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Mountaineer Boys State!!!

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#ALMBS

A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!  
<http://wvboysstate.org>

By Johnathan Phillips

Three days ago, just over four hundred of us showed up, our heads flooded with uncertainty and anticipation; some of us already longing for our homes far away. They said it was a privilege to be here, that we are here because we're the brightest men of West Virginia's class of 2018, and that we're meant to be the leaders of tomorrow.

I had no idea what to expect. I had never been to Jackson's Mill before and had just recently learned about the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program. I've read all the packets in full, and visited their website (@ <https://www.mountaineerboysstate.org/>). Between the two sources, all I could gather was that Boys State was some sort of advanced Boy Scouts club oriented around learning about government practices and obtaining leadership skills. More importantly, I knew it was a once in a lifetime opportunity; something I had to go to.

After my three hour journey, I arrived to see a hellacious mass of people circulating through what seemed to be a large, one-room cabin: a building I didn't expect to be visiting every day for hours at a time. It was desk after desk, paper after paper, and signature after signature until I could finally unpack my things into my assigned cabin: Upshur.

I was intimidated for at least the first hour or so after being unpacked; new faces and military-style beds tend to scare me. Oddly enough, there isn't a face I've failed to befriend or a counselor I haven't been pleased to meet. All has been quite reassuring thus far. I will most definitely enjoy my stay here at the 80th annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State leadership program.

The Newspaper Staff Apologizes to Johnathan Phillips for not publishing his story in the Wednesday Paper

## **TAX SALE!!!**

Tonight after the evening assembly, there will be a State auction of land for all Boys State Citizens.\* Everyone will be given the unique opportunity to buy their own land here at Boys State! Also, all citizens are able to form groups, combining funds/loans, in order to buy these excellent properties.

### **There will be many valuable pieces, including:**

**The entire 8.42 acre athletic field in the center of camp  
(starting at \$50)**

**The historical buildings, land, and pond near the General Store  
(starting at \$814)**

**The West Virginia Building and land  
(starting at \$300.80)**

\* All winners must pay a \$35 assessor's fee.

## Firefighters at Kanawha Cottage

Brady Michael, Photographer:

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 and an actual fire hose. Not only that, but in the horrid heat, they also had to wear full fire jackets and helmets.

Their exercise consisted primarily of two citizens holding the hose, shooting a bucket, chasing it, and then shooting a box out of a tree. They demonstrated their knowledge, and capabilities to use the hose, primarily in the skills of strength, accuracy, speed, and teamwork.

This activity shows above all the determination and development of individuals who may one day be putting out fires for real. Their hard work to learn to put out fires is something everyone in Boys State should be proud of.

## On the Job

Brady Michael, Photographs by: Isaac Smith

Here is a brief, interesting look at some of the government jobs that occurred on Wednesday after the camp took the West Virginia photo. The meetings varied in certain aspects, particularly in organization and attitude.

In the Jackson Lodge basement, the Senate was in the midst of rampant discussion on matters of government organization and economics, while sitting in a few group circles. The House of Delegates, while more informal, also saw much conversation on issues. This group had one of the friendlier, cooperative tones in the groups. Next, in the W. Va. Building, the County Commission had an organized lecture on how to properly communicate with the public body. Robert's Rules of Order were emphasized to allow meetings to be more efficient and fair. The Jubilee Pavilion saw the city government vote and defeat an example proposal to put a strip club in a high school. Clearly, the start of city government careers were very entertaining. The County Clerks in the Rotary Pavilion had practice working with birth and death certificates. Finally, the DMV had a few people on staff ready to work.

All this shows the commitment of the citizens to their jobs. It seems Boys State is heading in a good direction.

## ***Attention!!!***

Talent show auditions will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Assembly Hall from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

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Michael Malfregeot

in Harrison County.

## Premier Bank

Premier Bank is a bank focused on the community. From serving it to being a part of it, they do their best to make sure that the financial needs of everyone is met. Premier has helped generations of customers achieve their dreams of home ownership, starting a business, plan for a solid financial foundation, and carefree retirement. Premier bankers understand each customer is different and they take time to get to know their customers and goals. Their locations stretch everywhere from WV and Virginia, to DC and its Metro.

## Michael Malfregeot

Michael Malfregeot is the Vice President, Branch Manager, and Small Business and Retail Development Manager for Premier Bank. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Shepherd University. Michael plays an active role in many community organizations

## James Dague

### Legislative Director at The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

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.” In June of 1987, Mr. Dague was selected to become a Boys State Citizen and remained a member of the program ever since.



James is the son of Edward and Patty Dague of Triadelphia. James is a 1993 graduate of West Virginia Northern Community College, and received a BS in American Studies from West Liberty State College in 1995. James serves as a part-time staff member for the Honorable Mary Poling, Chairman, Committee on Education in the WV House of Delegates. He is a former District

Governor of Civitan International of WV.

For at least 17 years he’s been portraying Abraham Lincoln in the Abe Lincoln Presentation at ALMBS He is accompanied by his lovely wife Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by Ms. Elizabeth Kocsis.

In 2009 James was officially sworn in as Abraham Lincoln “Wheeling resident, James Edward Dague (pictured), made a special visit to the Senate today, but not as himself. To commemorate Lincoln's 200th birthday celebration at the Capitol, Dague arrived at the Senate Chamber as none other than President Abraham Lincoln. After taking the oath of office of the President of the United States, Dague gave Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address”. (*News release from the Legislature - Wednesday, March 11, 2009 Legislature*)



*Elizabeth in her Mary Todd costume*

## Mary Todd Lincoln

Ms Elizabeth Kocsis, daughter of ALMBS Administrator, Randall Kocsis, portrays Mary Todd Lincoln in the Abe Lincoln Presentation at ALMBS. Elizabeth is a graduate of North Marion High School and will attend WV University in the field of Nursing. Ms. Kocsis is an American Legion Rhododendron Girls State alumni from 2016. She and her sister have attended and worked as staff members at ALMBS for the past five years. Elizabeth lives in the Fairmont, WV area.



## Nation Capitol Police Prevented Massacre in Virginia

By David Tincher

This is a breaking news story and is subject to change as updates arise. At an early morning baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia at least four Republican congressmen were wounded when a gunman began shooting at random. House Majority Whip, Steve Scalise, was among the men injured; he was shot in the hip and was transported to MedStar Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., where he is currently in stable condition and undergoing surgery. Alexandria Police Chief Michael Brown said five people were taken to local hospitals, including the suspect (whose identity is still unknown) following the shooting.

President Trump also released a statement after being briefed on the story.

"The Vice President and I are aware of the shooting incident in Virginia and are monitoring developments closely," he said. "We are deeply saddened by this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the members of Congress, their staff, Capitol Police, first responders, and all others affected."

Both Democratic and GOP baseball teams were practicing earlier that morning. However, no shots were fired until the Republican Party began their practice. Senator Rand Paul was at the batting cages when this occurred, and he described it as the following: "There was a rapid succession of shots, you know five or ten shots. In the field, I see Representative Scalise is shot but moving, and he's trying to drag himself through the dirt and out into the outfield." The Capitol Police finally arrived after a reported 50-60 shots were fired, taking swift action to detain the shooter before anyone else was injured. About a block away from the baseball field, children were walking to school.

## Legal System Preparation

By: Cameron Cunningham



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upcoming trials.





# Sports



## WVU Quarterback Coming?

By Hunter Breeden

Multiple reports show that as of June 13, 2017, Jack Allison, quarterback of the University of Miami, will be transferring to West Virginia University. He may have to sit out his junior season because of this transfer, but this just means that the future is looking even brighter for WVU Football!

## Twins on a Rise

By Cordell Parsons

The Minnesota Twins have had a very balanced season behind their talented lineup. Having a current record of 33-28, the Major League Baseball organization hopes to use their most recent victory of historic fashion to bring momentum into the middle of the season. Blasting in a franchise record of 28 hits against the Seattle Mariners along with an astounding 20 runs, the team is now in the spotlight. With returning starter Eddie Rosario, who launched three homeruns into the stands, the Twins lineup seemed to form a ring of fire, rocking in seven runs in two separate innings. Furthermore, the lineup

completely cycled through multiple times, showing that their team really came to play.

## Andrew Luck Returns?

By Cordell Parsons

After an outstanding 2016-2017 NFL season for the Indianapolis Colts quarterback, Andrew Luck, highly regarded and respected player, Andrew, underwent a crucial right shoulder surgery to repair his throwing arm. Being known for his pure talent and skills as a team captain, Colts fans and staff are very hopeful and want a healthy return. Summer practice camps are coming and going as the upcoming season approaches. Luck continues to attend his rehab sessions and has been said by staff to be making tremendous progress. The quarterback states that he is optimistic on his return, but can make zero promises on an exact date. As of now, Luck will continue to participate as an assistant on the sidelines of the Colts training camps this summer and eventually find his way back into the spotlight on the field.

**There were no athletics on Wednesday.**

## Officer of the Day

June 15, 2017

Rana Stephens

Luke Kopp, Alternate

## Mountaineer Boys State Store

Additional Items

Aluminum Water Bottles - \$4

License Plates - \$1

See Director Jim Davis in Headquarters

## Riddle of the Day

Every night I'm told what to do, and each morning I do what I'm told. But I still don't escape your scold. What am I?

First to correctly respond gets a reward. Come to the Journalism department at SC Right to report your answers.

### **Supreme Court of Appeals Docket (Thursday)**

- 9:00 Hear petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5 and conduct other business
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- 10:00 Recess
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- 10:40 Recess
- 11:00 Reconvene; announce decision on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 and decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, hear motions for admission to the bar for afternoon circuit court trials and swear-in circuit court judges, and conduct other business
- 11:20 Recess; write opinions and conduct other necessary business
- 1:00 Observe Circuit trials
- 2:30 Reconvene; announce decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, and conduct other business before the Court
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*By: Cameron Cunningham  
Photos by: Nicholas Summerlin*



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## Harrison Circuit Court 6/14

Brady Michael

In Harrison cottage, one of the first circuit court trials took place for the week. As the first, this trial was to both introduce the concepts involved in a courtroom and work out the bugs that come with a mock trial.

The trial was concerning a bank robbery, the defendant accused of being the robber. After much confusion with the script going on during the proceeding, it was decided to simply start over, with added specifications. The testimonies included that of the bank teller, the officer who made the arrest, the crime scene investigator, and the defendant himself. There was a great deal of factors that came into the case that the jury needed to consider. While in deliberation, it was voted in the audience if they thought guilty or not guilty. A fair majority thought not guilty.

The jury found the defendant to be innocent of the crime. Truly, this helped give everyone an idea about how trials work, and the tremendous preparation involved. It was certainly an interesting court experience for everyone.



## Forming the 80<sup>th</sup> Mountaineer Boys State

*By: Cameron Cunningham*

Replicating the state of West Virginia using the citizens of Boys State is an annual tradition the citizens created. Citizens were dismissed and led out in an orderly fashion to the Frisbee field. With the help from the Boys State staff and volunteers, the 80<sup>th</sup> Mountaineer Boys State citizens were able to create a filled-in replica of West Virginia. In addition to the state, the number "80" was formed in the lower right.



## Braxton / Panhandle Court Case

*By: Cordell Parsons*

A court case was prepared between Braxton cottage who ran the case and Panhandle cottage who were the jury. The case was known as the State of West Virginia vs. Kyle Sheridan.

Stated by the prosecuting attorney, Kyle was said to be spotted outside of an electronics store walking toward his vehicle after the security alarms had been alerted. Once cops had arrived, Kyle worked with them and let the officials into his vehicle. Within the vehicle, a stolen computer monitor and a television were found. Along with this, there was a crowbar. Evidence on the scene showed that fingerprints were found on the crowbar and within the building of Kyle's DNA. A door had also been opened using a crowbar to enter the building.

The defense attorney stepped in to state that Kyle was said to be at a bar on the night of October 30<sup>th</sup>, and not at the crime scene. Witnesses also stated that he was a very generous person, but had drunk heavily on that night and left the bar around the time of the incident. Overall, the evidence given along with the fact that stolen items from the store were exact matches, the fingerprints did not show that Kyle had handled them himself. Because of this, the jury voted that he was not guilty of burglary.

## Is There an Increase in Motorcycle Accidents in the Summer Months?

*Author Unknown*

Oddly enough, if you're not a motorcycle rider, you may not even think of this. If you are an avid rider who rides year round, it may not pertain to you either. The realism is that with the change of season and the increase in temperatures there is an increase in the number of motorcycle riders that we see on our roadways; thus giving us a positive correlation between warmer temperatures and the increase in motorcycle accidents.

Is this to say that since the weather improves that the number of motorcycle riders on our roadways increase? Yes. With the increase in the numbers of riders on our roadways, there is in turn an increase in the number of motorcycle related accidents. With this, we also see an increase in the number of motorcycle related deaths.

Is this to say that since it's gotten warm, this is causing an increase in motorcycle accidents? No, but with the increase in the number of motorcycles on our roadways due to improved weather, you can expect an increase in the number of incidents involving motorcycles.

If you review statistics available online, you will find that a lot of the data has been compiled by different attorney agencies. If you look further into the statistics that look at the number of motorcycle accidents in the warmer months of the year, the increase in the number of motorcycles on our roadways, and the deaths that result related to motorcycle accidents, you will also note that during the warmer months, there is a lack of protective gear being worn.

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## Mac Warner Says to Engage!!!



“Engage... engage... engage!” These were the first words of yesterday’s morning speaker, Mac Warner, and exactly what we’re here to do on our Boys State adventure. Mac Warner is a member of the Republican Party and our West Virginia Secretary of State. He was elected November 8, 2016 and sworn in January 16, 2017.

Warner has his master’s in international and military law, as well as a couple other diplomas, including his degree from West Point U.S. Military academy. He served in the army for twenty-three years, part of which was done running an office “that was in charge of the mentoring

senior government official in rule of law” in Afghanistan.

When Warner spoke, he told us of the history of our camp, Jackson’s Mill, and about how the General (Stonewall) got his name. He told us what an opportunity we had here, how honored that he, an elected official, was to see us. Mac Warner spoke of self-actualization and leadership, inspiring us all.

### Visit from Woody Williams

Brady Michael

After the formal review on Wednesday, citizens and parents all gathered in the horse barn to listen to patriotic music, the Posts Everlasting Ceremony, Lighting of POW/MIA candle, service songs, and several very special speakers.

The last of these speakers was Woody Williams, a distinguished World War II hero, who not only earned the Purple Heart, but also the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is one of 5 United States WWII veterans still alive to have earned the Medal of Honor. His speech was a moving one, which captured the audience’s attention. It was hopeful, humorous, and reached the core of what it means to serve and be an American.

He earned several standing ovations. The audience was surely impacted, parents, citizens, siblings, and even other veterans, as they listened to a true hero.

## Hunting

Attention hunters!!! Big game hunting opportunities available: deer, turkey, bear, and wild boar.

Permits available at the DNR office in the EEC Building.

Prizes available for those bagging the biggest game.



#### BREAKFAST

Eggs, Sausage sticks, syrup, Hot & Cold Cereal, Fresh fruit, orange juice, Milk



#### LUNCH

Tacos and shells, Peaches, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, sour cream – salsa, cheddar cheese, churros, Milk



#### DINNER

Rotini & meat sauce, peas & carrots, garlic bread, salad, choc. Cake w/choc icing, Fresh Fruit, Milk