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Today, former governor, Frank Wang, transferred his responsibility to current governor Daniel "d-dub" Wells at the MBS 2004 inauguration ceremony. Dignitaries attending the ceremony include: Former MBS governor Chuck Lucas, Governor Bob Wise and the honorable Judge John Louis Marks, who swore in the MBS state officials of 2004.

As Mr. Wells was sworn to office citizens looked on with anticipation and wonder. The support for Wells by his fellow citizens was overwhelming. The assembly hall echoed with chants of, "d-dub, d-dub, d-dub" and the occasional "hooray".

Also in attendance was Mr. Wells' family. Wells was very appreciative of the support that he has received from everyone. He thanked several counselors, citizens, his family and above all, God Almighty.

Wells is a natural for his new position. Taking charge at the evening meal, "sound off" was the command from the new Governor Elect. Counselors sounded off, and Wells concluded with a hearty "Hooray" which was resounded by the citizens of 2004 MBS.

In the dining hall, Wells called forward a citizen to pray for the evening meal, and another to lead the pledge of allegiance. Just like that Wells concluded his duties on his first day as governor; MBS 2004 is finally up and running on its own feet.

Schedule June 10, 2004

6:00 REVEILLE AND CLEAN QUARTERS
 7:15 IN FORMATION at Dining Hall.
 7:20 FLAG RAISING
 7:25 BREAKFAST

8:25 - 9:30 All Legal Program Participants (Circuit Court Judges, Magistrates, Sheriffs, Circuit Clerks, Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys) - meet at Assembly Hall for specialized instruction.

All County officials meet in West Virginia Building for specialized instruction

All City officials meet in Assembly Hall for specialized instruction.

8:25 - 12:00 Governor & Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge meeting rooms.

Senate & House in session at Jackson Lodge Basement

Supreme Court in session at Flameway Hall

County School Superintendents and Boards of Education meet in Southeastern Learning Center

Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

9:30 - 12:00 City and County Governments organized and working in cottages

Magistrate and Circuit Courts organized and working in cottages

State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with advisors for further instruction

12:05 IN FORMATION at Dining Hall

12:15 LUNCH—The Honorable John Perdue

1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. **ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.**

AFTER CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS - State, County, and City Governments organized and working (see morning schedule for locations)

Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

State Police and Conservation Offices organized and working and meeting with Advisors for further instruction.

5:15 IN FORMATION at Dining Hall

5:30 DINNER - Steve Hannah for Gus Douglas

6:30 - 7:30 Athletics and Band Practice

Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with Advisors

Fire Training Academy (Fire Marshall) (will provide schedule)

Talent Show participants meet with Talent Show Coordinator at Assembly Hall

8:00 ASSEMBLY - The Honorable Robert Maxwell, Judge

****AFTER ASSEMBLY - Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.**

Musicians and Performers gather on Marion front porch

State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with advisors

11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages

11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings.

WINNERS ARE IN BOLD PRINT

ATHLETIC WINNERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2004

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

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004

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UPSHUR PANHANDLE—F	BRAXTON—F KANAWHA—N	MONROE—N RANDOLPH—F	GILMER MARION—F	BARBOUR LEWIS—F
MARION—N WEBSTER	PANHANDLE—N RANDOLPH—N	MONROE—F MONOGALIA	LEWIS—N KANAWHA— F	BRAXTON—N CALHOUN

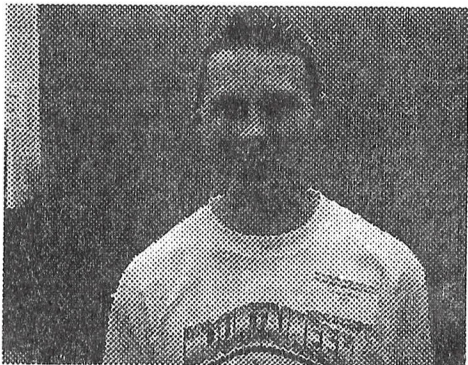
Menu

Ham	Tacos	Turkey
Tater Totes	Beans	Stuffing
Biscuits	Corn Bread	Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy
Cold Cereal	Salad	Mixed Veggies
Mixed Fruit	Fruit	Rolls
	Cookies	Salad

A MAN ON THE STREET

The camp member you should get to know today is Chad Gifford. Chad is a student and Buckhannon Upshur. He is a member of the Cross Country and Track Team. He is also a member of the band, where he plays the Baritone and is the Drum Major. He is a member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and participated in Team Institute. Chad’s hobbies include swimming, riding 4-wheelers, jumping on his trampoline, hanging out with friends, and playing the piano. Chad is first impression of Boy’s State was, “It’s not going to be SO bad. It should be kind of cool.” Here at Boy’s State, Chad is a member of the Boy’s State Band where he competed against two others to be Drum Major, which he won. Chad said that one good thing about Boy’s State is that he has had an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

Story By: Randy Revels



SECRETARY OF STATE JOE MACHIN ADDRESSES DELEGATES

Joe Manchin stepped up to the mic on Monday after dinner, to address the citizens of MBS. His message was one of pride and self respect.

"We must have an attitude change," said Manchin of the state of West Virginia, "we must be proud of who we are."

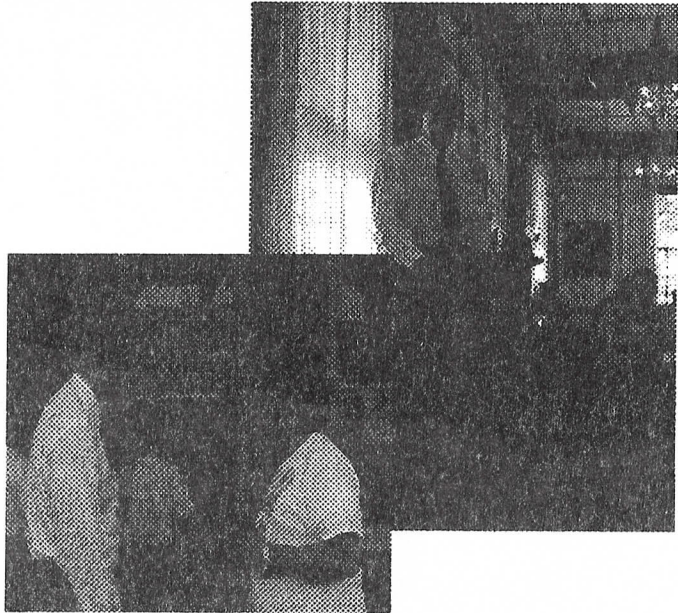
The WVU grad sees the best in everyone; when asked what advice he would give the current citizens of MBS, he answered without hesitation.

"You have to believe in yourself and you have to have the right attitude; knowing that you must give of yourself."

Manchin has had a busy year running for candidate and performing the duties of Secretary of State, but he still has time to be a regular guy.

"In my spare time I like to fish, do water sports, motorcycle ride, and fly," said Manchin.

Story by Steven Richmond



Lightening DOES strike twice: Wells family does it again

The old saying that lightning doesn't strike the same place twice certainly doesn't apply in this case. Daniel "D-dub" Wells is the first Governor in MBS history that is the brother of a former MBS Governor. D-dub's brother was MBS Governor 10 years ago in 1994. D-dub said, "At first I didn't want to draw attention to the fact that my brother was Governor because I didn't want people to think that I was running for the wrong reasons." When asked if his brother would be proud of him, D-dub replied, "I spoke to my brother last night, and he is very proud of me."

Story By: Randy Revels

WISE MAKES APPEARANCE

Nothing can stop governor Wise; wind, rain, or rush hour traffic. Bob Wise was determined to make it to Boys' State again this year. Leaving from Washington DC early in the day, Wise's trip went smoothly on the first leg. However, trouble arose in the afternoon when Wise encountered heavy traffic. At the beginning of inauguration, it seemed as if we would be Bob-less this year. In the nick of time, Wise came through the doors of the assembly hall with windblown hair. Former MSB Governor Frank Wang said a few words, followed by Governor Wise who spoke eloquently as usual. MBS commends Wise for his dedication and effort.

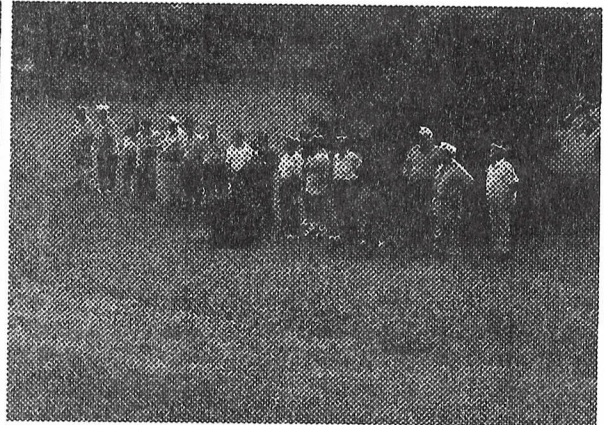


THE FORMAL REVIEW

After days of preparation, the citizens of 2004 MBS are filled with pride and relief. The formal review came off without a hitch this year, due to the long hard hours of practice put in by the boys and staff of Mountaineers Boys State. Parents were wowed as they watched their boys transform into young men on the field before them. We came, we saw, we marched. Congratulations to all those who participated in the Formal Review.

2004 MBS Troopers (Corrected List)

John Addair	Ryan Sebok
Robert Barber	Andrew Sheybani
Robert Campbell	Bradley Shoulders
Adam Christian	Gabriel Storrick
Terrance Core	Scott Studeny
Joel DiStefano	Andrew Triggs
Mark Gillespie	Joseph Wells
Robert Greenlee	
Curtiss Miller	
George Merkich	
Jeremy Neely	
Chris Phillips	
Justin Phillips	



Thanks to all of the Legionnaires that attended the formal review this year.

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Voice of Mountaineers comes to visit

Prior to Wednesday's lunch, the voice of the WVU Mountaineers, Tony Caridi, spoke to the citizens of Mountaineer Boys' State in the Dining Hall. Caridi is a graduate of Syracuse University and has lived in West Virginia for nineteen years. Tony limited himself to a three minute speech where he talked about the two hour statewide radio

broadcast that he and Hoppy Kercheval hosted on Wednesday morning prior to lunch. It was broadcasted on 20 radio stations throughout the state and got the word of Boys' State out to the public. He also talked about two main points that every Boys' State citizen should remember. Caridi noted that every Boys' State should cherish every min-

ute at Boys' State and make the best of it. His second point was that every citizen of Boys' State and everyone in general should have passion to pursue one's own goal, not a goal that someone else wants them to pursue. He said, "find passion and seize it." Caridi received a standing ovation from the Boys' State members and if you want to hear that

famous voice again, tune in to the West Virginia University football game radio broadcasts to hear his play-by-play announcement.

Story by:
Jason Nicholson

Do You Like What You See?

Joe DeLong, the 2nd youngest member of the House of Delegates, came and spoke to the citizens of MBS and had some great insight. He related to the citizens that he was recruited by and signed to play with WVU, not because his recruiter only cared about his football skills, but saw him as a person as well. One day while talking with Joe, the recruiter gave him a mirror that said around the outside, "Do You Like What You See?" Joe went and worked hard on the field and in the classroom. As a freshman, he was redshirted, so he wasn't losing any playing time.

As his sophomore year approached, he still wasn't getting much playing time and was losing eligibility. He started to get discouraged and slack off in school and at practice. He was talking to the team's equipment manager, the son of Joe's recruiter, one day, who said his dad asked how Joe was doing. When Joe got home, he went and found the mirror that the recruiter had given him. He started to work out again and to attend classes regularly.

He also spoke about pride. "Your parents gave you something that no one else can," said DeLong. They've

worked hard to get you as far ahead as possible, made sacrifices so that we could have everything that we do. Never should we do anything that would ruin your family's name. Sure, everyone makes mistakes, but nothing bad enough to ruin your family's name is ever acceptable.

The final topic that Mr. DeLong spoke about was voting. In the Weirton area, only 40% of the registered voters showed up at the polls. Every vote counts and, "...we need your votes," said DeLong. There are many close races, some decided by maybe only 50 to 100 votes. This isn't a big number considering the number of people of legal age to vote.

My question to you is, "Do you like what you see?" Always be the best you can be. Be proud of who you are. Let your voice be heard—vote.

Story by
Jared Mazezka



THE UNRECOGNIZED WINNER

This is for he
Who won no election
Who's now feeling left out
And feeling rejection

You had your chance,
They gave you a turn
But you lost, so remember
The lesson you learned.

If you're one of the guys
Who lost time and again
Think of experience gained
And the places you've been.

If you tried for an office,
Yet your name was not called
Better to have tried and lost
Than to have not tried at all.

Think of the thousands
Who suffered the terrible fate
Of not being selected
To go to Boy's State

Dismiss all your feelings
Of pity and hate
Do your best to make the most
Of Mountaineer Boys' State.

When you win you may cheer,
If you lose you may cry
It matters not that you lost

MBS STATE TROOPERS GRADUATE

After hours of note taking and a final exam, the Boys' State Police force graduated from the Boys' State Police Academy at 11 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The State Police had 17 citizens graduate from the Academy and the Conserva-

tions Officers graduated 14 people. Sergeant Kenny Short issued the Boys' State Police shirts that the West Virginia State Police receive as uniform shirts. Sergeant Short called the names of each officer and his former captain, Captain

Jackson, presented badges to each graduating officer. Lieutenant Dudley, a former Boys' Stater and a current conservation officer, presented badges to each graduating conservation officer. Now that the State Police and Conservation Officers are

working, all Boys' State Laws are in full effect. A list of all these laws and punishments are listed in Wednesday's paper. Citizens may no longer run around, walk through the field, or drink out of a container while walking. All driving and

hunting/fishing regulations are in effect so do not forget to carry your information (Insurance cards, inspection, etc.) and be sure to obey the law.

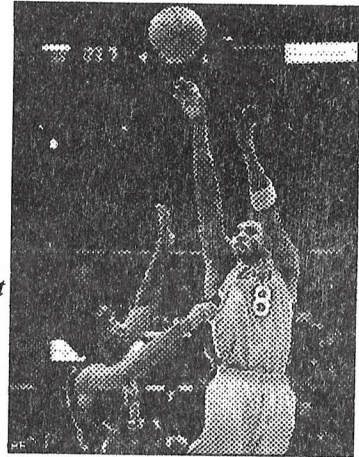
Story by:
Jason Nicholson

LAKERS TOP PISTONS

An anxious crowd huddled around Governor D-dub close to midnight Thursday awaiting the score of the Lakers-Pistons game. As midnight grew closer and closer, so did the scores. Seconds before lights out D-dub announced that it was 89-89 OT. Disappointed that they wouldn't get to know the final score until morning, the campers marched slowly back to their respective cabins. In case anyone is still curious about the out come, the final score was 91-99(Lakers) tying the NBA

Written by Randy Revels

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A DAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

All rose as the judge entered the room. Jurors were chosen and sworn in. The prosecutors made their opening statements, after which, the defense made theirs. The prosecutor called the first witness, second, third, and fourth witnesses, all of whose stories matched. The defense called their witnesses, three, and all stories matched the prosecuting witnesses. The jury was given their instructions and deliberated. In the Gilmer County trial, the defendant was found guilty off breaking and entering and burglary. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

Story By: Jared Mazezka

LIGHTS OUT!

Tragedy today, a wire malfunction caused the power to go out in the dining hall. When the wires were done, recycled wire was used. The wires were apparently too old to endure the voltage any longer, and burst into flames. Several fire trucks came to the scene during our circuit court mock trials.

The Jackson's Mill staff managed to finish preparing a wonderful evening meal of: Salad, breadsticks, lasagna, and chocolate cake. There were even coolers of fruit punch for those who opted not to drink water.

The meal was as tasty as ever. The citizens of MBS 2004 could be heard remarking on the fabulous quality of the food in such a situation.

**THANKS TO
JACKSON'S
MILL DINING
HALL STAFF!!!**

NOTE: All Boys' State Laws, including Motor Vehicle Laws, are in effect and enforced. Law enforcement personnel organized and working throughout remainder of the week. All city, county, and state programs are also up and running. A special thanks to all instructors helping out.

The Governor's Debate

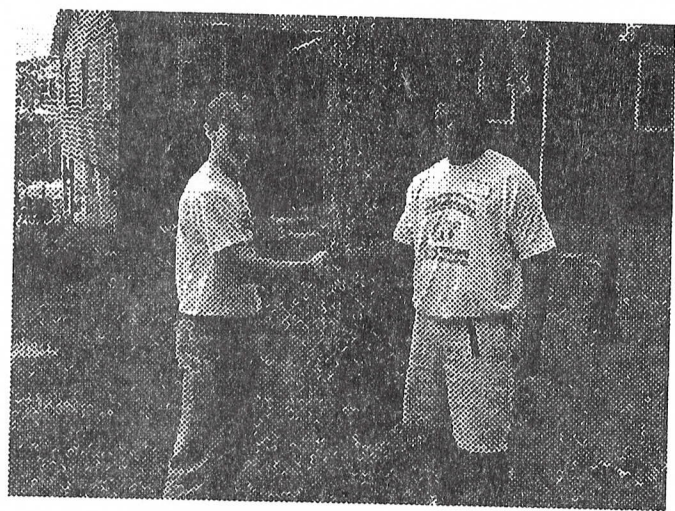
The platform on which the Feds ran on at the assembly on Tuesday was no job tax for employees under the age of 18, no gas tax, legalized table gaming, lengthened hunting seasons, to grant more money for college sports and to do away with Title IX, lowering the drinking age to 18, and to combine Boys'/Girls' States. The Nats ran with a change to a 10 point grading scale, to scale down school consolidation, cut business taxes-have none for the first five years and then tax regularly, and to put a cap on medical malpractice lawsuits. Both parties ran on a plank of raising teachers' pay up to 15%.

On the Fed side, Joe Eagan noted five main planks that he strongly supported: abolishment of taxes for employees under 18, lengthen hunting season, combination of Boys' and Girls' States, teachers' pay

increase, and that he's against consolidation. The Fed chairman really didn't help gain any Nat votes by starting derogatory chants toward the Nats. The Federalists' convention as Joe "Simple as Joe" Eagan crowd surfed to the back of the assembly hall.

The Nats first introduced Daniel "D-Dub" Wells as the lights went out and the flashlights went on. The Nats started off great with their first candidate for Supreme Court Justice supporting a campaign of Nat/Fed unity. Then came the second who ran on the on the same background, then the third, then the fourth...then the fifth as well. Just about every nationalist candidate came out and talked about unity and not much else.

After the convention came the debate. When asked if minimum wage should



raised along with teachers' wages, Eagan says raise minimum wage to \$7.50; Wells agrees but not as much as \$7.50. Another question was asked, "Should table gaming be legalized?" Wells says that it should be a county issue. He says that it would be a great asset to the state, but later in his answer he says it would be a bad thing...Egan stands to regulate table gaming. After being asked how revenue would be

regained after cutting business taxes, Wells said they will cut back the taxes enough to get the businesses started then tax regularly. Eagan said, "We have to be careful." Hmm?? As far as I heard, none of the questions were actually answered throughout the entire debate.

Story By:
Jared Mazezka

WACKY WORDIES**

In 1979, Game's readers started sending in Wacky Wordies, clever typographic word pictures that were circulating everywhere. So we made some up and ran a page of them. When readers sent more, we ran another page. And another. "No more!" we cried—to no avail! The Wacky Wordies still roll in, and despite our protests, we always print them—one more time. The object is to discern a familiar word, phrase, or proper name from each pictorial letter arrangement. Number 1, for instance, depicts the phrase "life of ease," and 2 is "rule of thumb." And please, if you think of any others, don't tell us!

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