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A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!

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Political/Corrections

Reported By: Ian Beller, Lewis Cabin

Just a day after the election results, the government of Boys State is now decided. I had the privilege to interview an audience member during the debates last night. When asked how he thought both parties did, he responded by saying "Both parties had strong points and many candidates had great rebuttals." He was very eager to answer the questions that I had for him, and when asked if he thought that the men who won deserved their positions, he said; "I do believe they deserved their spots because they worked very hard during the campaign process, but so did all the other candidates." He went on to commend everyone for their efforts. I also was able to interview a person that is a part of a new system here at Boys State: the corrections facility. When I first arrived at the corrections facility, I went through the process of being searched for anything that could be considered a weapon. I was then escorted to the commissioner: Stanley Apanowicz. When asked what the Commissioner actually does, he responded with ; "I am the one that writes the budget for jails in West Virginia". The budget includes everything from the prisoners' clothes to the food that is served. I also asked, "How would you deal with a riot?" He stated that they would call in the state police and try to suppress the uprising the best they can. When asked how they deal with the stress, he stated, "We are all a family here, and if any of the guys need to talk to someone about something, we are all here for them, open arms and open minded." We wish the corrections facility luck in its new role at Boys State!

The Lewis Cabin

The Lewis Cabin has been very active so far at Boys State. Not only are they excelling in sports, but they also hold prominent position in the Boys State government. Lewis Cabin citizens Dave Sahil and Randolph Wyatt III both won the positions that they were seeking in the general election. Dave Sahil was elected auditor, while Randolph Wyatt III earned the title of treasurer. They were both running as Federalists, and did an outstanding job debating for their party. Lewis Cabin is also proud of their 0% unemployment rate! Everyone in Lewis Cabin is proud to be a member, and they are ready to become a successful part of this state.

Lewis athletes are ready to represent their cabin on Thursday in two games of volleyball. The games will be played from 4-5 on the hard court and on the sand from 6:30-7:45. They will be facing Monroe in both contests.

Dylan Barker

Harrison Cottage News

Harrison/Upshur and Braxton competed against each other in basketball. The game's score was fairly close between the teams for the first half of the game, but then Harrison/Upshur gained the lead. When the second half began, both teams' defense started to dwindle. They traded shots for the rest of the game but Harrison/Upshur pulled away late in the second half, eventually winning 40 to 24.

Also, congratulations to "Rolling Polling" for his win for the position of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Harrison/Upshur sends a high five to all the candidates selected for the city and county offices. A circuit trial was also held today between Harrison/Upshur and Lewis. The jury found the defendant not guilty of robbing someone.

Andrew Maxwell

WVU President E. Gordon Gee

Dr. E Gordon Gee is one of America's most prominent higher education leaders, having been president of some of the prestigious public and private universities for more than three decades.

When he returned to lead West Virginia University in 2014 as the institution's 24th president, it was sort of a homecoming. He was first named president in 1981 at the age 36—at the time, among the youngest persons to ever serve as a university president.

He led WVU until 1985 when he went on to be president at the University of Colorado (1985-90), Brown University (1998-2000) and Vanderbilt University (2001-07). He served as president of the Ohio State University from 1990-97 and again 2007-13.

On his return to the Morgantown campus, he said, "This is not a job to me; it is a calling." His leadership style bears that out as he works tirelessly to advance the University's land-grant mission and open doors to the American dream.

In his latest address to the University community, he noted that for 150 years, the institution has been a polar star guiding West Virginians towards a brighter tomorrow. He said, "That is why, in this milestone year, we commit our University to living the values that drive our work. Serving our students and our state is not just our duty—it is our passion."

President Gee has built a special relationship with the students as well as the state's citizens, making it a point to visit students where they live, learn and socialize—and visiting all 55 West Virginia counties during his inaugural year—and at least half in subsequent years.

Born in Vernal, Utah, President Gee graduated from the University of Utah with an honors degree in history and earned his Judicial Doctorate (J. D.) and Educational Doctorate (Ed. D.) degrees from Columbia University. He clerked under Chief Justice David T. Lewis of the United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals before being named a judicial fellow and staff assistant to the United States Supreme Court. In this role, he worked for Chief Justice Warren Burger on administrative and legal problems of the Court and federal judiciary.

President Gee returned to Utah as an associate professor and associate dean in the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, and was granted full professorship in 1978.

One year later, he became dean of the WVU College of Law, and, in 1981, was named WVU's 19th president.

President Gee has served on several education-governance organization and committees, including the Big 12 Conference Council of Presidents, the Business Higher Education's commission on Higher Education Attainment and served as co-chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' Energy Advisory Committee. In 2009, King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia invited him to join its international advisory board. In 2009, Time magazine named him one of the top 10 university presidents in the United States.

President Gee is serving as chair of the Big 12 Board of Directors Executive Committee for the 2017-2018 year. Active in many national professional and service organizations, he is on the executive committee of the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and serves on the board of trustees of the Royal University for Women in Bahrain, with which WVU has long – standing academic partnership. A recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, He is an executive board member of Boys Scouts of America. He has also served on the boards for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and Limited Brands.





WEST VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT *of* COMMERCE

Dear Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations on your selection to serve as a representative of your high school to 2018 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State!

Thank you for taking this important survey on talent retention and attraction. The West Virginia Department of Commerce is committed to attracting and retaining talent in our state. We are currently working on a special initiative to retain talent and attraction to our state, and we need your help. Please complete the following brief survey. No personally identifiable information will be collected from this survey, and your responses will be totally anonymous. Your answers, feedback, and honesty will all help in moving our state forward. You are the leaders of today, and as young people, you uniquely understand the opportunities that we have ahead of us as a state and society. The Department of Commerce and the State of West Virginia want to hear from you, and your responses are highly valued in informing our initiatives and efforts.

Thank you for your participation, and have a wonderful week at Boys State!

TAKE THE SURVEY HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/y952l5re>

Riddle

What is it that's always coming, but never arrives?

Be the first to answer the riddle to win a free prize.
(Southeastern Learning Center)

Brain Teaser

I have 1,000 eyes but I do not see.

I have 1,000 fingers but I do not feel.

I live in complete darkness.

What am I?

Be the first to answer the riddle to win a free prize. (Southeastern Learning Center)

The Final Choice

By: Chuckie Schellhase

The men type furiously to ensure the public's belief. Each man stationed at his own computer is assigned with a certain area to cover. Adam searches the crowd to see that everyone is working hard.

Adam stands from his desk in the back corner of the room. "Good job, men. Keep up the good work. It is almost over. I know it doesn't feel like the perfect choice in a situation like this because it isn't. It is, though, the best option we have." The silence and exhaustion hanging over the room overthrows any and all possible thoughts the group could have. The non-verbal response is all Adam needs before he continues speaking. "Well, gentlemen, good work today. You are all free to go."

"What? But, sir, we have two and a half hours left."

"I know, but it's been a long day for all of us. You all will get paid for the original hours. Go home and rest."

Each man chimes in with his response at a different time, responding between yawns. There are many "Thank you, sir" and "Yes, sir" responses.

"You're welcome. I'll see you all in the morning." Adam runs his hands through his hair in what seems like distress. "Also, if I know Devin I know he will be sitting outside waiting. Would one of you please send him back in to talk to me?"

A man in the back is the one to answer. "I will, sir. I'll most likely be the last one out anyway."

"Thank you." Adam stands to stretch. He begins to walk the room as the staff exits. He repeatedly rubs his face and runs his hands through his hair.

"Is everything alright, sir?" The person asking the question steps out from the crowd to show himself. It's Jack. "You seem out of it."

"I'm okay, kid. Just exhausted like the rest of you. Get home and get some rest." The exhaustion is obvious in Adam's voice, but so is a certain edge.

"Are you—" Jack starts to question Adam. After starting his question, he decides better of it. "Yes, sir."

After everyone leaves, Adam sits back down at his desk. He seems clearly stressed. The only noise made is by his breathing. Adam doesn't move at all.

Then, the sound of the door handle is so abrupt in the situation Adam jumps in his seat. Devin approaches his desk cautiously.

"You wish to speak with me, sir?"

"Yes. Have a seat please." Adam gestures to a chair stationed in front of his desk. "I have a few things I would like to talk to you about."

"Yes, sir." Devin slowly sits in the chair. His nervousness is evident.

"Trust me, Devin, there is no need to be nervous." Adam leans forward and places his elbows on the table. "We both know what this is about. I just want to ask you one question before we begin. Would you still like to work here?"

Devin's response is quick and clear. "Absolutely, sir."

"Then you are going to need to change a few things. I need you to stop feeling the need to mouth all of your opinions to the entire lab. Quite frankly, most of us don't care. I also need you to be kinder to everyone. Just because you have been working here longest does not mean you are the smartest worker we have. Am I understood?" Adam's requests hit Devin like a semi filled with bricks.

"Y-Yes, sir. I will change all of those to be better here. I would like to continue working."

"Okay. This is your last chance. If you screw up one more time, you are out for good. Is that clear?"

"Yes, sir. I understand completely." Devin is clearly trying to get on Adam's good side.

"Good. You can start working again. Effective immediately. I need your help."

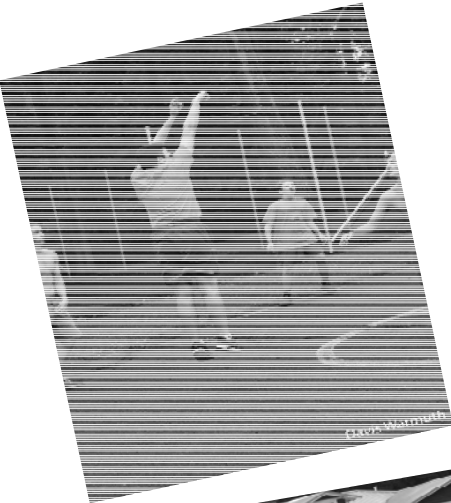
"With what, might I ask, sir?"

"The public doesn't believe us. We need something big, and you seem to be good at that." With that, the two men sit down and start to brainstorm. When they finally find what will fix the problem, the real work begins.

"I understand now, sir. Let's do this."

**Read Tomorrow For What
Happens Next!!!**

Athletics Collage



Breakfast

Sausage Wrap Sticks/Syrup

Hot & Cold Cereal

Fresh Fruit

Orange Juice

Lunch

Tacos & shells

Peaches

Sour Cream-Salsa

Cheddar Cheese

Churros

Dinner

Chicken, Gravy, Peas, & Carrots
served with biscuits

Mashed Potatoes

Salad

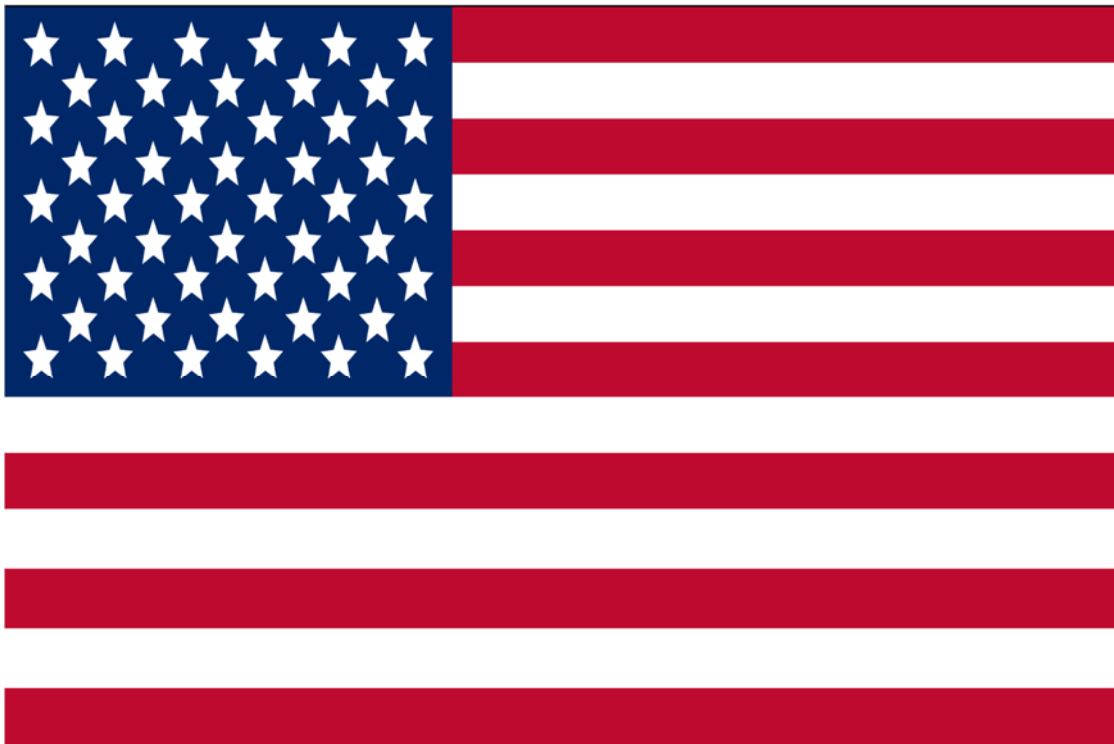
Chocolate cake w/icing

Fresh Fruit

Flag Day

You may be wondering how Flag Day came to be. The idea of a day celebrating the Flag is believed to have originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a school teacher, arranged for his students to observe June 14th (The 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as “Flag Birthday”. On June 14th, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. Following the suggestion of Colonel J. Granville Leach, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25th, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as “Flag Day”. On May 8th, two weeks later, The Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action, as a result, the Superintendent directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14th, 1893 in Independence Square. In 1894, the Governor of New York directed that on June 14th the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. The Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, the first general public school children’s celebration of Flag Day was held in Chicago. Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Cane, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the Flag had spoken to him that morning: “I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself”. Flag Day was Officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. It was not until August 3rd, 1949 that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Now that you know the story, take some time this day to appreciate our Flag.

By Noah Jeffries



Politics at Boys State: The Final Caucuses

Reported by: Alex Joshua Mullins

With the caucuses having ended and the government in session today, let's take a look back at the different parties' platforms. The Nationalist Party believes that the tenets of their party will lead to a more prosperous Boys State. These include installing fiber-optic networks to improve communication in rural areas, installing easy access to financial filings, reforming our education system, creating economic development opportunities for our state, and promoting a healthier state. The Federalist's platform consisted of: cutting property taxes for businesses moving into our state, replacing foreign language education with computer science, regulating the number of opioids being prescribed, and legalizing both medical and recreational marijuana.

Both parties introduced their candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, Commission of Agriculture, Auditor, and Attorney General last night to an enthusiastic crowd. During the final caucus, many last minute amendment changes were put into the different parties proposals.

As the Nationalists were thinking about how to garner votes from across the aisle, someone suggested a program to foster unity among all the citizens of Boys State. Both parties are also making it clear that they will not let politics divide us and prevent us from realizing our dream of a great new administration. They are aiming to create a government by, and for, the people.

The Lewis Cabin

Thanks for Voting
for Rolling Poling!



Agriculture Commissioner

The Lewis Cabin has had a very exciting couple of days here at Boys State. Not only are they excelling in sports, they also hold of very prominent position in the Boys State government. Lewis Cabin citizens, Dave Sahil and Randolph Wyatt III both won the positions that they were seeking in the general election. Dave Sahil won the position of auditor, and Randolph Wyatt III won the position of treasurer. They were both running in the general election as Federalists, and they both did an outstanding job debating for their party. Lewis Cabin is also proud of their 0% unemployment rate within their county cabin. Everyone in Lewis Cabin is proud to be a member, and they are ready to become a successful part of this nation.

Also, Lewis Cabin athletes are very excited to represent their county cabin on Thursday in two games of volleyball. The game will be played from 4 to 5 on the hard court volleyball against Monroe Cabin, and they will be playing against Monroe Cabin for the second time that same day in the sand court from 6:30 to 7:45.

Published by Dylan Barker



Jackson Mill Property Auction Tonight!

There will be a Property Auction at the Dining Hall tonight. Time to be announced throughout the day. Get out and participate! Take out as many loans as possible to be apart of this extravagant event and have fun!



Politics at Boys State: The Debate and the Moment of Truth

Reported by: Alex Joshua Mullins

Two nights ago, the debate between the citizens running for State office began. At first, each party had their own conventions and introduced their views on why they were running as they presented their platforms. The nominees for the Federalist Party were as stated: Andrew Lake v. Zach Hill for Secretary of State, Randolph Wyatt the third v. Nate Wilson for Treasurer, David Sahil v. Adam Cox for Auditor, Luc-Henri v. John Aloï for Attorney General, "Rolling Polling v. Nate Mountford for Commission of Agriculture, and Jacob Pennell v. Conner Wickline for Governor.

Beach balls filled the assembly hall as excitement for the event grew. During the debates the tension resulted in occasional outbursts. The Nationalist Party Chairman tried to calm the crowd saying, "We showed you respect, so show us respect."

Both candidates running for office under each position were given questions based on their parties platforms. The culmination of the night's activities were the gubernatorial debates. Some of the most prominent topics were the opioid crisis and ways in which to improve the state's economy.

The Nationalist Party's candidate for Governor, Connor Wickline, told the crowd to lock arms and we all sang Country Roads together. Such a beautiful symbol of unity!



A Piece of History at Boys State

Reported by: Alex Joshua Mullins

Yesterday at Mountaineer Boys State a piece of history came through the gates of Jackson's Mill. The piece of history is a 1981 "*Ford F600 Firetruck!*" This is exciting because it is the first firetruck the camp has had for the citizens participating in the emergency services. It will also be used to give the citizens a bit of hands on activity with a little real life feel to it. When the camp participants arrived on the scene they were backing the truck off of the rollback trailer and Counselor Gauge Miller was guiding the truck off the rollback. When asked what the truck will be used for, Mr. Miller said, "The truck will be used for a better experience for the boys." He also stated the reason it wasn't here sooner was for a delay in transportation. The "*Firetruck*" is truly a piece of history for Mountaineer Boys State camp. The citizens within the emergency services think it an indispensable element of history and they will get to work with an actual running fire truck.



Officer of the Day

Primary: Art Zoeckler

Alternate: Corey Robinson



Major Chris Kinney

June 14, 2018

Major Chris Kinney currently serves with the WVARNG as part of the Special Operation Detachment Europe. He began his career by enlisting in the Army in the fall of 1990.

In 1991, he was admitted to the USMA Preparatory School and subsequently attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an infantry officer.

During his active duty time, MAJ Kinney served as a rifle platoon leader, mortar platoon leader, company executive officer, adjutant, and assistant operations officer. He transferred to the WVARNG in 2002 and served a one-year tour in Iraq as an intelligence officer and battery commander.

After a break in service MAJ Kinney returned to the WVARNG to serve with the state's Officer Candidate School, which he commanded from 2011 to 2015. MAJ Kinney has been awarded the Bronze star, Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, and Parachutist Badge.

On the civilian side, he has served as an analyst for the FBI for the past 6 years. Prior to that he held various leadership positions at two industrial plants.

MAJ Kinney has been married to Diane for 22 years. They have children, Tim (19), a 2016 participant of Boys State, and Sarah (16). They reside in Bridgeport where he is originally from and grew up.



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Yesterday, a piece of history came through the gates of Jackson's Mill: a 1981 Ford F600 Fire-truck! This is the first firetruck the camp has had available for the citizens participating in emergency services. It will be used to give these citizens a hands on experience with equipment that firefighters utilize on a daily basis. When we arrived on the scene, Counselor Gauge Miller was guiding the truck off the rollback. When asked what the truck will be used for, Mr. Miller said, "The truck will be used to ensure a better experience for the boys." He also stated that there had been a traffic delay when transporting the truck to the camp. Our emergency services staff is very excited to have access to such an interesting piece of machinery.

Daily Common Critters

Thursday: White-tail Deer

Also known as the Virginia deer, the white-tail deer is extremely common in most parts of West Virginia. It can also be found in Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and has been introduced to many other countries for hunting purposes. The white-tail deer once had many predators in what is now West Virginia and the surrounding territory, including wolves and cougars. Nowadays, as you likely know, wolves don't exist here and mountain lions are not very common. Actually, the biggest predator of deer is currently humans. Not just hunters, but also commuters. Because humans have eliminated the natural large predators that once roamed the mountains, deer encounters on roads and in gardens are much more common. Due to this, and the fact that deer season is so popular in the state, DNR officers in this state have their hands full, monitoring populations and deciding on bag limits for every year's hunting seasons. The white-tail deer is very skittish and elusive. Rather than fear their presence, simply enjoy the beauty of their gorgeous, red summer fur. They of no danger to you whatsoever. Simply give them space, especially if newborn fauns are present.

Thomas Kitzmiller

Travel Zone

Jackson's Mill: History of Our Boys State Home

Jackson's Mill was built between the late 18th and early 19th centuries by Edward Jackson, grandfather of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, as a homestead, sawmill, and grist mill. The home itself was built on a knoll near the West Fork River, while the mills were built in 1809 on the opposite side of the river.

Edward's son (and Stonewall Jackson's uncle), Cummins, operated the farm after his father's death in 1828. He maintained and kept the farm thriving in his father's stead, raising sheep and growing crops. The other Jackson son, Jonathan, was an attorney in Clarksburg, about 19 miles from his childhood home. He lived with his wife, Julia, and children Thomas and Laura. After succumbing to typhoid fever at the age of 36, his widow struggled to raise her two young children, subsequently boarding them with Uncle Cummins.

Thomas was 2 years old when his biological father died, so Cummins served as his surrogate. As a young child on his uncle's farm, Thomas tended sheep and contributed to the farming and harvest of the corn and wheat crop. Formal education in West Virginia at this time was incredibly difficult to obtain, but Thomas always sought opportunities to learn. After learning to read and write, he was largely self-taught. Although the education of slaves was illegal in Virginia (remember that West Virginia didn't separate from Virginia until mid-1863), Thomas taught one of his uncle's slaves to read and write in exchange for knots of pine wood, which he burnt for reading light. Thomas would receive an appointment to West Point, teach at VMI, and eventually accept the call to arms by his home state of Virginia, leading his troops into battle to the tune of the raucous "Rebel Yell". He stood like a stone wall, and died due to complications from a friendly fire gunshot. Stonewall would hardly recognize his home today, seeing as the only remaining original structure is the grist mill.



The Sports Corner
Don't Hold Back
Nate Madden, Staff Writer

“Competitive”. “Exciting”. “Amazing”. These are all words used by Boy’s State citizens to describe the athletic events they’ve participated in over the past three days. These events have been widely popular. They allow you to escape from the normal routine of soaking in as much information as you can in such short periods of time.

Any sport is a great equalizer. It allows for people of all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds to come together as one and compete. Win or lose, this is a bonding experience whose impact knows no bounds. Weston Huggins of Panhandle County cabin said it best: “Sports are good ways of bringing people together. Some people may struggle to get to know others, but sports makes that easier.”

The comradery felt among teams is nothing to scoff at when involved in a sports activity. I can tell you from experience that being out on the field with your team is a spiritual experience. We all become connected and understand each others plans without exchanging words, or sometimes even signals of any kind. Involvement in sports any sport are truly one of the best bonding experiences you can hope to find here at Boy’s State.

Some people, however, feel that the impact athletics have made on Boy’s State is best exemplified through a more Darwinist viewpoint. An example is from Bailey Lancaster, Braxton County cabin explains: “Very competitive. They push you to your limit, which is very good for you.” He also found some interesting parallels between the athletic events and political events of Boy’s State. “Politics and sports are both very competitive. They’re also both psychological games.”

I feel it is crucial to the success of this state and it’s citizens to add that sports are not just for athletes. They are not just for those who need that competition or a break from the continuous lapping of information upon our eroded shores. They are for people who want to have a good time at camp, branch out, and make some friends. Not being the most athletic or the most outgoing should not prohibit you from getting the most out of this week. Remember what Mr. Randall Kocsis said: “Don’t Hold Back”.

If you would like to get involved, talk to your cabin’s athletic director, or check the athletics schedule on page 27 in our manual.



Roark C. Sizemore

Roark C. Sizemore is a 2015 Alumnus of Mountaineer Boys State and a 2016 graduate of Morgantown High School. He attends WVU as a Bucklew Scholar, Milan Puskar Leadership Scholar, and Honor Student and is the recipient of the George W. Bud Seibert Public Affairs award and the DeLynn Scholarship.

Roark Sizemore serves as the WVU Student Government Senator President Pro Tempore. He is deeply devoted to ending childhood hunger and bringing opportunities and hope to those living in poverty.

He is the Founder and President of The Pantry Plus More, a 501(c)3 charity that he started while a senior in high school with eight in school pantries and two more scheduled to open.

Mr. Sizemore also cosponsors monthly Mobile Food Giveaways with the Mountaineer Food Bank bringing in 12-15,000 pounds of fresh produce and meat every month to different regions of the country.

In his spare time, he is the Co-President of “Be The Match” on campus—a group that provides information and collects swabs for joining the Registry of potential bone marrow donation.
