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MBS 2010 Primary Election Results!

Nationalist	Position	Federalist
George "The Candyman" Capel	Governor	Jared Lantz
Jake "The Snake" Shadle	Secretary Of State	Colin Winkie
Luke Andrew Miller	Auditor	Jared "Big Baby" Long
Andrew Posich	Treasurer	Matthew Palmer
Luke "The Duke" Hrtianski	Commissioner of Agriculture	Duncan Manor
Aleksandr Fedyszyn	Attorney General	Matt McCabe
Clayton "Slappy" Davis Grayson "Hairy" Sperry Rhys "For Peace" Batt John P. Creamer IV Shane Jafri	Justice of the Supreme Court	Sanat "Kumar" Moningi Brennan "Wood is Good" Wood David "Albino Rhino" Sinclair Gardiner "Dig It" Smith David Peng

What are the Nationalists all About?

Lawson Knisely

The National Party Caucus began with a rousing rendition of “the wave”. The morning session was primarily used to establish a set of ideals that will represent the National Party. A caucus is used to hear the opinions of the entire party. These ideals are called “platforms”. As the National Party Chairman put it, the caucus is a place to “open the door to new ideas at Boy’s State”. These ideas are formed and groomed in this open forum process. Topics such as education, healthcare, and mine safety were discussed, debated, and voted upon. Following the voting process, the Nationalist Platform Committee decided on the proposed platforms and wrote descriptions for each. The proposed platforms included educational reform, health care reform, the streamlining of government, miner’s safety, and potential legislation to combat the extreme obesity in West Virginia. Improved safety in mines is just one aspect of this complicated and important platform of the National Party. Following the mining disaster in Montcoal, WV, the safety violations of Massey Energy have been brought out into the light. These blatant violations by Massey Energy are very important to the Nationalists and that is why this particular platform is crucial to the foundation that the party will stand on.

The afternoon caucus was a time to meet the candidates. In this meeting, which lasted over an hour, over 25 candidates paraded across the stage. They spouted their beliefs and discussed why they believed they were the right “boy” for the job. This was a time for each candidate to meet the people he would be representing. Even with the limited times, candidates were able to express themselves effectively.

The loyalties of individuals may sway a few votes in a particular direction. However, the real objective of the Nationalist Party is to get their nominated candidate into office. Victories on election day are truly what the National Party is all about.

“It’s Better Fed Than Red”

Josh White

Initially divided by debate, the Federalists overcame their divisions and united Monday morning under five party platforms. The Federalists’ agenda embraced pro-life, anti-gay marriage, pro-death penalty, legalization of marijuana, and educational reform planks.

Later in the day, Federalist candidates battled it out for coveted state positions. With eccentric speeches involving references to The Hangover and Canada and an abundance of catchy slogans, the Federalists intently listened in as the selection process began for state office.

Despite tensions, Mark Zachwieja emphasized party unity and stated that the “goal is to put everyone in your party into state office”. Zachwieja compared the races for state office to a family, each with its struggles and fights but there for each other in the end. United with a disdain for the “Nats” and a strong party platform, the Federalists are set to take on the state elections.



Inspiration for Tomorrow’s Preservationist

Jordan Sharps
News Editor

At yesterday’s lunch the citizens of Boys State were introduced to a true preservationist and proud West Virginian, Gus R. Douglass. As West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, he had much to say about the duty of a Commissioner. He spoke of how he had responsibility over what all West Virginians eat and drink, and guaranteeing that they can enjoy their meals without worry of disease or illness. It was then also made clear that many threats of disease from foreign countries are serious and in need of deep consideration and careful preventing.

A Warm Bowl of Stew

Lawson Knisely

Bill Stewart, the head coach of the West Virginia University Football Team, spoke at our dinner tonight. With anecdotes about football and personal experiences, Coach Stewart inspired the Boy’s State citizens. He discussed leadership and the importance of it. Bill Stewart insured the Boy’s State population that if they lived life with dignity and respect to his fellow man, then life would be very good to them. Coach insisted that the boys live life the “right” way and that if they do so, people will gravitate towards them and that they will have a wholesome and enjoyable life. From the rousing welcome to the inspiring speech, Coach Stewart’s presentation was a highlight of the day.



Secretary of State Stops by to Visit

Matthew Robinson

Secretary of State Natalie Tennant spoke to the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State at the evening assembly. She spoke about everyday heroes and how to have a heart in everything we do. She also spoke about her nephew who was a champion wrestler even though he was a part of a football team that lost 29 games straight. He had heart in all that he did. Thank you, Natalie, for your motivation and inspiration.



County Stories

Marion County starts off strong

Alex Morton

Marion is off to a great start in the competition between counties. Nine citizens from Marion passed the BAR exam yesterday. This is quite an achievement as only about 1/3 of the citizens here passed the exam. It is clear that these citizens spent some time and effort to pass this exam. They will hopefully move on to the position of their choice. I wish them the best of luck.

In other news concerning Marion, several citizens were seen practicing their frisbee skills. Alex Gray, one of the staff members inside Marion County, was showing the citizens some cool new tricks to help them succeed in winning their first match tomorrow. It should be interesting to see how they do in their first formal match of ultimate frisbee.





Why Thirteen Folds?

The honor guard works hard to include the 13 folds each and every time the American flag is folded. Unfortunately, most people do not notice these folds and, even if they do, then they most likely do not know why the thirteen folds are important. Here are the 13 reasons why the folds are important and what they mean:

- 1st fold – symbolizes life
- 2nd fold – symbolizes belief in eternal life
- 3rd fold – honors and remembers veterans who have departed from our ranks
- 4th fold – represents our weaker nature when we turn to God
- 5th fold – represents tribute to our country
- 6th fold – represents where our hearts lie in allegiance to the United States
- 7th fold – signifies tribute to the armed forces
- 8th fold – signifies tribute to one who entered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers
- 9th fold – represents tribute to womanhood
- 10th fold – exemplifies tribute to the father



American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Flag Etiquette Protocol (Adopted 2002)

- I. The following is adopted for use by Counselors, Citizens, and Staff or Boys State:
 - A. **Flag raising or lowering ceremony**
 - 1. When in formation – salute upon order from commander.
 - a. Salute to hat brim if covered
 - b. Salute over heart if uncovered
 - 2. When out of formation – salute while flag is being raised or lowered on the halyard.
 - B. **When the colors are being posted**
 - 1. If indoors
 - a. Stand at attention when color guard enters room and proceeds forward
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart when color guard posts the colors, maintain salute until color guard has left the room or until ordered to drop salute
 - 2. If outdoors, within hearing distance
 - a. Stand at attention when color guard enters room and proceeds forward
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart or to hat brim when color guard posts the colors, maintain until color guard has left the room or until ordered to drop salute
 - C. **During national anthem**
 - 1. If indoors, salute with hand or cover over heart
 - 2. If outdoors, within hearing distance
 - a. Salute to hat brim if covered
 - b. Salute with hand or cover over heart
 - D. **During the Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 1. If indoors salute with hand or cover over heart while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. If outdoors, salute with hand or cover over heart or to hat brim while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 - E. **When the colors are being presented in a procession**
 - 1. When in formation, detail leader salutes while detail remains at attention
 - 2. When out of formation
 - a. Salute to hat brim when covered
 - b. Salute over heart when uncovered
 - c. Stand at attention if out of uniform

Honorable
Nick J. Rahall, II

United States
Congressman



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<http://www.rahall.house.gov>

Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to join you for the annual American Legion "Mountaineer Boys State, Inc." program here at Jackson's Mill. Although I regret that I am unable to be with you for this year's event, since I will be traveling back to Washington for votes on Monday, know that I join you in spirit as you learn about how state government and government in general works and make some friendships that will no doubt last a lifetime.

Speaking of friends I would like to say thank you to my dear friend Oce Smith for inviting me once more to this great event—and for the great work he does for WV Boys State and the American Legion.

To the members of the American Legion here today I would like to take the time to thank you not only for your work with Boys State but also for your service to this State and Nation. A wise man once said, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." To each of you who have risked life and limb and have sacrificed so much-- you have the sincere thanks of a grateful State and Nation.

Many years ago I clearly remember sitting where you are now—excited and eager at what this experience might bring. Not knowing that I would go on to have the privilege of serving the great people of West Virginia in Congress.

I can honestly say that many of the lessons I learned here at Boys State I have taken with me throughout my career: that hard work, determination, and doing what is best for the people of West Virginia is truly what public service is all about.

Today our nation faces many, many challenges—West Virginians need leadership to get through these tough economic times, to ensure that the jobs we have here in West Virginia stay in West Virginia, and to ensure the safety and security of our men and women on the job. Right now that leadership job belongs to your parents generation, my generation, but all too soon this responsibility will fall to you—this week I urge you to learn all that you can about government and politics and about the importance of teamwork and store that knowledge away, so you too can draw from this experience throughout your life.

Boys State participants you are truly the chosen few, the thinkers, the doers, the future leaders of our state and our nation. West Virginia – and yes, our country as a whole, is depending on you.

I, and all of your fellow West Virginians, congratulate each of you and are so proud of your accomplishments.

Thank you and god bless our State of West Virginia.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II
Member of Congress

Congratulations!!!

Dilvum Aluthge of Lewis Cottage and
Tyler Aliff of Braxton Cottage received the
highest scores on yesterday's Bar Exam!
They both scored an 88%!

WANTED:

TRUMPET PLAYERS FOR THE
2010 MBS BAND.
OTHERS WHO PLAY
INSTRUMENTS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO JOIN AS WELL.



Tuesday's Menu



Breakfast

Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Hot & Cold Cereal
Bananas
Orange Juice
Milk

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Salad
Brownies
Lemonade

Dinner

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Corn
Rolls
Salad
Ice Cream Bars

Do you blog?

If you would like to blog on the MBS website

(www.mountaineerboysstate.org)

*please tell your cottage counselors, and they
can tell you how to make your MBS blogging
dreams come true.*

Tues. Speakers

Lunch-open
Dinner-John Purdue
Assembly-Party Conventions



Tuesday's Athletic Results!

Basketball

Webster
Gilmer
Panhandle (F)
Monongalia

Volleyball

(continued)

Braxton (N)
Panhandle (F)
Braxton (F)
TIED Marion (F)

Softball -

Lewis
Monroe
Marion
Kanawha

Draw between
Kawawha (F) and
Gilmer

Ultimate Frisbee

Barbour
Kanawha
Braxton (F)
Lewis (F)

Volleyball

Monongalia
Lewis (N)
Webster
Lewis (F)

\$ The Bank \$

The Mountaineer Legion Bank is now open and operating. Our staff of more than twenty financial professionals encourages each Boys State citizen to take an active role in their personal economics. The financial advisors at MLB are waiting to assist you with loans, transactions, and all other necessary banking tasks. Our location can be found at the Agriculture Hall of Fame, beside the Mount Vernon Dining Hall.

Jackson’s Mill General Store Hours

Monday	1PM - 5PM, 8:30 - 11PM
Tuesday	10AM-5PM, 8:30-11PM
Wednesday	10AM-5PM, 8:30-11PM
Thursday	10AM-5PM, 8:30-11PM
Friday	10AM-5:30PM
Saturday	10AM-5PM

Mountaineer Boys State General Store Price List



Drawstring Backpack	\$5.00
Frisbee	\$2.50
Water Bottle	\$2.00
Ink Pen	\$2.00
Pencil	\$1.00
MBS Value Pack (One of Each Item)	\$11.00

Newspaper Ad Price List

1/8 Page	\$125
1/4 Page	\$250
1/2 Page	\$500
Full Page	\$1000

Broadcast Ad Price List

5 Seconds	\$200
10 Seconds	\$400
15 Seconds	\$600
30 Seconds	\$1200

2010 Mountaineer Boys State Federalist Platform

We are pro-life for the following reasons:

- Self-responsibility is essential to a good community
- Adoption is advocated strongly
- We believe this will promote and insure a strong moral fiber

We are in favor of capital punishment for the following reasons:

- It is sometimes necessary
- It will promote citizens to be law abiding.

We are opposed to gay marriage for the following reasons:

- Civil unions and other means of connection are available.
- We believe this will support a strong moral fiber

We believe there is a dire need for educational overhaul that will:

- Fix regulations that don't work or do harm.
- Set new regulations that do work.
- Improve the overall educational experience in West Virginia.

We intend to legalize and tax marijuana because this will re-sale in:

- A safer atmosphere than the current one of killing for drugs.
- It will provide the funding we lack for many departments like transportation, education, fire, and safety.

2010 Mountaineer Boys State Nationalist Platform

INCREASE EDUCATION EFFICIENCY

We would like to increase education efficiency by having more frequent teacher assessments, by replacing the West Test with a more effective standardized test such as ACT and reducing the school week to four days.

WELFARE REFORM

We plan to reform the welfare system by drug testing welfare receivers, requiring welfare receivers to perform community service and prove that they are looking for employment.

FIGHT AGAINST OBESITY

We plan to fight obesity by implementing a tax on high sodium processed foods, implementing a tax on all unhealthy high fat foods, and increase the amount of physical activity in school.

CLEANER WEST VIRGINIA

We plan to clean up our state by requiring welfare receivers to do community service, creating parks and cleaner neighborhoods, and in turn, bringing more tourism to the state.

MINERS' SAFETY

We plan to increase our miners' safety by enforcing more strict guidelines for mines, implicating more thorough inspections on all mines, and substantially fining faulty mines as a penalty.

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES

We plan to find alternative resources without hurting our state's coal industry by maintaining our coal industry's pace, but using energy sources such as wind farms, hydroelectric power and geothermal energy. This will also include tax breaks for citizens who "go green" with their homes and vehicles.

TUESDAY’S SCHEDULE

6:45 - Reveille and Clean Quarters			
7:50 - IN FORMATION at Dining Hall.			
7:55 - FLAG RAISING			
8:00 - Breakfast			
	9:00 - 9:35	9:35 - 9:50	9:50 - 10:25
Federalists (Assembly Hall)	County Govt.	Break	Press Rela-
tions	Overview		
Nationalists (WV Building)	Press Relations	Break	County
Govt.			Overview

Citizens are NOT permitted to post ANY campaign materials during the above classes and break periods.
Citizens are encouraged to use Break time during morning informational meetings to meet fellow Citizens and participate in campaign activities.

10:30 - 12:00 - All Citizens will gather in and near the vicinity of the Assembly Hall to participate in a variety of activities to include Driver’s Safety Training, static displays, and also to meet fellow Citizens in furtherance of campaign activities.

NO CITIZENS PERMITTED IN COTTAGES DURING THIS DESIGNATED TIME.

12:05 - 12:20 - All Citizens in Cottages for Inspection preparation.
12:25 – IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
12:30 – LUNCH
1:45 - 2:20 - All Citizens in Assembly Hall for Legal Procedure Instruction
2:30 - ? - Party Caucuses (Federalists in Assembly Hall; Nationalists in WV Building)
3:30 - 4:30 - County Board of Education members meet with Advisors in WV Building
Athletics/Swimming
Formal Review practice (Senior Counselors, right guides, Color Guard, State Police, Conservation Officers, National Guard, Police Academy and National Guard Advisors meet at Flag Pole)
Bank & Newspaper staffs organized and working
Athletics and Swimming
4:15 - Band Practice at Assembly Hall
4:40 - FORMAL REVIEW PRACTICE (ALL COUNTIES PROMPTLY ASSEMBLE on ROAD ADJACENT TO DINING HALL)
5:20 – IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
5:25 - Flag Lowering
5:30 – DINNER
6:15 – 7:15 - State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet with Advisors in EEC
Newspaper Staff organized and working (SLC rear)
Bank Staff organized and working (Agriculture Hall of Fame)
Band Practice, Athletics, Swimming
Talent Show Auditions in West Virginia Building
7:30 - Flag Retirement Ceremony; All Personnel present in front of Assembly Hall
7:45 – 9:15 ASSEMBLY
Each party allotted 25 minutes to present State Candidates
State Candidate debate (Questions to be asked based upon party platforms)
AFTER ASSEMBLY
General Election – **ALL CITIZENS PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COTTAGES TO VOTE**
AFTER VOTING – State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet with Advisors in EEC
Newspaper Staff organized and working (SLC rear)
NEWS CONFERENCE AT GHQ TO ANNOUNCE STATE ELECTION RESULTS upon their tabulation.
10:45 – Devotions at Panhandle and Kanawha Cottages.
11:10 - 11:30 - SEE MONDAY SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS
Counselors submit unemployed forms to Unemployment Office Advisor

