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LEADING TOMORROW**

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Primary Election Results

Nationalists	Position	Federalists
Dante Lamont McCarroll Jr.	Governor	Slammin Sammy Martino
Andrew (The Meat Man) Butcher	Secretary of State	Colin G. Kelly
Joseph Ellis	Auditor	Steven Chhabra
Marquis Silver	Treasurer	John "Countin Stacks" Kolar
Mason H. Lee	Commissioner of Agriculture	Tanner Carr
Mitchell Winkie	Attorney General	Noah Mancuso
Jakob "Weasley" Heilman Jamie Rose Gene Bailey Matthew Thompson Jordan Patrice	Supreme Court Justices	Paraag "Brown Justice" Gupta Richard Casto Joshua Smart Matt "The Verdict" Minard T.R. Miles

Congratulations!!!

THE NATIONALIST PARTY PLATFORM

Greetings! The Nationalist Party has drafted a platform that can appeal to all Boys States citizens. Our party truly believe that by investing in our Boys State, we can accomplish common-sense objectives as set forth in our platform. Our party will remain unified moving forward, because we can only succeed when we all work together. Again, please review our platform and consider supporting our Nationalist candidates in the General Election.

With Regards,

Bradley Firchow
Nationalist Party Chairman

1. Education
 - a. A 10-point grading scale similar to that of colleges
 - b. No-tenure system for teachers
 - c. Optional life skills classes
 - d. Comprehensive sexual education
 - e. No toleration for Common Core State Standards
 - f. Testing out of unnecessary classes
2. Infrastructure & Job Creation
 - a. Road and Bridge Maintenance
 - b. Statewide mandatory pothole prevention and filling
3. Energy
 - a. Alternative and renewable energy sources
 - b. Sustainable growth and energy independence
 - c. Establishing acreage restrictions on mountaintop removal
4. Farm Assistance Programs
 - a. Subsidies for restaurants serving local food and small local farms in the state
5. Punishment for Sexual Felonies
 - a. Increase of jail time for child molestation and other sexual felonies
6. Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
 - a. Legal age limit of 21
 - b. Allowances for religious use of marijuana under 21
7. Drug Testing for Welfare
 - a. Requirement of drug testing in order to receive unemployment assistance
 - b. Requirement that welfare recipients accept any job offer
8. Removal of Death Tax and Inheritance Tax
 - a. Seeks to limit the government in post-mortem involvements
 - b. Seeks to limit the already insurmountable grief faced by the family of the deceased



VOTE NATIONALIST | COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS

VOTE FEDS NOT REDS

FEDERALIST PARTY PLATFORM

Increase in teacher salary, and required technology classes for teachers and students.

Beautification of the state of WV to increase population, tourism, and to attract more business.

To have required drug tests for all citizens on foodstamps, welfare and those who are unemployed.

Have West Virginia legalize recreational Marijuana.

Lower the legal voting age to 16 instead of 18.

Grand Opening

Boys State Bank

Come check out your bank account today!!

Low on money?

Apply for a loan!!

Running for Office?

Come get a PAC for supplies and filing fees!!



Calhoun Cottage News

Today, Monday June 9th the Gilhoun basketball team (consisting of Gilmer and Calhoun) beat Panhandle in a nail-biting finish. Many would consider this a huge upset due to the magnificent difference in size between the two cottages.

The game had went into overtime ending with a game-winning basket by James Carnes from Calhoun cottage. Carnes from Madonna High School showed his talent by pouring in nearly all of Gilhoun's points and led his team to an outstanding victory.

"Wet as Fire"

Christopher Bell, Braxton Cottage

It was 11:20 on Sunday night and all of us young men who call Braxton Cottage our place of abode, were making final preparations before our daily slumber. In fact, some of us occupied the fine line between consciousness and sleep. As the lids of our eyes began to droop lower and lower, we were promptly startled by the urgent call of our counselor.

"Fire drill! Fire drill!"

Naturally, we scurried down the steps and continued through the cottage's entrance; the majority of us with barren feet. As we began to assemble, we made the disturbing realization that we were not all accounted for; we were missing a lone inhabitant. Merely seconds later, Boys State citizen, Nicholas Carrier, vacated the dwelling place, clad in no more than a pair of shorts and dripping wet from his incomplete shower. Quite quickly, our wet gritty feet seemed a small nuisance in comparison with Mr. Carrier's peril. Following the calling of roll we returned to our beds amused by the humorous occurrence and, in light of the event's entirety, it is safe to say that it will prove to be an occasion most memorable

Tuesday's Menu

Breakfast

Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Hot & Cold Cereal
Fruit – Bananas
Orange Juice
Milk

Lunch

Sloppy Joes
Buns
French Fries
Corn
Salad
Cookies
Milk

Dinner

Chicken Tenders
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Salad
Ice Cream Sandwiches
Milk

Introductions and Music

Charles Rowe, Randolph Cottage

The young men of Randolph Cottage set out to get to know each other Sunday morning by introducing themselves to each other. Along with golf, football and other various sports players, a few interesting topics came up. The cottage has a few musically inclined citizens; a guitarist, bassist, and even a singer in a Metal band. Even the counselors have talent in music.

On another musical note, pun intended, the guitarist in Randolph Cottage will be performing his new song named “Keep Me by Your Side” sometime within the week. Also, the musicians in Randolph Cottage will be playing together and entertaining the cottage all week.

Bar Exam Results Proves Boys State Citizens Are Judicious

By Gene Bailey

Of the 348 citizens at Mountaineer Boys State, one-third of the citizens passed the infamous bar exam. Monroe Cottage attained the highest average on the state's campus overall. Additionally, two citizens tied for the highest scoring individual exam. Chad Hollandsworth of Kanawha Cottage and Jamie Austin Rose of Harrison Cottage received an astounding 82% on the exam. Considering Mountaineer Boys State is a haven for academically-gifted students statewide, it is an honor to be among the examiners that passed the fatal test nonetheless. Citizens at Monroe Cottage rightfully should be extremely proud

of their accomplishment as a group. Mr. Hollandsworth and Mr. Rose also deserve acknowledgment for their uncanny scores as well. Congratulations!

Webster County Bonding

Dakota Roach, Webster Cottage

I sat down and spoke to the entire Webster Cottage about how they were feeling about the cottage as a whole and how they feel boy's state is going, below are some responses I got. Most of the campers agree that we as a cabin quickly bonded and liked each other almost immediately. They all agreed that Boys State was much better than expected already. Something amazing we discovered was that we actually have 3 civilians in our cottage running for high office, 1 for Governor and 2 for Treasurer! I then asked them if they had any complaints so far. They said they days were long and slow, the lack of air conditioning, and the pool being locked is all that upset them. I asked them what they enjoyed most/ what they were looking most forward towards, the answers were simple, they said the food is great, and the election results will be even better! Lastly, they said they cannot wait to kick some butt in the athletics competitions all week! Overall I'd say Webster County is looking pretty sharp!

Running for Governor

Dakota Roach, Webster Cottage

I sat down in the Webster Cottage and interviewed Dominic Raymond (III), where we had a short yet informative interview. I asked Dominic how he felt about running for governor and how he was preparing/ campaigning. His words were, "I'm excited to have my opinions heard in the 51st state." He also said in preparation for the election he's been shaking a lot of hands, telling a lot of stories, and making plenty of flyers! I asked Dominic if he was nervous and he simply told me, "Not really, I'm fairly comfortable speaking in public." I was impressed. I asked him about his future plans as the governor if he won, he told me about his Business Tax and Educational plans, and trust me, they are good! As a final note I decided to ask Dominic what he would do if he lost the election, Dominic told me this. "Well, I'll definitely respect the loss and still try to help citizens, but as for a job ill either run for state senate of Webster or senate for Barbour county!" Needless to say I can't wait to see Dominic in the Governor position!

Leaders Learning To Lead

Tom Kotal III, Upshur Cottage

In Upshur Cottage, we have amazing leadership. Each member is a leader back home, and their leadership traits show throughout the day. Many of our members are sport captains, band leaders, or president of a club. Through day one, many had difficulties handling the first-day tasks. Others who had no problems, stepped in right away and helped without knowing the person. Having people step in so quickly makes our cabin one of the best.

True leadership is helping others without question. Since most of us have been the overall leader in our community, it is different having others lead you. Understanding that others are also

capable of doing the tasks just as well, stepping back is a new thing to do. Since all are great leaders, this task is not difficult. Having leaders in our whole cabin will make this week go by smoothly.

Nationalists Set Their Platform

The Nationalist party conducted their first Caucus Monday morning in the Assembly hall. They discussed the points of their platform for the primary election. The first order of business was to elect a party chair which was Bradley Firchow. Also, Andrew Butcher was appointed as timer and Mitchell Winkey was appointed as Secretary. The platform was made up of eight specific categories.

The eight Nationalist party categories included: Education, Infrastructure, Energy, Farm Assistance Programs, punishment of sexual felonies, legalization of Recreational marijuana, drug testing for Welfare and removal of Death Tax and Inheritance Tax. In education, the Nationalists had six points. They were in favor of a college grading scale, optional life skills classes, testing out of unnecessary classes. The party also ruled against the common core standards and supported comprehensive sexual education. They were against the no-tenure system for teachers.

In the infrastructure/job creation category, the Nationalists were in favor of road and bridge maintenance. They were also in favor of statewide pothole prevention throughout the state. The third category was in regard to energy. The Nationalists were in favor of alternative and renewable resources as well as sustainable growth and energy independence. The fourth category was about farm assistance programs. The Nationalists were in favor of subsidies for restaurants serving local food and small local farms in the state. The fifth category was about punishment policies for sexual felonies. The point was an increase of jail time for child molestation and other sexual felonies.

The sixth category was involving the legalization of recreational marijuana. They are for a legal age limit of 21 unless for religious reasons. The seventh category was about drug testing for welfare. The party ruled to require a drug test to determine unemployment assistance. They also made a requirement that welfare recipients must accept any job offer. The eighth and final category was in accordance to removal of death tax and inheritance tax. The party seeks to limit the government's role in post-mortem involvements. The caucus ended their session with speeches from all candidates for state offices.

-Trenton Barnhart

Tuesday's Daily Schedule is found on Page 15 of your Boys State Manual

Tuesday's Athletic Schedule is found on Page 20 of your Boys State Manual

Dining Hall Schedule – Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Right Entrance: Harrison, Kanawha, Lewis, Upshur

**Center Entrance: Monroe, Webster, Barbour, Marion,
Randolph**

Left Entrance: Gilmer, Calhoun, Braxton, Panhandle

Monday's Athletic Results

Basketball – Gilmer/Calhoun Feds defeated Panhandle Nats

Webster/Barbour Nats defeated Marion Feds

Panhandle Feds defeated Gilmer/Calhoun

Harrison/Upshur Nats defeated Marion Nats

Softball – Kanawha Feds defeated Calhoun/Gilmer Nats

Randolph Feds defeated Marion Nats

Braxton Nats defeated Monroe Nats

Lewis Nats defeated Harrison/Upshur Feds

Sand Volleyball – Barbour/Webster Feds defeated Upshur/Harrison Nats

Randolph Nats defeated Lewis Nats

Webster/Barbour Nats defeated Panhandle Nats

Kanawha Feds defeated Gilmer/Calhoun Feds

Ultimate Frisbee – Monroe Nats defeated Braxton Feds

Lewis Feds defeated Upshur/Harrison Nats

Barbour/Webster Feds tied with Monroe Feds

Kanawha Nats defeated Randolph Nats

Volleyball – Panhandle Feds defeated Monroe Feds

Kanawha Nats defeated Braxton Nats

Lewis Feds defeated Randolph Feds

Braxton Feds defeated Marion Feds

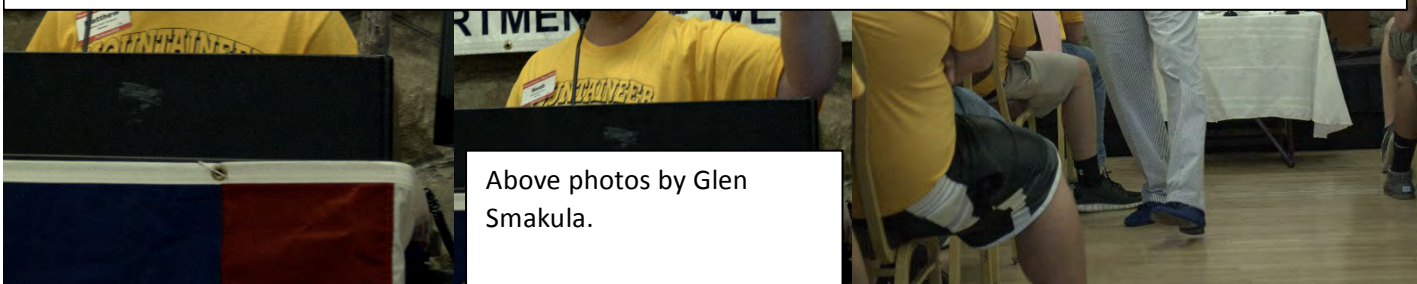
“Seek first to understand; then be understood.” Author Unknown

OPENING DAY FOR ATHLETICS



Federalists and Nationalists from each cabin face off in volleyball, softball, and basketball (above).

Photos by Kole Hopwood



Above photos by Glen Smakula.

Tuesday's Lunch Speaker



Secretary of State Natalie E. Tennant

Throughout her administration, she has been a leader in promoting open and engaging government and business friendly initiatives. Tennant has streamlined the Secretary of State's Office to make it more efficient and cost-effective while improving services for voters, candidates, business owners, and citizens who depend on the office for important information about charities and administrative law.

Under Tennant's leadership, the Secretary of State's Office has met unprecedented challenges and promoted bold initiatives. Most recently, Secretary Tennant spearheaded legislation to allow for online voter registration in West Virginia. In 2013, thanks to years of cost saving and efficiency programs, Secretary Tennant was able to return \$3 million of taxpayer money to general revenue.

Secretary Tennant's vision also includes pilot projects that improved voter turnout and decreased costs, secure community voting locations to make it more convenient to cast a ballot, online annual report filings that save business owners time and money, and a transparent approach to state government.

One innovative effort Tennant has taken in transparency is live webcasting and social media so citizens can have an unfiltered look at what actions her office is taking.

West Virginia has also emerged as a leader on the national stage when it comes to making it easier for deployed military to vote using a safe and secure internet connection.

Secretary Tennant also has more investigations and convictions for election law violations than any other secretary in West Virginia's history. Along with her duties as Secretary of State, Tennant was the first West Virginian chosen for the [Aspen Institute's Rodell Fellowship](#) program.

Tuesday's Dinner Speaker

In 2011, the Secretary of State's Office hosted the National Association of Secretaries of State Summer Conference for the first time ever in West Virginia.

In 2012, Secretary Tennant was elected to another four-year term. She remains focused on conserving tax payer dollars and providing government transparency.

Secretary Tennant currently resides in Charleston with husband, State Senator Erik Wells, and daughter, Delaney.

Earl Ray Tomblin was sworn in as governor of West Virginia on November 13, 2011, and was sworn in for his second term on January 14,



Earl Ray Tomblin
W.Va.'s 35th Governor

A self-employed businessman and former school teacher, Tomblin was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1974 at the age of 22 and served in the house until he

was elected to the West Virginia Senate in 1980. Tomblin was the longest serving Senate President, and he was named the state's first lieutenant governor in 2000. As lieutenant governor, he was called upon to fulfill the state's highest office in 2010. Tomblin won the October 4, 2011, special gubernatorial election to fulfill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Throughout his years in public service, Tomblin has remained dedicated to creating a better West Virginia. Since becoming governor, Tomblin has put more West Virginians back to work and reduced the tax burden on our families and business. Through new legislation, he has made it crime to text while driving, signed landmark mine safety legislation that will save coal miners' lives, helped crack down on West Virginia's growing plague of drug abuse and

taken bold action to prevent bullying and suicide by adopting new policies within the school system.

Tomblin received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and a master's degree in business administration from Marshall University. He has been married for 32 years to Joanne Jaeger Tomblin. They have one son, Brent.