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### Announcements!

**Change in location!**  
City Government will now be located in the Jubilee Pavilion



Be sure to check out MBS online!

We apologize for the confusion regarding election results yesterday. Thank you for your patience.

POSITION	CITIZEN	PARTY
GOVERNOR	ERIC T.R. FINCH	NATIONALIST
SECRETARY OF STATE	AKSHAY CHANDRAN	NATIONALIST
AUDITOR	JAMES "JIM" PARK	FEDERALIST
TREASURER	DANIEL "SWAG MAN" TRUONG	FEDERALIST
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE	DYLAN FRAZIER	NATIONALIST
ATTORNEY GENERAL	ZACH "ATTACK" ABBOTT	NATIONALIST
SUPREME COURT JUSTICES	MATTHEW "TRIPOD" ZLATKIND BROOK "TRIPOD" MISAILIDIS GEARICK "TRIPOD" WATT ANIKET ZINZUWADIA YASHAN THAKKAR	FEDERALIST NATIONALIST NATIONALIST FEDERALIST FEDERALIST

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## Breakfast

Omelets  
Sausage  
Biscuits  
Hot and Cold Cereal  
Bananas  
Apple Juice  
Milk

## Lunch

Duke of Rib Sandwiches  
Hoagie Bun  
Green Buns  
Chips  
Salad  
Chocolate Pudding  
Milk

## Dinner

Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Hot Rolls  
Salad  
Cookies  
Milk

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## **LEFT or RIGHT?**

A simple question really- heads or tails, and yet the entire fate of the location of the party supporters rode on this decision. The choice was a challenge, no doubt, and many factors were taken into account. The Federalist citizens were riveted to hear that their party chair's selection of "tails" had turned up heavy, but were then shocked of the decision that Nationalist party chairmen Trey Gillum made to select the left hand side of the Assembly Hall. Some were displeased with Gillum's choice; however, one citizen commented that "It could have gone either way." One side perhaps has better acoustic, the other, the band. Though both sections have their advantages, only one will prevail.

*Corey Crumm – Webster Cottage*

# AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE CRIMES AND PUNISHMENT

*James Dague, Legislative Advisor, enacted the following statutes that will be effective at Noon on Wednesday.*

General: All provisions of the official Code of the State of West Virginia and the Official code of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State shall be in effect and enforceable . In addition, the following provisions shall also be in effect and enforceable.

## Chapter XVII

### Article VII. Traffic Laws

#### Section I. Definitions

**Vehicle** – Your person. Every citizen is considered to be in physical control of himself (his person) which is his vehicle.

**Driver** - Any citizen who walks upon any public highway and who is, therefore, in actual control of his vehicle.

**Operating** - Moving or being in actual physical control of a personal vehicle.

**Highway** - All designated walkways within the state including but not limited to sidewalks and other paved areas.

**Berm** - The grass next to a highway, roadway, or sidewalk.

**Signal** - A gesture of the hand and arm, which indicates vehicle movements. Signals will be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner:

Left Turn Hand and arm extended horizontally

Right Turn upper arm extended horizontally and lower arm extended vertically (bent at elbow).

**Speeding** - A pace that requires both feet of a vehicle to be off the ground at any given instant in order to complete a single stride (also known as running). Movement of a vehicle is not considered excessive speed or speeding when one foot remains in contact with the ground at all times. Speeding is permitted during approved athletic and recreational activities.

**Under the Influence** - consuming liquids or matter (food) of any kind or form while operating a vehicle. A common example would be drinking from a soda can or eating snacks while operating a vehicle.

Section 2. **DRIVER S LICENSE REQUIRED** Every citizen is required to obtain and maintain a valid American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Driver s License.

Section 3. **OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE** No citizen shall operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug abuse or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug abuse (liquid or food). Consuming from an open container, while operating a vehicle shall be considered under the influence.

Section 4. **SPEED LIMIT** No citizen shall operate a vehicle at a speed, which requires both feet to lose contact with the ground at any given time during the stride of that vehicle (also known as running).

Section 5. **PASSING** All vehicles must give a visible and audible signal to traffic being overtaken and subsequently pass on the left thereof. Traffic being overtaken shall give the way to the right.

Section 6. **DRIVE ON RIGHT HALF OF ROADWAY** All vehicles will be driven on the right half of the highway except when passing and overtaking another vehicle.

Section 7. **FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE** A sufficient space (at least one vehicle length) must be maintained between vehicles.

Section 8. **TURN AND STOP SIGNALS** All vehicles must signal an intention to turn or move right or left. No person or vehicle shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of his vehicle without first giving the appropriate signal.

Section 9. **STOP SIGNS** The operator of any vehicle shall stop at all clearly marked stop signs. After a stop, a vehicle may not be moved without due regard for safety of crossing traffic and not before yielding the right of way to traffic not required to stop.

Section 10. **PARKING** A vehicle shall not be stopped on the traveled portion of any highway. Parking is permitted on the berm only. No vehicle travel is permitted on the berm unless said travel is during an approved athletic or recreational activity.

Section 11. **VEHICLE INSPECTION** All vehicles in operation must have a valid Vehicle Inspection Sticker which will be issued by an officer of the Department of Public Safety after said vehicle has successfully completed the standard vehicle inspection and the owner of same has paid the required fee (\$25.00).

Section 12. **PROOF OF INSURANCE** A driver must maintain valid liability insurance whenever he is in operation of a vehicle. The driver must maintain proof of insurance.

Section 13. **VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT** Failure to adhere to the above Traffic Laws shall constitute a violation. Each violation shall be punishable by fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail, up to but not in excess of one half hour (1/2) hour.

#### Article VIII. **LITTERING**

Section 1. The intentional discarding of paper, soda cans, refuse and trash in a location other than an approved trash container shall be littering.

Section 2. The public display of campaign materials after noon on Wednesday shall be littering.

Section 3.

**VIOLATION (S) AND PUNISHMENT** Littering shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00 and/or approved community service plus reasonable cost to be assessed by the court. Approved community service is community service that has been reviewed and approved by Staff Legal Advisors and generally consists of mess hall cleanup duty and/or service projects at Jackson's Mill.

#### Article IX. **HUNTING AND FISHING**

Section 1. Hunting is defined as passing through a grouping of seven trees or more (also known as woods) or placing oneself within 50 feet of a grouping of seven trees or more for a period of greater than (30) seconds.

Section 2.

Fishing is defined as placing oneself within 100 feet of a body of water.

Section 3. Body of water is defined as the West Fork River, any natural or manmade pond or lake to include ornamental ponds and the swimming pool.

Section 4.

A Boys' State Citizen must possess a valid Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license in order to hunt and /or fish within the boundaries of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State. A Boys' State citizen must successfully pass a Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division approved Hunter's Safety Course in order to be eligible to purchase a Hunting or combination Hunting and Fishing license.

Section 5.

The county Clerk of each county is authorized to issue Mountaineer Boys' State Hunting, Fishing, or combination Hunting and Fishing license. The cost for a Hunting license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a Fishing license shall be \$10.00. The cost for a combination Hunting and Fishing license shall be \$18.00.

Section 6.

**VIOLATION(S) AND PUNISHMENT** A violation of section 4 of this article is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00 and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail up to but not in excess of one half (1/2) hour.

Article X. **RESISTING ARREST AND FLEEING FROM THE LAW** is not allowed. This is a felony offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$100,000 plus reasonable costs to be assessed by the court and imprisonment in the Boys' State Jail of at least 2 hours but not in excess of 10 hours. Additionally, an individual committing a violation of this article is subject to appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the Boys' State administrative staff (Administrator or Assistant Administrator).

## College/ Career Day - A Huge Success

Following today's classes, a college and career fair was held in the Main Pavilion, garnering a considerable amount of both benefit, and success. Colleges from around the state, ranging anywhere from the smaller Pierpont and Salem Universities, to the reputable WVU, tried their hand in recruiting future alumni. To increase their chances, pamphlets and souvenirs were handed to those interested, which included the majority of attendants. Yet, even to the non-collegiate bound, there were several career options available as well. The FBI, U.S. Marshalls, State Police, and more all had stations up to inform and invite concerned participants. Overall, there was no one out place when asked about their future.

*Owen Bleigh - Marion Cottage*



*Photo Credits: Ryan Phillips*

## Formal Review Very Helpful

This evening the members of Boys State practiced for the Formal Review in the field prior to dinner. While marching around in ranks with the band playing, the boys showed all they have been working on with their cabin through their marching, and flag bearing. The band showed great progress as they played multiple songs throughout the practice. Everyone looked like they were ready for the Formal Review tomorrow evening.

## **Introducing Braxton County's Asian Sensation Jim Park**

Figure 1: Jim Park (left) poses with a citizen from Braxton County

Jim Park is a well-known figure amongst the citizens of Braxton County and the Federalists. Running for State Auditor, he gives laughter and joy to the people that he meets. People in the Braxton Cottage know him as the “Asian Sensation” for two excellent reasons: he’s Korean, and he is a true sensation.



On the first day of Boys State, he became a favorite among the people in Braxton cottage.

He came to Boys State with a single purpose: win the position of State Auditor. With a strong voice and boundless charisma, he won everyone over to his side on the first day. He was also one of the first candidates – and probably the only Auditor – to post posters around the campus. By Sunday night, he was known by all as James, Jim, Asian or the “Asian Sensation”, a testament to his name power.

Monday also proved to be a great day for the “Asian Sensation”. He gave an awe-inspiring 30 second speech at the Federalist caucus. After that speech, it was clear that he was the front-runner for Federalist candidate for Auditor. Later in the night, all predictions became reality as Jim Park became the Federalist candidate for Auditor.

Federalist Braxton County citizens are especially proud of their “Asian Sensation”. We have great hope for him, knowing that he will have success in his future endeavors beyond Boys State.

*Nicholas O'Donnell*

## **Crime and Punishment**

As every citizen is fully aware, on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, the Boys State police will be up and running and our laws will be fully instated. The Boys State driving, hunting, and fishing laws will be mandatory to follow. A helpful suggestion would be reviewing the rules also listed in the newspaper, and perhaps carrying a copy of them with you. All licenses will be available for purchase in each individual cottage. If you wish to purchase one, or all of these licenses, you must consult your cottage banker. Police trainees informed us that punishments will be swift and severe to those who disobey and may worsen if resisted. Either purchase the licenses and avoid trouble, or hope you can afford a good lawyer.

*Jake Wilkinson - Kanawha Cottage*

## **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

*Trey Westerfeld*

Early morning mist rose from the hallowed ground.

History ne'er forgotten.

Honored by glory, surrounded by nature.

A sanctuary, a place of remembrance.

Of what? For who?

For those who are unknown,

They who have sacrificed their lives.

Not for claim or pride,

But rather, you and I.

## **Flags Will Fall**

Before attending the flag burning ceremony yesterday afternoon, I was unaware as to what was going to occur. Okay, okay, I knew that we were going to be retiring a flag, instilling a chemical change, turning a proud flag forever into ash. But no, the ceremony was much more than that. As I sat down on the dampened grass in the amphitheater, I was taken aback by the tranquility of the scene. The mist rising from the river; the resilient commands of officers; the concurrent taking off of the caps by the veterans; the ringing of Taps in my ear and out the other, bouncing off the cold stone and wooded walls; all of these things could quite easily bring a glossed drop to the corner of the eye. When I witnessed all of these events simultaneously as the sparks flew and cracked off the stupefied citizen volunteers as they stood saluting. The flag, I once thought, was just a piece of cloth. It remains a piece of cloth, but a piece that contains the lives of every past, present, and future American. A piece of cloth that fly's over a country- protecting it like a shield of impenetrable strength. It is a simple concept to lay down a flag on a bed of flames, but a necessary concept worthy of our respect and participation none the less.



*Corey Crumm – Webster Cottage*

# COTTAGE NEWS

Travis Kirtner

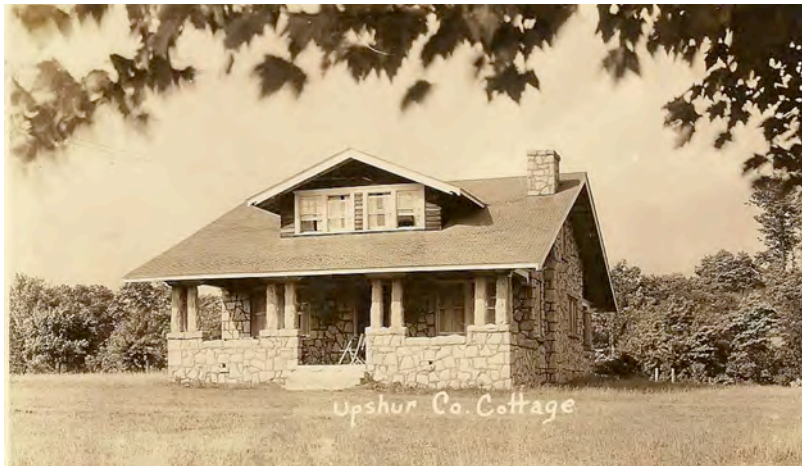
Kanawha Cottage Report

## Our Two Candidates

In the Kanawha cabin, two people were elected to move on to the general election for state offices. One citizen was Akshay Chandran. He was elected to represent the Nationalists for Secretary of State. "I am feeling pretty good about representing the Nationalists for Secretary of State. Even if I do not get elected over all, I can still say that I came far in this election process." Chandran continued on to say that he felt that it was going to be an intense debate and he was eager to see what was in store.

The second candidate from Kanawha was Daniel Truong. Truong was chosen to represent the Federalists for Treasurer. Also known for his popular nickname "Swag Man Dan," Daniel has no clue what to expect tonight at the debate but he is looking forward to it. Overall, I am proud to say that these two were chosen from Kanawha cabin for these state election positions.

*Justin C. Campbell - Marion Cottage Report*



## Marion Crushes the First Day in Athletics

Right off the bat, Marion has been dominating the athletic scene of Boys State 2013. To start off the afternoon on Monday, Marion Federalists went up against Webster Federalists in basketball. In a close game, Marion came out on top with 32 to 28. Marion's success did not end there. Their next stop was softball.

The same afternoon, Marion Nationalists faced off against Randolph Nationalists in a hard-played softball game. Once again, Marion Cottage came out on top with an 11 to 6 victory against Randolph.

In both evening athletic games, Marion continued their domination over the other cabins. The evening basketball game consisted of the Marion Nationalists vs. the Upshur Nationalists. Marion crushed Upshur - 40 to 27.

The last athletic game of the day was the Marion Federalists against the Braxton Federalists in a game of volleyball. A victory is consisted of winning two out of three games, and Marion showed no mercy by beating Braxton twice in a row 21 to 14 and 21 to 11.

*Justin C. Campbell - Marion Cottage*



### **The Musical Master of Monroe Cottage**

The rooms of Monroe cottage were recently filled with music. One of its many occupants, a young man by the name of Stewart McGraw, played his guitar making a variety of pleasing tunes. An interview with him revealed much about his talent.

He was inspired to play at the young age of 9 when he heard his uncle play. It amazed him, so he learned how to play himself. Everything from self-teaching, massive amounts of practice, and pure

dedication helped to inspire his love for the craft. His favorite genre of music to play is heavy metal, but he is a very capable musician in many areas.

Mr. McGraw plans on gathering others for a performance at Friday's talent show. He has already amassed a series of potential candidates since the interview and they are said to be playing jazz music. See them at the talent show this Friday.

*Nathaniel Cumberledge - Monroe Cottage*

### **Panhandle Daily Minutes**

#### Political Minute:

Ankur Kumar of Panhandle County was selected in the Federalist state primary as the candidate of choice who would carry the party banner into Tuesday night's general election. When asked what his plan for governor was if voted into office he stated, "If elected, I plan to carry out the Federalist party's platform and to be fair to all citizens of Mountaineer Boys State."

#### Panhandle in the Community:

Citizens of Panhandle cottage can be seen involved around the Boys State community. Brian Mullis, who is known for leading the boys of Panhandle to the meeting grounds as Gideon, is an active member of the Americanism Program, and is expected to participate in the flag retirement ceremony. He divulged that "Citizens with the Americanism program would be retiring an American Flag with honor in a ceremony done with pride." Panhandle applauds Brian's commitment to promoting the American Spirit within the State.

*Foster Jenkins – Panhandle Cottage*

## Calhoun Cabin Report

Monday morning, the citizens of Calhoun cottage got up at 6:30 to start cleaning. They swept, made beds, and cleaned the bathroom for inspection. At 7:50 AM, we were given orders to march to the dining hall for flag rising. After the flag rising, we filed to the dining hall for breakfast. After breakfast, both Federalists and Nationalists were told to go to the WV Building and then the Assembly Hall for a leadership meeting.

Both parties were dismissed at 12:00 PM. They were instructed to go back to their cottages and from there they would wait for lunch to begin. Our cottage only has 17 people in it, so it doesn't take long to get in formation. One guy was missing when the instructor was taking role. Come to find out, the guy was in another cottage at this time. We found him and went to dinner.

*Zachariah Robe - Calhoun Cabin*

### Boys Will Argue

On the evening of Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the 2013 Boys state governor candidates engaged in a heated debate of politics. This tradition of debate was started approximately in the nineties and will most likely continue into the future. The two parties started by introducing their candidates and explained their platforms. Some boys came to the podium with a stone serious expression while other introduced themselves as rock stars.

Following the introductions, the two governor candidates respectively created one another for the debate. Next, both steeled themselves for the oncoming battle that is the debate. Nationalists took the first question and were asked about their change on taxes and adding in new toll roads. The second question went to the Federalists on their separation of the church and the state. Thirdly was that all charities should be exempt from taxes, which both parties agreed on. Next, candidates argued on the issue of balancing the federal budget. After that came the issue of lowering the drinking age and the damage it could do to the economy. Lastly, the question was what to do with a child whose parents tested positive for drugs during a welfare check.

Eric Finch was the first to be open for an interview. Eric said he did not give "political" responses but instead spoke from his heart. He believed that his weakest point was the discussion on lowering the drinking age. He said what he felt strongest about as a candidate was to support a good economy. However, he said personally he felt strongest about limited government in daily lives. Lastly, he told that out of all candidates that he also want Dylan Frazier to be the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Governor candidate Ankur Kumar was also available for an interview. He believed his weakest point was the wording of the separation of church and state. When asked what he felt strongest about as a candidate, he said it was economics. "It makes sense to take a chance on West Virginia." He said. Personally, he believed that government transparency was the most important. Out of other candidates, he told, he wants to work with Eric because of his ability to compromise.

Both candidates fought well for the parties and did an excellent job. They treated one another with great respect and maturity. Best of luck to both candidates on a good race.

*Jake Wilkinson - Kanawha Cottage*

# ATHLETICS

## Athletic Scores – June 11, 2013

### Basketball

Braxton Feds – 10

Kanawha – Nats – 58

Barbour/Webster Feds – 24

Randolph Nats – 36

Lewis Feds – 42

Monroe Nats – 16

Upshur/Harrison Feds – 30

Kanawha Feds – 10

### Ultimate Frisbee

Marion Feds – 10

Braxton Nats – 4

Calhoun/Gilmer Feds – 10

Lewis Nats – 1

Panhandle Feds – 8

Randolph Feds – 9

Calhoun/Gilmer Nats – 3

Harrison/Upshur Nats – 6

### Softball/Baseball

Barbour/Webster Feds – won by forfeit

Braxton Nats

Monroe Feds – 5

Gilmer/Calhoun Feds – 2

Braxton Feds – 0

Randolph Nats – 6

Webster/Barbour Nats – 3

Lewis Feds – 2

### Sand Volleyball

Calhoun/Gilmer Nats over

Upshur/Harrison Feds

Lewis Nats over Panhandle Nats

Marion Nats over Panhandle Feds

Marion Feds over Monroe Feds

### Volleyball

Kanawha Nats won by forfeit over

Webster/Barbour Nats

Marion Nats over Monroe Nats

Panhandle Nats over Randolph Feds

Harrison/Upshur Nats over Kanawha  
Feds

## Get Out And Go Play!

After speaking with members from several cottages, it has been brought to my attention that there are a large number of cottages without enough players to participate in their sporting events. When participating in these events, it does not matter whether your team wins or loses. The only thing that is accounted for is that your cottage participated. Each time your team does not participate in a scheduled game, five points

are deducted from your cottage score. This makes it almost impossible for your cottage to win the award as best cottage. Whether you are a talented athlete, or you just enjoy getting out there for a little friendly competition, please participate. This is a major part of Mountaineer Boys State, and we need to keep it going strong for the remainder of our time here.

*Anthony Gemondo- Braxton Cottage*



*Photo Credit: Ryan Phillips*

## Panhandle Sports Minutes

### **Sports Minute:**

Panhandle Cottage dominated on the first day of sports, winning three out of the four matches played. The results are as follows:

### **Basketball:**

Day: Nationals vs. Gilmer/Calhoun Federalists - Win 44/20

Evening: Federalists vs. Gilmer/Calhoun Nationalists – Win 44/20

### **Volleyball:**

Day: Federalists vs. Monroe Federalist – Loss 18/21 and 15/21

Evening (Sand): Nationalists vs. Webster/Barbour Nationalists – Win 21/20 and 21/12

*Foster Jenkins – Panhandle Cottage*

## **Nationalists Caucus Summary**

On Tuesday, the Nationalist party's caucus was relatively relaxed compared to the heated discussions that occurred at the previous day's caucus. Primary election winners gave speeches in which they attempted to persuade fellow Nationalists to spread the word about the party's platform and general election candidates. After the speeches, the party created a chant inspired by the movie *300*, an appropriate comparison considering the Nationalists are outnumbered by the Federalists. In the end, the general mood in the room was one of optimism for the general election candidates and the future of the Nationalist party at Boys State 2013.

*Jared Casto - Monroe Cottage*



*Photo Credit: Ryan Phillips*

## **Federalist Caucus Summary**

The Federalist caucus began with the Party Chairman opening with a discussion on what the Federalist's plan for the following evening's debate would be. They talked about the order in which the Federalist candidates would walk in, be introduced, and would address the crowd. The candidates then talked about how long their addresses would be, and the caucus then voted on specific chants for each candidate. They discussed the PowerPoint that would be presented at the debate. Following that was the party trying to find a Federalist with a DJ license, so the Federalist Party would have the ability to use music in their PowerPoint as well as their candidates' walk-ins. The motion of adjourning was presented, seconded, and they adjourned.

*Garrett Willis – Calhoun Cottage*