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MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPEINT SPEAKS TO CITIZENS

Boys' State was honored Wednesday night to have Hershel "Woody" Williams in attendance to speak at the assembly in the Assembly Hall. On Wednesday night, after receiving a standing ovation, Williams took over on the mic during the assembly. Instead of being all serious and telling his story of the war, "Woody" let the humor fly. Hershel, unlike most other speakers, was probably the most humorous speaker all week, but he got his point across while doing so. He asked some questions to the citizens of Boys' State to test the citizens' knowledge and

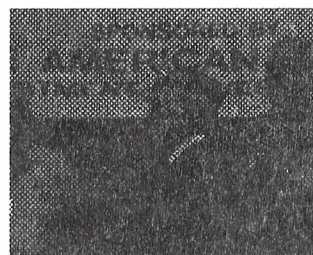
even gave away gold coins as prizes. Toward the end of his speech, Williams said, "We are survivors." Hershel was talking about the United States surviving World War I, World War II, the Civil War, and the Great Depression. To conclude his speech, Hershel said, "We won those fights and we will this one." The fight Williams was talking about is the fight on terrorism. "Woody" is the only living West Virginian to receive a Medal of Honor for his duty in a war. Williams was given the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman for his service in Iwo Jima. Williams also received a Purple Heart for his ser-

vice. "Woody" has been honored in West Virginia by having many places named after him such as the National Guard Armory in Fairmont, an athletic field in Huntington, and a bridge also located in West Virginia. Williams served as a 21st Marine in the 3rd Marine Division. After serving the United States, Hershel is currently married to his wife Ruby and has two children. He also has five grandchildren; one which served in Desert Storm

Story By:
Jason Nicholson

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PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?



This afternoon, between 1 and 3 p.m., representatives from some of the most respected colleges, universities, and agencies in West Virginia have been invited to participate in the Mountaineer Boys' State College/Career Fair.

The school personnel that will be in attendance will represent schools such as Davis and 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 University, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Ohio Valley College, Salem International University, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Concord College, and Potomac State College. Representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines will also be on hand. In addition, representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Police, Conservation Officers, and United States Marshal's Office will be present.

This fair is a great opportunity to look into your future and get an idea of what you would like to do after high school.

Athletics have been scheduled for 2 p.m. for the following groups. Marion Federalists, Kanawha Federalists, Barbour, Webster, Gilmer, and Panhandle Federalists. These groups should plan to attend the Career/College Fair at 1 p.m. All other groups should participate after 2 p.m.

Story By: Jason Nicholson

Schedule

June 11, 2004

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

8:25 - 11:30 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
 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

11:45 City, County, Boards of Education work product packets due at GHQ

12:05 IN FORMATION at Dining Hall
 12:15 LUNCH—The Honorable Glen Gainer

1:00-3:00 College/Career Fair at Assembly Hall

1:00-5:00 City, County, and State governments organized and working as necessary
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

2:00-5:00 Athletics
 4:00-5:00 Band Practice

5:15 IN FORMATION at Dining Hall
 5:30 DINNER - The Honorable Warren McGraw

6:30 - 7:30 Athletics and Band Practice
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working

8:00 ASSEMBLY (The West Fork River Revue)

**AFTER ASSEMBLY - Citizens proceed directly to Cottages in formation for Pizza and Soda
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working

11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages
 11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings.

ATHLETICS

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004

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
MARION—F GILMER	KANWAHA—F PANHANDLE—F	BARBOUR WEBSTER	BRAXTON—N MONONGALIA	LEWIS—N BRAXTON—F
KANAWHA—N MONROE—N	LEWIS—F RANDOLPH—F	CALHOUN UPSHUR	PANHANDLE—N RANDOLPH—N	MARION—N MONORE—F

SECOND SESSION

BARBOUR BRAXTON—N	PANHANDLE—N WEBSTER	KANAWHA—F MONROE—F	BRAXTON—F LEWIS—F	GILMER KANAWHA—N
CALHOUN RANDOLPH—F	UPSHUR LEWIS—N	RANDOLPH—N MONONGALIA	MARION—N MONORE—N	MARION—F PANDHANDLE—F

Menu

Cinnamon Sticks	Corn Dogs	Spaghetti
Bacon & Sausage	Sloppy Joes	Meat Balls
Biscuits	Fries	Italian Bread
Cold Cereal	Corn	Garlic Sticks
Mixed Fruit	Salad	Salad
	Granola Bars	Brownies

STEVE HANNAH GREETES DELEGATES

Steve Hannah has been with the Commission of Agriculture for fifteen years. He is married with four grandchildren. He said that our state is in a great deficit. The reason is: our taxes don't bring in enough money for us to spend on what we need. He noted that the Department of Agriculture checks all of the food in our state, from the beef and vegetables we eat to the soft-serve ice cream we get at Dairy Queen. They have been concerned with terrorists poisoning livestock lately, so everything has to be checked that much closer. The USDA is especially involved in disease of livestock and crops. Hannah emphasized greatly that the citizens should, "take home what you've learned here and put it to good use."

Story By: Jared Mazezka

SUPREME COURT SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY THE COURT CONVENES AT FLAMEWAY

8:30	Hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1, 3 and 4, and conduct other business as previously scheduled/announced by the Court.
9:00	Recess
9:30	Reconvene. Announce decisions. Hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 and 5, and conduct other business as scheduled/announced by the Court.
10:15	Recess
10:45	Reconvene. Announce decisions, and conduct other business as scheduled/announced by the Court.
11:30	Recess. Write opinions and conduct court business
11:45	Recess The Supreme Court will thereafter conduct further business as necessary and as it may schedule, pursuant to its last adjournment.

DEBATE ON HOOPY'S COMMENTARY

I'm not normally a very optimistic person.

Maybe it's in the genes or maybe it's from years of covering news, especially West Virginia news. The news is usually bad. It can wear you down.

As I sit here each day following events in our state and preparing for my daily talk show, I can easily slip into a funk about the prospects of improving condition of West Virginia. The problems seem insurmountable and the voices that offer solutions sound hollow.

So, it's good I made the trip to Jackson's Mill and Mountaineer Boys' State yesterday.

Boys' State is the annual American Legion-sponsored week long camp for 300 to 400 of the brightest young soon-to-be high school seniors in the state. They spend the week learning about the functions of government and citizenship.

They divide into parties. They have campaigns and debates. They elect a governor and members of the board of public works.

During my visit there yesterday, I had a chance to hear from several dozen of the kids.

Here are a couple of observations.

They are enthusiastic. They have youth and energy that goes with it on their side. They see the possibilities more than the obstacles. They have dreams and drive to pursue them.

They laugh easily, even at themselves. If they've learned that, then they have already mastered one of life's most valuable lessons.

They are smart. One student I met has been accepted to Princeton University and plans to go to medical school. Another expects to be accepted into West Point. And several hope to end up in law school.

They love West Virginia. Many of them I talked with hope to work in their home state. One said family is an important part of his life, and he wants to stay near them. Many said they expect their job search after college to start in West Virginia.

It's a natural inclination, as one gets older, to worry about the next generation. What will happen when we turn the show over to them? Sure, the bell curve of life dictates a certain number of losers, but at the other end of the curve are many of the kids I saw yesterday. They are future leaders.

OK, I only spent a couple of hours with them, but you still get a feel for who they are. They sound anxious for their turn. Several of them, I would like to think, will do great things. Many will just be good citizens and decent neighbors. Their individual, as well as their collective, actions will help hold the fabric of our society together through yet another generation.

There's reason for optimism.

Story By: Hoppy Kercheval, MetroNews Talkline

In Memory of A. James Manchin

Former Secretary of State A. James Manchin was a beloved friend of Mountaineer Boys' State. For the last few decades Manchin addressed the citizens of MBS yearly and was always esteemed by those who heard him speak. Always respected as a great orator, Manchin often brought several items to give to individuals attending Mountaineer Boys' State. In fact, last year he gave former counselor Adam Miller a West Virginia state flag, and said, "If any one says anything bad about West Virginia break their arms off."

A citizen of MBS in the 1940's, he reminisced about the song "Men of Tomorrow" while visiting. Manchin started his political career while here at MBS. During his lifetime, Manchin served the state as a Delegate, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer. Manchin served West Virginia until the day that he died, serving once again as a Delegate. MBS wishes to send their condolences to the Manchin family for the loss of a great friend and citizen.

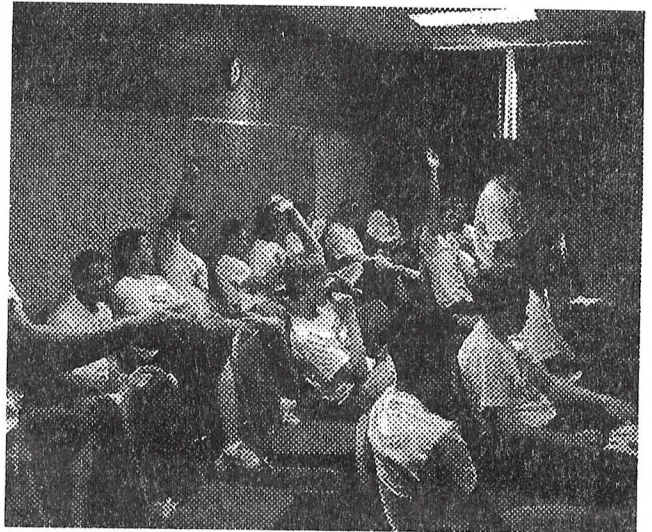
Story By: Steven Richards



SENATE AND HOUSE MEET

MBS Legislature deliberated all morning. The Senate worked on a bill for cabin renovation. The bill would propose that a porch would be built onto Braxton Cottage. Through much consideration, the bill was amended to include installation of air conditioning in the remaining cabins. The bill was passed with a vote of 18 for, 0 against, and 3 absent/not voting. The House of Delegates worked today on a bill to protect West Virginia water supplies. The bill would put a tax on exportation of water to drought areas to help conserve water. Much argument occurred but in the end the bill died in committee.

Story By: Randy Revels



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STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS



The State of the State Address was delivered in the chambers of the House of Delegates. It began when the Senate was recognized and entered. All of the newly elected state officials entered the room. The plan for the West Virginia State Budget is as follows: raise personal services to increase pay and medical plans for educators, doctors will receive a \$10.5 million loan that they must pay back, taxes will be less for employees under 18, table gaming will only be legalized at four main racetracks across the state. The main idea is to produce more revenue for the state than the state is using. There is currently an excess of \$30 million dollars appropriated for government projects.

Story By: Jared Mazezka

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICIALS

ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBBIE SQUIBB

is the son of Jim and Julie Squibb and the brother of Jimmy and Jonathon of Wheeling, WV. He attends the Linsly School where he is in FCA, German Club, Shakespeare Club, Euchre Club, and the Stage Band. A member of the football and tennis teams, he has been inducted to the National Honor Society, the German Honor Society, and is the Senior Class President. Residing in Braxton, Squibb says Boys' State started out slow but picked up when we got into the campaigning and filing for offices. Robbie wants to attend college and major in economics or political science.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE STEVEN BLAKE

lives in Cameron WV, and is the son of Gerald H. Blake II and Debra Blake and the brother of Gerald H. Blake III and Elisa Blake. Attending Cameron High School he is in the National Honor Society, FFA, C-Club, and the Wrestling Club. Steven has a State FFA degree and has received honors for academics and honor roll. A citizen in Barbour, Blake is a football, wrestling, and track letterman. Hooked by girlfriend Schana Nulph, he says, "When I first came to Boys' State I was amazed by the way things were going. I thought I was going to hate it, but after a day I realized that I had to be involved to have fun. Now that the elections are over it seems to be more fun for me. I just hope that it keeps getting better. Steven plans to attend Glenville State College and major in History for secondary education.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CHANNING MORAN

resides in Bridgeport WV, and is the son of Jessica and Kissick Lindsay and the brother of Adrianna Lindsay. An active member in the National Honors Society, Key Club, and Student Council, "Brick Wall" has won school leadership awards, and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Athletes and Academics. He is the boyfriend of Paige Winters, he plays on the Varsity Football and Track teams. A citizen in Braxton Cottage, he says, "Boys' state has been a great learning experience for me as I intend to go into the practice of law." Channing is hoping to attend WVU undergraduate school to major in business and political science; then attend law school.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JEREMY GUNN

is the son of Stephen and Loretta Gunn. He has one brother, Emanuel Gunn. He resides in Barboursville, WV, where he attends Huntington High School and is The Young Democrats President and a member of National Honor Society, and is a member of the marching band. Gunn ran on the nickname of "Top gun." At Boys' State, Gunn is a resident of Braxton Cottage. He says, "Boys' State is a wonderful place to learn about government and have fun." He is currently undecided about his college plans. Jeremy would like to give a big 'ol shoutout to Seldon, Parks, Tanner, and Scott.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE PHIL DiSALVO

lives in Morgantown, WV, where he attends Morgantown High School. "Dr. Phil" is spending his time at Boys' State in Monroe Cottage. He is a member of HI-Y, National Honor Society, Science Honor, Italian Heritage, Key Club, Student Council, and TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use). He is also President of the Junior Class and a member of the track team. His girlfriend back home is Nina Chase. He is also the son of Charles DiSalvo and Kathleen Kennedy and has two sisters, Clare and Maura. "This has been a great experience so far, especially getting to know the other citizens and hearing everyone's opinions and views." says Phil. He plans to attend college and then he would like to go overseas to work as a doctor. Phil would like to thank everyone for the support they gave in the election.

TREASURER KYLE ESTEP

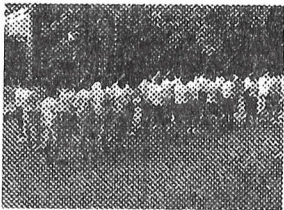
is the son of John and Debbie Estep. He's an only child who lives in Boone County, hence the Calhoun Cottage nickname for him, Boone. He is the vice president of the student council and in National Honor Society at Van High School. His good-looking lady friend, Casey Holmes, a model for Abercrombie and Fitch, came to visit us on Wednesday. He plays basketball, football, and golf. "MBS started off pretty boring, but it's getting better," says Estep. He is planning to attend college and become a pharmacist. Estep says, "The Boone would like to say 'What's up?' to all my boys in Calhoun."

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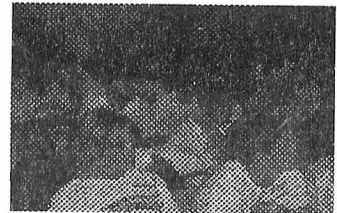
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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DEREK LATHEY lives in Ripley, WV. His parents are Richard and Nancy Lathey. Ashli and Ambra Lathey are Derek's two siblings. Lathey is an active member of the Republicans Club and HI-Y. Lathey plays golf, baseball, and basketball. Derek "The Deeze" is staying in Kanawha cottage. "I love knowing that Boys' State gets better every day while your relationship with your new friends continue to grow." He plans to become a lawyer. Lathey also noted that he would not be here today if it weren't for the fact that he met Alison Spiker.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE ROBERT D. HERRON III lives in Wheeling, WV, with his parents, Bob and Dina Herron and his two younger brothers, Ryan and Zach. He is a member of the Key Club. His awards include the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program, the National Honors Society, and is an all-stater in Football and Track. He is staying at Monroe. So far, he is enjoying the experience has met a lot of nice people, and made some good friends. He plans to attend college after graduation.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE COREY ZARNOCH is the son of Charles and Myra and the brother of Zach in Weirton, WV. He attends Weir High and is in Hi-Y, the National Honor Society, and Academic Games. He serves as president of NHS, and holds a three year office of Hi-Y. He was also the recipient of the 2005 WV Youth in Government Speaker of the House and "Behind the Scenes at CNN" contest winner. He is a tennis player and bowler. He resides in Randolph cottage and is having much more fun than he thought he would. After graduation, he plans to attend WVU and major in broadcasting and political science. Corey would like to thank all the Delegates who voted for him and he is looking forward to leading the House for the rest of the week.



ANSWERS TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Life of ease | 14. Straw vote |
| 2. Rule of thumb | 15. Bagpipes |
| 3. Inverted pyramid | 16. Amazing Grace |
| 4. "Me and My Shadow" | 17. Hollywood and Vine |
| 5. Writer's block | 18. Dead Sea Scrolls |
| 6. Spring Fever | 19. Comic strips |
| 7. Sloppy joes | 20. Dotted swiss |
| 8. Inglated ego | 21. Coconuts |
| 9. Screen Test | 22. Holy mackerell |
| 10. Chief of staff | 23. Knotty pine |
| 11. All-star game | 24. Striped bass |
| 12. Old English sheep dog | 25. Checkered past |
| 13. Spinal Cord | |