

THE MOUNTAINEER

General Election Results

Governor

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

Secretary of State

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

Auditor

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

Treasurer

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

Commissioner of Agriculture

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

Attorney General

Boys State Citizen - Party Name - Cabin Name

For more results, including cabin-by-cabin coverage, visit www.wvboysstate.org/almbs-news

The Pen is Mightier Than the Touch Screen

Voting machine errors forced citizens to re-vote on paper ballots

By Brandon Taylor and Tyler Hilbert, Staff Reporters

The American Legion Mountaineers Boys State primary election of 2015 initially used the usage of electronic voting machines – those used in actual elections – graciously donated by the West Virginia Secretary of State Natalie Tennant and Casto & Harris.

The prepping for the machines took a lot of effort and time by the staff involved so that we may have a more realistic voting experience. In elections, that is, those outside of ALMBS of course, utilize these devices as a means to accurately and secure receive and report votes for the elections that they serve in.

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Banking principle questioned

By Caleb Estep,
Staff Reporter

For nearly 80 years, the illustrious Mountaineer Boys State program had provided countless numbers of aspiring boys with a top-quality experience of what it is like in the day to day running of state government. However, there is one institution within the Boys State program which has become enshrouded with conspiracy and doubt.

There is a dangerous rumor circulating that the Bank intentionally tries to put their clients into debt. One Boys State citizen, who wishes to remain anonymous, claims that he heard a teller ask his counselor, "So, basically, we want them to be in the hole?"

The counselor, who remained anonymous, replied with a simple, devastating, "Yes."

Personally, I was crushed to hear that the very people responsible for managing the

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money of the 51st State Of America are, in reality, working tirelessly to send as many citizens as they can drowning in a flood of debt.

Collin Spangler, giving voice to an opinion felt by many said, "If you are actively trying to harm the status of other campers, you deserve to be punished."

Additionally, Spangler was asked what he thought of those who dismissed the Bank's actions as "part of the fun of the program." Spangler was once again able to eloquently articulate the opinion carried by many and said, "This is a program that should be taken seriously."

Other more radical citizens are stooping to a new

level and equating the Bank with the classic short story by Washington Irving: *The Devil and Tom Walker*. For those not familiar with the story, Tom Walker was enticed by the Devil to become a corrupt usurer (someone who lends money) and take peoples' money.

Obviously, you can see the implied connection to the Boys State Bank.

Co-Editor's Note: *If you are a member of the Mountaineer Boys State Bank, please consider supporting internal reform to amend the situation that has been so clearly illuminated by Mr. Estep in this article. Change must be enacted by those who desire a healthy state.*

Voting Machine Error (Continued from Page 1)

When asked about what exactly had happened with the election, Ryan Morris of Casto & Harris, reportedly said that "There was a glitch in the coding that went unnoticed due to the rush of the voting process."

These problems aren't uncommon occurrences either as Ryan responded when asked

how common this happened; "(These issues) (are) more common than most people think...maybe only 1 in 10 do this though."

Unfortunately it seems that we managed to have a stroke of misfortune in this matter.

We here both at the Journalism team and the rest of

the American Legion Boys State thoroughly appreciate the efforts of the people involved with setting this helpful and immersive opportunity up for us and owe a special thanks to our Secretary of State Natalie Tennant and everyone at Casto & Harris.



Get fresh hot pizza each night through Thursday

\$9 – 14” Cheese Pizza

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Orders must be paid in advance at the register outside the Dining Hall. Register will be open at dinnertime Thursday until 7:15 p.m., and from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday. Pizzas will be available for pickup by presenting your receipt at the Historic Area Store between 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Morning Classes Educational

*By Jordan Hosey
and Tanner Wooten,
Staff Reporters*

This morning, briefly before lunch, everyone had the amazing opportunity to participate in the college fair, along with an activity presented by the state police bomb squad division and a drinking and driving simulator.

For those of you that didn't attend, the college fair was held in the Main Pavilion. It had numerous tables set up to represent a certain college, representing the following institutions: Bethany College, Bluefield State College, Concord University, Fairmont State University, Davis and Elkins College, Marshall University, Glenville State College, Potomac State College of WVU, Shepherd University, West Liberty State University, West Virginia University, Wheeling Jesuit University, West Virginia State University, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Bridgewater College, West Point USMA, Berea College, Ohio Valley University, and Salem International University.

Also the FBI, the Army, and the National Guard represented their organizations trying to recruit new member.

From each of those colleges there were representatives that supplied information involving all of the

activities and campus life that that college had to offer. They patiently listened and answered any questions that we had about that particular college.

They also hoped to recruit us as part of their student body once we graduate high school. For anyone that was interested in that institution, they gave us a postcard for us to fill out with our personal information so they can supply us with further details about the college, like possible college tour dates.

The next activity was the presentation given by the state police bomb squad division. They gave us an introduction about themselves and their careers.

Then they displayed the bomb detonator robot that had two shotgun barrels attached to its side. Towards the end of the presentation they showed us a box. They explained a scenario where they had to open a cardboard box, but that they feared that a bomb could detonate as soon as they opened it.

They had a shotgun with a blank in it; however, the blank was filled with water. When

everyone was at a safe enough distance away, the electrical powered shotgun fired cutting the cardboard box in half without opening it the traditional way and without touching the dynamite that was contained in the box. This makes this the newest, safest method for opening bomb boxes.

Finally the last activity was the drunk driving simulator. Prior to this there was a presentation given by a state trooper on distracted driving. So they wanted to show us just how dangerous drinking and driving is, at first when you step in the trailer where the simulator was located you see a computer monitor displaying how the other person was doing.

When they first started to drive they were sober, but as time progressed the BAC (blood alcohol content) increased by just 0.02 until it was at 0.08. Actions became incredibly difficult, your reaction time slowed as well as the steering and the breaking. The simulation was approximately four minutes long. It really taught us why we should never drink and drive.

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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!!!

Bringing the News to You: How the Journalism Program Works

By Tyler Hilbert
Staff Reporter

The Boys State Journalism program is the number one spot for news and events. Citizens and staff rely on the daily newspaper and broadcasts for everything that goes on here at ALMBS: from elections and political parties to what will be served for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The Journalism program had many applicants the first day, it was an arduous wait, the line was long, and the sun was hot; however, the process was more than worth it for the reward that awaited those that were accepted.

The staff is very helpful and friendly; they offer their experience and are happy to help anyone who asks.

We are also happy to accept ads! Citizens can drop off any ads they have to the Newspaper/Broadcast building (Southeast Learning Center). The prices are: 1/8 page \$199, 1/4 page \$299, 1/2 page \$599, 1 page \$999.

For anyone wanting to use a campaign video the costs are varied depending on length of the ad.

The Great Flag Heist

By Roger McDiffitt,
Co-Editor

UPDATE: As of Tuesday night, both flags have been returned to their appropriate cabins.

It was a normal morning Tuesday until Harrison and Monroe cottages lined up for breakfast.

That's when they realized something important was missing: their flags.

Christian, from Monroe cottage, claims "We woke up and it was just gone." Most people from Monroe agree that the flag must have been stolen.

The citizens seem to think Randolph is responsible for this inexcusable crime. A few citizens of Monroe think that the flag holder is an irresponsible Nationalist.

Randolph seems to know nothing of the incident and pleads innocent. Roark Sizemore from Randolph states that, "This

is slander, and they're just jealous we didn't lose our flag."

To add to the controversy, one member of Randolph sneered, "If we needed toilet paper we would have stolen it." A counselor from Randolph seems to think that these false accusations stemmed from an unidentified counselor in Monroe.

One unnamed source reports that he knows where the flag is hidden. His only hint was, "It didn't grow legs and walk away."

Harrison's flag issue is similar. Their flag went missing around the same time, and most cottage members are certain that Lewis is the culprit.

Upon questioning, Lewis admits to having the flag and promises the safe return of the colors on one condition. They require a \$100,000 ransom.

Until the conditions have been met, the location will be kept a secret, the unidentified citizen of Lewis stated.

Marion County Cottage Update

So far this week, the Federalists and Nationalists of Marion Cottage have won all of their athletic events. On Sunday, Marion had thirteen boys pass the BAR Exam.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings, the cottage garnered excellent results during inspection. There was a fire drill Sunday night and everyone got out safely. Marion's location allows tenants to reach most Boys State events without walking very far.

If one hears *whoo-ing*, it can be inferred that the citizens of Marion Cottage are approaching.

Marion is also the only cottage that contains a map (in the front hall) that showcases where all tenants live in our good ol' state of West Virginia.

Elements of the emblem



The rays of the sun

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.



The wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.



The star

The star, victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



Outer rings

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.



Inner rings

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.



American Legion

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning.

From the Co-Editor's Desk

By Gus Schmidt, Co-Editor

Happy Wednesday Mountaineer Boys State! With the exciting state elections finally wrapped up, today holds the promise of a new age. We now have the privilege and responsibility of setting up our own government. We are taking over the camp, but a dark shadow is creeping on the edges of Jackson's Mill.

This shadow is the shadow of crime. With the recent spree of criminal activity, there is major need of reform within the state. To name a few events, the Great Flag Heist and the recent accusations of bank conspiracy are evidence of the increasing crime rate. Certainly it keeps things interesting, but, in order to maintain law and order. these

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sorts of events must be put to a stop immediately. Now, more than ever, this responsibility falls

to us.

I urge the camp to consider the repercussions and consequences of their actions. Put the wellbeing of the entirety of ALMBS before the pride or ego of any individual cottage.

As of today, the law enforcement offices of ALMBS are up and running. Any future wrongdoings bring the promise of arrest and judicial action. Despite my official media condemnation of crime, I must admit that I am a hypocrite.

I'm looking forward to witnessing the trials and legal proceedings of ALMBS crime. So if you do decide to walk down the dark path of lawlessness, at least be sure to make your day in court entertaining.

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

Omelets, Sausage Patties, Biscuits,
Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal, Bananas,
Apple Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Goulosh, Corn, Pears, Salad,
Chocolate Pudding, Fresh Fruit,
Milk

DINNER

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
California Blend, Hot Rolls, Salad,
Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Milk