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## FAREWELL CITIZENS & STAFF BOYS' STATE 1999

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to thank each staff member and each citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State for the excellent cooperation you have given me this week. I hope you have had an enjoyable week and that your stay was worthwhile. Have a good and safe trip home. May this week remain in your memory for the rest of your lives.

We would also like to thank Melinda Sine and Lori Moore of the American Legion Headquarters in Charleston for having things ready for us again this year!

Robert Stine

Administrator

### FROM THE EDITOR'S COMPUTER

If you found a typo in your noozepaper, please overlook the mistakes. We have tryed to brang you the nooze in the bestest way we kin. Thanks to all you'uns who helped with the nooze. A spechal thanks to those who helped to stapell the noozepaper every evenin'. Thanks to O. C. Jones, Michael Sluss, Stephen Dye, Robbie Ferrell and Shirley Marria for their stick-to-it help in getting the packets ready for Saturday morning.

I would like to thank the counselors for not complaining when the schedule wasn't exactly write.

We thank you, the Citizens, for just being here this week. Without you, there would be no Boys' State. Feel free to come bak for a vizit enytime ewe want.

Betsy Pottenfield



THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 1999

7:50 FLAG RAISING

8:00 BREAKFAST

9:15 FINAL ASSEMBLY  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND TROPHIES

DEPARTURE NOTES: LEAVE PACKED LUGGAGE ON THE PORCHES OF ANY OF  
THE FOLLOWING COTTAGES - MARION, KANAWHA,  
UPSHUR, OR LEWIS HAVE YOUR RIDE HOME MEET YOU  
IN AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE  
ADJOURNMENT.

10:00 ADJOURNMENT

The pride of the Mountaineer  
A challenge we will never fear  
We are the chosen few  
Now it is up to us what to do.

We have worked hard to get where we are  
If we follow our dreams and they will take us far  
We gather here at Mountaineer Boys' State  
To decide what our future will indicate.

All we need is a little pride  
With this, our future we will decide  
As Boys' Staters we will carry this title proud  
Never will we be afraid to express our opinion aloud.

To The American Legion we have honor and respect  
These experiences we will always reflect  
To The American Legion we owe a debt  
This experience we will never regret.

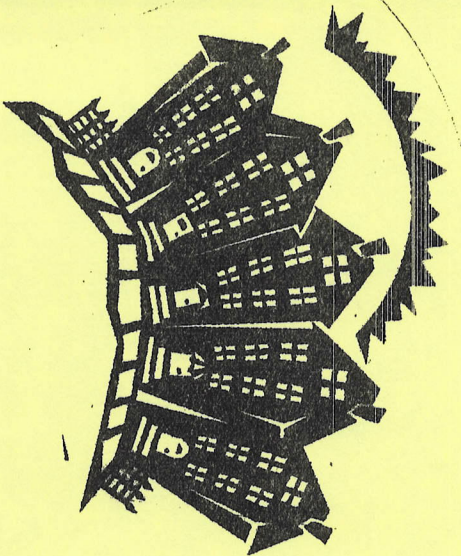
This time we were all divided  
But in the end we all coincided  
We owe great thanks to our counselors  
And also to all other superiors.

This Boys' State helped build our character  
In the future we will continue to be a factor  
The memories of this week shall never drift away  
In our hearts is where they will always stay.

Written by:

Timothy Elkins  
Gilmer Cottage





## COTTAGE INSPECTION RESULTS

	BARBOUR	BRAXTON	CALHOUN	GILMER	KANAWHA	LEWIS	MARION	MONON.	MONROE	PANHDL.	RANDOLPH	UPHUR	WEBSTER
MON.	100	98	100	99	96	93	93	100	100	100	96	91	98
TUES.	98	94	92	92	96	98	94	100	96	94	90	86	100
WED.	100	100	100	100	88	91	94	100	100	94	88	76	100
THURS.	100	100	100	92	100	96	96	100	100	96	96	92	100
FRI.	100	100	100	90	90	85	100	100	100	100	90	70	100
TOTAL	498	492	492	473	470	463	477	500	496	484	460	415	498
AVG.	99.6	98.4	98.4	94.6	94.0	92.6	95.4	100	99.2	96.8	92	83	99.6



# STATE POLICE LOCATE MISSING GIRL

Mountaineer Boys' State Police recently located: three year old Kate Potterfield who had been reported missing to the State Police on Thursday, June 11, 1999 at approximately 8:30pm.

After an extensive search, State Police Troopers found Kate in the residence of Harry Slaughter, long time Boys' State staff member. Slaughter was charged with kidnapping. After his arraignment before a magistrate, he was remanded to a local jail without bond.

Kate is doing well and has been reunited with her mother.



Defendant Harry Slaughter being taken into custody by State Police Captain, Jonathan Roop (left) and Sergeant Craig Bowling (right).



Boys' State Troopers with Kate Potterfield and her mother, Betsy.

The citizens of Marion County Cottage would like to thank counselors, Ben Rodriguez, Joe Hartwell, and Chris Taylor for their leadership. They have put up with a lot, yet made Boys' State a great experience for us. Mountaineer Boys' State is lucky to have these dedicated staff members. May they serve long and well!

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Mike Manikas  
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Michael Calfee  
Bernie Yerkey  
Grayson Harris  
Jeffrey Pugh  
Patrick Fanigan  
Thomas Fisher III  
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Jimi Hendrix

Rob Drenning  
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Kenneth Glover  
Kevin Sergeant  
Josh Sias  
Lurch "Roodog"  
Jason Williams  
James Huber  
Ryan Adkins  
Charlie Wade

## FRIDAY'S ATHLETIC RESULTS

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# GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

## **GOVERNOR**

Steven Ochap resides at Wheeling, WV with his parents Denise and Eugene Ochap. He has one sister, Alyssa, and one brother, Geno, who is a former citizen of Boys' State. Steve's girlfriend is Nikki Moore.

Steven attends Wheeling Park High School where he is a member of the Technology Student Association, S.T.A.R.S., and National Honor Society. He is a recipient of the Stifel Award. He received Honorable Mention to the OVAC and Special Mention All State Football. He is an Eagle Scout and served as a page for the WV House of Delegates. He participates in football and wrestling.

Steven plans to attend college after graduation.

While at Boys' State, Steven was elected to the office of Governor. His nickname was "The Locust." He resided in Upshur Cottage. He says he will never forget the friendships he has made here and would like to keep in touch with everyone. "You learn more about life, others, and yourself when you can confide in someone. Hopefully, you have met at least one person this week that has changed your life."

Steve would like to wish all citizens good luck in all of their endeavors and would also like to thank everyone for being so great, helpful, and supportive.

## **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Jacob Stone, President of the Senate, resides at Huntington, WV. His parents are Bill and Pat Seegmiller. He has two sisters, Erin and Rachel, and one stepbrother, Tyler. His girlfriend is Elizabeth Erin Wolfe. He attends Huntington High School where he plays soccer. He is a member of the Honor Society, French Honorary, Tri M, and Spirit Crew. He is a High Honor Student.

Jacob plans to attend a performing arts college and pursue a career in acting.

Jacob resided in Randolph Cottage while at Boys' State. His campaign nickname was "Ogre." He says that the first day at Boys' State he thought he was going to hate it. Now he's glad he got to come and would like to come back next year. He would also like to thank The American Legion Post #16 for their sponsorship.

## **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Tim Nunnery lives at Cannelton, WV and attends Valley High School. His parents are Ann and Larry Nunnery. He has one brother, Nick.

Tim is a member of the Snowboarding Club, Yearbook Staff, and Honor Society. He like to play unorganized sports.

His future plans are to attend college.

He resided in Barbour Cottage while at Boys' State. His campaign nickname was "Timbo" and he feels that he made the greatest speech in the world.

## **SECRETARY OF STATE**

Bryan Stonestreet, son of Wayne and Cindy Stonestreet, lives in Bluefield, WV. He has two brothers, Matthew and Chase. His girlfriend is Ana Kournikova.

Bryan attends Bluefield High School. He is a member of the Interact Club, Investment Club, Honor Society, and Student Council. He participates in tennis and soccer in which he has won many awards.

While at Boys' State, Bryan resided in Lewis Cottage. His campaign nickname was "BS." He has had a lot of fun getting to know everyone and learning how our state government works.

He would like to say "Thanks" to Lewis Cottage for all their support in helping with his campaign and "Thanks" to The American Legion for making Boys' State possible. He would also like to thank all the Nats and Feds who voted for him and put him in office.



## **TREASURER**

Anthony Gianettino, son of Ken and Sara Gianettino, resides in Clarksburg, WV. He has four siblings, Laura, John, Becky, and Sara.

Anthony attends Robert C. Byrd High School. He is a member of the Latin Club, Leo Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Junior Classical League. He participates in baseball and soccer.

Future plans include going to college and majoring in engineering.

Anthony "The Italian Stallion" resided in Calhoun Cottage. He enjoyed spending time with his campaign during the week and meeting several new people. Boys' State is truly what you make of it and provides a great opportunity to experience state government.

He would like to thank everyone who voted for him.

## **STATE AUDITOR**

Michael Nicholas resides at Clarksburg, WV with his parents, Patrick and Rose Nicholas and sisters, Tiana and Taylor.

Michael attends Notre Dame High School where he participates in baseball and golf. He is a member of the Key Club, SADD, Yearbook Staff, TATU, and National Honor Society. He is Student Council President for 1999-2000. He received the Bausch and Laumb Science Award, American Legion Voice of Democracy Award, and State Sportsmanship Award for baseball.

Future plans include going to college and studying in the field of the sciences.

Michael's comments about Boys' State are: "This week has been a great experience for me so far. I've met some great guys and learned a lot about my state and its government. When this week of Boys' State concludes, I will not only be a better American but a better West Virginian because of it."

## **STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Andrew Riffée resides at St. Albans, WV with his parents, Chuck and Debi and his brother, Alex. His girlfriend is Jessica Milam.

He attends Nitro High School where he plays baseball and basketball. He received All MSAC in baseball, the Heart & Hustle baseball award, and was a Science Fair winner. He is the leader of the youth group. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, French Club, Student Council, Prom Committee, and various others.

Andrew hopes to go to a prestigious university such as Virginia, Washington & Lee, or James Madison. Someday, he may choose to enter politics.

Andrew "Riffdog" lived in Marion Cottage. He says Boys' State has been a blessing to him. He made tons of new friends and have been with America's finest. He got to run against the best, got beat, and helped out his opponent. He learned to "bounce back" and that loyalty, devotion, and love for one's country, friends, and religion can take you places.

## **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

Mike Williams resides in Bluefield, WV. His parents are Sylvia Williams and Fred Williams. He has two sisters, Stephanie and Emily. His girlfriend is Jessica Stamper.

Mike attends Bluefield High School where he participates in varsity football. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Model U.N., Bible Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He plans to attend the University of North Carolina.

Mike had a great time this week at Boys' State. He learned a lot about state government and the state of West Virginia. He made many new friends.

He would like to thank his boys at Monongalia Cottage for all their help and support.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Raman Santra lives in Elkins, WV with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Nityananda Santra and his siblings, Pinaki and Lisa.

He attends Elkins High School where is Senior Class Vice-President and has been selected to attend WV Governor's Honors Academy. He is a member of SADD and on the Prom and Class Council.

Future plans include attending the University of Virginia, Duke, or UNC majoring in secondary education. He then plans to get a law degree, become a lawyer, retire, and teach high school history.

Raman says Boys' State was good - better than expected. He learned a lot about politics and West Virginia. He says, "The people were pretty cool but there were too many locusts."



## **JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Adam Miller, son of Thomas S. Miller and Karen J. Miller, resides in Fairmont, WV. He has one brother, Thomas Bradley Miller.

Adam attends Fairmont Sr. High School where he is a member of the Spanish Club, Interact Club, Varsity Club, Science Club, Chess Club, Key Club, English and Math Honorary Clubs (Mu Alpha Theta), and Science Honorary Club (Gamma Beta). He was a member of the WV Odyssey of the Mind State Champion Team, 7th in World. He was the WV Social Studies Fair State Runner-Up, elected Trombone section leader, and attended the WV Governor's School for the Arts. He participates in cross country, swimming, and track.

Adam's plans are to apply to the United States Naval Academy where he will pursue an engineering degree and serve in the USMC.

While at Boys' State, he resided in Panhandle Cottage. His campaign nickname was "Pogo the Thriller." He says Boys' State was slow at the beginning but got better after he was elected.

His message to Boys' Staters is: "I hope that at least once this week your heart became so filled with pride that you felt tears swell in your eyes. Whether it was from missing our dads to understanding the sacrifices of American heroes. I pray that you found an emotion within you that only Boys' State could bring out."

## **JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Stephen Baldwin resides at Lewisburg, WV. His parents are Jane and Steve Baldwin. He has one sister, Ali. His girlfriend is Rebel Blake.

Stephen attends Greenbrier East High School where he participates in golf and baseball. He is Student Body President and HOBY alumnus. He received the Outstanding Golfer Award and Who's Who Among High School Students. He is a member of the Student Council, Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His future plans include playing golf at either Georgetown or Davidson and then going to law school or seminary.

Justice "Mule" Baldwin resided in Marion Cottage. He says Boys' State is an incredible opportunity that provides knowledge and experience that is hard to come by. His final comment is, "Can you smell what the Mule is cookin?"

## **JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Pinaki Santra lives at Elkins, WV with his parents, Dr. Nityananda and Arati Santra. He has one brother, Raman, and one sister, Lisa.

He attends Elkins High School where he participates in varsity tennis, soccer, and golf. He is a member of SADD, Student Council, Class Council, and Corridor- H Action Committee. He is Student Body President, #1 of his academic class, and participated in Know Your State Government Day.

Pinaki plans to attend Duke, UNC or UVA to major in whatever.

He resided in Lewis Cottage while at Boys' State. He says this incredible week got better being Supreme Court Justice. He didn't do any campaigning so he didn't stay up for hours. He likes all the patriotism, even marching when serious. If he wasn't going to Italy after this, it would be hard to leave.

Pinaki says his Student Body speech was very much like the speeches he made this week; very self-deprecating and appealing to the apathetic voter kind of thing. In closing, he would like to ask, "Would you like a slurpee?"

## **JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Brandon Keith McCoy resides in Lavolette, WV. His parents are Dennis and Patricia McCoy. He has one brother, Kevin, and one sister, Kelley Maynard. His girlfriend is Rebecca Blankenship.

Brandon attends Spring Valley High School where he is a member of the Drama Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. He has had the lead role in the school play. Brandon participates in baseball, church softball, basketball, and track.

His future plans are to go to West Virginia University and major either in Drama or Radio Communications.

Panhandle Cottage was Brandon's residence at Boys' State. His campaign nickname was "Here Comes the Judge." Brandon says Boys' State has been quite an experience and he will always take with him the discipline he has achieved here. He will also take the laughs that he has shared with his fellow Panhandle people. He had a great time and wishes good luck to everyone.



## JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Scott Meachum resides at Bluefield, WV with his parents, Marc and Patricia Meachum and his sister Kelly.

He attends Bluefield High School where he plays soccer, basketball, and tennis. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Pep Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He received the "I Dare You" Leadership Award, participated in HOBY, and attended the Global Young Leaders Conference.

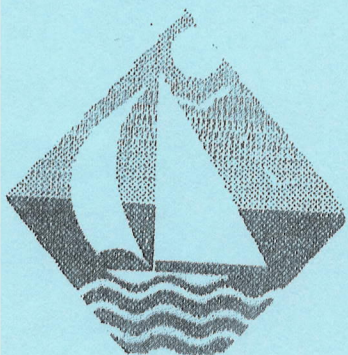
His future plans are to go to college and most likely study law. After that, whatever happens, happens.

Scott's nickname during his campaign was "Feel Good." He resided in Monroe Cottage. His experience at Boys' State has been great and he hopes he can take home some of what he experienced.

He would like to thank The American Legion, especially his local post. He would also like to thank the Lions Club for sponsoring him.

## THE 1999 WEST FORK RIVER REVIEW

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Braxton -                | Trick Bike Riding - Joe Fragale  |
| 2. Lewis -                  | Instrument Playing - Guitar and Bass -<br>Drew Phillips & Bret Salmons   |
| 3. Monroe -                 | Sketch (in drag) Introduction - Monroe<br>Cabin Female Auxillary   |
| 4. Marion -                 | Fiddle Music - Kenneth Glover  |
| 5. Panhandle -              | NOISE! - Zac Cross   |
| 6. Webster -                | Instrumental - Guitar, Piano, & Vocal -<br>Chris Varney, Paul Brooks, Chris Sharps, Matt White   |
| 7. Gilmer -                 | Cuckoo & Dodo Bird Imitations -<br>Jimmy Finley  |
| 8. Barbour -                | Croc. Hunter - Timbo & Friends   |
| 9. Randolph -               | Skit - the entire cabin  |
| 10. Monongalia -            | A currently untitled skit - those remaining who haven't<br>left to take the ACT  |
| 11. Upshur -                | William Shakespear's Julius Caesar Anthony's saying to<br>Caesar's dead body that he is sorry for making a deal<br>with Brutus)-Joseph Wakim |
| 12. Kanawha -               | Skit - Brad Talley, Alex Neal, Eric Wilson, Morgan McCutchen,<br>Ernie Stonebreaker, Marcus Jordan, & Chad Lemon                             |
| 13. Calhoun -               | Clean act - miscellaneous members of the cabin   |
| 14. Headquarters<br>Staff - | The Slush Pumps - Steve & Michael Sluss  |
| 15. Jr.<br>Counselors -     | song - Phil Hancock (Randolph) & Dwan Perry (Gilmer)   |
| 16. Jr.<br>Counselors -     | Reading a song - Shane Feazell (Braxton), Joe Hartwell<br>(Marion), and Brandon Flower (Gilmer)  |
| 17. Randolph -              | Pro Rasslin' - Aaron Lastoria & whole cabin  |
| 18. Marion -<br>Stephenson  | Paddleball, comedy, dancing - Andrew   |



HAVE A SAFE  
TRIP HOME  
AND A  
GREAT SUMMER!









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### REMEMBER ME?

Hello! Remember Me?

Some call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag - the Flag of the United States of America...There has been something that has been bothering me, so, I thought that I might talk it over with you here today.

I remember some time ago, (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it Veterans' Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street for a parade. A high school band was behind me and, naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it so that his right hand was directly over his heart.

And you - I remember you.

Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat, but you were giving me the right salute. Remember, they taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart, and little sister, not to be outdone, was saluting the same as you. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention

giving the military salute. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street that day.

Now, I may sound as if I am a little conceited, Well I am! I have a right to be, because I represent you, the people of the United States of America.

But what happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more stars added since the beginning of this country, and lot more blood shed since that patriotic day so long ago.

Now I don't feel a proud as I used to.

When I come down your street, some people just stand there with their hands in their pockets and give me a small glance and then look away. I see children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have some people forgotten what I stand for? Have they forgotten all the battlefields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me you are actually saluting them!

Take a look at the memorial rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours.

That's whom you are saluting, not me!

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see me waving back-- that's my salute to you.

And then I will know you remember who I am...