

# THE MOUNTAINEER

## Legislature

*By Logan Gambill*

The Legislative Branch consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate, which together form the United States Congress. On Thursday, our ALMBS Legislature learned that the Constitution grants Congress the ability to enact legislation, the right to confirm or deny Presidential appointments, and substantial investigative powers.

During Thursdays Legislation trip to Charleston, our Boys State Legislature got a chance to

meet the Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls of the Legislature, Steve Harrison, They also watched an informal joint session between house and senate. Then our Boys State Legislature passed four out of nine bills in the actual legislative buildings. Medical marijuana was legalized, but the recreational use bill lacked support from Governor Perri. This result matches the results of the preliminary Federalist caucus votes, where the bill was originally proposed.



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# Panhandle Apologizes to Braxton

*By: Tanner Wooten*

On the night of June 10, 2015, Governor Carlo Perri attempted to purchase the land surrounding Braxton Cottage with unknown intensions for 2 million dollars. The citizens of Braxton Cottage didn't take this as an opportunity of merging but as an attempt of dominance.

The citizens of Braxton Cottage gathered and wouldn't stand for this. We voted and the choice was unanimous. We were not going to sell our land and be taken advantage of. Stephen Groh, citizen of Braxton, took the first step in authoring a declaration of freedom and autonomy.

" The Unanimous Decision of The Citizens of Braxton County, We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. The history of his excellence king Perri and associated cronies is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny of these counties. We, the proud citizens of the great Braxton County stand together in firm defiance to this insultingly blatant display of disrespect to our great land and its people. Together we reject these preposterous demands which seek to dismantle our people in a fruitless attempt to beguile us into promoting the interests of your cabin. We refuse to be misled by a politician whose superficial presentation of genuine altruism fails to hide his true intentions. Braxton will not relinquish its power, which is vested in its stalwart citizens, to a separate political entity. Our lack of concern for the advancement of your cottage's agenda is surpassed only by our people's great camaraderie and pride for our home, where all mountaineers are free. We will continue to support the police of Mountaineer Boys State and honor the laws which have been established. These insults will not be further entertained and the solicitation of our cabin by ANY citizen from another cabin will result in a citation and the fullest enforcement of our municipal and county ordinances. It is highly evident to us that further discussion would be counterproductive to the interests of Braxton County.

Braxton now. Braxton tomorrow. Braxton forever."

Governor Perri didn't realize what an uproar this would cause and how much attention it would bring. He wanted to merge for more land. The reason he did provide is because he wanted more territory so he didn't have to worry about the police pulling him over for being in Braxton's land.

The night of June 11, 2015, he gathered every official he had in his cabin and met with a select few from Braxton. He threw the whole plan, and instead stated he *wanted* to be separated. Citizens of Braxton were relieved and felt as if they won a victory. We felt as if we avoided tyranny from over taking Braxton. Our motto stands "Braxton now. Braxton tomorrow. Braxton forever."

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# HOROSCOPES

*By: The Stars and Other Powers*

*Translated By: Gus Schmidt*

**Aries:** Upon your arrival back home, your family and friends might say that they notice something different about you. Ignore them. ALMBS changed nothing about you. The newspaper definitely hasn't been planting subliminal messages in our articles. Those are just smudges of ink on the paper. Ignore them. HAIL SATAN.

**Taurus:** *A Haiku On Boys State:* Who assigned parties?/ Why fight against each other?/ System is broken...

**Gemini:** Your dreams will be filled with prophetic visions of possible futures. You will know what is coming: raging anarchy, streets overflowing with blood, the destruction of the Electoral College. But no one will listen to your warnings. You'll be ostracized, and by the time they realize how right you were, it will be all too late....Ouch. That's rough. Sorry, man.

**Cancer:** Do you realize that we're on a space rock flying through the cosmos in orbit around a massive nuclear fusion reactor? And that sun is circling an infinitely dense mass that devours everything, even light.

**Leo:** *Step One:* Separate your lips. *Step Two:* Use facial muscles to pull back the corners of your mouth. *Step Three:* Widen your eyes. This is how to be happy. You're welcome.

**Virgo:** Treat your body like the temple it is. Gather people around it. Make a blood sacrifice on its steps. Chant incantations to Huitzilopochtli to ensure that the sun rises tomorrow.

**Libra:** Sticks and stones might break your bones, but words will never describe the pain.

**Scorpio:** Block out the haters. You know the real truth. The moon doesn't even exist. Everyone else is in on the conspiracy. That object that appears nightly in the sky is a massive government sponsored hologram. You're not sure why it's been put there, but you're close to answers. Very close. Too close.

**Sagittarius:** Roger. Congratulations on your success! Sure. Some innocents might have been injured in the crossfire. Fatally. But what matters is that you saved Sagittarius from almost certain destruction. Those felony charges brought against you? The end justifies the means.

**Capricorn:** Today, make sure you don't bring a knife to a gun fight. Don't even bring a gun to a gun fight. Stop going to gun fights altogether. What's your deal with gun fights???

**Aquarius:** The flags have been tracking your movement and watching you closely. They know what you did in the bathroom. You disgust us.

**Pisces:** THE NEW CAR IS SO SAD THAT YOU NEVER PICKED IT UP. IT'S DEVESTATED. HOW COULD YOU ABANDON IT TO THIS COLD AND MEANINGLESS EXISTANCE?

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## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

By Roger McDiffitt

Since 1937 the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded

continuously. It doesn't matter if there's a hurricane, it doesn't matter if it's 100 degrees, it doesn't matter if there's a blizzard, the tomb remains guarded at all costs. When asked why they're so dedicated the guards always reply, "They deserve it."

The guards walk 21 steps to symbolize a twenty one gun salute. They then change the side of their rifle as to always keep it facing away from the tomb. After a quarter turn they

wait 21 seconds before taking 21 steps in the other direction.

Not just anyone can be a tomb guard. The selection process is a rigorous one. A tomb guard must never swear for their time leading up to their turn as guard, as well as never swearing during their time as guard. They are not allowed to watch television or listen to the radio for six months before it's there time as guard. Another requirement state that a guard must live on base for at least six months prior to their term. This type of devotion is only

rivaled by that of a monk.

Here at Boys State we find it necessary to honor this tomb as well. If guarding this tomb as

a real guard would. All three of these individuals received as tomb guard badge that they can add to their collection.

Congratulations to these Guards on this unmeasurable honor!



## Oh No! It's the Po-Po!

By: Luis Neer

Here's how it started. I had never said a word. Not one word.

In Panhandle cabin, on Wednesday, I was just waiting for some more people to get back from the assembly before I got out my guitar and started singing. My phone was charging and I was sitting in a chair, reading. Gatsby Rider entered the room, surround by yelling people. The reader must understand that yelling disorients me somewhat. When I

asked the situation, they ignored me, but I could divulge from their loud words that Gatsby was on the run.

"Hey, Gats!" I said. "What's your trouble, baby?"

He said, "My campaign posters are still up, and the cops are getting on me for it. It's littering, apparently."

"My campaign posters are still up," I said.

He laughed. "You better watch out, then."

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## Braxton Cabin Report

*By: Tanner Wooten*

Besides the current feud between Panhandle and Braxton, Braxton is really going well. We all agree that we are one of the closest cabins. We all are friends and we know one another's name. Our counselors: Donte, Colin, and Seth, are probably the best counselors here. They don't just instruct us, but they have made personal connections with each individual citizen of Braxton. They are strict when they need to be, but they know when we can have a good time.

Now that ALMBS is almost over we are surprisingly disappointed. We now have to leave the new friends we just made. Although Boy State is over, it doesn't mean that those connections have to end. I can honestly say that I will miss everyone from the cabin...from our inside jokes to our late night card games, I personally will miss every moment of it.

## Twin Trials Garner Different Results

*By: Luis Neer*

On Friday, the Supreme Court Case *Neer v. Boys State* resulted in a relative victory for me, Luis Neer, after I sued the state for \$450,000 (#GoBigOrGoHome) on charges of negligence and misconduct following an incident in which my position as Secretary of the Dept. of Education & the Arts was declared void and I lost my position in the House of Delegates (see my article "Appointed Positions Dismissed" in *The Mountaineer's* June 11 issue). I was given seventy-five grand; that's a far cry from 450 but at least I'll be able to pay off all my tickets and fines. You heard it here, dear reader – this reporter is a criminal. But a wealthy criminal, now.

Unfortunately, Patrick McKay – one of the only true unemployed, impoverished, citizens at Boys State – was effectively hung out to dry by the Supreme Court this Friday when his similar case was dismissed. McKay was appointed Police Chief by Kanawha Mayor William Robert McCauley on Wednesday, and after receiving training for this position, he was informed that his

## The West Fork River Revue

On Friday night, the citizens of Boys State enjoyed watching The West Fork River Revue. Talents were showcased by various citizens and staff members. After the show, everyone had pizza in their cabins to enjoy their last night of Boys State.

position was being voided on the grounds that a cabin could purportedly not have both a Sheriff and a Police Chief; this stipulation does not actually exist in the Boys State manual, but because McKay's job training occurred as the unemployed were lining up to receive new jobs, McKay was thereafter unable to find a job.

McKay had planned to sue the state for \$4.2 trillion, again on charges on negligence and misconduct. In conversation, he and I had agreed that his case could not lose. "I am not at fault here," said McKay. "I – as far as I know – am the only unemployment citizen here, and because of the failure of the system."

My own seventy-five thousand dollars are not so sweet, not worth so much. Patrick McKay's cries for justice have fallen on deaf ears; for this, I mourn.

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# Farewell Report

*By: Caleb Estep*

Crime, censorship, oppression, all of these things are defining characteristics of the 2015 Mountaineers Boys State Program. From events ranging from attempted arson to bank robbery no one can deny this has certainly been an interesting and educational Boys State.

All of the Boys State Citizens have resolved to apply the spectacular core values that the Boys State program works so hard to promote and apply them to all circles of life.

For example, one of the many core values that the councilors work hard to instill in the citizens is a passion for you job. One organization that certainly took those words to heart was the law enforcement agency. Immediately upon their activation, the despotic law enforcement literally unleashed chaos upon the peace-loving citizens of boys state, frivolously abusing their power and using it to annihilate the outstanding political system that so many have worked so hard to create.

In spite of an authoritarian law enforcement agency Boys State has been an outstanding experience. All citizens were able to spend hours sitting and listening to various speakers talk about government and social responsibility. Which, if you have been reading the papers, all have taken to heart.

I know that my massive readership will be shocked to hear that illicit action has been taken against me. For the past two days my articles have been censored from the newspaper on grounds of what some call "objectionable content". I call it making the people truly aware of the present state of Boys State.

Since I am not able to formulate words that adequately express my grief at leaving I will give the honor to one of the most notable figures in the history of the world Maximilien de Robespierre. I feel as though these few sentences perfectly capture the overall tone of the Boys State experience. He said, "Crime butchers innocence to secure a throne, and innocence struggles with all its might against the attempts of crime."

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# Braxton Shoutouts

*By: Tanner Wooten*

- Justin Loughrie, sorry I stepped on your feet during tug of war
- Kyle Swann. Follow on twitter @kcswann
- Michael Dehlin. Follow on Instagram @mc\_dehlin17 and on Twitter @Michael\_dehlin
- Mikey Dantrassey. Friend on Facebook. Follow on Twitter @inmate99100 and Instagram @dantraz42
- S/O to Fred for HYPE
- Patrick "Bryce" McGee "hmu ladies. Just kidding it's an all-boys camp"
- "Disregard females, acquire currency" Mason
- Steven Groh, the author of our declaration of freedom and one of my closest friends here
- Wes, the best judge we have in the cabin
- Jared the most amazing athletic director, we won our games because he planned who was best for what game
- Nathan, the fastest learner of any card game I have ever met
- Johnathon, the best impersonator in the cabin
- Ethan, a good friend and funniest person I know
- Ben, the first and nicest person I met, he gives us doses of reality when we get too caught up in the camp
- Amonte, coolest name ever
- Colin, Donte, and Seth the coolest supervisors here
- Both Joshes are really cool
- Roger, the reason we won tug of war and the deepest sleeper ever
- Michael, the best drummer in the band
- Cam, bro you are super good at volleyball
- Kumar, you have the best "Indian" name I have ever heard
- Taylor, you are the most resource one here with a barer of information
- Colton, good luck at basic training Monday
- Reese, the worst and funniest card player in the cabin
- I'm sorry if I forgot to mention you guys, but I wouldn't want anyone else as fellow Braxton citizens, Thank you for this great experience.

Just yesterday we were victorious at tug of war, and when one of our cabin mates left earlier for the ACT we gave him a group hug. Some got too friendly and gave him a kiss on the cheek. When I look back I will for sure remember all of these great friends I made here. "Braxton now. Braxton tomorrow. Braxton forever." (Steven Groh)

## Dr. Stephen Smoot, Director for Congressman Mooney



Graduated from Ripley High School in 1992. Earned Masters in History and Political Science at Marshall, Doctorate in history at West Virginia University. Taught history in college for 10 years, five of them at Potomac State. Served as Director of Academic Programs for the National Journalism Center in Washington DC for three years. Have presented at the Society of Military History, the Virginia Forum, and elsewhere and have had work published in the Journal of the Alleghenies, Human Events, the State Journal, Jackson View, Town Hall, Daily Caller, and Gate House Media newspapers. I currently am Eastern Panhandle Director for Congressman Alex Mooney based in Martinsburg. I am married, have two children, and live in Keyser.

## Senator Joe Manchin



Senator Manchin has served in several leadership capacities on various associations, including: Chairman of the National Governors Association, Chairman of the Southern States Energy Board, President of the Council of State Governments, Chairman of the Democratic Governors Association and Chairman of the Southern Governors' Association.

Sen. Manchin served as Secretary of State from 2000 to 2004, and his office was known for excellent customer service. He was a state legislator from 1982 to 1996, where he earned a reputation for standing up for West Virginians.

Sen. Manchin became a successful businessman after attending West Virginia University on a football scholarship.

Sen. Manchin is an avid pilot, outdoorsman, hunter, angler and motorcyclist. He has been married for more than four decades to the former Gayle Conelly of Beckley. They have three children: Heather, Joseph IV and Brooke, and are the proud grandparents of Joseph V, Sophie, Kelsey, Madeline, Chloe, Jack, Carly and Vivian.

## Joe Berry, Jr. CONSOL Energy

WV Operations Manager, CONSOL Energy, Inc. Joe Berry, Jr., has over 13 years of experience with the company and, in that time, has held positions of Operations Manager, District Operations Superintendent production Manager, project manager, project Engineer, and Electrical Engineer. He has worked for CONSOL Energy, Inc. in 7 different states, WV, PA, OH, VA, KY, IN, and IL. He graduated from WVU with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He also worked for an Architectural Engineering firm for 3 years as an Electrical Engineer prior to joining CONSOL Energy, Inc. Joe has experience in Drilling, Completions, Production, Construction, Pipeline Design and Installation. Electrical, and Communications. Joe has worked with deep shale wells (Marcellus). Coal Bed Methane wells, and shallow oil and gas wells.

### Monroe County BOE Scenario Report

*By: David Claypool, Ben Wilson, Noah Redmond, and Caleb Estep*

The foundation of Monroe County Middle School Monroe County is failing, and we can no longer use the school as an educational facility. When we built our middle school in 1986, the county BOE agreed that we would not ask the State BOE for any building funds. That agreement was honored for the next 10-12 years.

The Monroe County BOE has a budget of \$1,000 to fix this infrastructure problem and make sure the students take their standardized tests. The Monroe County Commission has a set up a toll booth at the entrance of Monroe County to help raise funds for the emergency project. We have received approval from the city council to use our recreation center as a temporary school while we fix the middle school.

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And—speak of the devil—at that moment

## FOLLOW



**@DBCOOP3R**

some green shirt walked into the room and told me I was UNDER ARREST on account of my House of Delegates flyer that was hanging on the bathroom door, there in the cabin. I read his nametag; he was from Lewis Cottage.

“Get out of here, man,” I said. “This isn’t warranted. I think it violates amendments three and four.”

“I’ve got consent.”

“From whom?”

“Thaiddeus.”

“THAD!”

Thaiddeus (from another room): “Sorry,

"Where's my lawyer?" I asked.

I walked into the bunk room and found Andrew Mommessin, our magistrate. "Hey," I asked, "can this guy arrest me?"

"If I sign this paper," he said, indicating the paper he was signing. I walked into the hallway.

Just then, my men, Patrick McKay and William McCauley, came bursting into the cottage to receive me. We ducked out into the dark.

The dark was full of terrors. As I crossed the road, everywhere I looked there was someone being reprimanded; argued with; chased. Boys State had found its law enforcement.

And when we walked across the street we met the first of several sharks; he descended upon us pointing at his badge and yelling. We were speeding. Apparently. One of them yelled at us for a while, but he was playing soccer or something so we just walked away. Billy said that he'd already gotten a ticket that night.

"Really?" I asked. "It's been, like, less than an hour."

"Yeah, man. You get tickets for running. I could go to jail, I think."



He started running on the sidewalk. A bunch of them were sitting on the porch at Gilmer, and when we passed they swooped down like green-clad eagles to tear out our proverbial guts. Billy got a speeding ticket. They tried to pin me with drunk driving because I was drinking a Sprite, but I sweet-talked them into letting me go.

It was another ten minutes or so before they let Billy go free, and we continued walking for about four minutes before being stopped again. After that, there was nothing to do but walk into and into and into the night of loud voices, waiting.

Ironically, while writing this article I was abducted by yet another officer, this one with an unwarranted warrant for my arrest. I mean it, it was unwarranted—our magistrate threw it away. So yes, I evaded this, too, but I'll tell you, this article could have been much longer if I had had more time to type. Beware, my friends. They is out there.

# Apocalypse Imminent

*By: Gus Schmidt*

All ALMBS citizens and staff, it has come to the newspaper's attention that the End of Days is upon us. The federal government has informed the news staff that at around 11:00 PM today, the 51<sup>st</sup> state will be completely dissolved, and Jackson's Mill will be almost entirely vacant. Even stranger, the federal government seemed calm about this announcement, even smiling when talking about it. To our horror, we learned that this Apocalypse occurs annually, and no attempts have ever been made to stop it.

The reason for this phenomenon is unknown to the press currently, but many are speculating that some sort of natural disaster may be to blame. Massive earth quake? Super volcanic eruption? A wandering meteor hurtling towards our atmosphere?

Others are making even wilder accusations. They claim that tomorrow brings a supernatural or holy purging of the land. Perhaps an angry god is punishing the citizens of our state. The sky will open up above, and the earth will open up below. The predestined will rise into the heavens, while the unclean will fall to the eternal fire. What have we done to anger the powers that be? I bet it was that evil marijuana legislation that was passed. Everyone knows that weed is Satan's work. But did we listen? No. And now we're going to pay the price for it.

Whatever the cause, it's clear the end is nigh. The last words of the honorable newspaper are the following: It's been a privilege to live and work with all of you. We've learned much. We leave this world ready to lead in the next. God bless America. Long live Federalists United and Go Nats. Hooplah. Yeet Yah!

**Gus' Insta and Twitter:  
Gus\_Schmidt\_21**

**Roger's Insta:  
RogerThat08  
And Twitter:  
RogerThat\_08**



# Thursday Athletic Scores

(**Bold=Win**)

Sand Volleyball	Volleyball	Basketball	Softball	Frisbee
Lewis (F) vs. <b>Gilmer/Calhoun (N)</b>	Monroe (N) vs. <b>Lewis (N)</b>	<b>Braxton (N)</b> vs. Kanawha (N)	<b>Panhandle (N)</b> vs. Harrison/Upshur (F) ( <i>by forfeit</i> )	Webster/Barbour (N) vs. <b>Gilmer/Calhoun (F)</b>
<b>Randolph (F)</b> vs. Webster/Barbour(F) ( <i>by forfeit</i> )	Panhandle (F) vs. <b>Braxton (F)</b>	Monroe (N) vs. <b>Randolph (N)</b>	<b>Marion (N)</b> vs. Harrison/Upshur (N) ( <i>by forfeit</i> )	<b>Marion (F)</b> vs. Kanawha (F)
<b>Kanawha (F)</b> vs. Lewis (F)	Marion (N) vs. <b>Gilmer/Calhoun (N)</b>	Marion (F) vs. <b>Harrison/Upshur (F)</b>	<b>Braxton (F)</b> vs. Panhandle (N) ( <i>by forfeit</i> )	Braxton (N) vs. Randolph (F) <i>both teams forfeited</i>
<b>Randolph (N)</b> vs. Calhoun/Gilmer (F)	<b>Monroe (F)</b> vs. Webster/Barbour (N)	<b>Upshur/Harrison (N)</b> vs. Monroe (N)	<b>Kanawha (N)</b> vs. Panhandle (F)	Lewis (N) vs. <b>Barbour/Webster (F)</b>

## Men of Tomorrow

Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig

### VERSE

Someday 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

Eggs, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Hot Cereal, Cold Cereal, Bananas, Apples, Orange Juice, Milk

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!