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Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Roy Turner—Bass Master

MARK WILLIAMS - EDITOR
MARION

Roy Turner has been an amazing councilor for the last three years, many people know that. What most people don't know is his true background. Roy is a member of the Sons of American Legion, since 1964. In the forty-four years he has been a member, he has been the state commander of Ohio, and has held nationally appointed offices for the last 8 years. He is currently the Vice Commander for the West Virginia Division of Sons of American Legion.

The other thing you probably don't know about Roy is his amazing skills at playing Double Bass. Roy has been playing the bass for forty years and is currently in three bluegrass bands, including High Mountain Bluegrass and the Douglass Brothers.



He states that he started playing trombone originally, but eventually got into bass, as the music you play is essentially the same, so it was an easy transition.

Roy's has been on five CDs, two from The Douglass Brothers, and three from High Mountain Bluegrass. He has also been a participant in the Akron Music Union since 1973 and has played with nearly every big band in Northeastern Ohio.

Roy's band will be playing tonight and tomorrow at the Soggy Bottom Bluegrass Hall in Weston. If you want to see the bass at it finest, be sure to attend.

Crack Crazes Counties

MATT MANSPEAKER
GILMER

As you exit the bank and go to the left at around 9:40 AM on Friday morning, you might see almost the entire state police force setting up a crime scene tape. This of course strikes up the natural human curiosity and causes you to go investigate further. If you approach, you see a bag on the sidewalk

burst open and fine white powder all over the sidewalk. The police did some field tests on it and discovered that the controlled substance was in fact cocaine.

Some witnesses at the scene were interviewed and through what they saw and a text message that somebody was able to present the police were able to get a warrant for the arrest of Andrew Kiger of Marion

County. I followed the police down to Marion County to try and get a story. The police were very helpful in my gathering of information and let me near the crime scene. However, after the arrest of Andrew Kiger, I was denied the right of press by a Marion County counselor who rudely told me to get lost.

Kiger, the mayor of Fairmont, Marion County just yesterday had

cleared Marion County of suspicion of involvement in the kidnapping of the governor and attempted bank robbery. In an interview he had said, "The only thing they (the terrorists) did was bring shame to their families, and show how great Marion really is." What does it look like for Marion now that their mayor is under arrest for possession of controlled substance?

The Newspaper Staff



On the Way Home

Kevin Knotts
Matt Manspeaker
Barbour, Gilmer

As the week winds down to a end, most participants in Mountaineer Boys State are looking forward to going home. While the prospect of home is great, there is still something that almost every person here at Jackson's Mill is going to miss when they are gone.

Casey Hamilton—Monogalia: having the big family style dinners.

David Osbourne—Calhoun: brotherhood of the National Guard.

Dean Porter—Monroe: meeting new people.

Alexander Taylor—Panhandle: Truman's speeches.

Jonathan Lyons—Kanawha: Denver.

Nolan Harvath—Marion: friends he met (Marion Cabin).

Jay Yelenic—Barbour: State Police Department.

Sean Donahoe—Marion: fun with all the people, chilling.

John Fox—Webster: nothing.

Counselor Seth Eddy—Barbour: watching young men learn the political process.

Counselor Ron Gore—Barbour: smiling faces.

Betty Ann Williams—Newspaper Staff Advisor: the staff of the paper, and everything else.

So when you are home, don't forget the great times and memories that you had here at Mountaineer Boys State.

Sleep

BY MATTHEW LILLY
UPSHUR

Sleep is one of the biggest parts of everyone's life. Scott Johnson, one of the counselors of Upshur County said, "Sleep is good, but we should be proud that we are all able to get up at 6:00 AM, even though it's really hard to do." At the beginning of the week, Upshur was up, ready, and had everything clean. As days go by, waking up seems less sunny and more gloomy.

What Do You Think?

BY DAVID HOLMES
BRAXTON

Earlier today when I asked around the cottage about what the boys thought of Boys State so far, the answers I received ranged from "it's horrible" to "it's awesome." One citizen said, "Boys State teaches us many wonderful things that are valuable, but the way they teach [camp staff and speakers] is very different. Nonetheless, Boys State teaches us life lessons for the future."

The following list contains the responses I received about Boys State. Following each response is a number, indicating the amount of people who made that statement:

"It's horrible." -	4
"It's okay, but could be better." -	4
"It's good." -	3
"It's great." -	1
"It's awesome." -	15

As you can tell, there were many responses to the question. However, when I asked how the marching is going, the results changed:

"It's horrible." -	2
"It's okay, but could be better." -	5
"It's good." -	10
"It's great." -	2
"It's awesome." -	5
No response-	3

To sum it up, the opinion of Boys State from the citizens is that it is a wonderful type of place. Administrators care about the citizens and counselors. It has given boys a chance to learn and gain a sense of leadership, responsibility, and brotherhood.

Today's Schedule, Saturday, The end of Boys State

- 6:30— Reveille and Clean Quarters
7:45— INFORMATION at Dining Hall
7:50— FLAG RAISING
8:00— BREAKFAST
8:30—9:30 Clean quarters and prepare luggage for FINAL INSPECTION and departure. Deposit your packed and secure luggage on the porches of any of the following cottages : Marion, Kanawha, Upshur, Lewis.
9:30— FINAL ASSEMBLY (Parents and Guardians welcome)
Presentation of awards, honors, and closing comments
10:30— ADJOURNMENT (When writing, phoning, and e-mailing home, advise the person picking you

Opinions of the Police

BY JOSH NICHOLSON
KANAWHA

Naturally, being the Police Force, they automatically get a bad reputation. Some people like them,

don't like to be enforced. It isn't difficult to see the potential for a dividing line between the Citizens and the Police Force, assuming there isn't one already.

To find out for sure

asked random Citizens two questions: "What do you think about the Police Force?" and, if they gave a negative answer, asked them "What would you do to solve the problem?"

When I asked them the first question, most of them were negative, some were sympathetic, while others were just indifferent. Spencer from Kanawha said that he understands that they are trying to do their job, but they are just being over zealous. When I asked how he would fix the problem, he gave the simple solution of suing them all. Andrew Kiger, the Mayor of Fairmont in Marion County, said that he thinks that the Police need to lighten up and that they "make bigger fools of themselves by chasing us." When I asked him "How would you solve the problem?" he said that he would "tell the Police to have fun at Boys State like the rest of us."

So whether you like them, hate them, or if you're indifferent to them, you still have to deal with them. So if you're going to complain about them, then do something about it; earn the right to complain or be quiet.



but most hate them. It is their duty to enforce the law, that's probably why they have the title of Law Enforcement Officers, but many people

(because we all know what happens when we assume things) I took a survey. I went around campus and

Unemployment Office Helps Out the State

BY KEVIN KNOTTS
BARBOUR

There is an important office here at Mountaineer Boys State that does not receive credit for the well-done job that it does. The office is the Unemployment Office, and is run by the Employment Opportunity Director, Pat-

rick Martin from Panhandle Cottage. He is a resident of Beckley, West Virginia and attends Woodrow Wilson High School. The main purpose of his job is to make sure that there are no unfilled jobs, which means that he is doing a good job, since no one is unemployed here at Jackson's Mill.

He is responsible for checking up on the people who came to the office for jobs in order to make sure that they are doing what they need to do. This was a job that was sort of appointed to him by the Governor, Dane Hamilton. He enjoys working at the office because it is fun, and he is the entire staff of the

office. His advisor is Counselor Seth Eddy, whom he describes as a good advisor, helpful, laid-back, and an all-around nice guy. So the next time that you need a job, go to the Unemployment Office and talk to the man who is called Patrick Martin.

The Voice of the Mountaineers



Kevin Knotts
Barbour

There is one thing that is always the same at all West Virginia University basketball and football games, home and away, win or loss, and that is Tony Caridi announcing the game. Tony Caridi is the voice of the West Virginia Mountaineers who makes listeners feel like they are at the game. He was born in Lockport, New York, and is a graduate of Syracuse University. He has been a radio broad-

caster for 25 years and has been broadcasting West Virginia games for Mountaineer Sports Network since 1986. He feels that Boys State is absolutely wonderful, a positive experience, invaluable, identifies people, and lights fires under the participants. He would love to have his twin sons come to the program and learn about the real world. His outlook is that both the football and basketball teams are strong and could compete for titles in the upcoming seasons. He said to remember

that no matter we come from, do what you want to do. He also said that everyone has a gift from God. People need to try things; and that could be the best thing that comes to them in their life because there is no such thing as a bad internship. The job that you should have needs to be something that you love and would do for free. He said that most people follow the world's view, but this leads them down the wrong road. However, he also said that if follow a spiritual leadership, rather

than world leadership. Caridi also said that a person will have a great life if they tell the truth, teach yourself to tell the truth, and it will hurt at first, but the pain will go away. Caridi also left some advice about choosing a field to work in: Think you might do it, start trying and doing it now, so you find what you truly want to do with life. So next time you hear Tony Caridi broadcasting a game on the radio, than think about the choices you will make with your life.

**Lewis Akers is glad to go home today
and see his Mommy, Girlfriend,
and his Grand Mommy.**



Betty Ann Williams—Headquarters Hero

BY RYAN LINGER
PANHANDLE

From the heart of the Boys State Headquarters at the Dorsey Center comes Betty Ann Stine-Williams, a Headquarters Director and Newspaper Advisor. She's been with the program for twenty-six years following her Girls State experience in 1976. She was born in Charleston and currently resides in Sylvester (Boone County). Williams has taught fifth grade Reading and Language Arts at Sherman Elementary for twenty-seven years. Her story about her involvement with Boys State comes from the heart.

Boys State runs in Williams' blood. Her grandfather was a citizen and then became a counselor in 1949. Her father, Bob Stine, was a citizen as well. He came back and was on staff. He became

Administrator in 1981. He served as Administrator until his death in 2002. The only year he missed Boys State was the year in which Betty Ann was born. He was also a veteran who served in the Korean War.

Williams' mother, Jewel Stine, also worked at Boys State. She was the newspaper editor and advisor from 1981 until 1998, when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Betty Ann named one of her cats "Jules" after her mother. Her other pets include a cat, which she named "Oliver," and a dog named "Webster."

As one can tell, Boys State is Betty Ann's history, her present, and, most likely, her future. She works 365 days every year on the Boys State program, and she loves it dearly. She states, "I'm proud of the citizens that were selected

to come here, and I hope they leave here and become leaders and make our future brighter. I want to encourage the citizens to go home and boast Boys State to upcoming high school juniors so we can up the numbers next year."

As an educator, Betty Ann received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Concord College in Elementary Education. Afterwards, she received her Master of Arts Degree from WVU in Speech Communication. Education is also in her blood, considering the fact that her whole family has been involved in teaching. Williams has two stepdaugh-

ters and four granddaughters, whom she loves exceedingly. On education, she says, "I love challenging and working with kids, and I love making a difference in a child's life."

Betty Ann has had a huge impact on all the newspaper staff as well as on all the citizens with whom she has come in contact. She has unquestionably made a difference in our lives, and we are all very grateful for everything she has done with us and taught us. Even though the week is drawing to a close, Williams and her personality are two aspects of Boys State that we will never forget.

Note From the Editor

I would personally like to thank Betty for supporting the Newspaper staff and helping us through this hot week of Boys State.

Thanks Betty
Editor Mark Williams

TURMOIL AMONG GIANTS

ELLIOT IMLAY
LEWIS

Most of us here at Boy's State would do anything for our team whether it's football, basketball or even soccer. But would you kill for your team? One man, John Branch of Lewis County, did just that. Two nights ago, in the newly developed Red Apple Tavern located in the lower social economic district of Weston in Lewis County, John and his late buddy, David Bonazza, were watching a packer's game rerun and getting drunk. John had had about five beers when Bonazza viciously shouted, "Packers suck!" sparking a quickly escalating quarrel between the two. John left the bar steaming as Bonazza ran after him screaming,

"I'm not finished with you yet!" John told the court, "I'm a tinny little man, and he scared me". When John pulled out his grandmother's civil war muzzle loader hand gun, Bonazza cried, "Oh, snap!" and ran for the grass where he tripped and fell to the ground. John then violently shot Bonazza and killed him. John threw the gun to the ground and fled only to trip and fall in a drunken stupor. The vigilant state police arrived on the scene in time to catch John and found a pistol and bullet shells next to Bonazza's body. The only logical conclusion is that John did not in fact use his grandmother's civil war muzzle loader hand gun to kill Bonazza. John did, however, make the statement, "in my hood, it's

just a scratch" to put in perspective the seriousness of his crime. Despite his best efforts, John was found guilty of second degree murder, but was given no official sentence for his crime.

This tragic event has greatly troubled the citizens of Weston in Lewis County and their city council. To prevent future crimes of this caliber, Mayor Lewis has moved to annex the general store located near Lewis county cabin to more closely monitor the area and keep it safe from intoxicated trouble makers, loiterers, sandwich thieves and other shady individuals. This annexation was made official as of yesterday by the actions of city councilmen Gerrett Lester.

The Bank Staff



Laying Down the Law: The Legal Advisors

BY RYAN LINGER
PANHANDLE

Once you get elected as a lawyer, you have to start with trials immediately. To cross-examine and prosecute someone, you have to know what to do. That's where the legal staff here at Mountaineer Boys State comes in. Brandon Flower and Melvin Williams assist Boys Staters in making the civil and correct decisions when working a court trial.

Melvin Williams has been an attorney for ten years, graduating from William and Mary and Bridgewater schools with a Bachelor Degree in Law. He's worked as a legal advisor since 1998 and became a junior and senior counselor after being a Boys State citizen in 1990. He had no job while here and now regrets that. His reasons for becoming an attorney are because it enables him to have "the abil-

ity to effect, change, and assist people in different situations." His most memorable experience involved a jury trial in January concerning a lady assaulted by a sheriff's deputy. This lady ended up winning the case, and \$375,000 went in her favor. Williams is a part-time pastor and currently resides in Roanoke, Virginia.

Brandon Flower has only been a lawyer for five years, but he definitely knows what he is doing. He was born in Sophia (Raleigh County) and currently resides and works as a prosecuting attorney in Marion County. He was a Boys State citizen in 1994 and worked as Attorney General. That was his first introduction to law. Flower has worked at Boys State ever since, making this his fifteenth year. He isn't exactly sure what made him want to become a law-

Counselor Saves the Day



BY MICHAEL BLAKE
BRAXTON

Elliot Iannello of Braxton Cottage saves the day. A toilet in the upper level of the cottage was about to overflow, but Elliott ran down the stairs and grabbed a plunger. He ran back upstairs and plunged as fast as he could, and finally the waters subsided before they went down the stairs like a waterfall. Elliott came out of the bathroom and said "That's what you call excitement on the high seas."

yer, but he enjoys every minute of it. Flower has a valuable lesson for everyone: "It's not a good idea to go to court with a Budweiser t-shirt on."

These two men work very hard all year, both for Boys State as well as for their counties. They are respectable men, and we should give them thanks for all that they do



Sleep

BY MATTHEW LILLY
UPSHUR

Sleep is one of the biggest parts of everyone's life. Scott Johnson, one of the counselors of Upshur County said, "Sleep is good, but we should be proud that we are all able to get up at 6:00 AM, even though it's really hard to do." At the beginning of the week, Upshur was up, ready, and had everything clean. As days go by, waking up seems less sunny and more gloomy.

Passing The Bar

BY MASON WALLING
MARION

Of the thirty-two members of Marion Cottage, almost half of them passed the Bar Exam. Fourteen boys scored high enough to be eligible to run in the general election. Some of these fourteen boys admitted to studying somewhat for this exam, but they said what helped them the most was the twenty-minute lecture given prior to the exam. This study session should definitely be continued, and, maybe even lengthened in the future.

The failing numbers from Marion Cottage confessed to not studying as much as they should have. Some said that, since the career path they had planned on following at Boys State did not require them to have passed the Bar, they were not pressured to try to their fullest exam. Citizens of this year's Boys State feel that the Bar Exam should be made easier so that future citizens will be allowed to run for office.

Much gratitude to Kim Knopf from Mattress Warehouse for providing transportation to bring the voting machines to Boys State!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A Bunch of Pranksters

BY DAVID HOLMES
BRAXTON

So what do the citizens of Boys State do during downtime? A little athletics, a little running, a little of this, and a little of that, but mostly they sleep. However, be very cautious when sleeping in the Braxton Cottage; the boys of Braxton are a bunch of pranksters. Experiencing their pranks firsthand is the counselor, Elliot Ianello. The pranks include putting shaving cream on people's faces and hands, sticking a tennis racket in their faces whilst they sleep, and covering them with baby powder, and, even though all the citizens of Braxton are helping, there is one leading prankster, Justin Caldwell.

Justin was the first person to start the pranks. One the better pranks performed by the cabin was the incident in which boys threw a blanket over Justin "Fish" Starsick while he was sleeping, shouted, "Fire!" and ran out. The prank, however, didn't turn out how we wanted, but it was still rather funny. So next time you fall asleep, just remember that someone just might pull a prank on you.

King of the Cottage

BY MASON WALLING
MARION

The members of Room Two in Marion Cottage have started a new tradition at Boys State this year. Eleven beds reside in here, with only ten men to fill them. Roman Taylor, Eric Yurko, Stanley Wolfe, Mason Walling, Sean Donahoe, Joseph Tennant, Chris Chipps, Richard Sutphin, Ethan Backus, and Ian Lay all inhabit this room, leaving one bed vacant in the middle. The ten members have decided that the lone bed will exemplify a king's throne. Each night, one of the Marion members is chosen, based on an act of stupidity, and forced to wear a dunce cap while sleeping in the bed.

POW—MIA Recognition Day and Salute to Veterans September 13, 2008

10AM opening ceremony until 2PM

Located at Holly Gray Park in Braxton County. Off exit 67 I-79
Flatwoods

Braxton Co. Middle School Band, Bluegrass,
Legion Dignitaries, Elected Officials

Special recognition of 25 WV POWs—MIAs

Exhibit hall of Museum War Memorabilia, National Guard
Equipment, Motorcycle "Bike Show", Horseshoe Tournament,
Hillside of Crosses, Color Guard Presentations, Graveside
Honor Guard Services on the hour.

Put on by WV American Legion family

Wear your Boys State Shirts
You will be recognized on the program.

On Behalf of the Newspaper staff, I would like to thank the American Legion and the Mountaineer Boys State Staff for making this week and this newspaper possible. We all greatly appreciate the great experience this has been.

**Mark Williams
Editor**

Betty Ireland in Person

Kevin Knotts
Barbour

There has been one female Secretary of State in the history of the 28 West Virginia Secretaries of State, and she spoke to Boys State at lunch on Friday. Betty Ireland is from the city of Charleston, and is on the Republican party. She is also the first female to be appointed to the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals, and has also been a member of the Charleston City Council. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a secondary degree in English with English and Latin, and was a teacher for several years in the West Virginia Public School System. She is married to Sam Haddad, and has children: Chuck, Andy, Alex, Janie. She entered public service because she is an 8th generation West Virginia and wanted to give back to state. She



says that Boys State is a great opportunity to learn how to be leaders, and it is her 3rd time being here at Jackson's Mill. Her future political moves are dependent on if she has a choice to move up, she is not sure if she will or not. She says that on the job learning never ends, and she is the reason that we had touch screen voting here at Boys State. The advice that she gives is lock away friends and memories here at Boys State because conflicts will arise, but if you turn to

friends you can solve any problem. So many thanks go out to Betty Ireland for her help here at Boys State and in the state of West Virginia.



Climbing to New Heights

Matt Manspeaker
Kevin Knotts
Gilmer, Barbour

Many colleges from around the state came and set up stands with information and a representative to answer questions in the Assembly Hall. The state police and National Guard were also there recruiting. Some colleges that were represented were West Virginia Wesleyan, Potomac State, Marshall, WVU, WVU-Tech, and University of Charleston. This was an invaluable experience for Boys States participants as they were able to get more one-on-one time with college representatives. This was a great way to learn and have fun at the same time.

Chemicals Cause Chaos

Ryan Linger
Panhandle

At approximately 4p.m. in Friday, a chemical spill occurred on the lawn of Monongalia Cottage. SPC Mealey, chemical expert, says an entire tanker of ammonia nitrate was tipped over on a trip from Washington (State) to Washington D.C.. Christian Guy, a citizen from Monongalia

County ran into the spill, and was shot by a National Guard member. The three bullets that penetrated his body left his torso vulnerable for the chemicals to infect his body. The National Guard had complete control over the spill, and it was cleaned up immediately. Props to the National Guard for their quick response to the chemical spill.



FLAG DAY—June 14, 2008



REMEMBER ME?

Hello! Remember Me?

Some call me Ole Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag—the Flag of the United States of America... There has been something that has been bothering me, so, I thought that I might talk it over with you here today.

I remember some time ago, (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it Veterans Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street for a parade. A high school band was behind me and, naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it so that his right hand was directly over his heart.

And you – I remember you.

Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat, but you were giving me the right salute. Remember, they taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart, and little sister, not to be outdone, was saluting the same as you. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street that day.

Now, I may sound as if I am a little conceited, Well, I am! I have a right to be, because I represent you, the people of the United States of America.

But what happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more stars added since the beginning of this country, and lot more blood shed since that patriotic day so long ago.

Not I don't feel as proud as I used to.

When I come down your street, some people just stand there with their hands in their pockets and give me a small glance and then look away. I see children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have some people forgotten what I stand for? Have they forgotten all the battlefields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me you are actually saluting them!

Take a look at the memorial rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours.

That's whom you are saluting, not me!

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see me waving back—that's my salute to you.

And then I will know you remember who I am...

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

THE PEOPLE IN GRAY

By Mark Byers, Senior Counselor, Lewis Cottage, 2004
Revised By Betty Ann Williams, Headquarters Director, 2005

By the time you get here, we've been here a day, the people in gray. Some of us started work on this year's program before last year's ended. Some meet at least once a year at a remote location to improve the program to make it a better learning experience for you. Some of us invest a great deal of our personal time to put together programs that attempt to make the complexities of the law and budgets and government a simple, enjoyable experience for you. We do it because of our love of for this program, we do it for you.

Who are we, the people in gray? We're veterans who fought in wars you've only read about. We're lawyers, engineers, teachers, businessmen, bus drivers, technicians, and students. Some of us are high school students only a year older than you are. We come from as far away as Illinois, Southern Virginia, Florida, and from as close as Weston and Buckhannon. We take vacation and schedule our early summer around you, so important is your cause. We're volunteers.

The Saturday before you come, we come, the people in gray. Some of us haven't seen each other for a year: each greeting is a family reunion. Old friends who come together for this program and for you, embrace and honor the friendships forged here years or even decades ago. Pleasantries are exchanged, then the business of your week discussed. While you're having a last night with your families and friends, we're working with our Boys' State family to make sure we're ready for you. After the meetings, we eat and visit and catch up on a year's worth of news, knowing that time is precious once you arrive. We vote for the Weston Fire Department Flame Queen with our change. Pizza hut loves the people in gray.

The day you get here, we've been up for hours, the people in gray. Nametags and shirts and medical forms and rosters and blue books and handbooks are stacked and sorted and labeled and ready: ready for you. Counselors in cottages stand ready to receive you and your families, our gray shirts fresh to impress upon your parents that you will be in good hands. We receive you in all your forms: on foot, on crutches, in wheelchairs, with special needs or otherwise, there is nothing we cannot handle, even if you forget your physical forms (which you always do). You come in all sizes, colors, and creeds. You come with baggage, both physical and emotional. Some of you have never been away from home before. We answer a thousand questions for the thousandth time. You're silent and shell-shocked. We smile.

During the week, we make your day, the people in gray. We direct, correct, guide, answer, demonstrate, announce, and teach. Forms and ballots and schedules and the things you need each day appear as if by magic. While you're in classes or doing athletics, caucusing, or assembling, we're making sure the next thing you need, will be right when you need it. If you are up at 0600 we are up at 0530 or earlier. If you're in bed at 2400 we're in bed at 0100 or later. If you're tired we're more so. The people in gray will sleep when we get home: right now you're more important.

When you leave, we'll linger, the people in gray. There will be tearful goodbyes fueled by a sense of accomplishment of having taken 400 strangers and molded them into teams of bright young men with a greater knowledge and appreciation for America. You'll be on the road back home and we'll be embracing, relieved that it's over, but not wanting it to end. We drag our feet, trying to get in that one last personal contact that we didn't make because we were busy serving you. We meet at the Wendy's in Weston so we can have those last moments together and to bask in the glow of our love for this program and each other. Eventually we'll say our goodbyes and resolve to return another day... as the people in gray.

**Dedicated to the 2008 Mountaineer Boys
State Staff
Thanks for Everything**



Congresswoman
Shelley Moore
Capito spoke at
dinner for us



RFL Productions and Dr. Seymour O'Life Present:

THE WEST FORK RIVER REVUE	Piano Medley	Garrett Michael (Upshur)
<i>With your Host Randall K. Kocsis</i>	A song	Travis Nichols (Randolph)
<i>Featuring "Doc" Drew Aires and the Mountaineer</i>	A song	Richard Evans & Jonathan
Boys' State Band	Turner (Monroe)	
9 P.M. Friday 13 June 2008	Drum Duo	Gov. Dane Hamilton (Lewis)
Jackson's Mill Assembly Hall	& Galen Kabulski (Monongalia)	
The Band "Doc" Drew Aires and the	A song	James Birch (Randolph)
Mountaineer Boys' State Band		
A look into the Past MBS Film compliments of Weir-	A song	Chase Liken on vocal and
ton Steel	Ethan Collins on guitar (Panhandle)	
WVU Pride Counselors Neil Bolyard and	A song	Elliott Imlay (Lewis)
Truman Sayre		
Dance Exhibition James Jirak (Panhandle)	A song	Elliott Imlay (Lewis) & John
	Purcell (Panhandle)	
A song Adam Lossdon (Webster)	A reading	Michael Slaughter
	(Randolph)	
Group Sing Braxton Cottage	Veterans Tribute IT Staff	
Mind Boggling Rubik's cube demonstration by Ryan	Flag Folds	Robbie Robinson and Friends
Striker (Lewis)		
A song Jaron Stern (Monongalia)	Country Roads MBS Chorus and Staff	
Two Songs MBS Chorus under the direc-	Closing Song	MBS Band, Chorus, staff
tion of Counselor Chris Sharps		
Presidential Address Denver Gaydon (Kanawha)		

Good Night Folks!!!