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PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

College/Career Fair to be held at
Assembly Hall 1-3

This afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m., representatives from some of the most respected colleges, universities, and agencies in West Virginia have been asked to come to our State to participate in the Annual Mountaineer Boys State College/Career Fair.

The school personnel that were invited to attend are Alderson-Broaddus, Bluefield State, Concord University, Davis and Elkins, Fairmont State, Glenville State, Marshall University, Potomac State, Shepherd University, University of Charleston, West Virginia University, West Virginia Wesleyan, Wheeling Jesuit, and WVU Institute of Technology. Representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines were also invited. In addition, representatives from the Bureau of Investigation, State Police, Conservation Officers, and United States Marshal's Office should also be present. A representative of the Promise Scholarship program has indicated she will attend.

This fair is a great opportunity to look into your future and get an idea about what you would like to do after high school. All citizens will attend the fair according to the following schedule:

1:00– 2:00	Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, Webster
2:00– 3:00	Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, Monongalia

Make sure you ask pertinent and well thought out questions. Keep an open mind. Aim high. Enjoy.

By: Joe Fusco
Assistant Editor



IN LOVING MEMORY JEWELL DEAN STINE, EDITOR OF THE MOUNTAINEER

Today's newspaper is lovingly dedicated to Jewell Dean Stine, former Editor of The Mountaineer. Jewell Dean passed away just a few short weeks ago after a long illness. She was the wife of former Boys' State Administrator, Bob Stine and served as a Boys' State staff member from 1981—1997. She was a loving mother to Betty Ann Williams, headquarters director and Cindy Burdette, as well as, a devoted grandmother to Hollie, Lindsay, and Jenna.

While working at Boys' State Jewell wrote, typed, edited, cut, pasted, and published the paper almost single handedly. She had minimal help and NO COMPUTERS or high tech printers. In those days there were many late nights spent walking "ring around the table" while we helped to collate the pages of the paper. On many of those nights, Jewell regaled us with readings from former newspapers. She was known to have sneaked a few pizza slices out the back door of Harrison Cottage (former GHQ) to Counselors, Junior Counselors, and even to a few citizens. She was also acted as surrogate mother to many homesick young citizens, as well as to a few staff members. There was never a dull moment when Jewell was around. She kept us all in stitches. Those of us who are long time staff members miss her presence at headquarters. We feel blessed to have known her. She will always hold a special place in our hearts. BUT HER HEART WAS THE BIGGEST ONE OF ALL!

Tanner Rising



There is a new sheriff in town and his name is Tanner Moore. Moore, a Federalist, won the recent election to be the new governor of Mountaineer Boys State. Moore defeated Nationalist candidate Todd Zackwieja by collecting over 61% of the popular vote.

“I feel great about being elected governor. It is real exciting. It will open a doorway to many opportunities I personally have never had,” said Moore.

Governor Moore does have big shoes to fill in order to successfully succeed former Governor Uzi Ibrahim.

“I have received valuable advice from Uzi. He set a high standard for all governors to come, and he has definitely set a good example,” Moore said.

The winning of Moore for governor was just the beginning of a major snowball effect in wins for the federalist at the state elections. Nine out of eleven spots in state office went to boys from the Federalist Party.

“I feel that we had a well-handled party. I give all the credit in the world to AJ Warne, chair person for the Fed. Party, he really helped put this party over the top. I feel that the Federalists won by being mild and not trying to necessarily put on a good show, but being concise and persistent,” stated Governor Moore.

It is safe to say that this is just the beginning to a new and exciting year for Governor Tanner Moore. He will be presented with many challenges and opportunities that he has not seen before. It is safe to say that we are in great hands with the election of Tanner Moore as the 70th Governor of Mountaineer Boys State.

By Corey Woomer

Biohazard: State of Emergency at Boys State



Thursday morning a state of emergency was called by Governor Moore, with several casualties and others at risk of contamination. A chemical spill had occurred in front of Monroe County Cottage and the Mountaineer Boys State Bank.

Witnesses claimed that soon after the crashed cart was discovered those who went over to investigate the scene died on the spot. Paul Schmidt, a worker at the bank, called the state police who responded after some time. The state police, however, were not equipped to handle such an emergency, and the crisis was brought before the governor. Finally at 9:30 A.M. the National Guard responded to the situation nearly thirty to forty-five minutes after the situation was first discovered. Also present on the scene were Commissioner of Agriculture Harley Staggers and Secretary of Environmental Protection Matthew Mundell.

The National Guard of Boys State then proceeded at the command of their commanding officer, Tyler Rodriguez, to secure the perimeter. He also ordered the evacuation of Monogalia Cottage. The spill was contained and cleaned up; there were six casualties in all including the sheriff of Monogalia County. Rodriguez said that the spill had been cleaned up. The situation was under control.

By Eric Walker

MIA Display in Dining Hall

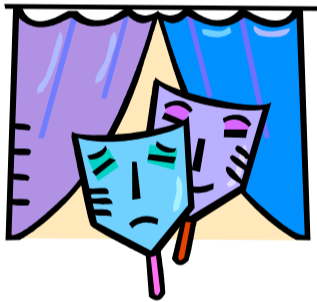
The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony has been a ceremony to honor our veterans. The POW/MIA flag was designed in 1976, and to our knowledge, the ceremony originated around that time. The ceremony lets us honor those who are Missing in Action or Prisoners of War. Some of us may have noticed the POW/MIA flag draped over a chair in the dining hall during meals. This flag will be used in the ceremony.

There is a small table used to represent a spot for one person to eat and to symbolize the frailty of the put on the table to represent in a vase signifies the blood The red ribbon on the vase who are no longer with us. A the table reminds us of the sprinkled on the plate countless tears of the families the table is inverted, for they time. The chair is left vacant The candle is reminiscent of in hearts to lead the missing reminds us that most have freedom.



POWs. A white table cloth is purity. A single rose placed shed in sacrifice for freedom. accounts for the comrades slice of lemon on the plate on bitter fate of the fallen. Salt signifies the shedding of of the honored. The glass on cannot toast with us at this because they aren't here. the light of hope which lives home. The American Flag paid the ultimate price for

We've got talent, yes we do! We've got talent how 'bout you?



The West Fork River Review will be held tonight following the band concert at 9:00. During the evening of festivities some of your fellow Boys' State peers will be performing in the annual Talent Show. If you would like to be a part of this show, please let your counselors know TODAY!

Come early to ensure you get a good seat. Tickets are selling out quickly!!!!



ATHLETIC RESULTS

Thursday



Area 1
VOLLEYBALL
Beside Braxton

Area 2
VOLLEYBALL
Beside Softball

Area 3
FRISBEE
Behind Chapel

Area 4
SOFTBALL
Grass Field

Area 5
BASKETBALL
Behind Gilmer

MARION F
LEWIS F

PANHANDLE F
RANDOLPH F

BRAXTON
MONROE

BARBOUR
N RANDOLPH N

GILMER
LEWIS N

PANHANDLE N
UPSHUR

CALHOUN
MONOGALIA

MONROE F
WEBSTER

KANAWHA
MARION
N

**AREAS 3 & 4 failed to complete their games due the landing of the helicopter.

Daily Schedule

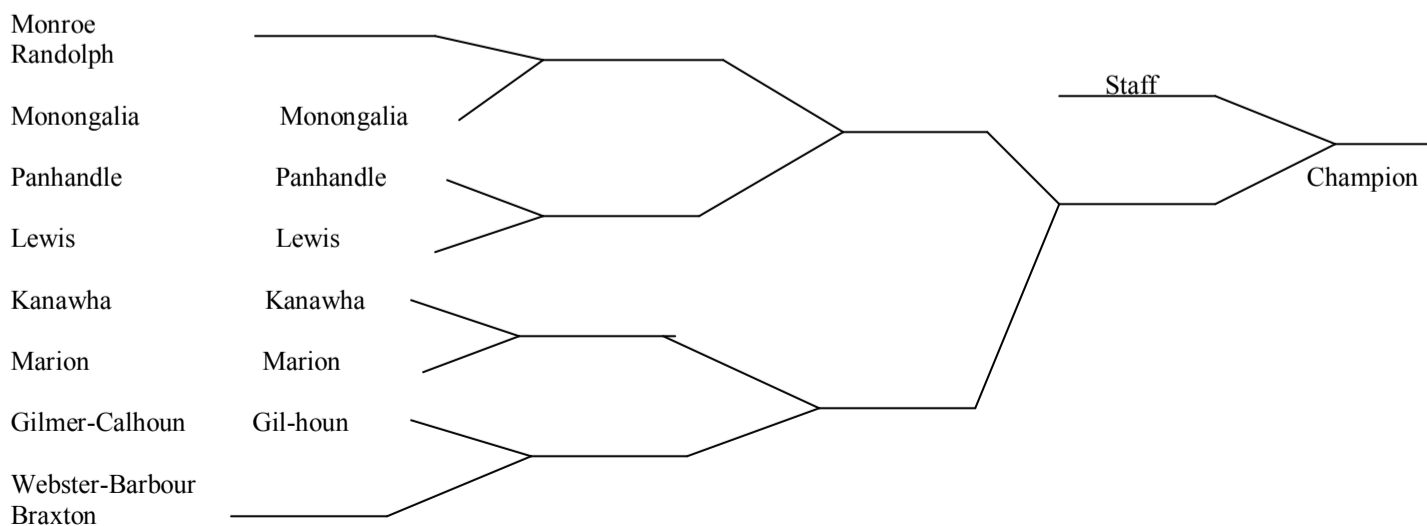
- 6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters
 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall
 7:20 - FLAG RAISING
 7:25 - BREAKFAST
 8:25 -11:30 Governor & Board of Public Works meet in Jackson Lodge meeting rooms.
 Senate and House in session at Jackson Lodge Basement.
 Supreme Court in session at Flameway Hall.
 County school superintendents and boards of education meet in Southeastern Learning Center
 State Board of Education in Chapel.
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working.
 State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard and meet in EEC #5
 City Government, Mayor and City Councilman meet at the picnic pavilion beside pool.
 Assessors meet at Kanawha Center.
- 12:05 INFORMATION 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
 3:00-5:00 City, County, State governments, Courts organized and working
 Bank and Newspaper staffs organized and working
 State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard, organized and working, participate in training exercises, available for court appearances.
- 4:00-5:00 Band Practice
 5:15 INFORMATION at Dining Hall (ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES OFFICIALLY END—
 (Work Product Packets Turned In)
 5:30 DINNER
 6:30-8:30 Tug of War, followed by Athletics, Band practice, and Swimming
 Bank and Newspaper staff organized and working.
 9:00 Band concert in Assembly Hall followed by The West Fork River Revue.
 AFTER ASSEMBLY - CITIZENS PROCEED DIRECTLY TO COTTAGES IN
 FORMATION FOR refreshment and devotions.
 11:00 Devotions in Kanawha, and Panhandle Cottages
 11:00 - 12:00 As on all previous evenings



FRIDAY'S ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 6:30—8:30

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

Tug of War Bracket



The Boys' State Citizens Opinion

Pat Neis
Federalist



What is your favorite meal?
The one when I'm not eating anything here.

What do you miss most about home?
Sleeping and being a complete couch potato.

Which law do you dislike the most?
Littering. It just so easy to drop a piece of paper.

Trey Hoover
Nationalist

What is your favorite meal?
I have no clue. Turkey I guess?

What do you miss most about home?
Girls, girls, and girlfriends.

Which law do you dislike the most?
Walking on the grass because you can't take the shortcuts.



Nicholas Schamp
Nationalist



What is your favorite meal?
Lunch because they don't have to mess with the flag which means it's not as long.

What do you miss most about home?
Sleeping, my bed, and sleeping in my bed. And clean bathrooms.

Which law do you dislike the most?
Drinking and eating while driving because I like to eat while I walk.

Boys State Bank open for business

The Mountaineer American Legion Boys State Bank is hard at work. Recently they have begun work on processing everyone's accounts and preparing a report each citizen's account balance. With taxes on girlfriends and possessions as well as the cost of property and campaign material, the budgets of each citizen are in rather poor condition. According to the bank's staff most of the citizens here are at least three hundred dollars in debt.

Up until this point only one poor attempt at robbery has taken place. A very basic attempt, the robbers were not even taken seriously by the banking staff. However further should any attempts be made to rob the bank the state and county law enforcement will handle the situation.

The bank's duties include yet are not limited to: keeping people's accounts in the positive numbers (a work in progress), general record keeping, and entering tax records. The bank's staff consists of two loan officers, the president, and vice president, as well as several part time branch bankers and other staff.

The staff of the bank is willing to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your account, so stop in and see your friendly boys state bank today.

By Eric Walker

OUT AND ABOUT MOUNTAINEER BOYS' STATE



National Guard Comes to Mountaineer Boys' State

Many accomplished and merited individuals supervise and volunteer their time to this camp; we see them every day, but some tend to stand out. We wish to illuminate the experiences of Joe Hartwell. Joe, a senior counselor and prior citizen of Boy State 1992, is a member of the Air National Guard. He has experienced first-hand the rewards and tribulations of active duty by serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as a heavy equipment operator to help build air strips on US bases in Iraq.

Nearly two years ago, Joe volunteered to serve in Iraq where he spent four months in the Middle East. However, more recently Joe volunteered to serve yet again, this time in Bagram, Afghanistan (about 30 miles outside the capital city of Kabul). The experiences he had in these obviously precarious settings were similar in a few ways, but drastically different in many more.

A recent interview with this dynamic individual revealed these stark differences in both the defensive and social dichotomies of the two countries. When asked to comment on the feeling of American occupation in Afghanistan he remarked "Afghani citizens are happy to be free from the oppressive rule of the Taliban regime. They recognize the advantages we are here to offer them." Hartwell spoke of a hard working, tenacious man who had had his arms broken by this malicious regime. Although this injustice had befallen him, he still continued to work relentlessly with the American construction force. The problems faced by American soldiers in the Afghanistan are also quite different than those faced by soldiers in Iraq.



In the late 1980's, Soviet Russia occupied and planted hundreds of thousands of land mines beneath the terrain of Afghanistan. To this day citizens and soldiers alike step upon these submerged bombs and set them off. Many young children, elders, and soldiers have been maimed by these land mines. American doctors and soldiers help to take care of those who have been wounded, as well as uncover these hidden death threats.

In Iraq, a much more dangerous situation looms. Anti-American terrorists will try to do anything possible to cause harm to the American soldiers and workers. "These people would get as close to American bases as possible and attempt to shower them with bullets. Thankfully, the technology was not that advanced and an accurate shot was not often achieved, but the

psychology effect was to the severe detriment of all the Americans on the base" said Hartwell. A condition known commonly as "shell shock" could easily have developed amongst those who were fired upon.

Hartwell is not only a smart and intrepid individual, but he is also, and foremost, a gentleman. This year while at Boys' State he had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Sergeant First Class Renee Curtis and Sgt. William Park. SFC Renee Curtis, a mother of three is serving in the Army National Guard and has been for almost 16 years. Renee began as a Administrative Specialist in the 229th Engineer Company in Kingwood, West Virginia. In 1998, she accepted an active duty National Guard position at the Det, 1, 119th Engineer Company in Buckhannon, WV. In 2003 SFC Curtis participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, and was stationed in Camp Atterburg, IN and Fort Eustris, Virginia. She attended Recruiter School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2004 and accepted a recruiter position in Weston, WV in July 2004. SFC Renee Curtis is still serving and enjoys her free time with her children.

Twenty-six year old William Parks, an alumnus of Buckhannon Upshur High school grew up showing, training and braking quarter horses (a hobby he still enjoys today). He was a general equipment operator from the 119th Engineer Co. out of Clarksburg, WV and was called into active duty in Fort Eushis, Virginia on a Home Land Security mission for one year. Later, he took a position in Fort Bragg, North Carolina that took him to Iraq. Upon his return in May 2006, he pursued an active Army National Guard career. He now serves as a recruiter of the WV National Guard in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Each of these individuals should be commended for the active duty they have served to their country.

It is important to recognize that in positions such as war, it is not the identity of the individual that is important, but the collective identity of the group. Each individual of that group plays an integral role that is necessary for that group to function, which is the main premise that Mountain Boys State is based upon. Hartwell, and anyone else who has served the war in anyway, should be admired and lauded for the unselfish contributions they have made to their groups, and especially their country. Thank you.

CORRECTION TO THE ATHLETIC RESULTS

The Ultimate Frisbee Games were completed. Braxton won over Monroe in the first game, while Calhoun beat out Monongalia in the second game. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

Thank You Instructors....



Instructors for the Week

Parliamentary Procedure– Brandon Flower
Voting Procedures– Danny Cline
Press Relations– Rob Johnson
Leadership– Jim and Michael Nolan
Legislator - Raamie Barker
County Clerk - Gary Williams Larry Barker
Assesor - Randy Lipford
County Commission - Mickey Brown
City Government - Matt Delagatti
Sheriff - Rick Reese
Circuit Clerk - Donald Kopp
Prosecuting Attorney - Jake Reger
Magistrate - Warren Davis
Defense Attorney - Chuck Shields
Circuit Court Judge - John Lewis Marks, Jr.
Driver Safety- Chad Tierney
County Government– Steve Sluss
Legal Procedure– Danny Staggers
Americanism– Robbie and Doug Robinson



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