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LEADING TOMORROW

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2011 Mountaineer Boys State Primary Election Results

Nationalist	Position	Federalist
Nima Ronaghi	Governor	Eric "The Red" Cunningham
Cam Viney	Secretary of State	Jesse Fuellhart
Garret Carden	Auditor	Joe Miller
Vijay Sampath	Treasurer	Christopher Mancuso
Joe "Dirt" Purpura	Commissioner of Agriculture	Karl Smakula
John "Your Main Man" Skidmore	Attorney General	Shayne Galloway
Michael Gerbo Raef "The Crutch" Lambertson Alex Abrahamian Marqus Burrell Jordan Adkins	Justices of the Supreme Court	Zach "Zackiechan" Paitsel James Gainer Alec Statler Brice Games Stewart Lynch

FLAG DAY—June 14, 2011



REMEMBER ME?

Author Unknown

Hello! Remember Me? Some call me Ole Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America... There has been something that has been bothering me, so, I thought that I might talk it over with you here today.

I remember some time ago, (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it Veterans Day?) that people were lined up on both sides of the street for a parade. A high school band was behind me and, naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it so that his right hand was directly over his heart.

And you – I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier, you didn't have any hat, but you were giving me the right salute. Remember, they taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart, and little sister, not to be out-done, was saluting the same as you. There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street that day. Now, I may sound as if I am a little conceited, Well, I am! I have a right to be, because I represent you, the people of the United States of America.

But what happened? I am still the same old flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more stars added since the beginning of this country, and lot more blood shed since that patriotic day so long ago. Not I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, some people just stand there with their hands in their pockets and give me a small glance and then look away. I see children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have some people forgotten what I stand for? Have they forgotten all the battlefields where men have fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me you are actually saluting them!

Take a look at the memorial rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours. That's whom you are saluting, not me! Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll see me waving back—that's my salute to you. And then I will know you remember who I am...

WHY THIRTEEN FOLDS?

The honor guard works hard to include the 13 folds each and every time the American flag is folded. Unfortunately, most people do not notice these folds and, even if they do, then they most likely do not know why the thirteen folds are important. Here are the 13 reasons why the folds are important and what they mean:

- 1st fold symbolizes life
- 2nd fold symbolizes belief in eternal life
- 3rd fold honors and remembers veterans who have departed from our ranks
- 4th fold represents our weaker nature when we turn to God
- 5th fold represents tribute to our country
- 6th fold represents where our hearts lie in allegiance to the United States
- 7th fold signifies tribute to the armed forces
- 8th fold signifies tribute to one who entered the valley of shadow of death and to honor mothers
- 9th fold represents tribute to womanhood
- 10th fold exemplifies tribute to the father
- 11th fold represents lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon
- 12th fold represents the emblem of eternity and glorifies the Holy Trinity
- 13th fold completes the folded flag; stars remind of national motto ("In God We Trust")



These thirteen folds mean a great deal to patriotism, not just to the flag itself. Once the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it represents the cocked hat, which is a reminder of the soldiers, past and present, who serve this great country. So next time you see the flag being folded, take the time to think of these thirteen folds as well as the soldiers who made this country possible.

Corrections to Monday's paper...

** There is no longer a POW/MIA recognition day at Flatwoods.

** High school transcripts are not needed for the Samsung Scholarship.

We are sorry for margin problems that may have cut off some of the printed newspaper and for the staple being at the bottom in some of them. As Jewell Dean Stine would say, "It's a typical Boys State newspaper." lol



Congratulations to Michael Gerbo of Upshur Cottage and Stephen Bradlyn of Randolph Cottage for scoring the highest score on the Bar Exam!!! Their score was an 82%.



ATTENTION!!!

There will be an SAL meeting Friday at 9:00am in the basement of the Dining Hall. This is for SAL members only. See James Dague for further information.

Anyone interested in the service academies?

West Point

US Naval Academy

US Air Force Academy

US Merchant Marine Academy

US Coast Guard Academy

Are you interested in applying to one of the Service Academies? We know just the guy who can help. Col. Bob Munhall, U.S. Army Retired is the Field Force Representative for the Service Academies for our region. He can answer questions, help you with your application, refer you to the right people and generally point you in the right direction. Col. Munhall lives in Pittsburgh and is a member of the Pennsylvania Dept. of the American Legion as well as past Director of the Keystone Boys State Program. He welcomes anyone interested in any of the academies to contact him. ***Be sure to tell him you attended Boys State.***

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NATIONALIST PARTY PLATFORM

An Energy Future for Industrial West Virginia

Tax on Exported Oil

This will provide funding necessary for the maintenance of a balanced budget

Funding of Geothermal Research

Exploitation of West Virginia's many geothermal hotspots will create a new industry, meaning new jobs and long-term energy dominance

Infrastructure Maintenance

Funding highway and dam repairs will create permanent maintenance jobs and set West Virginia apart from the rest of the nation, whose infrastructure is trending toward failure

Economically Viable Environmental Protection

Biofuel in Waste Management

Researching new biofuels will provide a way to dispose of wastes in the environment while producing useful fuels for industry

Renewable Energy

We will also invest in solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources for a more environmentally friendly West Virginia

Capital Punishment

The Nationalist party feels that West Virginia should reinstate the death penalty for criminals guilty of murder.

Educational Reformation

New Options for All

Allow students, who so choose, to graduate after 10th grade, having completed general education requirements, and advance to technical or trade school to pursue a career

A New Promise

Scholarship opportunities for those entering vocational schools

Increased Job Security for High School Coaches

Current law stipulates that coaches who are not certified teachers and employed as such by the schools at which they coach must renew their coaching contracts after each year – We propose the school administration be given the power to draw contractual agreements with coaches on a more permanent basis

Crime: Reformation of Drug Laws

Those receiving welfare will undergo drug testing, which will largely prevent the abuse of the welfare system

Decriminalization of certain drug-related charges to allow revenue generated from fines to be reinvested in rehabilitation programs

Federalist Platform

Plank 1- Welfare reform through drug tests (the frequency of which to be decided by the legislature) and I.D's for welfare recipients.

Plank 2- The creation of a merit based pay system for teachers. The exact method of evaluation is to be determined by the legislature.

Plank 3- The adoption of a standard grading scale for all school systems in West Virginia based off the college scale.

Plank 4- Greater flexibility in the administration of standardized tests, such as the Westest. For example a junior student in trigonometry would take a math test on trigonometry, not Algebra 2.

Plank 5- Tax incentives for companies researching new technologies at factories, labs, and other research facilities in the state.

Plank 6- The attracting of new business in the state by the lowering of the state's corporate tax.

Plank 7- The creation of a new revenue source by the adoption of a export tariff on all natural resources in the state, such as coal and natural gas.

Tennant speaks at dinner

By Clark Palmer
Staff Reporter

Among the great speakers we are going to hear over this week Secretary of State Natalie Tennant stole the show Monday night in the Dining Hall encouraging campers to stay involved in the political process and let their voices be heard inside the voting booth.

“ It should be important for teens in West Virginia to be involved in the political process and be informed on the various issues across the nation and the state,” Secretary of State Natalie Tennant, said.

Secretary of State Tennant was deeply honored to be able to speak to campers and plant the seeds of political activism and enjoyed speaking to campers on Monday evening.

“ Im honored to be able to come to boys state and speak with teens and get them interested in government and the way it is ran,” Secretary Tennant ,said.



Lewis Cottage Spirit Clash

By Troy King
Lewis Cottage Reporter

Inside each person, from the governor to the senators, from the county commissioner to the justices of the Supreme Court, a natural creature of individual personality resides. I took it upon myself to discover the spirit animals within a couple members of Lewis Cottage and speculate how each of them will do in the elections. Out of Lewis Cottage there are two main contenders for governor; Gunner Curry, who is represented by the panda bear, and Jacob Edwards, represented by the night hawk. Gunner’s calm, powerful panda bear is running on a platform of merit and political expertise. Jacob Edwards is also running on his personal merits, such as a long list of volunteer activities, and political promises that reflect his nightish nature. Both claim to have their party and cabin interests at heart and in mind, but who will prevail? The determined, fierce midnight oil-burning night hawk? Or the strong, powerful panda bear? Or perhaps, one of the numerous other gubernatorial candidates will ride their spirit animal to victory. Only time will tell.

Tuesday Menu

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Biscuits	Chicken Tenders	Meat Loaf
Sausage Gravy	French Fries	Mashed Potatoes
Hot & Cold Cereal	Salad	Gravy
Bananas	Brownies	Corn
Orange Juice	Lemonade	Salad
Milk		Rolls
		Ice Cream Bars

Daily schedule is the same as in your manual.

Athletic Results

Volleyball

Panhandle Feds beat Monroe Feds
Kanawha Nats beat Braxton Nats
Lewis Feds beat Randolph Feds
Marion Feds beat Braxton Feds

Basketball

Gilmer beat Panhandle Nats
Marion Feds beat Webster
Calhoun beat Panhandle Feds
Marion Nats beat Monongalia

Softball

Kanawha Feds beat Calhoun
Randolph Feds beat Marion Nats
Braxton Nats beat Monroe Nats
Lewis Nats beat Upshur

Ultimate Frisbee

Braxton Feds bet Monroe Nats
Lewis Feds beat Upshur
Barbour beat Monroe Feds
Kanawha Nats beat Randolph Nats

Sand Volleyball

Monongalia beat Barbour
Lewis Nats beat Randolph Nats
Webster beat Panhandle Nats
Kanawha Feds beat Gilmer

Athletic Schedules are in your manual.