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Welcome to Parents, Family, Friends, and Veterans

Attention Guests:

The American Legion and Mountaineer Boys State would like to welcome you to the 73rd annual Boys State Formal Review held on the beautiful property of Jackson's Mill. The formal review is a classic tradition showcasing the importance and sophistication of the exclusive Boys State program. We encourage you to attend the assembly immediately following the Formal Review.

GOVERNOR

George Capel (Nationalist)



SECRETARY OF STATE

Colin Winkie (Federalist)

AUDITOR

Luke Andrew Miller (Nationalist)

TREASURER

Matthew Palmer (Federalist)

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Duncan Manor (Federalist)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Aleksandr Fedyszyn (Nationalist)

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Brennan Wood (Federalist)

Clayton Davis (Nationalist)

Grayson Sperry (Nationalist)

Sanat Moningi (Federalist)

Gardiner Smith (Federalist)

WEDNESDAY SPEAKERS

Inauguration—Judge Fox
Dinner—Governor Joe Manchin
Assembly following Formal Review—Woody Williams



Menu

Breakfast

Omelets
Sausage
Biscuits
Hot & Cold Cereal
Bananas
Apple Juice
Milk

Lunch

Duke of Rib Sandwiches
Hoagie Buns
Chips
Baked Beans
Salad
Chocolate Pudding
Lemonade

Dinner

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Italian Blend Veg.
Garlic Bread
Salad
Chocolate Cake
Iced tea

TUESDAY'S ATHLETIC RESULTS

Basketball

Kanawha-F
Lewis-F
Barbour
Kanawha-N

Volleyball

Upshur
Panhandle-N
Kanawha-F
Monroe-N
Panhandle-F
Monroe-F
Kanawha-N
Randolph

Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton-N
Randolph-F

Softball

Gilmer-Won by
forfeit.
Lewis
Braxton-F
Braxton-N &
Barbour tied



Party Convention Highlights

Candidates Speak at Party Conventions

Lawson Knisely

The evening began with rousing choruses of party chants. “Go Nats!” rang through the assembly hall. Each party was allotted a thirty minute period to have their convention. This time was primarily used to familiarize the citizens of Boys State with the candidates running for state offices. The Federalist Party held their convention first. With loud and proud support, each Federalist candidate stated their reasoning for why they should hold their desired office. Following this convention, the Nationalists had their turn to explain why they believed they should have control of many of our state government offices. The mood was lightened as the two parties enjoyed a game of “flip cup”, which occurred at the start of the Nationalist Convention. Once again, candidates for the state offices stood up and stated their reasoning. Unity was a common topic throughout the evening. It is clear that the Boys State Nation would agree that the state as a whole cannot remain divided. Citizens were encouraged to “break down the wall” that separated the two parties.

After the sixty minutes of allotted time had ended, the debate between the two candidates for governor began. To the raucous cheer of hundreds of Boys State citizens, both candidates defended and elaborated on their party’s platform. This is a proud night for the citizens of Boys State 2010.



County News

Lewis County vs. Randolph County

Brenton Arrington

Lewis starts the game with Nick Hammond at server. Four consecutive points are scored by the Lewis County Nationalist before Hammond has to retire his position at server. The Nationalist are on a roll with a strong start! However, Randolph was coming back strong by returning everything that came at them. As the game progressed, the intensity of this battle increased. Despite a hard fought battle from both sides, in the end, Lewis dominated Game 1 of Volleyball with a huge win with the score being 21-12.

Game 2 was very much like game 1 with each team competing at their best. Randolph was, however, playing at a very much higher level this game by keeping it neck and neck until the end. By the time Game 2 was all said and done, Lewis was again victorious but with a much closer score, 21-17



Citizens Growing Closer

Andrew Roidt

I’ve never really been that person who likes to travel outside their boundaries and meet new people, and coming to Boys State was no exception. On my first day here, I stayed mostly to myself, about the only people I talked to were my friends from Elkins. I don’t think I was the only person who kept to myself. In my cottage, Calhoun, some people would converse, but nothing much more than small talk such as what their name was and where they are from. However, in just one day, we’ve grown to be more comfortable around each other.

The citizens in one’s cabin are pretty much their family here. Every meal one goes to, he marches there with the citizens from his cabin. Each day, the people in a cottage have to work together to clean their cottage for inspection. There are also sporting events throughout the week where one plays alongside their cottage members against another cottage. Today, after the party caucuses and before lunch, the citizens from Calhoun cottage were throwing around a Frisbee when a citizen decided to give everyone in the cottage a nickname, just like at Camp Green Lake in Holes. I can’t remember all of the nicknames, but some of them I do remember include Red, Skippy, Frisky Business, and Chicago Joe. I was honored to receive the nickname Bubbles, which I got because I was blowing bubbles with my gum. I know it’s just something small, but now that we all have our own nicknames, I feel like we grew a little bit closer. Hopefully by the end of the week, we will have memories we won’t forget.

Randolph Claims Victory

Sam Godby

Randolph Federalist come out with a 2 point lead over the Panhandle in their 10-8 victory versus Panhandle in Frisbee. Randolph used speed to their advantage, using short, but fast, throws. John Padden, one of Randolph’s players commented on the game: “Defensively, we were really effective. Offensively we could have finished more near the end zone, and our passes could have been more crisp.”



Upshur Cleans Up With Success

William Harvey

Yesterday, as soon as Upshur County’s eager residents awoke, the fun of experience of the morning clean up was first on the “too do” list for the day, as it is every other day. Each citizen diligently worked, side by side, to accomplish a perfect inspection. To the County’s pleasure, in almost every field inspected, everything had improved greatly. Much thanks to the cottage for a great morning of teamwork and perseverance.

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
- 11th fold – represents lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon
- 12th fold – represents the emblem of eternity and glorifies the Holy Trinity
- 13th fold – completes the folded flag; stars remind of national motto (“In God We Trust”)

These thirteen folds mean a great deal to patriotism, not just to the flag itself. Once the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it represents the cocked hat, which is a reminder of the soldiers, past and present, who serve this great country. So next time you see the flag being folded, take the time to think of these thirteen folds as well as the soldiers who made this country possible.

Notice that this version actually has the last three steps. We’re sorry for yesterday’s error.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Josh White

With immense respect and dignity, the American Legion Boys State came together for the flag retirement ceremony Tuesday evening. As Boy State citizens marched to their seats in the chapel field, the American Legion Staff commenced the event by reminding citizens to show their utmost respect for the flag and to remain absolutely silent.

Boys State heeded these reminders and intently watched as the flag was presented for a respectful destruction. The flag had been honorably flown for this country until recently “deemed unfit for service”. The presiding commander from the American Legion Boys State Staff stated that the flag “is a precious symbol for all we’ve lived and died for”.

After presentation of the flag, Boys State citizens rose for a brief prayer and taps as the flag was rightfully destroyed in the flames.

Recognizing the magnitude of the event, Boys State citizens maintained their respect throughout the retirement ceremony and moved onto later election activities on a dignified note.

Our Everyday Heroes

Jordan Sharps

It is rare to find an individual with the ability to stand up for their nation, and risk life and limb in the call of duty. Many West Virginians are true veterans who not only fought for the freedom many Americans enjoy, but also contribute to the quality of life that all Americans are proud to have. At Boys State, we are honored to be in the presence of a veteran, and would like to formally thank each and every individual who has ever left their home to protect it.



TAPS

~ A Bugle Call ~

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals was born.



The words are:

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh

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*Dear Fellow Americans,
We are writing this letter to inform you of some of the programs and services that The American Legion provides to out veterans, our communities, and our country.*

Emergency Aid	\$2,178,136	Youths in Scouting	53,486
Volunteer Hours	989,230	Cost of Scout Program	\$1,670,051
Contributions to VA	\$2,387,806	Oratorical Contest	1,304
Pints of Blood Donated	94,395	Oratorical Participants	7,364
Blood Donors	35,232	Cost of Oratorical	\$225,498
Crime Prevention	1,032	Fire Prevention Program	1,040
School Medals Awarded	24,936	Annual Community Events	5,094
Schools Assisted	10,407	Color Guards	4,139
Cost of School Assist.	\$2,317,411	Firing Squads	3,943
Scholarships Awarded	7,704	Funeral Honors Provided	129,267
Cost of Scholarships	\$4,115,863	Uniformed Guard Cost	\$2,522,019
Flag Presentations	28,230	Boys State Attendance	15,313
Cost of Presentations	\$484,875	Cost of Boys State	\$3,823,502
Community Service Hours	3,416,945	Legion Baseball Cost	\$6,965,014
Children & Youth Activities	15,652	Youths Playing Legion Ball	2,346
Cost of Activities	\$5,800,189	Legacy Scholarship Cost	\$785,829
		Scout Units	2,025
Other Donations		United Fund	\$200,793
Red Cross	\$258,830	Handicapped	\$886,793
Cancer	\$603,965	National Emergency Fun	\$360,886
Children's Hospital	\$354,574		

Please support your local American Legion Post. And if you are an eligible veteran, please join us and help provide these services to our great nation.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE CRIMES AND PUNISHMENT

James Dague, Legislative Advisor, enacted the following statutes that will be effective at Noon on Wednesday.

General: All provisions of the official Code of the State of West Virginia and the Official code of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State shall be in effect and enforceable . In addition, the following provisions shall also be in effect and enforceable.

Chapter XVII

Article VII. Traffic Laws

Section I. Definitions

Vehicle – Your person. Every citizen is considered to be in physical control of himself (his person) which is his vehicle.

Driver - Any citizen who walks upon any public highway and who is, therefore, in actual control of his vehicle.

Operating - Moving or being in actual physical control of a personal vehicle.

Highway - All designated walkways within the state including but not limited to sidewalks and other paved areas.

Berm - The grass next to a highway, roadway, or sidewalk.

Signal - A gesture of the hand and arm, which indicates vehicle movements. Signals will be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner:

Left Turn Hand and arm extended horizontally

Right Turn upper arm extended horizontally and lower arm extended vertically (bent at elbow).

Speeding - A pace that requires both feet of a vehicle to be off the ground at any given instant in order to complete a single stride (also known as running). Movement of a vehicle is not considered excessive speed or speeding when one foot remains in contact with the ground at all times. Speeding is permitted during approved athletic and recreational activities.

Under the Influence - consuming liquids or matter (food) of any kind or form while operating a vehicle. A common example would be drinking from a soda can or eating snacks while operating a vehicle.

Section 2. **DRIVER S LICENSE REQUIRED** Every citizen is required to obtain and maintain a valid American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Driver s License.

Section 3. **OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE** No citizen shall operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug abuse or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug abuse (liquid or food). Consuming from an open container, while operating a vehicle shall be considered under the influence.

Section 4. **SPEED LIMIT** No citizen shall operate a vehicle at a speed, which requires both feet to lose contact with the ground at any given time during the stride of that vehicle (also known as running).

Section 5. **PASSING** All vehicles must give a visible and audible signal to traffic being overtaken and subsequently pass on the left thereof. Traffic being overtaken shall give the way to the right.

Section 6. **DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROADWAY** All vehicles will be driven on the right half of the highway except when passing and overtaking another vehicle.

Section 7. **FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE** A sufficient space (at least one vehicle length) must be maintained between vehicles.

Section 8. **TURN AND STOP SIGNALS** All vehicles must signal an intention to turn or move right or left. No person or vehicle shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of his vehicle without first giving the appropriate signal.

Section 9. **STOP SIGNS** The operator of any vehicle shall stop at all clearly marked stop signs. After a stop, a vehicle may not be moved without due regard for safety of crossing traffic and not before yielding the right of way to traffic not required to stop.

Section 10. **PARKING** A vehicle shall not be stopped on the traveled portion of any highway. Parking is permitted on the berm only. No vehicle travel is permitted on the berm unless said travel is during an approved athletic or recreational activity.

Section 11. **VEHICLE INSPECTION** All vehicles in operation must have a valid Vehicle Inspection Sticker which will be issued by an officer of the Department of Public Safety after said vehicle has successfully completed the standard vehicle inspection and the owner of same has paid the required fee (\$25.00).

Section 12. **PROOF OF INSURANCE** A driver must maintain valid liability insurance whenever he is in operation of a vehicle. The driver must maintain proof of insurance.

Section 13. **VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT** Failure to adhere to the above Traffic Laws shall constitute a violation. Each violation shall be punishable by fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail, up to but not in excess of one half hour (1/2) hour.

Article VIII. **LITTERING**

Section 1. The intentional discarding of paper, soda cans, refuse and trash in a location other than an approved trash container shall be littering.

Section 2. The public display of campaign materials after noon on Wednesday shall be littering.

Section 3.

VIOLATION (S) AND PUNISHMENT Littering shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00 and/or approved community service plus reasonable cost to be assessed by the court. Approved community service is community service that has been reviewed and approved by Staff Legal Advisors and generally consists of mess hall cleanup duty and/or service projects at Jackson's Mill.

Article IX. **HUNTING AND FISHING**

Section 1. Hunting is defined as passing through a grouping of seven trees or more (also known as woods) or placing oneself within 50 feet of a grouping of seven trees or more for a period of greater than (30) seconds.

Section 2.

Fishing is defined as placing oneself within 100 feet of a body of water.

Section 3. Body of water is defined as the West Fork River, any natural or manmade pond or lake to include ornamental ponds and the swimming pool.

Section 4.

A Boys' State Citizen must possess a valid Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license in order to hunt and /or fish within the boundaries of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State. A Boys' State citizen must successfully pass a Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division approved Hunter's Safety Course in order to be eligible to purchase a Hunting or combination Hunting and Fishing license.

Section 5.

The county Clerk of each county is authorized to issue Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license. The cost for a Hunting license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a Fishing license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a combination Hunting and Fishing license shall be \$18.00.

Section 6.

VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT A violation of section 4 of this article is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00 and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail up to but not in excess of one half (1/2) hour.

Article X. **RESISTING ARREST AND FLEEING FROM THE LAW** is not allowed. This is a felony offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$100,00 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail of at least 2 hours but not in excess of 10 hours. Additionally, an individual committing a violation of this article is subject to appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the Boys' State administrative staff (Administrator or Assistant Administrator).

Wednesday's Schedule

6:45 - Reveille and Clean Quarters

7:50 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall.

7:55 - FLAG RAISING

8:00 - Breakfast

NOTE: ALL BOYS STATE LAWS, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, IN EFFECT AND ENFORCED.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ORGANIZED AND WORKING THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF WEEK.

9:00 – 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 advisors 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 staff organized and working

County Boards of Education meet in The Front Room of Dorsey for specialized instruction.

City and County Officials meet at the following locations for specialized instruction

County Commission – West Virginia Building

City Government – Old Picnic Pavilion (across from pool)

Assessor - Kanawha Center

County Clerk – Rotary Pavilion

ALL CITIZENS needing full time employment meet with Employment Opportunity Director and Advisors on Barbour Right Porch to receive employment assignments.

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

12:05 - 12:20 - ALL Citizens in cottages for Inspection preparation.

12:25 - INFORMATION AT DINING HALL

12:30 - LUNCH

1:30 - Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

3:15 – Band Practice in Assembly Hall

3:30 – INAUGURATION in Assembly Hall. Boys State Governor's Address.

4:00 – 5:15 – Law Enforcement and National Guard Scenarios, Athletics and swimming, Band Practice

5:20 – INFORMATION AT DINING HALL

5:25 - Flag Lowering

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)

30 MINUTES AFTER ASSEMBLY ENDS – Law Enforcement, National Guard Scenarios, and Newspaper staff organized and working

Musicians and Performers gather on Marion front porch

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

Athletic Schedule

***Please refer to
page 18 in your
MBS Manual!***