

THE MOUNTAINEER

JAIL BREAK, ONE STABBED

By: Caleb Rowan, Editor

Yesterday, the 16th, a jailbreak occurred at the Boys State Jail. The crime occurred at approximately 10:00 AM and it caused the workers to set off the alarm. The correctional officers stated that two inmates were in the yard, one got stabbed, and the other one fled the scene. There were extensive search efforts for the inmate that fled. The first responders arrived promptly and saved the inmate, and they believe that the prisoner will make a full recovery. There was a lockdown called for the area and it lasted until the missing prisoner was found. The inmate was spotted by the lake next to Lewis and the police refused to give the name.



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ALMBS and ALRGs Visit State Capital

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On the 15th, the ALMBS Public Works, House of Delegates, and Senate met with the ALRGs State Group in order to run a proper simulation of how the government works. Groups were split up into their areas. It took some time, but citizens of each state were eventually able to get comfortable and work together.

The Senators got together to discuss bills in the Senate Chamber. One of the main proposals of the morning was related towards mental health and amendments were put in place as an addition to the bill. The proposal passed as another one was brought up the "Better Alternative Act." As each bill was at question, Senators were permitted to state their opinions about the bills to sway others' decisions. Another, more controversial, bill was discussed about transgender rights and

conversion. "The parents have no say in the decision of these teens, the abuse needs to stop," said one Senator. Many Senators agreed and it passed. One of the last bills that discussed was about lowering school meal debt. One senator believed that too many taxes were put on people already, but another person opposed. "No child should go hungry," they asserted. This shows that good discussion as well as progress was made in the Senate.

Similarly, the House of Delegates also discussed many drafts for Bills. One of the bills was about allowing police and sniffing dogs into schools to sniff for illegal devices. The decisions were fairly 50/50 and delegates had varying opinions. One delegate said that the presence of officers makes students feel safer, but another opposed by stating



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that it would be a disruption in the classroom. These discussions illuminate the value of good conversation, like the Senate, and it shows how these people work well together, even if they may disagree.

The Public Works agencies also got together and talked with many different speakers such as Mac Warner. Warner stressed the importance of your voice. "Speak up about your experiences," he urged. He said to be active in your School Board as well to state these opinions better. Another speaker, in the Attorney General agency, discussed with them how the system is difficult because of having to be defense for terrible people. He also shed light on how doing the right thing is hard because you constantly have people pushing you to do the wrong thing, but you must prevail in doing the right thing. This also ties into professionalism because its difficult to not be disrespectful while butting heads, and that you always must come to a decision everyone can live with. All of the speakers to the Public Works really focused on being a great role model and leader in your office more than anything, which is apparent in their speeches.

In the end, everyone in Boys State and Girls State got together in the Delegates Chamber to either pass Bills, discuss what happened in their groups, etc. Many speakers also spoke to the citizens to encourage them to continue pursuing politics. Many notable quotes such as "If you are old enough for bullets, you are old enough to vote" and "raise your voices" were thrown out as motivation to the campers, who were very excited to have had this experience.



EDITORIAL

Crimes and accidents happen in a flash; it is hard to pick up when they occur and it's impossible to predict when they could happen. This makes it difficult for journalists, forensics, police, first aid, etc. to do their jobs as it is already a slow process to get to scenes. This can be solved with one thing: vehicles.

If we can provide vehicles to these jobs, it can assure that they can get to the area as quickly as possible, which is essential to them. For example, if a crime occurred, the police need to get there as soon as possible to catch the culprit as well as the first aid team to treat anyone that may need to be treated.

Vehicles could consist of bikes, golfcarts, scooters, etc., really whatever can transport people faster. It gives no advantage to anyone as it would only be used during work.

These vehicle options are a necessity to ensure prompt service from these jobs. The absence of the law leaves a huge hole of risk that could be easily avoided. Urge your local legislature to get this law passed.



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Boys State Scene

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College Fair Held for Boys State Community

By: Jeremiah Rogers

Today on June 16th the entire boys state community got the chance to explore the different options of colleges in West Virginia. Citizens got to look at colleges in person and got to ask questions with face-to-face conversations about what different colleges have to offer.

WVU is one of the many different colleges in West Virginia. West Virginia has one hundred and fifty different organizations for anyone to choose from. They also have the highest level of R1 research in the country. They also offer a level 1 trauma center as well on the campus.

We also visited Shepherd University which is a smaller college available to the public. Shepherd being a smaller college has a more personal touch with the students. They only have 3300 students and normally 18 people per class student have a much more in depth and personal relationships with their teachers.

Fairmont state University was the last college we interviewed. Fairmont has to offer the only Architect program in the state of west Virginia. They also offer undergrad and graduate and just recently put in a brand-new police school. They have also a Faa 141 Flight School so you can acquire a pilot's license inside of a college. This is obviously not all the colleges available in the state of west Virginia, but it gives you the idea of what some colleges have to offer.



Bills Passed in Boys State Legislature

By: Kaden Minch

Here at Boys State we've had a number of bills passed and some still in circulation. A big one that passes is the new shoelace bill instead of the belt bill. So instead of needing a belt to drive, you need to have your shoelaces tied.

They also got a bill passed from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Spencer Nolan, to renovate and improve the Informal Garden. Our Secretary of State, Eric Carr, has also suggested a bill to the legislature to give the Secretary of state actual stamps or stickers instead of a sheet of paper. "I have to like cut the stamps out with scissors and then paste it on there," says Secretary of State Eric Carr.

There has also been a lot of debate within the legislature about a bill regarding the death penalty and applying it to child molestation. Supported by the General Store, there is an Act written by Chase Davis called the General Store Expansion Act. This means that the General Store can sell specific chip brands like Doritos, and also hotdogs.

"Those are basically all the more important bills that have passed, or are being thought about," says Secretary of State Eric Carr. There are also some smaller bills that have passed too.

There has been a bill passed called the Forcible Identity Change Ban Act. "This Act makes it so that gender orientation sex and stuff like that camps aren't allowed to exist," says Eric Carr. Eric also states "I am honestly very surprised that this passed".

The Nationalists got their Legalization and Decriminalization of Cannabis Act. This Act decriminalizes and legalizes cannabis for people 21 or older, and also makes it so a fund is put together to take a portion of the tax money collected from that.

Our Legislation Here at Boys State this year is doing very well. "The political Advisor said that we've actually passed a lot more legislation than other Boys States have so far," says Eric Carr.

MENU and SUNDRIES

Items for sale:

(Not) Toothbrushes, deodorant, soap \$1.00

(Not) Flip flops, shave cream, belts \$2.00

(Not) Toothpaste \$.50

(Not) Water \$.25

(No) Other items available, (Don't) go check it out!

(Not) Available at Headquarters!

MENU

Breakfast

Bagels, Eggs, Sausage, Hot and Cold Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk/Juice/Water

Lunch

Nothing

Dinner

Nothing

(Starve)

