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LEARNING TODAY...

LEADING TOMORROW

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Be sure to check out MBS online!

The Senate and House passed numerous bills, the Governor signed a smoking ban, and our Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin, gave us a riveting speech on current West Virginian politics.

The day started with a demonstration of how roll calls work in the House and Senate. People were amazed when they pressed a green button and the name of the Delegate turned green on the screen in the front of the chamber. Others were fascinated by how the bills would be listed electronically so everyone could see them. This fascination with the technology in both chambers initiated great interest in the political process of West Virginian state politics.

After the House and Senate went to their respective chambers, they each went to business, passing bills written by fellow citizens. It was a little difficult at first with the Senate – mainly because they were not as familiar with the parliamentary procedure as they should have been. But the twenty Boys State Senators learned quickly, and by the end of the day, they were using the correct terminology for Senate procedures. After about an hour, the Senate had moved to approve or reject over 10 bills, with the issues ranging from mandating a living wage to combating teen pregnancy. Overall, the Senate had a successful and pleasurable day at the Senate Chamber.

Probably the most important success of the day would be the passage of a tobacco ban. This ban originated in the House, was passed by the Senate with an amendment to allow private businesses to

Today the legislative and executive branches made the long trip down to the State Capital in Charleston. Along the way, the two buses carrying citizens experienced storms, torrential rains and foggy conditions, but these predicaments did not hinder all the good that happened today at the State Capitol.

allow tobacco inside their premises, and subsequently passed in the House again with the approved amendment. With the amendment, the bill generated support from the Finch administration, and by the end of the citizens' time at the Capitol, Governor Eric Finch had signed the tobacco ban.

Concluding today's field trip was the speech of special guest, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. A graceful leader, he walked down the House floor and greeted Boys State Governor Finch. After the encounter, Tomblin began to speak on his accomplishments – and how Boys State helped him with those accomplishments. It was an enlightening speech, and it really showed the citizens how Boys State can help them later on in life. He then allowed the citizens to ask questions. The main question he focused on was education reform, on which he greatly elaborated.

One of the points that struck a chord with the audience was the idea of mandating a subsidized ACT be taken at the end of the eleventh grade. This would greatly benefit the students of West Virginia: this is an extra chance to take the ACT for honors students, and it might be the only opportunity for the students who receive free or reduced lunches. Overall, the Earl Ray Tomblin's speech was very successful and informative.

Most Boys State citizens who went on this trip would say that this is probably the best day yet for them. Everyone has learned a lot about the legislative process that they could not learn simply in the Jackson Lodge basement. These young men have come back to Jackson's Mill knowing far more about how West Virginia is governed. This is a great benefit for the State of West Virginia, and for that, we should be forever grateful to the people who have developed such an awesome camp as Boys State.



Photo Credit:
Alex O'Donnell

Alex O'Donnell

Formal Review

The Boys State prestigious Formal Review was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The 13 counties marched in perfect sync with the band while they honored the staff, crowd, and state by playing “Country Roads.” Each cottage put forward their best to march in unison and show the utmost respect for our counselors. After the main parade, the cottages assembled in the livestock area. Guest speakers consisted of Buddy Curnutte who spoke of the women of America, and philosophical lessons from the only winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor in WV, Woody Williams. Also included were ceremonies and applause for any veterans in the building. All in all, the ceremony portrayed excellency and represented the United Boys State and the progress the program has made throughout the past 76 years.

Kareem Ahiami



Breaking News

Crash at Panhandle

At approximately 9:00 a.m. troopers responded to a single vehicle crash at the Panhandle county intersection. There was a black Toyota truck traveling South East until eventually crashing head-on into a power pole. The driver was Dominique Newman from Panhandle, and he was treated by EMS at the scene of the crash. He was then immediately transported to the MBS hospital for further treatment. Alcohol use is suspected by the police, but the investigation is ongoing.



An eye witness report indicates that Dominique disappeared during his work preparations before nine. The driver is said to have never shown signs of alcoholism in the past. The driver sustained minor cuts, bruises, and a knee injury.

Garrett Willis

Murder at Boys State

On Wednesday, at approximately 4:20, troopers responded to a report in Lewis County that there were shots fired. Upon arrival, the victim was discovered to be dead due to gunshot wounds. The police located one suspect who was later taken into custody. It appears that the initial altercation started at the Red Apple Tavern. The investigation is ongoing.

Jacob Wilkinsin

UPSHUR HARRISON COUNTY PSA

Boil water advisory
Please do NOT drink water of these cabins
Wednesday to Saturday night

We also appreciate the help from our partners in education, the Boy's State Bank



Braxton Cottage Board of Education

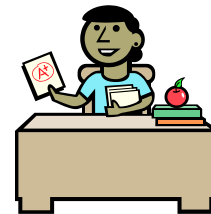
The Braxton County School Board of Education has decided to elect Jan W. Stalnaker as their Superintendent. He will be dealing with the current situation of the county's low test scores.

Marion County

Board of Education

Meeting at Marion cottage

today at 10:00



ATTENTION RANDOLPH COTTAGE

Board of Education meeting and LCAG

- Ink textbook authority
- Scenario topic discussion



ATTENTION ALL WEBSTER/BARBOUR CITIZENS

THERE IS AN ERGENT NEED TO RAISE THE LEVI TAX RATE FOR SCHOOLS TO INCREASE STAFF AND BUILDING SPACE AS WE ARE ABOUT TO BE OVER THE LEGAL LIMIT OF TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS.
COME VOTE ON THE INCREASE OF THE LEVY AT 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY.

WE NEED YOUR VOTE!



Kate Koscis was kidnapped on Thursday, June 13, 2013.
\$50,000 Reward for any information that leads to an arrest.

Flag Day: Celebrate the Meaning of Our Flag



Throughout the past 200 years Americans have been celebrating Flag Day to commemorate and honor the progression of our country and the sentimental meaning of the flag. The celebration of Flag Day is to

commemorate the day the flag of our nation was adopted. The Army of the United States also celebrates their birthdate on the day of June 14. There have been multiple showings of patriotism by leaders in society who celebrated before Flag Day was even considered a holiday. Among these leaders in society were George Balch in 1889 and the governor of New York in 1894, which included approximately 300,000 children. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson put forward a proclamation to have Flag Day set up as a national holiday. However it was not until 35 years later president Truman signed an Act of Congress making June 14 the annual date for Flag Day.

Trey Westerfeld

Stormy Nights

As everyone knows, there was a storm Wednesday night with rather strong winds and rainfall. These winds resulted in a large tree near Panhandle becoming damaged and falling into the street, so the staff issued that the tree be cut down. This action took place after breakfast.

The workers proceeded to remove the limbs before cutting a section of the tree until only five feet of the tree remained. They then used the bucket of a tractor to ram into the top until it toppled over leaving a stump and taking care of the problem the damaged tree had presented.



Garrett Willis

Woody Williams: A True American Hero

Mister Hershel Woody Williams was born on October 2, 1923 in Fairmont, West Virginia. In 1943, Williams enlisted in the Marine Corps in Charleston. He was trained in the Marine Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, and became part of the 32nd Replacement Battalion which was sent to the southwest Pacific. In January 1944, he joined the 3rd Marine Division and later in the year took action against the Japanese at Guam.

In 1945, Williams was shipped to Iwo Jima where he would be recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty. He charged the enemy lines with only a flamethrower and four riflemen backing him up. He led the charge multiple times during the war and was distinguished as a great soldier. He later received a Purple Heart and the Congressional Medal of Honor. Currently he is the only living Congressional Medal of Honor in the state of West Virginia.

Mister Williams now talks to young men and women about his time of service and about patriotism. He has served his country as a great man would and still does to this day. We must thank Mister Williams and remember his message as we too serve our country.

Jacob Wilkinson



Photo Credit: veterans.wv.gov

Hershel Woodrow Williams Citation:

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division. Place and date: Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Entered service at: West Virginia. Born: 2 October 1923, Quiet Dell, W.Va.

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 21 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 position. 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.

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. It 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 marines 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 non-commissioned 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.

LEGION NEWS

What is the American Legion?

The American Legion, formed in 1919, is an organization for honorably discharged veterans. In the American Legion, they focus on giving back to their communities. They have many programs that focus on helping children and families of veterans. These programs include, but do not exclude, Boys State, Junior Shooting Sports, and many more. Along with programs, the American Legion rewards honorable citizens with awards like the Eagle Scout of the Year Award. The American Legion also offers scholarships to honorable students.



Kanawha Cottage Board of Education

1. Benefit dinners to be held to help pay for new refrigerators for our schools.

Come out and support the community!

2. Next meeting tomorrow @ 10:00 pm

All citizens
welcome to
voice concerns
and opinions!

Trey Westerfeld

The American Legion's Oratorical Contest

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

ATHLETICS

Trey Westerfeld

Blackhawks Outlast Bruins in Game One

The Chicago Blackhawks are looking for their second straight Stanley Cup title. After cruising through two of the first three rounds of the playoffs, the Blackhawks were ready to take on the Boston Bruins in game one of the Stanley Cup Finals. The Bruins, coming off a sweep against the Pittsburgh Penguins, were also ready to begin a finals run for a title. Boston, away at Chicago, came out strong going up 2-0 after two goals from Milan Lucic. Brandon Saad was the first to get on the board for Chicago making the score 2-1. The Bruins then scored one more time before the Blackhawks added two goals to make the game tied at three. The match went into triple overtime before a goal from Andrew Shaw ended the game. Action will continue once again in Chicago on Saturday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Anthony Gemondo

ATHLETICS WERE NOT HELD TODAY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!!!

Lewis County Board of Education News

North Lewis County High School is having air quality problems. Black dust is accumulating on the surfaces in the school. There is also a diesel smell throughout the school. The Lewis County Bd. Of Ed. Is having an emergency board meeting at 11:15 am at Lewis Cottage to talk about the problem and come up with a solution. All citizens are welcome!





Supreme Court of Appeals Docket

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS CONVENES IN THE REAR OF HARRISON – ENTER THROUGH REAR DOORS

FRIDAY

9:00 Session 5 – Harrison Cottage

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 1 (Randolph), and 5 (Kanawha),

Hear appeals from Circuits 2 (Upshur/Harrison), and 3 (Marion), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

10:00 Session 6 – Harrison Cottage

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 2 (Upshur/Harrison), and 3 (Marion),

Hear appeal from Circuit 4 (Braxton) and

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Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 2 (Upshur/Harrison), and 3 (Marion),

Hear appeal from Circuit 4 (Braxton) and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

3:30 Session 7 – Harrison Cottage

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuit 4 (Braxton),

Hear appeal from Circuits 1 (Monroe), 2 (Lewis), 3 (Calhoun/Gilmer), 4 (Panhandle) and 5 (Barbour/Webster), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

4:30

Session 8 – Harrison Cottage

Announce decisions of appeals from Circuits 1 (Monroe), 2

(Lewis), 3 (Calhoun/Gilmer), 4 (Panhandle) and 5

(Barbour/Webster), and

Conduct other business that may come before the Court

Adjourn *sine die*.

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

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