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## THE DAILY BULLETIN

Let's All Give A  
Farwell To  
Greek Fochalis,  
He is Leaving  
Today, He is  
headed back to  
the America  
Legion Post.

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER refers to a grave in which the remains of an unidentified soldier are interred, dedicated to the common



memories of all soldiers killed in any war. Such tombs can be found in many nations and are usually high-profile national monuments. Throughout history, many soldiers have died in wars without their remains being identified. Following the First World War, a movement arose to commemorate these soldiers

with a single tomb, containing the body of one such unidentified soldier.

Photograph By: "Darren Queen"



“BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LEGISLATURE GO TO CHARLESTON “

# The Men of Tomorrow Today

Bright and early Thursday morning, the young men piled onto the two buses parked in front of the Dining Hall. Today was the day that Mountaineer Boys State would run the state. About a two and half hours away, the buses journeyed toward Charleston with the boys eagerly awaiting arrival. It would be a long day for the representatives of the 51<sup>st</sup> state in the Capital of their native West Virginia.

Once the men made it safely back in Jacksons Mill, dinner was waiting for them hot and ready. Shortly after, we all scattered across campus to go to sports, jobs, or to relax in our free hours. I tracked down a couple of the lucky Men of Tomorrow who made the trek to Charleston and back and got the story straight from them. John Thornsbury of Upshur cottage made his short and sweet remarks on his awesome experience, stating the session, the bills they voted on, and their proposals to the Senate. I also interviewed our President of the Senate, Zachary (Luke) Massey, and he had a more in-depth report for me. Luke told me that it was rather conducive, got a lot done, and had a lot of teamwork throughout it all. They were given the equipment to vote and present bills about taxes, welfare reform, and education. Also, the men were able to get Nathan Monroe pardoned through executive ordinance.

Overall, according to our President of the Senate, it was a rather monumental experience. He also took the opportunity to state his love for the Boys State program.



# Board Of Education An- nouncement

## Harrison-Upshur County Crisis

The Harrison-Upshur High School is under boil water advisories to be instated for one week. This means that the water is unsuitable for cooking, drinking, cleaning, and other recreational activities. The problem is that HU High School is obligated to sponsor the regional math field day competition which starts on Wednesday. Harrison-Upshur is asking for help from the state department on this issue, but is requesting help from their native county. In addition to this problem, 180% of the transportations department's fuel budget has been depleted in response to this. This means that many other budgets will be affected, such as money being taken in an effort to fix the problem. Unfortunately, summer programs for faculty development which is mandatory as decreed by the U.S. Department of Education will be affected as well.

We are urging involvement for this issue to be overcome. The sooner the water is clean enough to drink, the quicker budgets will start to return to normal, and the students will enjoy their equations with clean water.

-Harrison-Upshur Board of Education

-Nick Giovannone & Jacob Courrence

**Gilmer/Calhoun Counties – You Time is up! Parents have been complaining about easy access to buses at your county's transportation hub and garage. There is no fence at the facility and the property lies on a road that is rarely travelled except for county workers, so there has never been a profound reason to secure the facility. The problem lies in the fact that someone could easily tamper with the buses as they are parked at the facility overnight. The news-media has drawn attention to the problem, thus making it an issue that the general public is aware of. Sadly, just this morning on the bus route for the elementary school bus number 42-A was headed down Gilmer mountain carrying 28 K-4 graders when the brakes failed. The bus driver attempted to bring the bus to a stop, but the bus is now lying over the edge of the mountain. At last report the bus driver and 4 children were reported**

## Kocsis' Comments

**“When reaching a fork on the road of life, take it.”**

# Board Of Education Announcement

**Monroe County – Recently, while a custodian was cleaning a storage closet in the basement of your county’s only middle school, it was discovered that the outer foundation on the east end of the building had been compromised to the point of total failure. Instead of passing the information on, the custodian placed floor braces which had been used in an earlier renovation to remedy the situation. The building, built in 1986, is not eligible for replacement using state funding for another 10-12 years under an agreement with the county that was made when the state had to build a new high school due to extensive fire damage. Your problems are mounting as the weeks pass, due the upcoming standardized testing that has been scheduled. Just yesterday the building was declared uninhabitable by the county code enforcement authority. Weather forecasts for the next week predict significant rain and other adverse weather conditions which will delay any immediate action that requires exterior excavation. You have a repair budget with this particular facility of less than \$1,000. However you may need to contact your county’s legislative delegation to request special appropriations from the state. Your timely solutions in the matter are of the utmost importance. Your students must have a safe environment in which to learn and take their annual testing. The students effected range in age from grade 4-8, the school has roughly 600 students, and nearly 100 employees.**

## KANAWHA COUNTY-HEAT CRISIS IN KANAWHA

**This spring has been one of the hottest in decades. All of the schools in the county are having a hard time keeping all the HVAC and refrigeration equipment functional, and five refrigerators have malfunctioned so far, three of them more than once. The Board of Education has directed funds to buy new refrigerators and to upgrade the air conditioning units.**

## COUNSELOR’S CORNER

### CHANGE AND HOPE

If you’re reading this, by now you’re seeing the best of Mountaineer Boys’ State. The firehose of instruction has become a manageable stream, the chaos of elections has resolved into a working government, and the collection of strangers with whom you were forced to live has turned into a band of brothers with whom you can laugh until pop comes out of your nose. I have a love/hate relationship with Thursday because the camp is really starting to gel, but too soon it’ll be over.

As a cottage counselor, I always held a meeting on the last Friday night and gave every citizen an opportunity say something from the heart about Boys’ State. During that time, I heard some of the outright funniest and most singularly touching statements ever made by human voices. A common refrain has been “When I first came here, I thought you were trying to kill me, but the camp got a lot more fun as the week went on.” When I had a governor in the cottage, I always gave him the honor of going last, and in 2000 Governor Patrick Knighton got up and said one of the most insightful things I ever heard. Patrick said, “I don’t think the camp changed. WE changed.” He went on to talk about the way Boys’ State affected him and his fellow citizens and how indelible that change would be. That night, my citizen counseled me. It was certainly clear why that bright young man became Governor.

If you examine your own Boys’ State experience, I think you’ll discover the prophecy in Patrick’s statement of change. I hope you’ll find it as positive a force in your life as it has been in mine.

by Mark Byers, Chief Counselor

# SAL APPLICATION

**Sons of The American Legion Membership Application**

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Post Adjutant)

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**RECEIPT**


Date \_\_\_\_\_ Received of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

**For God and Country**

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, and Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.



For more information :<http://www.legion.org/sons>

## Friday Schedule!

Fridays' schedule can be found on page 17 of your Boys State Manual.

**Fridays s athletic schedule**

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

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

# Supreme Court of Appeals Docket

## THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS CONVENES IN FLAMEWAY HALL

### Wednesday

11:00 All judges and all attorneys who intend to practice law report to the Supreme Court of Appeals to be sworn in.

30 minutes after evening assembly concludes - conduct business as necessary.

### Thursday and Friday

9:00 Hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 (Randolph and Monroe) and 5 (Kanawha and Barbour/Webster), and conduct other business.

9:20 Recess

9:40 Announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 1 and 5, Hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 (Upshur/Harrison and Lewis) and 4 (Braxton and Panhandle), and conduct other business.

10:00 Recess.

10:20 Announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuits 2 and 4, Hear Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 (Marion and Calhoun/Gilmer), hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business.

10:40 Recess.

11:00 Announce decisions on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 and decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, hear motions for admission to the bar for afternoon circuit court trials and swear in circuit court judges, and conduct other business.

11:20 Recess: write opinions and conduct other necessary business.

# Supreme Court of Appeals Docket cont.

## THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

### CONVENES IN FLAMEWAY HALL

3:00 Reconvene: announce decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, and conduct other business before the Court.

3:20 Recess: write opinions and conduct other necessary business.

30 minutes after evening assembly concludes - conduct business as necessary.

**\* The Supreme Court of Appeals docket is subject to change.**

## Locations for circuit court trials on Wednesday and Thursday

First Circuit: Randolph and Monroe – Flameway Hall

Second Circuit: Upshur/Harrison and Lewis – Harrison Common Room

Third Circuit: Marion and Calhoun/Gilmer – Chapel (behind Harrison)

Fourth Circuit: Braxton and Panhandle – WV Building

Fifth Circuit: Kanawha and Barbour/Webster – Kanawha Center

## CORRECTIONS!

The newspaper has not credited all of the photos printed in the paper this week. Thanks to Darren Queen and Josh Smith for a job well done.

## THANK YOU!

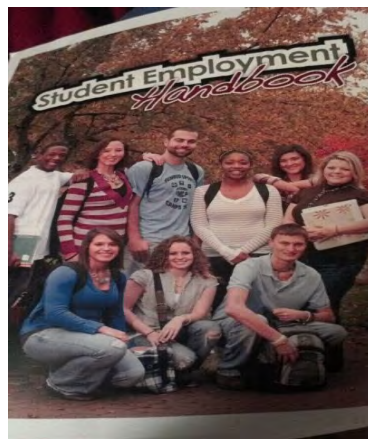
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# College Fair Schedule

Today we will be attending a college fair in the Assembly Hall. This is a good chance to talk to representatives from various colleges. There will be two one-hour sessions. Panhandle, Gilmer, Braxton, Barbour, Randolph, Monroe, and Webster cottages will attend the fair between one o'clock and two o'clock. Lewis, Upshur, Kanawha, Marion, Calhoun, and Harrison will attend the fair between two o'clock and three o'clock. The list of colleges is below.

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|--|--|---------------|
| Bethany College                                  | US Marshal Service                     |               |
| Davis and Elkins                                 | Federal Bureau of Investigation        |               |
| Wabash College                                   | WVU-Army ROTC                          |               |
| Mountain State University                        | West Point                             |               |
| Concord University                               | Air Force Academy                      |               |
| Ohio Valley University<br>val Air Warfare Center | West Virginia University               | Na-           |
| Potomac State College                            | WV School of Osteopathic Medicine      |               |
| Glenville State College                          | Wheeling Jesuit University             |               |
| West Virginia State Police                       | Bridge- West Virginia Wesleyan College | water College |
| West Virginia Natural Resource Police            | West WVU- Tech                         | Liberty Uni-  |
| William Peace University                         | University of Charleston               |               |
|  | Marshall University                    |               |



## Concord University

Front row, far left is Lindsey Burdette, a senior at Concord University and niece of Betty Ann Williams, Journalism Director. Lindsey is an elementary education major and cheered for four years. Betty Ann is a 1981 graduate of Concord. Go Mountain Lions!!!





# Counselors Cor-

“It is great to see the co-operation between the cottages in the woods. In the past, it’s been like the Hatfields & McCoys, but this year it has been a group almost 70 strong. Marion and Randolph Cottages are a great mix to have back here in the woods.” – Monroe Cottage. Counselor Ryman

“I think it’s been a great year. It is one of the funnest groups of men I have seen in the past 35 years. Every year we are surprised with how much the boys learn and grasp.” - Steve Sluss. Head Administrator

## Hitting the Sharps

When you walk into the dining hall at meal time, you are greeted by the sounds of the Boys State Choir singing “Men of Tomorrow”. This group was thrown together in a few hours on Sunday, and they have performed multiple times a day since then. But while everyone knows and hears the singers, fewer know the man behind both the music and the piano.

Mr. Chris Sharps is an American Legion Boys State Alum from back in nineteen ninety-nine when he was a Citizen. Since then, he has been involved with Boys State as a counselor and choir director. He was, and remains, in Webster cottage.

Mr. Sharps is also the education coordinator for Boys State. He has, over the few years he has been there, overhauled the government process, and integrated the different levels of government to create more interaction between them. This has led to more critical thinking, analysis, and problem solving being used by the Citizens.

Mr. Sharps is a man who, while only thirteen years older than us, has made a major impact in Boys State. His loyalty and love for this program is obvious in how much he has done for Boys State in such a small time. He is proof that we, indeed, are the “Men of Tomorrow.”

Roderick Ashcraft

Monroe

# Breaking News

## Drunk Driver's



EMS transported a drunk driver to the hospital this morning. No breathalyzer was administered. Crash occurred in front of Panhandle County; the driver was in a grey Honda. There were no fatalities. Trooper Morrison disclosed this information; Moss gave him the first call. This is an ongoing investigation.

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## Homicide

Today, June 14, 2012, one squad car and several officers were called down to the vicinity of Kanawha County on a reported homicide case. The name of the single victim, the single suspect and any eye-witnesses cannot be disclosed at this time, as this is an ongoing investigation. The crime was relayed to Trooper Headquarters by Trooper Moss. Trooper Morrison was on the scene and spoke to myself and other reporters from The Mountaineer, and all statements are official.



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# A Man of Today

The 35<sup>th</sup> governor of West Virginia, Earl Ray Tomblin made his presence known Wednesday evening as he rode in his helicopter. You could hear it from inside the cabins and all around campus. As busy as our Logan county native governor is, he still found the time to



drop in for a visit and speak to the men of tomorrow. The boys listened intently as the Governor spoke to us at dinner about leadership, values, and things we should hold dear to us, such as our country.

A little insight on Governor Tomblin would show a man who lived in West Virginia, got his education in West Virginia, and stayed in state to better it for the men of tomorrow and for all of us. He received his undergraduate degree from our very own West Virginia University, as well as an MBA from Marshall University. Governor Tomblin was elected to the House of Delegates in 1974 at the spry age of 22 and served until 1980. He was given the honor of being addressed as the state's first Lieutenant Governor in 2000 as well as being a Senate President with the longest serving time. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin has gone the distance to ensure West Virginians are

# Shelly Moore Capito

Rep. Shelley Moore Capito represents the people of West Virginia's Second Congressional District in the 112th Congress, where she has been an advocate for a range of policies that directly impact her constituents, including energy independence, quality healthcare and the safety and security of our service men and women. She prides herself on being approachable and accessible to her constituents. She is currently the only woman in West Virginia's congressional delegation.

Capito serves on the House Financial Services Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. She also sits on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure - the panel which will direct important highway legislation during the 112th Congress.

The Congresswoman has proudly served West Virginia for more than 12 years, and looks forward to her continued work to improve the lives of every West Virginia.



## Anyone Interested in the Service Academies:

West Point

US Naval Academy

US Air Force Academy

US Merchant Marine Academy

US Coast Guard Academy

Contact: COL Bob Munhall, Ret

USMA Field Force

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Be sure to tell him that you attended Mountaineer Boys State.

## TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the sky.  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier or sailor,  
God keep.  
On the land or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,  
When the day, And the night  
Need thee so?  
All is well. Speedeth all  
To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar  
Goeth day, And the stars  
Shineth bright,  
Fare thee well; Day has gone,  
Night is on.

Thanks and praise, For our days,  
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go, This we know,  
God is nigh.



# Cottage News

## TOMORROW'S LEADERS... TODAY

Andy Mellert: Fire chief of Barbour City, classroom role model, and athletic leader. This well rounded, soon to be senior at Ripley High School is a 1 of 10 finalists in the WV Scholar competition. This honorable scholarship gives \$125,000.00 to the winner over a course of four years. By writing a well composed essay, filling his application with loads of achievements, and keeping his composure in a video filmed interview, Andy has made his way BARELY into first place... But he needs our help. Thirty percent of the final decision comes from state voting. By going to [wvscholar.com](http://wvscholar.com) and casting your vote for Andy Mellert, we, Boys State Nation, can help Andy lock in the win for this great scholarship. Voting ends this weekend though so vote as soon as possible! Your support is greatly appreciated.

“Tony Hayes”.....Barbour Cottage

## JUSTICE IN THE WOODS

There was high drama in the courts on Thursday, as Monroe and Randolph cottages convened in Flameway for the trial of the century, as Corey D. Shetler was charged with burglary and receiving stolen materials. Both sides of the case had strong arguments and compelling witness testimony. When all sides had been told and all the evidence had been presented, the room was undoubtedly divided over who had won the case. The jury, which consisted of citizens from Randolph, deliberated for what seemed like days. Several times they had to confer with Judge Brice, to make sure they understood the law correctly. In dramatic fashion, the jury delivered its' verdict. They ruled that Shetler was not guilty of burglary, but was guilty of receiving stolen materials. The prosecution plans to appeal the not guilty verdict on Friday.

-Paul Bieniek

**You can find more information about your voter's registration and voting at the Secretary Of State's Office's Voter Information Center at**

**[http:// www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter-information-center/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter-information-center/Pages/default.aspx)**

## DailyMenu

### Breakfast

French Toast  
Bacon  
Hot and Cold Cereal  
Bananas  
Apple Juice  
Milk

### Lunch

Pork BBQ/Buns  
Fries  
California Blend  
Cole Slaw  
Brownies

### Dinner

Cream Chicken 2/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas & Carrots  
Biscuits  
Salad  
Cookies