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Boys State*



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# World News



## Update On The Shooting In Virginia

By Timothy Christiansen

This is an update on the shooting that took place in Alexandria, Virginia. Police have identified the suspect as James Hodgkinson, a 66 year old man from Illinois, who died during a shootout with officials after the incident. House Majority Whip, Steve Scalise, is currently in critical condition and will require additional operations, according to Medstar Washington Hospital Center. They later released a statement, explaining what occurred. "Congressman Steve Scalise sustained a single rifle shot to the left hip. The bullet traveled across his pelvis, fracturing bones, injuring internal organs, and causing severe bleeding." Scalise was not the only one who suffered during this tragedy. Zach Barth, a congressional staffer, and Matt Mika, a lobbyist for Tyson Foods, were also shot and are currently recovering. House Speaker Paul Ryan commended Capitol Police for their efforts saying, "We are united. We are united in our shock. We are united in our anguish. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us."

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## Mayweather vs. McGregor

Cordell Parsons

It is official! Current UFC star and lightweight champion, Conor McGregor, is set to face Floyd Mayweather, who is arguably the best boxer of all time. Mayweather, who is exiting his retirement which occurred at the end of 2015, is the main piece that stopped this event from happening for so long. The two have argued back and forth for months over social media which has only built up the tension between them. The match is set to occur on August 26, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the two men love spending their time and money. Age is in the favor of McGregor, as his prime is still occurring at a young 28 years of age. However, Mayweather has just turned 40 but is technically at the advantage. Boxing is the only aspect allowed in the match and Mayweather has dominated it for years. Yes, McGregor is very skilled at fighting, but many of the techniques he knows and uses are no longer at his grasp.

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-Office of the Attorney General

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## Newspaper v. The State Fallacious Eggs

Reporters: Brady Michael and Johnathan Phillips, Photographer: Isaac Smith

On the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, officers of Boys State charged the newspaper staff with Liabe (False) Printing. The charge was on the grounds that in Thursday's newspaper, eggs was listed under Breakfast, and when the citizens went to breakfast, there were no eggs. The person labelled as responsible was the lead editor Christian Palmer, in charge of maintaining accurate information. The fine went up to \$200.00.

A trial was organized at the Gilmer Circuit Court around 10:00 AM. Journalism properly reported the trial, and even participated in it. Maxwell Bennett served as the paper's defense attorney, and later in the trail, Isaac Smith was called to the witness stand by the prosecution. The prosecution gave a strong argument for their case that the newspaper had made false advertisement. The defense was to the point that "Breakfast" was not to be confused for either "Breakfast for the Staff" or "Breakfast for the Citizens." This point was emphasized after the defense called its witness.

For a brief moment, the prosecution seemed to have the upper hand, until the defense called their only witness, Barbara, one of the newspaper advisors, to the stand. She claimed that, separate from the citizens, downstairs she did have eggs for breakfast with other staff members. The defense's argument was based on that "Breakfast" did not apply to only citizens or only staff, but everyone. So what is listed for breakfast cannot be guaranteed to any certain group, but a group will be served. The newspaper was for everyone, not just citizens.

After the jury deliberated, they found the *Mountaineer* not guilty. The State has expressed interest in an appeal, though it is unclear to what extent they will pursue one. The newspaper staff has decided that they would now focus more on its primary goal; properly informing the citizens of Boys State of current events.

## Clowning Around

Brady Michael

The rainy afternoon of Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> saw many firsts for Boys State. For the first time, the driving laws were implemented, first time citizens have seen their parents since they got here, and the first wreck in camp.

Breaking news reached the newsroom about a car wreck. As reporters, citizens, police, firefighters, and EMTs approached the scene, they found that a truck had run off the road, and almost into the tree. The driver was blaring the horn like there was no tomorrow. The first people on the scene reported the driver to be a clown who acted as if he were high by screaming, "You've never seen a clown in a car before?!"

State police quickly arrived at the scene, and made a perimeter, also arresting at least three individuals who were said to have been somehow involved in the crash. The clown, bloodied, with makeup running, was attended to by EMTs screaming that they had stolen his wig, and claiming he was headed to a party.

Clearly this shows the danger and carelessness of particular party entertainers. Particularly when they do drugs. While the accident was cleaned up, it certainly showed how the clown's low lead to the highpoint of the officers, firefighters, and EMTs of the camp.



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# Sports



## MLB Scores

By Hunter Breeden

- Milwaukee Brewers 0 @ St. Louis Cardinals 6
- Atlanta Braves 5 @ Washington Nationals 10
- Colorado Rockies 2 @ Pittsburgh 5
- Tampa Bay Rays 8 @ Toronto Blue Jays 1
- Philadelphia Phillies 3 @ Boston Red Sox 4
- Arizona Diamondbacks 7 @ Detroit Tigers 6
- Oakland Athletics 1 @ Miami Marlins 8
- Los Angeles Dodgers 7 @ Cleveland Indians 5
- Chicago Cubs 14 @ New York Mets 3
- Seattle Mariners 7 @ Minnesota Twins 20
- Texas Rangers 4 @ Houston Astros 2
- Baltimore Orioles 1 @ Chicago White Sox 6
- Milwaukee Brewers 8 @ St. Louis Cardinals 5
- New York Yankees 2 @ Los Angeles Angels 3
- Cincinnati Reds 2 @ San Diego Padres 6
- Kansas City Royals 8 @ San Francisco Giants 1

## Drafted Out Of High School?

By Hunter Breeden

No citizens, your eyes are not deceiving you. Aaron Perry, out of Hurricane High School, has been selected in the MLB Draft by the Boston Red Sox in the 14<sup>th</sup> round. Aaron Perry, 5'11" and 175 lbs, plays second base, shortstop, and has a bit of pitching under his belt. Not only does he excel on the field, but in the classroom as well, completing high school with an accumulative GPA of 3.5. Perry has committed 4 years of college to the University of Kentucky, where it is unknown what his future holds for him. We all wish the best for Aaron Perry and hope that one day, we will get see his excitement as a part of the Boston Red Sox.

## Thursday Athletic Results

By Cordell Parsons

### Session 1

Cottage 1	Cottage 2	Sport	Score	Winner
Braxton	Gilmer/Calhoun	Volleyball (Sand)	2 out of 3	Braxton
Lewis	Monroe	Volleyball (Hard Court)	2 out of 3	Lewis
Kanawha	Webster/Barbour	Frisbee	20-14	Kanawha
Randolph	Marion	Softball	11-7	Randolph
Panhandle	Upshur/Harrison	Basketball	26-16	Panhandle

### Session 2

Cottage 1	Cottage 2	Sport	Score	Winner
Lewis	Monroe	Volleyball (Sand)	2 out of 3	Lewis
Kanawha	Randolph	Volleyball (Hard Court)	2 out of 3	Kanawha
Marion	Upshur/Harrison	Frisbee	24-17	Marion
Braxton	Panhandle	Softball	14-7	Panhandle
Webster/Barbour	Gilmer/Calhoun	Basketball	42-30	Webster/Barbour





## Hoppy Kercheval

Harvey Holbert Kercheval III, or as we know the man, “Hoppy Kercheval,” is a well-known radio broadcaster with his own talk show, *MetroNews Talkline*. It is listened to by people all around the state between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. When he was younger, his older brother called him Hoppy for the first time, giving him the name forever. He likes to say that his grandfather and father were Harvey, but he’s hoppy.

Hoppy’s first job was at the local radio station WXVA in Charles Town. He was 19 years old. In addition to *MetroNews Talkline*, he has been a key member of the Mountaineer Sports Network’s pregame, halftime, and postgame shows. He has worked at West Virginia Radio Corporation since he began his career in 1976 as a news anchor. Since then, his career at WJAR in Morgantown has taken him from the news desk, to the

## John B. “JB” McCuskey, State Auditor

*By Brady Michael Photographer: Isaac Smith*



John McCuskey was born in Clarksburg. He is son to John F. McCuskey, 70<sup>th</sup> Justice of West Virginia’s Supreme Court of Appeals, and Anne McCuskey, who has passed on. John B. McCuskey is the 21<sup>st</sup> State Auditor of West Virginia. Before that, he served two terms as a member of the House of Delegates, District 35 in Charleston from 2012-2016.

McCuskey is a graduate from both George Washington University, with a degree in Political Communication, and from WVU College of Law. He was also, previously, an attorney for six years. While in the House of Delegates, McCuskey was a member of a number of committees. They were the committees of Energy, Industry and Labor, Judiciary, Banking and Insurance, and Enrolled Bills. He was the chair of the Banking and Insurance and Enrolled Bills committees.

McCuskey resides in Charleston where he and his family own a small business.

## Katheryn Ryan

*By: Cameron Cunningham*



Kathryn Ryan is the program coordinator at Inspire West Virginia. Kathryn has grown up in Charleston, West Virginia. In the year of 2013, Katherine obtained a Bachelors of Arts in

Physiology, from WVU. In May of 2015, Katherine graduated with a Master’s degree in public health from WVU’s School of Public Health. Kathryn has worked endless hours to increase the involvement with civil duties. Kathryn was very passionate about the powers of “civil engagement.” She feels that it is important for citizens be involved with their government. Kathryn’s goal is to increase civil involvement in the state of West Virginia. Kathryn is passionate on improving our state toward its full and complete potential. Being the coordinate of Inspire West Virginia, Kathryn Ryan has the opportunity to connect with local partners and be a mentor to rising leaders of America.



## Crescent Gallagher

Reporter: Johnathan Phillips

Today, after our morning meal, we'll expect to see West Virginian Crescent Gallagher as one of our daily speakers. He's currently our West Virginia Communications Director and part of the Legislative Liaison for the West Virginia Dept. of Agriculture. (1) Gallagher has his Master's in Public Administration and his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science, both of which he obtained at Ohio University. (2)

Based upon our previous speakers we can expect Gallagher to speak about the virtues of leadership and success as well as a little personal information about himself. Such information may include stories about his time as a graduate assistant at the Appalachian Rural Health Institute, or his days as a Regional Field Director for the Republican Party here in West Virginia. (2)

Hopefully, all goes to plan and we can meet this "cat, cigar and whiskey lover" after breakfast.

## BARBOUR CIRCUIT COURT

By Tobias Sears

Within the walls of Kanawha Cottage was held a circuit court of the upmost importance, the poaching of an endangered species of deer, the black belly white tail. The case was a simple one, a culprit had been apprehended on the scene and arrested on the basis that there was no evidence of any other person except a friend around the crime scene. The deer had been shot with a .22 caliber rifle. At the very start of the court case, the defense called for a mistrial due to improper paperwork, the paper itself holding minimal to no evidence, even stating there was no probable cause. The judge dismissed this, and the trial continued.

Now I don't want to cut any hairs, but the entire trial was one-sided and poorly fought by the defense. What the defendants said just didn't seem to add up, and despite the officer misfiling the paper that overviewed the scene, the prosecutor had a way to counter all they said. To put it simply, the defendant was found guilty after his defense failed him.



### Crescent Gallagher

@CMoon42

Communications Director/Legislative Liaison @WVdeptofAG, @ohiou alumni, MPA, cat, cigar and whiskey lover and Cleveland sports fan for better or for worse.

Charleston, WV

Joined June 2009

- 1) [https://twitter.com/CMoon42?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwtgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/CMoon42?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwtgr%5Eauthor) (also the source of above image)
- 2) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/crescent-gallagher-74395466/>

## *The American's Creed*

**I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.**

**I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.**



## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Membership ID# Former Member) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)  | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - Only Eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities) |   |

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signed By Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

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### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed By Applicant (or Parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

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### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (Required) ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address go to: [www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state\\_headquarters](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/contact/state_headquarters). Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary magazine. **Membership pending approval of application.**

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Eligible through / name of veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Member ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's American Legion Post Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran served: (check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)

**Applicant's relationship to the veteran:**

- |                                      |  |  |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wife          | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Great-granddaughter | <input type="checkbox"/> Self   |

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_





## Michael Buss

By: Cameron Cunningham

Photo By: Nick Summerville

We were very gracious to have the opportunity to interview with Michael Buss from the National Headquarters of the American Legion. The first question raised was: *What are your personal thoughts about the Mountaineer Boys State Program?* Mr. Buss responded

stating "This week so far, every citizens has been engaged." He went on to add that citizens are all involved with something important to make a difference in our great state. "Everyone has been just so enthusiastic! I think you guys will still be fired up come Saturday!" He added later on in a similar question: "You're all a part of a family!" He stated that we are all together in this wonderful, country-wide program. Mr. Buss was then asked another question: *How does this compare to other Boys State programs?* "You guys are two steps ahead." The last question that Mr. Buss was asked was: *What advice can you give upcoming juniors and rising leaders?* He replied: "Take advantage and get involved! Opportunities only come once!"

**Thank you Mr. Michael Buss for being a part of West Virginia's Mountaineer Boys State. We appreciate your time and efforts to advice rising leaders of America and West Virginia as a whole!**

### Riddle of the Day

How did the sheriff find the missing barber?

### Jackson Mill Chapel

*Devotions Nightly*

Check your Manuel for Times

### Randolph County Shooting

By: Cameron Cunningham

Photos provided by: Isaac Smith



Five fire rescue squad members were called out to Randolph County. Behind their cottage, in the woods lied the unidentified victim. The victim was spotted with wounds in the leg and knee. Victim was carried and flown by helicopter to the hospital.

Victim was noted with additional wounds in the pelvic region. Pain mainly in the knee along with the pelvis and left leg.



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**2017 Mountaineer  
Boys State**

**West Fork River  
Revue Auditions and  
Rehearsal**

**2:30 at the Assembly  
Hall**



## Assistant Editorial: From Blackest Night to Brightest Day

*By Noah Wharton*

I don't mean to be redundant or copy Johnathan Phillip's article, but I would like to say to all who are reading this today, congratulations are in order, you have made it! Now, you may think that it is too soon to say such a thing, this will (most likely) be published the day before Boy's State Graduation after all, but I disagree. Now here's where we get into the redundant part. On that first Sunday morning, I was well put together and calm, but by the night I was overwhelmed, "Information Overload" as they call it. Monday and Tuesday were a little better. I was both working hard and hardly working, and going to bed after midnight for the first intentional time other than New Year's. My final challenge (Final Boss for those gamers among us) was the formal review. Tuesday's practice gave me a nervous and questioning feeling that lasted until the review. Eventually I calmed down, after breaking and fixing myself in under an hour, and joined the march. I was the sweatog in the back of the Lewis formation right next to the cymbals and drums for those that saw first person or via picture. After the review, where I conducted myself with the stoicism of a Buckingham Palace guard, I spent my time sweating and standing for speakers at our Cattle Barn Assembly. As has already been confirmed, there is only one Formal Review and it is done, and if I can survive that, I can survive anything Boys State has left to throw at me. I know someone in my cabin who left on the second day because of family issues. I will not reveal his name or demeanor, but I am glad I stayed the course, and will continue to until Saturday afternoon and I hope you will too.

## RANDALL KOCSIS

*By Tobias Sears*

Randall Kocsis is an interesting, elusive man, with an agenda that puts him all around the campgrounds, making people that want to find him delve into a search all around the campus. That's how I found him, looking for a while until getting someone to radio in and find him for me. So, after searching for an eternity, I finally got the chance to sit down with the man himself.

I found out a lot about Randall Kocsis, the first being where he grew up. Mr. Kocsis grew up in Watson Community in Fairmont, West Virginia. A graduate from Fairmont Senior High School, he was one of seven chosen attendants to Boys State, and was a last minute attendant at that. One of his good friends decided that they wanted to go to Wrestling Camp instead of Boys State. When he attended, Randall was taking an interest in law, and decided he wanted to be a part of the Boys State Police Force, and ran for Sherriff under the name Randall "Ferocious" Kocsis. He then graduated from Boys State 1979.

Even after his attendance, he decided he wanted to come back as a counselor and there was a last minute interview for that as well, making Randall Kocsis a surprised pick for Boys State twice. So he came back, serving as a Junior Counselor for Panhandle Cottage and then moved on to be a Junior and Senior Counselor for Barbour Cottage. He also worked in Monongalia Cottage.

Mr. Kocsis worked outside of Boys State as a legal advisor because of his training as a lawyer at West Virginia University College of Law. He also achieved a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State College and a Juris Doctorate from West Virginia University College of Law. He then went on from his job as a legal advisor and moved into law enforcement, becoming an FBI agent from 1986 to 2011. He is presently a West Virginia Natural Resources Police Officer.

The final thing Randall Kocsis had to say to me was this: "I love Boys State!"

## Resolutions to the Problem

North Lewis County High School

*By: Cameron Cunningham*

Parents, students, and teachers are all complaining of the low air quality at North Lewis High School. The polluted air has been circulating for approximately a year now. Two of the teachers are currently out and receiving medical treatment. Many parents have stopped sending their children to school. The air is said to smell like diesel fuel. In addition, large amounts of black dust pollute the hallways and corners of the classrooms. "My throat hurts and I have terrible berating..." said Justin, a student at North Lewis. He went on to add that the school "smells like coal dust". Justin also noted that over half of his class is missing.

Another student, Patrick, was noted to be experiencing severe stomach illness. He stated, "The school smells like an eternal flame of sadness." Patrick expressed that he was concerned with the unhealthy conditions. He is worried families and friends will be separated, destroying the strong bond North Lewis holds.

North Lewis student, Mason, said that he has been experiencing radioactivity material in his body. The poor air has caused him to develop "lung cancer and type 3 diabetes." "The air there smells strongly of sulfur!" In Mason's class there is only one student left. He however wears an air mask.

Teachers also expressed their thoughts. Mr. Colin, said that he has carried a constant cold. Along with that, his immune system has weakened dramatically. Mr. Colin noted that the poor air quality has caused him to pass out and has coughed black silt. He says that the air smells like a "diesel truck spilt oil in my nose."

Mr. Jordan stated that "aliens are behind this!" "I saw a video with the same thing happening in India! It wiped out all of their villages." He also added that, "Aliens are slowly poisoning us!"

## Bob Wines

*By Tobias Sears*

Ernestein the Telephone Operator, Bobby the Front Desk Attendant, and Boblo the Alarm System Code Master. These are just a few aliases used by Bob Wine, a man with many hats and many jobs, and a man who answers to all these names. He's a very busy man, one with much to do, and most of his time is taken up by his work. He works a lot with summer food programs, which takes up most of his time, and remarks that he likes his job.

Mr. Wine was born and raised in Buchanan, West Virginia, and attended Boys State in 1986. After Boys State he went off to college, taking courses in business and marketing. He went on to obtain his Bachelor's degree in his field and began his twenty-two years of long, working history for West Virginia. He worked for the department of commerce, the department of natural resources, W.I.C, and is in charge of the West Virginia Health Check Program.



# Enjoy “Made in China”

Hi there, this is Chairman, Zitian Zhao. I’m spending \$1,000 to buy the this page, just for providing benefit to YOU ALL!!!

This winter, I am inviting everyone to visit my hometown, Shanxi Providence, where has 3,000 years history. Several years ago, State of West Virginia signed the *Friendship Agreement* with Shanxi Providence. This opportunity is opening for you guys! I am preparing an activity about culture communication between students in U.S. and students in China.

Do you want to taste REAL and TRADITIONAL Chinese food ? Do you want to know how does China look like now? Do you want to experience student’s life in China (Well, just for one day or less, I know you guys don’t like it)? Do you want to try something A HUNDRED PERCENT “Made in China”? Do you want to buy some good things for low price? Do you want to put something really interesting on your resume of the application for college? Making plan now!

Now, I need some fresh blood to make this activity work. Tell me if you are interested about this! You may find me on **Instagram**: just.in227, on **Snapchat**: justizhao, or email to me:

justinsky0227@gmail.com. Now, go back to school and advertise for this activity. Local government in China may support us if you drag people. Join in me now, make you winter vacation amazing! (BTW: You may just need to spend \$600 to get round-trip tickets if you are lucky enough)

*We made history, we are making history, and we will make history !*





## Robbie Robinson

By Tobias Sears

Robbie Robinson is a flag expert, helper of kids, and American veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Robinson was born in Grafton, West Virginia, and attended and graduated from Grafton High School. He didn't attend Boys State, but he did join the Air Force, and attended and graduated from their college. He spent a lot of his time travelling, living on bases in places such as Ramstein, Germany. He even worked at the Pentagon for a while, and finished up his working career there.

He started his time at Boys State as a Junior counselor in 2003, and has been here for 15 years. He says that his favorite part about Boys State is teaching kids things they didn't know and making that impact on their lives.

# West Point

The United States Military Academy



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## DIANE KINNEY

### LIAISON OFFICER

### USMA CLASS OF 1995



*"Trust is a Must, or your Game is a bust!"*  
-Nelson Burton Jr.

#### BREAKFAST

French Toast/Syrup, Bacon, Hot & Cold Cereal, Bananas, Apple Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

Hamburgers/Buns, Sliced Cheese, Condiments, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Peaches, Brownie, Milk

#### DINNER

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Salad, Cookies, Strawberry Cups, Milk

## We're Almost Through

By Johnathan Phillips

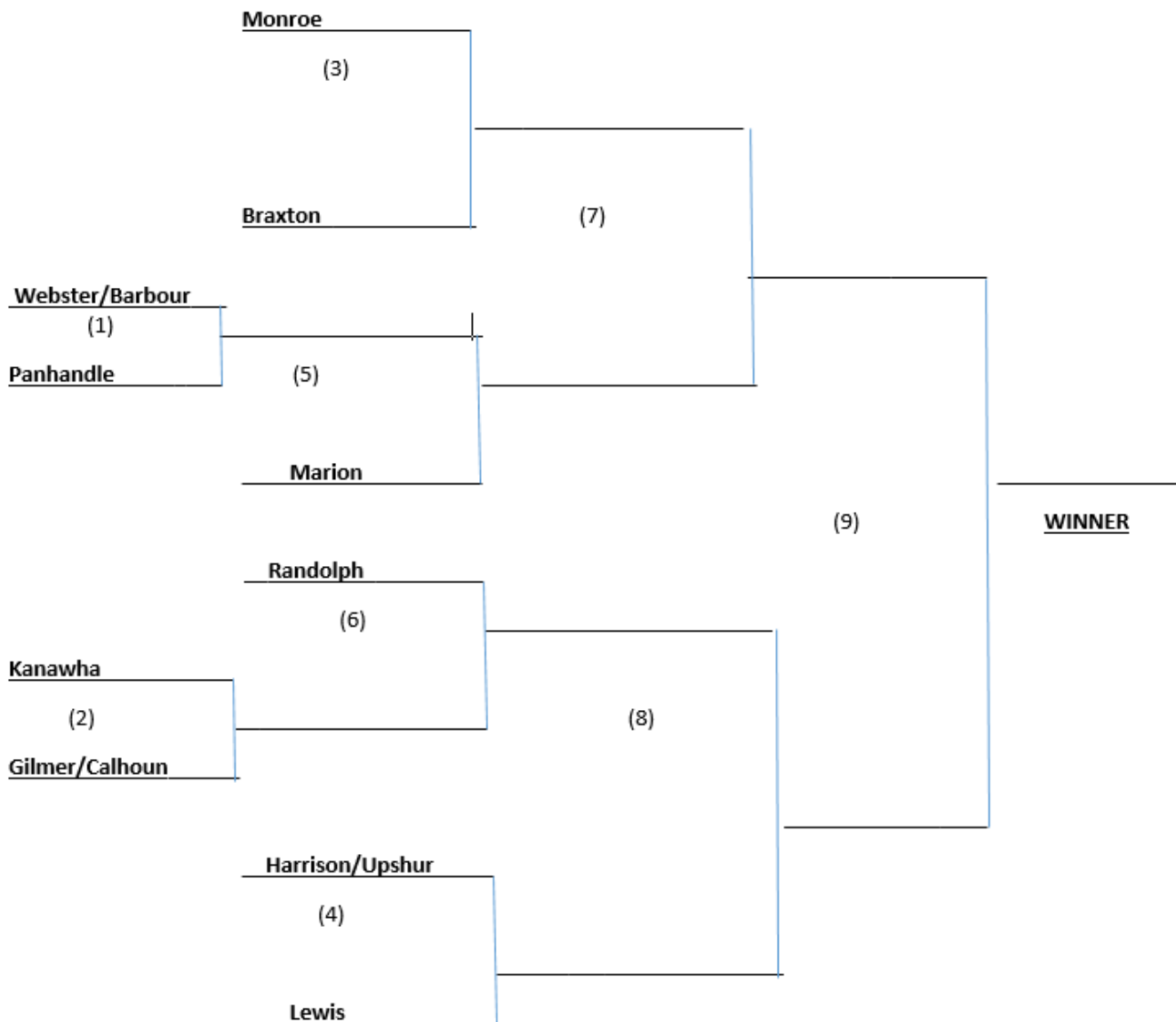
day before our departure. We accomplished so much within just one week. *Gladly we learned the things a good American should know.*

*Gladly we now yearn to chart our way back home. With all lessons done and our objectives won, good citizens we'll become. Proudly we will stand where mountaineers are free. We are the men of tomorrow, and tomorrow doesn't have to be the*

*end of this fellowship of all American boys. We can stay in touch, forever in a brotherhood of Mountaineer Boys State boys, letting our goodbyes only be temporary. Tomorrow is not the end, for this week was the beginning of a lifetime.*





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