

THE MOUNTAINEER

FORMAL REVIEW AND ASSEMBLY

By Tyler Hilbert

Yesterday afternoon at the ALMBS Formal Review parents from around the state proudly watched as their sons marched in the great field of Jacksons Mill to officially form the Boys State class of 2015. As we marched, we looked into the crowd to find our families and friends we realized then just how lucky we were to have them. The review was a success and everyone in attendance was delighted to see such an event. When not thinking about how many ticks you had on your back or how many the guy in front of you had, we realized that we are here for a greater purpose, we are here to learn how to change the future.

In our assembly we were extremely fortunate to have two Rosie the Riveters (Buddie Curnutte and Ann

Hess), along with the last living World War II veteran who received a medal of honor (Woody Williams). Buddie and Ann showed us what real patriotism and dedication looks like. They honored us with their stories and experience to which we admire and thank them for. Woody inspired us with a very powerful and moving message: we need to remember not only veterans but veteran's families as well. Veteran families hurt and feel like everyone, if not more, and we need to support and comfort them. We cannot thank these three people enough for their patriotism, sacrifice, and dedication to their country we are proud of you and what you stand for.

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By Roger McDiffitt *This is a parody on a fictitious character and scenario.*

Ricky Bobby was found innocent by the Panhandle court system. He was found yesterday around 3:40 PM crashed into a tree. Troopers discovered open containers of alcohol in the vehicle. All of the witnesses claimed to smell alcohol on the defendant. Everyone also seemed to agree he was very angry. He was very disoriented which seemed to stem from a massive cut on his head that resulted in 60 stitches.



The defendant claimed that he was tired from two consecutive shifts at the coal mine. He insisted that a young girl was in the road and he lost control of the vehicle whenever he swerved to miss the girl. He claimed he was angry because of crashing his truck and the situations at the mine.

Most of the audience in the court agreed he was most likely guilty and patiently awaited the jury's decision. After about 10 minutes of deliberation the jury returned with their answer... not guilty.

At first, it seemed as if it would be an open and shut case, but thanks to a crafty defense attorney, things turned around.

Gilhoun Bus Accident Press Release

By: Brant Hyre and Benjamin Oldaker

This is a scenario, not an actual event.

This morning, bus 42A from Gilhoun was traveling down Gilmer Mountain carrying 28 K-4 graders when the brakes failed. The bus driver failed to gain control, and the vehicle rocketed off the edge of the mountain. Recent reports say that the driver, as well as 3 children, are dead. The Gilhoun BOE offers their sympathies to the families of the deceased. Measures will be made to ensure the future safety of all students using city transport.

In light of this most recent tragedy and further family complaints, a plan has been put into action for the immediate construction of a safer and more accessible garage for bus drivers to utilize. We hope that this will help to protect our employees and give them a better safer working environment.

Athletic Scores

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Ultimate Frisbee

Panhandle N vs. Webster/Barbour N

(Webster/Barbour N won)

Kanawha F vs. Marion N

(Marion N won)

Sand Volleyball

Kanawha N vs. Monroe N

(Monroe N won)

Harrison/Upshur N vs. Braxton

(Harrison/Upshur N won)

Softball

Panhandle F vs. Marion F

(Panhandle F won)

Calhoun/ Gilmer F vs. Lewis F

(Lewis F won)

Basketball

Randolph F vs. Monroe F

(Monroe F won)

Lewis N vs. Braxton N

(Braxton N won)

Friday's Weather

- High: 93
- Low: 70
- Intermittent clouds all day.
- By dusk, there will be a 50% chance of rain with possibility of thunderstorms.
- Sunrise: 5:58 AM
- Sunset: 8:50 PM
- Improbable chance of apocalypse. Unlikely. But it's always there.

Volleyball

Randolph N vs. Upshur/Harrison F

(Upshur/Harrison F won)

Barbour/Webster F vs. Gilmer/Calhoun N

(Barbour/Webster F won)

Forest J. "Jack" Bowman, WVU Professor Emeritus

Bowman, a native of Petersburg, W.Va., enrolled at WVU in 1956 and served as president of the freshman class. He was elected student body president in 1959-1960. Bowman was a member of the social fraternity Phi Kappa Psi, Helvetia, Sphinx and Mountain. He also was a member of the Army ROTC.



After graduation, Bowman attended the WVU College of Law where he served as associate editor of the West Virginia Law Review. As one of three outstanding graduates, Bowman received the Patrick Duffy Koontz Award upon graduation in 1963.

Bowman served four years with the Judge Advocate Generals Corps in the U.S. Army after graduation. After his service, he practiced law briefly in Charleston and then became the Deputy Commissioner of Workers Compensation in West Virginia, and in 1974, Bowman was named the first Administrative Director of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

In 1979 Bowman joined the WVU College of Law faculty where he taught for 23 years. From 1990 to 2000 he was the Hale J. Posten Professor of Law, and served as the Jackson Kelly Professor of Law from 2000 until his retirement. He was named Professor of the Year by seven graduating classes.

In 1983, 1993, and 2002, Bowman was awarded the highest honor the State Bar can bestow upon a member, The West Virginia State Bar Certificate of Merit. He was also awarded the Harrison Tweed award for outstanding contributions to continuing legal education in America from the American Law Institute & American Bar Association in 1995. In addition to numerous awards and honors, Bowman was honored with inclusion into the prestigious West Virginia University Order of Vandalia – the highest honor bestowed by the University. Jack is a graduate of the 1955 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

Leaders Among Leaders

By Gus Schmidt

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The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

Unemployment at Boys State

By Logan Gambill

Unemployment is prevalent here at Boys State. With the state elections finalized and the lack of secondary employment options, some of the biggest names in the Federalist and Nationalist parties, such as "Ol' Dirt" and "The Fro" have been put in the unemployment line. Though most of them got a job, I, and a few others, were left without jobs.

When I arrived at the unemployment line, I thought I was a disappointment: to get the chance to be part of Boys State and not to be part of the workforce here. The unemployed, despite what you would think, changed that thought. I found pride in unemployment because I was still part of this great state. Through this pride, the unemployed actually have formed a somewhat organized group.

The group has already come up with their own cadence and have been speaking of their own flag as well. They all walk around with pride and as a group, just as the bank, the journalists, and the government does. They worked hard as a team (putting together our formal review) so when you see them on the streets of Boys State, give them a big pat on the back.

If you listen to their cadence and how they speak, you realize they say it jokingly, but they sing with spirit, and all of them show the group's pride as a part of this state. I'm proud to say I was one of them. Though they are unemployed, they are a strong, hardworking group and stand for everything we believe in here at Boys State.

Murder Case Passes Bar

By: Gus Schmidt, Coeditor

This is a scenario, not an actual event.

Yesterday, there was a gruesome murder outside of Lewis Cottage. Aaron Miller of Harrison County was shot by Thomas Lancaster of Lewis County one time in the chest. The two got into a discrepancy late at night at a bar. Aaron began making death threats against Thomas. When Thomas left the bar, Aaron was outside by his car. Aaron continued making threats and began advancing toward Thomas. Thomas then drew his legal firearm, and he warned Aaron to cease his advance. Aaron continued making advances, and he then reached behind his back. Thomas interpreted this action as a threat to his personal safety. He readied his weapon and fired, killing Aaron.

In Harrison Cottage's court, Thomas was represented by defense council Collin Spangler. The prosecution's case was represented by attorney Ethan Miller. With Judge Philip Schwarz presiding, the jury was sworn in, and the proceedings began.

Before the trial began, I talked with Defense Attorney Collin Spangler. He was quoted as saying, "I'm winging this." Despite his lack of preparation, Spangler presented his case, cross-examining the three witnesses that were called to the stand. The defense claimed that Thomas was acting out of self-defense, and that he was scared for his own personal safety. He was exercising his legal right to bear and use a firearm.

The prosecution made a strong case as well. Miller's three witnesses gave testimony about what they had seen the night of the crime. When Thomas himself was called to the stand, he changed his alibi slightly, leading some to disbelief in his defense. Police witness claimed that Thomas should have taken the time to make sure that he was indeed in fatal peril before shooting his weapon.

In the end, after careful deliberation by the assembled jury, the court found the defendant not guilty. There had not been enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Thomas had committed an act against the law. The verdict stood when appealed to the State Supreme court. When asked about how he felt about the result of the proceedings, Thomas was quoted as saying, "Glad. The police are wrong again. Now I'm gonna go see that officer in his sleep."

Deer Poachers,

By: Logan Gambill

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Yesterday there was a poaching affair behind the Webster cabin in which three men were seen fleeing the crime scene by the "witnesses" of this crime, Cory Johnston and Thomas Cole. The witnesses heard the gunshots and went to investigate and were found near the deer by two DNR officers that suspected them of the crime. Though a lack of evidence and the attorney's lack of following with proper questioning that needed to be asked, the Jury had no choice but to let the suspected off with no fine what so ever.

Firefighter Academy



Two days ago, an exciting learning activity took place at the old airport. It went through fire safety courses to make sure that everyone fully understood the responsibilities of a fire fighter. Not only does ALMBS use the facility for fire safety but organizations from all over the country use it for junior firefighters.

First there was a very informative PowerPoint showing what you must do going into a fire, how many types of smoke there are, and how long you have before the building collapses. There were two following videos that showed the worst case scenarios. It showed that most of the time when fire fighters fail its caused by the lack of communication and the lack of logical decision making.



After the videos the ten students, plus my partner and me, where guided to the garage where they instructed how to use the fire extinguishers. They promptly gave us the chorological order of how to use and inspect the fire extinguishers, first making sure that the gauge is in the green section, and then using the **PASS** method to successful put out the fire. **P**ull the pin, **A**im, **S**queeze, and **S**weep.

Afterwards we got to examine a "house" that a fire started in. We had to figure out what started the fire and if there was any accelerant used. There were flares, burnt couches, a pluggable camp oven, a burnt television, and patterns on the walls and the floor. Though these clues we were able to determine what started the fire and how the fire moved.

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Finally we headed over to a simulator trailer, it was inactive at the time, but usually it's consumed by fire and it helps junior firefighters develop their judgment skills by navigating through the trailer as fast as they can in any giving situation. Throughout the rest of the week they will be setting an old car on fire to show the ALMBS students how to successful execute a tactic to smother the fire.

A Hot Night at Gilmer

By: Jordan Hosey and Ben Cooper

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The state police officers Ricky Daddario and Tristan McCoy were interviewed. They say when they showed up at the Cottage, there was an empty house with big crowd of people outside wondering what had happened. The officers told the crowd that they believed it was a suspected paper-based arson. Altogether, it took about thirty minutes to assess the situation.

Also, at the scene of the crime we were able to catch up with Preston Padden, the Prosecuting Attorney of Gilmer, and he gave his firsthand account. He said, "I was inside the Cottage upstairs when the fire happened, and I ran downstairs to see what was going on. Then my counselors told me to go back upstairs and head out the fire exit." He said his first feeling was uncertainty because he didn't know what had happened. Before Preston was told to leave through the fire exit, he observed multiple firemen crawling on their hands and knees up the front steps. Preston identified the three main witnesses as Marcus Lofter, Stephen Bodner and Taylor Giles. Lastly, he reported that he was not able to disclose any case evidence for court purposes, but claimed the evidence proved beyond reasonable doubt the suspect was guilty.

Inauguration

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Translation: Gus Schmidt, Coeditor.

Aries: The moon's position with respect to Jupiter signals luck for you today. Bet on everything. Invest all of your fortune in games of chance. Play the lotto. Bet on the races. Hit up the casino. Russian roulette? Go for it! You can't lose!

Taurus: Be at one with the Earth. Meditate on the deep mysteries of life. Why are we here? Why does a benevolent omniscient all-powerful god allow evil? Does life have any meaning? Is Nick Cage a good or bad actor? Is marching *really* the most efficient way of transport?

Gemini: Good vibes radiate off of your aura today. Wow. You should really get those checked out. There's gotta be some kind of radiation associated with those. You're probably giving the people around you some radiation poisoning. Good job.

Cancer: I'm not saying that aliens are real. But think about it, man. Is it really possible that we're the only intelligent life in the entire universe? Do you have any idea how big the universe is? Incalculably big and ever expanding. The odds of us being alone are infinitesimal. There are other beings out there. I wonder if they would have voted for Carlo. Probably. Just look at that smile.

Leo: When you stare into the void, the void stares back into you. Now you two are totally checking each other out. The void is looking good tonight. Really rocking those heels. Gotta get that void's number. She's a babe.

Virgo: Today brings a greater awareness. And with that heightened awareness, you will realize that our elected officials are acting strange. Did Soup just blink sideways? Does Big Country have a forked tongue? Have the reptilian overlords overtaken Boys State???

Libra: There is an imposter among you. Unless discovered, they will tear you down from within. Be on alert. Report suspicious activities to the stars. They'll take care of it.

Scorpio: Be open minded in the new day. Accept all new propositions. Really learn how to say yes. Someone wants you to take up their plate? Yes. A councilor asks you to sweep? Yes. A strange man in a white van offers you candy? Yes. Yes. Yes.

Sagittarius: Roger. You messed up. Real bad. But it's still not too late. Take the crystal key to the Periwinkle Palace. Answer the riddle to gain entrance. Type in the wifi password. Accept the mission and fulfill your destiny. We all need you to succeed. Or else.

Capricorn: Is someone watching you? Look up from the paper. Check behind you. Look both ways. They're being sneaky. What could they want with you? You'll find out soon enough. Soon enough. Very soon.

Aquarius: The stars are so scared of what's coming that they won't even tell me anything about it. They just shut themselves in their office and barricaded their door. I can hear hushed whispers from behind the glass, but I can't make out much. All I could distinguish was: "Evil... coming closer ever day... secret... deez nuts."

Pisces: NO FOR REAL! NEW CAR! IT'S JUST SITTING THERE! GO GET IT YOU GOOFBALL!
ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPURTUNITY!

THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION




NAME _____ (First) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(Membership Department Number) _____ Email _____ (Post #) _____ (Date) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

<input type="checkbox"/> WW (28) 7-13/1918	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> WW I (23) 4-13/1918	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (23) 5-1/2/50	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (23) 6-1/3/75	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marine
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam/Vietnam (23) 6-1/3/75	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama (16) 2003-1/3/15	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine (15) 7/1-12/1/46 - Only Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/Mexico/Turkey (20) 04-1/1/2009-1/1/2015	

I certify that I served at least one day (active military duty during the above period above and was honorably discharged or an still serving honorably).

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Reciter _____

Mail completed application to The American Legion National Headquarters, Attn: Internal Affairs. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: www.legion.org. 44-11911

DUES RECEIPT

(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Received on _____

Reciter's Signature _____

Reciter's Phone # _____

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION




USIA _____

Date joined of _____ Sponsor No. _____ Rec. Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Reason through whom eligible is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

(b) (a) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship Applicant to Veteran: _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SALT? _____ where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion, easy for membership, etc.

Email Address _____ for 20 _____ annual dues fee (if new)

Signed By Applicant for Parent _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of the American Legion Department/State Headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to The American Legion Department/State Headquarters, of www.legion.org. 44-11911

DUES RECEIPT

(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Received on _____

Signature of _____

Signature of _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION




APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (Last) _____ (Phone) _____

Address _____

City _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Home Phone _____ (Cell) _____

First Address _____ (City and address) _____

Debit/ Bill (Required) Bill 1st 1st and over

Have you been a member before? Yes No

Signature of Applicant (V. 1897 (2003) if Under 18) _____ (Date) _____

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary Department/State Headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current Department address go to: <http://www.ALNA/Veterans.php> contact state headquarters.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through check of Veteran (Living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name _____ (Post #) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____

Veteran Served (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> WW (28) 7-13/1918	<input type="checkbox"/> WW (23) 4-13/1918
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Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran (Use relationship codes)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl

I certify that the above (sister) received or received at least one day (active duty during the above period above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably).

Post Adjunct Officer/Member in Waiting _____ (Date) _____

DUES RECEIPT

(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____ Dues

Received on _____

Reciter's Name _____

Reciter's Signature _____

Reciter's Phone # _____

Lyrics to TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun

From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days
Neath the sun, neath the stars, neath the sky
As we go, this we know

God is nigh.



Attention all Monroe County Citizens!

The Monroe County Board of Education will be conducting a daily meeting Friday, June 12th at 10:30 am

The BOE will be reviewing Thursday's minutes, Scenarios and other personnel matters

Webster Barbour Board of Education
Meeting
Budgeting Discussion
10-10:10 PM

Marion Cottage Board of Education

Meeting at 11:00 AM in Marion Cottage
All Marion Board of Education required to attend
Citizens of Marion are welcome to attend

BREAKFAST

French Toast, Syrup, Bacon, Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal, Bananas, Apple Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Hamburgers, Buns, Cheese, Condiments, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Brownie, Milk

DINNER

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Hot Rolls, Salad, Cookies, Peach Cups, Milk

ALMBS Tug Of War 2015

