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A Lesson In Fire Safety

Lawson Knisely

The fire chiefs and fire marshal of MBS had a field trip of sorts yesterday. The twelve boys and several chaperones visited the West Virginia State Fire Academy. This institution, which was established in 1931, primarily trains students and firefighters in fire safety and prevention. The fire academy was originally established in Morgantown, WV, and was the first fire training center in the state. The morning began early for the boys. Following breakfast, the boys viewed a presentation by the academy. This PowerPoint presentation addressed the history of the programs and projects of the Academy. It also discussed specifics concerning fire safety, such as fire extinguishers. According to the presentation, there are three types of extinguishers. They are APW (Air Pressured Water), Carbon Dioxide, and Dry Chemical extinguishers. Each of these extinguishers serves a different purpose and is therefore utilized in different situations. Things that seem insignificant, such as the type of fuel, are used to determine what extinguisher will be appropriate to put out the fire. The morning took an exciting turn as the Boys State citizens gained some hands on experience. First, each citizen got to put out a fire using an extinguisher of their choice. The boys then learned about the gear used by firefighters on an everyday basis. This gear included the actual clothing worn by these brave public servants. Later, the citizens toured a fire truck and learned of the tools that were organized on the truck.

In the United States in 2008, fire departments responded to 1,451,500 fires in the United States. Statistics like this make it clear that education concerning fire safety needs to be reformed. The WV State Fire Academy is leading the way and is doing a great job in teaching fire safety in a new and exciting way.



The State Legislation Trip

Matthew Robinson

Yesterday the Board of Public works and all legislators took a field trip to the capitol. The citizens had the opportunity to meet with the governor and speak with him about topics pertaining to West Virginia. They held a legislative session in the House and Senate chambers. All Boys State Citizens on the trip were treated to a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion by the West Virginia Beef Growers Association. It was an enjoyable learning experience and a good day off campus.

College Fair Day

Alderson Broaddus	West Virginia University	Wheeling Jesuit University
Bethany College	WVU ROTC	FBI
Concord University	West Virginia Wesleyan College	West Virginia State Police – No Table (Outside)
Davis & Elkins	WVU Institute of Technology	West Virginia Department of Natural Resources – No Table (Outside)
Fairmont State University	Bridgewater College (VA)	West Virginia Army National Guard – No Table (Outside)
Glenville State College	Wabash College (IL)	United States Marshal Service
Marshall University	West Point US Military Academy - (Army)	
Mountain State University		
University of Charleston		
West Liberty University		

U.S. Magistrate Judge Kaul

Matthew Robinson

Yesterday the U.S. Magistrate Judge Kaul spoke with the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State. In case you were wondering, a United States Magistrate Judge is a federal trial judge appointed to serve in a United States district court for a term of eight years. He or she is appointed by the life-tenured federal judges of a district court, who supervise the activities of the Magistrate Judges by assigning civil cases for jury or non-jury trials. Similar criminal cases are assigned to Magistrate Judges on the consent of the parties, except for the trial of felony cases. Having a Magistrate Judge visit and speak is a great honor and excitement for the citizens.



What About Voter’s Registration?

Jordan Sharps

In order to vote a person must acquire a voter’s registration form. At 18 years of age, all people are allowed to get a form in order to vote. Mountaineer Boys State believes in its citizens and their ability to not only lead, but take the initiative to choose leaders with good judgment. The citizens of Boys State are asked to take registration when they turn 18. Anyone who has an 18th birthday coming up should try to get a voter registration form. One as been attached to the back of this paper. Please fill it out and follow the instructions to mail it in to the Secretary of State.



Boy's State Museum

The museum is now open.
It can be found in the historic area of
Boys State



Mountaineer Military Museum

The museum is now open.
It can be found in Weston, which can be
reached through Rt. 19 just outside of
boys state.



County News

Marion City Council Plans

Alex Morton

Marion has some big plans for their county. Today, Marshall Dodson moved to build a recycling building. This building will hopefully get jobs in the county and cause less crime from citizens in this county. Anthony Montgomery seconded this motion. A professional music hall was also discussed. The Council believes teen influence should be a large factor in this new music hall. Jeffery Swenskie moved to construct a police facility. The meeting was very productive.

ATTENTION!

If a county wants more stories in this paper, the county reporter **MUST** show up to the SLC building with their story, article, or city council minutes. Full time reporters will **NOT** write your stories for you.

Anyone Interested in the Service Academies:

West Point
US Naval Academy
US Air Force Academy
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Coast Guard Academy



Contact: COL Bob Munhall, Ret
USMA Field Force
(724)-612-7614
bob.munhall@att.net

Note:

We apologize for
the incorrect spell-
ing of Bob and
Andrew's names in
the paper.

Be sure to tell him that you attended Mountaineer Boys State.

THE PEOPLE IN GRAY

By Mark Byers, Senior Counselor, Lewis Cottage, 2004
Revised By Betty Ann Williams, Headquarters Director, 2008

By the time you get here, we've been here a day, the people in gray. Some of us started work on this year's program before last year's ended. Some meet at least once a year at a remote location to improve the program to make it a better learning experience for you. Some of us invest a great deal of our personal time to put together programs that attempt to make the complexities of the law and budgets and government a simple, enjoyable experience for you. We do it because of our love of for this program, we do it for you.

Who are we, the people in gray? We're veterans who fought in wars you've only read about. We're lawyers, engineers, teachers, businessmen, bus drivers, technicians, and students. Some of us are high school students only a year older than you are, and some are retired from our jobs. We come from as far away as Illinois, Southern Virginia, Florida, and from as close as Weston and Buckhannon. We take vacation and schedule our early summer around you, so important is your cause. We're volunteers.

The Saturday before you come, we come, the people in gray. Some of us haven't seen each other for a year: each greeting is a family reunion. Old friends who come together for this program and for you, embrace and honor the friendships forged here years or even decades ago. Pleasantries are exchanged, then the business of your week discussed. While you're having a last night with your families and friends, we're working with our Boys' State family to make sure we're ready for you. After the meetings, we eat and visit and catch up on a year's worth of news, knowing that time is precious once you arrive. We vote for the Weston Fire Department Flame Queen with our change. Pizza hut loves the people in gray.

The day you get here, we've been up for hours, the people in gray. Nametags and shirts and medical forms and rosters and blue books and handbooks are stacked and sorted and labeled and ready:

Counselors in cottages stand ready to receive you and your families, our gray shirts fresh to impress upon your parents that you will be in good hands. We receive you in all your forms: on foot, on crutches, in wheelchairs, with special needs or otherwise, there is nothing we cannot handle, even if you forget your physical forms (which you always do). You come in all sizes, colors, and creeds. You come with baggage, both physical and emotional. Some of you have never been away from home before. We answer a thousand questions for the thousandth time. You're silent and shell-shocked. We smile.

During the week, we make your day, the people in gray. We direct, correct, guide, answer, demonstrate, announce, and teach. Forms and ballots and schedules and the things you need each day appear as if by magic. While you're in classes or doing athletics, caucusing, or assembling, we're making sure the next thing you need, will be right when you need it. If you are up at 0600 we are up at 0530 or earlier. If you're in bed at 2400 we're in bed at 0100 or later. If you're tired we're more so. The people in gray will sleep when we get home: right now you're more important.

When you leave, we'll linger, the people in gray. There will be tearful goodbyes fueled by a sense of accomplishment of having taken 400 strangers and molded them into teams of bright young men with a greater knowledge and appreciation for America. You'll be on the road back home and we'll be embracing, relieved that it's over, but not wanting it to end. We drag our feet, trying to get in that one last personal contact that we didn't make because we were busy serving you. We meet at the Wendy's in Weston so we can have those last moments together and to bask in the glow of our love for this program and each other. Eventually we'll say our goodbyes and resolve to return another day... as the people in gray.



Dedicated to the staff members who make the
American Legion Mountaineer Boys State a reality

Friday's Speakers

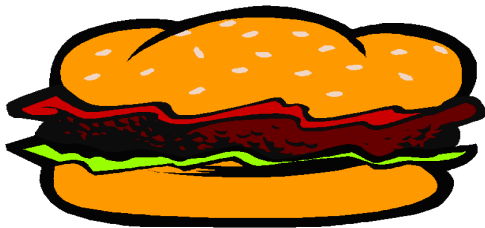


Lunch—Glen Gainer

Dinner—Open

Assembly—Anne Montague “Rosie the Riveter” presentation and Talent Show

Friday's Menu



Breakfast

French Toast
Bacon
Hot and Cold Cereal
Bananas
Apple Juice
Milk

Lunch

Hamburgers
French Fries
Corn
Salad
Popsicles
Lemonade

Dinner

Lasagna
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Salad
Yellow Cake
Iced Tea

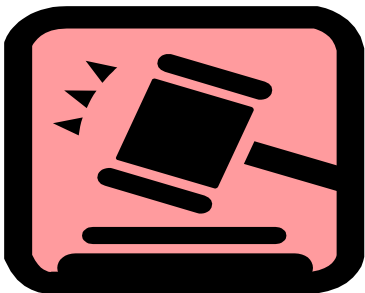
County News

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NOT Guilty

Sam Godby

During the Randolph mock trial yesterday, Reed and Evan were found not guilty of the combined charge of possession and attempt to distribute. Prosecuting Attorney Jacob S. and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney attempted to convince the Jury that there was no possible way to distribute T-shirts without noticing the crack-cocaine, but defense Attorneys Sam M. and Jacob R. were able to convince the Jury that the accused were unaware of the substances presence. When asked to comment on the case, Jacob R. stated: “I think my opposition did a good job. They did their duty of trying to uphold the law, but in the end justice did prevail.” The Honorable Judge Garrett presided over the case, stating: “Both sides argued well; the truth was eventually uncovered.” When asked about the case, defendant Reed had only this to say: “It’s good to be a crack dealer.”



Wednesday Athletic Results



Basketball
Randolph-F
Monroe-F
Lewis-N
Braxton-N

Volleyball
Kanawha-N
Monroe-N
Monongalia
Braxton-F

Ultimate Frisbee
Panhandle-N
Webster
Kanawha-F
Marion-N

Softball
Panhandle-F
Marion-F
Calhoun
Lewis-F

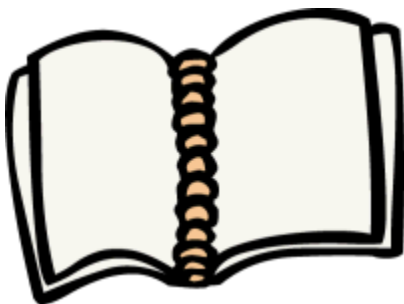
Baseball
Panhandle-Tie
Marion-Tie
Calhoun
Lewis-F

(Apologies for not having these in yesterday’s paper.
Athletic directors, please get results to the SLC asap.)



Athletics Schedule

All athletic schedules can be found on Page 18 of your Boys State Manual.



Friday's Schedule

6:45 - Reveille and clean quarters

7:50 - IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL

7:55 - FLAG RAISING

8:00 - BREAKFAST

9:00 - 12:00 – City, County, State governments, Courts, Boards of Education organized and working (See Thursday A.M. schedule)

Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard organized and working and meeting with Advisors for further instruction

12:05 - 12:20 All Citizens in Cottages for Inspection preparation.

12:25 - IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL

12:30 - LUNCH

1:00 - 3:00 - College/Career Fair at Assembly Hall. Final exam at WV Building. All delegates will attend per this schedule.

1:00 - 2:00 - Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, Webster - Assembly Hall

1:00 - 2:00 - Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, Monongalia - WV Building

2:00 - 3:00 - Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, Webster - WV Building

2:00 - 3:00 - Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, Monongalia - Assembly Hall

3:00 - 5:00 - City, County, State governments, Courts organized and working

Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working State Police, Conservation Officers and National Guard, organized and working, participate in training exercises, available for court appearances

4:00 - 5:00 - Final Talent Show Auditions in WV BUILDING

Band Practice in Assembly Hall

Athletics and Swimming

5:20 - IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL (ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES OFFICIALLY END - Work Product Packets Turned In)

5:25 - Flag Lowering

5:30 - DINNER

6:30 - 7:45 – Athletics and Swimming, Band Practice

8:00 - THE WEST FORK RIVER REVUE

AFTER ASSEMBLY – CITIZENS PROCEED DIRECTLY TO COTTAGES IN FORMATION FOR refreshments, cottage meetings and devotions.

Midnight – ALL citizens in bed and LIGHTS OUT. NO ACTIVITY permitted. Electronic communication device use policy strictly enforced. Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores

West Virginia

- *apply to register to vote in West Virginia
- *change your address or name on your voter record
- *change your political party on your voter record

Note: If available, use black ink & print.

- Box 1.** Give your legal name—(last name, first name, middle or maiden name—no nicknames)
(required)
- Box 2.** Give your birth date—(month/day/year).
(required)
- Box 3.** Enter your driver's license number. If you do not have a driver's license number, enter the last four numbers of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license number or a social security number, an identification number will be assigned to you. If this form is submitted by mail & it is the first time you have registered to vote in this county, you **MUST** submit a copy of a current and valid ID with this application or at the polls the first time you vote. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:
- (1) A copy of a current & valid photo ID with current residence address *or*
 - (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current residence address.

- Box 4.** Provide residence & mailing addresses. If the address where you live does not include a street name & number, describe where you live by giving a road number, intersection, or landmark to help identify your precinct. For military, overseas, or students, list your military / school address as your mailing address & your legal West Virginia address for the residence address. Provide a mailing address if it is different than where you live.
- Box 5.** Mark if you live within city limits.
- Box 6.** Give the telephone number where you can be reached during the day.
- Box 7.** Circle "M" for male or "F" for female.
- Box 8.** Mark the party of your choice, list another party on the line provided, or mark the "No Party Choice" box. (Please note: mark "No Party Choice" if you wish to be an "independent" or no party.) You may vote a party primary ballot only if you are registered with that party. However, some parties may allow voters who are not registered with their party to vote their party's ballot upon request.
- Box 9.** Check if this is a new registration, a name/address change, or a party change.

Go to www.WVvotes.com or
CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-SOS-VOTE
West Virginia Secretary of State

You may register at any time. In order to vote in an election, you must be registered twenty-one (21) days before that election.

Provide all required information (1, 2, 3, 4 & 10) before mailing form to county clerk.

- Box 10.** Check applicable boxes & sign your name if you meet these requirements. Signature must match the name given in Box 1. Note: It is a felony to sign this form if you know you do not meet the requirements listed in Box 10.
- Box 11.** If you were registered before, enter your full name & complete address as they were on your last registration.

Motor Voter registrants please note: If you decline to register to vote, your decision will remain confidential. When you register to vote, your information will remain confidential and may be used only for voter registration purposes.

1.	LASTNAME: FIRSTNAME: MIDDLE OR MAIDEN NAME:	2.	BIRTHDATE:	3.	DRIVER'S LICENSE # If no driver's license, submit SOC. SEC. LAST 4 #'S XXX-XX- I do not have a driver's license # or a social security #.	REGENT
4.	GIVE THE ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE OR THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF WHERE YOU LIVE:	COUNTY WHERE YOU LIVE:				VOTERID:
5.	LIST YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS HERE: (ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP)	5.	<input type="checkbox"/> I live within city limits.	6.	DAYTIME PHONE:	D CONFIRMATION
8.	PARTY CHOICE - CHECK ONE BOX If a party choice is NOT marked, you will be listed as having No Party Choice <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOCRAT <input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> NO PARTY CHOICE (Mark here if you wish to be an "Independent" or no party) <input type="checkbox"/> REPUBLICAN <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PARTY			7.	GENDER: Circle One <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	DATE RECEIVED:
Please Note: for an application to be complete, boxes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, including the signature box, MUST be completed.						
10.	Voter Declaration - I swear or affirm that: READ AND CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY: <input type="checkbox"/> I am NOT currently under conviction, probation or parole for a felony, treason or election bribery; <input type="checkbox"/> I have NOT been judged mentally incompetent in a court of competent jurisdiction; <input type="checkbox"/> YES I live in West Virginia at the above address; <input type="checkbox"/> YES I am a United States citizen; and <input type="checkbox"/> YES I am at least 18 years old or am 17 years old and will be 18 years old on or before the next general election. <input type="checkbox"/> YES I would like to be a pollworker.			SIGN YOUR NAME IN THE SPACE BELOW: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Name Middle (Maiden Name) Last Name </div> <p>WARNING: If this statement is untrue and you sign it, you will be guilty of a felony and upon conviction can be fined up to \$5,000.00 and/or jailed up to three (3) years.</p>		
II. Name and Address of Last Voter Registration Name _____ Street _____ City _____ County _____ State _____				REGENT		

You can find more information about your voter's registration and voting at the Secretary of State's Office's Voter Information Center at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter-information-center/Pages/default.aspx>