

THE MOUNTAINEER

General Election Results

Governor

Will Behrens

Secretary of State

Samuel Stotler

Auditor

Thomas Nixon

Treasurer

Atticus Reese

Attorney General

Zander Lamp

Commissioner of Agriculture

Colin Street

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by Jon Morgan STAFF Writer

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While at the 83rd Mountaineer Boys State, citizens will create new friendships that will grow throughout the week, and some will even strengthen old friendships. These relationships may seem temporary, though many will remain throughout adulthood.

Relationships in this category could completely change the outcome of one's career. When put into the right situation, an old friend from Boys State might have the opportunity to recommend another Boys State alumnus for a position. This positive transaction and unsaid agreement to bring up fellow Boys State alumni when possible has been a tradition throughout all of Boys State's history.

Success comes from an individual's hard work and determination. Part of this hard work is forming those relationships. Sophisticated individuals will recognize the importance of relationships concerning their success.



Wednesday's Menu

Breakfast
Pancake Wraps
Bacon
Eggs
Hot & Cold Cereal
Fresh Fruit
Milk/Juice/Water

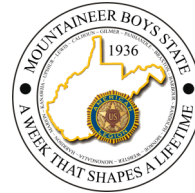
Lunch
Pulled Pork
Sandwich
Cole Slaw
French Fries
Salad w/Dressing
Chocolate Pudding
Water/Tea

Dinner
Pork Tenderloin
Rice Pilaf
California Veg
Salad w/Dressing
Rolls

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Patrick Morrissey Visit

By Jon Morgan

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“You are the future of West Virginia!” Patrick Morrissey said to the large crowd of Boys State Citizens. Morrissey, the Attorney General of West Virginia, came to visit the citizens yesterday morning after breakfast to share some words of wisdom.

Morrissey is a proud West Virginian and says his inspiration draws from the young men attending Boys State and planning on making West Virginia a better place in the future. He showed his excitement of the citizens learning more about the law and government, and also making lifelong friendships.

As West Virginia’s Attorney General, his job is to make sure the people follow the law and to protect the people with the law. Any questions regarding the law goes to his office. He protects your freedom and individual rights under the constitution. Morrissey has filed 25 lawsuits against the federal government to protect the rules and rights of West Virginia.

In his speech, he talked about needing to maintain the WV tradition and that educating the young is a big part in making WV better. He also talked about his P’s of success.

Positive: Always be positive and put on a smile.

Purpose: Find your purpose and what you want to do.

Principles: Show integrity, honor, and what you believe in.

Possibility: You can achieve anything if you put your mind to it.

Passion: Gets your spirit and energy going.

Prioritize: Pick things that are the most important to you and do them.

Participate: Get involved in anything that you can.

Practice: Practice what you do, practice it a lot.

Persistence: If you fail, try again and again.

Partnership: Work with others to achieve your common goals.

Behavioral Health Tip of the Day:

Being a stand alone guy and not getting involved with anybody can be very detrimental for your health. You’ll start to feel left out and feel like you don’t belong here, which is the completely opposite point of this place.

You were chosen for Boys State because someone saw something in you and saw potential. Try to always get involved with everyone and everything you can, it can help you for your mental health and in the future with communications skills, both for the better.



Auditor John McCuskey visits Boys State

by Payton Martin

STAFF WRITER



John McCuskey the Auditor of West Virginia has visited Boys State and gave details on his political belief and his own belief. He assumed office on January 16, 2017 and leads his job with confidence from what was observed during his speech at lunch time.

“Our country is in a odd place right now” McCuskey said as he laid out what he thought was wrong with a aspect of our nation, “Our country is in the shape its in cause everybody thinks they’re right.”

“1 of 15 houses are dilapidated” McCuskey also said as he described what some of the problems of West Virginia are. He then proceeded to explain the problem, he said that the problem is with the brain drain, the loss of smarter people to other states leading to a decrease in people able to work bigger and smarter jobs meaning that companies can’t get employees so they will not come into the state.

“When you have a mission, you don’t stop till the mission is complete”, “We are spending 13b to not achieve fullness” McCuskey said while giving advice and underlining a big problem in West Virginia.

He has also instructed for citizens to go to the website [wvcheckbook](http://wvcheckbook.com), to see what our tax payer money is being spent on. He ended off his speech with these quotes, “The people who stay here will write our story”, “The state deserves your intelligence and leadership.”

John McCuskey has given the citizens a lot to think about when it comes to the position of auditor, underlining its importance as an office. These lessons should help the citizens who are running for auditor positions to better understand their positions.

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Reporting from the third Federalist caucus yesterday evening, the Federalist citizens united together under the common goal of trying to sweep the election. Chairman DeBord thanked the Federalists and the 6000-dollar donation that the candidates received to fund their campaigns.

In the Nationalist caucus, talking started off peacefully, with ideas for their three-idea platform, when an upset Nationalist took the stage and tried to force Nationalist chairman Hunter Gracey out of the position, with the support of many Nationalists. Only when the counselors supervising the caucus told the Nationalists they could not impeach Gracey was when they stopped

While the impeachment attempt ended, many of the Nationalists could not help but voice their frustrations about Chairman Gracey, especially when the topic of legalizing marijuana came up again, the main reason why the Nationalist party was divided. Discussions about the topic were cut short by Gracey and Nationalist Governor candidate Will Behrens but were soon brought up again.

“We are going in circles!” A Nationalist yelled out to his fellow citizens. Gracey and Behrens agreed and decided to figure out how their candidates would take the stage and address the other citizens for that night’s assembly. Fortunately, the Nationalists were able to iron out their problems and come together before the assembly.

Citizens from both parties filed into the Assembly Hall to listen to the candidates from both parties to hear their speeches and decide who they choose to run the camp for the rest of the week. The Federalist candidates were the first to give their speeches, with their Governor candidate, Ryan Bazzle, giving the party conclusion. The Federalists used a lighthearted tone when presenting their candidates.

The Nationalists kept a more serious and professional tone, introducing the candidates after another candidate spoke his speech. Nationalist Governor, Will Behrens, started the presentation with a story about the quality of some roads in West Virginia.

After the speeches, with both parties getting heavy support from their respective parties, they moved onto the debates, where candidates were asked a question about their platform and how their party would address it. The opposing party was also given a chance to rebuttal the statement and the original candidate was allowed to respond to the rebuttal.

Both party candidates shared their opinions on the questions asked, using their political platforms and ideas showcased in Tuesday’s edition of the paper. Citizens were released from the Assembly Hall and taken to their cottages to vote for their County level candidates and then taken to the Dining Hall to vote for their State candidates.

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"It's a rewarding experience to come back and help develop the next generation, the next leaders of West Virginia" said Governor Cooke when asked what it is like being back to be Acting Governor.

"Absolutely, it is one of the most rewarding things I've done in my life" said Cooke after being asked if being governor is worth the effort. "I'm proud to say that I'm one of the select few throughout the history of this program to be elected as governor Mountaineer Boys State"

Cooke also has given some advice to other governors and other elected officials, "...biggest thing is connect with the people who you work for, the people are the one who vote for you, the people are the ones who vote for you, you are there representative and also the representative of this years boys state, you are their face and voice", "Be the best you can be, you're the voice of everybody in this camp." He gave one last piece of advice, "You guys ran off of your party's platform that your fellow citizens came up with amongst themselves, you guys have all came to an agreement to what they want to see happen in Boys State and West Virginia."

Governor Damian Cooke has led this year's Boys State valiantly and as we welcome our new governor into office, let us salute the man who has led us into the new leadership.

Tuesday Softball Scores: Panhandle won 10-2

Monroe-Webster won 8-4

Randolph won 7-1

Tuesday basketball scores: Monroe-Webster 19 Randolph 6

Panhandle 16 Lewis-Upshur 11

Marion 19 Kanawha 15

Tuesdsay Volleyball Scores: Kanawha wins 3-2

Marion wins 2-0

Panhandle wins 1-0