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Γoday's Speaker will be:

Shelly Moore Capito.



June 13, 2014



Be sure to check out MBS online!

Announcements and Headlines

3 Children Dead in Bus Accident For further details see pg.

Embezzlement? All details on pg 2.



Legislative Trip to Charleston

By Jacob Evans

Thursday, June 12, 2014, the legislative and executive branches of Boys State made the long trip down to the state capital in Charleston. These citizens were bused down to the capital early in the morning to get a head start on the great day before them.

As soon as they arrived, the citizens met at the House of Representatives. They then discussed the plans for the day. After they talked about their schedule, they broke up into two groups and went to the Senate and House. They then spent 3 hours passing legislation in both places. They had a one hour lunch break in the Capitol rotunda. They then spent another 3 hours passing legislation before setting off to come back to the mill.

In conclusion, this trip down to the capital was a great experience for all the Boys State citizens involved. They learned valuable information about the workings of the House and Senate of the state. This trip most likely motivated some of the citizens to becoming a member of the West Virginia State Senate or House of Representatives.

Bank President, Salem, Accused of Embezzlement

By Dakota Roach, Staff Reporter

Bank President Omar Salem accused of two charges of embezzlement from the boys state bank. The allegations began Tuesday morning and while interviewing Omar himself his words were, "I am not guilty." Omar also said the following when asked about the chanting during dinner, "I felt harassed and so yeah... We will see how it goes..." Omar and his Attorney have refused to answer any self-incriminating questions about the case, but, the Governor of Boys state has issued the following statement.



"Citizens of Boys State,

Many of you have had brought to your attention the allegations the state is filing toward Omar Salem. Although Mr. Salem maintains and has chosen to exercise his right to not comment on the allegations towards him, my office sees this tactic as a way for Mr. Salem to avoid self-incrimination.

At this time we do not see Mr. Salem as an imminent threat to the security of our 51st state, and as your governor, I ask that you all express your support for our judicial process and refrain from letting anything get out of hand.

My office is working diligently to ensure that justice is served just as I have ensured my service to you all.

BREAKING NEWS UPDATE!

Omar Salem was arrested at approx. 2:40pm and was released on PR bond. His Circuit Trial is set before dinner Thursday and will be appealed to the Supreme Court as fast as possible.

Menu for Friday							
BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER					
FRENCH TOAST	HAMBURGERS	MEAT LOAF					
SYRUP	BUNS	MASHED POTATOES					
BACON	CHEESE	GRAVY					
HOT AND COLD CEREAL	CONDITMENTS	PEAS & CARROTS					
BANANAS	VEG. BEANS	HOT ROLLS					
JUICE	APPLESAUCE	SALAD					

Anyone interested in getting a FREE hunting permit, WMA, go to the DNR in the EEC building in the morning.

Salem was arrested on the charge of federal embezzlement. For further info, see Chase Loving.



Kate Koscis was kidnapped on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. **\$50,000 Reward** for any information that leads to an arrest.

Formal Review

By Jacob Evans

The Mountaineer Boys State's prestigious Formal Review was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. The 13 counties marched in perfect sync with the band while they honored the staff, crowd, and state. Each cottage put forward their best to march in unison and show the utmost respect for our staff and the work they have put in throughout the week.

After the main parade concluded, the cottages assembled in the livestock area to for an assembly. Guest speakers consisted of Buddy Curnutte who spoke of the "Rosie the Riveters" and what they had accomplished in WWII. The other speaker was the only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor in WV, Woody Williams. Also included were ceremonies and applauses for all veterans in the building. All in all, the ceremony portrayed

excellency and represented the Mountaineer Boys State and the progress the program has made throughout the past 77 years.

Medal of Honor – Sonja Adkins



Thank you Nicholas O'Donnell for understanding what the Medal of Honor is all about. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. lt is generally presented to its recipient by the President of the United States of America in the name of Congress.

On December 9, 1861, Iowa Senator James W. Grimes

introduced S. No. 82 in the United States Senate, a bill designed to "promote the efficiency of the Navy" by authorizing the production and distribution of "medals of honor." On December 21st, the bill was passed, authorizing 200 such medals be produced "which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, land men, and maries as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war (Civil War)." Medal of Honor was born.

Two months later, on February 17, 1862, Massachusetts Senator Henry Wilson introduced a similar bill, this one to authorize "the president to distribute medals to privates in the Army of the United States who shall distinguish themselves in battle." Over the following months, working changed slightly as the bill made its way through Congress. When President Abraham Lincoln signed S.J.R. No. 82 on July 12, 1862, the Army Medal of Honor was born. It read in part: Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause two hundred thousand "medals of honor to be prepared with suitable emblematic devices, and to direct that the same be presented, in the name of the Congress, to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier – like qualities, during the present insurrection (Civil War)."

With this simple and rather obscure act, Congress created a unique award that would achieve prominence in American history like few others.

For more information, go to www.cmohs.org/medal-history.php.

Calhoun Cottage News

Braden Barr

The end of this wonderful Mountaineer Boys State experience is now coming to a slow end as we are dawning on the final days the Calhoun cottage is still striving for excellence and have had a near perfect inspection rate this week. Overall, three of the days this week the Calhoun cottage has had a perfect inspection grade. Additionally, an investigation has went under way within the state police involving one of our cottage members; supposedly he had started a fire in Gilmer cottage.

SCHEDULES

Your schedule can be found on page 18 of your manual.

Your athletic schedules can be found on page 20 of your manual.

The West Fork River revue will be held at 8:00 tonight.

Circuit Court sessions will be at 1:15 today.

City Council Information

-Trenton Barnhart

The City Council members from all 13 cottages met at the Old Pavilion to conduct their first meeting. The lead speaker at the meeting was former Morgantown Mayor Mr. Ron Justice. Mr. Justice served from 2002-2009 as the Mayor of Morgantown, he explained how City Council meetings are conducted at Mountaineer Boys State and in the political sector. All City Councils will be required to meet on five separate issues. The councils may also convene about any additional issue motioned via either Councilman or an organized citizen's delegation or delegator. During Wednesday morning's initial City Council session, the councils collaborated in a mock council session. The trial was used as an introductory example of how a City Council operates on a daily basis. At the end of the meeting, all councils were required to sign-up for an inspection. This inspection will be directed by a Boys State

Counselor. The counselor will grade the respective City Councils on their ability to conduct business in public forums and closed sessions.

Pat McCune - CONSOL Energy

Pat McCune is Director of State External Affairs for CONSOL Energy. In that capacity, he is responsible for CONSOL's government, public and community affairs for West Virginia and Ohio

Mr. McCune grew up in Weirton. WV. He is a former Hancock County Commissioner as well as an elected State Senator representing WV's 1rst Senatorial District.

Mr. McCune has spent the majority of his professional career representing corporations in the public affairs arena. He has worked in various external affairs positions for Consolidated Coal, DuPont and Norfolk Southern Railroad,

From 1999 through 2010, Mr. McCune ran his own public and government relations firm. McCune & Associates represented the interests of corporations and business trade groups in the tri-state area of West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

McCune is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University. He resides with his wife, Marijo, in Powell, Ohio. He has two children: Annie, a Dr. of Audiology in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Jimmy, a graduate student at Ohio State University.



Inspire West Virginia

We are excited to introduce Inspire West Virginia to you! We are a brand new nonpartisan organization that helps young leaders improve their communities and strengthen our democracy.

We know that there are hundreds of high school students in West Virginia who already have the inspiration needed to keep our state strong and build to an even better future, our goal is to introduce them to each other and help them turn that inspiration into action.

Our programming starts this July with our inaugural High School <u>Leadership Academy</u> held at Marshall University from July 15th through July 17th. At the academy, students develop effective leadership skills, learn to build a team, and cultivate the knowledge and abilities needed to be a leader who gets things done in their community.

After the Academy, students commit to what we call "The Inspired Year." This yearlong program provides students the opportunity to become more involved in their communities by collaborating with classmates

to lead civic action projects, organize voter registration efforts at their schools, and learn first-hand how our democracy should work with in depth and fun trainings and simulations.

Along the way, students develop lifelong friendships, demonstrate their leadership abilities, and prove that all it takes is a little inspiration to improve our state.



West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick was elected in 2012 and assumed office January 14, 2013. He is a Webster County native and graduated from Webster Springs High School. He earned a B.A. Degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology, and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute, Hobart Technical Center, Lincoln Welding School, and Mendenhall School of Auctioneering.

He taught welding for five years at Pocahontas County High School before being elected to the Pocahontas County Board of Education. He then served nearly 10 years as President of the Pocahontas County Commission. Advancing to the state level, he won his bid for a seat in the House of Delegates where he served one year

before being appointed to fill an unexpired term in the West Virginia Senate.

As a member of the Senate, he held several leadership positions, including eight years as Chair as of the Finance Committee. He was also appointed Chair of the Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance, the Committee on Military and Public Safety, and the DNR Committee. He sat on numerous committees including Education, Industry and Mining, Military, and Agriculture, where he was a representative voice for rural families and farmers.

Commissioner Helmick has also been active in the business community as owner of H & S Welding Supply, Home Health Supply and Snowshoe Ski Resort's Mountaintop Athletic Club. He operates a natural spring water bottling company on his 200-acre farm in Minnehaha Springs, Pocahontas County, with his wife, Rita, a lawyer and former teacher.



Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito proudly serves the people of West Virginia's Second Congressional District, where she represents a diverse constituency stretching from the Ohio River Valley to the state's Eastern Panhandle.

Shelley believes that the challenges of our day demand bipartisan solutions and works with her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance legislation that benefits West Virginia. She has been a tireless advocate for a range of policies that directly impact West Virginians, including energy independence, quality health care, safe highways, national security, and veterans' issues.

She also represents her constituents on two important committees in the House of Representatives. Shelley is a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee, which will lead the way on a new highway bill during the 113th Congress. She is also a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee, where she is the chairwoman of the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee.

Shelley, a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, is committed to being accessible and responsive to the people of the Mountain State. When Congress is not in session, Shelley regularly travels her 17-county district to meet with West Virginians.

Born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle, Shelley lives in Charleston with her husband, Charles L. Capito. They have three children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Katie), and one daughter, Shelley. They have also been blessed with a grandson and a granddaughter.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest

Every year, the American Legion holds the Oratorical Contest. The contest involves students giving memorized speeches about the Constitution. Those students are then given the opportunity to advance to regionals, states, and finally nationals. Their advancement is dependent on the interpretation of their speech of a random amendment selected by judges. The students who place in the top three of the nation win \$18,000 (1st), \$16,000 (2nd), and \$14,000 (3rd). Even if students do not advance to the finals, they are still given the opportunity to win money. This is a great chance to earn money for college or spending.

-Trey Westerfeld (2013 Citizen)

THREE CHILDREN DEAD IN BUS ACCIDENT

Three elementary students and a bus driver were killed in a bus accident in the Gilmer/Calhoun area. This accident was caused by failing brakes on the school bus. The cause of the failing brakes were the result of a break in at the local bus garage and tampering with the brakes. Lack of security maybe? Everything is being done to insure future safety for the buses. Continue reading The Mountaineer for further details.

-This is a Scenario in Gilmer/Calhoun Cottages

Random Storm Hits Boys State

A freak storm swept over Boys State around 4:44 and caused for emergency protocols to be enacted, I asked some of the counselors, administrators, and our very own governor about the incident and how we reacted to it. Steve Sluss, the political director for Boys State, stated they had been preparing and watching for the storm all afternoon, he said that the best and most efficient idea was to send all the civilians to the dining hall rather than the cottages, he also said he felt that the operation went over very well. Mel Willams, Legal Advisor for Boys State, says it was a superb action evacuation and couldn't have gone much better. Rebecca Kocsis, Headquarter/ Journalism Staff, Says the DHQ evacuated immediately upon hearing the announcement over the radio. She also said there was no

panic, because the Boy State staff have had similar experiences in the past that essentially helped them prepare for this situation. Lastly, I spoke to Governor Dante McCarroll Jr. who said the Boys State Civilians handled the situation smoothly and adult-like. He said although it got a little rowdy and loud, which was to be expected, it still ran very smooth and he is proud of the Boys State citizens for their approach to the situation. The storm flew by fairly quickly, with the exception of a light rain which covered the Boys State citizens as they marched through the formal review parade.

Dakota Roach

Gilmer Cottage Fire

Gilmer cottage was awoken with a surprise as a fire supposedly lit up in the "second District A-B corner of the cottage. The approximate time of the fire was roughly 9:30. A Boys State hand manual was found burnt underneath the bed of Joshua Smith with burn marks on the bed itself. Cody Young suffered a severe burn injury to the right arm, the only known injury in the fire. The incident is being suspected as an arson attempt and Brody Eggert has been placed under arrest and awaiting trial for the case. No more information is available at this time.

- -Dakota Roach, Staff Reporter
- -This is a scenario in the Gilmer/Calhoun Cottage

Lyrics to TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun

From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky All is well, safely rest God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright From afar, drawing near Falls the night. Thanks and praise for our days Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky As we go, this we know

God is nigh.



Ryan Streets gets convicted during Braxton-Panhandle Trial -Trenton Barnhart

The Braxton-Panhandle Circuit Court Trial was held Thursday morning in the West Virginia building. The defendant, Ryan Streets was tried and convicted of Driving under the influence. Streets was defended by defense attorney Joshua Carder. The Prosecuting Attorney was Seth Underwood, and he gave the opening statement. Several witnesses were called to the stand and questioned on the subject of the accident. Then, the defendant was called to the stand to be questioned. The turning point was when Mr. Streets was asked by the Prosecuting Attorney "Are you 100% sure that you did not consume any alcohol right before the crash?" Mr. Streets replied, "Do I have to answer that question?" He eventually said, "No I'm not sure". After the case was presented, the Jurors adjourned to come to a verdict. The Jury unanimously voted the defendant guilty as charged. The defendant was sentenced to rehabilitation and some jail time that has yet to be announced.

Dining Hall Schedule for Friday, June 13, 2014

Right Entrance: Upshur, Harrison, Kanawha, Lewis

Center Entrance: Marion, Randolph, Monroe, Webster, Barbour

Left Entrance: Panhandle, Gilmer, Calhoun, Braxton







The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



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