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General Election Results

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Angelo J. Cocchiaro

Secretary of State

Matteo Cerasoli

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Jack "Stryke" Stryker

Treasurer

Eric Cruciani

Commissioner of Agriculture

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Attorney General

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Family, and Friends to the
2017 Boys State
Inauguration, Formal
Review, and Veterans
Assembly!!!

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Flag Day Facts

Flag Day in the United States falls on June 14th each year. On June 14th, 1777 the Second Continental Congress adopted the United States flag. It wasn't until 1916 that Flag Day was officially declared, by Woodrow Wilson who was the United States president at the time. In 1949 National Flag Day was established in Congress, but it is not a federal holiday. Pennsylvania became the first state to make Flag Day and official state holiday in 1937. The week of June 14th is considered National Flag Week in the United States and the U.S. president urges Americans, via proclamation, to fly the American flag all week.



Flag photo by Nick Summerlin

Interesting Flag Day Facts:

- It is believed that the idea of celebrating Flag Day in the United States originated with a teacher in 1885 in Wisconsin.
- The colors of the American flag are symbolic. The red stands for valor and hardiness. Blue stands for justice, perseverance, and vigilance. White stands for innocence and purity.
- People sometimes refer to the American flag as 'Old Glory'. The term was first used by Captain William Driver in 1831. He was a shipmaster from Salem, Massachusetts and called the flag Old Glory after being given a flag by friends.
- The American flag is also referred to as 'Stars and Stripes', which is a common nickname referring to the flag's design.
- The design of the American flag has changed 27 times.
- Rules exist for displaying the American Flag. They include: 1) display the flag from sunrise to sunset - if displayed at night it should be illuminated; 2) the flag should never touch the floor or the ground; 3) the blue field should be in the upper left hand corner when displayed on a window or wall; 4) when raising the flag it should be done quickly and when lowering it, it should be done ceremoniously.
- Despite the rule of raising the American flag at sunrise and lowering it at sunset, it is flown 24 hours at several locations, which is done by law or by presidential proclamation.
- There are six American flags located on the moon. Apollo crews 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17 planted the flags on the moon.
- Despite the fact that Flag Day is not a federal holiday many places around the United States hold parades and festivals to honor the American flag.
- Flag Day is also the same day as the birthday of the United States Army.
- Fairfield, Washington is home to the oldest continuous Flag Day parade in the United States. The parade has been held every year except for 1918, since 1909.
- The largest Flag Day parade is held in Troy, New York. It is estimated that approximately 50,000 people attend this parade each year. Other large parades are held in Quincy, Massachusetts, and in Three Oaks, MI.
- On the second Sunday in June the National Flag Day Foundation holds their Flag Day ceremonies including a ceremonial flag raising, a Pledge of Allegiance recitation, and singing of America's national anthem, a parade and other activities.
- The first Flag Day observance was on June 14, 1885, when 19-year-old school teacher Bernard J. Cigrand placed a 38-inch star flag in a bottle on his desk. He assigned essays about the flag and its significance.
- If dirty or soiled, an American flag may be washed and dry cleaned.
- If a flag touches the ground, it does not have to be destroyed. Instead, just wash it if it's dirty.

Woody Williams

Congressional Medal of Honor Winner



"Woody Williams: A Champion of Heroic Americanism"

Against what most may perceive, West Virginia is more than a sleepy state hidden amongst rolling mountains. How much potential does such a rural outlier possess? The truth is that West Virginia ranks extraordinarily high in the number of veterans per capita. This great, patriotic state claims one of its most valiant citizens, Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams.

As a recipient of the Medal of Honor in World War II, Woody is the last living soldier with that very honor. Born in October 9, 1923, in Fairmont, West Virginia, Woody would soon rise to prominence, playing his important position in the United States Marine Corps.

Most notable in Woody's career is his efforts that landed him the highest honor known to the United States. Stationed in Japan in late February, year 1945, Woody and four rifleman sought to make way for his infantry. In Iwo Jima, Mr. Williams endured hours of using flame thrower weaponry in opposition to enemy gunfire and terror. His honorary service as a fierce soldier continued for the next several weeks for the duration of the battle until he was wounded. These unyielding actions also qualified him to receive The Purple Heart and later various dedications and memorials.

There are no words to clearly express our gratuity or the wonder in trying to comprehend such bold and heroic actions. We cannot thank you enough. To Mountaineer Boys State, if the opportunity arises, take the time to thank our honorary speaker with complete and earnest sincerity.

Congratulations, Woody Williams!!!



James Conley Justice Jr.

James Conley Justice Jr. (born April 27, 1951) is an American coal mining and agriculture businessman and politician who is the [36th and current Governor of West Virginia](#) since January 2017. Owner of over 50 companies, including [The Greenbrier](#), a luxury resort, Justice is one of the few billionaires from the state of West Virginia.

James Conley Justice II was born in Charleston, the son of James Conley Justice and Edna Ruth (née Perry) Justice. Justice grew up in [Raleigh County, West Virginia](#). He enrolled at the [University of Tennessee](#) on an athletic [scholarship](#) for [golf](#), but transferred to [Marshall University](#). At Marshall, he was a two-year captain on the [Thundering Herd](#) golf team. He earned his [bachelor's degree](#) and [Master in Business Administration](#) from Marshall.

After college, Justice went into the family agriculture business. Justice founded Bluestone Farms in 1977, which now operates 50,000 acres (20,000 ha) of farmland, and is the leading producer of grain on the [East Coast of the United States](#). During that time, he also developed Stoney Brook Plantation, a 15,000-acre hunting and fishing preserve in [Monroe County](#). Justice is a seven time national corn growing champion. After the death of his father in 1993, Justice became the president of Bluestone Industries and Bluestone Coal Corporation. Justice inherited Bluestone Coal Corp. from his father in 1993, and sold some of his coal business to [Mechel](#) in 2009, which he bought back in 2015. Since buying back the mine from Mechel, Justice re-opened several of the coal mines and put over 200 coal miners back to work.

Justice has coached basketball at every level. Having lived in Lewisburg since 2001, he has been the girls' basketball coach at [Greenbrier East High School](#) since 2003, having won the state championship in 2012. In 2011, he also became the head coach for the boys' basketball teams. He is the only coach at the AAA level (the state's largest classification) who coaches both the girls and boys basketball teams.

Jason Pizatella



The oldest child of his family in Fairmont, WV, Pizatella claims he's not sure where he got his interest in politics, as his family was "the least political of any out there." They did, however, teach him the importance of voting and civic duty, provide support and help him see that he wanted to make a difference.

Growing up, one of the defining attributes of the Pizatella household was their love for sports—one that has stood the test of time. "We were always competitive," he says. "I dreamed of one day becoming commissioner of Major League Baseball."

That passion continues to dictate some of how Pizatella spends his time today; he volunteers as an official for baseball and basketball youth sports leagues in Charleston. He also serves the community through his faith with numerous Catholic organizations by volunteering at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral as a Eucharistic minister and lector and serving as a member of the Serra Club and St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Society.

Jason is a graduated, West Virginia University College of Law, 2007 as well as a graduated of West Virginia University Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, 2004.

After attending law school, Pizatella began practicing law with Spilman Thomas and Battle, PLLC in Charleston, where he focused on corporate and business law with an emphasis on government affairs and public utilities. Among his other professional experiences, he also worked in the State Senate Committee on Government Organization and Committee on Finances.

He joined the Tomblin Administration in 2011 as the governor's liaison to the State Legislature. On July 1, 2013, Governor Tomblin appointed him as his deputy chief of staff.



Mac Warner

Mac Warner (born 1954/55) is the [West Virginia Secretary of State](#). He lives in [Morgantown, West Virginia](#).

Secretary Warner and his wife of 34 years, Debbie Law Warner, raised their four children in Monongalia County where Debbie is a Realtor.

A sixth generation West Virginian who has spent his life promoting American ideals of democracy and freedom around the globe, Secretary Warner understands a vibrant, free market economy only occurs when clean, fair elections and a predictable court system under the Rule of Law have created a safe environment where investment can flourish.

He is the father of four children all current or former Army officers.

Secretary Warner graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and West Virginia University's College of Law; he has two Master of Law Degrees, one in Military Law from The Army Judge Advocate General's School and one in International Law from the University of Virginia Law School. A decorated soldier, Secretary Warner served as the Chief of International Law for the United States Army Europe, was an instructor at The Army Judge Advocate General's School, and served on the Staff at the US Army War College. He has been both a Defense Attorney and a Chief Prosecutor. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before his retirement after 23 years in the United States Army.

He took office January 16, 2017, having won the general election in November 2016.

Mountaineer Boys State Facts 1962

- Cost \$35 to send a boy to Boys State
- A complex system of buses transported boys to camp at no cost to the legion by bus company
- Ballot and campaign material were pink and orange
- All voting was done in the cabins
- State police was new course in 1962
- 347 in attendance
- Real life issue dealt with in Supreme Court was the use of photography in court rooms for news coverage having a contribution to jury bias & may be cause for mistrial
- Swimming pool was in front of Dining Hall

Devotions Nightly
Jackson's Mill Chapel
Check Manual for Times

Officer of the Day

Wednesday, *June 14, 2017*

Chris Sharps

Jim Davis, Alternate

Federalist Caucus Debate:

Cameron Cunningham, Reporter

Monday marked the official day for the campaign of elected positions. It started with the primary elections when the Nationalist Party and Federalist Party were dismissed into separate groups to begin their discussions. In the Federalist Party, approximately seven planks (topics) were spoken about. These include the following, as stated by representatives of the Federalist Platform Committee: equality for all; cracking down on the opioid epidemic and other illegal substances; better funding for EMS, Security forces, and the National Guard; enforcement of the Constitution; reform of the state welfare program with (mandatory) drug testing; and lastly shrinking down the government along with cutting costs to unimportant programs.

Citizens who attended had a mostly positive attitude toward the ideas of change and unity. Several individuals expressed their feelings about the planks not being appealing to others. While there are disagreements between the two parties, the Federalists are doing their best to unify the state. When the meeting was adjourned, attendees walked out with relief and confidence in their party.

Second Federalist Caucus

By: Cameron Cunningham

After a long wait for heavy rain to pass, the Nationalist and Federalist Parties separated. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 marked the second campaign session. Chairman Ben Merzouk led the party into discussion. One citizen spoke aloud on their party's plans on "going bananas" to show what "the Nationalists are missing out on" (James Inaman). The Federalist Party plans to keep their spirits very high with the traditional Key-Note Speech and a rally outside of Harrison Cottage (weather permitting).

Later on in the discussion, former candidates running for the position of governor spoke on behalf of the party's majority vote candidate, Angelo J. Cocchiaro.

Planks were proposed and the Federalist Party worked as a whole to organize the primary election. The meeting was adjourned, having run an estimated 10 minutes.

Nationalist Caucus 6/13

Brady Michael

The message at the 3rd Nationalist caucus this week was that of strength. The party leaders made it extremely clear to all the Nationalists that they have strong candidates and a strong platform. This event definitely exhibited incredible enthusiasm and pride from the Nationalists, and seemed more like a pep rally than a caucus.

This took place this afternoon in the W. Va. Building at 2:30. While the rain poured outside, it did not depress the Nationalist party- in fact, it appeared to be the exact opposite. Massive support was shown for the governor-nominee Noah Zachwieja, as well as all the other candidates. The party platform was clear, and overwhelmingly supported in the final vote. It included marijuana legalization, lower taxes, personal freedoms, and more to improve social and economic life in West Virginia.

Cheers and chants were made, and the whole party was brought together to defend their platform and candidates. If anything, the caucus proved that the Nationalists are passionate and serious, and will do what they can to secure every position possible.

2nd Nationalist Caucus

Brady Michael

Monday's 2nd Nationalist Caucus, once more held at the Assembly Hall at 2:30, saw an inspirational show of enthusiasm from the audience, and true effort of all the candidates running for state positions. While much of the beginning of the week was difficult for everyone, these caucuses have brought out the best in everyone involved.

Among cheerful shouts and deafening roars of approval, each candidate made inspirational speeches to help instill their values in their voters, as well as persuading them to vote for them. Some noticeable candidates were Connor, running for Auditor, Frank who is running for Treasurer, and most of the candidates for governor, in their own ways.

By far, the most candidates for a single position was for governor. Eight individuals stepped up to the plate to present their views on how to improve both Boys State and the state of West Virginia. They eloquently presented their visions for the future in such a way that it would give nationalists a tough time choosing who to solely support and vote for.



Ruby Coberly

On Monday, June 12, 2017 a former “Rosie the Riveter” Ruby Coberly, spoke to the citizens attending Mountaineer Boys State. A Rosie the Riveter was responsible for manufacturing parts that were assembled on crafts used in World War II. They were females who had to step up and join the work force. Their efforts were a large contribution to the success of the United States.

Ruby has been involved with the Rosies for one year. She was reluctant to acknowledge she knew at the time how large her sacrifice was; but, as history progressed, we now know how greatly they benefited our Military.

Ruby opened a beauty-shop after the war. She was asked to give the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State words of advice that she has allocated through her life. She told the citizens to always set goals and not to stop until they are achieved. Her perseverance mirrors her lifestyle, as she retired from work at the age of 87.

Firefighters at Kanawha Cottage

By Brady Michael

An interesting occasion took place near Kanawha cottage in the afternoon on Tuesday. As part of the training for firefighters, all the citizens in the firefighter career path were taken to an area behind the Assembly Hall to be instructed on how to properly use, control, and aim a fire hose. They used both an actual fire hydrant.



Photo by Isaac Smith



World News

June 14, 2017

By David Tincher

Microsoft has officially announced the creation of a brand new gaming console, the Xbox One X. Considered by the creator of Xbox Mike Spencer as “the world’s most powerful gaming console”, the Xbox One X’s tech specs include but are not limited to: 12 gigabytes of graphic memory, 326 gigabyte per second memory bandwidth and a 6 Teraflop graphic processing unit. It is also the smallest Xbox ever, having a market listing price of \$499. Burnished with a mysterious “S” Logo, fans and critics speculate that this could stand for Scorpio according to many teaser videos at this year’s E3 convention. The Xbox One X is compatible with all Xbox One accessories as well as Xbox 360 games.

The new console has an HDMI-in port, however no port solely for the Kinect. Microsoft has also promised that it can support games with 900p and 1080p, and that they can run at 4k television performance. 360 games will also have noticeably better graphics and in overall performance as well. Games such as Gears of War 4, Forza Horizon 3, Killer Instinct, Halo Wars 2, and Minecraft will all be updated free of charge to run smoothly on the Xbox One X. Many believe that the console has absolutely no competition in power, speed and execution. Microsoft executives plan to launch the console worldwide on November 7th, 2017.

What’s Happening Outside Jackson’s Mill

By David Tincher

The federal court has ruled against President Trump’s restrictions on travel to six Middle Eastern countries including Iran, Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen. The fourth circuit court of appeals has ruled against his decision; however, the ninth circuit was convinced to agree with his ban. On Trump’s behalf, he argues that this order is a matter of homeland security and to keep any terrorists and their acts away from American soil. *“The Justice Dept. should have stayed with the original Travel Ban, not the watered down, politically correct version they submitted to S.C.”- Donald Trump’s Twitter account, 2017.*

However, the judges that oppose this decision consider it unconstitutional; that he is discriminating against Muslims that are trying to seek safety in America. More than 180 million people live in these nations, and restricting passage into America could put their lives at risk. Nonetheless, the ultimate decision to be made is whether or not America and the rest of the world keeps its borders open to these fellow human beings when there is a risk that they could inflict terror on naturalized citizens.

MLB Scores

By Hunter Breeden

- Atlanta Braves 11 @ Washington Nationals 10
- Philadelphia Phillies 5 @ Boston Red Sox 6
- Seattle Mariners 14 @ Minnesota Twins 3
- Texas Rangers 6 @ Houston Astros 1
- Cincinnati Reds 3 @ San Diego Padres 9
- Colorado Rockies 2 @ Pittsburgh Pirates 7
- Chicago Cubs 1 @ New York Mets 6
- Baltimore Orioles 7 @ Chicago White Sox 10
- New York Yankees 5 @ Los Angeles Angels 3



Stanley Cup Finals

By Cordell Parsons

Looking for a chance to be back to back Stanley Cup Champions, the Pittsburgh Penguins stood face to face with the rising Nashville Predators on their push for a championship. Beginning on May 29, 2017, the two teams took battle where the Penguins took a quick 3-0 lead from the start. With the Predators on the chase, the score was set even, but the Penguins blasted the final blow to become victorious. Game two was a nail biter as well until the Penguins unleashed their assault and put the exclamation point onto a 2-0 series lead. The two following games were near opposites as the Predators evened the series with back to back phenomenal performances from their team. Four games were in the books and a chase for the title had begun once again. Both organizations brought all that they had left in the tank, but the superior Penguins seemed to be the true champions.

Sydney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, two MVP caliber players, helped lead and finish the charge for the very successful season of the Pittsburgh Penguins in a 6 game series.



Judicial Circuits and Trial Dates

FIRST CIRCUIT

Randolph-Wednesday

Monroe-Thursday

SECOND CIRCUIT

Upshur/Harrison-Wednesday

Lewis-Thursday

THIRD CIRCUIT

Marion – Wednesday

Calhoun/Gilmer – Thursday

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Braxton-Wednesday

Panhandle-Thursday

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Kanawha-Wednesday

Barbour/Webster-Thursday

ALMBS Bank Staff 2017

Full Time

1. Justin Shelton - President
2. Garrett Pauls - Vice President
3. Sean Crites - Loan Officer
4. Brent Kowalsky - Teller
5. Connor Walton -Teller
6. Nathan Wheeler - Teller
7. Alex Rosencrancee -Teller

Part Time

1. Samuel Stamper – Barbour
2. Noah Cremeans – Braxton
3. Benjamin Nolte – Panhandle
4. Gavin Moreno – Gilmer
5. Evan Cuamo – Calhoun
6. Tyler Drummond – Kanawha
7. Jacob Ochsenbein – Marion
8. Tristan Giguet – Randolph
9. Jerry White III – Monroe
10. Michael Spitak – Webster

Word on the Street

Four citizens of Boys State were picked at random to answer a question, concerning one of the campaign promises made by a nationalist candidate during the 2nd Nationalist caucus. The promise was to merge Boys State and Girls State. While this may be unlikely to happen, one of the newspaper reporters asked the random individuals:

What is your opinion of the proposal to bring Girls State to Boys State, and how do you feel about a possible combined Youths State?

“Great idea. Never gonna happen.”- Cyrus Goldsmith.

“Although our hopes are high for it, it’s never gonna happen.”- Jaden McCord.

“Best thing in the world, because my girlfriend’s in there.”- Max Fitz.

“You know, I’ll only support it if we get our own private rooms.”- Philip Ketchum

Their answers did vary slightly, but all their opinions were pretty much the same; they think it would be a good idea, but it would probably not end up happening just because a candidate promised it would. And that’s the Word on the Street.

-Brady Michael

Elements of the emblem



The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.



The wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.



The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.



Inner rings

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.



American Legion

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning.



Tuesday Athletic Results

By Cordell Parsons



Session 1

Cottage 1	Cottage 2	Sport	Score	Winner
Panhandle	Monroe	Volleyball (Sand)	1 out of 1 game	Panhandle
Marion	Gilmer/Calhoun	Volleyball (Hard Court)	2 out of 3 games	Gilmer/Calhoun
Randolph	Upshur/Harrison	Frisbee	13-10	Randolph
Braxton	Webster/Barbour	Softball	Forfeit	Braxton
Kanawha	Lewis	Basketball	13-9	Kanawha

Session 2

Cottage 1	Cottage 2	Sport	Score	Winner
Randolph	Gilmer/Calhoun	Volleyball (Sand)	2 out of 3 games	Gilmer/Calhoun
Webster/Barbour	Monroe	Volleyball (Hard Court)	2 out of 3 games	Webster/Barbour
Lewis	Panhandle	Frisbee	15-1	Panhandle
Kanawha	Marion	Softball	18-16	Kanawha
Braxton	Upshur/Harrison	Basketball	12-11	Upshur/Harrison

Wardens

Grant Elliott – Panhandle

Martuise Hansbury – Webster

Correction Officers

Brayden Wilder – Webster

Clayton Myers – Marion

Jorden Gump – Monroe

Jaden Glenn – Harrison

Doran Gallagher – Calhoun

One of the wardens will be chosen by the governor to be Commissioner.

MENU

BREAKFAST

Omelets, Sausage Patties, Biscuits,
Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal, Bananas,
Apple Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Goulosh, Corn, Pears, Salad,
Chocolate Pudding, Fresh Fruit,
Milk

DINNER

Hot Dogs, chili, buns California
Blend, Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Milk