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## 2007 Mountaineer Boys State Formal Review



As midweek approached, the time came for the Annual Formal Review of the Mountaineer Boys State Citizens. Participation was varied with many citizens. Some found themselves on Color Guard, others played in the band, and the remaining stood in representation for the respective cabins. State officials watched from the side as they prepared for the assembly that took place right after.

Apart from the regular site of Boys State shirts and polos, a new site could be seen, a part of Boys State that had been absent since Sunday, Mothers. Along with these pound guardians were other family members such as siblings, grandparents, and even girlfriends hoping to catch a glimpse of their strapping young boyfriends. Although family seemed to dominate the spectator crowd, legionaries and elected officials also found places in the crowd. Looks of awe were soon displayed as visitors realized a change in the citizens. Looks of remorse and fatigue had been transformed to looks of respect and pride.

After the Review, visitors joined citizens and staff in the Exhibition Hall to listen to key speakers which ranged from veterans talking about experiences to a very intense Flag Day presentation by Truman Sayre. This presentation involved dramatic accounts of Sayre's childhood with his grandfather's pride for the country. He ended his presentation with a dramatic poem about Old Glory. His emotions overwhelmed the arena as teary eyed Sayre yelled, "I'm Old Glory!" Steve Sluss announced a surprise following the presentation.

Abraham Lincoln was introduced to speak about loyalty and most of all, honoring our nation, state, etc. His speech was followed by a powerful, even symbolic, rainstorm that blew through the hall. Joe DeLong, Majority Leader of the West Virginia House of Delegates and past West Virginia University athlete, spoke about West Virginia's need for our youth. He also praised the fact that age was no longer a factor in state government. Other events were performances of the choir and band along with recognition of veterans present. Each war or territory of battle was announced and veterans of that conflict were invited to stand for applause. The final battle was met by a standing ovation by the citizens, guests, and staff. Towards the end, citizens were allowed to stay around and visit with their guests and escort them, through the rain, to their vehicles. Now that the state had heard the powerful chants of the citizens of Boys State, it was finally time to finish what they came to do, run Boys State.

By Joe Fusco  
Assistant Editor



# The Boys' State Citizens Opinion

Kyle Hess  
Federalist

Alex Constantino  
Federalist

Andrew Sullivan  
Nationalist



**Who is your Favorite counselor?**

Greek, he's a hardcore American.

**Why do you think the Federalists did so well in the election?**

I felt we had more spirit. It seemed like we were more into it.

**What's the hardest thing about Boys State?**

Unemployment...



**Who is your Favorite counselor?**

Nathan McBrayer, I guess, he's the bank advisor. He's awesome.

**Why do you think the Federalists did so well in the election?**

I think it was because we had really good speeches and support.

**What's the hardest thing about Boys State?**

Making the bed. I hate that. And cleaning the cabin and getting up so early.



**Who is your Favorite counselor?**

Doug Robinson, I love that guy.

**Why do you think the Federalists did so well in the election?**

I thought they did better in the debate and the speeches were more organized. And the memorable nicknames helped.

**What's the hardest thing about Boys State?**

Making sure the cabins are organized and clean and marching everywhere.



## Wednesday's Athletic Results

June 13, 2007



AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
Volleyball Beside Braxton	Volleyball Beside Softball	Frisbee Behind Chapel	Softball Grass Field	Basketball Behind Gilmer
BARBOUR WEBSTER	MARION F MONONGALIA	GILMER RANDOLPH	LEWIS PANHANDLE N	LEWIS F MONROE F
BRAXTON UPSHUR		KANAWHA PANHANDLE F	MARION N MONROE N	CALHOUN RANDOLPH F



## The boys of Boys' Nation

Last year Don "Hot" Saas and Colin "Captain Crunch" Reger represented Mountaineer American Legion Boys State at Boys Nation. They enjoyed the experience of a lifetime, the experience that only two of this year's Boys State citizens will experience. Boys State and Boys Nation are similar in that they both involve the political process, but obviously one involves state government while the other involves federal government.

Colin, or Captain Crunch as he had been affectionately dubbed by the Randolph County cabin, was the state prosecuting attorney, Education Broadcast Director, and Vice Party Chairman for the Gilmer-Calhoun Counties during his stay at Boys State. At Boys Nation he was secretary of the navy and chair of the calendar committee as well as one of the two senators from West Virginia. His most memorable part of Boys Nation was their visit to the Hart Building where he rubbed elbows with important government officials carrying out the course of their regular day. "At Boys Nation we ran a mock senate where we dealt with legislation, bills, and amendments," says Reger.

Don "Hot" Saas was last year's other West Virginia representative for the Boys Nation program. At Boys State he served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Vice Chairman for the Nationalist party. For Boys Nation he was the Chair of the Senate Committee. His most memorable part of Boys Nation was a speaker named Nesse Godin, a Lithuanian survivor of the holocaust. "We were immersed immediately in this whole new environment with the greatest guys of our age. These were the leaders of the future." Here at Boys State that is the focus of the program—training what Ernie Horn calls the B.O.B. and the C.O.C. (best of the best/cream of the crop) to become the leaders of tomorrow.

By Eric Walker

## Unemployment: a moderate issue amongst the citizens of Boys State

Unemployment is a major problem in today's world, and that isn't any different than at Mountaineer Boys State. With the election results in, and other jobs already filled, there were about 25 citizens of boy's state that filed at the unemployment office on Wednesday morning. As boys lined the sidewalk at the Kanawha cabin (unemployment offices), there seemed to be not enough jobs available.

The first thing they did was separate the citizens that passed the bar exam from the ones who didn't. Of approximately twenty-five boys, only six of them passed the exam. Some of the jobs given out includes fire chief, House clerk, Senate clerk, correction officers and road workers. There still weren't enough jobs though. They are currently seeking permission from the governor for more job openings.

Although many citizens are enjoying working for their new jobs, some are still hoping to just receive one. Every single citizen that applied for unemployment is expected to receive a job. Unemployment at boys state helps make you realize just how much of an issue unemployment is becoming in our state, along with our nation.

By Corey Woomer





## Abraham Lincoln A Portrayal by James Dague



A portrayal of the sixteenth President of the United States Abraham Lincoln was presented to the citizens and staff of Mountaineer Boys' State by Mr. James Edward Dague on June 13, 2007. Mr. Lincoln was administered the Presidential oath of office by MBS Chief Justice, Eddie Peters. Close friend, Betty Ann Williams held the bible. James, as Mr. Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Farewell Address to Springfield, Illinois. He also discussed the importance of devotion to God, country, this state, as well as friendship.

James is the son of Edward and Patty Dague of Triadelphia. MBS Chief Medical Officer, Jerry Dague is James' younger brother. James is a 1993 graduate of West Virginia Northern Community College, and received a BS in American Studies from West Liberty State College in 1995. James serves as a part-time staff member for the Honorable Mary Poling, Chairman, Committee on Education in the WV House of Delegates. He is a former District Governor of Civitan International of WV.

James is most impressed with the Legislation being debated and considered in the Boys' State Legislature, where he serves as Legislative Coordinator. "The reason I am impressed with this program is that Boys' State permits citizens to meet the elected officials of WV, and participate in a simulation of state government."

Upon conclusion of his interview, James made the statement: "I was born with cerebral palsy, but I have learned with hard work and determination you can overcome some of the obstacles."



## Hail to the Chief: 2007 Inauguration

Wednesday afternoon the new governor and state officials were sworn into office. As always, the assembly started with music by the band and an opening by the staff member of the day. With that the inauguration assembly of seventieth Boys State began.

Next began the most somber part of the assembly Governor Uzi's farewell speech. The previous governor thanked the staff, last year's boys state citizens, his family, and others for his term as governor. He wished this year's elected officials the best of luck and ended his term with dignity.

The honorable Fred Fox, senior circuit judge of West Virginia, gave a brief speech about leadership and swore in this year's officers. Each officer was sworn in including this year's governor Tanner Moore. Moore gave a speech thanking those that put him into office and his family for their support. Moore closed with the comment, "For the rest of my life I will always remember serving you as governor of Boys State." With that the inauguration of the seventieth Boys State officers was complete.

By Eric Walker



## Thursday's Menu

### Breakfast

Eggs  
Bacon  
Biscuits  
Hot/Cold Cereal  
Orange Juice  
Milk  
Apples

### Lunch

Tacos  
Shells  
Peas and Carrots  
Pears  
Shredded Lettuce and  
Diced Tomatoes  
Sour Cream Salsa  
Lemonade Brownies  
Cheddar Cheese

### Dinner

Lasagna  
Green Beans  
Garlic Bread  
Salad  
Chocolate and  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
Iced Tea

# Celebrating our nation's banner

## Today is Flag Day



## May it always fly free

Today, June 14 is Flag Day. Proper care and presentation of the flag are as important as what the flag means to American citizens. However, some citizens and businesses display the flag in an incorrect fashion. Here are some dos and don'ts on flag care and etiquette that are listed in the Federal Flag Code: \* the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset. If displayed after sunset, a light must shine on it. The flag should be briskly raised and lowered slowly, and an all-weather flag is necessary in bad weather.

The flag should be flown in designated days of historic meaning, such as the Fourth of July. However, it may be flown every day of the year. It also needs to be flown at all public buildings, where people vote on Election Day and when school is in session.

A badly soiled, faded or torn flag should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. This type of burning is not desecration of the flag.

Flags should never be flown upside down except during dire emergencies, and it should never touch the ground.

The flag should never be carried flat nor have items carried on it. It should be free floating and aloft. It also should never be used as clothing or a uniform.

Groups may wear flag patches on a uniform, if they are worn in accordance with the flag code. A button or pin depicting the American flag may be worn as demonstration of patriotism.

Storage of the flag should be in a place where it cannot be soiled or damaged. The flag should not be drawn or marked on, used as drapery or drawn back in folds.

The flag should not be used as a ceiling or table cloth or used for advertising purposes. Raising the flag to half-staff on Veterans or Armistice Day is incorrect. These days are set aside to honor veterans, not mourn them.

When flying on a single flagstaff, along with another flag, the American flag must be at the top. This assures it will be raised first and lowered last. On special days, it may be flown at half-staff on Memorial Day; it should be flown at half staff until noon, then raised to the top of the flag pole.

Hanging vertically, the union (blue area with stars) should be in the upper left corner. If the flag is mounted on a staff, the American flag should be to the right of the speaker and to the left of those looking at it when displayed at the speaker's platform; it must be above and behind the speaker.

# Daily Schedule

Thursday, June 14, 2007

6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters  
 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 7:20 - FLAG RAISING  
 7:25 - BREAKFAST  
 8:25 -9:30 All County Officials meet in West Virginia Building for specialized instructions.  
 All City Officials meet in Assembly Hall for specialized instructions.  
 8:25 -12:00 Governor & Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge meeting rooms.  
 Senate and House in session at Jackson Lodge Basement.  
 Supreme Court in session at Flameway Hall.  
 County school superintendents and boards of education meet in Southeastern Learning Center  
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.  
 State Police, National Guard and Conservation Officers meet in EEC #5  
 Circuit Clerks meet at gazebo by Gilmer with your advisors for further instructions.  
 9:30 - 12:00 City and County Governments organized and working in cottages  
 Magistrate and Circuit Courts organized and working in cottages  
 STATEWIDE RADIO BROADCAST-WV Building; proceed as follows;  
 9:45- 10:45 Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, Webster  
 10:45- 11:45 Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, Monongalia  
 12:05 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 12:15 LUNCH  
 1:00 Circuit Courts in session with legal advisors present. **ALL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.**  
 AFTER CIRCUIT COURT TRAILS - State, County, and City Governments organized  
 and working (see morning schedule for locations)  
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.  
 State Police and Conservation Officers organized and working and meeting with advisors  
 for further instructions in EEC#5  
 4:00-5:00 Athletics and Swimming  
 5:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall  
 5:30 DINNER  
 6:30-7:30 Athletics, Band practice, and Swimming  
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.  
 State police, National Guard and Conservation Offices organized and working and meeting with  
 advisors for further instructions in ECC #5.  
 Fire training academy (Fire Marshall will provide schedule)  
 Talent Show participants meet with Talent Show Coordinator at Assembly Hall.  
 8:00 ASSEMBLY - The Honorable Robert E. Maxwell, Federal District Judge  
 \*\*AFTER ASSEMBLY –Governments and Courts organized and working.  
 State Police, Conservation officers, and National Guard organized and working and meeting  
 with advisors for further instructions in EEC#5.  
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.  
 Musicians and performers gather on Marion front porch.  
 11:00 Devotions in Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages  
 11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings



## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Thursday  
 4:00—5:00



<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>	<u>Area 3</u>	<u>Area 4</u>	<u>Area 5</u>
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	<u>FRISBEE</u>	<u>SOFTBALL</u>	<u>BASKETBALL</u>
Beside Braxton	Beside Softball	Behind Chapel	Grass Field	Behind Gilmer
MARION F	PANHANDLE	BRAXTON	BARBOUR	GILMER
LEWIS F	F	MONROE	RANDOLPH N	LEWIS N
	RANDOLPH F N			
PANHANDLE N		CALHOUN	MONROE F	KANAWHA
UPSHUR		MONOGALIA	WEBSTER	MARION
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