

# The Mountaineer



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MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE

LEARNING TODAY...  
LEADING TOMORROW  
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## THE DAILY BULLETIN

- Shelly Moore Capito will be speaking today at breakfast

- Congratulations to James Hamilton III for scoring the highest on the BAR Exam with an 86%!

- John Perdue to be speaker at lunch

# The Results Are In!

2012 MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

NATIONALIST	POSITION	FEDERALIST
Dallas Kokoska	<b>Governor</b>	Damian Cooke
Jacob "Mr. Gravy" Smith	<b>Secretary of State</b>	Jack McGee
Alex "A-Mac" MacDonald	<b>Auditor</b>	Josh "J Watts" Watson
Michael Fouts	<b>Treasurer</b>	Charlie "Not the Hunchback" Hagebo
William G. Slonaker	<b>Commissioner of Agriculture</b>	Aaron "Tater Salad" Whittaker
Donald "The Waterboy" Boucher	<b>Attorney General</b>	Joel M. Whetzel

# Party Platforms

## THE NATIONALIST PARTY

“Standing for American Values”

- Making a competitive economy by cutting taxes and creating fair regulations
- Keeping the medical industry private and efficient via malpractice reform and keeping the government out of insurance
- West Virginia is a coal state; we will fight the department of energy now and advocate alternative energy in the LONG term
- Savings from regulation will fund increases in education, along with stricter requirements for teachers
- The war on crime will be revitalized, longer terms for crimes and more enforcement agents

***“When I say Nationalist, you say red! Nationalist! Red! Go Nats!”***

## THE FEDERALIST PARTY

- Re-budgeting in the favor of improving infrastructure
- Putting funding into vocational schools
- Supporting Natural resources in West Virginia
- Researching newer and cleaner ways of acquiring natural resources
- Random drug tests in welfare recipients to clean up and legitimize our welfare system



### BOY'S STATE WHITE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

\$4.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10.00

*SEE STAFF MEMBER, JIM DAVIS,*

*AT HQ.*

# Inside Story

## WHY THIRTEEN FOLDS?

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 en-

tered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers

9th fold represents tribute to womanhood

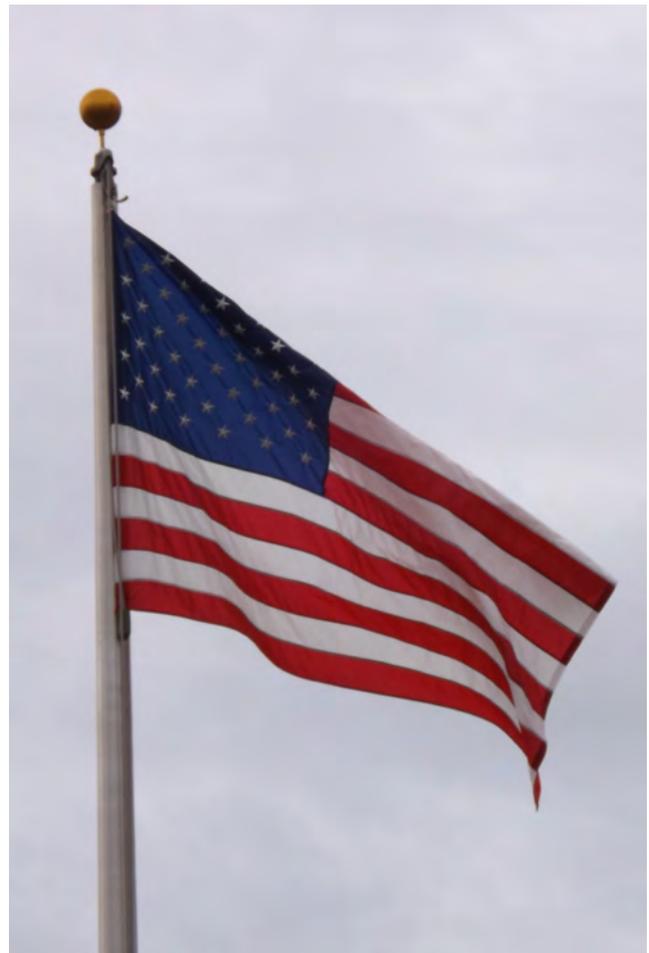
10th fold exemplifies tribute to the father

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,



## APOLOGIES!

Consol Energy was spelled incorrectly in our last issue of The Mountaineer.

We hope this consoles Consol Energy!

Thank you.

Photograph by Joshua Smith

# Legion News

## WHAT IS AMERICANISM?

Today I had the honor of interviewing Doug and Robbie Robinson on Americanism, a topic that many declare the Robinsons are experts on. We discussed what Americanism means to them personally and what they wanted us to take from their lessons, and I was deeply moved by their answers.

My first question to each of them was “What is your favorite class you teach at Boys State?” They both answered the flag class. Doug said he enjoys interacting with the Citizens, and Robbie said he liked to see what the Citizens already know about the flag.

They shared an answer to my next question, as well. I asked what Americanism means to them. To them, they said, Americanism is the fact we, as Americans, have our rights and liberties to do and say what we want without fear of oppression, or punishment.

My final question was “What do you want us to take away from Boys State?” Robbie’s answer was to respect the flag and the veterans. Respect the

flag because it represents us, each and every one of us, and disrespecting the flag is disrespecting yourself, and the people around you. Doug’s answer was to find a way to give back to the veterans. He said to volunteer for the American Legion and to try to become a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He also said to not be afraid to stand up for the flag. He said if you see someone disrespecting our flag, don’t be afraid to tell them the correct way to honor the flag, and why they should be honoring it.

Both of these men were amazing to talk to, and their answers moved me. But their answers were nothing compared to the pride and amazement in their voices as they told me these things. Their words were inspiring, and I feel honored to have had the opportunity to interview these great men.

- Roderick Ashcraft,

Monroe Cabin



# Cottage News

## BREAKDOWN IN THE WOODS

Betty Ann Williams, Rebecca Kocsis, and Elizabeth Kocsis broke down in the woods in front of Randolph and Monroe Cottages around midnight last night. “The golf cart would not work,” said Rebecca Kocsis, “but we finally found out that it was just a broken wire.” “There was no one around except for my sister and Betty Ann,” said Rebecca’s sister, Elizabeth. “I swear Michael Myers was gonna’ jump out and kill us, but we got out before he could.”

“It was devastating. I thought we were going to be stuck in the woods,” said Betty Ann Williams, the Journalism Director of Boys State.

-Jason Ashby

Randolph County

## BARBOUR COTTAGE

At first glance, Barbour Cottage may just appear to be made up of all athletes and nothing else. But take a closer look into this cottage’s citizens’ lives and you’ll find musicians, AP scholars, and an impressive bar exam passing percentage. Out of only 16 citizens, five of Barbour Cottage citizens made the top 33 percentile range. Your cottage is jealous, huh? Barbour Cottage also got off to a great start in athletics, as they defeated Harrison Cottage in the first sand court volleyball match of the camp.

-Tony Hayes

Barbour County



# Cottage News

Tyler Bailey, Devon Goodman, Ryan Graf, Brett Wilson, Jared Burns, Conner Haught; these are the men from Webster cottage who passed the bar exam. Tyler Bailey is running for House of Delegates for Webster and Supreme Court Justice for the Federalist. Devon Goodman is running for magistrate in Webster, and Attorney General for the Federalists. Jared Burns is running for Circuit Court Judge for Webster, and was hired as a staff reporter at the newspaper. Ryan Graf is attempting to become a Prosecuting Attorney for Webster. Brett Wilson is the video editor for the broadcasting crew, and is running for Supreme Court Justice for the Federalist. Conner Haught is the Webster Cottage Reporter, and is running for Attorney General for the Nationalist. As you can see, passing the bar exam has jump started many of these young men's carrier's at Mountaineer Boys State.

- Conner Haught  
Webster Cottage

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LONGANACRE**

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**AUDITOR**

# Press Release

On Sunday, 6/10/12, cadets for the ALMBS 2012 law enforcement programs began their training at the Police Academy. After graduation, these cadets will enforce Boys State laws, investigate allegations of “criminal” conduct and testify in court. Twenty (20) cadets will pursue permanent positions with the West Virginia State Police and fifteen (15) cadets will pursue permanent positions with the West Virginia Natural Resources Police, to include:

*WVSP*

**Nicholas ALLEN**  
**Drew ARNETT**  
**Nicholas BALDWIN**  
**Calib COOL**  
**Mitch DAVIS**  
**Jacob DAVISSON**  
**Alexander ELLIS**  
**Luke HARTLEY**  
**Jake HRUSHACK**  
**Trevor HUMPHREY**  
**Porter KNOLLINGER**  
**Brian LESTER II**  
**Travis MAYS**  
**Nick MINULETTI**  
**Cameron MORRIS**  
**Mark MORRISON**  
**Joseph MULOOLY**  
**Kyle SHAMBAUGH**  
**Dakota SISK**  
**Douglas**



**WILLIAMS**

*WV NRP*

**Charles BLAKE**  
**Jared COE**  
**John COLEMAN**  
**Levi CYPHERS**  
**Jonathon DECKER**  
**Brandon HANLAN**  
**Colton HOLMES**  
**Tyler KLINE**  
**Caden KUHN**  
**Austin MARTIN**  
**Kyler MARTIN**  
**Tyler MCINTIRE**  
**Grey MYERS**  
**Trevor SCHOONOVER**  
**Hunter WHITE**





## Sunday's Speaker

As Mr. Short said, Attorney General Darrell McGraw has been our attorney general for a period longer than most of us Boy's Staters have been alive. His career in law and in service to the Mountain State has been nothing less than stalwart. A short timeline of his life and educational progress show his aptitude in the practice of law and his qualification for his very prestigious position:

Born November 8, 1936 and raised in McGraws, in Wyoming County, West Virginia. Married to Jorea Maple and has four children. Attended WVU, graduated with B.A., M.A., and J.D.

Awarded post-graduate Fellow/Scholar by the Ford Foundation

Served as counsel to West Virginia Governor Hulett C. Smith.

Served as general attorney to the federal government in the State Department.

Served as counsel to West Virginia Legislature.

Was in private practice from 1969-1976

Justice of West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, 1976 – 1988

Chief Justice of West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, 1984 and 1988

Elected as 35th West Virginia State Attorney General 1992-Current  
(Elected 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004)

Appointed to Council of State Governments by National Association of Attorneys General

## A Talk with Mrs. Tennant

Tuesday evening, after the young men of Boys State had finished a hearty meal of pasta, Natalie Tennant, the Secretary of State, made her appearance at Jackson's Mill. Addressed with a cordial round of applause, she spoke to the personnel. She had already been to the Girl's State earlier, but still had time to grace everyone with her presence.

The Secretary of State has an obligation and civil duty to attest to the paperwork of the Governor. Her committee also oversees the county elections. The entire election is only watched over by Natalie and her team and they do not count the votes.

Natalie Tennant always had a sense of patriotism. Since a young age, she aspired to be involved in her country such as all kids dream to be President of the United States one time or another. She ran in 2004 and was not successful, but won in January 2009. Natalie was also a television reporter for 12 years and actually covered Jackson's Mill in her time as reporter.

When asked about Boy's State, Natalie affirmed the integrity and the honor of being chosen to attend. Our Secretary of State has been to the Mill numerous times before Tuesday, but she went on about how she adored the campus. Natalie continued to explain how easy it was in her travels to get to between Jackson's Mill and our Capital, Charleston. She continued to say that she believes that future leaders will be molded at Jackson's Mill.

In honor of her words and presence, the men of Boys State will continue through the week and complete the trials lain before them. As it is her duty to oversee, it is our obligation and honor to carry out our objectives here as young men.



# Kocsis' Comics!



## WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY JACKSON'S MILL FARMSTEAD REVISED GENERAL STORE HOURS

Monday	3:00pm--5:30pm 9:00pm--11:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am--5:30pm 9:00pm--11:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am--5:30pm 9:00pm--11:00pm
Thursday	10:00am--5:30pm 9:00pm--11:00pm
Friday	10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am- 5:00pm

During 9-11 pm hours, pepperoni pizza from Domino will be available \$2.50/slice, whole pizza \$11

Prices include tax

During all hours, rinks—\$1.25 including tax

Candy & snacks also available

# Tuesday's Schedule!

Tuesday's schedule can be found on page 14 and 15 of your Boys State Manual.

Notice: The Flag Retirement Ceremony @ 7:30 has been relocated to the Amphitheater.

## *Tuesday's athletic schedule*

**\*\*Refer to page 18 of your Boys State Manual\*\***

**Todd Morgan is your Boys State Athletic Director.**

## *Sports Results:*

**3:45-5:00PM**

Volleyball Sand Court	Volleyball Hard Court	Frisbee Behind Chapel	Softball	Basketball Behind Gilmer
Barbour: 2 Harrison: 0	Monroe-F: 2 Panhandle-F: 0	Braxton-F Monroe-N	Calhoun: 5 Kanawha-F: 0	Gilmer: 4 Panhandle-N: 17
Lewis-N: 2 Randolph-N: 0	Braxton-N: 2 Kanawha-N: 0	Lewis-F Upshur	Marion-N: 6 Randolph-F: 0	Marion-F: 5 Webster: 9

## - Nick Giovannone

Pictured aside is the victorious Braxton Nationalists after a game of hard-court volleyball against Kanawha!

Photograph by Joshua Smith

