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2006 Primary Election Nationalist

Governor—Uzi Ibrahim

Secretary of State—Zach Davis

Attorney General— Undecided

Commissioner of Agriculture—Mike Kwasniewski

Auditor— Bradley Allen

Treasurer—Austin Jones

Supreme Court—Tim Przybysz
Don Sass
Preston Sundin
Julian Bergstein
Tommy Grammar

Federalist Party

Governor— Danny Brody

Secretary of State— Troy Danno

Attorney General—Cass Meadows

Commissioner of Agriculture— Aaron Harris

Auditor—Matt Carpenter

Treasurer— Taylor Richmond

Supreme Court—Nate Priest
Graham Endler
Daniel Barbero
Jason Statler
Alan Storm

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Schedule - Tuesday

June 13, 2006

6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters
7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall.
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	11:15—12:00
GROUP 1	Driver Safety	County Government	Legal Procedure	Homeland Security	C A C
GROUP 2	County Government	Legal Procedure	Homeland Security	Driver Safety	N A T D M I
GROUP 3	Legal Procedure	Homeland Security	Driver Safety	County Government	I P M D A E
GROUP 4	Homeland Security	Driver Safety	County Government	Legal Procedure	A I T G E N

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

Homeland Security	West Virginia Building
Legal Procedure	EEC Building
Driver Safety	Exhibition Hall
County Government	Assembly Hall

12:05 In formation at Dining Hall
12:15 LUNCH
1:15 - 2:00 Court Trail Procedure Instruction at Assembly Hall. Each cottage will send a minimum of two representatives to receive specialized instruction on upcoming court trials.
Bank, Newspaper, State Police & Conservation Officers organized & working
2:10 - 3:10 Party Caucuses
Federalists in Assembly Hall
Nationalists in West Virginia Building
3:15 - 4:15 Formal Review practice—Senior Counselors, right guides, Color Guard, State Police, Conservation Officers, State Police Advisors meet at Flag Pole
Athletics and Swimming
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
4:00 Band Practice
4:30 FORMAL REVIEW PRACTICE — ALL COUNTIES PROMPTLY ASSEMBLE IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
5:15 IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL
5:30 DINNER
6:15-7:15 STATE POLICE administer Driver's Exams & Motor Vehicle Inspections in cottages
Hunter Safety Exams administered by CONSERVATION OFFICERS in cottages
ALL FIRE CHEIFS TO MEET AT HEADQUARTERS ON PORCH WITH FIRE MARSHALL RICK ANDERSON.
Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
6:30—7:30 Band 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 RESPECTIVE COTTAGES TO VOTE.

State election results available at GHQ

AFTER VOTING—Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.

DRIVER'S EXAMS and MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS conducted in cottages by State Police

HUNTER SAFETY EXAMS administered by CONSERVATION OFFICERS in cottages

11:00 Devotions (As time permits) at Panhandle cottage
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.**

Boys State Bank Staff

President: Matt Pauley
Vice President: Ryan Tolley
Loan Officials:
Michael Bosio
Joshua Houben
Nick Mariami
Joseph Tolnay
Bank Staffers:
Joshua Hoover
Mark "Jordan" Hag
Nick Ward
County Tellers:
Josh Ramsey
Patrick Keys
Ian Henry
Pasquale Minadi
Jordan Beilhant
Derek Wetsch
Dustin Hall
Kamen Simeonov
Charles Dail
David Booth
Michael Davis
Jobey Knapton
Payton Saxon
Congratulations to all the
citizens selected to manage the
financial well-being of Boys
State citizens!

Boys State Conservation Officers

James Fincham
Steven Funk
Brian Filer
Mark Allem
Abe Wildman
Marc Lowe
Caleb Redington
Matthew Greenlief
Zack Sowder
Trey Satterfield
Matt Pellillo
Jeremy Donahew
Evan Meadows
Hunter Mongold
Congratulations to all the citi-
zens on their appointments.

Boys State Newspaper

Editor Josh Linton
Asst. Editor Marc Basham
Photographers Patrick Gines,
Andrew O'Hearn
Reporters Joseph Bolton
Chris Jurick, Sam Yates
Production Staff Roy Mock

Boys State Trooper Staff

NAMES	County
Zach Davis	Upshus
James Poling	Monongalia
Levi Wichterman	Kanawha
Vincent Perri	Gilmer
Chris Redelman	Barbour
Joey Kafton	Webster
Austin Koloff	Lewis
Donovan Bregg	Lewis
Cody Rine	Marion
Patrick Henry	Marion
Luck Smith	Panhandle
Robby Maston	Panhandle
Johnny Amuso	Panhandle
Josh Caldwell	Randolph
Donovan Pearson	Randolph
Joshua Larkin	Monroe
Clarke Morgret	Braxton
Adam Funkhower	Braxton
Tuker Kesling	Calhoun

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES:

Puzzle #1 — 1. Take chicken across
2. Come back—get corn
3. Take corn across
4. Take chicken back across
5. Take fox across where the corn is
6. Go back and get the chicken

Puzzle #2 — $0+1-2+3+4-5-6+7+8-9=1$

Puzzle #3 — 1. Fill the 7 gallon bucket, then pour it in
into the five. When the five is full,
There are two gallons left in the seven
gallon bucket.
2. Pour the water out of the five gallon
bucket and pour the two gallons in the
seven gallon bucket into the five.
3. Fill the seven gallon bucket again.
4. Immerse the five gallon bucket in the
full seven gallon bucket, letting the
water in the seven slosh out. When the
water level in the seven is even with
the top of the five, all but two gallons
will have been displaced. Pour the two
gallons left in the seven into the two
already in the five and you will have
exactly four gallons.

Puzzle #4 — The tea cup would win the race because
the paper is always stationary.

*Winner of yesterday's puzzles — John Hadjis (Braxton)

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

Athletic Session 3:15—4:15

Area 1 Volleyball (beside Braxton)	Area 2 Volleyball (beside Softball)	Area 3 Frisbee (behind Chapel)	Area 4 Softball	Area 5 Basketball (behind Gilmer)
MARION—N LEWIS—N	GILMER PANHANDLE —N	BARBOUR UPSHUR	CALHOUN PANHANDLE—F	MARION—F MONROE—N
KANAWHA MONROE		RANDOLPH—F WEBSTER	LEWIS—F MONONGALIA	BRAXTON RANDOLPH—N

Monday Scores

<p><u>Softball:</u> Marion 1 Randolph 9</p> <p>Monroe 18 Calhoun 2</p> <p>Lewis 3 Upshur 1</p> <p>Braxton 6 Monroe 6</p>	<p><u>Volleyball:</u> Lewis over Randolph</p> <p>Webster over Marion</p> <p>Gilmer over Panhandle</p> <p>Panhandle over Kanawha</p> <p>Barbour over Monongalia</p> <p>Lewis-F over Randolph-F</p>	<p><u>Basketball:</u> Webster 16 Marion 9</p> <p>Gilmer 8 Panhandle 23</p> <p>Panhandle 19 Calhoun 6</p> <p>Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is in serious but stable condition after a motorcycle crash</p>	<p><u>Professional Sports</u> World Cup: USA 0 Czech Rep. 3</p> <p>Denny Hamlin wins NASCAR Pocono500</p>
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General Store Hours

located in the Historic Area

Tuesday	10 am—5:30 pm; 9pm—11pm
Wednesday	10 am—5:30pm
Thursday	10 am—5:30 pm; 9pm—11pm
Friday	10 am—5:30 pm
Saturday	10 am—5 pm

Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton 2	Barbour 3
Monroe—N 10	Monroe-F 4
Lewis—F 3	Kanawha 7
Upshur 6	Randolph—N 3

Sports at Boys' State

Each day here at Mountaineer Boys State, various sporting events take place. Yesterday different cabins competed against each other in a plethora of sports from extreme frisbee to hard-court volleyball. Every event was run by one of the counselors. Sam Bazza managed the volleyball game, making sure everything ran smoothly, while Dennis Dye took charge of "Ultimate Frisbee". This game was initiated at Boys State only four years ago. It was added to "The Boys State Athletic Department", because on the citizens' free time, a majority of kids would pass Frisbee. Therefore, they decided to make it into a sport that anyone could partake in. Everyone who participated in these sports had an enjoyable time, and these provided a great source for recreation here at Mountaineer Boys State.

Mountaineer Boys State Online
www.mountaineerboysstate.org

Financial Aid Websites

www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org

Breakfast

Eggs
Biscuits
Gravy
Bacon
Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal
Fruit

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Fries
Applesauce
Fruit
Salad
Granola Bars

Dinner

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Salad
Cake

GUEST COLUMN

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Counties Celebrate National County Government Week

“Protecting Our Communities” was chosen by the National Association of Counties (NACo) as the theme for this year’s National County Government Week, which was held April 23rd- 29th. NACo initiated this celebration of county government in 1991 to “raise public awareness about the vital role counties play in our communities.”

The first county government in America was created in 1634 at James City, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, there were eight more counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In early county government, most of the officials were appointed by the colonial, or later, the state governor. As the country grew westward, there was a greater desire by citizens to elect their own leaders. During the 1800’s many county offices in many states were created in states’ constitutions as elective offices.

West Virginia’s form of county government was patterned, not surprisingly, after Virginia’s model. In the words of Richard Shelton (1913 - 2000), the founder of the West Virginia Association of Counties: “County government as we know it today in West Virginia originated with the passage of the Judicial Amendment of 1880. The Amendment provided for a three-member, elective body; removed most of the county commissioners’ judicial functions except limited ones as in settlement of accounts and appointment of guardians and committees; and retained the county court (now commission) with central authority in fiscal matters as its primary function.

West Virginia’s counties do not possess inherent right of self government. They are under the State’s complete control as its creation; and their authority to perform even local functions is spelled out in the Constitution or by legislative enactments. In addition to members of the county commission, the elective officials are sheriff, assessor, prosecuting attorney, county clerk and circuit clerk.”

When a form of local government dates back to the 17th century, it begs the question: Is it still relevant in the 21st century? Without a doubt, in this impersonal world of high-tech, answering machine, push-button service, people appreciate a local presence of governance and authority. The historic beauty of West Virginia’s courthouses, which in many county seats are the most imposing structures in the downtown area, symbolizes the important role that county government plays in the lives of its citizens.

What does county government do? Many county functions are low-profile and behind the scenes, but this is the season when we are participating in elections, one of the most important, and most scrutinized, functions of county government. The County Clerk serves as the chief election official in the county and has a broad variety of other duties that literally encompass our lives from birth to death!

All of West Virginia’s counties except one have a three-member governing body (Jefferson County has five members) who serve part-time and must conduct their business in open meetings as required by law. While their primary function is to administer the fiscal affairs of the counties, changing times have required county commissioners to participate in a variety of matters. Today, one can find county commissioners actively engaged in infrastructure and economic development projects, parks and recreation, and other activities that take them far beyond their responsibilities for and within the courthouse itself.

Without county government, our schools would be very short on funds. The Assessor of the county must annually appraise property at its true and actual value. On average, approximately 70% of property taxes assessed and collected by counties are used to fund schools. The remainder is used to run county government except for a portion that goes to each municipality within the county.

With “Protecting Our Communities” as a theme for county government week, NACo has highlighted its work in the area of local funding for homeland security and the curtailment of the meth epidemic. The prosecuting attorney and the sheriff are the two elected officials charged with public safety and protection in West Virginia. The prosecuting attorney is responsible for the prosecution of all crimes, both misdemeanors and felonies, within the county, representing the State in cases before magistrates and circuit judges. The Sheriff is charged with policing the county and keeping the peace, including the power to make arrests. In addition to duties related to law enforcement, the Sheriff serves as Treasurer of the county, collecting all taxes levied by the county and disbursing them to the appropriate agencies.

Circuit Clerks are officers within the judicial system and serve both Circuit Court and Family Court. They are responsible for administrative functions of the court, including all papers filed in the office, management of the jury systems, and serving as fee officer of the court.

Back to the original question: Is county government still relevant in the 21st century? The responsibilities listed above barely scratch the surface of the myriad duties that each office performs. The other question that has become fashionable to ask is: Does West Virginia need 55 counties? No one can answer that question except the citizens of any given county. Neither the Governor nor the Legislature can dissolve a county. The West Virginia Constitution requires a vote of the citizens in order to accomplish a dissolution or consolidation. County government brings important functions of the State to the local level and while it’s important to fulfill these functions using the best practices that the 21st century has to offer, the need for local authority and operations close to citizens never becomes outdated.

County Trivia:

Youngest County in State: Mingo (formed 1895)
Oldest County in State: Hampshire (formed in 1754)
Smallest County in State: Hancock (area 88.55 square miles)
Largest County in State: Randolph (area 1,046.34 square miles)
Smallest County in Population: Wirt (5,835)
Largest County in Population: Kanawha (195,218)

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NATIONALIST CAUCUS RILES CANDIDATES FOR VICTORY

Yesterday's Nationalist Caucus was certainly a spirited event, with chairmen Torry Huff, his vice, Don "Hot Sauce" Saas, and staff advisor Phil Hancock leading the political festivities. Introductions of the primary state candidates were made, ranging in size from the 2 Auditor hopefuls to the 13 Supreme Court candidates—each being given a chance to state their positions and express their creative witticisms, such as "Freakin' Eakins" and "Yo-Yo-Yost". Some campaign speeches included music and stand up comedy among other vote winning tactics. The rivalry between the candidates, whilst evident, was all friendly in nature. Following introductions, a short recess was taken to give nominees a chance to mingle with the voters to gain their political and financial support. Afterwards, the party reconvened to discuss important platform issues and strategize for a Nationalist victory. Hancock and Huff both had encouraging words after the caucus, stating, "The caucus is always a lot of fun, but it also is a good opportunity for citizens to learn how to participate in the election process, which actually mirrors our states' real government ... The caucus went extremely well and all of the candidates and their platforms were presented appropriately. I have faith that the Nationalist candidates will be victorious in their various elections."

By: Sam Yates

Federalists complete successful caucus

Yesterday afternoon, the Party Caucuses were held, short speeches were made, and many different issues were discussed. The Federalist's Party Caucuses started out slow, however as time progressed everyone got pumped up, excited, and proud to be a Federalist. Nick Rubenstein stated, "I was surprised at the depth of the platform issues". He agreed that 30 seconds was a great time limit for the speech, and that each speech was short and to the point. Kevin Rowsey felt that there was a huge swing in momentum during the duration of the Party Caucuses. All in all the Party Caucuses were a huge success and have been a great start to the Campaigns.

By: Chris Jurick

Citizens lead others in becoming the "Men of Tomorrow"

After yesterday's political caucuses, the citizens of Boys State had free time to pursue athletics, comradery, or sleep, but others choose to meet with counselor Chris Sharps, director of the Boys States Choir. Sharps has been a counselor and director for 8 years, a position that he proudly holds. This group of men lead the rest of the camp in its signature song, "Men of Tomorrow", along with other renditions of classical American and patriotic songs. There are currently 6 vocalists—John Capriolo II, Michael Elmore, Jeremy Holstead, Casey Nasby, and Joseph Stark; and one pianist, Ryan Allen. The choristers issued a joint statement saying, "The choir will gladly accept citizen's votes and campaign donations for their musical efforts."

While Zach Allen plays the piano, the boy states choir practices singing the camp song.



The man that is Afeef

Afeef is a guy at Boy's State who has been seen and heard but not many have gotten to know him. A lot of boy's just see "governor Afeef" but never the real Afeef. Believe it or not, he is just like any other 18yr. old. He plays sports, hangs out with friends, goes to parties, and even has a girlfriend every once in a while. Many people would think these things impossible since they have never saw Afeef when he's not relieved of his governing duties but it is true.

On a personal level, he has two older brothers Ammar, 24, and Amad, 27. He is a native to West Virginia and attended George Washington High School. He is soon leaving West Virginia to go to California to extend his education at Stanford University.

Most of the Boys State members know that Afeef was governor of the 2005 class, but they may not know what Afeef experienced. Afeef once said, "My greatest experience was meeting the diverse group of people and the