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MBS College/Career Fair

By Jason C. Crighton

This afternoon, some of the state's most respected colleges and universities, along with divisions of the armed services, have sent representatives to the Assembly Hall of Jackson's Mill.

Representatives from institutes of higher education such as Davis & Elkins College, Alderson Broaddus College, Bethany College, the University of Charleston, Marshall University, West Virginia University, West Liberty State College, West Virginia State College, Shepherd College, Fairmont State College, WVU Parkersburg, WVU Institute of Technology, Ohio Valley College, Salem International University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Concord College, and Potomac State College will attend the college/career fair.

In addition, the armed services such as the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines will attend the fair as well.

This fair is an exceptional opportunity to compare and contrast career goals for the future, and it is hoped that everyone will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

In order to avoid an athletic conflict, citizens who reside in the counties of Barbour, Kanawha, Lewis, Monongalia, Panhandle, Randolph, and Webster will arrive at the Assembly Hall at 1:00 P.M., while those citizens of Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Monroe, Marion and Upshur counties will arrive at 2:00P.M. The Fair will last until 3 P.M.

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Wallace Honored

By David McCullough

The Mountaineer Boys' State has honored one of their own in their decision to name the Boys' State Fire Department Academy after Captain Richard "Dick" Wallace. Wallace spent twenty-five years on the Colorado Springs USAF Academy Fire Department, retiring at the rank of Captain.

Wallace was married to Connie Boswell and had one stepdaughter. He worked Part time for his brother James as a maintenance worker for the Panhandle Equipment Company. He also painted houses on a part-time basis. He was commander of Post 121 for three terms.

Captain Wallace worked at Mountaineer Boys State for eight years and was very active in other child and youth programs. He was an "average fisherman" in his spare time and was a close friend of astronaut and candidate for governor, John McBride.

John Grimes said of Captain Wallace, "He and I were very close friends, like brothers. In fact, his brother told me that I knew him better than he did. He was a very close friend."



Dick Wallace and John McBride

SCHEDULE

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

FRIDAY - JUNE 14, 2002

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| 6:30 | REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS |
| 7:15 | IN FORMATION at Dining Hall. |
| 7:20 | FLAG RAISING |
| 7:25 | BREAKFAST |
| 8:25 - 11:30 | City, County, State governments, Boards of Education organized and working (See Thursday A.M. schedule)
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working. |
| 11:45 | City, County, Boards of Education work packets due at GHQ. |
| 12:05 | IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL |
| 12:15 | LUNCH |
| 1:00 - 3:00 | College/Career Fair at Assembly Hall |
| 1:00 - 5:00 | City, County, State governments organized and working.
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working. |
| 2:00 - 4:45 | Athletics and Swimming |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Band Practice |
| 5:15 | IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL |
| 5:30 | DINNER |
| 6:30 - 7:30 | Athletics and Band Practice
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working |
| 7:30 - 8:00 | Band Concert in Assembly Hall |
| 8:00 | ASSEMBLY - James Dague as Abe Lincoln
West Fork River Review (Talent Show)
National Guard Presentation |
| | AFTER ASSEMBLY - CITIZENS PROCEED DIRECTLY TO COTTAGES IN
FORMATION FOR Pizza, soda, snacks, and refreshment
Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working. |
| 11:00 | Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | As on all previous evenings. |

FRIDAY'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

<u>Beach Volleyball</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Frisbee</u>	<u>Softball</u>	<u>Basketball</u>
Kanawha F Randolph F	Barbour Braxton N	Lewis F Monroe F	Webster Gilmer	Braxton F Marion F
Lewis N Upshur	Panhandle F Randolph N	Marion N Panhandle N	kanawha N Monroe N	Calhoun Monongalia
Braxton F Monroe F	Lewis F Monongalia	Gilmer Webster	Barbour Randolph F	Kanawha F Lewis N
Calhoun Panhandle N	Marion N Monroe N	Kanawha N Marion F	Braxton N Upshur	Panhandle F Randolph N

TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP 4:45

RANDOLPH VS. BRAXTON

WINNERS VS. THE COUNSELORS

THURSDAY'S ATHLETIC RESULTS

Gilmer Panhandle - F Kanawha - N Randolph - N	Barbour Monroe - F Braxton - N Panhandle - N	Kanawha - F Monongalia Lewis - N Monroe - N	Braxton - F Webster Calhoun Marion - F	Lewis - F Randolph - F Marion - N Upshur
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Maxwell and others address Boys' State

By David McCullough

On Thursday evening, the citizens of Mountaineer Boys' State were given the opportunity to listen to speeches by a panel assembled by and including Federal district Judge Robert Earl Maxwell as well as several distinguished members of the state government system.

Maxwell began the evening by recounting a moment with President Lyndon B Johnson and Senators Byrd and Randolph in which he asked if he could resign the position of District judge if he felt that he could not fulfill the obligations of his office. He made the point that there is no job worth doing unless you can do it well and enjoy it.

The next speaker was Randolph County Circuit Court Judge John Henning. Judge Henning recalled that he had spoken at Boys' State on several occasions and this particular group was the most enthusiastic and adept as far as he could recall. He stated that the citizens of Boys State were here because they had been selected for their leadership potential, to fulfill an obligation to their community and due to their unique capacity for greatness.

WV State Senator Mike Ross then addressed the citizens. Senator Ross made references to the problems facing the southern counties in West Virginia, among them were flooding and coal trucks. The Senator quoted Henry Ford who said, "Its hard to build a reputation on what you're gonna' do." He then removed a crisp twenty-dollar bill from his pocket and thoroughly mangled it, to make the point that it still had value. Just as the citizens of Boys State, for all the troubles that they would endure, still possessed values.

Following Senator Ross was Delegate Bill Proudfoot who spoke on the importance of knowing not only what you wanted to do but also how you planned to do it. He stressed the importance of how the experience of Boys State would allow the citizens to enrich the lives of their families and communities. He concluded, "I feel privileged to address this body of very privileged young men."

The citizens were then addressed briefly by American legion Post 29 Commander George Mayo who said he did not know why he was chosen to speak, but that he would like the citizens who were considering a career in the military to also consider membership in the American Legion.

The final speaker of the evening was Earl Maxwell, West Virginia Prosecutor. Maxwell who questioned, "What do you say to the future governor when he doesn't even know he's going to be governor?" He somehow managed to find the words as he delivered the longest address of the evening. He informed the citizens that as Americans, they should feel neither guilty nor spoiled due to the living conditions in the rest of the world, but rather they should feel privileged. He concluded by reiterating the stressed importance of voting present in all the night's speeches with, "[When it comes to leadership] the most important thing is to show up."

The Bottom Line on the Fast and Furious

By Dan 6

Throughout history there have been many confrontations between citizens and law enforcement. The L.A. Riots, Washington Riots, women against prohibition in the early 1900's, and Civil Rights movements are just a few confrontations, but these events pale in comparison to Boy's State Street Racing. Vin Diesel from the movie, "The Fast and Furious", has noth-

Aaron Gallagher Shehl. Shehl and led the band of as they carried on Marion territory. they know, their fun turn to tragedy.

The Boys' were ready to ap-



ing on and Mike Gallagher street racers the event on Little did would soon

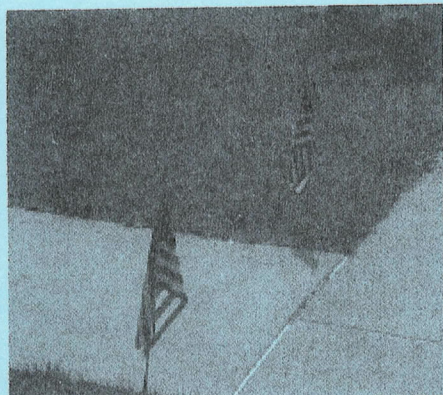
State Policeprehend

Gallagher and his renegade band of street racers. Led by officer Mike Burgess, the police attempted to confiscate a video camera that contained footage of the race. They stormed into Marion County and immediately were confronted by my fellow citizens. Burgess showed a warrant saying that he could search the cottage and take Gallagher and the camera to police headquarters. The officer had one problem; a Webster County Magistrate signed the warrant. Our Surveyor, Chad Caldwell, told Burgess we owned the Dining Hall area in which the races took place. Burgess said the Governor, Jake Lockett, said Webster County owned the area. I'm sorry Mr. Governor, but that area is Marion County territory. Burgess had an invalid warrant and performed an illegal search. Counselor Andrew Riffie had this to say about the event, "The police were disorderly and not in control of the situation."

Marion was in an uproar when Burgess still took Gallagher and the camera. Gallagher later had this to say, "Burgess said it was an illegal warrant, they badgered me until I agreed to comply." To this reporter it sounds like the Boys State Police conducted in a manner unbecoming of a police officer. Gallagher was taken which I feel is wrongful imprisonment. He also had this to say, "I was forced to go with them on an invalid warrant."

The Boys' State Police made a huge mistake on Wednesday night. The members of Marion County should not have been racing, but it was OUR land and we had no problem with the races. As a result of this inexcusable act of injustice and poor performance by our Boys' State Police officers, I have an announcement to make. On behalf of Marion County, I would like to say that Marion County is suing the Mountaineer Boys State police and that's the bottom line, cause Six said so.

Flag Day



by Betsy Potterfield

Today, June 14th is Flag Day. Proper care and presentation of the flag are as important as what the flag means to American citizens. However, some citizens and businesses display the flag in an incorrect fashion. Here are some dos and don'ts on flag care and etiquette that are listed in the Federal Flag Code: *The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset. If displayed after sunset, a light must shine on it. The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly, and an all-weather flag

is necessary in bad weather.

The flag should be flown on designated days of historic meaning, such as the Fourth of July. However, it may be flown every day of the year. It also needs to be flown at all public buildings, where people vote on Election Day and when school is in session.

A badly soiled, faded or torn flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. This type of burning is not desecration of the flag.

Flags should never be flown upside down except during dire emergencies, and it should never touch the ground.

The flag should never be carried flat or have items carried on it. It should always be free floating and aloft. It also should never be used as clothing or a uniform.

Groups may wear flag patches on a uniform, if they are worn in accordance with the flag code. A button or pin depicting the American flag may be worn as a demonstration of patriotism.

Storage of the flag should be in a place where it cannot be soiled or damaged. The flag should not be drawn or marked on, used as drapery or drawn back in folds.

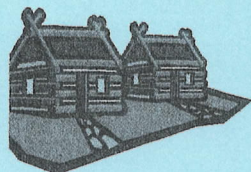
The flag should not be used as a ceiling or table cloth or used for advertising purposes.

Raising the flag to half-staff on Veterans or Armistice Day is incorrect. These days are set aside to honor veterans, not mourn them.

When flying on a single flagstaff, along with another flag, the American flag must fly at the top. This assures it will be raised first and lowered last. On special days, it may be flown at half-staff on Memorial Day, it should be flown at half staff until noon, then raised to top of the flag pole.

Hanging vertically, the union (blue area with 50 stars) should be in the upper left corner. If the flag is mounted on a staff, the American flag should be to the right of the speaker and to the left of those looking at it when displayed at the speaker's platform, it must be above and behind the speaker.

COTTAGE INSPECTION JUNE 13, 2002



BARBOUR	100
BRAXTON	100
CALHOUN	100
GILMER	84
KANAWHA	96
LEWIS	100
MARION	100
MONONGALIA	100
MONROE	88
PANHANDLE	88
RANDOLPH	88
UPSHUR	96
WEBSTER	100

A SPECIAL THANKS

Mountaineer Boys' State is the first Boys' State to use the touch screen voting procedure. A special thank you to Joe Manchin, Secretary of State, for funding this project. We were fortunate to have Danny Cline, Connie Weidler, and Beth Binger on Staff to run the election process.

Mock crimes a problem in Boys' State

By David McCullough

On Wednesday Evening the Mountaineer Boys' State Police and Conservation Officers responded to several "crimes" as an exercise in what they learned during their courses here at Boys State. The following is a series of reports on these crimes.

A Homicide Occurred in Lewis County Wednesday as Jeffery Skaggs was murdered in a bar fight that evening. Skaggs was reportedly intoxicated and began to argue with Zach Dickinson, also from Lewis County, over an unknown reason. Skaggs left the bar later that evening, only to be followed by Dickinson. Moments later, several shots were heard in the parking lot and denizen John Helvy left the bar to investigate, finding Skaggs dead and Dickinson fleeing the scene. Helvy wrestled Dickinson to the ground and called for help. The police arrived moments later to restrain Dickinson and take him into custody.

Citizen William Nicely of Panhandle County was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Wednesday Evening when he drove his pickup truck into a tree along the Panhandle County Line. Paramedics arrived on the scene to find Nicely in a disheveled state, staggering about the lawn in Panhandle. Troopers arrived later and restrained Nicely and took him into custody. Several open alcohol containers were found inside Nicely's truck and he was taken before the panhandle County Magistrate. No Sobriety Test was conducted as Nicely was too injured to be removed from the gurney.

The Boys State Conservation Officers responded to a Spotlighting call at 10:20 PM Wednesday evening. Joe Super and Joe Lounder, both of Webster County were arrested for killing a deer using the spotlight technique. Both were restrained willingly and arrested for questioning. They were arraigned Thursday.

In a series of events not related to the mock exercises that had been scheduled for the evening, both the Boys' State Police and Conservation Officers responded to a reported drag racing competition outside the dining hall at 10:15 that evening. The racers fled the scene and none have been arrested as of yet, but video evidence is currently in the custody of the Boys' State Police.

Bottom Line- Special Marion Edition By Dan 6

By Decree of Marion County and Marion County Magistrate we would like all counties and citizens of Boys State to know and recognize the following locations as properties of Marion County:

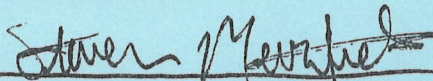
Gas Line (makes hot water for showers)
Mt. Vernon Dining Hall
Entire Athletic Field
Harrison and Marion areas (Buildings included)
Chapel
Ultimate Frisbee Field

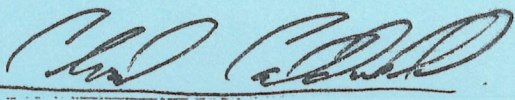
All citizens are required to pay 500 dollars for each of these things on Friday

*500 dollars per person required which includes use of Dining Hall

*All citizens are required excluding citizens of Marion

And that's the bottom line, not cause Six said so, but because Marion said so!


Marion County Magistrate


Marion County Surveyor

The State of the State Address

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Lockett's speech emphasizes bringing in business and higher teaching wages.

By Jason Crighton

"Being Governor's a hard job." Jake "Afroman" Lockett (N-Gilmer) said as he gave his State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate. "West Virginia's a beautiful state; it probably is the best state."

The State of the State address focuses on the stagnation of business in the state, which leads to the departure of its youth.

"The youth keeps leaving. We need business." Bringing jobs into West Virginia is a priority in this plan.

Lockett also spoke about reforms in education. "More money for education means more money for teachers, and that will make them teach us more."

The new budget seemed to have many people working on it. "All we did was crunch numbers for hours," he said.

The last time I interviewed Governor Lockett, he spoke of having Boys' State unite as one government. I asked before the address if we were any closer to this goal, and he thinks we are. "I've got Federalists in my cabinet and we're working together, getting things done."

Chris Lee, (N-Webster) who helped

outline the speech, said that it was an easy job. "With a Governor so well-spoken and charismatic as we have, we don't need to write his speeches out as much as we need an outline."

"I'm a man of few

An Airport in Upshur?

By Jason Crighton

The citizens of Upshur county have created an airport in an attempt to increase visitors and attract revenue, says Scott Yoak (F-Webster), the Upshur County Munciple Airport Director. "It would make our cabin unique out of all cabins of Boys' State."

Supposedly, there are five aircraft carriers using the runway today, which should double by tomorrow. "It would not be possible without tax deductables." Said Barry Carter

"If you're walking by [the base], make sure sure you alert the control tower, or it's a fine. Watch out for low-flying planes!" Yoak said.

"And watch out for the stealths!" Interjected Andrew "Squirrel" Lewis, the Nationalist Chairman.

Indeed, the next step in the industrialization of Upshur county is the creation of an Army air base! It is currently under construction.

I asked one of Upshur's counselors, Justin Taylor, about the ambitious bunch. "I couldn't believe they thought about it. It's the most original idea I've seen."

Manchin Addresses Joint Session

By Jason Crighton

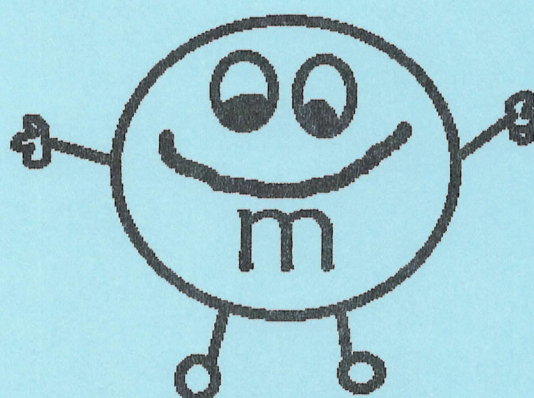
Boys' State once again had the privilege and honor of West Virginia Secretary of State Joe Manchin III's presence. This time, he spoke a combines audience of the Senate and House of Delegates.

Manchin spoke of a day in 1945, when he was a sophomore at West Virginia University. At the age of twenty, Manchin walked out of his political science classroom, went to Fairmont, ran for the House of Delegates, and became the youngest member ever elected.

The rest is history.

"If you're unhappy with how things are going, do something about it." He said to the members of the legislature. "You're never too old to still be involved." He later added. "Never stop thinking and don't quit...Look people in the eye. That's how you know what they're thinking. It's important in life to be involved."

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