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## PRIMARY ELECTION

2005

The votes have been counted...

FEDERALIST  
CANDIDATES

NATIONALIST  
CANDIDATES

### GOVERNOR

Afeef "Chocolate Thunder" Ahmed

Richard Squires

### SECRETARY OF STATE

Ryan Felty

Geoff Reinhardt

### AUDITOR

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Michael Skidmore

### TREASURER

Joseph Warner

Jonathan "J.D." Evans

### COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Zack Kuiken

Derek Ross

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Cox

Colin Wood

### SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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Luke Cunningham

Will "The Thrill" Vincent

Rick "Money" Pugh

William Rucker, III

Thaddeus "Tad" Light

Jeremy "Flippin Crazy" McCarty

Nathan Terry

Michael Bush

Jeremy Zimmerman

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# *the Platform Principles*

## **Federalist Party Platform**

The Federalist Party has deemed the following issues to be of immediate and pertinent importance to the state of West Virginia.

1. Education
  - 1.1. Create new ways for students to prepare for college
  - 1.2. Find new avenues of funding to help the state's brightest and hardest working students pay for their education
  - 1.3. Work to educate students on the workings of the United States and West Virginia's political systems
  - 1.4. Help students find out to educate themselves about candidates and their stances
2. Health Care Reform
  - 2.1. Make benefits available to all citizens
  - 2.2. Make medical insurance more affordable
  - 2.3. Work on malpractice reform that would both keep doctors in state and protect the rights and health of the citizens
  - 2.4. Find new ways to make prescription drugs more affordable to seniors
3. Gas Tax and Law Reform
  - 3.1. Lower the gas tax in an attempt to lower the burden on business and individuals, helping to stimulate economic growth
  - 3.2. Promote the development of alternate fuels to protect West Virginia's environment and make the state a leader in reducing dependence on foreign-produced oil
4. Jail and Prison Reform
  - 4.1. Create and improve community corrections systems to help lower jail populations
  - 4.2. Find ways to use correction facilities to improve communities and rehabilitate inmates in a more effective manner
  - 4.3. Instate the death penalty as a possible punishment for capital offenses
5. Public Smoking
  - 5.1. Instate an official statewide ban on smoking in establishments such as restaurants
  - 5.2. Enforce the above described ban in a manner that benefits the health of the state's citizens
6. Living Wills
  - 6.1. Make living wills legally binding by making provisions that give such wills full authority under the law
  - 6.2. Give the state both the power and the responsibility to enforce the wishes and directions set forth in living wills
7. Tax Incentives
  - 7.1. Find creative ways to use tax incentives to attract and retain quality jobs for West Virginians
8. Communications System Development
  - 8.1. Work with companies to expand communications systems including cellular phone systems, high speed internet, and business-related data communications
  - 8.2. Use such provisions to attract jobs to the state
  - 8.3. Set in place legislation to prevent monopolies from forming in communication system companies while still allowing such companies to develop and grow
  - 8.4. Use advanced communications systems to enhance education in public and private high schools and institutions of higher education
  - 8.5. Extend the availability of high speed internet and wireless phone service to include all West Virginians
  - 8.6. Make the mentioned service accessible and affordable to as many West Virginians as possible
  - 8.7. Set in place legislation that will help protect consumers from unfair and unethical billing and scam practices instituted by communications companies

The Federalist Party agrees that these measures of legislation would greatly benefit the people, politics, economy, and spirit of our state and help advance its people into a new era of successes in all areas of life.

# Why I am proud to be a West Virginian

## by Steve Sluss

We have all heard the jokes when we tell people we are from West Virginia. The first thing most people do is look at our feet to see if we are wearing shoes. I had the opportunity to speak in Chicago a few years and it was a privilege for me to tell them about West Virginia. Next time someone starts to make a West Virginia joke, you say, "Let me tell you about the West Virginia where I'm from."

Most people know that West Virginia has some of the most beautiful mountains and scenic views. Most people do not realize that West Virginia is home to some of the best skiing on the East Coast. We also have world class white water rafting. Our state parks offer some of the best vacations in the country - but there is more.

West Virginia has a great work force. The FBI center in Clarksburg is a good example. The FBI did not want it moved to West Virginia, but once it came here, they loved it. They have grown to respect the West Virginians who work there. Toyota feels the same way. They are so impressed with the West Virginians that work at their plant in Buffalo has expanded. Diamond electric, another Japanese company in WV has announced plans to expand as well.

Many people don't realize the West Virginians who have made major contributions. General Chuck Yeager, was a WV boy who was the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. Booker T. Washington, a great scientist and Pearl Buck, a world renowned author were West Virginians. In the field of entertainment, West Virginia has provided the world with country music stars Kathy Mattea and Brad Paisley. Comedians Soupy Sales and Steve Harvey hail from WV. Don Knotts, who played Barney Fife and starred in other shows and movies is from Morgantown. Bob Denver wasn't born in WV., but he calls WV his home. In fact he said "WV is so beautiful, they ought to put a fence around it and charge people to visit it."

West Virginia has produced business leaders like: Alex Schoenbaum, who founded the chain of Shoney's Restaurants; Milan Puskar of Mylan Pharmaceuticals; and HECKS department store founder Fred Haddad. Everyone has heard of a little company called CISCO, which makes networking components and rivals Microsoft. Its CEO is a man named John Chambers from Elkview, WV. His father still lives there.

We also have Fayette County native T. Joseph

Lopez, who started as an enlisted man in the Navy and rose to become a four star Admiral. He was Commander in Chief of the Allied forces in Europe before he retired. Captain Jon McBride who piloted the Space Shuttle Challenger and others before he retired is a West Virginian.

We have political leaders who have made contributions to the world. John W. Davis of Clarksburg was the Democratic nominee for President in 1924. Before that he was Solicitor General of the United States and Ambassador to Great Britain. You all know John D. Rockefeller, IV who is a Senator from WV and chooses West Virginia for his home. Of course there is Senator Robert C. Byrd who has made major contributions to WV in his capacity of Senate President Pro Tem, Majority Leader and Appropriations Chairman. Did you know that Cyrus Vance who was U.S. Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter was from WV? There was Jennings Randolph of Elkins, who had such a passion for the right of 18 year olds to vote that he made it one of his major issues from the time he started in Congress in the 1930s to when the Randolph Amendment finally passed in the 1970s.

Most of you know that Anna Jarvis started the very first Mothers Day in Grafton in 1911. However, did you know that a lady named Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, worked hard to create a day to honor those people we call Momaw and Poppaw or simply Grandma and Grandad? Thanks to her efforts, President Jimmy Carter created Grandparents Day by executive order.

West Virginia has given us sports legends Jerry West, Mary Lou Retton, Hal Greer, Sam Snead, Chad Pennington and John Kruk. Five years ago, a young man named Steven Dye was a citizen of Mountaineer Boys State. This year, Steven set the record for the most 3 pointers (443) of any college basketball player at a four year college.

This is the West Virginia where I live. In spite of the jokes and the comments, West Virginia has made major contributions to the world. You have every right to hang your head high and be proud of this state. You are our future. One day, when the torch has passed, you'll make your mark and be among the great Americans who were also proud to say they, too came from West Virginia.

## Men of Tomorrow: Boys' State Choir

*Men of Tomorrow* are three words that many of the non-singers at Mountaineer Boys' State have come to fear. On the contrary men, it may become of your favorite or, at least, most memorable moments at Boys' State. It is a grand tradition here, and something that exemplifies the character and aspirations of the entire event.

As you may have heard at last night's evening meal, we do have a chorus to lead it during special events. These singers and accompanists met during the first athletic break, and in less than half an hour, they mastered the song wonderfully with their director Chris Sharps. The singers include Chris Kryaninko and Patrick Justice of Panhandle, Paul Zuros, Kevin Straight, and Henry Newby of Randolph, Kevin Stokes from Lewis, John John Horn II of Braxton, and Chris Liebau of Monroe. The accompanists are Justin Jones of Kanawa, Mike Bush of Panhandle, and Alan Chen of Calhoun.

It was a very productive day for the chorus and quite a pleasant surprise of the result. "I wasn't expecting much from the chorus, but I was really happy with the result," said John John Horn II of Braxton. "Choir is a *harmonic* experience," joked Chris Liebau of Monroe. The entire group greatly enjoyed it.

So, everyone prepare for this interesting experience you will now face, and you may even like the song. Panhandle Counselor Cory Zarnoch commented, "You'll catch yourself singing this song around Christmas. I hope you enjoy now vocalizing the new attitude you are gaining."



## American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State - Bar Exam Results

Top Individual Score

Stephen Busick- Braxton 94%

## Andrew Richardson: Federalist Chairman

Andrew "The Hulk" Richardson won over the hearts of fellow delegates with his passionate speech for Party Chairman. Andrew's reason for running: "I had a spontaneous inspiration from my county residents to run." You had to be there to witness the passion in his speech. It was a once in a lifetime event, unless he runs for another office. The speech caused an immense uproar from the crowd, almost to Andrew's intensity.

Andrew says he brings a sense of charisma and energy to the Federalist Party that might have been lacking. If anyone questions his energy, talk to the camerawoman from WVU he almost trampled after giving his speech. "I was showing the love for his Federalist members," as he put it. Again, well said Andrew.

As the chairman of the Federalists, he is "trying to

get the most qualified people in the positions necessary for the Federalists views."

If you want to know any more about Andrew, keep reading. He attends Huntington High, where he is a member of NHS, FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, Latin Club, and the varsity baseball team, as a designated hitter and pitcher. Out of school, he is a lifeguard and Boy Scout, and aspiring Eagle Scout.

Andrew's misjudged passion for his job is, to say the least, interesting to watch. The infamous "Hulk-Out" during his campaign speech may be one of the funniest things to happen this week, but hopefully Andrew does not settle down.

## Field Generals

Here at Boys State, several adults coordinate our athletic activities. They have assisted the citizens with the rules of the game and have given tips to fine-tune the athlete's performances.

In charge of volleyball are Sam Basil and Todd Morgan. Jim Davis is the "King of the Diamond" with his command of softball. Boys State Governor Bobby Herron and his assistant Phil Hancock lead the action on

the basketball court. Dennis Dye, head athletic director, is also in charge of ultimate frisbee.

"I personally have found the director's help to be very beneficial. It seems to be that other citizens have too.," Mathew Dennis of Randolph said. "I really liked their assistance. They kept the game's intensity yet everything went smoothly."

## You're Hired!

### *Newspaper Staff*

Co-editor: Travis Crum  
Co-editor: Zachary Roberts  
Asst. editor: Cory Chalmers  
Reporter: Paul Blazer  
Reporter: Matthew Dennis  
Reporter: Christopher Kryaninko  
Reporter: Evan Nogay  
Photographer: Lee Cochran  
Photographer: Logan Spears

### *Bank Staff*

President: Alex George  
Vice Pres.: Matt Coker  
Loan Officer: Ryan Combs  
Loan Officer: Stephen Hendricks  
Loan Officer: Jacob Simmons  
Teller: Nicholas Lightner  
Teller: Derek Todd

### *Conservation Officers*

Webster: Brandon Rush  
Upshur: Jeffrey Pettit  
Panhandle: Paul Andrew Dutton  
Panhandle: Scott Lipscomb  
Marion: Travis Hamrick  
Barbour: Andrew Denardo  
Gilmer: Zach Post  
Randolph: Cody Pence  
Lewis: Brian Poore  
Monroe: William Lewis  
Monongalia: Shelton Trail  
Calhoun: Corey Yeager  
Braxton: Matthew Grizzel  
Kanawha: Joshua Rohrbaugh

### *Troopers*

Lewis: Joel Shumaker  
\*Lewis: Corey May  
Braxton: Sorin Portase  
Brazton: William Pratt  
\*Calhoun: Timothy Vanpelt  
\*Gilmer: Nic Walker  
Webster: Joe McCarty  
Panhandle: Philip Rogers  
Pandhandle: Ben Love  
Monroe: Zach Bartlett  
Chris Hearn  
Marion: Wade McComas  
Monongalia: Nicholas Pettry  
\*Kanawha: Thomas Kopp  
Randolph: Andrew Branard  
Upshur: Jesse Lenz  
Barbour: Josh Hughes

\*Denotes Color Guard

## Electronic Voting

As everything from mail to games are becoming electronic, so is voting. As of 2006, fifteen counties in West Virginia must change over to the IvoTronic Touch Screen Voting Machines.

Danny Cline who works for Casto & Harris Inc. stationed in Spencer, WV was here at Boys' State to give a presentation about these new electronic voting systems. Throughout his presentation he demonstrated the security and indestructibility of these systems. Being that the units are not equipped with internet access, hacking is practically impossible.

Since Congress' passing of the law prohibiting lever or punch ticket ballot systems, fifteen counties in WV must switch over to these systems. These units are promising to make for an easy change.



# the Schedule

6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters  
 7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall. **Inspection points to be deducted at this and subsequent meals for late arrivals.**  
 7:20 FLAG RAISING  
 7:25 BREAKFAST

## GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

GROUP 1 - PANHANDLE, RANDOLPH  
 GROUP 2 - MARION, KANAWHA, BRAXTON  
 GROUP 3 - UPSHUR, MONONGALIA, LEWIS, MONROE  
 GROUP 4 - CALHOUN, GILMER, WEBSTER, BARBOUR

	8:25-9:00	9:10-9:45	9:55-10:30	10:40 - 11:15	11:25-12:00
GROUP 1	State Police	AmeriCorp	Press Relations	County Gov.	Campaign Time
GROUP 2	AmeriCorp	Press Relations	County Gov.	State Police	Campaign Time
GROUP 3	Press Relations	County Gov.	State Police	AmeriCorp	Campaign Time
GROUP 4	County Gov.	State Police	AmeriCorp	Press Relations	Campaign Time

## GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

State Police	Exhibition Hall
AmeriCorp	West Virginia Bldg.
Press Relations	EEC Bldg. (Instructor, Rob Johnson)
County Gov.	Assembly Hall (Instructor, Steve Sluss)

12:05 In formation at Dining Hall  
 12:15 Lunch- Coommissioner of Agriculture, Gus Douglas

1:15 - 2:00 COURT TRIAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION at Assembly Hall. Each cottage will send a minimum of two representatives to receive specialized instruction on upcoming court trials.  
 Bank and Newspaper sgtaffs organized and working.  
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet with Advisors at EEC.

2:10 - 3:10 Party Caucuses- Federalists in WV Bldg.  
 Nationalists in Assembly Hall

3:15 - 4:15 Formal Review practice (Senior Counselors, right guides, Color Guard, State Police, Conservation Officers, State Police Advisors meet at flagpole)  
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet in the EEC Building #5  
 Newspaper Staff and Bank organized and working  
 Athletics

4:00 Band practice  
 4:30 FORMAL REVIEW PRACTICE (ALL COUNTIES PROMPTLY ASSEMBLY IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL)  
 5:15 In Formation at Dining Hall  
 5:30 Dinner

6:15 - 7:15 State Policed administer Driver's Exams and Motor Vehicle Inspections in cottages  
 Hunter Safety Exams administered by Conservation Officers in cottages  
 Newspaper and Bank staffs organized and working  
 Athletics and Bank practice

7:30 - 9:00 ASSEMBLY - Each party allotted 25 minutes to present candidates, candidate debate (questions to be asked by staff)  
 \*\*After Assembly — General Election. All citizens proceed directly to their cottages to vote.  
 State Election results posted at GHQ.  
 \*\*After Voting — Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working. Driver's exams and motor vehicles expctions conducted in cottages by State Police.  
 Hunter Safey exams administered by Conservation Officers in cottages.

11:00 Devotions (As time permits) at Kanawha and Panhandle cottages  
 11:30 All evening activities end.  
 11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.

12 Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND LIGHTS OUT. **Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores.**

## Athletic Schedule Tuesday, June 14, 2005 FIRST SESSION

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
VOLLEYBALL BESIDE BRAXTON	VOLLEYBALL BESIDE SOFBALL	FRISBEE BEHIND CHAPEL	SOFTBALL GRASSFIELD	BASKETBALL BEHIND GILMER
KANAWHA-N RANDOLPH-N	MINROE- F MONONGALIA	BRAXTON-N GILMER	BARBOUR BRAXTON-F	WEBSTER UPSHUR
PANHANDLE-N LEWIS-F	MARION-F RANDOLPH-F	KANAWHA-F LEWIS-N	CALHOUN MARION-N	PANHANDLE-F MONROE-N

## SECOND SESSION

MARION-N PANHANDLE-F	KANAWHA-N MONROE-F	MONROE-N PANHANDLE-N	GILMER KANAWHA-F	BARBOUR BRAXTON-N
UPSHUR MONONGALIA	BRAXTON-F RANDOLPH-N	RANDOLPH-F WEBSTER	LEWIS-N MARION-F	CALHOUN LEWIS-F