

Thank You Boys State Staff

Respectfully speaking for the ALMBS 2017 Class. We want to send a major thank you to all the Veterans and staff members who devoted their time and efforts to make this experience possible for all of us. From meeting hundreds of new people, to working alongside new faces, to making new memories and friends that will last a lifetime, and learning the basic ideas of how our government is run. We appreciate the dedication of these numerous men and women that have spent their week to shape our lifetime.

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West Fork River Revue 2017

1. TIMOTHY LAVENDER AND ALEX PRICHARD - "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"/"We'll Fight for Uncle Sam"

(Penny Whistle and Hammer Dulcimer) (ENDS BY 8:22)

- 2. GARETT RANSON AND SAM SNYDER "HALLELUJAH" SINGING AND PLAYING (8:29)
- 3. DANIEL BATTEN "WICKED WICKED WORLD" (8:36)
- 4. DALTON KENDIG 'STRESSED OUT" MONOLOGUE AND VIOLIN (8:43)
- 5. TALAN SCHOONOVER AND BRIAN SHUSTER "THE HUMAN CRICKET" SKIT (8:50)
- 6. CHRISTIAN PALMER "PIANO MAN" (8:57)
- 7. WILLIAM OWENS "96 QUITE BITTER BEINGS" GUITAR (9:04)
- 8. JERRY WHITE "DEFYING GRAVITY" SINGING (9:11)
- 9. SAM SNYDER AND ZAK TOKASH "LEAN ON ME" (9:18)
- 10.MATT PORTER "COURTEST OF THE RED WHITE AND BLUE" (9:25)

INTERMISSION UNTIL 10:10

- 11.KASON CURRENCE AND TOBIAS SEARS "WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE" (10:17) (THEY STAY UP THERE)
- 12.MAXWELL BENNETT AND JOHNATHON PHILLIPS "WAGON WHEEL" (10:24)
- 13. JOSHUA MOORE GIVING A SPEECH (10:31)
- 14.THE MEN FROM PANHANDLE "HALLELUJAH" (10:37)
- 15.SHAWN BALL DANCING (10:43)
- 16.CHORUS "MY HOME AMONG THE HILLS"

CHRIS SHARPS





Lawmakers Advocate greater Rights to Carry Weapons

By David Tincher & Timothy Christiansen

Following the attacks on the Republican Party baseball team, many lawmakers find it appropriate to raise the rights citizens have for carrying weapons. Although some simply want more, dense security procedures, no one can deny the necessity of being more protected in the event of another disaster such as this one. In defense of a new law passing, Rep. Jack Bergman of Michigan stated, "The ability to protect ourselves individually, rather than having to rely on someone else is something that I cherish..."

Washington has some of the nation's most stringent gun laws. Per city regulations and residents must register their guns with the police department. To obtain a concealed carry permit, they must pass extensive background tests, trainings, and provide a "good reason" for their need to carry a concealed firearm.

Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky believes while guns can prevent future tragedies like this, they require great responsibility, as he mentions, "We need to repeal laws that keep good guys from carrying guns, since not everyone has a personal police detail." On Thursday, he introduced a bill to allow anyone with concealed carry permits (not only members of Congress) use them in the District of Columbia. People who do not have this can apply for a "non-resident permit" in Washington D.C.

Officer of the Day

June 17, 2017

Robbie Robinson

Doug Robinson, alternate

Recap of Ryan

By: Johnathan Phillips

So, I don't know if her message was clear enough, but Katheryn Ryan wasn't kidding when she explained the importance of voting. If you're going to be able to vote for the next term, then you should probably register – in fact, as far as morality is concerned, it is your obligation to become part of the voting process. Countless lives have been lost to ensure the security of America's democracy, not so you can sit at home all day without a single thought of care towards the struggles of our service men and women.

One of the important points that Ryan demonstrated was how few of the American population actually vote. As for those who do not vote, Ryan told us, only a handful could provide the excuse for being under age. Ryan continued her speech by making the notion that since the number of active voters consists of such a meager amount, and that voting is such a huge part of making sure the right guy (or gal) gets put into office, not a lot of Americans are having their political needs met, and they are the ones to blame. For example, Ryan explained to us what would happen if there was a budget cut involving either the Promise Scholarship or welfare, keeping in mind that it is the younger generation who would be concerned with the scholarship, the same group of people who are a minority at the polls. So yeah... let's vote guys!



Joe Manchin

By Tobias Sears



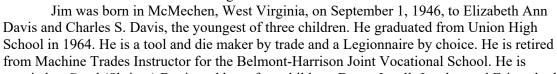
Joe Manchin, a man who was at one time the governor of West Virginia, is now a Senator of the United States. Manchin has been known throughout his career to be a moderate Democrat, a fact which allowed him to hold office in West Virginia, even if the state is heavily Republican. As a senator, Manchin is known for his bipartisanship and voting or working with Republicans on issues such as abortion and gun ownership. He has opposed the energy policies of President Barack Obama, declined to vote on both the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 and the DREAM ACT, voted for removing federal funding from Planned Parenthood in 2015 and again in 2017, and voted to confirm most of Donald Trump's Cabinet appointees.

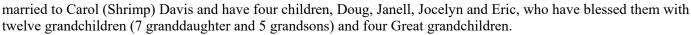
Manchin graduated from Farmington High School in 1965. He entered West Virginia University on a football scholarship. However, an injury during practice ended his football career. He graduated in 1970 with a degree in business administration and later became involved in several family-owned businesses.

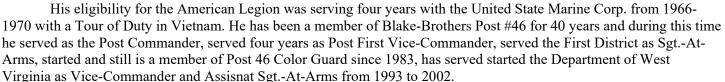
James W. Davis

By Tobias Sears

James W. Davis. A member of Blake Brothers Post No. 46, Benwood, West Virginia, was elected Department Commander of the American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., at the 2002 Annual Convention held at the 2002 Annual Convention held at the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, West Virginia. In 2008, he was elected National-Vice-Commander of the American Legion for 2008/2009.







He is a member of Legion Post #46; Moundsville's V.F.W. and the Marine Corp League. Chairman for the Christmas gifts for Veterans, is the organizer of the first blood drive in the First District, served at West Virginia Boys State 1997, 1998, and 2000 to present. Elected Assistant Director of Mountaineer Boys State in 2004 and Director of the American Legion Boys State and is still serving, Gold Brigade winner 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, Legion Recruiter of the year for the State of West Virginia four times, Chairman of the State Education and Scholarship Committee from 1997 to present, Contest Supervisory for the State Bowling Tournament from 2000 to present, appointed to the National Committee on Education in 1999 to present, awarded an honorary Life Member of the McMechen Women's Club and was the winner of the Legions West Virginia 'Doctor Ben I Golden Award' in 1998. Jim was the 2007 blue cap legionnaire winner for the dept. of West Virginia. Jim is also on the staff of the American Legion Boys Nation program.

Firefighters in Training

Brady Michael, Photographs by: Isaac Smith

On Friday, prior to lunch, the citizen firefighters took an off-camp trip to the WVU State Fire Training Academy, beyond the airstrip field. There, they participated in both classroom, and hands-on learning about many aspects of being a firefighter.

In the training building, they listened to a lecture geared to make them understand how certain factors and actions affect a situation when dealing with fire. Recognizing specific details and properly dealing with them was the main focus of the lecture. They then proceeded to go outside and practice using fire hoses to put out a simulated car fire.

In the struggle to put out the fire, and in the commitment for their career, the firefighters of Boys State truly showed how much admiration firefighters do deserve, especially in their knowledge, skill, and bravery.



State of State Address

Brady Michael, Photographs by: Daniel Price

In the W. Va. Building on Thursday, the governor's State of the State Address was given. To start, the Speaker of the House briefly introduced Governor Angelo.

Governor Angelo expressed his appreciation and pride in the Legislature for their hard work and dedication in passing laws. In his speech, the governor emphasized economic improvements he wanted to see in West Virginia. He proposed several pieces of legislation and policies primarily for the economy and better, more affordable education.

As promised, he wants to start economic revitalization in a big way, with policies such as West Virginia Works, which guarantees everyone a job to help them work from the private sector to the public sector. The governor proposed the Mountaineer Conservation Corps, which would function to make youths more involved, and help bring on higher education.

Above all, Governor Angelo didn't focus as much on the current state, as much as the desired state of Boys State and West Virginia. His policies largely consisted of experimentation to help bring a faster, better outcome. As he emphasized, the leaders and citizens of Boys State, "Must try something," in order to make Boys State and West Virginia greater than ever.

Mickelson Shows Respect

Cordell Parsons

With the U.S. Open coming up soon, Phil Mickelson had his mind set on winning his only missing accomplishment. Having all other notable titles under his belt, Mickelson needs this single win to hold a career grand slam. There is now an obstacle in his way and it is an important one to say the least. Having not missed the U.S. Open since 1993, Michelson has now dropped out of the 2017 U.S. Open, the reason being that his daughter, Amanda, is graduating from Pacific Ridge High School in California. With his set to be tee time, Michelson dropped out so he could watch his daughter present her speech as class president. He says that this event is one in life that could never be forgotten.

"Grumpy Clown"

ALMBS is truly the place to meet the most interesting and unique people. There are always the diverse Boys State citizens who come from every corner of West Virginia. Then there are the staff members who are distinctive different in age, activity levels, whether they are male or female, are they stick, humorous or as one of the more colorful members of the staff – "Grumpy Clown". Better known as Mr. Ralph Fox, senior counselor of Panhandle

Cottage. Mr. Fox is a long time staff member whom volunteers his time for Mountaineer Boys State each year. Ralph is a military veteran, the 10th District Commander and really a fun person. He might have been Grumpy Clown yesterday but he is always a very congenial fun loving friend.

JOHN MCCUSKY LUNCH TALK

By Tobias Sears

John McCuskey was the guest speaker for lunch today and delivered a message that put across exactly what the auditor did in real life; from the things he's tried to pass as laws to a few things he really made us understand just what it is to be an auditor. He also said some pretty inspiring things about what he would do for his state, and how he cut down his office size and how much it costs.

He also discussed how we as citizens should change our attitude about West Virginia. Instead of being cynical, as West Virginians we should all be proud of our heritage and compassion, rather than let ourselves be beaten by the hard times of our state. We should highlight our altruism in our hearts, not just the coal in our ground.

Truly he made an inspiring time of our meal and seemed well-received by the citizens here at Boys State.























MLB Scores

By Hunter Breeden

- Los Angeles Dodgers 5 @ Cleveland Indians 12
- Seattle Mariners 2 @ Minnesota Twins 6
- Baltimore Orioles 2 @ Chicago White Sox 5
- Boston Red Sox 0 @ Philadelphia Phillies 1
- Tamps Bay Rays 3 @ Detroit Tigers 5
- Washington Nationals 8 @ New York Mets 3
- Milwaukee Brewers 6 @ St. Louis Cardinals 4
- San Francisco Giants 9 @ Colorado Rockies 10
- New York Yankees 7 @ Oakland Athletics 8
- Kansas City Royals 7 @ Los Angeles Angels 2

Walk-Off Win!

By Hunter Breeden

You heard it right Tigers fans. Miguel Cabrera, 1st baseman of the Detroit Tigers, hit an opposite-field home run to walk off with the victory over the Tampa Bay Rays with a score of 5-3. The game had been going back and forth, both teams refusing to let in. Finally in the bottom of the ninth inning, with one out and a runner on first base, Miguel Cabrera came up to the plate. The first pitch was a ball thrown outside. The next pitch was a beauty and was called for strike one. The third pitch looked like the first, just outside the zone. The fourth and final pitch was high in the strike zone and with the swing of his bat, Miguel knocked a 2 run home run to right field to end the game!

Friday's Athletic Results

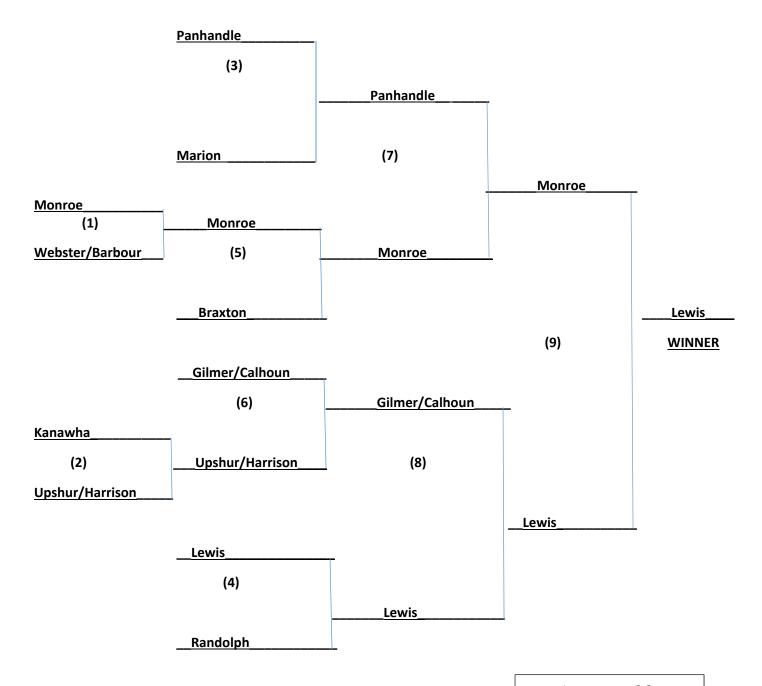
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Randolph	Lewis	Volleyball	2 out of 2	Lewis
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Monroe	Braxton	Frisbee	13-10	Braxton
Upshur/Harrison	Gilmer/Calhoun	Softball	No scores	
Kanawha	Marion	Basketball	19-18	Marion

Session 2

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Panhandle	Webster/Barbour	Volleyball	2 out of 2	Panhandle
		(Hard Court)		
Gilmer/Calhoun	Randolph	Frisbee	11-3	Gilmer/Calhoun
Lewis	Kanawha	Softball	11-2	Kanawha
Braxton	Monroe	Basketball	28-17	Braxton



The staff is still undefeated!!!

这里是Nationalist Party主席赵子天。

这一页内容基本没用,也没有啥值得注意的地方,只是为了引起大家注意。

谁可以把下面这几道题看懂、正确解答并且发给我,那么这就充分证明了你的中文很厉害:

- 1. 一棵杨柳树上有十只黄鹂, 你现在有一把加特林机关枪, 接着你开枪打了一只, 那么请问树上还有几只黄鹂?
- 2. 假设你现在正在开公交车。车上有十名乘客,第一站下去了两个乘客,上来三个。第二站下去四个上来十个。第三站下去五个上来五个。第四站原本有十个人上车,但是中间有两个人突然觉得在这辆车上很不爽所以从窗户跳了出去。终点站,全部乘客下车。那么请问公交车司机叫什么名字。

OK, just want all of you pay attention to the next page.

Turn to next page for the important information if you don't understand what I am talking about on this page.

Please read carefully, because it will be a huge opportunity for EVERYONE who is a member of

80th ALMBS.

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 **Instergram**: 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!



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BOYS STATE BAND

By Tanner Keen

For anyone who's ever been in band, you know how hard it can be to put together a concert in the couple of months leading up to it. The Boys State band, which learns to play multiple songs in just a couple of days, is nothing short of remarkable. Directed by Al Hall and Drew Airs, the Boys State Band has been a Mountaineer Boys State tradition for a very long time. The band plays in assemblies throughout the week, as well as marching in the Formal Review on Wednesday evening. The band began years ago after students began bringing their instruments. This gave them to get a chance to collaborate with other



musicians. Some students brought trumpets and other horns hoping to play Taps, To the Colors, The Star-Spangled Banner, and Reveille. This eventually led to the creation of a formal band that has been a camp favorite since.

"It's been my favorite part of camp," Dalton Kendig, a band member of Braxton cottage said, "I'd certainly say they gathered the best people available to do this." Daniel price of Randolph cottage said "I'm glad I did it because I got to play with a bunch of people I've never met." For some of the best musicians in the State, getting to meet, learn, and perform with other people who have similar interests and skill is a highlight of their Boys State experience. Jerry white of Monroe cottage had so much fun playing in the band this week that he said "if I were to go back to my high school and convince people to come to Boys State, I would strongly encourage them to come just for the band."

So, how were they able to prepare so quickly? The band members credit two things, experience and confidence. "They sight-read some of the music and they memorized some," Alex Prichard of Randolph cottage explained. Jerry White said that "At first it was a little difficult to adapt to having less time to prepare than usual, but if everyone in the band is confident, it adds to how fast we are able to learn." For the rest of Boys State, we can certainly say we are thankful for having the band to entertain us throughout assemblies. Most Boys State members and staff are fascinated by the immense amount of talent involved. Great job to everyone in the band, and thank you for a wonderful week of music!



Congratulations to the Boys State Choir for doing an excellent job this year. We appreciate you!!!

Concluding Boys State

By Cameron Cunningham:

As the 80th Mountaineer Boys State comes to a close, let us remember what we have been taught and learned along the way. Let us remember to GET ENGAGED and GET INVOLVED. Let us remember: DON'T HOLD BACK. Let us remember and appreciate the freedom and liberties are country is so blessed with. Let us remember and thank the veterans and those who lost their lives while in service for our country.

Sunday morning: We woke up early morning. Some of us driving four hours. Others, only fifteen minutes. The lines were long and required patience. When the last person got through the line, we had the opportunity to begin building our new family. About noon, we marched toward the dining hall and took the bar exam. Following the exam was an assembly and interviews. Flag lowering was held before dinner, which was followed by two assemblies.

Monday: We arose shortly after the crack of dawn. It was a true awakening for us all and a change in our summer routine. Campaigning began, along with jobs. Parliament held their first session and party caucuses began. Assemblies were in session with guest speakers.

Tuesday: Camp was going smoothly. County government held their session and later in the morning, an informative college fair was held along with activities from the DNR, State Police, and National Guard. The legal system held gathered in the afternoon, followed by party caucuses. Review practice was held before dinner and after, an additional assembly was held. Here, the crowd was lined up with the general elections. It was an extremely late night for some, waiting in line for over an hour to vote.

Wednesday and Thursday: On Wednesday, photos were taken, along with an excellent formal review. In the afternoon, the inauguration was held and on Thursday, jobs were in full force and citizens were taking action.

Friday: Jobs were held and the tug of war was hosted. Later in the night, a talent show with excellent performances also took place. Great job to the participants.

Mountaineer Boys State citizens will be departing in early afternoon of Saturday (today). Congratulations to all of the citizens who have made it through the week. You've endured little sleep with very much participation. Thank you to the WONDERFUL cooks, consolers, and additional staff members for volunteering your time.

This week, we had the gracious opportunity to listen to speakers such as Shelly Moore Capito, Michael Buss, Abraham Lincoln, John McCuskey, President Gee of WVU, and Kathryn Ryan.

On behalf of the Journalism Staff, we thank you for making this week one to remember!

A special THANK YOU to our Journalism Staff Leaders: Betty Ann and Barb.



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Goodbye and Have a great Summer from all of us at Journalism!