

THE MOUNTAINEER

Primary Election Results

Governor

Federalist Party

“That Carlo Kid” Carlo Perri

Nationalist Party

“Fried Rice” Fred Rice

Secretary of State

“The Fro” Michael Millican

“The Foreigner” Andy Orellana

Auditor

“Soup” Joshua Campbell

“Phil of The Future” Phillip Schwartz

Treasurer

Riley Keaton

“Mr. Rodgers” Spencer Rodgers

Commissioner of Agriculture

“Ol’ Dirt” Samuel Ubran

“Big Country” Travis Rawson

Attorney General

“Stan The Man” Alec Stanley

“Ballin” Collin Harvath

Final Election Results

Supreme Court Justices

James Miller III

“Mav Daddy” Maverick Kelley

“Cawks” Austin Cox

“Swerving Irv” Noah Irving

“Bradonius Maximus” Brandon Cavendish

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It's All About the Money!

*By Brandon Taylor,
Staff Reporter*

With the commencement of numerous bids for office, many citizens are realizing the financial burden of campaigning. As many have found out, the cost of running for office opens up the prospect for a major opportunity, but the cost of doing so has proved an immense strain on their bank accounts.

For any form of elected position, there is a cost to file for the race for the office, or a filing fee. For some positions, the filing fee is relatively miniscule: to run for board of education there is a fee of a mere \$50; of the office of State Senate and House of Representatives there is a price of \$150; and any other form of county office the fee is \$50.

These costs on their own aren't necessarily large, but the costs of multiple offices can add up!

A fee for the office of governor can eat up almost the entirety of a candidates funds with its hefty tag of \$900.

Now anybody who managed to pass a simple math course will know that this practically eliminates a prospective governor for offices such as Senator or Magistrate. Obviously debt is not an attractive option, so candidates can take out loans to cover extra office costs.

The American Legion Mountaineers Boy's State Bank is located at the A&F Hall of Fame—the building just East of the Mt. Vernon Dining Hall—and is open for potential clients to expand their funds through their loan program.

Part-time employee of the Bank, Tyler Riel, stated in an interview that "We are here to provide a means for individuals to run for campaign items to get their names out there to the

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- Tyler Riel, Bank Staff

voters."

When asked about his personal qualifications to be a banker himself, he responded that he has handled money for multiple fundraisers in the past and is the head of the fundraising committee for the chapter of the New Tech Program at his school of Philip Barbour.

Obviously, the Bank has a more than qualified staff to carry out the needs of its equally ready and ambitious clientele.

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Boys State Mountaineer Bank

A PAC (Political Action Committee) is a crucial step for the success of your campaign. It makes it possible for your friends to help you with your campaign. Make sure that you find a treasurer (anyone) to sign off on the account. This is an easy process to do, but is necessary to boost your campaign chances.

Attention: There is no limit on the amount of money a person can donate to your PAC.

FEDERALIST PLATFORM

The Federalist Caucus started out with an almost unanimous election of Nathan Rice as Party Chairman. After a rousing caucus meeting, the Federalists have created a solid platform that we believe in. The platform consists of six planks, each of which was passed by a 50% majority. We ask that you review and consider supporting our platform.

1. Repair of Rural Roads: The rural roads are being traveled on more than ever in West Virginia. The Federalist Party considers their upkeep and maintenance to be essential to the health of our state.
2. Welfare Reform: Our party wants to focus on encourage accountability and limit fraud.
3. Tax reform : The Federalist Party knows that small business is the economic backbone of West Virginia. We support tax cuts for these businesses to bolster our economy .
4. Education: The goal of our party is to better educate students to serve the state in the future. By changing the school calendar, making the ACT a mandatory state test, and cleaning up our current CSOs, we can achieve this goal.
5. Legal Reform: An Intermediate Appellate Court should be put into place to ensure our judicial system is as fair and efficient as possible.
6. Legalization of Medical Marijuana: In an unexpected turn of events, the party decided to support the legalization of medical marijuana, primarily as a pain suppressant for terminally ill patients.



Nathan Rice after his victory.

Nathan said that the Federalist Party had a lot to talk about and is in a state of constant improvement.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

Welfare recipients will be fairly assessed before receiving money.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Welfare program will be tied into infrastructure to make new jobs available for welfare recipients.

ENERGY

Favor fracking companies, assist in developing fracking. Also invest in future hydrogen-based energy sources.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No firearm regulations, but thorough background checks upon purchase of firearms.

EDUCATION

General school improvement (food, technology) standardized testing reform.

Citizen Survey Identifies Positives, Improvement Ideas for Boys' State

By Jordan Hosey and Tanner Wooten, Staff Reporters

During free time we asked several citizens a series of questions to get a sense of their ideas about ALMBS. The responses to our first questions turned out to be quite positive; we asked on a scale from one being the worst to ten being the best, how would you rate ALMBS so far?

All of the answers were seven and above; people are putting forth effort into Boy State, they are getting involved, and having fun.

The next question was, what has been the best part of ALMBS for yourself personally? Most of the people we interviewed really enjoy the camp food even though it wasn't made with mom's love.

Also, everyone loves the environment and atmosphere of the political world and getting the chance to meet potential lifelong friends. Everyone finds it very insightful about the "real world" and they feel that because everyone has their own individual role in Boy State it gives them a preparation of what

individual role in Boy State it gives them a preparation of what gives them a preparation of what individual role in Boy State it gives them a preparation of what life could potentially hold in the government that models our own state.

For our next question we asked what people are looking forward to. The answers varied greatly on this topic.

The first response was they personally were looking forward to the arrival of the president of WVU, Gordon Gee. The other responses all revolved along the activities that ALMBS holds like the West Fork River Revue on Friday night or the sports during free time.

Then we wanted to know the opinion of the other citizens on how they think the camp could be improved. Several citizens were content with the camp activities, but they wouldn't object to having air conditioned cabins.

Other citizens wanted the lunch to rotate shifts so it would be less crowded, and the

remaining of the citizens wanted rotating shifts to the caucuses so the party chairman can communicate on a more personal level so everyone could get involved and voice their opinion. That way, no one would just be a face in the crowd.

Our final question was, do you plan to put 100% effort into Boy State this week, and all of the interviewee's responses were identical. They said the week started out too slow, but they have been told by the counselors as the week progresses it will pick up.

The first two days they did not pull forth all of their effort because they were adjusting to the new surrounding and learning their new responsibilities, but by the end of the week they will put forth their interests fully.

Since not everyone has an assigned duty, everyone that doesn't have a job yet, is looking forward to Wednesday, when they go to the unemployment office to get assigned a job.

Need Shorts for Formal Review?
Cold & Need a Hoodie to Warm You?

Come Visit MBS Headquarters in the Dorsey Building During Your Free Times to Purchase These and Many More Items!!!

From the Co-Editor's Desk

By Gus Schmidt, Co-Editor

Happy Tuesday Mountaineer Boys State! Looking forward, tonight holds the promise of an exciting general election. A special thank you to the Secretary of State Office, as well as the business of Casto and Harris for providing and programming the voting machines that will be used in the elections.

On a personal note, I'd like to firmly deny any malicious intent in the Panhandle Window Incident. If the Incident is unfamiliar to you, I encourage you to read Caleb Estep's report on this page.

While it's true that my loyalties to the Federalist Party may be considered extreme by some, I would never resort to such petty scare tactics. I believe in forwarding the agenda of my party through more traditional means.

My breaking of the window was a complete accident, and I sincerely apologize to any that I may have negatively affected through my actions.

That being said, I do believe in shattering the glass of oppression imposed by the Nationalists upon the Mountaineer Boys State. If some

want to interpret my action as a symbol of resistance, I won't stop you.

I appreciate the enthusiasm and support for the noble Federalist cause.

Panhandle Window Incident

By Caleb Estep, Staff Reporter

It was a peaceful evening on the first day of Boys State. The citizens from Panhandle Cabin were winding down for the night.

Suddenly, the tranquil evening silence was shattered by the horrendous sound of breaking glass as a soccer ball demolished one of Panhandle cabin's windows.

The person responsible for launching the projectile, Federalist August Schmidt, claims it was a total accident.

"I am totally innocent" said Schmidt. Federalist Carlo Perri stands behind Schmidt and said, "The person responsible for these actions has paid their own price internally and no punitive action should be taken."

However, others do not feel similarly.

One theory is that Schmidt, an ardent supporter of the Federalist Party, sent the soccer ball screaming into the window of his own cabin in an

attempt to intimidate the Nationalist candidates. Any scrap of coherent thought was driven from his mind as he was caught up in fervid passion for his party.

Isaac Tincher (Banjo Guy), a Nationalist, said, "He's always said a bunch of derogatory and demeaning things about the Nationalists."

Theories swirl around Schmidt in a reckless spiral. Many are beginning to call it the "Panhandle Window Incident." Others are beginning to call Schmidt the new John Brown.

Allegedly, some of Schmidt's miscreants say, "By sending the ball rocketing into the window, Schmidt was shattering the bonds thrust upon the Boys State citizens by the Nationalists."

Regardless of whether you agree with Schmidt and the radicals associated with him, all agree the Panhandle Incident is a cloudy, indecipherable mire.

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Running for office and just realized that you have no more funds left? No problem! Just make a quick stop at the Boys State Mountaineer Bank and all your problems will be solved. At the bank, it is easy as pie to get back on your feet and not have to worry about money anymore. Don't worry about spending the whole day there, because the process takes little time and is very effective. Thomas Cole will do anything in his power to get you back on the right track and give you an advantage on winning your selected election.

West Virginia Secretary of State Natalie 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 electronic 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 Rodel Fellowship program.

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 Erik Wells, and daughter, Delaney.

2015 Job Rosters

Office of Emergency Services

Matt McCune, Panhandle
Colby Cresak, Gilmer/Calhoun
Ty Sicurella, Webster/Barbour
Thomas Miller, Monroe
Nicholas Cecil, Lewis
Colton Kraft, Braxton
David Ratzer, Randolph
Noah Kessler, Upshur/Harrison
Samuel McKenney, Marion
Josiah Cork, Kanawha

National Resources Police

Hunter Glascock, Upshur
James Hagerman, Gilmer
Robert Jody, Braxton
Andrew Lopez, Panhandle
Robert McClain, Panhandle
Christian Marin, Monroe
Jacob Nozum, Randolph
Tyler Richards, Lewis
Jeremiah Schollar, Marion
Stanton Simmons, Calhoun
Chad Simpson, Kanawha
Austin Suinner, Harrison
Levi Talkington, Barbour
Samuel Urban, Webster

SCHOOLS CONFIRMED FOR TUESDAY'S CAREER FAIR

Bethany College; Bluefield State College; Concord University; Davis & Elkins College; Fairmont State University; Marshall University; Glenville State College; Ohio Valley University; Salem International University; Potomac State College of WVU; Shepherd University; West Liberty State University; West Virginia University; West Virginia Wesleyan College; West Virginia State University; Wheeling Jesuit University; Bridgewater College; West Point USMA; Berea College

Strong Nationalist Party Ready for Elections

By Luis Neer

At the Nationalist Caucus on Monday, the party made swift progress developing their collective stance on several subjects; regarding energy, the party ruled in favor of fracking companies, with plans to invest in new hydrogen-based sources of energy. Concerning education, the party also ruled in favor of standardized testing reform, as well as plans for general improvements (i.e., technology, food) for public schools.

In discussion regarding infrastructure, multiple Nationalist citizens expressed their resentment toward potholes. It was after talks on infrastructure closed that the topic of public safety was introduced to the caucus.

Numerous citizens made efforts to pass legislation on public safety; the debates that

followed lasted for several minutes. One citizen unsuccessfully motioned to reinstate the death penalty.

As the party discussed social issues it was decided that welfare programs would be tied into developments in infrastructure to make new jobs available for welfare recipients.

After lunch, the Nationalists approved a related to public safety, consisting of restrictions on firearms - but with thorough background checks.

Speaking on the Nationalist candidates for governor, one citizen noted, "All our candidates seem strong... I don't know who will win [at the primary], but I know that whoever does will have a solid chance of winning [the general election]."

Job Rosters (Cont.)

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Flag Retirement Ceremony Dedication

Presented by the American Legion MBS Staff

We have present here, this Flag of our Country which has been inspected and judged as unserviceable. It has reached its present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love.

A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked, lived, and died for - a free nation of free men and women, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Let this faded Flag of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and its place be taken by a bright new Flag of the same size and kind, so our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airman as well as our country may be honored.

West Virginia State Auditor Glen B. Gainer III

Glen B. Gainer III was born in Parkersburg in 1960, to Glen B. Gainer Jr. and Sally Gainer. He earned a bachelor’s degree from The University of Charleston in 1982 and attended The Washington Center, a leadership-building academic internship program in Washington, D.C.

In 1984, Gainer married Susan Ryder of Minnehaha Springs, Pocahontas County. The Gainers, who live in Parkersburg, have two sons, John and Joshua.

After four years with the State Treasurer’s Office, three years with the State Department of Energy, and a year in the private sector, Gainer was elected West Virginia’s 19th State Auditor in November 1992. He was re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012. His father also

also served as State Auditor, from 1977 to 1993.

As Auditor, Gainer serves as the State’s official bookkeeper, Chief Inspector and Supervisor over Public Offices, Securities Commissioner and Commissioner of Delinquent and Non-entered lands.

Gainer serves as vice chairman of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board; trustee of the West Virginia Investment Management Board and chairman of its Audit Committee; trustee of the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments and chairman of its Investment Committee; chairman of the Interstate Commerce Appeals Board; a member of the Armory Board; a member of the Board of Public Works; and a member of

several other State boards and commissions.

Gainer also serves as chairman of the board of directors of the National White Collar Crime Center; past president of the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council; past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; past president of the National Association of Comptrollers; a member of the National Executive Committee of the Association of Government Accountants; and president of the West Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition. He was listed in Who’s Who in American Politics.

Additionally, Auditor Gainer is active in local church and community activities.

Men of Tomorrow

Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig

VERSE

Some day the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold
 To solve the problems great or small and we’ll be enrolled
 For service to our fellowmen, and we won’t be afraid,
 We’re training now for service, then we’ll lead the big parade.

CHORUS

Oh, we’re the . . .
 Men of Tomorrow, we march along in happy ranks today.
 We never borrow a bit of care or grief along the way.
 Gladly we’re learning the things a good American should know.
 Gladly we’re yearning to chart the way a patriot should go.
 With lessons done, objectives won
 Good citizens we’ll be;
 We’ll proudly stand in our home land
 When Mountaineers are free,
 Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
 Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all American boys.

MENU

BREAKFAST

Biscuits
 Sausage Gravy
 Cereal
 Fruit

LUNCH

Sloppy Joes with Buns
 French Fries
 Salad
 Rice Krispy Treats

DINNER

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