

# THE MOUNTAINEER



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## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

***“Freedom is a Light For Which Many Men Have Died in Darkness”***

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# JONATHAN GOLDEN

- PANHANDLE COTTAGE | NATIONALIST PARTY -



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## Billy Causes a Bank Robbery?

On Wednesday June 12th, a man robbed the bank, and an anonymous eyewitness stated that it was Billy Tobin, the Federalist Chairman. The eyewitness claimed that Billy used the alias “John Smith” while robbing the bank. The suspect supposedly walked in armed with finger guns and stated, “Give me the bags.” He was handed a bag. When the State Police were asked for a statement they gave us no comment and closed the door to the bank. At the time of this writing, the bank is closed.

-Connor Forth, Monroe



**American Legion Post Everlasting**

On Wednesday evening 6/13/2019, 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 over looked and will never be forgotten by us.

**Do's and Don'ts of Going Back Home**

Do: Make sure you have everything before you go.

Don't: Make your parents drive back to get your lost toothbrush.

Do: Stay in touch with the people you meet.

Don't: Say you will and then ignore them.

Do: Greet your family and friends warmly. (I.e. "Hi mom, Chuck, and Abbi," "I love you Shannon," etc.)

Don't: Ignore them as you try to make up for lost sleep.

Do: Remember the stuff you learned throughout the week.

Don't: Immediately forget all the lessons as soon as you leave.

Do: Apply what you learned in your normal lives.

Don't: Take for granted what we learned this week and the sacrifice that led to it.

Do: Be thankful that you got to experience a week that shapes a lifetime.

Don't: Have any regrets about the week, or what you've done here.

- Levi Carney, Calhoun

**The Secretary of Environmental Protection**

The Secretary of the EPA, Aiden Cloutier, was appointed today. On Wednesday, he went to numerous county commissioners and asked them to start a county recycling program. The requirements of the program are as follows: The county must have three separate places to recycle aluminum, paper, and plastic. Once the county has completed this, the Secretary must designate the county as a "Green County." I had an opportunity to interview Aiden Cloutier and get a better understanding of what he did.

*Interviewer: Name and county please.*

Aiden: Aiden Cloutier from panhandle cabin.

*Interviewer: What is your position in Environmental Protection?*

Aiden: I'm the Department of Environmental protection. My job revolves around a statewide recycling program which means I need to convince the county commissioners essentially to get their entire county on board with the recycling program.

*Interviewer: How do you plan on going about that?*

Aiden: I'm just going to go in. I think most of them will go for it.

Connor Forth—Monroe

**ALMBS Fire Department**

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, the ALMBS Fire Department went over to Monroe and Randolph and began to clean the road between then two cabins. Each of the trainees had the opportunity to use the fire hose hooked to the fire hydrant. At the end of the day, they had the road cleaned of mud. Unfortunately, there was a lot of water collected by the yurts.

-Connor Forth, Monroe



**Citizen Biographies – Elias Coop-Gonzalez**

Elias is from Santa Maria, California originally. He is currently living in Randolph County. His hobbies include: fishing, shooting, playing guitar, and making bull whips with real kangaroo leather from Australia. After high school, he plans to go into international relations and political sciences. He would like to incorporate military experience with his work. When asked what he wanted people to know about him, he responded, "I have a Trump tattoo on my chest." So far at Boys State, eating with new friends has been Elias' favorite experience. His position at Boys State is Prosecuting Attorney for Webster. Elias' is excited to obtain his Boys State cord for high school graduation.

-Brendan Smith, Webster

**Mirta Maria Martin, Ph.D.**

**Mirta Maria Martin, Ph.D.**, (pronounced MEER-tah) (born June 18, 1960) is an American educator who is the current president of Fairmont State University. Most recently, Martin served as the president of Fort Hays State University. Prior to Fort Hays State, Martin served as the Dean of Virginia State University's Reginald F. Lewis School of Business, a position she held from August 1, 2009 until June 30, 2014.

Originally from Cuba, Marta, alongside her sister and grandmother, young Mirta fled Cuba via Spain when she was 6 years old, leaving behind her mother, father, two brothers and the rest of the family.

Martin attended Duke University, where she graduated in 1982 with her bachelor of science in psychology. Ten years later in 1992, Martin received her master's degree from the University of Richmond, followed by her doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1996.

After graduating from Duke in 1982, Martin worked in banking where she eventually became the Senior Vice President of First Union National Bank of Virginia.

On May 2, 2014, the Kansas Board of Regents announced Martin as Fort Hays State University's ninth president. Martin became the first female president in the university's history, as well as the first Hispanic president in the Regents system.

On November 23, 2016, Martin announced she was stepping down effective immediately due to personal reasons but will continue to serve Fort Hays State as the Consultant to the President.

On October 19, 2017, Fairmont State University announced Martin as their next president, beginning January 1, 2018.



**Yesterday's Answer:      Silence      Winner:      Menis Ketchum of Braxton**

*~ Riddle of the Day ~*

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I speak without a mouth and hear without ears.  
I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

What is it?

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

Officer of the Day

Primary: Theo Chambers

Alternate: Al Hall



# Boys State Athletics

Volleyball (SC)	Volleyball (HC)	Frisbee	Softball	Basketball
3:45-5:00	3:45-5:00	3:45-5:00	3:45-5:00	3:45-5:00
Lewis v. Monroe	Kanawha v. Randolph	Marion v. Upshur/Harrison	Braxton v. Panhandle	Webster/Barbour v. Gilmer/Calhoun
Winner: Monroe	Winner: Randolph	Winner: Marion	Winner: Panhandle	Winner: Webster/Barbour
6:15-7:30	6:15-7:30	6:15-7:30	6:15-7:30	6:15-7:00
Webster/Barbour v. Panhandle	Randolph v. Lewis	Monroe v. Braxton	Upshur/Harrison v. Gilmer/Calhoun	Kanawha v. Marion
Winner: Panhandle	Winner:	Winner: Monroe	Winner: Upshur/Harrison	Winner: Kanawha

Zach Roush of Harrison Cottage

REMINDER!!

Tug of War Friday from 4:00-5:00

Thursday Athletic Results

Sports Coverage Outside of Boys State

The Stanley Cup Finals took place on Wednesday Night, as the St. Louis Blues avenged their 1970 defeat in historic fashion, crushing the Boston Bruins, the same team who swept the Blues in the 1970 cup. The Bruins dominated early on both offensively and defensively, but were unable to score. The Blues countered these advances by scoring back-to-back goals. Ryan O'Reilly of the Blues also made NHL history by getting St. Louis on the board first, becoming the only player to score first in four straight 0finals appearances since Wayne Gretzky. St. Louis went on to defeat Boston in a 4-1 victory in game seven. This is the first title captured by the St. Louis Blues, who began the season as the last ranked team in the NHL..

## Shooting at Lewis Cabin

It was any other average evening at the Lewis Cabin, that was before two of the Lewis cabin Citizens began to loudly argue. Most of the cabin Citizens were out on the porch when the arguing started upstairs, so no one really knows what the arguing was about or how it began. However, as the arguing grew louder many of the Citizens became more aware of the argument. The entire cabin was made aware of the argument when the two Citizens stormed out of the cabin and into the yard before one Citizen pulled out a gun and shot the other before fleeing the scene.

Nearly the entire cabin saw the argument and shooting, resulting in roughly 30 witnesses. The entire cabin was in a bit of a haze when the shooting happened, but soon after the shooting a Lewis Citizen contacted Boys State Emergency Services, and the Boys State Law Enforcement. Another Citizen attempted to chase down the shooter.

Emergency Services were the first to arrive on the scene, and the immediately began treating the victim. Law Enforcement arrived later on the scene attempting to act as crowd control and to figure out exactly what took place. However, tensions between Law Enforcement and Lewis cabin Citizens began to rise as the Law Enforcement officers were very uncooperative with the Lewis Citizens who were just trying to figure out what happened. When asked to make any form of statement, Law Enforcement officers refused to give any statement about the situation. The officers began pushing the media and Lewis Citizens back away from the crime scene.

Emergency Services later confirmed that the victim passed away from his wounds. Law Enforcement apprehended the suspect and arrested him. Law Enforcement so far have refused to release the names of the victim or the suspect being held in custody. Lewis Citizens were asked to give Law Enforcement officers any information they may have had or witnessed about the crime before allowing anyone to leave the area, and then left the area.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

***“It’s not about **what happens to us in life, but how we handle it.**” - unknown***

## Carol Devine Miller

Carol Devine Miller (born November 4, 1950) is an American politician who is the U.S. representative for West Virginia's 3rd congressional district, serving since 2019. She previously served as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 15th district from 2007 to 2013 and the 16th district from 2013 to January 2019[1][2] She is a member of the Republican Party.



## Bathroom Troubles

The Braxton Cottage just can't seem to catch a break this week as far as inspections are concerned. Every day so far, there has been one to two deductions keeping the cabin from a perfect inspection, almost always landing in the right wing bathroom.

For the first day, the citizen responsible for cleaning the bathroom managed to miss the mirrors. "It won't happen again," the citizen declares to Counselor Carpenter later that day.

That night, however, one of the toilets in the right wing bathroom was found broken. This would come to cause the next days cleanup to turn hectic as the overflowing septic water made the floor impossible to dry properly, resulting in yet again another deduction for Braxton.

The third day fared the worst by far. The toilet problem had been for the most part cleared, and the bathroom was cleaned to standard, however, the bathroom still took a deduction. "Why?" might you ask. Someone had taken a shower in the bathroom after the cleanup crew had already run through, causing yet another deduction to the right wing bathroom. Also, there was a set of blinds not properly aligned, causing a second fault.

Now the cottage marches forth to the next daily inspection, their only hope is that this terrible string of events proves not to be a sign for the future.

-Hunter Bays, Braxton

### Broadcast Department Career Path Overview

The broadcast department at Boys State works to bring new information to all citizens daily. They do this with a staff of ten with a broadcast producer (Elijah Smith), three editors (Johnathan Golden, Antony Dong, Khori Miles), an anchorman (Davis Porterfield), three cameramen (Isaac Stankus, Benjamin George, Brian Henderson), and two reporters (Andrew Kuntz, Jake Comer). The producer keeps all the staff on task and makes sure the production of the broadcast is complete. The editors work to edit the broadcast and make the broadcast look as clean as possible. The anchormen lead the broadcast with information about the camp and announce any daily news to citizens. The cameramen are in charge of capturing all the footage for the broadcast and follow reporters to capture their stories. Lastly, the reporters go out into the camp to find breaking news, report the weather and sports, and keep citizens up to date with the political atmosphere. They put together all the information to complete the final production.

-Owen Hayes, Kanawha

### 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

## Flag Day, June 14th

Don't forget today is our nation's Flag Day! I think everyone here can say that they've realized the importance of the U.S. flag through this camp, and definitely respect the flag to the fullest. The reason Flag Day always falls on June 14th is because in 1777, this is when our Founding Fathers adopted what we know as the American flag. It was history from there. -

**Samuel Krason, Monroe**



*Happy Flag Day!!!!*

## Car Wreck on Wednesday Night

The laws for Boys State camp were enacted after the formal review on Wednesday night. After that, many citizens decided to create as much chaos as possible. One of these instances is a car wreck that happened right outside of the West Virginia Building. According to eyewitnesses, Jonathan Golden, Michael-Paul Hare, and Kowsik Siva were involved in the crash. Stories have circulated that Kowsik died in the crash, that Michael-Paul ran from the scene with a clown wig on, and that someone was sent to the hospital. It is also believed that Michael-Paul was drunk and thus caused the crash.

Remember to go to the DMV and get your license and to follow all the driving rules set by the law.

-Owen Hayes, Kanawha

## **Randolph Cabin Court Case**

Randolph had circuit court today while Monroe, the other part of Circuit 1, watched and attended as jury. The defense attorney was Alex Gwyn, prosecuting attorney was Ryan Lon-erbeam, and Clayton Meredith was there as the Circuit Judge. Longerbeam was there for the state, prosecuting 2 defendants for possession of crack cocaine, the first defendant also had intent to sell. They were both were found guilty. Defendant 1 was found guilty for possession and intent to sell crack cocaine. He was sentenced to 1-15 years, after the first year eligible for parole. Defendant 2 was also found guilty, and was sentenced to 6 months for possession of crack cocaine.

- Samuel Krason, Monroe

# Ocean Man taken by the Hand... of the Law

If anyone was walking around Wednesday night, they might have noticed a lot of yelling near the Gilmer county cabin and West Virginia building. There was a big group of people who seemed to be upset, that were actually Gilmer cabin residents, due to the fact that there was a scenario fire there. While that was happening, Luke "Ocean Man" Ochsenbein was arrested for arson at the cabin. This caused even more of an uproar, because he's the State Auditor. Controversy, to say the least. We also found someone murdered at the West Virginia building, which did not help anything. Anyone outside walking around heard the mania, and many saw a counselor have to step in to separate people. With law finally being enforced, the police were all over the place, arresting everyone they could. Be careful out here fellas, it's getting hectic.



•**Samuel Krason, Monroe**

•**Photo: Aaron Boggs, Barbour**



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## STUNNING VICTORY FOR BARBOUR/WEBSTER IN HOTLY CONTESTED FRISBEE GAME

*By Thomas Onks, Barbour Cottage*

On Tuesday, June 11th, a momentous clash of wills occurred between the cottages of Barbour and Webster and the cottage of Kanawha. The chosen battlefield was on the ultimate frisbee field behind the assembly hall. Each cabin gathered a team of seven for the game, eager to dominate the other in the duel between the counties. The match was exhilarating, with both teams hurling their plastic white disks with such deadly accuracy and lighting-fast speed that they became almost deadly, like a scene out of *Tron*. Each team held a relentless and merciless offense along with an ironclad and impenetrable defense. However, only one team was triumphant that day, and that team was Barbour/Webster. They managed to gain a solid amount of points above the Kanawha team, winning 19-14.

### Unusual Unemployment Solution

The second election night hit many cottages suddenly in terms of unemployment. Braxton Cottage was no different in this sense, having around three positions out of the twenty or so that needed filling by the freshly elected County Commission. These occupations included the third commission position, which was fought for by three equally willing and equally able citizens candidates. The victor of this position was Shawn Jones, and he won through rock-paper-scissors.

“I never lost a game,” Shawn declares afterward, boasting his confidence in the ancient art. Shawn’s term was then made effective immediately, and he proceeded to assist the group of County Commissioners in filling in the other jobs.

“This isn’t even the strangest method, I’ve seen,” admits counselor Chad White. He later describes that he has barred witness to many similar wars that these positions have been filled, such as coin tosses and even straws.

-Hunter Bays, Braxton

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## Today is the Last Day for Hunting

Today, June 14th, is the last day that Citizens are permitted to hunt on camp ground. If you would like to hunt, you must get your hunters license and permit otherwise you will be prosecuted. Any hunter wanting to participate in the hunt must check in and check out at the DNR table that is located at the entrance of the WMA . The WMA is located behind the Randolph and Monroe cabins. The boundary of the hunting area will be marked by a pink ribbon. You may only hunt within the hours of 3:00-5:00.

If you participate in the hunt, you are limited in the amount of animals that you can kill. The following animals are limited to one hunted per day: adult deer, bearded turkey, bear, beaver, and raccoon. You may not hunt a bear with any cubs. All other animals are protected and you are not permitted to hunt them. Anyone who does hunt a protected animal will be prosecuted by Boys State Law Enforcement. The most successful hunter will be named "Sportsman of the Week" at the end of the day, Friday June 14th.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

## Chaos, Protesting, and Fire at Gilmer Cabin

Arriving at the scene, it was apparent that the fire in Gilmer Cabin was turning the area into chaos. The police were already there to hold the crowd back from the cabin while emergency services were trying to take care of the fire. The Citizens then began chanting and protesting because they felt that they were being treated unfairly by the Law Enforcement. The police began arresting citizens left and right, causing more protesting. This was all before Luke "Ocean Man" Ochsenbein arrived at the scene and began explaining in a passionate speech to the crowd how the police had wrongly arrested him. He then exclaimed that he would be taking the officers to court, gaining cheers from the crowd. Everyone, other then Gilmer Cabin residents, were then ordered to disperse from the area by a counselor. At this point, Emergency Services were still attempting to eliminate the fire. Once again, when questioned by the media, the Law Enforcement refused to give an official statement and had only callus remarks.

Rumors have already begun to spread about what exactly caused the fire. An anonymous citizen of Gilmer reported to The Mountaineer that Clayton Cole caused the fire. Of course, these are just rumors, so do not point fingers just yet.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

**ATTENTION WEBSTER-BARBOUR COUNTY:**  
**Due to the massive, sudden increase of enrollment in county schools and sufficient ammount of money in the budget, the Webster-Barbour County Board of Education is holding a vote this morning to increase the Levy Rate to allow the board more money in the budget for years to come to help the new students to get a better education.**  
**PLEASE VOTE YES!!!**

### A Successful Formal Review

The Boys State had their formal review on Wednesday, June 12, and what a success it was. Everything about it was absolutely wonderful. It began with all 13 cabins proudly marching in step in order to celebrate the newly elected Boys State officials, and to receive their grading for their systematic marching. Then was an amazing assembly in the barn that hit on multiple emotional cues. From the cheerful clapping of the Citizens, to the somber ceremony honoring and remembering fallen soldiers, to the loving embrace from parents. There were some excellent speakers, such as Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams and Ruby Coberly, that gave some truly amazing speeches. The end of the Review was of course topped off with the family reunion, which was needed by both the Citizens of Boys State and the home folks. All in all, the 2019 Boys State Formal Review was a terrific success that may very well be one of the highlights of the 2019 Boys State.

Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

### Supreme Court of Appeals Docket (Friday)

**9:00** — Hear petition 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 case heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business

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

### Interview with State Treasurer, Farris Fathallah

Nationalist candidate Farris Fathallah, Farris “Wheel” Fathallah, took the win for Boys State Treasurer on Tuesday night. This reporter spoke with him during the breakfast meal. He was very grateful for everyone that voted during the election and very please he was elected. Fathallah is very delighted to listen to other citizens and help everyone at Boys State. I asked him a few questions and these are his responses.

**Q:** How does it feel to be treasurer?

**A:** It feels amazing. I feel like I campaigned very hard for the position. I am impressed with all the other candidates who ran for the position, and I can not wait to work in the Boys State office.

**Q:** What will be your first goal?

**A:** To purge all fraudulence dealing with government officials dealing with money, and make sure to completely know where are money is going and coming.

**Q:** How do you feel that most of the Federalist party did not win a majority of offices?

**A:** Even though my party did not take the majority, I am extremely honored to work with the Federalist Party to achieve all of Mountaineer Boys State needs and goals.

**- Sam Krason, Monroe**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT PRACTICE SCENARIOS**

Watching the Mountaineer Boys State fire department practice their training and quickly realized how much work is put into achieving their goals. First off, their dedication for learning the skill to become a firefighter was recognized when they have to go down a long gravel road just to get to the 6 story fire station. They had classes from certified fire department instructors, where the realization of everything

they need do to keep everyone safe. The legal aspect of being a firefighter is also monumental.

They started putting on their gear, which was thick, fireproof gear along with a heavy air tank they carry on their back. No matter how hot the day was, they geared up to address the situation.

Then the fun began. The fire instructors have a, fireproof metal car that can be lit on fire without actually causing harm. Our Mountaineer Boys State firefighters sprayed it with a 110 PSI pres-

sured hose. After doing everything necessary, the fire start dying out, but it didn't stop there.

Right after that, they went over to what looked like storage units but in reality were training units. Our fire department was told to crawl through the buildings and find any victims (dummies posing as victims), and all of them succeeded. It was a very exciting and fun event to watch. I know I'm safe with the 10 firefighters we have.

**- SAMUEL KRASON,  
MONROE**

Owen Hayes Kanawha

## **The Tomb of the Unknown**

The Tomb of the Unknown is a white-marble sarcophagus that is in Washington D.C. The tomb was built in honor of unidentified soldiers from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. When a soldier is chosen to be buried in the tomb, they choose from an array of deceased soldiers. Once a soldier is chosen, they are placed in the tomb and are guarded 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Congress approved the building of this memorial on March 4th, 1921. The tomb itself has three Greek figures Carved into it to represent Peace, Valor, and Victory. There are also six wreaths on the tomb that represent the six campaigns of World War I. The words "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God" are inscribed on the back of the tomb. There are many tombs throughout the country that are replicas of the one in Washington D.C. , and there is even one here at Boys State. They are all put into place in order to honor all the unidentified soldiers who died in service throughout his-

## Creed's Column

Recently, the county clerks have begun to sell different miscellaneous papers of varying legalities and ideations. This, of course, is capital to the formation of such a mock society, as it further reflects the world of taxes and testaments that awaits us young men and women upon our entry into the real adult world.

Exciting, isn't it?

Not really, *but* — what's truly interesting, is how we handle these truly *worthless* pieces of paper.

**For example**, I would like to formally announce my engagement to my best friend, Miss Madilyn Isabella Ace Blake. I love Madi with all my heart and miss her dearly, and now we are eternally bonded through the diamond shackles of marriage! And she doesn't even know yet.

*Exhilarating.*

In fact, I reached out to Madi for a comment on our marriage after I had already signed the necessary forms, her feelings upon the issue are as follows.

*Ahem*, "I TOLD you we were finna tie the knot."

Ahaha, *oh Madi*, if only you knew.

What, Miss Blake — oh, excuse, *Mrs. Kidney* — is unaware of, is that along with the marriage forms I signed, my hand also slipped and I left my **entire** estate to Mr. Aaron Boggs of Barbour.

*Oops.*

Adulting is quite fun and all, but it is also *quite* tiring, as I'm sure many of you are very much, well aware. Running for office? **Exhausting**. Going to work everyday? **Severely depleting**. Marching literally everywhere? **Unbelievably taxing!**

Luckily, I am a blessed young faux adult, who loves their job, their colleagues, and their superiors. I have learned so, so very much from my time in the journalism office with Miss Betty Ann Williams, Elizabeth Kocis, and Barb. They fill our lab with so much loving exuberance and energy for their craft and passion, and it is well reflected in their workers. I am privileged to work with such talented minds as Mr. Graphics Garrett Butler, our graphics editor, or Mr. Grammar Garret Cummings, our language and writing editor. These are to only mention a few, as I'm sure you, *dear reader*, have also analyzed and digested many other stories and editorials from various other skilled workers here in the Southeastern Learning center. Not even to discuss how insanely talented our broadcasting department is!

However, in thanks to the certificate of death, I am *QUITE* excited to die.

- Creed T. Kidney of Barbour

## Two Webster Citizens Falsely Convicted of Hunting an Imaginary Animal

Two Webster Citizens were falsely convicted of hunting the imaginary Black Bellied White Tail Dear, according to their defense attorneys Donovan Itobi and Devanand Kuttan.

The defense attorneys stated that the trial was "absolutely absurd." According to the DNR, they have been dealing with poaching of these imaginary animals for the past few days, and heard gunshots behind the Webster cabin which is why they investigated the area. However there are conflicting reports of where the animal was wounded, with some stating the animal was struck in the heart while others report the animal was struck in the neck. The entire prosecuting team had conflicting or insufficient information in fact the entire trial. The DNR officers had conflicting stories, the witnesses had different stories, and the DNR provided no photographic evidence. Also, the jury was only in deliberation for two minutes. Donovan Itobi had this to say about the conviction, "That's like hunting a unicorn. You can't hunt a unicorn because it doesn't exist." The defense attorneys, Donovan Itobi and Devanand Kuttan from Lewis cabin, would like to make an appeal of the conviction and take this to the Supreme Court.

-Nathaniel Beer, Lewis

# UPSHUR/ HARRISON VS. LEWIS COURT TRIAL

ZACH ROUSH OF HARRISON  
COTTAGE

Defending Attorney Gabriel Adams represented Anthony Colombo, who was accused of attempted robbery with a deadly weapon. The accused, Anthony Colombo, had previously served two years in prison. The accusations of the crime against Mr. Colombo were made by Lucas Howe, a local store manager who claimed Mr. Colombo robbed his store of over \$130, while holding him at gunpoint. The state chose Stephen Groves to prosecute Mr. Howe.

Mr. Groves presented evidence of clothes that matched the description of the accused thief; a handgun which was a revolver, that matched the witnesses' description, and the amount of money stolen from the store. All these items were found by the police after investigating the apartment of the accused defendant.

The defense argued that this was pure coincidental evidence. Both an alibi and character witnesses were called upon to testify, both were presented to the jury and court. It was presented that Mr. Colombo was not at the crime scene during the specified time and date made by the prosecution (February 14 at 3pm).

The jury ruled in favor of the prosecution, however, and found Mr. Colombo guilty of all charges against him. Mr. Colombo's previous conviction as well being a former felon in possession of a handgun contributed to this conviction. Mr. Colombo was sentenced to five years in the county jail (this decision includes a payment of court costs and jail costs). The jury sided the defendants counter to the evidence as too coincidental.

## College Fair 2019

WVU School of Med.  
US Military Academy at West Point  
Fairmont State University  
US Naval Academy  
WVU Honors College  
WVU ROTC



WV National Guard

Marshall University  
Concord University  
Chambers College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University  
WVU Potomac State College  
Waynesburg University  
WVU Institute of Technology  
Professional & Undergraduate Programs - WVU School of Medicine  
WVU Reed College of Media  
Bethany College  
Thasher Engineering  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Fairmont State University - College of Liberal Arts  
West Virginia University - Undergraduate Admissions  
Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets and Army ROTC  
United States Army  
WVU School of Pharmacy  
Shawnee State University  
Alderson Broaddus University  
Bridgewater College  
West Liberty State University  
US Senator Joe Manchin's Office - US Military Academy Nomination Process



**Bethany**  
*A Small College of National Distinction*

## Prison Breakout

The prison break on Thursday began around three o'clock . It began when a prisoner who had just been processed through Corrections broke out. He attacked an officer while escaping and left the officer unconscious. The prisoner stole the officers gun and took off into the woods. He grabbed a citizen while running and took him hostage. To help with the escape, the National Guard and K-9 units were brought in. The National Guard members formed a perimeter around the area the prisoner was believed to be. Then, the K-9 unit came in and the dog picked up the prisoner's scent from the backpack corrections had in evidence. By the time the K-9 unit tracked the prisoner down, he had shot his hostage. The prisoner was then arrested again and taken back to the prison. Emergency services was on the scene soon after and treated both the gunshot victim and the corrections officer. The hostage was shot in the leg and was bandaged up while the officer was treated for his injuries. Corrections, the National Guard, and Emergency Services handled the whole situation in about 15 minutes.

**- Owen Hayes, Kanawha**

## Fire Hydrants

Unless you're friends with the Emergency Service, you probably wouldn't know, but those fire hydrants spread out all over the Jacksons Mill grounds are actually blue and white for a reason.

Fire hydrants are classified by their flow rate and the size of their connected mains as far as their colors are concerned. The water main simply refers to the buried pipes that act as the main water supply for an area, and its size is represented by the color of the body of the hydrant. Red is 8" or smaller (diameter), yellow is 10"-12", and green is 24" and larger. If the body is blue like the ones here than they are waterworks hydrants which are not intended for firefighter use. This could be because the line below is connected to a stream or pond instead of a system, or the line just doesn't have enough pressure on its own to be used for fire fighting.

The top, or bonnet, of a fire hydrant is used to display its water flow rate. Blue is the highest at 1,500 gallon per minute or more. Green is 1499-1000, while orange is 999-500. Red is 499 or lower.

If the fire hydrant is quite old, it might not have been brought up to National Fire Protection Association code yet. In that case, the top could black/white if the water is potable (drinkable), or dark blue/purple for non-potable.

There are also special symbols that can be painted on, but those are more technical and really are only useful to fire fighters.

Lastly, shout out to the fire fighters and other emergency responders for what they do, thank you.

-Hunter Bays, Braxton

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# Tug of War Bracket

