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## The Scam Artist Formerly Known as Ben Dover

Jordan Sharps

You are about to hear a story about one of the best tales of crime in Boys State. The



story is about a fellow citizen in the camp. His tale first started with an incident of DUI, where the arresting officer asked his name, in which the citizen gave as Ben Dover. Unknown to the officer the name was false, and a legend had been born. The one known as Ben Dover has committed many different crimes, but his masterpiece involved seeing account numbers on other people's badges and using them to take money out of their accounts at the bank. It was most surprising that he repeatedly visited the bank with different account numbers, and was rarely in question by bank staff. Although Ben seemed to have pulled off the perfect crime, it is rare to have one fault, and in Ben's case

he went too far. His multiple crimes were his downfall, which lead to the truth of his bank scam being found by the authorities. Ben had a good run, but as most real life tales of the perfect crime happen, this one ended in an arrest. For purposes of protecting Ben Dover's true identity the paper will not show his name, picture, or county.

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### Controversy surrounds charges against Governor Capel

Lawson Knisely

A shocking development occurred yesterday morning as news was released that your governor, George Capel, was arrested on charges of embezzlement. Reports have been confirmed that the amount embezzled was \$30,000. The police investigation is ongoing. According to several reports, this investigation includes the questioning of several ranking officials within MBS. Isaac Graham, the National Party Chairman, has been questioned by police

The central controversy surrounding the charges is the idea that a bank error occurred. This theory is the only well-known option that will allow Governor Capel to walk free. The opinions concerning this theory vary widely among the police, bank officials, and National Party Officials.

At a press conference at around 11:50 am, news was released that the charges against Governor George Capel have been dropped. Initially, the reason

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soning behind the dropped charges was not released. However, it was later discovered that new evidence was found and that this was the reason that the charges were dropped.

Through the dark cloud of controversy, history at Mountaineer's Boys State was made. For the first time in MBS history, an interim governor has signed legislation into law. This legislation concerns texting while driving. Specifically, a ban on texting while driving. The legislature is confident that this recently passed law will "stick" and have a positive effect on Mountaineer Boys State.

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### So you had a Bad Day...

Lawson Knisely

Governor George Capel's day was nothing that he anticipated. Following the eventually dropped charges of embezzlement, Mr. Capel found himself being held captive at gunpoint. The masked gunman entered Capel's office and escorted him to the Chapel. He was held there for several hours without drawing suspicion. Without warning, a ransom video was released to the world. The world was rocked by the harrowing video, which showed Capel reading a note while a masked gunman stood behind him. This film immediately drew the attention of the National Guard. The Guard took action and received a tip concerning the location of the Governor. The world watched as the soldiers marched down to the Chapel. They held the masked men, who are known as the "Ya Ya Sisterhood", at gunpoint. The Governor walked free and appeared to have experienced no physical harm. The National Guard should be commended for their incredible response time and efficiency.

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## Thursday's Athletics Results



### Volleyball

Marion-N

Gilmer-Winner

Monroe-F

Webster-Winner

### Softball

Braxton-Winner

Panhandle-N

Kanawha-Winner

Panhandle-F

### Baseball

Braxton-Winner

Panhandle-N

Kanawha-Winner

Panhandle-F

# County News

## Boys State Wraps Up

Andrew Roidt

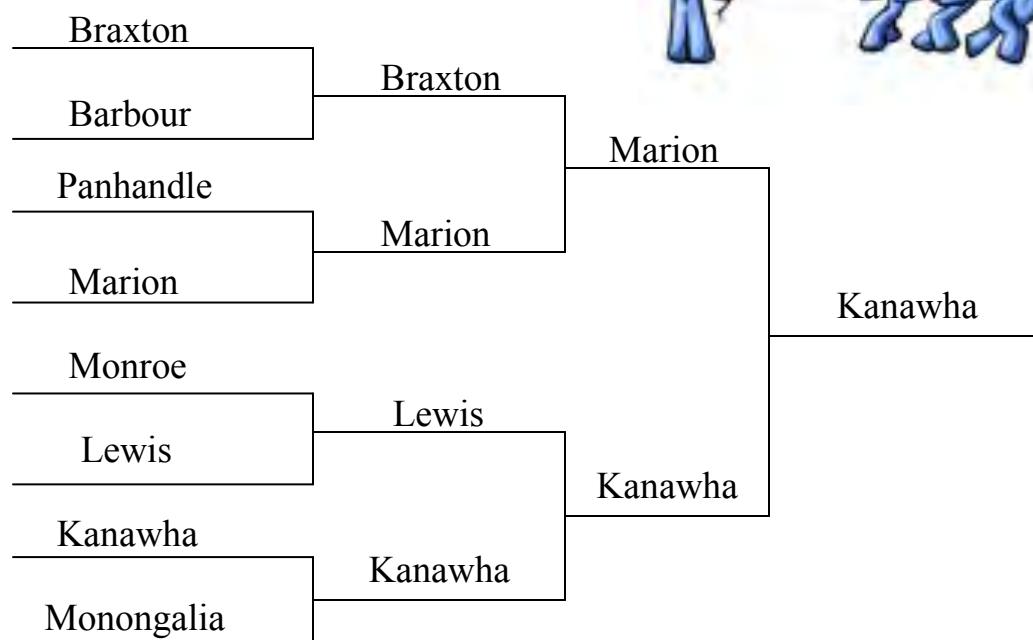
After nearly six days marching, cleaning, working, and singing, we have finally made it to our last day of Boys State. Although I am ready to go home, I am going to miss some of the things we do at Calhoun Cottage, specifically the marching. Ever since my first day here, I can't get the words "left, left, left, right, left" out of my head. I especially enjoy singing cadences as we march. We usually sing one about how we are doing the same thing as we have done all week, all over again. Yesterday, when we got to the part of the cadence where we said "one more day and we'll be through," it felt amazing. Just think, we only have to sing "Men of Tomorrow" one last time. While my time at Boys State has been enjoyable, I'm glad we have reached the end. I have honestly learned a great deal about the government and patriotism, and have a whole new respect for each. Congratulations to everyone who attended Boys State, we made it.

## Panhandle Possibly Haunted

Edward Sundin

We all know that Citizens that really enjoy Boys State typically come back the following year, and years after, as counselors, but what if they never really leave? This is the case of Ellwood, the spirit that inhabits Panhandle cottage. Ellwood was a counselor many years ago, but his postmortem activities still include watching over the bright, young men of Panhandle. He mostly works at night, making noises moving people's belongings. "My pop-tarts keep disappearing," says County Commissioner Cameron Lyons. There have also been reports of cold shivers and many sightings of spectral beings among the Citizens. Is Ellwood trying to scare the Pan-handlers, or is he just playing practical jokes? The only thing we know is that he is having the time of his life—or death.

## Tug-of-War Results



# County News

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## Webster Cottage.

"Alex Wolfe"

The young men in Webster Cottage are some of the most inspiring and interesting people I have ever met. The same can be said for the counselor's.

My cabin-mates impressed me the very first time I talked to them. When I first saw them, I thought they looked unimpressive, and I thought my week was doomed to be horrible. Then discussion started.

They aren't geniuses. But they know about what they talk about and believe what they say. That is rare enough to merit my respect. Unafraid of what others will say, they charge ahead. As our time together progressed, I learned they were people I looked forward to seeing and talking to.

Their sports prowess is amazing, as is their enthusiasm. Even an 11-5, last inning softball situation couldn't slow them down. Though our cabin lost that game, it was an amazingly fun experience.

Our cabin councilors were, quite frankly, amazing. Their dedication to helping young men succeed inspired me to push harder to make my week more meaningful. They were strict on some things, but their sense of humor and mostly cheerful demeanor were one of the high-lights of my camp.

Altogether, Boy's State, and the people I met here has changed my life. I learned here just how rewarding and fun working hard can be, and the lighter side to the always dark politics to me. I believe that this camp has provided me with the will and motivation to make a difference. I will miss everyone here, and look fondly on this experience for the rest of my life.

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## Saturday's Menu

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### Morning Meal



Sausage Gravy  
Biscuits  
Hot and Cold Cereal  
Bananas and Apples  
Orange Juice  
Milk



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## A special thanks to the men and women of the American Legion

# VOTE FOR BRONSON



Bronson Clark, of Grantsville, has been selected as a Metro News West Virginia Scholar

**Finalist.** He has the opportunity to earn a full scholarship to West Virginia Wesleyan College valued at over \$90,000. Bronson is a three sport varsity athlete and honor student at Calhoun High School. He wishes to attend West Virginia Wesleyan in the fall of 2011 to become a minister and is currently working with the guidance counselor and school administration to start a peer mediation program at his school. In



order to win this amazing scholarship he needs votes at [www.wvscholar.com](http://www.wvscholar.com). The website contains interviews, bios, and photos of the twelve finalists. The voting period started May 22nd and goes through June 20th.

Please vote for Bronson and tell all of your friends and family to do the same. He needs everybody's support to win this unbelievable scholarship.



**Thank you!**

# Saturday's Schedule

6:45 – Reveille and clean quarters

7:50 – IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL

7:55 – FLAG RAISING

8:00 – BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:15 – Clean quarters and prepare for FINAL INSPECTION and departure.

All luggage and belongings must be removed from the interior of all cottages

and deposited on any cottage's covered porch, the Assembly Hall porch or the interior of the West Virginia building.

9:30 – FINAL ASSEMBLY (Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend) in Exhibition Hall; Presentation of awards, honors and closing comments.

11:00 – ADJOURNMENT

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND BEST WISHES!

IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!