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2011 Mountaineer Boys State General Election Results

Winner	Position	Party
Nima Ronaghi	Governor	Nationalist
Cam Viney	Secretary of State	Nationalist
Garret Carden	Auditor	Nationalist
Vijay Sampath	Treasurer	Nationalist
Karl Smakula	Commissioner of Agriculture	Federalist
John Skidmore	Attorney General	Nationalist
Michael Gerbo Raef Lambertson Alex Abrahamian Marqus Burrell Jordan Adkins	Supreme Court Justices	Nationalist Nationalist Nationalist Nationalist Nationalist

WebStar Goes Up 2-0 for Sports Records

By Mike Bragg Cottage Reporter

As the Websters had a record of 1-0 going into their second sports game, the future did not look bright. Panhandle came out strong and took the first set with a 15-13 point victory. With the help of players such as John Neg-

es, Cameron Killmer, Thomas Dodd, and the MVP, Cam Viney, the WebStars once again showed their teamwork by forcing a 3rd set. The WebStars came together after being down by 8 in the final set, and Cam Viney finished it off with a spike. They start softball with a perfect record.

WebStar is Victorious!

By Mike Bragg Cottage Reporter

It was a hot Monday afternoon as the WebStars took the court to take on Monroe Cottage. Monroe started off very quickly going up 3 -nil. After that, the 12 players who were dressed

to play for the WebStars showed off their skills and went on a 9-0 run. The score was 9-3 at halftime. Coming out of halftime, Monroe tried to make quick adjustments, but could not pull off a run. The WebStars came out victorious with a 17-6 win.



Cleanliness and Agitation

By Robert Fulton Staff Reporter

Cleanliness is something that is necessary for the well-being of the camp but often times can be aggravating and in all honesty annoying. The reasons being that often times in the morning most of us are in a hurry, want breakfast, or sometimes you have jobs you must report to, but being clean is something I am sure we can all agree on. When we have a clean cabin and a clean citizen ship we are all happy. To get everybody started here is a few rules:

- 1. Sweep and get all of the dust and small trash out of your cabin.
- 2. Mop and get your floor clean and spotless.
- 3. Take all your trash out and turn all your trash cans upside down.

Boys State National Guard

Adjutant General David Hicks
Company Commander Christopher Brown

1Sgt. Aron Lloyd – Color Guard 1st Squad Leader Tyler Wilson 2nd Squad Leader John Baronner 3rd Squad Leader Nicholas Dean Blake Walker

Derek Stallman – Color Guard Patrick Zdziera – Color Guard Nathan Hannon – Color Guard Parker Sycafoose Jacob Powers



AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE CRIMES AND PUNISHMENT

James Dague, Legislative Advisor, enacted the following statutes that will be effective at Noon on Wednesday.

General: All provisions of the official Code of the State of West Virginia and the Official code of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State shall be in effect and enforceable. In addition, the following provisions shall also be in effect and enforceable.

Chapter XVII

Article VII. Traffic Laws

Section I. Definitions

<u>Vehicle</u> – Your person. Every citizen is considered to be in physical control of himself (his person) which is his vehicle.

<u>Driver</u> - Any citizen who walks upon any public highway and who is, therefore, in actual control of his vehicle.

Operating - Moving or being in actual physical control of a personal vehicle.

<u>Highway - All</u> designated walkways within the state including but not limited to sidewalks and other paved areas.

Berm - The grass next to a highway, roadway, or sidewalk.

<u>Signal</u> - A gesture of the hand and arm, which indicates vehicle movements. Signals will be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner:

Left Turn Hand and arm extended horizontally

Right Turn upper arm extended horizontally and lower arm extended vertically (bent at elbow).

<u>Speeding</u> - A pace that requires both feet of a vehicle to be off the ground at any given instant in order to complete a single stride (also known as running). Movement of a vehicle is not considered excessive speed or speeding when one foot remains in contact with the ground at all times. Speeding is permitted during approved athletic and recreational activities.

<u>Under the Influence -</u> consuming liquids or matter (food) of any kind or form while operating a vehicle. A common example would be drinking from a soda can or eating snacks while operating a vehicle.

Section 2. **DRIVER S LICENSE REQUIRED** Every citizen is required to obtain and maintain a valid American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Driver s License. Section 3. **OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE** No citizen shall operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug abuse or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug abuse (liquid or food). Consuming from an open container, while operating a vehicle shall be considered under the influence. Section 4. **SPEED LIMIT** No citizen shall operate a vehicle at a speed, which requires both feet to lose contact with the ground at any given time during the stride of that vehicle (also known as running).

Section 5. **PASSING** All vehicles must give a visible and audible signal to traffic being overtaken and subsequently pass on the left thereof. Traffic being overtaken shall give the way to the right.

Section 6. **DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROADWAY** All vehicles will be driven on the right half of the highway except when passing and overtaking another vehicle. Section 7. **FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE** A sufficient space (at least one vehicle length) must be maintained between vehicles.

Section 8. TURN AND STOP SIGNALS All vehicles must signal an intention to turn or move right or left. No person or vehicle shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of his vehicle without first giving the appropriate signal.

Section 9. **STOP SIGNS** The operator of any vehicle shall stop at all clearly marked stop signs. After a stop, a vehicle may not be moved without due regard for safety of crossing traffic and not before yielding the right of way to traffic not required to stop.

Section 10. PARKING A vehicle shall not be stopped on the traveled portion of any highway. Parking is permitted on the berm only. No vehicle travel is permitted on the berm unless said travel is during an approved athletic or recreational activity.

Section 11. **VEHICLE INSPECTION** All vehicles in operation must have a valid Vehicle Inspection Sticker which will be issued by an officer of the Department of Public Safety after said vehicle has successfully completed the standard vehicle inspection and the owner of same has paid the required fee (\$25.00).

Section 12. PROOF OF INSURANCE A driver must maintain valid liability insurance whenever he is in operation of a vehicle. The driver must maintain proof of insurance. Section 13. VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT Failure to adhere to the above

Traffic Laws shall constitute a violation. Each violation shall be punishable by fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail, up to but not in excess of one half hour (1/2) hour.

Article VIII. LITTERING

Section 1. The intentional discarding of paper, soda cans, refuse and trash in a location other than an approved trash container shall be littering.

Section 2. The public display of campaign materials after noon on Wednesday shall be littering.

Section 3.

VIOLATION (S) AND PUNISHMENT Littering shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00 and/or approved community service plus reasonable cost to be assessed by the court. Approved community service is community service that has been reviewed and approved by Staff Legal Advisors and generally consists of mess hall cleanup duty and/or service projects at Jackson's Mill.

Article IX. HUNTING AND FISHING

Section 1. Hunting is defined as passing through a grouping of seven trees or more (also known as woods) or placing oneself within 50 feet of a grouping of seven trees or more for a period of greater than (30) seconds.

Section 2.

Fishing is defined as placing oneself within 100 feet of a body of water.

Section 3. Body of water is defined as the West Fork River, any natural or manmade pond or lake to include ornamental ponds and the swimming pool. Section 4.

A Boys' State Citizen must possess a valid Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license in order to hunt and /or fish within the boundaries of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State. A Boys' State citizen must successfully pass a Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division approved Hunter's Safety Course in order to be eligible to purchase a Hunting or combination Hunting and Fishing license.

Section 5.

The county Clerk of each county is authorized to issue Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license. The cost for a Hunting license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a Fishing license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a combination Hunting and Fishing license shall be \$18.00.

VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT A violation of section 4 of this article is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00 and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail up to but not in excess of one half

(1/2) hour.

Article X. RESISTING ARREST AND FLEEING FROM THE LAW is not allowed. This is a felony offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$100,00 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail of at least 2 hours but not in excess of 10 hours. Additionally, an individual committing a violation of this article is subject to appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the Boys' State administrative staff (Administrator or Assistant Administrator).

Flag Education Taught Monday

By Clark Palmer Staff Reporter

When any camper walks into Mountaineer Boy's State he can feel the strong sense of patriotism that fills the grounds. No symbol best exemplifies that sense of patriotism than the American Flag, and the man who has gone to great lengths to educate all campers about the meaning of the flag none other than Senior Counselor Robbie Robinson.

"I teach flag appreciation and it's amazing how many fifth graders do not know when to stand for the pledge. It amazes me

that people do not know some of the basic facts about the flag," Senior Counselor Robbie Robinson, said.

This was Robinson's fourth year giving the powerful speech to the campers, and teacher them what the flag means to him.

"The flag means to me that a lot of people sacrificed their lives so I could live the life live today, and when people disrespect the flag means they are disrespecting me. We here at Boy's State want some kind of Americanism every day in camp to instill different values in campers," Robinson, said



Athletic Events Add to MBS Experience

By Sam Ransbottom Staff Reporter

Mountaineer Boys State athletics kicked off Monday afternoon. The organized competitions included volleyball (sand and hard court), ultimate Frisbee, softball and basketball. Also, citizens gathered together to play soccer, tennis, and some went jogging. Taking place before and after dinner, the athletics let citizens get into some competition.

"These competitions give us an opportunity to relax," Andrew Scott, Monroe cottage member, said. "They are a nice break from classes."

Many citizens believe that athletics contribute to the Boys State

experience

"This gives a chance to show that we are not just good leaders, but we can also play as a team," Jared Peterson, Braxton cottage member, said.

Despite positive reviews from nearly everyone, one citizen (who wished to remain anonymous) did not agree with the way the athletic scheduled was composed.

"Jackson's Mill has great facilities, but they play a minor role in our stay. We only get a little over 2 hours to play. There should definitely be more."

According to the official 2011 Mountaineer Boys State Manual of Government, citizens will have at least two hours of activity every full day excluding Wednesday, due to formal review.

Beneath the hat

By Alex Jones Staff Reporter

Yesterday I had the privilege of interviewing the Mountaineer Boys State Legislative Director Mr. James Dague. In June of 1987, Mr. Dague was selected to become a Boys State Citizen and remained a member of the program ever since. He



said his favorite aspect was learning through participation. In the words of Mr. Dague "No matter what you do in the future, no matter what occupation, human society requires you to have an understanding and knowledge of government."

Here at Mountaineer Boy's State you are not only lectured on Government and policy, you are immersed in it. From sunrise to sunset you are the government and this method of instruction presents an elite experience. Not only do you take from this program a more extensive education, but also superior personal development. Mr. Dague told me "You are introduced to a wide variety of people" and you "learn principles that make you become part of the Boy's State Family."

This means that no matter where you go, when you meet another Boy's state member you know the standard of excellence and responsibility they demand from themselves and their surroundings.

We reminisced past Boy's State experiences and Mr. Dague told me of a man who had a significant influence on him, Mr. Robert L. Stine. Mr. Stine took James under his wing and incorporated him into the family. Upon our closing remarks Mr. Dague had one last word of advice, "Be honest. People in society judge you by your words and actions. Your ability to articulate human vocabulary is essential to be a success in the world community." This is something we should all remember.

Newsom fondly remembers his MBS citizen year

By Patrick Means Braxton Cottage Reporter

It was on June 13 of 2011 when I had the privilege to interview the Braxton County Senior Counselor. Only being the first full day of the week, I was extremely nervous. But at the right time, I was confident in doing my first interview. I started with the basic of a hello, and a how are you today? Newsom was very polite and told me he was doing quite fine.

I then progressed into asking if he was enjoying his week at Boy's State so far. Newsom responded by saying "Yes. Boy's State is always one of my favorite weeks of the year." I then asked the curious question of what year he was a citizen at Boy's State, and could he tell me his experience at his Boy's State? Newsom was a citizen of Boy's State in 2006, and "When I was a citizen in Boy's State, I remember being extremely overwhelmed, but then as the week progressed, I greatly enjoyed myself."

When Newsom was a citizen at Boy's State, he ran for the office of the House of Delegates. Newsom has been coming back to Boy's State ever since 2006, with this year being his 6th year in Boy's State. I greatly appreciated the interview with Newsom and I personally am starting to enjoy my Boy's State experience.

Wednesday

- 6:45- Reveille and Clean Quarters
- 7:50- IN FORMATION at Dining Hall
- 7:55- FLAG RAISING\
- 8:00- Breakfast
- 9:00-12:00 Senate and House in session in Jackson Lodge basement

Governor and Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge basement meeting

Supreme Court and Attorney General meet with advisor(s) in Flameway Hall State Police, DNR Police and National Guard meet in EEC

Legal- All Circuit Court Judges, Magistrates, Circuit Clerks, Sheriffs, Prosecuting Attorneys associated with scheduled court trails (both Wednesday and Thursday) meet in Assembly Hall to receive specialized instruction

Bank and Journalism Staff organized and working

County Boards of Education meet in Dorsey Front for specialized instruction City and County Officials meet at the following locations:

County Commission-West Virginia Building

City Government-Old Picnic pavilion (across from pool)

Assessor- Kanawha Center

County Clerk- Rotary Pavilion

ALL CITIZENS needing full time employment meet with Employment Opportunity Director and Advisors at WV Buildi ng to receive employment assignments

Public Service Announcements by Educational Broadcasting Director and/or staff through remainder of the week.

11:00 All attorneys/judges, needing to be sworn in to practice law, report to Supreme Court (Flameway)

12:05-12:20 ALL Citizens in cottages for Inspection preparation.

12:25 In Formation at Dining Hall

12:30 LUNCH (During and after Lunch – Cottage Inspections)

NOTE: ALL BOYS STATE LAWS, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, IN EFFECT AND ENFORCED. LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ORGANIZED AND WORKING THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF WEEK.

- 1:30 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.
- 3:00 Band practice in Assembly Hall
- 3:30 INAUGURATION in Assembly Hall. Boys State Governor's Address
- 4:00-5:15 Law Enforcement and National Guard Scenarios, Athletics and Swimming, Band Practice
- 5:20 IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
- 5:25 Flag Lowering
- 5:30 DINNER
- 6:30 FORMAL REVIEW (Parents, guardians, American Legion Personnel, Dignitaries, Distinguished Guests present)

ASSEMBLY immediately following Formal Review in Exhibition Hall (Family and Guests Welcome.)

30 MINUTES AFTER ASSEMBLY ENDS – Law enforcement and National Guard Scenarios.

Bank and Journalism staff organized and working

Musicians and Performers gather on Marion front porch, swimming (staff discretion)

10:45 Devotions at Panhandle and Kanawha Cottages

11:10 – 11:30 SEE MONDAY SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS

Counselors submit unemployed forms to Unemployment Office Advisor

Nationalist Party Caucus

By Tyler Moyers, Barbour Cottage

As time rolls on, it becomes more and more aware to every one of us here in Boys State that time moves extremely fast. This is evident every day, but especially on this day. Today, the people of the Nationalist party gathered in Assembly Hall for their party caucuses. Mark Zachwieja started off the gathering with eight simple words; "This is learning by doing, just like life." The main objective, incidentally, was to elect a State Party Chairman for the Nationalist party. This, of course, was accomplished; the State Party Chairman for the Nationalist party of 2011 is Andrew Carrol. Andrew won the election after several long, endearing, voting sessions.

Besides the State Party Chairman election, this session of caucuses had several plates that were introduced and passed. One of these plates was to place taxes upon non-renewable resources, with the money going towards new industries, such as geothermal resources. Another important plate that was passed was

a scholarship fund for less advanced students, generally with a G.P.A. between 2.5 and 3.0. The money would come from a1% tax on non-renewable resources.

Besides numerous other plates that were proposed, the rest of the time was occupied by short, 30 second speeches made by the candidates from the Supreme Court, Commissioner of Agriculture, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, and Governor.

These candidates strived to win the hearts of their fellow Nationalists in order to win their respective elections

Many of these accomplished this with catchy phrases. For example, Andrew Maloney used the phrase "Vote for Andrew 'No bologna' Maloney". whereas Joseph Dirt recited a common quote from the fictional character "Joe Dirt", who shares his name: "Life's a garden, dig it."

After the candidate's speeches, there were several plates proposed, with a few being passed. The meeting was concluded with eleven plates proposed, six of which passed.

Randolph Cottage: Into the Woods

By Nick Brownstead Cottage Reporter

If you travel along the worn, stone walk way of the Dominion Path, into the low valley and up the other side of the valley; you will encounter the Randolph Cottage. It is a peaceful cottage that is neighbored by the Monroe Cottage right inside the forest. The Randolph Cottage differs from the other cottages in that its location is different and its old, nostalgic features: the wood pillars with initials of past members carved in, its log cabin type structure and the cottage's rooftop which is

scarred with the wounds of weather. The boys in the cottage favor it over the other cottages even though it lacks modern style and, more importantly, it lacks an air conditioning system. Philip Mickinar, a Randolph resident, said, "The cottage is very quiet and secluded. It's peaceful too. It helps you get a good night's sleep." Another Randolph resident, Karl Smakula, also mentioned it was quiet. Karl even said, "There is nothing I don't like about this cottage." To the boys who stay in Randolph, it is a unique cottage. This uniqueness will make the cottage stay in their memory for a lifetime.



Webster Runners

By Michael Bragg After a long and very exhausting day, the Webster County citizens found around Jackson's Mill energy to participate in workout activities. After the assembly at Assembly Hall, the citizens got together and thought it best to go running for a workout. Out of the twenty-one citizens in the

Webster County, fifteen of the citizens took themselves a nightly job grounds. After everyone had returned to the cottage, they decided that a nightly run will occur the entire span of Mountaineer Boys State. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

Inspiration in the Camp

Robert Fulton; Monroe

Today two of the many classes that will happen this week started. Parliamentary Procedure and Leadership lead by Chris Sharps and Dr. James J. Nolan, Ph.D. spoke today about issues that will help the future leaders of Boys State and America. A few citizens had comments about these classes: Nationalist Andy Malone had this to say about the Leadership Classes, "The

classes were very interesting and I definitely learned about becoming a stronger leader." When Nationalist, Alan Banks, Monroe, was asked how he liked the classes Banks responded "I liked the classes very much and there was a lot I had never heard before". The classes this week, if continued like Monday's, will be very interesting and fulfilling so Boys State citizens: sit back, relax, learn a little, and have

Breakfast

Omelets Sausage **Biscuits** Hot and Cold Cereal Bananas Apple Juice Milk

Lunch

Duke of Rib Sandwiches Hoagie Buns Chips Baked Beans Salad Chocolate pudding Lemonade

Spaghetti w/meatballs Italian Blend Vegetables Garlic Bread Salad Chocolate Cake Iced tea

Q & A with the "Greek"

By Tyler Moyers Staff Reporter

I had the great honor of interviewing State Commander and Vietnam veteran Robert Fochalis, better known as "Greek". I asked "Greek" some questions that I felt represented what the citizens of Boys State want to know about him. They are as follows:

Q: Mr. Fochalis, how many years have you been involved with Boys State?

A: I have been part of it since 1999, so 12 years.

Q: When do you start recruiting young men for Boys State?

A: We start around February, up until the final upcoming weeks.

Q: You are State Commander. What all responsibilities come with this position? A: I am over all American Legion members in West Virginia. I also attend district meetings, Memorial Day services, etc.

Q: How many years have you been with the American Legion?

A: 30.

Q: Where has your job taken you in West

Virginia? I have traveled all over the state of West Virginia with my job.

Q: What all do you do with the American Legion?

A: I lead over the Legion as State Commander. I make sure eve-

rything is run by the books. Another one of my responsibilities is to make sure everything is turned in by the department.

Q: What wars have you been in, and for how long?

A: Vietnam, for 6 years.

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— Robert "Greek" Fochalis



Robert "Greek" Fochalis

Q: What do you think is your greatest achievement?

A: Ever since I started, my goal was to be leader. I am honored and proud to be State Commander.

Q: Lastly, what advice would you give the citizens of Boys State?

A: When you go back to school, wear your Boys State shirts to school. This will allow Junior's to ask you about what Boys State is, making the process easier for us.

Robert "Greek" Fochalis is an essential

part of Boys State, State Commander of the West Virginia American Legion, a Vietnam veteran, and one of the nicest men you will ever meet. So, needless to say, he is quite qualified for his position in the American Legion, as well as Boys State.

Perdue urges campers to make 'bonds' at MBS

By Clark Palmer Staff Reporter

Today State Treasurer John Perdue continued the in the line-up of great speakers in store for this week at Mountaineer Boys State. Treasurer Perdue gave an uplifting speech to campers urging them to soak in the precious moments campers have with each other.

"These are the guys your gonna call upon sometime in your life and the bonds you make here will last for a life time," State Treasurer John Perdue, said.

S tate Treasurer Perdue also pushed campers not to fall behind in this fast paced technology run world and stay ahead of the pack and lead the way .

"Technology has changed the way we bank, use finances and things can go by in a second and if you fall behind it's hard to get back ahead," Treasurer Perdue said.



John Perdue's Biography

John D. Perdue, the state's 24th Treasurer, has 35 years of experience serving the people of West Virginia.

From his days working for the Department of Agriculture to serving as a senior aide in the Governor's office during the Caperton Administration, John Perdue has placed a high premium on public service. For nearly four decades, Perdue has worked hard to make West Virginia a better place for its small businesses, senior citizens, families, and young people.

Perdue, who was first elected to statewide office in 1996, has taken the State Treasurer's Office to new heights with a more modernized office that not only restored the public's faith and confidence with the state's bank, but also successfully created a transparent office that dutifully serves the West Virginia taxpayer.

The banker of state government, Treasurer Perdue manages more than \$13 billion annually in state dollars, as well as oversees the Board of Treasury Investment (BTI), West Virginia's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, Unclaimed Property, and the SMART 529 College Education Savings Plan among other programs.

Treasurer Perdue has made a strong commitment to improving access to education for all West Virginians. Teaming with Hartford Financial, Perdue has successfully created more than 17,000 SMART 529 accounts to help families save money to send their kids to college and open the doors of opportunity for every West Virginia child. The Treasurer is a strong supporter of financial education in the classroom as well, beginning in elementary school. He is teaming with the West Virginia Department of Education to integrate practical financial uses, a program known as 'NetWorth,' into pre-existing curriculum.

John Perdue is past president of the National Association of State Treasurers and the Northeast Region of the National Association of State Treasurers. He has also served as president of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. In addition, he has served on the board of the College Savings Plan Net-

work.

State Treasurer John Perdue is a native of Dog Fork Hollow at Manila in Boone County. He is the son of Mary and the late Glen Perdue. He is a graduate of Scott High School and earned his Bachelor's of Science degree from West Virginia University in 1972. He is the chairman of the WVU College of Agriculture and Forestry Visiting Committee. Perdue also serves on the West Virginia Board of Trustees of the Leukemia Society of America. He is also a member of the West Virginia Technology Enterprise Investment Council.

John Perdue and his wife Robin are the proud parents of two daughters. They reside in Kanawha County.

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