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#ALMBS

A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!  
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## The Maple Tree

Twenty-five years ago, our administrator, Randall Kocsis, planted a tree in front of Marion Cottage. He was a counselor in Marion Cottage at the time. Mr. Kocsis stated the following reasons for planting the tree:

"Emotions sparked the planting."

"It was planted to provide shade for my vehicle."

"It was planted in memory and honor of all Boys State participants...past, present, and future."

He also quotes, "*May you find comfort in the shade.*"



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### Counselor Interview

On Wednesday I had the opportunity to interview counselor Matt Anderson. He was originally from Cabell County when he was in high school and was first accepted into Boys State. When he was a Boys State citizen, he was a member of Kanawha County and was a delegate for that county. He enjoyed his time at Boys State so much that he decided he wanted to come back and teach future West Virginians how government is run and get them on their way to becoming successful, effective members of society.

Two thousand eighteen is his twentieth year as camp counselor. Currently he is a counselor for Lewis County. When asked about what his favorite part about Boys State is he said that it is jiffies at breakfast (sausage/pancake on a stick).

***Published by Dylan Barker***

Water Problem in  
Upshur-Harrison

### ***Boil Order Advisory***

180% of budget is  
used.

Need a fix?

Can't get done until  
Friday.

## Critters Corner

### Friday: Raccoon

Everyone recognizes the adorable masked face of nature's little bandit. The common raccoon, which can also be spelled "racoona", is one of the most well-known and widespread criminals of the campsite. Once a forest creature, raccoons now inhabit all types of habitats, including mountain, marsh, valley, and concrete jungle. Their meals consist mainly of worms, small vertebrates, fish, berries, roots, and, of course, human trash. With dexterous front paws and incredible intelligence, raccoons are well qualified to live alongside humans without being detected. Studies have shown that raccoons have the ability to remember how to complete a task up to three years after they were taught it. Their name comes from the Powhatan Native Americans. It translates to "one who rubs, scrubs, and scratches with its hands", stemming from their habit of sitting on their haunches and grooming themselves in an almost human-like fashion. Don't try to pet a raccoon if you see one, but, like the opossum, they are fairly oblivious in nature and likely won't bother you as long as you leave them alone.

Thomas Kitzmiller



## Politics at Boys State: Inauguration Edition! Reported by Alex Joshua Mullins

On Wednesday, the entire camp congregated in the Assembly Hall to watch the 81st Mountaineer Boys State Inauguration. The inauguration began with a formal prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Both songs were performed by our astounding band. After the National Anthem, our former Governor Angelo Cocchiaro delivered his farewell address, describing the ways in which this week can have a profound impact on our lives.

Further into his address, the former governor also told the citizens to take the knowledge that they learned here back to their communities and use them to reshape our state and country. At the end of his address, Cocchiaro told them that they are the future.

After Cocchiaro concluded, Presiding Lewis County Judge, Kurt Hill, spoke about the youth here at Mountaineer Boys State saying that they set gives him hope for the future.

Following the Judge's speech, he administered the oaths of office to our County and State elected officials, culminating in the Governor's inauguration. Connor asked everyone in the audience to give a round of applause to the Federalist and the Nationalist Party Chairmen, as well as our veterans and everyone who made this week possible. His address called on the youth to work together and pass laws that will benefit all Mountaineer Boys State citizens.

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## Lewis Cabin News

Lewis Cabin is getting along well working together as a team. Citizens there work hard to make sure that their cabin is the best that it can be, and that it is something that everyone in the camp can be proud of. Lewis Cabin is proud of the fact that they have gotten two perfect scores in cabin inspection. Citizens of Lewis Cabin are excited to get involved with the legal system as well. On Wednesday, Lewis Cabin citizens served as an audience and jury in Upshur-Harrison's circuit court. After a lengthy trial, with solid stories on both sides, the jury decided that the defendant is not guilty due to lack of evidence. On Thursday at 1:15 Lewis Cabin will do their own circuit court with Upshur-Harrison Cabin as a jury.

## The Sports Corner

Out With the Old, In With the New

Reporter: Nate Madden, Staff

Much of the philosophy of sports revolves around intangibles and an assessment of a player's respect for the game. Plenty of old-timers will tell you the best way to determine a player's potential is to see if they run on and off the field or to see if a player carries their equipment around with a sufficient amount of class. One coach for the Dallas Cowboys even claims to choose his offensive lineman based on how they draw the ketchup out of a Heinz Ketchup glass bottle. These methods are slowly being outmoded by more concrete, level-headed analysis produced by a new breed of sports gurus: The Statisticians.

The first man to base his team on stats and stats alone was Billy Beane. He became General Manager of the Oakland Athletics baseball team in 1997 and was tasked with rebuilding them into a championship-caliber team despite severe financial restraints. Beane felt that the best way to do that was to exploit the most undervalued qualities in baseball players. Billy Beane was not a math prodigy himself, so he hired Paul DePodesta, a Harvard graduate, to help him find the x-factor.

They broke down baseball into series and groups of statistics. Stats had been around for a while, of course, but no one had ever given them the attention that Billy Beane did. This philosophy worked, and eventually became known as "*Moneyball*".

"*Moneyball*" has influenced dozens of other attempts at rebuilding, the most successful being "*The Process*" by the Philadelphia 76ers. The Pittsburgh pirates have also employed this practice.





### **Hill v. Moore**

Today, at 1:30 Judge Luke Utt called his courtroom to order and began the trial of Graham Loftstead. Loftstead, a resident of Braxton County, was accused of breaking and entering and burglary by Joshua Waugh, also a resident of Braxton County. We first heard the opening statement of the Prosecutor (Christopher Hill), who made the accusation that Loftstead stole several items from Waugh because Waugh had fired him just two weeks prior to the robbery. Though the gallery seemed convinced of Loftstead's guilt almost immediately, the jury had recognized that very little factual information had been presented and the evidence was all circumstantial. The Defense Attorney Chase Moore recognized this and disputed, that this was a "wrong place, wrong time scenario." Moore went on to say that his client had merely been driving through the area and happened upon these items simply by chance.

The first witness called to the stand by Christopher Hill was Joshua Waugh, AKA the plaintiff. Joshua told the court that he left his home at 9:30 AM that morning to go shopping and returned around 1:30 PM to a mess of a home and several items missing. One of the items Waugh said was missing was his pocket knife which had the inscription "To a friend". An identical pocket knife was found on the person of Loftstead when he was arrested. The defense made only a half-hearted attempt at cross-examination, asking one question about how long the plaintiff had owned the pocket knife.

Hill then called State Trooper 1 to the witness stand. He stated that he learned of the robbery at 1:30 on the day, 6/13/2018 of the robbery when Waugh called 911. A back window was found to be broken and a backdoor unlocked and partially open. A shard of glass from that window had a specific print on it and was found to belong to Loftstead. This evidence was extremely damaging against Mr. Loftstead. While inspecting the backyard of Mr. Loftstead, Trooper 1 found a foot path that led into the woods away from Mr. Loftstead's home. After investigating the path he found a wheelbarrow containing some of the missing items from Joshua Waugh's home. The Trooper 1 and his deputy set up a surveillance and hid in the woods and waited for the possibility of someone coming by to collect the items, which, inevitably, someone did.

Loftstead showed up in a truck, in the dark, with his lights off. He was promptly arrested. When the car was searched a shotgun that was part of the missing item list was recovered. Strangely, no finger prints were found on the shotgun. On February 4th a search warrant was obtained and Loftstead's home was searched, which yielded the discovery of the other missing items not already found in the wheelbarrow or in his truck. Prints were found on all of these items.

Two of Loftstead's friends were eventually called to the stand and both said that he was angry with Waugh for firing him. One even claimed that Loftstead visited his home until 10:30am the day of the robbery, and left with words as ominous as "I have something important to do." While this is not legally damning, it was enough for the gallery.

The defendant then called his own client up to the witness stand in order to get a clear and final description of his day. Loftstead claimed he went to the barber at 9am, a friends house at 10am, and left his friends house around noon. This schedule still leaves an hour and a half to be accounted for. Loftstead claimed he has someone to vouch for him, but this man (A) had left town prior to the trial and could not be tracked down and (B) had a last name that no one could remember. He had left, and he took Graham Loftstead's best chance at freedom with him.

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### **This Is It**

By: Chuckie Schellhase

Everyone comes into work the next morning, not expecting what they find. Adam and Devin both are collapsed, asleep, on Adam's desk. There are papers strewn throughout the corner of the room where his desk is. The lab staff stand dumbfounded facing the two of them side-by-side. They had just been fighting and now they are working together on a giant project. Jack decides to walk up to Adam and wake him.

"Sir? Sir, we are all here to work." Adam stirs a little and moans, but he doesn't sit up yet. "Sir, have you been here all night?" At this, Adam sits up quickly with wide eyes.

"Wait, what are you all-" Adam stops mid-sentence. "What time is it?" After he asks the question, he reaches over to wake Devin.

"It's six in the morning, sir," Jack answers and takes another step towards the desk. "What is all of this, sir, and why is Devin back and working with you?"

"Woah, woah, woah. Calm yourself man. I just woke up. To answer your first question, yes I guess I have been here all night. These papers are important. Devin and I were working until early this morning on this project. I asked him to come back because this particular project takes something large-scale to work, and we all know Devin likes to do things on the large scale. Now, no more questions. We need to speak to you." At the end of this sentence Devin launches himself up off the desk and out of his chair. He startles everyone in the room. "Devin! Are you alright? What happened?"

"Sorry, sir. I didn't mean to do that. I thought I was dreaming about everyone being here and us having slept here last night. When I opened my eyes and saw everyone standing here it scared me. Sorry, sir."

"It's okay. Just relax. We need to explain what happened." Adam stands from his desk and makes his way to the front of the room. Everyone makes their way to their respective seats, including Devin. When Adam reaches the front, he looks behind him like he is expecting someone to be there. Then he looks around.

"Devin, what are you doing? Get up here. You are part of this." Adam gestures to the empty space beside him. Devin stands from where he is seated at his desk and walks to the space next to Adam.

"Thank you, sir. It is an honor to work with you on this."

"You're welcome and thank you for all your help. Now," Adam turns and faces his audience, "there is something we must all discuss." The entire room focuses intently on Adam. No one dares move a finger. It is so quiet you could hear a pin drop. "There has been a complication. A very large one. Devin and I have been working for what was apparently all night. This isn't easy to say, but," Adam turns to face the large projection screen behind him. He pulls a controller from his pocket and turns the machine on. "here it is." It whirs to life and everyone holds their breath. When the image is projected on the screen, a couple people gasp. Everyone else remains silent. "This seems to be a problem, men. We worked all night for a solution, and I think we have found it."

"Wait, sir! Did the public ever actually believe us?"

"I honestly don't know. They could have and changed their minds, or they just never did. It's hard to tell." The room falls silent as everyone digests what they are reading on the board. There is a list of comments on the posts everyone was working on the day before. Each comment is more negative than the last. After no one speaks for a few minutes, Devin addresses Adam.

"Well, don't just stand there. Tell them the big plan!" Devin is visually excited, and it is also evident that Adam and Devin's relationship has improved. They both laugh at this comment and Adam jokes back.

"I am, I am. Don't order me around, young man! Remember, I'm your boss after all." They both laugh. After finishing, they turn to speak to everyone. "Well, gentlemen. Here it is." Adam faces the board again and clicks once more on his remote. The screen changes and the entire room bursts into cheering. "This will change everything. Let's get to work finishing it. We have a lot of work to do to make this work. This is it, men." Each man sits back down and starts typing violently. They all seem to be completely and entirely devoted to this. After reviewing everything in his head, Adam repeats his last line.

"This is it."

## **Read Tomorrow For The Ending!!!**

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## Mountaineer Boys State Inauguration 2018

By Devin O'Sullivan

The Mountaineer Boys State band performed festive tunes in order to welcomed their fellow citizens to the inauguration of newly elected officials who, from Governor to Auditor, were dressed in their finest. These were the final moments of Angelo Cocchiaro's moments as governor, as well as the other governing officials preceding Governor-elect Connor Wickline's term. Supreme Court Justice "Bonefish" Snyder expressed it best on Tuesday evening, when he stated that we are entering a bright new dawn of leadership. As the individuals of ALMBS took their seats, the moment came upon us.

Governor Angelo Cocchiaro stepped to the stage for one last speech. Greeting the raptly attentive crowd, he spoke on his own week at Boys State, of his time as a citizen at Boys State. Retiring Governor Angelo considers his experience at Boys State as one of the most "elementally transformative weeks of his life," in which all attendees are able to experience their first real taste of "fleshed-out democracy." He continued, noting that despite the doubts of elders, perhaps even *in spite* of them, the youth prove themselves capable of leading, and each successive class improves upon the last. Governor Cocchiaro concluded his farewell speech with a petition to keep up our good work and the ethic behind it. As the applause for his brief, but compelling address faded into the background, so did his term as governor.

Kurt Hall presided over the election, and swore in the elects as follows:

- Michael Lowe, State Superintendent of Schools.
- Gunnar Webb, Speaker of the House.
- Jonathan Gharib, President of the Senate.
- "Bonefish" Snyder, Josh Poe, Jarrett Schleicher, Aaron Page, and Norman Lee, Supreme Court Justices.
- Luc-Henri Kuete Omgba, Attorney General.
- Nathaniel Polling, Commissioner of Agriculture.
- Randolph Wyatt III, Treasurer.
- David Sahil, Auditor.
- Andrew Lake, Secretary of State.
- Connor Wickline, Governor.

Governor Connor Wickline, rose and strolled confidently to the podium to deliver his inaugural address. His usual respect for all military veterans was on full display when he asked them to stand and recognized the services they've performed in the name of Freedom. Wickline then thanked his parents for molding him into the man he is today. Little did he know at the beginning of the week that he'd be delivering such a wonderful gift to his mother on her birthday! Finally, he spoke of his desire to push meaningful legislation, and reach compromises on our differences.

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# Veterans Assistance Secretary

## Dennis Davis

**June 15, 2018**

A retired educator, former West Virginia Workforce Development director and U.S Army veteran—serves as the Cabinet Secretary for the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance.

Davis was appointed by Governor Jim Justice to head the department that oversees 17 field and claims offices, the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility, the West Virginia Veterans Home and the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Nursing Cemetery, as well several high-profile, statewide veterans initiatives.

Davis spent 29 years as a teacher and an executive within Kanawha County Schools system. He was first employed as a teacher a Dupont Junior High School in 1968. He later served as Job Placement Specialist at the Ben Franklin Career Center, Coordinator of Adult Education at the Garnet Career Center, Coordinator of Cooperative Education and Assistant Superintendent for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. Davis was elected president of the West Virginia Vocational Association and chairman of the Bylaws Committee for the American Vocational Association.

In 1996, Governor Cecil Under Underwood appointed Davis as Executive Director of West Workforce Development for West Virginia. He served in this post for four years before entering the private sector, where he founded the Davis Property Preservation Company. He tired from this company in 2009.

Davis re-entered the education field in December 2013 when he served a haft-year as a member the Kanawha County Board of Education, filling a previous member's unexpired term.

He began his military activity in 1959 as a member of the West Virginia State University ROTC program. His U.S. Army career included stints at Fort Knox (Kentucky) and Fort Sill (Oklahoma.). In 1965, he graduated from the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

Davis lives in institute , W.Va. and serves as a member of the honor guard at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery. Davis and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of five children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

More info: <https://veterans.wv.gov/>





**Attorney General Patrick Morrissey****June 15, 2018**

Patrick Morrissey was elected as the Attorney General for the State of West Virginia on November 6, 2012, and was sworn into office on January 14, 2013. Morrissey is the first Republican to serve as Attorney General in West Virginia since 1933, and as resident of Harper Ferry, he is also the first Attorney General from Jefferson County in our state's history.

Since becoming Attorney General, Morrissey has made fighting fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption a top priority of the Office. Shortly after taking office, he instituted a new policy for hiring outside counsel that has dramatically increased transparency and saved the state more than \$4 million. He also voluntarily returned approximately \$18 million in monies to the state and has brought in many millions more to state agency clients and consumers.

In 2014, Attorney General, Morrissey called on West Virginia Legislature to do thorough audits and performance reviews of all state agencies to help detect any abuse of taxpayer dollars. Morrissey has been a staunch advocate of fundamental reforms to reshape our state's economic climate and help West Virginia reach its potential.

In addition, Morrissey has been of the most active Attorneys General in the country fighting federal overreach by filing lawsuits and submitting amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts on a number of issues, ranging from protecting the Second Amendment to defending state jobs and our valuable energy resources. Morrissey is spearheading the 27 State litigation against the President's Clean Power Plan, one of the most illegal and unprecedented regulations in our country's history.

During his tenure in office, Morrissey has strengthened the Office's Consumer Protection Division, enabling it to vigorously enforce the state's laws and proactively educate citizens about scams and ways to their identities.

In practice since 1992, Morrissey worked on many high profile health care matters in private practice prior to serving as Attorney General, and possesses a board array of experience on regulatory issues, Medicare, Medicaid, policy, fraud and abuse investigations legislative matters, strategic counseling, and legal and policy challenges to federal statutes and regulations.

Between 1999 to 2004, Morrissey served as the

Deputy Staff Director and Chief Health Care Counsel to the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee, helping draft and negotiate major legislation, including the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 and the Bioterrorism and Public Health Energy Preparedness Act of 2002. Morrissey served as the principal liaison for the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee on health care issues to the white house, the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Morrissey graduated with honors from Rutgers College in 1989 earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in history and political science. He received a Juris doctor from Rutgers Law School-Newark in 1992.

A product of a working-class family, Morrissey is married and has an 18-year-old stepdaughter.

More info: <https://ago.wv.gov/>



# Olivia McCuskey

June 15, 2018

Olivia McCuskey is a native West Virginian and grew up in St. Albans. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology with a minor in History in May 2014 from Ohio University. Throughout her undergraduate years she was also a member of the Ohio University Women's Basketball Team, her career spanning from 2010-2014, and became involved with the student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She was a member of the Ohio University Archaeological Field School Program, surveying and excavating Patton's Cave in Summer 2013 and completing lab analysis and data tracking of the site throughout her senior year. Olivia was the recipient of the Ohio University Department Sociology and Anthropology Outstanding Graduating Senior Award 2013-2014. Following the completion of her undergraduate degree, she spent the summer of 2014 studying at Columbia University in their Post-Baccalaureate Philosophy Program in New York City.

During Olivia's senior year at Ohio University and her first year following graduation she was the student leader of the Appalachian Population History (APHP). She, along with two professors in the Anthropology Department and other students, researched and analyzed several coal mining towns in the Hocking Hills region. The study focused on the historical demographics of the region, ancestry, migration into and out of the region over time, population, census data and access to health care in the isolated mining towns.

Olivia's first work with Inspire West Virginia involved being a program mentor to student leaders after she completed her undergraduate degree. When she heard about the program and its mission she was extremely excited to work with the program and its student leaders in her home state. As the year progressed, Olivia's role with Inspire blossomed from that of a mentor to being a full-time Program Coordinator as both Olivia's interest and passion expanded simultaneously with West Virginia's program.

Throughout her undergraduate studies, her involvement with APHP and her early time spent with

Inspire West Virginia as a mentor, Olivia developed a passion for helping those with limited access to resources and education, both in the United States and internationally, further deepened her passion about education, awareness and changing legislation to reflect these concerns. Olivia's goal is to help each person develop their own passions along with an understanding how to use their rights, ideas and resources to make a difference in their communities, reach their full potential as an

individual and allow each person to experience the

fullness of the world that extends beyond our Wild & Wonderful state of West Virginia.

As Program Coordinator for Inspire West Virginia, Olivia connects with local partners, recruits and mentors student leaders, oversees program development. In her spare time she enjoys reading, working out, hiking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

More info: <https://www.inspire-usa.org/westvirginia>



## A True American Hero at Boys State: Herschel “Woody” Williams

Reported by: Alex Mullins

On June 15, 2018, during the annual Mountaineer Boys State Formal Review, an American legend came to address the prestigious citizens of Mountaineer Boys State. Herschel “Woody” Williams, WW2 Medal of Honor recipient and the only surviving Medal of Honor recipient from WV, came to Jackson’s Mill with a vision for our Boys State class and to tell of his military experience. The boys and their parents gathered in the hangar, across from camp at the airstrip, and were itching with excitement to see one of West Virginia’s distinguished servicemen.

When Mr. Williams took to the podium, he was greeted with the chant: “Woody!” “Woody!” “Woody!” Mr. Williams gave the audience a brief history of his tenure in the armed forces and the history of the Medal of Honor. Mr. Williams went on to tell the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State that they are the future of our great country saying, “In a few years you boys will be the generation that takes over because we will be gone and it will be left up to you to steer our country in the right direction and make change.”

Mr. Williams also joked that Mountaineer Boys State needs new lapel microphones because the hand held microphones we have now are: “Awful!” After his address, the crowd erupted with applause. We are lucky to have hosted such an honorable American that was willing to impart his wisdom upon us.





### James W. (Jim) Davis

James W. David is a member of Blake Brothers Post No. 46, Benwood, WV. He was elected Department Commander of the American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., at the 2002 Annual Convention held at the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, WV . In 2008, he was elected National Vice Commander of the American Legion for 2008-2009.

Jim was born in McMechen, WV, on Sept. 1, 1946, to Elizabeth Ann Davis and Charles S. Davis, the youngest of three children. He graduated from Union High School in 1964. He is a tool and die maker by trade and a Legionnaire by choice. He is retired from the Machine Trades Instructor for the Belmont-Harrison Joint Vocational School. He is married to Carol (Shimp) Davis and has four children...Doug, Janell, Jocelyn, and Eric. They have blessed them with twelve wonderful grandchildren (7 granddaughters and 5 grandsons) and four great grandchildren.

His eligibility for the American Legion was serving four years with Vietnam. He has been a member of Blake-Brothers Post #46 for 40 years and during this time he has served as the Post Commander, served four years as Post First Vice-Commander, served the First District as Sgt. -at-Arms, started and still is a member of Post 46 Color Guard since 1983, has served the Department of West Virginia as Vice-Commander and Assistant Sgt.—at—Arms and has served as the Department Sgt.-at-Arms from 1993—2002.

He is a life member of Blake-Brothers Legion Post #46, Moundsville's V.F.W. and the Marine Corp League. Chairman for the Christmas Gifts for Veterans, is the organizer of the first blood drive in the First District, served at West Virginia Boys State 1997, 1998, and 2000 to present. Elected Assistant Director of Mountaineer Boys State in 2004 and Director of the American Legion Boys State and still serving, Gold Brigade winner for 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, Legion Recruiter of the Year for the State of West Virginia four times, Chairman of the State Education and Scholarship Committee from 1997 to present, contest supervisory for the State Bowling Tournament from 2000 to present, appoint to the National Committee on Education in 1999 to present, awarded a honorary Life Member of the McMechen Women's Club and was the winner of the Legions West Virginia 'Doctor Ben I Golden Award' in 1998. Jim was the 2007 blue cap legionnaire winner for the Dept. of West Virginia. Jim is also on the staff of the American Legion Boys Nation program.





### **American Legion Post Everlasting**

On Wednesday evening 6/13/2018, perhaps one of the most solemn testimonials to the military along with many this week presented, "The Post Everlasting. Ceremony". This ceremony is conducted several times during the year by each American Legion Post and at the American Legion's annual Conferences. At Mountaineer Boys State Camp, the lights were not dimmed, which is a standard procedure part of the ceremony. A tripod of 3 rifles is set up with a helmet resting on top of the rifle barrels; the rifles representing the service for the dead in the U.S Armed Forces. The Posts' commander reads the names of the members being transferred to the Post Everlasting. The Post Sergeant-At-Arms then takes each member's record individually and sets fire to them, a metaphor for their transfer from a Legion on this earth to an infinite one elsewhere.

According to the American Legion, "when a comrade passes the moment is one of honor. The memory of his/her life in the service of country has now been enrolled in the great spirit army, whose footfalls cause no sound, but in the memory of mankind, their souls go on marching, sustained by the pride of service in time of war. Because of each military service person our lives are free: because of them our nation lives: because of them, our world is blessed."

The ceremony we were lucky enough to witness at Mountaineer Boys State camp was viewed by over 500 people, a rare occurrence for a Post Everlasting. However, it ensured that no military soldier was overlooked and will never be forgotten by us.



## K-9 Unit

Devin O'Sullivan, Nationalist Reporter

Today, I had the opportunity to meet two of the finest, most highly esteemed dogs in the state, those of Boys State's K-9 Unit. These animals, will search your cars for drugs, chase down the most gifted sprinter, **and** take names. Their names, however, are Bella and Kara. Bella is a Chocolate Lab, and from what I observed, is the more older of the two dogs. Kara is a youthful Golden Lab who is more likely to give you puppy kisses than bite. John Brumley, one of two citizens selected to the K-9 unit, allowed me to interview him. He had nothing but praise for the animals he works with, saying, "K-9 dogs are resources given by nature, a blessing with senses multitudes stronger than our own."



Bella



Kara

## **The Sports Corner**

### **Around the Horn: Major League Baseball News**

Nate Madden, Staff Writer

A lot has happened in the MLB since opening day. Here you will find some of baseball's most important and most recent stories.

#### **Miguel Cabrera Out For Season**

Tuesday, June 12th, Detroit Tigers 3rd baseman/DH Miguel Cabrera ruptured his left biceps tendon and will have surgery to repair it this week. Cabrera is currently 35 years old and under contract until 2024. He stands to make 244 million dollars in that time.

#### **Summer Stretch Baseball Carries Playoff Implications**

The American League West is currently a battle ground, with the Seattle Mariners, Houston Astros, and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim fighting for first place. The Mariners currently hold reign, but their ability to close out seasons and enter the playoffs (or usually the lack thereof) is concerning. It will be hard for them to keep the MLB's reigning champs, the Astros, from taking first place, as they sit only a half game behind in the standings.

#### **Stanton's Struggles Continue**

New York Yankee Giancarlo Stanton's continues to struggle at the plate this month. His sluggish start quickly changed from permissible new-season jitters to a legitimate concern. In the month of June his strikeout total doubles his hits total, and his numbers on the season are no better: 86 strikeouts with only 58 hits.

#### **Baseball History Made in April**

For the first time ever, a month during the baseball season will have more strikeouts recorded than hits. This April saw 6,656 strikeouts and only 6,360 hits. Baseball insider Tim Kurkjian feels that this is a major issue. He believes that the combination of pitchers throwing faster than ever and the change in baseball philosophy since the 1980's (the start of the steroid era) is causing hitters to swing only for the longball. This trend may continue unless significant changes are made in the way baseball is played.

#### **Rifts form in the Washington Nationals Clubhouse**

A player on the Washington Nationals called his team's star player Bryce Harper "selfish" and "overrated". Harper was defended by Nat's General Manager Mike Rizzo who called the anonymous comments "cowardly and gutless". This disturbance in the Nationals clubhouse could not have come at a worse time-the Nationals are currently a game behind the Atlanta Braves in the National League East Standings.



## Sports Scores

### Monday

#### Ultimate Frisbee

Monroe/Marion	Kanawha/Glimer-Calhoun	Braxton/Webster-Barbour
1/3	16/14	13/12

#### Volleyball

Kanawha/Upshur-Harrison	Lewis/Braxton	Webster-Barbour/Upshur-	Lewis/Marion
21/11	21/15	21/18	21/12

#### Basketball

Randolph/Monroe	Panhandle/Marion
46/18	50/36

### Tuesday

#### Ultimate Frisbee

Lewis/Panhandle
2/2

#### Softball

Braxton/Webster-Barbour	Marion/Kanawha
3/9	2/1

#### Basketball

Kanawha/Lewis	Braxton/Upshur-Harrison
24/104	24/40

#### Volleyball

Marion/Gilmer-Calhoun	Webster-Barbour/Monroe	Randolph/Gilmer-Caloun	Panhandle/Monroe
21/15	21/19	12/21	21/17

## Talent Show

2:30 p.m. - Final Talent Show Auditions



# Need a Driver License?

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### Brain Teaser Answers!

A sharpshooter hung up his hat and put on a blindfold. He then walked 100 yards, turned around, and shot a bullet through his hat. The blindfold was a perfectly good one, completely blocking the man's vision. How did he manage this?

Answer: He hung his hat on the front of the gun.

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?

Answer: The Brain

### New Brain Teaser!

When I'm first said, I'm quite mysterious, but when I'm explained, I'm nothing serious. What am I?

Officer of the Day

Primary: Theo Chambers

Alternate: Al Hall

## MENU

### BREAKFAST

Eggs	Bananas
Waffles/Syrup	Apple juice
Bacon	Milk
Hot & Cold Cereal	

### LUNCH

Hamburgers/Buns	Veg. Beans
Sliced Cheese	Peaches
Condiments	Brownie
Potato Salad	Milk

### DINNER

Meat Loaf	Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	Hot Rolls
	Salad

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## ALMBS Word Search

GOVERNOR  
AUDITOR  
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TREASURER  
ATTORNEY  
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JUDGES  
SHERIFF  
MAYOR  
MAGISTRATE  
SENATOR  
HOUSE  
DELEGATES  
ASSESSORS  
CITY  
COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN