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"We all have the ability.

The difference is how we use it."

—Stevie Wonder

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Governor presents initiatives during State of the State Address

Ibrahim discusses four main points

After just a day in office, Governor Uzi Ibrahim has developed plans which he feel will boost the state in many different areas. Ibrahim met with the Senate, House of Delegates, Supreme Court Justices, and the Board of Public Works

to tell them and receive their support concerning the initiatives in his State of the State Address.

Among his initiatives,

small businesses in state.

Ibrahim established four major goals which he wished he can accomplish during his session. These include economical development, create adequate infrastructure, helping shape the state's students into global colleagues, and keeping

To help pass his initiatives, Ibrahim provided a plethora of support and explanation. Being a beautiful and promising state, Ibrahim believes that West

Virginia could become more well-rounded if we were more economically developed. To industrialize our state and bring more businesses into the state, Ibrahim proposed to create an adequate infrastructure to support these businesses. To do so, Ibrahim wants to improve transportation, provide high-speed internet, and aid in transforming the West Virginia student into a global pupil.

"Working together we have the ability to move our state forward unlike any other Boys State." On the other side of the topic, Uzi yearns to keep the small businesses in state. He says

that small business is the key to state development. These industries represent the common person and West Virginia economy has always focused on the common person.

All in all Ibrahim focused on the plans rather than the funding, but it can be inferred that the funding for these programs will be discussed and settled in the legislature. It is evident that the government cares about the state very much and has thought hard concerning how to improve it.



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Schedule - Friday June 16, 2006

6:00 a.m.	Reveille and Clean Quarters
7:15	In Formation at Dining Hall.
7:20	FLAG RAISING
7:25	Breakfast
8:25—11:30-	- City, County, State governments, Courts, Boards of Education organized and
	working, County Clerk meet in Jackson Lodge, Circuit Clerk meet in Gilmer
	Gazebo, County Commission meet in WV Building, City Gov. meet in pavilion,
	Assessor meet in Rotary Pavilion. Magistrates and Sheriffs meet in Chapel.
	Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
	State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with
	Advisors for further instruction
10:00	Board of Education meet in Southeastern Learning Center.
12:05	In formation at Dining Hall
12:15	LUNCH
1:00—3:00	College/Career Fair at Assembly Hall. All citizens will attend per this schedule.
1:00-2:00	Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, Webster
2:00-3:00	Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, Monongalia
2 00 4 45	City/County government working in cottages preparing for 3:00 presentations.
3:00—4:45	City, County, State governments, Courts organized and working
	Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
	State Police and Conservation Officers participate in training exercises, available
	for court appearances. County Commission meet in West Virginia Building, Cir-
	cuit Clerks meet in Gilmer Gazebo, Assessor on site, City government on site,
5 15	Board of Education meet in Southeastern Learning Center.
5:15	In formation at Dining Hall
5:30	DINNER Circuit Clerks meet in the Gilmer Gazebo
6:30—8:30	
	Athletics and Swimming Penk and Newspaper staffs organized and working
8:15—9:00	Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working Band Practice
9:00	Band concert in Assembly Hall followed by The West Fork River Revue
7.00	After assembly—citizens proceed to cottages for pizza.
11:30	All evening activities end.
12:00	Lights out.
12.00	Lighto out.

Citizens of the 69th Mountaineer Boys State:

We would like to congratulate you upon the successful completion of your stay here at Mountaineer Boys State. Hopefully by now, your understanding of American Politics has been heightened in many ways. Our form of government relies on the participation of its people, and it is necessary fro all of us to take active roles in the decision making process. You could do something as basic as registering to vote and voting, or you could even run for office.

Political participation can start long before you register to vote. Today, there are many young people all over the United States of America offering their views on political issues to our nation's leaders. Now, more than ever the leaders of this great country are turning their attention to the youth of America to see the future of this land. Your voices can be heard through organizations like Young Republicans and Young Democrats.

The West Virginia Young Republicans and Young Democrats have been active in our state for many years and are always looking to gain new members. Throughout the year, we participate in political campaigns, voter registration drives, statewide convention, and national conferences. This brings much excitement as our country is constantly experiencing political races.

With organizations like these, it is not hard at all to get involved in partisan politics. For more information, all you have to do is e-mail one of us. Again, we hope you had a great week at Mountaineer Boys State, and we look forward to hearing from you.

And remember, it's not a question of right and left, it's a question of right and wrong.

Democratically yours, Conservatively yours,

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2006

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

Thursday's Scores

Basketball	Softball	Frisbee	Volleyball	Volleyball
Braxton 9	Calhoun 4	Braxton 0	Panhandle—N	
Randolph-N 8	Panhandle-F 6	Monroe 7	Upshur	Gilmer
				Panhandle-N
Marion-F 9	Lewis-F 3	Calhoun 3	Marion-F	
Monroe- N 16	Monongalia 0	Monongalia 2	Lewis-F	

Tug of War

Lewis vs. Monroe

Marion vs. Panhandle

General Store Hours located in the Historic Area

Friday 10 am—5:30 pm Saturday 10 am—5 pm

Mountaineer Boys State Online www.mountaineerboysstate.org

Financial Aid Websites

Www.fastweb.com Www.finaid.org

Breakfast	Lunch
Eggs	Hamburgers
Sausage	Fries
Biscuits	Green Beans
Cold Cereal	Salad
Hot Cereal	Cookies
Fruit	

Reflections of Vietnam DVD

Administrator Sluss presented a DVD called Reflections of Vietnam at the Assembly Monday night. The tribute was from a poem written by Fort Ashby, WV native Chip Sours and sung by his wife, Laura. Sours, a Vietnam Veteran, wrote the poem shortly after returning home from serving in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corp. The poem was a tribute to his friends and comrades who didn't return. Years later, his wife had it put to music and recorded. Right now the DVD and CD are offered for sale at www.vietnamreflections.com. Said Sours, "My wife and I make nothing from the sales of this song. Every penny is donated to Veterans through the Cumberland, Maryland Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America."

> Dinner Spaghetti Meat Sauce Italian Bread Garlic Sticks

Salad

Currios Raps

Deadly Accident at MBS: Communication Issues Involved?

Early yesterday morning a dangerous chemical spill occurred in Monongalia County, the direct result of the drunk, reckless driving of an employee of Mountaineer Boys State Chemical Transit—or was it a planned terrorist attack? Is the driver alive or dead—how many died, and how devastating is the chemical that has been released into our environment? These and other infuriating questions were brought forth as the State Police, National Guard, and DNR officers all gave conflicting stories regarding the nature of the situation. Upon first arrival, the statement to the press was, "I'm sorry, you can't be here," rather than an informed statement for inquiring minds—upon further pressing, the press was told by Conservation Officers that there was a chemical spill, and one was dead. Later it was discovered that 4, possibly 5 (?) died. Newly elected Governor Uzi Ibrahim was soon on the scene, but was afforded little more information.

Governor Ibrahim, did however, take the time to offer a personal statement on the issue; "I am deeply affected by the tragedy in the Monongalia County. The refugees are being transported to shelters in Upshur County. The officers are working courageously to repair the situation—they are the heroes of tomorrow."

Soon, Monongalia was quarantined and whilst the press saw officers entering the forest, we could not attain an answer as to what activities were taking place. During this, Secretary of Agriculture Harris and Chief of Security Hernly arrived at the scene to receive an update on the situation for the Governor, but also to ask questions of office interest—i.e. Were any water sources contaminated—food sources?; How much of an effect does the (still unknown) chemical affect the local environment?—etc. These questions, and others, went unanswered as Harris and Hernly received minimal amounts of information and quickly returned to the Ibrahim's office. Later attempts to speak to the Board of Public Works were denied.

This was an excellent first opportunity for the various career fields here at MBS to work cooperatively. Progress was made towards the aforementioned goal, but many issues were brought to light, mainly being communicative in nature (police-government, press-government, and police-press). Newly instated in our positions, we (for the most part) are inexperienced in our roles and the issues presented will hopefully resolve themselves in future scenarios as all three parties perform to higher standards.

By Sam Yates





SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 9:00 Hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5, and conduct other business.
- 9:20 Recess.
- 9:40 Reconvene: announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5, hear Petitions or Appeal from Circuits 2 and 4, and conduct other business.
- 10:00 Recess.
- 10:20 Reconvene: announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 and 4, hear Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business.
- 10:40 Recess.
- 11:00 Reconvene: announce decision on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 and decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business.
- 11:20 Recess.
- 3:00 Reconvene *for final scheduled session*: Announce decisions from any cases heard on oral argument and conduct other business before the Court.
- 3:20 Adjourn.
- * The Supreme Court of Appeals will schedule additional sessions as may be necessary.

Taps: The History

It all began in 1862, during the Civil War, when a Union Army captain, Robert Eilicombe, was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of this narrow strip of land.

During the night, Capt. Eilicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring back the stricken man for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the soldier and began pulling him back toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern, suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light of the lantern he saw the face of the soldier..., it was his own son! The young man had been studying music in the South when the war broke out, and without telling his father, he had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the heartbroken father asked permission of his supervisors to give his son a full military burial, despite the young man's enemy status. The captain's request was partially granted.

He asked if he could have a group of army band members play a dirge for his son at the funeral. His request was refused since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the captain, they said they could loan him one musician. He chose the bugler. The captain asked him to play a series of musical notes found in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. That music was the haunting bugle melody we now know as "TAPS."

DMV MAIN OFFICE HOURS

8:20 a.m. —11:30 a.m.
The DMV's main office is at the Old Pavilion.
It's workers will also be outside of the porch after breakfast and lunch for 15 minutes for the busier citizens...

Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of To..mor..row, we march along in happy ranks today. We never bor..row, a bit of care or grief along the way.
Glad..ly we're learning the things a good American should know.
Glad..ly we're yearn...ing to chart the way a patriot should go.

With lessons done, objectives won Good citizens we'll be;
We'll proudly stand in our home land Where Mountaineers are free.
Men.. Of To..mor..row, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
Men.. Of Tomorrow, a group of all American boys.

BOYS STATE CITIZENS GOING TO GHA

Sean McCants, Berkeley County Erik Hall, Boone County Joshua Linton, Braxton County Samuel Yates, Cabell County Andres Indacochea, Grant County Jon Rubenstein, Hampshire County Joshua Orndorff, Hardy County John Mathias, Hardy County Ian Hernly, Harrison County Issac Strader, Harrison County Andrew Jeter, Harrison County Trevor Ford, Harrison County Walter Goff, Kanawha County Jared Lee, Lewis County Thomas Moore, Marion County Paul Redden, Mercer County Daniel Barbareo, Monongalia County James Eakins, Monongalia County Andrew Hazelwood, Monroe County Thomas Grammer, Ohio County Samuel Ashley, Roane County Gary Thompson, Wayne County Neil Bowman, Wood County Matthew Osborne, Wyoming County

Unemployment

As the end of Boys State approaches all the citizens find themselves with a new carrier in the great State that they now control. Now every person in the community now has an important role to play, whether they're a staff member at the bank or governor.

In the past, not everyone has not had the opportunity to engage at a career at Mountaineer Boy State. With the newly installed Unemployment Office, everyone now has a better chance of getting a job of their choice. The community now owes a great debt of gratitude to the people who ran the Unemplyment Office to make this new society a more productive place, Jeff Ryman. Without the idea of this office from this man even more citizens now will be able to make their stay at Mountaineer Boys State a more enjoyable place for themselves.

With all the jobs in place we can now really say that Boys State is now in complete control of the citizens.

By Joe Bolton

THURSDAY IN THE LEGISLATURE:

PASS

• Dropping of the food tax cigarette tax by 4% Hunting is legal on own property

FAIL

- Prohibition of smoking in public
- Pay Band \$74, \$100, \$200
- Pay Flag Carrier \$200
- Pay Chairman \$150 Pay Poll Clerk \$200

Through all of the House and Senate proceedings yesterday, there was much heated debate. Afterwards though, it was all worth the time and effort of both houses of the legislature.

The laws presented in the discussions were all submitted by the citizens here at Mountaineer Boys State .Some laws were passed and some weren't but all were greatly considered. The most important thing out of all of it though was that the citizens of the new State are taking action in trying to make the State a better place for all citizens 4

During the sessions the senators and delegates were guided by the advisors on the legislature's procedure. They worked together to accomplish one common goal—aid the citizens in Boys State. Although the delegates may have had different agendas, some work was accomplished.

At the end of all the debating Gov. Uzi stated, "Working together we have the ability to move our state forward unlike any other Boys State."

Redring Primary Freedoms — Unathical

By: Josh Linton

When our forefathers designed this propitious nation, its premise was freedom: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and probably most important freedom of the press. Due to their oppression under a monarchy, these tremendous leaders wanted the citizens of their generation and generations to come to be able to be informed of what the government is doing, and how they are doing it, therefore they established the press. The press has the obligation to inform their viewers of what is happening around them, and what aspects of their lives are being affected. Because of this tremendous obligation, the press has become and will remain an integral part of society. They are a form of checks and balances and act as a liaison between the people and the government.

With such a great burden, the press must be allowed special rights such as being able to receive details about occurrences as soon as they are learned, speaking to state officials and learning their thoughts, and being informed of all truths. In all instances, the press has the right to know what the public needs to discern which is the whole story.

As city officials and public authorities egos have raised, they seem to think that they can tell the press on their own time. They shrug the press and don't bother informing them of what the public needs to know. What has happened to respect for the press? The press cannot fulfill their obligation without cooperation form public officials. These officials who are refusing the press's rights are indirectly insulting the forefathers and directly failing

the citizens for which they are elected and/or hired to protect and represent.

This is not an issue between the media and the officials, but it is an issue between the people and the officials. When they do not inform the media of the important aspects to stories, then the people do not have the ability to form opinions or even gain knowledge about circumstances. Although some minor stories may be able to function without all the sufficient information, the major, groundbreaking news cannot survive withdrawal of such information. If we learn to accept insufficient information for the small issues than those officials will begin to take advantage and not supply information for the bigger stories.

The affiliates and employees of any type of media are not your average citizen, therefore they should not be treated with the mundane precautions ordinary citizens are. They are allowed to talk to the police, and they should not be stopped and ignored as would citizens. These reporters questions should be answered without reservation and the police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard must answer to their full ability not just skim the surface to try and satisfy the press's requests. The press and these bodies should work cohesively to help the citizens of the nation informed and protected, but instead some have chosen to block the informer of truth.

Our society has recently begun a transformation from an industrial society into an information society, thus greatening the need for the press, but as the need has been greatened cooperation among public officials has been lessened. This must change. As our society progresses in this transformation, may the state officials realize the great importance of their job; may they stop undermining their duty; and may they at least make an attempt to have acceptable public relations.

Help Wanted

Boys State is in need of insurance consultants who will provide the citizens with the insurance which is required of them

*Those wanting to apply meet at the picnic location at 8:30 this morning. These insurance consultants will be paid \$40,000.00.

Why the American Flag is folded 13 times:

The reason for the 21 gun salute is a practice of respect (it originated from adding the individual digits of 1776), but have you ever noticed that the Honor Guard folds the American Flag 13 times? Each fold in the flag symbolizes important milestones, beliefs, and historical events in the history of the United States.

The First Fold: A symbol of life

The Second Fold: A symbol of our belief in eternal life

The Third Fold: Honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The Fourth Fold: Our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

Make sure to give a big
"thank you" to any
veteran that you see
throughout your
remaining time here at
Mountaineer Boys State.
Also, remember to write
letters of thanks to your
American Legion
Sponsors.

The Fifth Fold: A tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The Sixth Fold: For where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The Seventh Fold: A tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The Eighth Fold: A tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The Ninth Fold: A tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The Tenth Fold: A tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The Eleventh Fold: The lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Twelfth Fold: An emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The Thirteenth Fold: The folded flag and the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

Crime and Punishment at Mountaineer Boys State

MURDER IN LEWIS CO.

Wednesday evening murder struck MBS at the Red Apple Bar when a confrontation between two citizens erupted into a fist fight. The defendant (who will remain unnamed for discretionary purposes) proceeded to draw a gun from his pocket and shoot the victim. The defendant claims self defense, and the trial is set for a later time.

ILLEGAL HUNTING

Webster Co. was a busy place Wednesday evening when gun shots were heard being fired behind the Webster citizen's residence hall. Upon further investigation by the MBS Conservation Officers, two citizens were discovered behind the cabin with a spotlight a rifle. The trial was held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Webster Co. court; one was found guilty of hunting without a license, the other was innocent.

DRUG BUST IN RANDOLPH CO.

Early Tuesday morning a drug bust occurred in Randolph Co., the defendant (who shall remain anonymous) was charged with possession of narcotics and selling. He was tried in circuit court and found guilty on charges of possession, but innocent on the charge of dealing.