy, as well as other snack foods.

Boys State laws come into effect today

Not only can you receive a ticket for breaking the law in the real world, but you can now get in trouble at Boys' State too. Citizens of Boys' State better watch out because, starting at noon today, every county will have an active police officer and conservation officer on duty around the campus, 24/7. They will be watching your every move, just waiting to bust you, almost like the real thing. All tickets given will have to be paid and some may even require court proceeding.

Almost every single law by which you must abide in the real world, must be followed at Boys' State. Some of these include: speeding, littering, DUI, hunting and fishing violations, and failure to show your valid driver's license when stopped by an officer. Although every county has officers on duty, you must also watch out for officers in other counties too. They also have the right to issue you a violation for breaking the law. Fleeing the law is strictly prohibited. Other laws are also in effect. Discussion with your cabin officers could result in the knowledge necessary to help you keep from breaking the law.

Numerous licenses should have been obtained in your cottage yesterday evening to help keep you violation free. A full explanation of all laws can be found in this issue of **The Mountaineer**.

So, starting today at noon you'd better be on the look out for the officers. Try to stay out of trouble. These officers will be wearing badges to stand out from the other citizens of Boys' State. So, next time you decide to sneak and break the law, you'd better be careful. Chances are someone will be watching you!

By Corey Woomer



Often times when one thinks of war, images of the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force converge upon the mind. Although these groups play an integral role in the defense of our country, other prominent groups, such as the National Guard, cannot be overlooked.

The primary difference between the traditional four branches of the defense system and the National Guard lies in the fact that the National Guard owes it's allegiance to both the federal and state governments. Whenever natural disasters such as floods strike, the state government possesses the authority to call upon these intrepid volunteers. These dynamic individuals have the privilege of serving both their country during times of national duress, such as war, as well as their states during times of need.

The National Guard is comprised of both the Army National Guard, as well as the Air National Guard. Joining the National Guard offers a plethora of advantages to prospective members. Benefits of joining the National Guard include, but are not limited to: college aid, financial stability, service to country, respect, experience and numerous character traits that follow the hard work and dedication these men put into their service.

The altruism and bravery these men exhibit, should in no way go unnoticed. It is thanks to these individuals that many state disasters go much more smoothly than otherwise possible; they also help to offer relief to our troops during times of crisis. The ideals of these men should be both acknowledged and lauded.

By Corey Woomer



Paul Hill, a resident of Boone County, spoke at yesterday's dinner in place of State Treasurer John Perdue. Hill who is the Asst. State Treasurer, explained that, one should do what he is interested in.

Boys State classes provide info on the various aspects of patriotism, law, politics, and safety

Early Tuesday morning after breakfast, the cabins split up to go to cycle through four different classes. These classes consisted of Driver's Safety, County Government, Legal Procedure, and Americanism. Each class lasted thirty-five minutes, and was taught by a knowledgeable instructor.

The first of these classes was the Driver Safety course taught by Officer Chad Terry of the West Virginia State Police Department. The class consisted of discussion of DUI laws and facts, driving laws, and demonstrations done with goggles that simulate the visual affects of alcohol on the body.

Next was County Government taught by our own Steve Sluss. He was graciously filling for an absentee instructor. Sluss described county government as, "where the rubber meets the pavement." During his class he outlined the job descriptions of the assessor, county commissioner, county clerk, circuit clerk, sheriff, prosecutor, and circuit judges.

Legal Procedure followed with Danny Staggers as instructor. He is a practicing attorney at law from the glorious city of Keyser, WV. He gave a brief run down on procedure in the court room and ran a practice court case. The case was carried out slowly with careful instruction and care given.

Finally there was the Americanism course taught by the senior counselors Doug and Robbie Robinson. They began by describing the American Creed, and they proceeded to describe proper flag positioning and disposal. "The flag," Robbie said, "Stands for America and its people. Above all, show respect for our country and our flag." Yesterday concluded the classroom portions of the 2007 Boys State.

By Eric Walker



The presentation of the candidates and debates fuel the Mountaineer Boys State General Election fire



Last night, the Mountaineer Boys State held the always-exciting Debate for the General Election of all the state offices and it did not disappoint. Both parties were cheering on their candidates with a loyalty that only a Mountaineer Boys State Citizen would possess. To pump up the mood, the citizens cheered on the respective candidates; but during the actual statements, when participation was not necessary, the citizens of Boys State were respectful to the candidates of their opposing party.

As the cheers died down, the tensions seemed to instantly rise. Speeches were coming up quick and last minute changes were being made. Some candidates even mad even made the decision to wing the whole process and just speak off the top of their head. Others nervously starred down at a paper lacking any eye contact to the audience.

The Federalists started with their speeches that contained a variety of classical oratorical techniques like quotations from famous politicians, nicknames, and even pulling out the old “diary” to describe their passion for the office. Andrew Warne, the Federalist Party Chairman, and Tanner Moore, the Governor candidate, lead the charge pleading that their men are the most qualified for the job.

As for the Nationalists, the cries of “Go Nats” rang throughout not only the Assembly Hall, but the entire Jackson’s Mill facility (for the sake of the article and newspaper as a whole, it was “Nats”.) Lead by Parker Harman, the Party Chairman, and Todd Zackwieja, the Governor candidate, the Nats continued to press their candidates with jokes, surprise musical montages by Deak Kersey, and the always wonderful bagpipe performance by Colin Henning as well as other numerous unorthodox tactics.

With the electrifying beginning, the debate was heated and mind-boggling. The two Governor candidates went head-to-head with 3 questions apiece (that were based upon their respective party platforms) and the opportunity to rebut any response that the latter had given. Both parties were well represented by their candidates and their responses were answered with much applause.

Many candidates had cemented their position into the minds of the voters, and as the citizens of Boys State left to vote, the was a great aura of mystery as to who would win. The results would shock whomever read them whether it be due to great joy or inevitable disappointment. What was your reaction?

By David Smith

Daily 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, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet in EEC #5
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.
City and County Officials meet at the following locations for specialized instruction:
County Commission—WV Building
City Government—Picnic Pavilion (near pool)
Assessor—Kanawha Center
County Clerk—Kanawha Center
ALL UNEMPLOYED/UNASSIGNED CITIZENS meet with the Unemployment Office Advisor in Kanawha Center to receive employment assignments.
Public Service Announcements by Educational Broadcasting Director and/or staff for remainder of week.
- 12:05 INFORMATION at dining hall
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. **ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.**
Band practice—Immediately after Court Trials
- 3:00 INAUGURATION in Assembly Hall. The Honorable Fred Fox, Judge
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) .
The Honorable Joe DeLong, Member, WV House of Delegates, Abraham Lincoln (James Dague)

30 MINUTES AFTER ASSEMBLY ENDS - Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard 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



WEDNESDAY'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 3:30—5:00



Area 1
VOLLEYBALL
Beside Braxton

Area 2
VOLLEYBALL
Beside Softball

Area 3
FRISBEE
Behind Chapel

Area 4
SOFTBALL
Grass Field

Area 5
BASKETBALL
Behind Gilmer

BARBOUR
WEBSTER

MARION F
MONONGALIA

GILMER
RANDOLPH N

LEWIS N
PANHANDLE N

LEWIS F
MONROE F

BRAXTON
UPSHUR

KANAWHA
PANHANDLE F

MARION N
MONROE N

CALHOUN
RANDOLPH F