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THE GOVERNOR IS IN!!!!

MARK WILLIAMS - Editor
MARION

Everyone in the cattle barn was very impressed with the speech out thirty-fourth governor, Joe Manchin the Third, completed in yesterday's assembly. Manchin was on a trip to China approximately six months ago, trying to find out what opportunities West Virginia has there. Overall his dialogue conveyed the great hope he sees in West Virginia's Youth, especially the ones here at Boys State.

Manchin stated in a personal interview I conducted that the Mountaineer Boys State program is great at making leaders out of young adults. It "starts defining involvement" he says, and "how you can become involved." Manchin himself never went to Boys State, but he declares that it is a great way to get our younger generation running and organizing our city, state, and country.

That is what he wants to achieve with the Boys State, he wants to ready the new generation to run the

ing behind the motto, "Open for business." We have the resources, and the minds, we just need them

first he says that the food tax will be dropped down to a 3% tax. He says that his plans are to make Health Care better, so no one has to go unprotected. His other plan is to put our education on a world class level. This has already been started with programs such as the International Baccalaureate, or World School, that puts students in the same classes that kids all over the world do.

His most notable statement was "Everyone must have a product." When you think about it, it takes many meanings. You have to sell yourself (get your minds out of the gutter) and make it so you are worth hiring or doing any job at all. In the end Manchin told us what to do to be ready for the future, make yourself worth something. Anyone that can do that will see success, and end out on top.



world.

West Virginia is often ridiculed for unrealistic stereotypes. Manchin says that is the hardest job of being governor, getting people to take ownership in their home state. He says "We can do this here; there is no reason for people to leave." That was the mean-

to take pride in our wonderful state, and put themselves to the test.

West Virginias future is looking bright with leadership like we currently have, and the leadership that we will have in the future. Taxes are already being dropped; starting July

Inauguration 2008

Governor Dane "The Train" Hamilton is sworn in as governor.



A Formal Review of Epic Proportions

BY JOSH NICHOLSON
KANAWHA

When I think of yesterday's Formal Review, a series of words come to mind: organization, motivating, amazing, and many, many more. One four lettered word seems to be able to sum it all up however; epic.

It all started off when the band started playing and our Councilors ordered the cabins to march. Everyone got to march in front of dozens of proud parents who cheered in approval. From there we all marched up to the Grand Assembly. It was there that we all learned the true meaning of respect, opportunity, change, sacrifice, and pride. Governor Joe Manchin III gave one of the greatest speeches that I have ever heard (I'm sure that I'm not the only one). His speech of change, commitment, sacrifice, and pride was one for the books.

There were many lessons in yesterday's Formal Review, and countless ones that will remain unknown. I challenge every boy here to learn as much as possible from the Formal Review, take them back home, and make a difference; be the change.



Wednesday's Athletic Results

Softball and Baseball

Game 1: Marion N vs Monroe N: Marion won 5-3
Game 2: Lewis N vs Panhandle N: Lewis won 4-3

Volleyball

Game 1: Marion F vs Monongalia: Marion won 2-0
Game 2: Barbour vs Webster: Barbour won 2-1
Game 3: Braxton vs Upshur: Upshur won 2-0

Basketball

Game 1: Monroe F vs Lewis F: Monroe won 13-7.
Game 2: Calhoun vs Randolph F: Calhoun won 19-8

Ultimate Frisbee

Gilmer VS. Randolph N: Gilmer won by forfeit!!!
Kanawha VS. Panhandle F: Kanawha won 12-3.

**Anyone wanting to ask the editor a question can now do so.
Please submit to someone from the newspaper staff in the Dorsey Center.
One will be picked and the you will see a response in the edition of
*The Mountaineer.***

Ham Sandwich causes a ruckus..... but it does have extra MAYO

ELLIOT IMLAY
LEWIS

Yesterday afternoon, around 2:20 pm, the Lewis County jury ruled on a case involving Mr. Ryan Campioni accused of breaking into the Jackson Mill kitchen after curfew to make a ham sandwich with extra mayo, shattering a valuable windowpane in

the process. The defendant was caught by Counselor Boots at the scene of the crime running away with the sandwich in a brown paper bag. The defendant claims he had planned to meet a "very fine" life guard by the name of Sarah in the garden at 1:00 am, but was stood up. He said he had waited an hour for

his beloved to appear and sauntered back to his cabin heart broken. On the way, he passed the kitchen and found the sandwich-filled brown paper bag on the ground outside of it. Being an environmentally concerned boy scout, he couldn't stand to leave litter on the ground. He claimed he had no idea the bag contained a ham sandwich with extra mayo and pleaded that he was a vegetarian. His defense attorney provided Ryan's V-card as proof of Ryan's vegetarianism. The prosecutor, Chris Pane, asked the defendant why he ran if he was innocent, and Ryan

responded, "They threatened to give me a fine if I was out after curfew. Boys State money...real money...it's all money to me."

After a heated debate, the just jury of Lewis County found the defendant not guilty of breaking and entering and the burglary of a ham sandwich with extra mayo. This, of course, means that we have a dangerous ham sandwich thief on the loose and in the words of Chris Pane, "Most criminals don't live getting caught." So be vigilant Boys State; your sandwich could be next.

Dog Catcher?? Yea I'm not sure either...

BY RYAN ROSIEK
KANAWHA

A new problem has presented itself to Kanawha Cabin; dogs are running rampant in the streets! Kanawha resident Jacob Hill has been appointed to solve this problem.

Though it may not yet be a recognized Boys State job, Jacob has devoted his time and energy to solve this problem by accepting the position of dogcatcher. Already, Jacob has successfully captured and rescued one dog. The dog was found missing one eye and suffered several injuries resulting in the loss of stuffing. Not only did Jacob restore some order to our streets, but he also helped save an animal in need. When asked what his favorite part of the job is, Jacob responded, "You get to groom and love the dogs you catch." With such valor and dedication, Jacob will surely prove to be the best dogcatcher Kanawha has ever seen...if it is even a real job!



The Computer Guys, Michael Sluss and Jacob McCarty

JOSH NICHOLSON
KANAWHA

“The Organic Computer”, also known as Jacob McCarty, is truly one of the closest things to an organic computer here at Mountaineer Boys State.

Jacob McCarty is twenty-six years old and originally lived in Weston, West Virginia, but recently re-located to Martinsburg, West Virginia. He attended Lewis County High School. While at Lewis County High School, he was a part of the Student Council, Interact, and the National Honors Society, and is currently part of the Sons of the American Legion. Jacob attended college at Potomac State College of West Virginia Uni-

versity and achieved an AA degree in Electrical Engineering. He also went to West Virginia University where he earned a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. He also earned his Masters of Science and Computer Science at West Virginia University.

Mr. McCarty was a Boys State Citizen in 1999. He was a counselor for five years, and the website manager and IT Director for six years; he still holds this position today. Jacob McCarty is still drawn to Boys State because he wants to have a hand in West Virginia’s future, and provide the median for Boys State Citizens and the public.

BY MATT LILLY
UPSHUR

Michael Sluss from Teays Valley is one of our many staff members here at Boys State. Sluss was a citizen in 2002 and served on the Supreme Court. He came back as a Counselor in Braxton for three years before joining the Web Site Staff. When he is not at Boys State he enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing video games. Sluss attended the Cisco Network Academy for one year and Marshall Univer-

sity for two. While at these two schools, he attained a Degree of Applied Science in Network Administration. Sluss works as a Network Engineer for Alpha Technologies.

Sluss started coming to Boys State with his father when he was nine. He said, “I come back to boys state because I’ve come to know the staff here like my family, and I enjoy helping the citizens enjoy the program as much as I have.”

The Blind Lead the Future

BY JOSH NICHOLSON

He has been blind from birth, but his mind’s eye is keener than that of any Boys Staters own two eyes.

Aaron Preece is a seventeen year old Mountaineer Boys Stater from Huntington, West Virginia. Aaron attends Huntington High School. When his counselor told him about Mountaineer Boys State, he wasn’t certain of what it was about. When he came here, he didn’t like it at first, but now that he has been here a few days, he’s enjoying every moment. He favors assemblies and thought that the Abraham Lincoln portrayal was really neat.

Even though he was born blind, Aaron doesn’t think it’s difficult. He likes listening to Classic Rock artists such as The Who, Rolling Stones, The Police, And ACDC. He also enjoys camping, hiking, the History Channel (especially the show Dog Fights), and reading.

Aaron is an exceptional young man whose

Shavin’ for Persuasion

BY MATTHEW LILLY
UPSHUR

Last night, as we sat in the Assembly Hall listening to the speeches of all the candidates, one candidate, Chris Payne, who ran for Supreme Court Justice, promised to shave his head. However, as we saw last night, his “barbers” didn’t do a very good job. Nonetheless, the boys of Upshur County eventually kept their promise and finished the job back at the cabin. As they lathered his already almost-bald head with shaving cream, the boys of Upshur County started to crowd around to watch. When they were finished with what hair was left on his head, he rubbed his bald crown and said ecstatically, “It better grow back or I’m coming back for all of you!!!”

favorite subject in school is Latin. He plans on attending Marshall University and then law school to study to become a lawyer who enjoys video games.

Despite his handicap, Aaron has set very high goals and standards for himself. I believe, without a doubt, that Aaron Preece can and will achieve any goal that he sets for himself and will do many great things in the future.

Sleep tight... if you can

BY MATTHEW MANSPEAKER
GILMER

A general lack of sleep seems to be affecting the performances and moods of many Boys State citizens. Nobody goes to

sleep earlier than midnight, and the campers have to get up around 6:00 AM. These short nighttime hours are beginning to take a toll on everyone involved. A Gilmer coun-

selor even proclaimed, “I need my sleep.”

As hard as you try, it is often difficult to keep from nodding off when someone is speaking. The heat and the meals, of

course, contribute to the overall sleepiness of the camp. It is also evident upon arising that campers are not well-rested. Counselors often have trouble waking us up easily.

Thursday’s Menu

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
Eggs	Tacos	Lasagna
Bacon	Shells	Green Beans
Biscuits	Peas and Carrots	Garlic Bread
Hot/Cold Cereal	Pears and Cottage Cheese	Salad
Orange Juice	Shredded Lettuce and	Chocolate Ice Cream
Milk	Diced Tomatoes	Iced Tea
Apples	Sour Cream Salsa	
	Lemonade	Brownies

Who's Your Favorite Counselor?



BY RYAN LINGER
PANHANDLE

Everywhere you look, you see one of the forty-one gray-shirted Boys State instructors. From Panhandle Cottage to Randolph in the woods, they're here, and they are willing to help us become better citizens as well as better Americans. We took a survey from a pool of ten Boys Staters to see who the favorites and most inspirational ones are.

1. Ron Gore (Barbour):

Taylor Gibson (Barbour) is quoted here in saying that Gore is "funny, laidback, and easygoing." He also says that Gore "has no cruel manners."

2. Tyler Cornell (Kanawha):

Dylan Turner (Kanawha) remarks that Cornell is "helpful" and that he "knows a lot about government and helped in my decisions."

3. Don "Hot Saas" (Lewis):

Nicholas Wright (Lewis) says he likes Saas because "He's a fruit, and he likes to joke around."

4. Roger Hayes (Kanawha):

Jacob Hill (Kanawha) says Hayes is "hilarious, laidback, and a lot of fun."

5. Truman Sayre (Panhandle):

Adam Pauley (Panhandle) comments that Sayre is "very informative," "a great role model," and "awesome." He also says that Sayre "sets a good example."

6. Don "Hot Saas" (Lewis):

Trey Meeks (Upshur) states, "I just like his name."

7. Roy Turner (Marion):

Matt Przybysz (Marion) says Roy is "not strict and always smiling. His motto is 'One cottage under Roy.'"

8. Doug Robinson (Randolph):

Nicholas Evans (Randolph) says he likes Robinson because "He's a wildcard. You never can tell about his mood. He's very strict for good reasons, and very funny."

9. Ryan Cox (Monongalia):

Matthew Wilkinson (Monongalia) says Cox is "funny" and that we "cannot forget about him."

10. Tanner Moore (Monroe):

Jonathan Henry (Monroe) states, "He's the ex-Governor, and he does what he wants."

A True Mountaineer Hero : Bill Stewart



KEVIN KNOTTS
BARBOUR

There was a time-span last fall when West Virginia football seemed to be on the brink of a coaching disaster. That was when Bill Stewart stepped up, and led the team amidst the adversity. He took over a team that had been coached by former coach Rich Rodriguez, and coached them against heavy favorites in Oklahoma University. However, Stewart took charge and led the underdogs to a 48-28 romping of the Sooners with a great effort from the players on both sides of the ball for the Mountaineers. After the game was over, many West Virginia University players, including Owen Schmitt, Pat McAfee, and Pat White started campaigning for the permanent head coaching job to be given to Bill Stewart.

This came from the massive amount of respect that these players held for this man who believed in them when many others did not. Bill Stewart is a married man from New Martinsville, and has a son. Stewart is a graduate from Fairmont State University, where he was in the education program. He took a long route to get to the Mountaineers that included stops at Fairmont State, Sistersville High School, Salem College, UNC, Marshall, William and Mary, Navy, Arizona State, and Air Force for assistant coaching jobs, and was the head coach at VMI for three seasons. He then came to West Virginia and has been an assistant for the past 8 seasons, and was the Associate Head Coach this past season. Stewart started to coach the game of football because of a love for the game and a dream of being involved with the growth of young adults. He has certain traits that he looks for in his players that are good character, good students, and good athletes. He loves the concepts that Boys State presents to teenagers, and hopes to be a proud father who can say his son attended this program. Stewart feels that the leadership skills that are taught by Boys State are instrumental in the type of players that he wants to coach. His favorite place that he has coached at is West Virginia University, and his second favorite is VMI. Stewart stated that the keys for a successful season are for the team to stay healthy, take care of their own business, and have team chemistry. He believes that West Virginia will take care of business and beat Pitt in the Backyard Brawl this upcoming season. Stewart wants for his players to gain more than just football skills from the program, and those ideas are for the players to be good men of faith, good students, and good men in society. His advice for all the participants in Boys State is "Don't Hit the Snooze Button".



BY JOSH NICHOLSON
KANAWHA

Whether you've sprained your ankle playing soccer, thrown your arm out from baseball, have severe sunburn, or broken your fingers from too much writing, Mountaineer Boys State's medical staff is there to help. There are five professionals on this year's staff: Dr. Jerry Dague, Nurse Debbie Hoag, William Poe, Justin Evans, and Randall Kocsis.

Dr. Jerry Dague is from Wheeling, West Virginia, and he deals mostly with emergency medicine. He attended Marshall University's School of Medicine, has a B.S. Degree in Biology from Fairmont State University and had a residency at Wheeling Medical Park. He currently works between Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Wheeling Medical Park. Dague is married with three kids, two girls and a boy. He has his pilot's li-

cense and owns a two-seated Ultralight.

Nurse Debbie Hoag has a Masters Degree in Nursing and is an assistant professor at Fairmont State University. Hoag has been in Nursing for thirty-five years. She is a mother of two daughters and one son. She is also a grandmother, boasting six grandchildren. Hoag enjoys painting and took a painting class in high school. She teaches an online course for the University of Phoenix, and, even though she likes computers, she says she has a tendency to mess them up, but never beyond her repair. When she's finished with them, they usually turn out better than before.

Willie Poe was a citizen here at Boys State back in 2005 and was the Chairman for the Nationalist Party as well as his city's fire chief. When he was fifteen, he joined a rescue squad because he

was too young to be the first responder. Poe also became an EMT when he was eighteen. Here at Mountaineer Boys State, Willie deals with major emergencies (broken bones, oxygen deprivation, heat, etc.). He likes watching *South Park*, *The King of Queens*, and *The Daily Show with John Stewart*.

Justin Evans is twenty-eight and is from Moorefield, West Virginia. The three things in which he loves to partake at Boys State are educating, marching, and cadences. Justin is a certified CPR instructor, first responder volunteer firefighter, and a volunteer with Fraley's Ambulance Service. He likes hunting, fishing, playing with his dogs, and spending time with his fiancée, Kimberly. Evans was a citizen in 1997 and enjoys assemblies, band, and the Formal Review.

Last, but not least, is Randall Kocsis. Mr.

Kocsis attended Fairmont High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State University. He became a certified EMT in 1981. His mother is a Nurse Practitioner, and his brother is a Registered Nurse, EMT, and firefighter. Mr. Kocsis always carries a first-aid kit, oxygen, and an AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) in the back of his truck. Randall has dealt with diabetic comas, near-drowned victims, and many more medical emergencies here at Mountaineer Boys State.

Our medical staff here is the best available. With these highly-trained and knowledgeable individuals, there is no medical emergency that cannot be handled, but, just in the case of an extremely intense emergency, a patient would be transferred to the Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

Daily Schedule

Thursday, June 12, 2008

- 6:00 - Reveille and Clean Quarters
- 7:15 - INFORMATION at Dining Hall
- 7:20 - FLAG RAISING
- 7:25 - BREAKFAST
- 8:25 -9:30 All Citizens needing full time employment meet with Employment Opportunity Director and Advisors on Barbour Right Porch.
All County Officials meet in West Virginia Building for specialized instructions.
Assessors in Kanawha Cottage
All City Officials meet in Old Picnic Pavilion across from pool.
- 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
- 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-Assembly Hall
- 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
**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.

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>
<u>Beside Braxton</u>	<u>Beside Softball</u>	<u>Behind Chapel</u>	<u>Grass Field</u>	<u>Behind Gilmer</u>
<i>Marion-F</i>	<i>Panhandle-F</i>	<i>Braxton</i>	<i>Barbour</i>	<i>Gilmer</i>
<i>Lewis-F</i>	<i>Randolph -F</i>	<i>Monroe-N</i>	<i>Randolph-N</i>	<i>Lewis-N</i>
<i>Panhandle-N</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Calhoun</i>	<i>Monroe-F</i>	<i>Kanawha</i>
<i>Upshur</i>		<i>Monogalia</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Marion-N</i>