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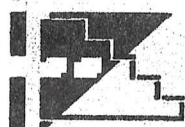
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## PRIMARY ELECTION DELAYED

### VOTING TO TAKE PLACE THIS MORNING

### SEE COUNSELOR FOR TIME AND PLACE



# SCHEDULE

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE, INC.

TUESDAY - JUNE 10, 2003

6:30 REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS  
7:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall.  
7:20 FLAG RAISING  
7:25 BREAKFAST

## GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

GROUP 1 - BARBOUR, PANHANDLE  
GROUP 2 - MARION, KANAWHA  
GROUP 3 - UPSHUR, LEWIS, GILMER  
GROUP 4 - RANDOLPH, CALHOUN, MONONGALIA  
GROUP 5- BRAXTON, WEBSTER, MONROE

	8:25-9:00	9:10- 9:45	9:55-10:30	10:40-11:15	11:25-12:00
GROUP 1	Driver Safety	Legal Procedure	Historical Tour	Magistrate	Budget
GROUP 2	Legal Procedure	Historical Tour	Magistrate	Budget	Driver Safety
GROUP 3	Historical Tour	Magistrate	Budget	Driver Safety	Legal Procedure
GROUP 4	Magistrate	Budget	Driver Safety	Legal Procedure	Historical Tour
GROUP 5	Budget	Driver Safety	Legal Procedure	Historical Tour	Budget

## GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

Driver Safety—Assembly Hall  
Legal Procedure—Kanawha Center  
Historical Tour – Historic Area  
Magistrate— West Virginia Building  
Budget—Flameway

12:05 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
12:15 LUNCH—  
1:15-2:00 COURT TRIAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION at Assembly Hall. Each cottage will send a minimum of two representatives to receive specialized instruction on upcoming court trials. Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working  
State Police and Conservation Officers meet with Advisors at Hall of Fame Building  
  
2:10 - 3:10 Party Caucuses (Federalists in Assembly Hall, Nationalists in West Virginia Building)  
  
3:15 - 4:15 Formal Review practice (Senior Counselors, right guides, Color Guard, State Police, Conservation Officers meet with Advisors meet at Flag Pole  
Athletics  
Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working  
State Police and Conservation Officers meet with Advisors at Jackson Lodge Basement  
  
4:00 Band Practice  
  
4:30 FORMAL REVIEW PRACTICE (ALL COUNTIES PROMPTLY ASSEMBLE IN INFORMATION AT DINING HALL)  
  
5:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
5:30 DINNER -  
  
6:15-7:15 STATE POLICE administer DRIVER'S EXAMS and MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS in cottages  
Athletics and Band Practice  
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working  
  
7:30 - 9:30 ASSEMBLY— Each Party allotted 25 to present candidates, Candidate debate (Questions to be asked by STAFF)

AFTER ASSEMBLY— General Election. FEDERALISTS will proceed to the Assembly Hall for State Voting, NATIONALISTS will proceed to the West Virginia Building for State Voting. Then proceed to cottages for City/County voting. ALL citizens proceed directly to their cottages to vote.

State Election results posted at GHQ.

\*\*AFTER VOTING— Newspaper Staffs organized and working.  
DRIVER'S EXAMS and MOTOR VEHICLES INSPECTIONS conducted in cottages by State Police

11:00 DEVOTIONS (As time permits) at Kanawha and Panhandle cottages

11:30 All evening activities end.

11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.

12:00 (MIDNIGHT) ALL citizens in bed and LIGHTS OUT. Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection score.

## RESULTS 2003 BAR EXAMINATION

367 Citizens sat for the 2003 MBS Bar Examination, given on Sunday, June 8, 2003. 131 Citizens passed the Bar, by achieving a score of 75% or greater, resulting in a pass rate of 35.7%. Below is listed the average score of each cottage.

Individually, John Dudding, of Upshur cottage, scored highest of all citizens, with a 96%. Dudding was closely followed by Robert Williams, of Lewis Cottage, with a 94%. Four other citizens scored 92% on the exam.

### (ALPHABETICAL)

Barbour	71.176
Braxton	66.000
Calhoun	70.800
Gilmer	68.762
Kanawha	66.625
Lewis	75.000
Marion	66.667
Monongalia	71.714
Monroe	70.375
Panhandle	72.530
Randolph	65.714
Upshur	70.462
Webster	64.667

### (BY SCORE)

Lewis	75.000
Panhandle	72.530
Monongalia	71.714
Barbour	71.176
Calhoun	70.800
Upshur	70.462
Monroe	70.375
Gilmer	68.762
Marion	66.667
Kanawha	66.625
Braxton	66.000
Randolph	65.714
Webster	64.667

## COTTAGE INSPECTION SCORES

Barbour	95
Braxton	97
Calhoun	98
Gilmer	98
Kanawha	94
Lewis	99
Marion	90
Monongalia	97
Monroe	98
Panhandle	98
Randolph	99
Upshur	99
Webster	98



## TOUCH SCREEN VOTING AT BOYS' STATE

Touch screen voting is something that not very many people are at all familiar with, but those at Boys' State will get to experience it first hand. This new method of voting is poised to become the future of voting, as we know it. With its simple interface, it seems to be much more efficient than paper ballots.

Danny Cline (an employee of Casto and Harris), Connie Wielder (West Virginia sales manager for Election Systems and Software) and Markisha Taylor (election services specialist for Electronic Systems and Software) are bringing this system to Boys' State. Already used in several counties in West Virginia, this is the second year that touch screen voting will be used at Mountaineer Boys' State and the first year that each cottage will have a screen on-site. Governor Bob Wise and Secretary of State Joe Manchin III were instrumental in bringing this system here, according to Cline.

Despite the delay, this way of voting seems as if it could be a change for the better. If all goes well, it may be at Boys' State for years to come.



MISS MOUNTAINEER  
BOYS' STATE

## MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE SONG

Oh, we're the  
Men of To..mor..row, we march along in  
happy ranks today.  
We never bor..row a bit of care or grief along  
the way.  
Glad..ly we're learning the things a good American  
should know.  
Glad..ly we're yearn..ing to chart the way a patriot should  
go.  
With lessons done, objectives won  
Good citizens we'll be;  
We'll proudly stand in our home land  
Where Mountaineers are free.  
Men...of To..mor..row, good fellowship each one of us en-  
joys,  
Men...of To..mor..row, a group of all American boys.





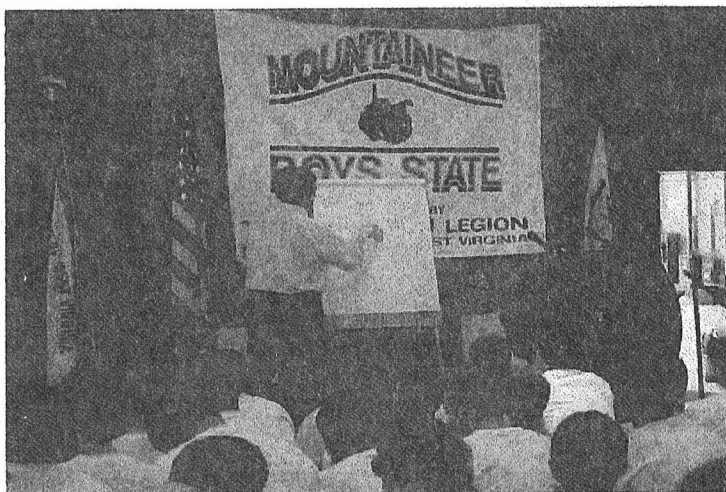
## Leadership

To be chosen to attend Boy's State, we, the citizens, must have earned the respect of our peers, shown exceptional intelligence, and been dedicated to our classes and various endeavors at school and in the community. However, one of the most important aspects of being selected for this honor was that we must exhibit the qualities of a leader.

What does it mean to be a leader? Does it mean that one must earn the praise and admiration of his peers and rise to a position of authority? Should a single person that seizes control and instills fear into his subjects be considered a real leader? Or should leading perhaps be more of an attitude of a group and its goals, of whose presence they do not even realize is a governing force? The answer to all of these questions is "yes." In yesterday's morning class concerning leadership and its attributes, the citizens of Boy's State learned about what it means to be a leader, and different methods of leading.

The session was very indicative of how our week at Jackson's Mill should unfold. First, the presentation dealt with dependence on a solid leading force. It showed that when we arrived at Boy's State, we did not know where to go, and we relied on our counselors and the staff to direct us. However, a little later, it showed that conflicts in the way we were being led began to arise. At this point the leaders stepped out of the foreground, and let the citizens start to decide for themselves which way they were going. This almost perfectly describes the party caucuses, where we received only basic directions as to how to form our party and move ideas around on the floor. At the Federalist caucus, there was a lot of debate on what our party's planks should be. The transformation of a self-governing force had begun. The next transition of leadership comes when members of the group reach a resolution. When the caucus finally cooled down and we started to agree on goals and different duties, we were achieving resolution, which molds us into an efficient force.

The last stage of leadership is something that the citizens of Boy's State must work hard to attain. Although we are split up into different parties, and all have our own personal opinions and aims, our ultimate goal during our time here is to help the state, pass legislation that will benefit our citizens, and come together as a team. To do so, we must abandon traditional leadership, and govern our actions as a group to accomplish our goals. We are striving for interdependence, and we can achieve it if we focus on our goals and work with each other.

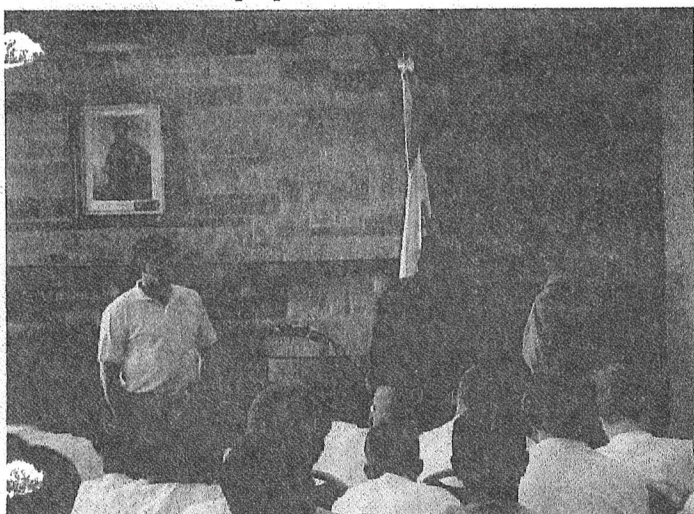


## Voting Procedure

With the 2003 Boy's State now underway here at Jackson's Mill, elections are just around the corner. However, the voting this year will be a little different. There will no longer be paper ballots, and technology will be transforming the tradition of voting for Boy's State citizens.

Ivotronic touch screen voting made its debut at Boy's State last year, when citizens used them for the state elections. Now, Ivotronic is in full swing and all elections will take place on the touch screen machines. Our Mountaineer Boy's State is the first Boy's State to use the most advanced voting technology in the country. One thing that citizens will hopefully notice is how easy it is to use the touch screen voting. It is fairly self-explanatory, and requires little or no training to use. During yesterday's morning session entitled Voting Procedure, I was able to try the machine for myself. I was eager to test it out, as were many others in the class. The new Ivotronic machines seem to be receiving a lot of optimism, on part of both citizens and staff alike.

Not only is the new voting procedure easier, but studies are also showing that the new Ivotronic system is actually drawing out *more* voters because of its ease and simplicity. The system was first tested in Cabell County, and because of the voter turnout, it was then implemented as the primary voting system in the county. Voters are finding that the Ivotronic system has few flaws, and its designers seem to have taken every detail into consideration. Even disabled people, such as the blind and the deaf, can still readily use the touch screen machines with



little assistance. Senior citizens are also warming up to the change. One of the real beauties of this system is that if a voter makes a mistake, he or she can go back, review the ballot, and make the necessary changes all within the touch of the screen. Once the vote is submitted, it is virtually fail-proof, with three computer chips backing up the system. If one chip fails, the others can easily store the votes, so they are never lost.

With such a warm welcome from the citizens of Boy's State, and the residents of West Virginia that have used the system, the Ivotronic system will hopefully be implemented as the number one voting tool in West Virginia in the near future.



## Secretary of State Manchin Addresses Citizens at the Noon Meal

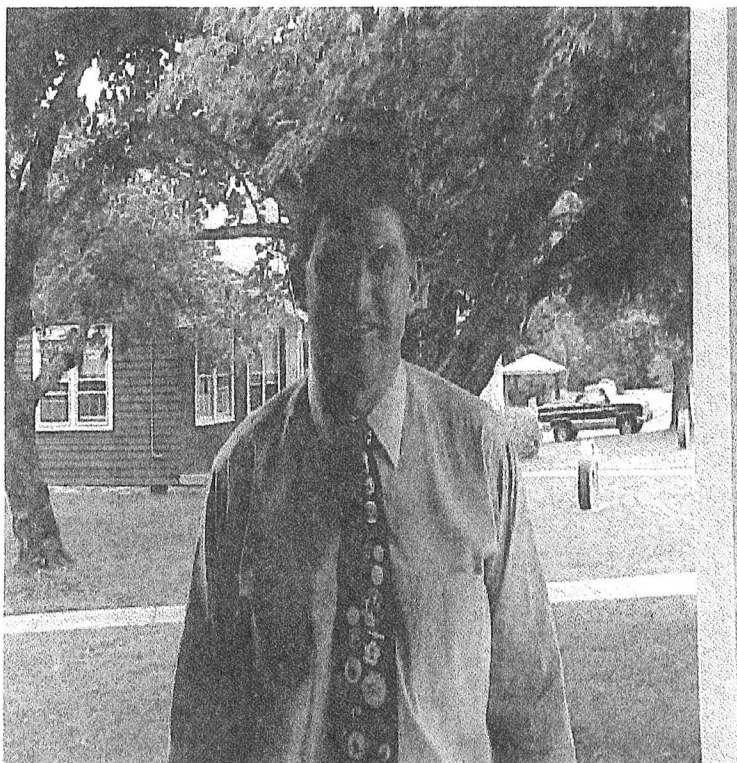
West Virginia Secretary of State Joe Manchin III gave an informative talk to Boys' Staters during lunch yesterday. Manchin was born in Farmington and later moved to Fairmont. He came from a family of politicians including the famed AJ Manchin who will be a guest speaker at Boys' State later in the week. Manchin became interested in politics at a young age and has made a number of contributions to the State of West Virginia as the Secretary of State.

Monday afternoon he spoke to the Boys and amazed a number of them with his interesting statistics such as the fact that WV is 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation in voter turnout. He shared his disappointment in this number given the fact that "West Virginia is the most patriotic state in the union." He discussed his belief that this generation holds incredible power in that it could either further America in unimaginable ways or "defeat America" through apathy and nonchalance. Manchin suggested three solutions to this crisis: 1) everyone must register to vote, 2) go one more step, and get involved in someone's campaign, and 3) "give yourself" or take that final step and run for a political office. He did warn however that politics is not for everyone and that if you're looking for a "cave of diamonds" you won't find it in politics.

Manchin mentioned that he intends for West Virginia to take the lead in election reform. He intends to do this by becoming a leader in voting technology as well as implementing his new program, Saving History And Reaching Every Student (SHARES).

Through this program, he encourages veterans and civic leaders to speak to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders about the importance of being an educated and motivated member of society by sharing the sacrifices they had to make through war, etc. to preserve our freedom. Another objective of the SHARES program is to have every eligible high school student register to vote. So far this program has been extremely successful in that one year after its institution nearly five times as many students voted in the 2002 mid term elections as normally would. During his programs, he challenges each student to have at least one person at home vote as well. By doing this, West Virginia can be ranked number one in voter participation.

Manchin displayed his great love of West Virginia and its citizens by exclaiming that "we have a will to live, a passion for life, and we're going to make it."



## Menu

### BREAKFAST

APPLE JUICE  
BANANAS  
HOT/COLD CEREAL  
SCRAMBLED EGGS  
GRAVY/BISCUITS  
TOAST, BUTTER, JELLY  
COFFEE, MILK

### LUNCH

BEEF STEW  
COTTAGE CHEESE  
APPLESAUCE  
TOSSED SALAD  
CORNBREAD, BUTTER  
BEVERAGES  
GRANOLA BARS

### DINNER

ROAST BEEF/GRAVY  
WHIPPED POTATOES  
ITALIAN VEGETABLES  
TOSSED SALAD  
ROLLS, BUTTER  
BEVERAGES  
FRUIT CRISP

## Nationalist Caucus

By Kris Plona

Although a strange smell was in the air, there were no Federalists to be found in the West Virginia building after lunch. The seats were filled with Nationalists set to complete a busy agenda.

Speeches were extremely short and candidates for Party Chairman had a mere 20 seconds to speak. The time limit was very strict considering the individual could possibly attend Boys Nation. Zach Francis won the election and seems like an able man for the job.

Some party platform issues this year favored by the Nationalists include lower insurance rates, a right to work law, increased funding for extracurricular activities, restoring the old drivers license system, legalizing marijuana, and everyone's favorite: lowering taxes. The Nationalists will prove to be a strong party this year. As former Boys State governor Mark Zachwieja put it, "Nationalists stick together."

### ATHLETIC RESULTS FROM MONDAY

WINNERS ARE IN BOLDFACE PRINT

#### FIRST SESSION

AREA 1 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE BRAXTON	AREA 2 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE SOFTBALL	AREA 3 FRISBEE BEHIND CHAPEL	AREA 4 SOFTBALL GRASSFIELD	AREA 5 BASKETBALL BEHIND GILMER
BARBOUR MARION - F	KANAWHA - F UPSHUR	BRAXTON - F RANDOLPH - N	LEWIS - F PANHANDLE - N	GILMER (FORFEIT) MARION - N
BRAXTON - N MONONGALIA	LEWIS - N WEBSTER	CALHOUN PANHANDLE - F	MONROE - N RANDOLPH - F	KANAWHA - N MONROE - F

#### SECOND SESSION

BRAXTON - F MONROE - N	LEWIS - F MARION - N	MARION - F MONONGALIA	KANAWHA - N BRAXTON - N	RANDOLPH - F KANAWHA - F
CALHOUN MONROE - F	GILMER PANHANDLE - F	UPSHUR BARBOUR	RANDOLPH - N (FORFEIT) WEBSTER	PANHANDLE - N LEWIS - N

### ATHLETIC SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY

#### FIRST SESSION

AREA 1 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE BRAXTON	AREA 2 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE SOFTBALL	AREA 3 FRISBEE BEHIND CHAPEL	AREA 4 SOFTBALL GRASSFIELD	AREA 5 BASKETBALL BEHIND GILMER
KANAWHA - N RANDOLPH - N	MONROE - F MONONGALIA	BRAXTON - N GILMER	BARBOUR BRAXTON - F	WEBSTER UPSHUR
PANHANDLE - N LEWIS - F	MARION - F RANDOLPH - F	KANAWHA - F LEWIS - N	CALHOUN MARION - N	PANHANDLE - F MONROE - N

#### SECOND SESSION

MARION - N PANHANDLE - F	KANAWHA - N MONROE - F	MONROE - N PANHANDLE - N	GILMER KANAWHA - F	BARBOUR BRAXTON - N
UPSHUR MONONGALIA	BRAXTON - F RANDOLPH - N	RANDOLPH - F WEBSTER	LEWIS - N MARION - F	CALHOUN LEWIS - F

### WEDNESDAY'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

#### SECOND SESSION

AREA 1 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE BRAXTON	AREA 2 VOLLEYBALL BESIDE SOFTBALL	AREA 3 FRISBEE BEHIND CHAPEL	AREA 4 SOFTBALL GRASSFIELD	AREA 5 BASKETBALL BEHIND GILMER
GILMER KANAWHA - F	BARBOUR BRAXTON - N	KANAWHA - N LEWIS - F	MONROE - F PANHANDLE - F	BRAXTON - F MARION - F
LEWIS - N RANDOLPH - F	CALHOUN MONROE - N	MARION - N PANHANDLE - N	UPSHUR WEBSTER	MONONGALIA RANDOLPH - N