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Announcements

Welcome, our Governor!
Governor Tomblin will be our dinner speaker for this evening!

Attention Webster and Barbour cottages

There will be a county Board of Education meeting from 4:00 to 5:00 today. Campers from these cottages are encouraged to attend! The meeting will be held on Barbour porch.

Today's speakers

- Governor Earl Ray Tomblin
- Randy Albert with Consol Energy

The Oaths of Office

The citizens of Mountaineer Boys State have elected Nationalist Party candidate Eric Finch for their Governor. On Wednesday afternoon, ALMBS began its inaugural assembly by inviting former Governor Damian Cooke to speak his final address, who cited a great passion for family, West Virginia, and the United States, along with its military and veterans, all as driving forces behind his time as

governor, and his decision to enlist. He left with a grand final praise as Federal Magistrate Judge John Kaul prepared a few remarks on both leadership and options, and returned to Mountaineer Boys State for another year of swearing-in elected officials.



Governor Eric T. R. Finch being inaugurated
Photo Credit: Ryan Burgess

Following Eric's Oath of Office, he gave his first official Governor's address, starting off by showing his gratitude to all of those he considered crucial to his character, and ultimately, his election. Speaking on behalf of the now unified and independent Boys State citizens, Governor Finch spoke of his pride and dedication to those he now served, concluding with his appreciation to former governor Cooke, and promising good fortune in Boys State's future.



**Be sure to check out MBS
online!**

Owen Bleigh - Marion Cottage



TODAY'S

Breakfast

Jiffies!!!
Hot and Cold Cereal
Apples
Orange Juice
Milk



Lunch

Tacos and Shells
Pears and Cottage Cheese
Shredded Lettuce and
Diced Tomatoes
Sour Cream and Salsa
Cheddar Cheese
Churros
Milk



Dinner

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Italian Blend Vegetables

MFNU

Garlic Bread

Salad

Apple Bites

Milk

Judicial Circuits

1st Circuit	2nd Circuit	3rd Circuit	4th Circuit	5th Circuit
Thursday				
Monroe	Lewis	Calhoun/ Gilmer	Panhandle	Barbour/ Webster
1st Circuit	2nd Circuit	3rd Circuit	4th Circuit	5th Circuit
Friday				
Randolph	Upshur/ Harrison	Marion	Braxton	Kanawha

Supreme Court of Appeals Docket

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

CONVENES IN THE REAR OF HARRISON

– ENTER THROUGH LEFT SIDE DOORS

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Justices and Attorney General convene in back of Harrison Cottage for orientation: legal instruction;

11:00 Session 1 – Harrison Cottage

Swearing in of all persons who passed the MBS Bar Examination who wish to practice law, required for all attorneys participating in mock trials, and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

THURSDAY

9:00 Session 2 – Harrison Cottage

Conduct business that may come before the Court

10:30 Session 3 – Harrison Cottage

Conduct business that may come before the Court

6:30 Session 4 – Harrison Cottage

Supreme Court of Appeals Docket cont.

FRIDAY

9:00 **Session 5 – Harrison Cottage**

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 1 (Monroe), and 5 (Barbour/Webster),

Hear appeals from Circuits 2 (Lewis), and 3 (Calhoun/Gilmer), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

10:00 **Session 6 – Harrison Cottage**

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 2 (Lewis), and 3 (Calhoun/Gilmer),

Hear appeal from Circuit 4 (Panhandle) and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

3:30 **Session 7 – Harrison Cottage**

Announce decision of appeal from Circuit 4 (Panhandle),

Hear appeals from Circuits 1 (Randolph), 2 (Upshur/Harrison), 3 (Marion), 4 (Braxton) and 5 (Kanawha), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

4:30 **Session 8 – Harrison Cottage**

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 1 (Randolph), 2 (Upshur/Harrison), 3 (Marion), 4 (Braxton) and 5 (Kanawha), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

Adjourn *sine die*.

*** The Supreme Court of Appeals docket is subject to change.**



Rosie the Riveter, Buddy Curnutte

Last night, a truly honorable woman by the name of Buddy Curnutte came to visit Boys State. The Rosies, as they were called, were the woman who took over factory, farming, and other jobs when American men went off to war. The symbol of these strong leaders was the woman (Pictured to the right) flexing which is still a symbol of this nation's persistence during war. Misses Curnutte was nineteen when she joined the Rosies and went to work in the factories. She told that her most significant memory of that time was learning to use a riveting machine.



About two years later, she left the factories and went to work for the U.S. Coast Guard. At about the age of 23, while working as a Coast Guard medic, she met her future husband, Earl Henry Curnutte. The two married and over time adopted two children.

She and her husband remained together for sixty years until he died of cancer. Misses Curnutte continues spreading her message to young men and women. She said she had a wish for the children of our generation: "I hope the kids of these United States love America as much as we did. We still do."

A True Patriot

Mister Woody Williams and I share a similar background in the small town of Barboursville, West Virginia. I realized that not only was he a great patriot, but he was also a BA old man. His stories had a positive message and were presented in a humorous manner. His red uniform showed his pride as an American soldier and the shining medal around his neck showed his service to his country. Although age may have weakened his body, his spirit still burns bright. We must thank him for his message and let his words inspire us for the rest of our lives.

Jacob Wilkinson -

Short Sweet and to the Point

There was a guest speaker at Wednesday's assembly by the name of Jack Gerrand. He is the American Legion commander. He started his speech by offering us all his greeting, and stating that he didn't have a long speech. Next, he is quoted saying: "The secret is out; your mothers know that you know how to make your bed." His next address to the crowd was explaining that all of the young mens' hard work is what got them to this camp. Finally, he closed by wishing the boys success and fond memories of Boys State.

Garrett Willis - Calhoun

Randolph Board of Education

Public Meeting @ 11:00am at
Randolph Cottage

Anyone from Randolph welcome!

A Talk with Bob Huggins

Bob Huggins, the head coach of the West Virginia Mountaineers basketball team, came to speak with the citizens of West Virginia Boys State. He spoke on hard-work, determination, and the importance of community. During his talk he spoke of Katrina, and the Upper Big Branch Mine disaster. He used these allusions to communicate the importance of community and state pride and showing those by helping and giving to the community. In final, Mr. Huggins concluded with saying, "When you get knocked down you have to just get back up. Though you may never rise to where you were, it is better than being where you are."

Trey Westerfeld -



Guest Speakers Are Well Received At ALMBS

Monday night's guest orators and WV's Secretary of State have both been met with positive reception and standing ovations. Oliver Luck, Athletic Director of the State, spoke initially during Monday's assembly with strong views on activism, stating "Nothing is achieved without a lot of hard work". After a respectable applause, South Carolina Congressman Bob Inglis advocated the importance of change and power. Following a brief demonstration and some wise words, Monday's assembly was dismissed.

During Tuesday's lunch, Boys State was quite privileged and honored to welcome Secretary of State Natalie Tennant to speak for our benefit. Citing everything from West Virginia's history, her own conflicts and triumphs, and the correlations all of the ALMBS citizens share with our wonderful state's accomplishments, Mrs. Tennant was very efficient and well spoken. Mountaineer Boys State thanks all of the speakers for their time.

Owen Bleigh - Marion Cottage



Scenarios

National Guard Training Scenarios

Those involved with the National Guard began their scenarios for several different contingencies, the majority of which included weapons training with dummy M4 rifles. Learning their stances, how to take cover, and going over certain group formations were some of the tactics and procedures that were instructed to some of the future defenders of our wonderful country.

Owen Bleigh - Marion Cottage

Attention Braxton Co.
Board of Ed.

Meeting at the Dining Hall

Porch

Today

10-10:30am

2013 MBS Fire Chiefs



Garrett Daily (Kanawha) **Fire Marshall**

Kyle Woodruff (**Barbour**/Webster) Fire Chief

Michael Shenton (**Calhoun**/Gilmer) Fire Chief

Adam Page (Lewis) Fire Chief

Samual Warner (Monroe) Fire Chief

Robert Snyder (Braxton) Fire Chief

Grant Tebey (**Harrison**/Upshur) Fire Chief

Ben Robinson (Randolph) Fire Chief

Jacob Worley (Marion) Fire Chief

Kristinn Ravenscroft (Panhandle) Fire Chief

Fire Chief Class

10 citizens were appointed fire chief and attended a class explaining the basics of firefighting. The instructor, Rick Anderson, stressed the basic information such as the importance of staying physically fit. The class was held in the landing strip barn where equipment that is used to train real fire chiefs is held such as controlled structures protruding fire: one set up as a housing unit, another a vehicle, and a structure designed to train students to crawl in small tunnels while wearing heavy equipment.

The class does not only teach the physically demanding activities done by fire fighters, but also the technical side of the equipment and personal experiences. Anderson went over aspects of water supply for sprinklers and fire hydrants, as well as the change of model for water hose nozzles. Throughout the class, anecdotes to past experience in the field were sprinkled in to express the emotional side of work and the irregular hours. The instructor suggests that due to the non-traditional work hours, a firefighter can work two jobs which would undoubtedly contribute to the income of the individual.



Photo Credit: Ryan Burgess

Ryan Burgess – Webster Cottage

Senate Approves Smoking Ban, Honors Woody Williams

The Senate's first meeting today was a massive success. The Senate has already passed two bills under the leadership of Senate President Will Wasson and Senate Advisor Raamie Barker. The first of these bills honors Woody Williams. A Congressional Medal of Honor veteran from World War II, Williams was honored by declaring October 2 "Woody Williams Day". This bill was passed with unanimous consent by the Boys State Senate.

The second bill passed by the Senate is a tobacco ban, prohibiting tobacco in public places and raising the tobacco tax from \$0.55 to \$1.25. While most Senators agreed that smoking in public places should not be allowed, the Senators disagreed over the issue of smokeless tobacco use in public places. An amendment went before the Senate, and numerous Senators voiced the pros and cons of smokeless tobacco in public places. Ultimately the Senate chose to table the amendment, and the tobacco ban was passed by a 12-4 majority.

Twenty-four hours ago, we did not even know who the Senators were. Now, Wednesday night, the Senate is already functioning and passing legislation. This shows the remarkable talent of our advisor Barker, and the incredible leadership of our Senate President Will Wasson.

Nicholas O'Donnell -



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ATHLETICS

Sand Court Volleyball	Hard Court Volleyball	Frisbee Behind Chapel	Softball	Basketball
Kanawha- N Monroe- N – Winner!	Randolph- N – Won by forfeit! Upshur/Harrison-N	Panhandle- N Barbour/Webster-N – Winner!	Panhandle-F - Marion-F – Winner!	Randolph-F Monroe-F – Winner!
Upshur/ Harrison- N Braxton- F – Winner!	Barbour/Webster- F – Won by forfeit! Calhoun/Gilmer-N	Kanawha- F Marion- N – Winner!	Calhoun/Gilmer- F – Won by forfeit! Lewis- F	Lewis-N – Winner! Braxton-N

Tug Of War

As many of you know this Friday there will be a tug of war tournament between all cottages. Before lunch on Wednesday all athletic directors met in front of the dining to draw names for bracket positions. There will be a four team first round and then the two teams that win will be in the second round with the six teams who received a first round bye. For a team to be the overall all champion they must win three straight matches if they received a bye. If the team did not they will need to win four. The tournament is single elimination. Good luck to all cottages.

Anthony Gemondo - Braxton

One for the Record Books

NBA Finals action resumed for game three Tuesday night in San Antonio. After a blowout victory in game two, the Miami Heat were looking for their second straight win, though this was not the case. The Heat came out flat and after four long quarters San Antonio ended victorious winning by a score of 113-77. Along with this victory the Spurs combined to make sixteen three point baskets, thirteen of which came from Danny Green and Gary Neal. Most Valuable Player, LeBron James, struggled missing eleven of his first thirteen shots, and finishing with only fifteen points. Spurs point guard, Tony Parker, suffered a hamstring injury late in the third quarter, and will have an MRI done on Wednesday. His status for game four is still unknown. Action will resume Thursday evening at 9:00 p.m. in San Antonio.



Anthony Gemando – Braxton

Legion News

This camp's purpose is to inspire young men, and help them reach greatness. The counselors should be able to do this, and one such gentleman has accomplished just that: Rick Anderson. This man has made it his job in life to guide the youth to their aspirations. He uses tales and stories of himself to connect to the youth he is in conversation with before further inspiring them by getting to know them personally.



Overall this man takes his job to the limit by being an outlet to the youth of this camp, by not judging them, not instructing them on what to do, and, most importantly, just being there for anyone period.

Garrett Willis – Calhoun Cottage

Camper Comments

What has been your favorite part of Boys State so far?

- The best part so far has been crashing through every single cone in the Drunk Driving Seminar. - Ankur Kumar – Federalist – Panhandle Cottage
- Competing in the sports. – Joey Yoho – Nationalist – Lewis Cottage
- The excitement of the Federalist Party at our caucuses. David Hardisty – Federalist – Panhandle Cottage
- Probably seeing the competition in the election and the thrill of young men growing in front of our own eyes. Grant Gutmann – Nationalist – Braxton Cottage

Panhandle Cottage

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday June 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

All Citizens Are Welcome for Discussion

Cottage Reports

Upshur Pictures

At 6:15 in the morning, Upshur cottage woke up and prepared for their cottage photo. The cottage got cleaned up and ready to get their pictures taken. Each member was cleaning their rooms and putting their uniforms on. The cottage was finished cleaning and everyone lined up perfectly for the picture on time. It was a good morning and a great cottage picture for Upshur.

Brandin Phillips – Upshur Cottage

Exciting New Day for Upshur

The Upshur cottage was anticipating going to their job positions. Everyone was talking about their jobs in the morning and about how the remainder of the week will be more fun. Most of the cottage members have city or council positions. Some of them are attorneys, State Police, and National Guard. Upshur has guaranteed themselves that they will enjoy their jobs for the rest of the week in Boys State.

Brandin Phillips – Upshur Cottage

Panhandle Political Minute

After last night's general election, there was a clear cut victory amongst the mayoral race. Claiming victory by a landslide vote, Federalist candidate Tyler Morgan was elected as Mayor of Ellwood city in Panhandle County. When asked what his plans were for the city, he was asked what his overall plan for Ellwood was. While he stated that the specifics of the plan were still in formation, his goal was to make the city the best possible, and, under his administration, to make Ellwood the best city ever. Luck is wished to newly elected Mayor Morgan and his council.

Foster Jenkins- Panhandle

ATTENTION

UPSHUR/HARRISON

Board of Ed. and County Commission meeting

Where: Harrison Porch

When: 4:00-4:15

Up All Night at Marion

On general election night Marion Cottage had not so swell of luck getting through the county election process. The boys of Marion Cottage had to wait outside until all the ballots were accounted for and dealt with properly for results. For starters, the counting of the ballots ate up a good hour and a half due to certain ballots that were considered “unregisterable” because some of the voters messed up by putting checks in places that should not have been checked. This caused the ballot commissioners to have to count the votes several times which was very monotonous work for them.

As if that wasn’t enough for the boys of Marion Cottage there was a tie between Aaron Sine and Justin Richter for the second state senate seat. So that meant all the boys of Marion Cottage had to go back through another tedious vote for the tie before they could go to bed. After about thirty minutes the second election for state senate ended and the boys of Marion could finally go back to their beds and rest.

Unfortunately they all still had to get up at 6:45 even though they were all running on nothing but fumes the next morning.

Justin C. Campbell – Marion Cottage

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