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LEARNING TODAY...

LEADING TOMORROW

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Primary Election

And The Winner Is ...

Federalist / Nationalist GOVERNOR

Alexander Ross "Honest Abe" Taylor
Panhandle Cottage

Dane "The Train" Hamilton
Lewis Cottage

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bryan "Sloth Man" Kovalick
Braxton Cottage

Miguel Panzos
Randolph Cottage

AUDITOR

Robert "Ricky Bob" Stanley
Panhandle Cottage

Zach Taylor
Kanawha Cottage

TREASURER

"Money Man" David Thieroff
Monroe Cottage

Michael "Mundies" Newton
Randolph Cottage

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Joseph Tennant
Marion Cottage

Isaac "Ike" Picklesimer
Panhandle Cottage

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jeremy "O.G." Cook
Panhandle Cottage

Nolan Harvath
Marion Cottage

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Matthew R. Przybysz-Marion
Cameron "The Just" Knight-Braxton
Mohit "The Enforcer" Harsh-Webster
Chris Payne-Upshur
Zach Thompson-Marion

Tim Allen-Gilmer
Charles "Sweet Tea" Schuler-Panhandle
Chase "A Familiar Face" Likens-Panhandle
John "The Law Machine" Kotson-Panhandle
Drew Hurst-Monroe

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Sonja Adkins — Her Story on Vietnam



RYAN LINGER
PANHANDLE

Have you ever wondered about the story behind all the veterans? Well, here we have information straight from the source. Sonja Adkins is a military veteran from the time period surrounding the Vietnam War, one of the most infamous conflicts in American history.

During this interlude, she served as a dental assistant for two and a half years.

Incidentally, Adkins is also a staff member at Boys State. She originally hails from West Farmington, Ohio and comes from a family of five. Adkins' twin sister joined the military before Sonja. Eventually, Sonja herself was coerced to join, an incident that made war history. Adkins moved bases frequently, beginning in Alabama and finally settling at the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland.

Her starting salary was exceedingly miniscule, starting at only sixty dollars per month. After her first three months of working, her pay was increased to ninety-two dollars per month. Though Adkins never actually fought or served in the Asian nation of Vietnam, she still claims that she enjoyed her experiences and looks back on it as a great experience.

Why Thirteen Folds?

BY KEVIN KNOTTS
BARBOUR

The honor guard works hard to include the 13 folds each and every time the American flag is folded. Unfortunately, most people do not notice these folds and, even if they do, then they most likely do not know why the thirteen folds are important. Here are the 13 reasons why the folds are important and what they mean:

- 1st fold – symbolizes life
- 2nd fold – symbolizes belief in eternal life
- 3rd fold – honors and remembers veterans who have departed from our ranks
- 4th fold – represents our weaker nature when we turn to God
- 5th fold – represents tribute to our country
- 6th fold – represents where our hearts lie in allegiance to the United States
- 7th fold – signifies tribute to the armed forces
- 8th fold – signifies tribute to one who entered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers
- 9th fold – represents tribute to womanhood
- 10th fold – exemplifies tribute to the father
- 11th fold – represents lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon
- 12th fold – represents the emblem of eternity and glorifies the Holy Trinity
- 13th fold – completes the folded flag; stars remind of national motto (“In God We Trust”)

These thirteen folds mean a great deal to patriotism, not just to the flag itself. Once the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it represents the cocked hat, which is a reminder of the soldiers, past and present, who serve this great country. So next time you see the flag being folded, take the time to think of these thirteen folds as well as the soldiers who made this country possible.



The Booming Band Director

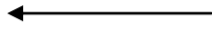
KEVIN KNOTTS
BARBOUR

The Mountaineer Boys State Band is playing beautiful music, and much credit should be given to the conductor, Mr. Drew Aires. This is his eighth year as director of the band, and he never quite knows what instruments and talent level to expect in each upcoming year. He still maintains his positive attitude that he has towards everything, and this year is filled with loads of talent. This outlook is due to his great spirit and attitude towards teaching about music. He usually starts with the “Star Spangled Banner”, and then turns to some more upbeat and peppy tunes to inspire the citizens. Mr. Aires also helps to incorporate some slower music, like classics such as “Amazing Grace” and “God Bless America”. He began this job when Betty Anne Williams called him in 2001, and offered him the position that he still holds today. He says that his motivation comes from a strong sense of patriotism, and from his dad being a World War II veteran. Mr. Aires enjoys this position because of his love for directing instrumental music, and the importance of what is being taught to the boys here at Jackson’s Mill. So next time you pass by Drew Aires, take a moment and thank him for directing the band.

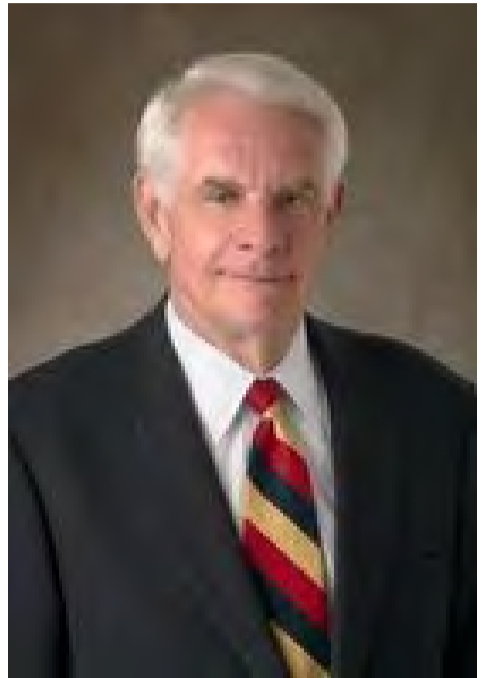
Guest Speakers at Meals and Assemblies



Glen Gainer
State Auditor



Darrell
McGraw
State Attorney



President Abraham Lincoln Astonishes Citizens

By Joshua M. Nicholson
Kanawha Cottage

An amazing portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln was presented to the citizens of Boys State on Monday, June 9, at the evening assembly. Mr. James Edward Dague gave the astounding and incredibly convincing portrayal.

James is 38 years old and has been performing his portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln since 1983. His reason for portraying Lincoln is because “he is one of the most historical figures in American history.” James loves the organization here at Mountaineer Boys State and everything for which it stands. What he loves most about it is the fact that Mountaineer Boys State “allows citizens to learn the process of government through participant observation.”

James has a younger brother here at Boys State, Dr. Jerry A. Dague, M.D., who is the doctor on campus. James has many academic achievements. He graduated from Wheeling Park High School in 1988. He also has an AA degree in Liberal Arts from West Virginia, a B.S. degree from Northern Community College, and an American Studies degree from West Liberty State College.

Mr. Dague hardly fits the “all work and no play” category. He likes to listen to country and late rock music. Some of his favorite artists consist of Johnny Cash, Clint Black, Conway Twitty, Tanya Tucker, and Celtic Women (a group of 5 or 6 women from Ireland). James has a formal personality and

loves to speak in “Legislative Language.” His favorite TV shows consist of *M.A.S.H.*, *West Wing*, *Crossing Jordan*, and *Third March*. Dague also loves to watch factual based shows and enjoys U.S. Military Drill Teams on YouTube. In his opinion, the U.S. Marine Corps is the best-dressed uniform in the military service.

James was born with cerebral palsy, but, despite this, he has managed to accomplish more than most of us could ever dream. He has still managed to have fun and enjoys life. James is an amazing lesson from which all of us here at Boys State should learn.



Truman Sayre: Real American Hero

CHARLES SCHULER
PANHANDLE

Citizens residing in Panhandle Cottage have already come to a critical realization over their first day at Mountaineer Boys State: Truman Sayre is the most honorable and legendary man in the entire camp. Whether it is the friendly greetings, firm handshakes, or guiding advice, Mr. Sayre is sure to make a strong and personal impression upon anybody with whom he comes in contact. Simply walking by him warrants a, "How 'bout it fellas?" along with a playful fist pound. Despite being the eldest member of the Mountaineer

Boys State staff, Mr. Sayre is, to put as Sinatra has, "Young at heart."

Mr. Mark Zachweija, camp counselor, accurately describes him by saying, "Truman [is] one of the oldest and wisest, but young on the inside; he acts as if he were a thirty-year-old staff member." Mr. Zachweija goes on to say, "I wish more American Legionnaires would follow his example and get involved with the program, because this is the most successful program in the state."

Along with being a longtime American Legion member, Mr. Sayre also dutifully served Amer-

ica in World War II, as well as being a past citizen of Boys State (President of Supreme Court 1942). It is this longtime dedication and wisdom that captures the adoration of every Panhandle resident, as well as all other citizens and counselors, in and around Boys State. Truman's influence rubs off on past and present Boys Staters. For example, the governor elected to serve the 2007 Boys State, Tanner Moore, explained Mr. Sayre as playing a, "monumental role in sustaining democracy in America."

Current camp counselor and former Boys Nation representative Cam-

eron Wilson elaborated by stating, "Truman Sayre is a monumental figure in American history."

It is clear that Truman Sayre leaves a lasting impression everywhere he travels. The ever-repeated adage, "Don't judge a book by its cover," accurately conveys the life of Truman Sayre. After eighty-three years of excellence on Earth, Mr. Sayre continues to leave his mark on Boys State, and all involved with this historic and honored program. It is safe to say that not only is he the model Boys State citizen, but also the model American citizen.

Mountaineer Boys State Bank

The bank is located at the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

"The Bank's Open"

Speak to your cottage branch bankers for more information.

We're your bank... the only bank."

Bank President:
Kurtis Wolfe



The Proclamation of Lewis County

BY ELLIOT IMLAY
LEWIS COTTAGE

Across the rugged gravel, over the vast plains of grass hidden by a mighty oak tree, stands Lewis Cottage, the greatest and most powerful cabin in Jackson's Mill. The slightest whisper of its name strikes terror and jealousy into the hearts of all the other counties. They claim it is the air-conditioning that makes the cabin so great (Lewis Cottage is the only cottage in the entire camp equipped with the luxury of air-conditioning units), but were it not for the air-conditioning, the

cabin would be engulfed in flame because of the pure intensity of its residents. Their mighty and charismatic counselors, Ernie the Tall, Greek the Invincible, and Hot Sass the Wise, rule with justice and authority. The men are loved by all who know them. Let none slander the sacred name of Lewis County, for, if they do, they will see the fury of all that is righteous and good fall upon them like ten legions of blazing meteors from the infinite reaches of Heaven.

Inside Issues

BY MASON WALLING
MARION

Marion Cottage has two candidates who will be campaigning for the title of Boys State Governor. Robert Anderson will be running for the Federalist Party and Kevin Basic for the Nationalist nomination. Robert Anderson says that he chose to run for Governor because of the challenge it presents. His favorite aspect of Boys State, so far, is all of the new friends he is making. Kevin Busick of the Nationalists says that he decided to run for Governor because of all the support

he received from other campers on the first Sunday night. Kevin, like Robert, has also enjoyed all the new friends he is making at Boys State. Robert and Kevin will be competing against each other in the primary election.



Monday's Athletic Results

Softball and Baseball

Game 1: Calhoun VS. Monroe-F (Monroe 4 , Calhoun 5)

Game 2: Marion-N VS. Randolph-F (Marion 6 , Randolph 7)

Game 3: Braxton VS. Monroe-N (Braxton 3 , Monroe 4)

Game 4: Lewis-N VS. Upshur (Lewis 4 , Upshur 4)

Volleyball

Game 1: Barbour VS. Monongalia (Barbour two games to none)

Game 2: Randolph VS. Lewis (Lewis one to one, Lewis wins on points)

Game 3: Kanawha VS. Panhandle (Panhandle two games to none)

Game 4: Marion-F VS. Webster (Marion two games to one)

Game 5: Gilmer VS. Panhandle (Panhandle two games to none)

Basketball

Game 1: Gilmer VS. Panhandle (Panhandle 22 , Gilmer 14)

Game 2: Marion VS. Webster (Marion 17 , Webster 4)

Game 3: Panhandle VS. Calhoun (Panhandle 10 , Calhoun 12)

Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton VS. Monroe "1st Half" (Monroe Forfeits)

Lewis VS. Upshur "1st Half" (Lewis 2 , Upshur 10)

Barbour VS. Monroe "1st Half & 2nd Half" (Barbour 9 , Monroe 2)

Kanawha VS. Randolph "1st Half & 2nd Half" (Kanawha 9 , Randolph 1)

Rivalries

BY MICHAEL SECRET
GILMER

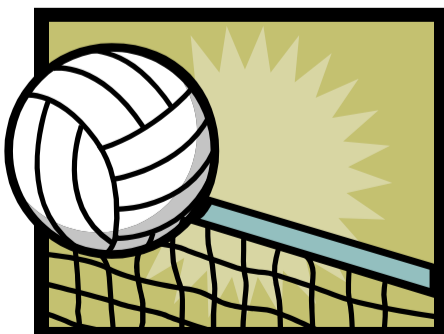
Across the great state of West Virginia, there are over 125 high schools. Many of those high schools have fierce rivalries with one another. Students tend to develop a strong dislike for the students of rival schools. However, under the storied roof of the Gilmer Cabin, all of these angry feelings have seemed to dissolve.

Normally, students from Robert C. Byrd High and Bridgeport High hate each other, but RCB's Mike Secret and Bridgeport's Abner "Steve" Stout have struck upon a great friendship.

"Steve is a good guy," Says Secret. "He is one of the better friends I have made here at Boys State. We have been playing football against each other since 7th grade, but I'm glad we have found some common ground here."

Another fierce rivalry in the Mountain State is East Fairmont and Fairmont Senior, but one Bee and one Polar Bear have developed a bond here at Jackson's Mill. Eastsider Garret Saiko and Westside's Caleb Little have become friends.

"We have met before through sports and stuff, and usually I hate Fairmont Senior. The way it is in Fairmont, the two schools hardly ever get along, but it's all good now that I'm outside of Fairmont," says Saiko.



David vs. Goliath: Round 2

BY MATT MANSPEAKER
GILMER

The basketball game between Gilmer and Panhandle at 3:30 on Monday was a perfect example of the biblical story *David and Goliath*. However, this time, Goliath won. Panhandle County had a pool of nearly twenty players to rotate in and out to Gilmer's six. As almost everyone knows, basketball is a game played with five players from each team on the court at any given time. This means that Panhandle had five starters with more than fifteen substitutes and a much larger pool of talent from which to choose. Gilmer had five starters with one substitute.

The final score of the game at 22-14 was much closer than most would expect under such circumstances. The Gilmer team put forth a valiant effort and was aided by some talented athletes. Garrett Saiko scored many of Gilmer's points, especially early on. Several others contributed significantly on offense and defense. However, the Gilmer team exhausted players because they had to play for most of the game without a break. Panhandle *did* play hard and utilize their talents to attain a victory.



Daily Schedule

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	11:25-12:00
GROUP 1	Driver Safety	County Government	Legal Procedure	Press Relations	Campaign Time
GROUP 2	County Government	Legal Procedure	Press Relations	Driver Safety	Campaign Time
GROUP 3	Legal Procedure	Press Relations	Driver Safety	County Government	Campaign Time
GROUP 4	Press Relations	Driver Safety	County Government	Legal Procedure	Campaign Time

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

Driver Safety	West Virginia Building
County Government	Jackson Lodge Basement.
Legal Procedure	Assembly Hall
Press Relations	EEC

11:15-12:00 Candidate Campaign Time/ Driver Safety Practical
 12:05 In formation at Dining Hall
 12:15 Lunch

1:15 - 2:00 BOARD OF EDUCATION—ALL elected Board of Education members will meet with Advisors in the WV Building.
 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 staffs organized and working.
 State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet with Advisors at EEC #5.

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

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

4:30 FORMAL REVIEW PRACTICE (ALL COUNTIES PROMPTLY ASSEMBLY IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL)
 5:15 In Formation at Dining Hall
 5:30 Dinner – State Treasurer, John Perdue

6:15 - 7:15 State Police 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
 Swimming

6:45 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 cottages to vote.
 State Election results available at GHQ.
 **After Voting — Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working. Driver's exams and motor vehicles inspections conducted in cottages by State Police.
 Hunter Safety exams administered by Conservation Officers in cottages.
 NEWS CONFERENCE AT GHQ TO ANNOUNCE STATE ELECTION RESULTS upon their tabulation
 Devotions (As time permits) at Kanawha, Panhandle, and Webster cottages
 See Monday Schedule For Specific Details
 Counselors submit unemployed forms to Unemployment

11:00 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.
 11:30-Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND LIGHTS OUT. **Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores.**
 11:40
 12 Midnight



Area 1
 VOLLEYBALL
 BESIDE BRAXTON

Area 2
 VOLLEYBALL
 BESIDE SOFTBALL

Area 3
 FRISBEE
 BEHIND CHAPEL

Area 4
 SOFTBALL
 GRASSFIELD

Area 5
 BASKETBALL
 BEHIND GILMER

Sports For Tuesday, June 10, 2008



3:15	Marion-N	Gilmer	Barbour	Calhoun	Marion-F
	Lewis-N	Panhandle-N	Upshur	Panhandle-F	Monroe-N
To					
4:15	Kanwha	N/A	Randolph-F	Lewis-F	Braxton
	Monroe		Webster	Monogalia	Randolph-N