

THE MOUNTAINEER

Unofficial Election Results

By: Caleb Rowan, Editor

After much excitement from both parties, rather it be in party caucuses or in the party conventions, the state elections have finally come to a close. Unofficial results show that Samuel (Sammy D) Dodson has won the election as state Governor of ALMBS 2023.

Many comments have been made from both parties about what comes next. Dodson states, "In order to move forward, parties must come together and work with each other," Many officials seemed to agree, like Eric Carr, elected Secretary of State, who, before the election took place, also urged fellow citizens to not vote based on what party you are in, but by who would do best in the job.



The unofficial election results for the state consisted of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Comm. of Agriculture, and Attorney General. Note that these results are not official until the Secretary of State certifies them. For the title of Attorney General, Nationalist Sam Struthers received 123 votes and Federalist Shawn Utt received 90 (1 write in). For Commissioner of Agriculture, Nationalist Spencer Nolan received 116 votes and Federalist Olawatobi Adebula received 98 (1 write in). For Treasurer, Nationalist Ralph Vancey received 69 votes and Federalist Nicholas Tustin received 146. For Auditor, Nationalist Justin Moss received 111 votes and Federalist Cole Lambert received 102 (1 write in). For Secretary of State, Nationalist Eric Carr received 136 votes and Federalist Grant Schola received 78 (1 write in). Finally, for Governor, Nationalist Samuel Dodson received 169 votes and Federalist Josiah Corley received 41 (5 write ins).



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Female Veterans Volunteer at Boys State

By: Kaden Minch

Sanja Adkins is a Military Veteran and a volunteer at Boys State. She originally came to Boys State because a passed State Commander asked her to. She has now been here with us for 24 years.

Sanja was a part of the Women's Army Corps as a District 8th Commander. She is also very active with the American Legion and does a lot of Military Funerals.

Sanja also worked in a lot of universities. She grew up in Ohio before she moved to Oklahoma, then back here in West Virginia. She joined the military because she needed secondary schooling. Sanja has a twin sister, so it was difficult for her parents to afford schooling.



Brooke Russell is also a Military Veteran and volunteer at Boys State. She volunteers here at Boys State because she is very active with the American Legion.

Brooke was in the Army with her 3 siblings, and she was a Spec 5 Sergeant. She joined the military because she had grown up in a family of service.

Brooke is also a part of the 40&8. And on top of that she is with the Vietnam Veterans of America.

REMINDERS

Those who were upset because you did not see your political ad in the paper, we sincerely apologize. You may come to the Newspaper Office at any working time of the day to get reimbursed.



ALMBS National Bank

Wednesday Hours:

9-12

3-4

8:30-11

Thursday Hours:

9-12

2-5

6:15-7:30

8-9:30- (Tax Sale)

Friday Hours:

9-12

3-5



Randall Kocsis Shares His Experiences

By: Caleb Rowan, Editor

First a camper, then a counselor, and now the administrator, Randall Kocsis has been a vital part of Boys State because of the inspiration and motivation he provides, which can be derived from his experience throughout the years of him being at Jackson's Mill.

Kocsis's journey started in 1979, when he was brought in as an alternate. "I came in as an alternate in high school, and I didn't know much about it," Kocsis recalls, "but after that year, [former director] Tommy Jones asked me to be on staff 2 days before the next camp, and I went." This itself taught him a valuable lesson on taking advantage of every opportunity given, which he had often

harped to the citizens this week.

After his first year as a counselor, he was set on going again and again as comradery grew between the staff. "Many fond memories have been made at this camp, rather it be from fun activities such as water balloon fights, or the events that sometimes occur like locust swarms," This teaches the citizen's the value of union and friendship that they must implement in order to run a great government, which alludes to Kocsis stressing the hard work the staff puts in, together, to run a great camp.

Also, according to Kocsis, not only should you value the creation of the government, but also the things

that you learn along the way. "When I was a citizen, I was chosen as the sheriff as I was very interested in law enforcement. Because of this experience, I was guided into law school then eventually the FBI where I worked for 25 years before I joined the DNR, where I currently reside," This illuminates the importance of Boys State and how it may guide citizens for the rest of their lives.

Kocsis certainly does motivate many citizens here, but in order to really succeed in American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, they must do it in Randall fashion and have good citizenship, unify as one government, and (of course) "get involved".



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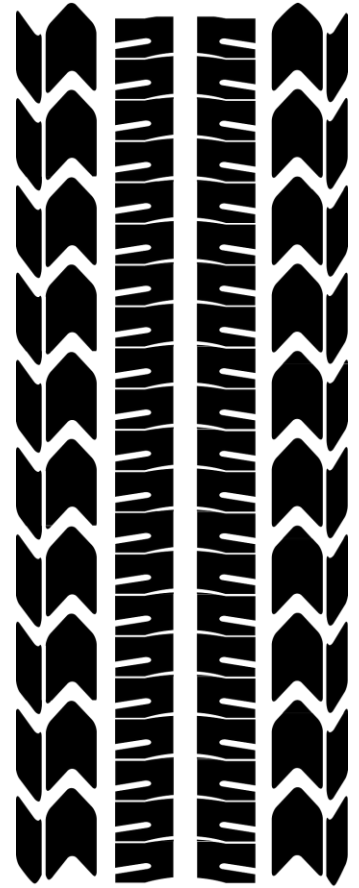
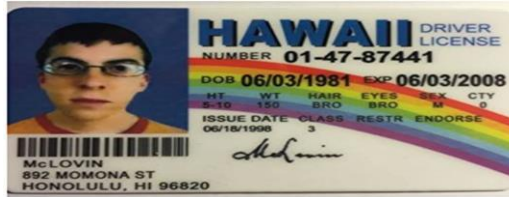
Rights: That’s what we strive here for in Boys State, or more appropriately, the organization of citizen’s rights. For the most part, this is followed decently well here in WVU Jackson’s Mill as the staff and citizens do a great job at the coordinating of the government, however, there is one outlier that is too noticeable to ignore. The implementation of “licenses” directly abuses the citizen’s rights here at ALMBS.

With the utilization of these licenses, citizens are unable to do simple tasks unless they purchase them. Want to be around some trees? You must pay a fee. Want to swim? You must pay a fee. Want to *walk*? You must pay a fee. The license system is completely unconstitutional as it takes advantage of people’s need to do these tasks by forcing them to

purchase these commodities.

Some people may argue that this system is needed in order to not have a surplus of money, but taxes are already in place to avoid this issue. If the government really wishes to consume more of the people’s money, they should do something like make people pay for each meal. The point is, something more realistic needs to be in place instead of this corrupt system.

Citizens need to act against the government and go to the legislature to get these laws reverted. If they don’t, Boys State will continue to be run on a dishonest method.



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Pictured above is a softball match held Tuesday between Monroe-Webster and Lewis-Upshur counties.



Sports Scores (Monday and Tuesday)

Volleyball:

Randolph (2-0) Marion

Panhandle (2-1) Monroe Webster

Marion (2-1) Randolph

Kanawha (1-0) Monroe-Webster

Softball:

Monroe-Webster (19-13) Kanawha

Randolph (7-1) Lewis-Upshur

Monroe-Webster (6-2) Lewis-Upshur

Panhandle (13-6) Randolph

Basketball:

Panhandle (13-8) Lewis-Upshur

Marion (27-21) Kanawha

Panhandle (24-11) Kanawha

Marion (16-15) Lewis-Upshur

Citation by Boys State Police

On June 13th, 2023, at 2:17 PM, William Combs was given a citation for the violation of speeding with no license.

Citation was given by Lieutenant Carpenter.

Combs was driving a black 2023 Can-Am UTV.



MENU and SUNDRIES

Items for sale:

Toothbrushes, deodorant, soap	\$1.00
Flip flops, shave cream, belts	\$2.00
Toothpaste	\$.50
Water	\$.25

Other items available, go check it out!

Available at Headquarters!



MENU

Breakfast

Pancake Wraps, Yogurt, Eggs, Hot and Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk/Juice/Water

Lunch

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Salad with Dressing, Assorted Pudding,

Dinner

Pasta with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Applesauce, Cottage Cheese, Salad with dressing, Garlic Bread, Pie, Water/Tea

