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Charles Perdue, Kanawha

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#ALMBS

A Week That Shapes A Lifetime!

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Views From Mt. Vernon

On Monday afternoon, the National Guard taught the ALMBS National Guard trainees how to properly raise and lower the flag. Some of the things that the trainees were taught that afternoon was how to properly march to and from the flag pole, how the flag is to be raised and lowered, and how to secure the half-yard line, or rope that is used to hoist the flag.

During my time watching the ALMBS Guardsmen trainees, I was greeted by a gentleman running for political office and overheard conversations of the group of boys sitting off to my right.

-Connor Forth, Monroe; Photos by Creed Kidney and Aaron Boggs of Barbour and Charles Perdue of Kanawha



Charles Perdue, Kanawha



Did someone say *The Beatles*? Cause it looks like *Abbey Road* is making an appearance in this collage!



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!

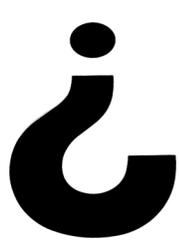
TAKE THE SURVEY HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/y952l5re>

Yesterday's Answer: Towel Winner: Christopher Martineau of Barbour

~ Riddle of the Day ~

What is broken by saying its name?

What is it?



Be the first to answer at the Southeastern Learning Center for a prize!

Supreme Court of Appeals Docket

9:00 – Hear petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5 and conduct other business

9:20 – Recess

9:40 – Reconvene; announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5, hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 and 4, and conduct other business

10:00 – Recess

10:20 – Reconvene; announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 and 4, hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuit 3, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business

10:40 – Recess

11:00 – Reconvene; announce decision on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 and decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, hear motions for admission to the bar for afternoon circuit court trials and swear-in circuit court judges, and conduct other business

11:20 – Recess; write opinions and conduct other necessary business

1:15 – Observe Circuit Court trials

2:45 – Reconvene; announce decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, and conduct other business before the Court

2:55 – Recess; write opinions and conduct other necessary business

DNR—Hunt Times:

Thursday 9:00am-12:10pm

3:45pm-5:00pm

Friday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Correction: Monday's Athletic Results

Gilmer/Calhoun defeated

Webster/Barbour

Shelley Wellons Moore Capito

Shelley Wellons Moore Capito (born November 26, 1953) is an American politician serving as the junior United States Senator from West Virginia since 2015. A Republican, she is the daughter of three-term West Virginia governor Arch Alfred Moore Jr.[1] She was the U.S. Representative for West Virginia's 2nd congressional district from 2001 until her election to the Senate. She is the current dean of West Virginia's congressional delegation.



Athletics Collage

Photos by Charles Perdue of Kanawha and Trey Rogers of Lewis



Charles Perdue, Kanawha



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Breakfast

- Eggs
- Sausage Wrap Sticks/Syrup
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Fresh Fruit
- Orange Juice
- Milk

Lunch

- Tacos & shells
- Peaches
- Sour Cream — Salsa
- Cheddar Cheese
- Churros
- Milk/Punch/Water
- Lettuce

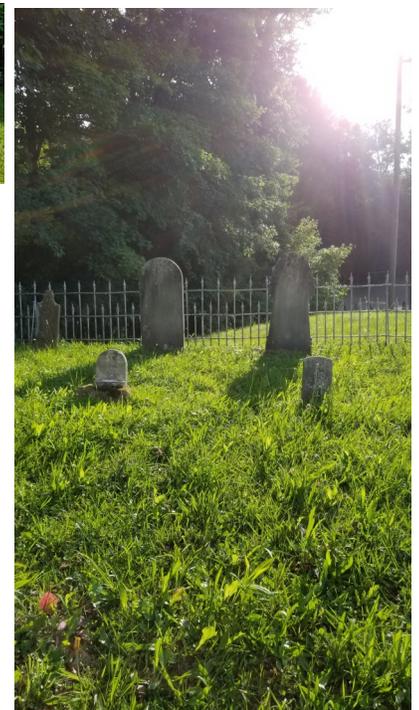
Dinner

- Meat Lasagna
- Corn
- Garlic Bread
- Salad/Ranch
- Choc. Cake w/ Choc. Icing
- Fresh Fruit
- Milk/Tea/Water

Nature Shots from around Jackson's Mill

"If the sight of the blue skies fills you with joy, if a blade of grass springing up in the fields has power to move you, if the simple things of nature have a message that you understand, rejoice, for your soul is alive."

Eleonora Duse



SALE SALE SALE!!!

(after assembly Thursday night)

Auction of three valuable pieces of land for all citizens. These properties are:

The volleyball courts and picnic area in front of Calhoun cottage

The West Virginia building, land, and tennis courts by the prison

Historical buildings and land by Lewis cottage including Jackson's mill, the pond, the general store, and Stonewall Jackson's childhood home

Rules:

You may only bid the highest amount of which you can afford (You may take out loans).

You can combine money with other citizens to buy land, but must have a spokesman and must evenly divide land. This is highly encouraged and will save money for those with lower salaries.

Bidding starts at the currently assessed tax value and increases by bidding

Directions for buyer to enter auction:

Visit bank to get approved loan

Obtain auction fan

Bid in auction

Visit state treasurer to pay value

Visit secretary of state to receive deed

See next page.

AUCTION PRICES

West Virginia Building:

Use of building per session: \$5,000

Recreational area price: \$100,000

TICKET PRICE FOR WHOLE AREA: \$725,000

Tax price: \$3,625

Old Historic district:

Toll for pond/general store

8 properties

Pond

Blacksmith

Stonewall Jackson boyhood home

All in 1 package (\$60)

TICKET PRICE FOR ENTIRE DISTRICT: \$525,000

Tax price: \$2,625



Brigadier General Christopher S. Walker

Brig. Gen. Christopher Walker is the Assistant Adjutant General and Commander of the West Virginia Air National Guard. The West Virginia Air National Guard has over 2,100 members and consists of two flying units, the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, West Virginia, and the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, West Virginia. As the Assistant Adjutant General and Commander he provides command and control, over all Air National Guard forces assigned to the state and is the principal advisor to the Adjutant General, on all matters related to the Air National Guard.

Kent Leonhardt

Kent Leonhardt (born April 2, 1954) is the West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture, having been elected in November 2016, he took office January 2017. He is a member of the United States Republican Party.

Leonhardt is a farmer operating a 380-acre farm in western Monongalia County, West Virginia. He raises sheep, cattle, goats and hay. He formerly served in the

West Virginia State Senate. He is retired from the United States Marine Corps as a lieutenant colonel. He holds a degree in wildlife management from the University of Missouri and an MBA from



The Sports Report

Article by: Zach Roush, Harrison

Upshur/Harrison vs. Braxton

Street-Style Basketball Meets the Athletics of Boys State

With the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors in the heat of the NBA Finals, the young men of Mountaineer Boys State displayed their own brand of athleticism in a friendly basketball game. The citizens of Upshur Cottage and Harrison Cottage teamed against those of Braxton Cottage; all involved showed great initiative, athleticism, and sportsmanship. Eventually, only one team could carry the bragging rights of calling themselves the victor.

The team of Upshur/Harrison began the game strong, exhibiting a great amount of speed and offensive coordination. After an initial three-point start, Upshur/Harrison hit the ground running, with Braxton unable to muster an offense. After seven possessions, the Braxton team missed ten consecutive shots. The quarter did not end pointless for Braxton, however, as the score at the end of the first quarter was 7-3, in favor of Upshur/Harrison.

The odds seemed to turn in the favor of Braxton at the beginning of the second quarter, as Upshur/Harrison made multiple opening errors. While their defense seemed affective, the offense quickly began to digress compared to the first quarter. The tides shifted between the teams, as Braxton's offense began running smoothly, while Upshur/Harrison began to miss multiple shots. Braxton ended the first half gaining three points against their opponents, making the score 8-6, still in the favor of Upshur/Harrison.

After a one minute break, the game continued with Braxton immediately taking the lead away from Upshur/Harrison. The game noticeably became more physical, with both teams playing aggressive and with a more "street-ball" style of defense. Before Braxton pulled away with the lead, Upshur/Harrison tied up the score, but went on to amass a total of seven missed shots in a single possession. Upshur/Harrison eventually found success and took the lead from Braxton. Both teams began a full-court press, with the score being tied by the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter began with a stalemate, as both teams went without scoring, showing powerful defensive skill. Braxton's final five players were all towering above the Upshur/Harrison squad. Upshur/Harrison used their smaller stature to their advantage, as they stayed light and quick on their feet. With two minutes remaining, the game was tied fifteen apiece; intensity pouring from both teams.

Upshur/Harrison was able to drive in and score in the final fifteen seconds of the game, thwarting the Braxton offense, and securing the victory in the process. The final score tallied 16-15, resting in the favor of Upshur/Harrison.

Owen Hayes Kanawha

The Debate

Last night, multiple debates between all candidates for the General Election took place. This began with the Commissioner of Agriculture candidates, which included Garrett Davis and Sam Crower. They were each asked a question about a policy their party supported and were asked how they would accomplish these policies being put into place. The question for the Federalists dealt with their stance on legalizing marijuana while also dealing with the opioid crisis. The question for the Nationalists dealt with their stance on the population based infrastructure throughout the state.

Next, the candidates for Attorney General were brought up, which included Devin Price and Jake Headley. The Federalist candidate was asked about how he would advocate for the legalization of marijuana and the Nationalist candidate was asked about how he would advocate for his party's stance on lobbyists. The Treasurer candidates were Mike Duong and Farris Fathallah. Mike Duong was asked about how he could support the change to renewable resources while phasing out West Virginia's biggest resource, coal. Fathallah was asked about how he would meet the demand for financial literacy classes with so few teachers and students interested in the course. After this, the debate moved to the Auditor candidates, Luke Ochsenbein and Dylan Martinez. Ochsenbein was asked how he would create financial processes in order to make the legalization of marijuana successful. Then, Martinez was asked about how he would support his party's policies on lobbyists and stop fraud and inappropriate use of lobbying. Secretary of State candidates, Carson Bates and Zack Slie, were asked about how they could support renewable resources while slowly phasing out nonrenewable resources and how they would get citizens more engaged in voting and the election process. Citizens from both parties gave their support and respect to each party and applause was given at every possible second.

The final candidates in the debate were Carson Winkie from the Federalist party and Alessandro Cava from the Nationalist party. They were both candidates for Governor and were each asked three questions about their parties policies and how they would work to support them. Everyone joined in for the singing of Country Roads after the debates had ended. After that, the candidates gave their closing statements and citizens were dismissed to vote in the General Election for city, county, and state offices.

**Talent Show Audition Times: 6:15 to 7:30
at the Assembly Hall.**

Officer of the Day

Primary: Corey Robinson

Alternate: Luke Kopp



EDITORIAL: WOULD TAXING MARIJUANA REALLY WORK AS WELL AS BELIEVED?

Recently throughout Boys State, the discussion of the legalization and taxation of recreational use marijuana has been prominent amongst conversations. It started primarily with the platform of the Federalist Party, which relied heavily on the idea of working together to ensure that the purchase of legalized marijuana will be taxed to help increase funds for the education system. Even though I am a Nationalist, I stand firmly *for* this proposition. I personally would not participate in the action of smoking marijuana, however, I believe that even though the help would be intense, one should ask if the legalization of marijuana would work as well as believed as a source of funds for education.

First, one must consider the amount of people that smoke marijuana currently. According to the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, 52 percent of Adult Americans have smoked Marijuana. And when one takes into consideration the possible increase of use that would be caused by legalization, the amount of economic growth would be intense.

The question is though, would this work as well for taxes as it would be for the economy? People of Boys State have been vocal against taxes, and it makes one wonder if anyone would actually pay these potential taxes. That is why the Nationalist party's proposition to reallocate funds to aid different organizations would work well for the education system, more so than the taxation of legal marijuana.

With that, I want to remind all readers that people cannot just assume that taxing a popular item *within* a state that is vocally *against* paying taxes will help a cause. Thank you.

-Garret Cummings, Randolph

Name: Alex Masters
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 Add Me Because I'm Bored!!!

Take Down Campaign Posters

As you all know, the Boys State elections are all over now, and I would like extend a congratulations to all of the newly elected Boys State officials. However, there are some post-campaign processes that need to be done. One of the more pressing processes for everyone that has campaigned for any office is the needed action of taking down all campaign posters.

These posters need to be taken down mainly for the benefit of any Citizen of Boys State that has campaigned using posters. This is because the Boys State Law Enforcement will begin issuing tickets for any remaining posters around the camp. Yes, you read that correctly, if you have any remaining campaign posters around camp, you will be issued a ticket, so do yourself a favor and take down any of your campaign posters that

are still up.

Another reason to take down these posters is to tidy up the camp for when we leave at the end of the week. This camp site is used for other camps as well and we need to leave it clean not only for the next camp, but because we are Boys State Citizens which means we are considerate and respectful to our counselors, advisors, and hosting camp site. Of course, there is also the redundancy of having campaign posters up for an election that is already over.

If you know that you have any campaign posters still up, you are advised to go and take them down. If you seen any campaign posters up that aren't yours, you can go ahead and take them down as well. By the end of the day on Friday, June 14th, all campaign posters should be down.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

RUMOR: CITIZEN OF PANHANDLE TURNING OFF AIR CONDITIONERS IN CABINS

It has been reported that a rumor is being spread of a citizen of Panhandle going into cabins and turning off air conditioner units.

According to the rumor, citizens of Braxton took notice to the lack of cold air within their cabin. Once this was noticed, a citizen opened a text message from a citizen of Panhandle, saying, "Are you guys hot?" This led to the citizens of Braxton to believe that a citizen (or more) of Panhandle performed this terrible action against Braxton.

I reached out to a citizen of Monroe for a statement. "Monroe could have been affected by the AC Change."

A reporter for the paper received a statement from two citizens of Panhandle. "We should not rule out any other cottage just yet." "The accusing cabin should be suspected."

Boys State Broadcasting Producer and Braxton Athletic Director Elijah Smith commented on the rumor saying, "We have no doubt in our mind that Panhandle is behind this Conundrum."

Citizens should remember this is just a rumor, so it could possibly not be true. However, all citizens should keep an eye on their air conditioners.

"We have no doubt in our mind that Panhandle is behind this Conundrum."

-Garret Cummings, Randolph

Rhonda Best Department President (2018-2019)

Our Department Theme this year is “Mending Fences While Building New Bridges To Better Serve and Support Our Veterans”. Our Membership Theme is “Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission”. We will continue be build upon Knowledge and Experience handed down throughout the years from previous Department Presidents as well as bring in Creativity, Extended Knowledge, and Experience through Our Newly Installed Department and District Officers and Department Chairmen.

My Special Project for this year is “The Honor Flight Program”. This is an awesome program which is free for Our Veterans. I am looking forward to a Wonderful, Exciting, and fun year. I hope to see many of you at our Workshop September 7th & 8th. God Bless and Be Safe



A Friendly Reminder

Starting today, all Boys State laws will be strongly enforced. If you happened to not know that, consider this as a friendly reminder to educate yourself on the Boys State laws because you don't want to find yourself on the wrong end of a ticket or facing jail time.

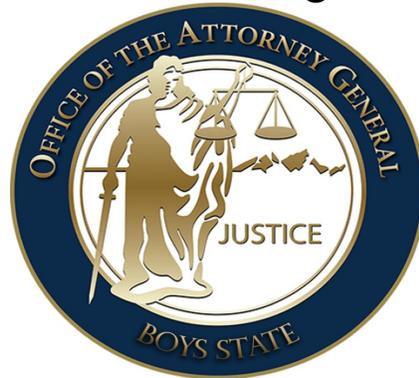
The majority of these laws that you will need to make sure you are following are the Boys State traffic laws. These include laws about speeding, passing vehicles, reckless driving, stop signs, distracted driving, driving under the influence, turning, parking, driver's licenses, vehicle registration vehicle inspection, and proof of insurance. These traffic laws will be monitored and enforced by law enforcement and corrections personnel. You can receive your Driver's License, Registration, and from the DMV.

Although these traffic laws are important and abundant, they are not the only Boys State laws that you need to know about and follow. Many Citizens will be required to have either a valid Hunting License, or Fishing License, or both, which you can get from the DNR. If you are planning on swimming or being in a body of water for whatever reason you also need to have a valid watercraft/boat registration, and will need to follow the laws associated with operating a watercraft/boat. There are also laws on littering, protected species, and playing tennis in the rain.

All of these laws will be enforced, so you want to make sure you educate yourself about these laws and follow them to avoid a ticket, jail time, or any other punishment. For further details on every single Boys State law refer to pages 47-53 of your Boys State manual.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

Have You Been Taken Advantage of By a Corporation?



Visit the Attorney General's Office At Harrison Cottage
-Devin Price

Fire Fighter Training

