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LEARNING TODAY...

LEADING TOMORROW

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West Fork River Review

The West Fork River Review talent show was held Friday night in the Assembly Hall. Each cottage provides a talent act for the citizens of Boys State. Other talented citizens perform too. After the West Fork River Review, the citizens and staff enjoy a pizza party in their cottages. *We hope everyone enjoyed the show!!!*

COLLEGE CAREER FAIR



Q: How long have you been involved with Boys State?

A: For 3 years I have been involved with National Boys State.

Q: What do you think of the Boys State program?

A: It's a premier youth program that is highly regarded throughout the government and school systems. It helps young men learn leadership and citizenship skills.

Q: What do you think are some of the most important things someone can learn from Boys State?

A: Basically just for the young men involved to learn about themselves and who they are with a very hands on approach.



Jill Druskis, Director
Americanism, Children, and
Youth
The American Legion National
Headquarters

Interview by Tyler Moyers

Dining Hall Comes Alive as the Citizens of Mountaineer Boys State sing “*Men of Tomorrow*” while entering the building at meal times. A special “Thank You” to the Jackson’s Mill Dining Hall staff for the great food.



Sons of American Legion (SAL) Application



By Clark Palmer

Jeff Ryman has been a part of the American Legion for 13 years and is on the alternate executive committee, which means he is a state rep for the American Legion. He has been here at Boy's State for 5 years and has been enjoying every minute of it.

"I think this is the best run program in the American Legion and the most organized one I've ever been too. The staff is so involved with every aspect of the camp," Jeff Ryman said.

Ryman credits the kids for the main reason he has been coming back to Mountaineer Boy's State and their drive to learn more about the different aspects of the political systems we have here in America. Also, the excitement the kids bring to the process.

"The kids really keep me coming back and the sheer excitement they have when they walk into camp and that's what I really enjoy about this job," Ryman, said.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Sons of The American Legion

Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Recruited by _____ Birth Date _____

Name _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____ (Last)

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

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

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

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

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant) _____

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RECEIPT

Date _____

Received of _____

For God and Country

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 19 _____ in Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____



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By Tyler Moyers

John S. Kaull, U. S. Magistrate Judge, spoke to the citizens of Mountaineer Boys State on Thursday, June 16th, 2011 at the evening assembly. The assembly began the same way every other one has so far; with the band playing, the devotions, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem. After all that, the main event began; John S. Kaull's words of wisdom. Kaull spoke of the Boy Scouts, some well-known football players, and, of course, us. "If it is to be, it has to be me." says Kaull, after a great deal of motivational words, referring to how if you want to do something, you have to do it yourself.

State Police Find Missing Girl!!!

The little girl who went missing yesterday was found today at the Old Monongalia cabin by State Troopers. She was found without harm and the State Troopers have arrested Counselor Chris Sharps in connection with the kidnapping. "We found the young girl this morning in Old Monongalia and arrested Mr. Sharps. We found her with help from one sheriff and also help from Braxton and Panhandle police," Sergeant Robby Cacchino said. The State troopers work around the clock in order to find the young lady who is reportedly doing just fine.



Mountaineer Boys State Special Election Ratification to Constitution

RESULTS

Twenty Second Amendment (Special Election—June 17, 2011)

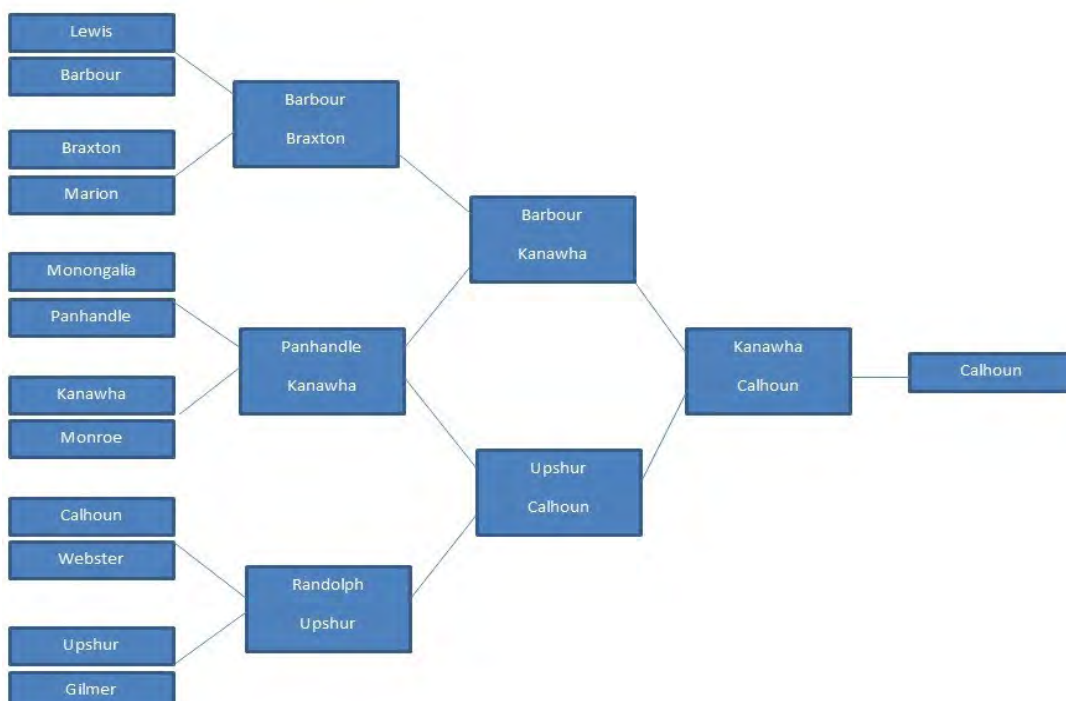
IN ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, "ADD HARRISON COUNTY"

With the above amendment, vote either for *Approval of the Amendment*, or *Opposing the Amendment*.

- Approval of Amendment 207
- Opposed of Amendment 30

Total Votes: 237
 Total Register Voters: 307
 Percent Voted: 77%
 Percent No-Voted: 23%
 Percent Approval: 67%
 Percent Opposed: 10%

TUG OF WAR RESULTS



SUPREME COURT WAS CALLED IN SES- SION YESTERDAY

By: Robert Fulton

The Supreme Court of Appeals had their first official session yesterday and made rulings in many county cases that made it past the circuit judge. When a case is taken to the Supreme Court their ruling in the case is the final one, some of the cases that made it yesterday came from counties such as Randolph County, Monroe County, Kanawha County, and Braxton County. The duty of the court is to rule on cases as fair and just as the can but they must do thin in the confinement of the law. The bench of the Supreme Court consists of five justices that have had to pass the bar exam and must have a license to practice law. When we look at the court system and realize how many judges it takes to make it to the Supreme Courts bench a sense of surprise comes down and lays on us like mid-mornings dew. This paper is the last of this week and of this year's staff I would like to personally thank all of the readers who took their time to read mine and the whole staff's stories, I would also like to thank Betty Ann Williams for helping every one of us out to make this newspaper as realistic as possible. Thank you everyone and have a good senior year and good luck with college and post-graduation plans.



Morning Meal

Sausage Gravy
Biscuits
Hot and Cold Cereal
Bananas and Apple
Orange Juice
Milk



Glen B. Gainer III was born in Parkersburg in 1960, to Glen B. Gainer Jr. and Sally Gainer.

He earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Charleston in 1982 and attended The Washington Center, a leadership-building academic internship program in Washington, D.C.

In 1984, Gainer married Susan Ryder of Minnehaha Springs, Pocahontas County.

The Gainers, who live in Parkersburg, have two sons, John and Joshua.

After four years with the state Treasurer's Office, three years with the state Department of Energy and a year in the private sector, Gainer was elected West Virginia's 19th State Auditor in November 1992. He was re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. His father also had served as State Auditor, from 1977 to 1993.

As Auditor, Gainer serves as the state's official bookkeeper, Chief Inspector and Supervisor over Public Offices, Securities Commissioner and Commissioner of Delinquent and Non-entered lands.

Gainer serves as vice chairman of the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board; trustee of the West Virginia Investment Management Board and chairman of its Audit Committee; trustee of the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments and chairman of its Investment Committee; chairman of the Interstate Commerce Appeals Board; a member of the Armory Board; a member of the Board of Public Works; and a member of several other state boards and commissions.

Gainer also serves as chairman of the board of directors of the National White Collar Crime Center; past president of the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council; immediate past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; past president of the National Association of Comptrollers; a member of the National Executive Committee of the Association of Government Accountants; and president of the West Virginia Jump\$tart Coalition..He was listed in Who's Who in American Politics.

Additionally, Auditor Gainer is active in local church and community activities.

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A special thanks to the men and women of the American Legion

THE PEOPLE IN GRAY

By Mark Byers, Senior Counselor, Lewis Cottage, 2004
Revised By Betty Ann Williams, Headquarters Director, 2011

By the time you get here, we've been here a day, the people in gray. Some of us started work on this year's program before last year's ended. Some meet at least once a year at a remote location to improve the program to make it a better learning experience for you. Some of us invest a great deal of our personal time to put together programs that attempt to make the complexities of the law and budgets and government a simple, enjoyable experience for you. We do it because of our love of for this program, we do it for you.

Who are we, the people in gray? We're veterans who fought in wars you've only read about. We're FBI, doctors, nurses, media, lawyers, engineers, teachers, businessmen, technicians, and students. Some of us are high school students only a year older than you are, and some are retired from our jobs. We come from as far away as Kentucky, Roanoke, Africa, Knoxville, and from various places throughout WV. We take vacation and schedule our early summer around you, so important is your cause. We're volunteers.

The Saturday before you come, we come, the people in gray. Some of us haven't seen each other for a year: each greeting is a family reunion. Old friends who come together for this program and for you, embrace and honor the friendships forged here years or even decades ago. Pleasantries are exchanged, then the business of your week discussed. While you're having a last night with your families and friends, we're working with our Boys State family to make sure we're ready for you. After the meetings, we eat and visit and catch up on a year's worth of news, knowing that time is precious once you arrive. We vote for the Weston Fire Department Flame Queen with our change. Wendy's loves the people in gray.

The day you get here, we've been up for hours, the people in gray. Nametags and shirts and medical forms and rosters and blue books and handbooks are stacked and sorted and labeled and ready: ready for you.



Counselors in cottages stand ready to receive you and your families, our gray shirts fresh to impress upon your parents that you will be in good hands. We receive you in all your forms: on foot, on crutches, in wheelchairs, with special needs or otherwise, there is nothing we cannot handle, even if you forget your physical forms (which you always do). You come in all sizes, colors, and creeds. You come with baggage, both physical and emotional. Some of you have never been away from home before. We answer a thousand questions for the thousandth time. You're silent and shell-shocked. We smile.

During the week, we make your day, the people in gray. We direct, correct, guide, answer, demonstrate, announce, and teach. Forms and ballots and schedules and the things you need each day appear as if by magic. While you're in classes or doing athletics, caucusing, or assembling, we're making sure the next thing you need, will be right when you need it. If you are up at 0600 we are up at 0530 or earlier. If you're in bed at 2400 we're in bed at 0100 or later. If you're tired we're more so. The people in gray will sleep when we get home: right now you're more important.

When you leave, we'll linger, the people in gray. There will be tearful goodbyes fueled by a sense of accomplishment of having taken more than 300 strangers and molded them into teams of bright young men with a greater knowledge and appreciation for America. You'll be on the road back home and we'll be embracing, relieved that it's over, but not wanting it to end. We drag our feet, trying to get in that one last personal contact that we didn't make because we were busy serving you. We meet at the Wendy's in Weston so we can have those last moments together and to bask in the glow of our love for this program and each other. Eventually we'll say our goodbyes and resolve to return another day... as the people in gray.



**Dedicated to the staff members
who make the
American Legion Mountaineer
Boys State a reality.**

Saturday's Schedule

6:45 – Reveille and clean quarters

7:50 – IN FORMATION AT DINING HALL

7:55 – FLAG RAISING

8:00 – BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:15 – Clean quarters and prepare for FINAL INSPECTION and departure.

All luggage and belongings must be removed from the interior of all cottages

and deposited on any cottage's covered porch, the Assembly Hall porch or the interior of the West Virginia building.

9:30 – FINAL ASSEMBLY (Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend) in

Exhibition Hall; Presentation of awards, honors and closing comments.

11:00 – ADJOURNMENT

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND BEST WISHES

IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!