

# THE MOUNTAINEER

## Appointed Positions Dismissed

By Luis Neer

Several members of Governor Carlo Perri's appointed cabinet were dismissed Wednesday following discussions questioning the necessity of certain departments.

I was appointed by Gov. Perri to Secretary of the Department of Education & the Arts; I, along with numerous other citizens in Panhandle Cottage (where Perri and I are both tenants), had spoken on this after he won the Nationalist primary, before the general election, while I was running for House of Delegates. That night, Carlo Perri won Governor and I got into the House. Morale in Panhandle was substantially high Wednesday morning.

When the full roster for elected positions was announced, however, I realized my name was gone from the list of Panhandle delegates and I went to a counselor to ask about the omission.

He said, "You were appointed. Talk to Carlo."

I nodded and went over to talk to Carlo.

"Am I Secretary of Arts and Ed?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said, "you have some positions to appoint."

He read off a list and we went to breakfast.

After eating, I found myself in a room full of chairs in the basement of Jackson's Lodge. I talked about literature with David Schwartz, the appointed Secretary of the Department of Revenue, while we waited for further instruction. When Governor Perri appeared with several other state officials in tow, we walked into a different room which also was full of chairs.

Counselors addressed Perri on several subjects, including the trip to the Capitol today, before turning to me and some other appointed officers and asking something to the nature of "Who are you guys?"

We recited our positions.

Evidently, it has actually been a rare thing for these state offices to be filled; in the past, these positions have generally only been utilized by Boys State classes exceeding four hundred. I clearly would not be appointing anyone to anything.

There was a great deal of radio chatter and furrowed eyebrows. The Secretaries of [insert office here] sat with ankles

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## Panhandle Cabin Report

*By Roger McDiffitt*

So far this week Panhandle's greatest success has come through the state election. Panhandle is represented by our new Boys State Governor! Andy Orellana deserves a big round of applause with his victory for Secretary of State. Sports have been up and down for Panhandle but were always looking to improve. We were also honored by having a perfect score during inspection Monday. It is my pleasure to represent Panhandle, along with Gus Schmitd, as the newspapers coeditors. We're are also joined by a Panhandle native, Luis Neer, who is a staff reporter.



## Harrison Cottage Report

*By Tyler Hilbert*

I am happy to report that the Harrison Cottage is having a great week! Every day this week Harrison cottage has received 100% for every morning inspection. Harrison and Upshur teamed up for sports and made quite a duo, Monday Harrison won in Sand Volleyball, Tuesday we won in basketball, and sand volleyball. Harrison cottage is very organized and well managed. Our cabin is proud to see Joshua Campbell as our State Auditor. We get to bed on time every night and as soon as we wake up we're ready to clean our cottage and rack up those perfect cabin scores!

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crossed, waiting for a verdict. It was then decided that we would leave these positions and go back to our old jobs.

"Wait," I said, "my position in the House was filled when I took this job. The guy got bumped up from, like, city council. I think."

Someone said, "You could do city council, if you want."

I said, "I was a reporter before all this."

"Was it full-time?"

"Yeah."

"You should be there, then."

"Right."

Governor Perri said, "Sorry about this, man."

I said, "It's alright, man," and went back to the newspaper, back to the computer, typed these words.

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## WV Attorney General Patrick Morrisey



Patrick Morrisey was elected as the Attorney General for the State of West Virginia on November 6, 2012, and was sworn into office on January 14, 2013. Patrick Morrisey is the first Republican to serve as Attorney General in West Virginia since 1933, and as a resident of Harpers Ferry, Morrisey is also the first Attorney General from Jefferson County in our state's history.

Since becoming Attorney General, Morrisey has made fighting fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption a top priority of the Office. Shortly after taking office, he instituted a new policy for hiring outside counsel that has dramatically increased transparency and saved the state more than \$4 million. He also voluntarily returned approximately \$16.5 million in settlement money to the state and has brought in several millions to state agency clients.

In 2014, Attorney General Morrisey called on the West Virginia Legislature to do thorough audits and performance reviews of all state agencies to help detect any abuse of taxpayer dollars. Morrisey has been a staunch advocate of fundamental reforms to reshape our state's economic climate and help West Virginia reach its potential.

In addition, the Office has worked to fight federal overreach by filing amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court on a number of issues, ranging from protecting the Second Amendment to defending state jobs and our valuable energy resources.

Morrisey also has strengthened the Office's Consumer Protection Division, enabling it to vigorously enforce the state's laws and proactively educate citizens about scams and ways to their identities.

In practice since 1992, Morrisey worked on many high profile health care matters prior to serving as Attorney General, and possesses a broad array of experience on regulatory issues, Medicare, Medicaid, policy, fraud and abuse investigations, legislative matters, strategic counseling, and legal and policy challenges to federal statutes and regulations.

Between 1999 and 2004, Morrisey served as the Deputy Staff Director and Chief Health Care Counsel to the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, helping draft and negotiate major legislation, including the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 and the Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Act of 2002.

Morrisey served as the principal liaison for the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee on health care issues to the White House, the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Morrisey graduated with honors from Rutgers College in 1989 earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in history and political science. He received a juris doctor from Rutgers Law School-Newark in 1992.

A product of a working-class family, Morrisey is married and has a 16-year-old stepdaughter.

## Medal of Honor Recipient Woody Williams



Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, 21st Marines,  
3rd Marine Division

The first time the five foot six, nineteen-year-old Hershel “Woody” Williams tried to join the Marines, in the fall of 1942, he was too short. The second time he tried, a few months later, he wasn’t: The Corps relaxed its height requirements. He immediately enlisted. He was sent to the Pacific with the 3rd Marine Division and placed in a flamethrower/demolition unit.

Williams took part in the invasion of Guam, which seemed horrific – until he was sent to

Iwo Jima the following year. The beach area in Guam was clear and relatively undefended, and the Marines could advance into the jungle. At Iwo, all the jungle cover had been blown away, and the beach became a slaughterhouse.

His company was supposed to hit the beach on February 20, 1945, but there were so many Marines stuck on the beachhead that there was no place for them. They finally landed the next day, even though the Marines were still backed up, unable to advance. The island’s volcanic ash was so porous that it was impossible to dig foxholes or create cover, and the Americans, exposed to enemy fire, were taking huge casualties. Williams’ unit had landed with six flamethrower men and had lost them all in two days without advancing more than fifty yards. Morale was plummeting.

On February 23, Williams suddenly heard Marines shouting and firing their weapons in the air. Looking up, he saw that the American flag had been raised on Mount Suribachi. Spurred on by the sight, his company surged forward and finally advanced, crossing the first airfield and assaulting the enemy.

The Japanese defenses were organized around pillboxes of reinforced concrete arranged in pods of three, connected by a system of tunnels. Acting Sergeant Williams saw the

American tanks wallowing impotently in the soft volcanic sand. With covering fire from four riflemen, he strapped on a flamethrower and went after the pillboxes. Over the next four hours, he moved through intense enemy fire to assault one Japanese position after another. He climbed on top of one pillbox and stuck the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the soldiers inside and silencing the machine gun. When enemy soldiers from another pillbox fixed their bayonets and charged him, he killed them all with a burst of flame from his weapon. He repeatedly returned to his own lines to get new flamethrowers or pick up satchel charges, which he tossed into the pillboxes he had disabled. Finally, an opening in the Japanese lines was created, enabling the Marines to advance.

### **Fridays Agenda for Webster and Barbour’s Board of Education:**

**9:00 am- 9:45 am Full Board Meeting (Statewide)**

**10:00 am – 10:10 am General Discussion**

**10:10 am -10:30 am Budgeting**

When Williams' company was taken off the line a week and a half later, only seventeen of the 279 men who had hit the beach with the company had not been killed or wounded.

After the battle of Iwo Jima, Williams went back to Guam as part of the Marine force training for the invasion of Japan, which was unnecessary after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On October 5, 1945, he was ordered to Washington to receive the Medal of Honor. The moment President Harry Truman placed it around his neck, he resolved to consider himself the medal's caretaker for the Marines who didn't come home from Iwo Jima.

**CITATION:** For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Quick to volunteer his services when our tanks were maneuvering vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the network of reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines, and black volcanic sands, Cpl. Williams daringly went forward alone to attempt the reduction of devastating machinegun fire from the unyielding positions. Covered only by 4 riflemen, he fought desperately for 4 hours under terrific enemy small-arms fire and repeatedly returned to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain serviced flamethrowers, struggling back, frequently to the rear of hostile emplacements, to wipe out 1 position after another. On 1 occasion, he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants and silencing the gun; on another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strong points encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Cpl. Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

## Matt Sampson, Marion County

*By Caleb Estep*

In Marion County, Senior Counselor, Matthew Sampson, has taken great steps to form a sense of fellowship and unity within his cabin. Counselor Sampson (who has an academic background in geography) placed a map of West Virginia on the wall of his cabin on the first day. He had his 36 citizens place their names and where they were from on the map. Counselor Sampson has utilized this brilliant idea for the past five years. This year, his genius has shone through yet again when he had all the citizens put their names next to their location on the map.

This year in the Marion cabin, there was an unusually high amount of high schools duplicated (six). Additionally, there is a very high population of people from the Clarksburg / Fairmont area and the Northern Panhandle. Truly, Boys State citizens are blessed to have such caring and involved counselors.



## Douglas L. Flohr, Colonel, US Army (ret)



Douglas Flohr served honorably in the United States Army for over 28 years. He was commissioned in the Infantry, and served in numerous command and staff positions including, Assistant Professor of Military Science at West Virginia University, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Colonel (Retired) Flohr completed multiple tours within Ranger Training Brigade as a battalion and brigade operations officer, and as both battalion and brigade commander.

During his most recent deployment to Iraq, he served as the personal military advisor to the Commander of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command (IGFC).

His most recent assignment was as the Director, Biometrics Center of Excellence in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Doug Flohr's education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, a Master of Arts degree in Education from West Virginia University, and Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, the Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Doug has been married to the former Christina Boyce for over thirty years. They have three children and one grandchild. Doug is an American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Graduate.



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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries:** Today is a good day to meet someone new! You might never talk to them again, but it's worth a shot. Probably. Maybe... On second thought, it might be best to just stick with what you know.

**Taurus:** Seek your fortune at Boys State today! There are plenty of ways to make money in addition to your salary! Rob the bank! Kidnap the Governor and hold him for ransom! Extort funds from your fellow citizens! Whatever it takes to reach the top. Greed is good.

**Gemini:** The sun shines brightly upon you today. Almost too brightly. Suspiciously bright. Maybe the sun is watching you. Trying to poison you with its galactic radiation. Killing off the Gemini race slowly and surely with a malicious plague of skin cancer. Make sure you wear sunscreen. At least SPF 200.

**Cancer:** In an ironic twist, you are now immune to all forms of cancer for 24 hours! Go wild and crazy. Nothing can kill you! Except everything besides cancer.

**Leo:** You know those 8 spiders a year you eat in your sleep? Well they add up, and they're plotting a pretty dramatic escape. Look out.

**Virgo:** Your parents miss you. Why haven't you called? Are you okay? Are you making friends? Are you even still alive? Who knows?

**Libra:** You're stuck in a dream. This is the only way we could reach you. Everything you are experiencing is a figment of your imagination. You have to escape.

**Scorpio:** Generosity and selflessness are key for your success. Donate all of your salary to the ALMBS Newspaper. According to the stars, they need it more than you. For newspaper stuff. Important newspaper stuff. Trust the stars.

**Sagittarius:** Roger. You are the chosen one. Without you, Sagittarius will fall like a house of cards in the ever blowing wind. Take charge today and lead us into a bright new future. A future without sketchy mac and cheese.

**Capricorn:** Look at your hands. Aren't they weird? I don't know, man. But my hands are totally weirding me out right now. Just look at them. Do we ever really even look at anything anymore? Hands. Weird.

**Aquarius:** Beware. It's coming.

**Pisces:** YOU'RE THE ONE MILLIONTH READER AND YOU'VE JUST WON A BRAND NEW CAR!!! STOP BY GHQ TO REDEEM THIS OFFER!!!

*By: the Stars and Other Cosmic Powers*

*Translation: Gus Schmidt, Coeditor.*

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## ***ALMBS LAND AND TAX SALE!!!***

Tonight after dinner, there will be a State sponsored auction of land for all Boys State Citizens. This land can be used for whatever purposes the purchaser chooses. The options are endless.

There will be many valuable plots of land available, including:



- Monongalia County Cabin and surrounding land (starting at \$380)
- The entire 8.12 acre athletic field in the center of camp (starting at \$203)
- The historical buildings, land, and pond near the General Store (starting at \$661.50)
- The West Virginia Building and surrounding land (starting at \$425)

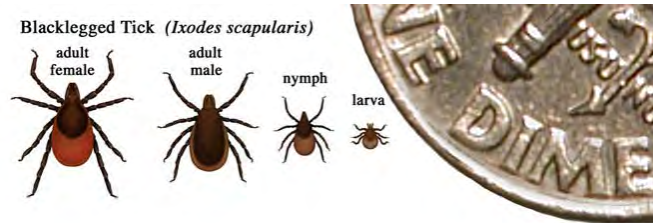
In addition to land payments, all successful land purchases include a \$35 assessor's fee.

The sale will be held on the front porch of the dining hall directly after the evening meal. Be there or be square.

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## Tick Warning



According to the CDC there are a few things individuals can do to prevent tick bites.

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

- Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks
- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails.

### Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within 2 hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks. (Some research suggests that shorter drying times may also be effective, particularly if the clothing is not wet.)

CDC.gov (2015). Preventing Tick Bites on People. Retrieved from:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on\\_people.html](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on_people.html)

*Alexander Bradley  
Popovich  
Defense Attorney*



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Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton F vs. Monroe N  
(Monroe N won)

Lewis F vs. Upshur/Harrison N  
(Lewis F won by forfeit)

Barbour/Webster F vs. Monroe F  
(Barbour/Webster F won)

Kanawha N vs. Randolph N  
(Tie)

Sand Volleyball

Barbour/Webster F vs. Upshur/Harrison N  
(Upshur/Harrison won)

Lewis N vs. Randolph N  
(Randolph N won)

Webster/Barbour vs. Panhandle N  
(Panhandle N won by forfeit)

Kanawha F vs. Gilmer/Calhoun F  
(Gilmer/Calhoun F won by forfeit)

Softball

Calhoun/Gilmer N vs. Kanawha F  
(Calhoun/Gilmer N won)

Marion N vs. Randolph F  
(Marion N won)

Braxton N vs. Monroe N  
(Monroe N won)

Lewis N vs. Harrison/Upshur F  
(Lewis N won)

Basketball

Gilmer/Calhoun F vs. Panhandle N  
(Gilmer/Calhoun F won)

Marion F vs. Webster/Barbour N  
(Marion F won)

Calhoun/Gilmer N vs. Panhandle F  
(Calhoun/Gilmer N won)

Marion N vs. Harrison/Upshur N  
(Harrison/Upshur N won)

Volleyball

Monroe F vs. Panhandle F  
(Panhandle F won)

Braxton N vs. Kanawha N  
(Braxton N won)

Lewis F vs. Randolph F  
(Randolph F won)

Braxton F vs. Marion F  
(Marion F won)

Ultimate Frisbee

Marion F vs. Braxton N  
(Marion F won)

Panhandle F vs. Randolph F  
(Panhandle F won)

Calhoun/Gilmer F vs. Lewis N  
(Lewis won by forfeit)

Calhoun/Gilmer N vs. Harrison/Upshur N  
(Calhoun/Gilmer N won)

Basketball

Braxton F vs. Kanawha N  
(Braxton F won)

Barbour/Webster F vs. Randolph N  
(Barbour/Webster F won)

Lewis F vs. Monroe N  
(Lewis F won)

Upshur/Harrison F vs. Kanawha F  
(Upshur/Harrison won)

Sand Volleyball

Upshur/Harrison F vs. Calhoun/Gilmer N  
(Upshur/Harrison F won)

Lewis N vs. Panhandle N  
(Panhandle N won)

Marion N vs. Panhandle F  
(Panhandle F won)

Marion F vs. Monroe F  
(Marion F won)

Softball

Monroe F vs. Gilmer/Calhoun F  
(Monroe F won)

Webster/Barbour N vs. Lewis F  
(Lewis F won by forfeit)

Braxton F vs. Randolph N  
(Randolph N won)

Braxton N vs. Barbour/Webster F  
(Barbour/Webster F won)

Volleyball

Monroe N vs. Marion N (Marion N won)

Harrison/Upshur N vs. Kanawha F (tied game)

Panhandle N vs. Randolph F (Randolph F won)

Kanawha N vs. Webster/Barbour N (Kanawha N won)

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## Marion Cottage Report

*By: Bradon Stern*

Marion Cottage is well on its way to becoming the best cottage. If you asked a resident what they thought of our cottage they would tell you that we are the best around.

Tuesday night after the state election was over and the votes were being counted for our city and county positions, a resident brought up a live streaming of the Cavaliers and Warriors game. If you heard loud ohh's and ahh's Tuesday night, that is where they were coming from. The residents were very pleased with the game as shown with their enthusiasm and screaming.

There is also a rumor floating around our cabin that Joel, one of our cabin counselors, is in fact Stephen Curie. Every time he disappeared, Curie was in the game. However, when he came back, Curie wasn't in the game. Coincidence? Our Cottage seems to not think so.

Our election ran smoothly and everyone is pleased with the position in which they got elected. Oh and watch out for our strict sheriff and deputies because the laws of Marion cottage will not be ignored. The sheriff has put up stop signs in the front of our porch where there is a three way stop, so be aware. They will be watching.

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### Men of Tomorrow

*Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig*

#### VERSE

Some day the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold  
To solve the problems great or small and we'll be enrolled  
For service to our fellowmen, and we won't be afraid,  
We're training now for service, then we'll lead the big parade.

#### CHORUS

Oh, we're the . . .  
Men of Tomorrow, we march along in happy ranks today.  
We never borrow a bit of care or grief along the way.  
Gladly we're learning the things a good American should know.  
Gladly we're yearning to chart the way a patriot should go.  
    With lessons done, objectives won  
    Good citizens we'll be;  
    We'll proudly stand in our home land  
    When Mountaineers are free,  
Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,  
Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all American boys.

### MENU

#### BREAKFAST

Jiffy, Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

Tacos, Applesauce, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Salsa, Cheddar Cheese, Fried Rice, Churros, Milk

#### DINNER

Rotini, Corn, Garlic Bread, Salad, Chocolate Cake, Fresh Fruit, Milk