

THE MOUNTAINEER

Legislature Travels to Charleston

Written By: Noah Chidester

Select members of ALMBS traveled to Charleston on Thursday and participated in mock government sessions. Members of the Senate and House of Delegates were driven to the State Capital, where they were introduced to West Virginia House leaders that led the sessions. The Senate, headed by Will Collier, passed numerous bills, including a reform on the hotly contested PROMISE Scholarship and the enactment of a statewide 'Pepperoni Roll Day'. Under Speaker of the House Ian Avis, the House passed many bills including prison reforms and concealed carry options. The Public Works board met with Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick. After a brief lunch break, Governor Niall Diehl delivered his State of the State address to the entire Congress. The Congress met again in the afternoon to advance through more legislation. The experience was beneficial for the young Congressmen, as it exposed them to collaborative work and real-world situations. As summed up by President of the Senate Collier, "We accomplished a lot as a whole. The experience was great."



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WORLD NEWS

“More than 11,000 arrested after brutal ways of killings”

Written by: John Handley Jr

Authorities in the country of Bangladesh have arrested over 11,000 citizens after a wave of brutal killings by extremists. Bangladeshi authorities have stated that they have arrested roughly 145 suspected Islamist militants. Police stated that all of the arrested militants were suspected of being in the banned Islamist group, Jama'atul Mujahedin. All of the others were everything from drug dealers to thieves to those accused of violent acts. Bangladesh has recently been subject to a surge of targeted killings blamed on Islamic radicals. They have violently murdered religious minorities, secularists, and gay activists. Also, in a possible act of revenge, an officer's wife was slain.



“Alligator attacks toddler at Disney”

Tuesday night, a 2 year old toddler was taken by an alligator in a lagoon outside of the Grand Floridian Hotel in Disney near Orlando, Florida. This has caused Disney to close all beaches in its resort area “out of an abundance of caution.”

The boy's family was at an outdoor movie night around 9 p.m. at the Grand Floridian Hotel when the boy wandered off. The lagoon is connected to a series of large canals that feed into large bodies of water. The father stated that he attempted to rescue his son by rushing into the water and wrestling the beast, suffering minor scratches as a result. The body of the toddler has since been found.

Written By: John Handley Jr



“BREAKING NEWS: Car accident near West Virginia Building”

Written by: Andrew Camp, Alex Chandler, and John Handley Jr.

A single car traffic accident occurred near the WVU today. Police are investigating the case and they claim that the driver of the vehicle is at the hospital in critical condition due to heavy blood loss. His identity is currently unknown. The only witness was too emotionally distraught to respond and the police refused to let the press speak to him. However the main officer in charge later apologized claiming that to his knowledge “Press were not allowed to film or step onto the crime scene.” Police also claim there is a suspect on the loose and there is a search for the man now. So if anything suspicious is seen, be sure to report it to Boys State’s finest. More on this as we get updates.



Throughout the entirety of World War two, the battles weren’t just fought overseas. Women all over America had to step up to fill in the places the men left behind when they went to war. These women worked in the factories. businesses.



“Touchscreen Voting”

One thing that many residents noticed when voting in the primaries and general elections were the touchscreen voting machines. Some people complained about how long it took, but residents should really be thankful because it use to take a whole lot longer. Up to around 2005 voting here at Boy’s State had to be tallied up by hand, so it use to take even longer to tally it up. The thirteen machines used to tally up the votes digitally count the votes making vote tallying and the actual process far quicker than any other form of voting. The reason that the residents vote in the dining hall is because at one point the state did actually vote for all official spots in their cabins. However this was proven to take entirely too long and it was ineffective. In addition the election ended up having 97% of the population voting for an office. So next time someone complains about voting taking too long, just realize that even just a couple of years ago it took even longer.

Written By: Alex Chandler

Wednesday

Athletics Scores

Thursday

Volleyball

Webster/Barbour VS Panhandle

Winner:

Panhandle

Randolph VS Lewis

Winner:

Lewis

Ultimate Frisbee

Monroe VS Braxton

Winner:

Braxton

Softball & Baseball

Upshur/Harrison VS
Gilmer/Calhoun

Winner:

Gilmer/Calhoun

Basketball

Marion VS Kanawha

Winner:

Kanawha

Friday's Weather



- ❖ Scattered Showers
- ❖ 84° F
- ❖ Precipitation: 40%
- ❖ Humidity: 52%
- ❖ Wind: 12 MPH



Saturday's Weather



- ❖ Sunny
- ❖ 90° F
- ❖ Precipitation: 0%
- ❖ Humidity: 36%
- ❖ Wind: 7 MPH

Volleyball

Monroe VS Lewis

Winner:

Lewis

Braxton VS Gilmer/Calhoun

Winner:

Braxton

Softball & Baseball

Randolph VS Marion

Winner:

Randolph

Basketball

Panhandle VS Upshur/Harrison

Winner:

Panhandle

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.

Boys State Lotto



-Cash & Prizes!-

Buy tickets at your nearest lottery station!

THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

ADDRESS _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

(Membership Or Former Number) _____ Email _____ (Postal) _____ (Date) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

<input type="checkbox"/> WW (48) 7-14-1918	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> WWI (12) 24-11-1918	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (22) 5A-7-1950	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2) 1961-1-1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marine
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam/Burma (5) 24-12-75-1-54	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan (16) 2002-10-159	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (25) 741-123-746 - Only Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/Vietnam Theater (20) 02-1-2003/1-1-2009	

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

Signed By Applicant _____ Name of Facilitator _____

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.



DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 2016 Dues

Member's Name _____

Facilitator's Signature _____

Facilitator's Phone # _____

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DOB _____

Details last of _____ (Address) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

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

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

Verify through whom eligibility is established:

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

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

(C) Relationship Applicant to Deceased: _____

Has Applicant previously been a member of the S.A.L? _____ (where) _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership and

Annual Dues _____ (Amount) _____ for 2016 Annual membership fee _____

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, at www.legion.org.



DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 2016 Dues

Applicant's Name _____

Facilitator's Signature _____

Facilitator's Phone # _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

Address _____

City _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Home Phone _____ (Cell) _____ (Fax) _____

First Address _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Gender: Male / Female

Have you been a member before? Yes No

Signed by Applicant (or legal guardian 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.ALHP-Veterans.org/contact/veterans_headquarters/

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through Name of Veteran (If living, include American Legion number) _____ Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Was ever an American Legion Postholder _____ (Post) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____

Veteran Service: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> WW (48) 7-14-1918	<input type="checkbox"/> WW (12) 24-11-1918
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine (12) 24-11-1918	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea (22) 5A-7-1950
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam (2) 1961-1-1975	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam/Burma (5) 24-12-75-1-54
<input type="checkbox"/> Taiwan (16) 2002-10-159	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War/Vietnam Theater (20) 02-1-2003/1-1-2009

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran (check all that apply)

<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"/> Direct Granddaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the above period above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Pay Applicant's Membership Withdrawal _____ (Date) _____



DUES RECEIPT
(Please Print)

Date _____

Received From _____

\$ _____ for 2016 Dues

Applicant's Name _____

Facilitator's Signature _____

Facilitator's Phone # _____

2016 Job Rosters

Broadcast Journalism

Digital Reporter: Jayson Chappell - Marion Cottage, Dylan Brack - Kanawha Cottage, Corton Rider - Harrison Cottage, Alex Mazza - Marion Cottage, Bailey White - Gilmer Cottage, Grayland Emerson Brown - Lewis Cottage, Logan Davis - Braxton Cottage, Noah Bott - Panhandle Cottage, Joseph Lucey - Randolph Cottage

Print Journalism

Newspaper Co-Editor: Douglas Soule - Barbour Cottage, Cooper Holmes - Lewis Cottage

Reporter: Camden Cutlip - Lewis Cottage, John Handley, Jr. - Randolph Cottage, Brendon Wallace - Braxton Cottage, Andrew Camp - Panhandle Cottage, Alex Chandler - Monroe Cottage

Photographer: Kyle Machel - Monroe Cottage, Noah Chidester - Panhandle Cottage

Layout Editor: Austin Daniels - Kanawha Cottage, Omar Zapata - Upshur Cottage

Operations: Jarred Carter - Webster Cottage

Graphics: Tyler Puskas - Kanawha Cottage

2016 State Troopers

Capt. - Tanner Boyd

TPR - Bryson Ellis, Caige Christmas, Skyler Coleman, Samuel Dotson, Braxton Freeman, Gavin Goff, Justin Gumm, Jack Ray, Connor Rosenlieb, Peyton Stevens, Gage Stump, Dakota Warren, Quinn Zajicek, Richard Hull, Travis Kearns

SGT - Dakota Dotson, Christian Drummond, Ryan Kozik

COL - Stephen Nesselrode

2016 Boys State NRPOs

Capt. Cole Jackson Aston

NRPO - Kyle Casto, Charles Davisson, Alexander Edgell, Adam Foster, Noah Hoskinson, Caleb Kuhn, Nicholas Martin, Austin McCall, Elliot Newton, Hunter Rice, Collin Swiger, Brandon Weaver

Sgt. Jacob Grose, John Snuffer

Col. Trevon Richardson

Above The Law?

The duty of a police officer is to maintain the safety and order of society through the enforcement of laws. In an effort to keep all civilians in line, the cops patrol and set-up check points throughout Jackson's Mill to catch potential violators of the law. Just as it is for the police to keep civilians in line, we at *The Mountaineer* have sworn, on behalf of all law-abiding citizens in Mountaineer Boys State, to keep the police in line. To elaborate: the staff here feel that it is the newspaper's responsibility to bring up the concerning behaviors being displayed by our officers. Witnesses have reported our police disobeying the very laws that they claim to enforce. Officers have been seen ignoring traffic laws, such as carelessly going past stop signs without coming to a stop first, traveling through normally restricted areas, turning without signaling, and breaking several other rules that would get us in trouble. While they are looking for any tiny misstep they can write up a citation for, they seem to overlook the fact that they are the ones breaking more laws than any of us here. Therefore, just as you are encouraged to report to the police any misdemeanor or felony you notice your fellow civilians committing, we at *The Mountaineer* ask that you report to us any wrongdoings you notice being done by the police force. Don't be afraid to speak up. As servants to the public, and members of the public ourselves, it is our job to bring attention to such matters so that actions may be taken in order to correct such issues. After all, who knows more about issues than the press? We're literally printing them! And to those within the police force who are doing their jobs ethically and following all of the rules, we appreciate your efforts and hope that your example may encourage your fellow policemen to do the same.

Written By: Tyler Puskas

Are Police Officers Too Corrupt?

A deadly disaster occurred in Jackson's Mill on Wednesday. To keep the public informed, a few journalism staff rushed to the scene of the accident. Upon reaching the location-in front of the WV Building- the journalists filmed from a safe distance, yet were unlawfully restricted from doing so by an officer. They were forced to turn around and leave. Later, the officer returned and apologized, admitting his miscomprehension of the "Freedom of the Press" aspect of the First Amendment. When journalist returned to the scene, they witnessed an officer aggressively questioning a passerby about the contents of his pockets. When the officer noticed the journalists, he demanded they not film, in direct contradiction to the other officer's apology.

These incidents of injustice are continually occurring. Throughout Thursday, multiple journalist were told not to film when they were in legal right to do so. Is this simple ignorance on law enforcement's part or are they attempting to hide their activities from the citizens? The law enforcement here is being about as transparent as a one-way mirror. We need to shatter that mirror, viewing the contents within.

Written By: Douglas Soule





“Misconduct at the DMV”

Daniel “Redman” Bennett’s Lawsuits

Daniel “Redman” Bennett has filed several lawsuits against the citizens of Boys State. Those being sued include Panhandle cottage for emotional distress, the DMV for humiliation, the Governor, Niell Dieh, for appointing the DMV, the state police for not being available to take his complaints, and the National and Federalist parties for slander and libel. Daniel has said he will evenly distribute any money amounted to him between his lawyers and that he just wants justice to be served. “As soon as I got to the DMV, the humiliation started. They need to be held accountable for their actions.” These complaints come after several citizens have said the same bad things about the DMV. This makes a reporter wonder; is it time for a revamp of the DMV?

Written by: Camden Cutlip

Written By: Omar Zapata

The Division of Motor Vehicles: a place seen as a representation of responsibility and a beacon for young citizens to become responsible drivers, but is actually just a place that generates controlled chaos. Most of the DMV workers represent themselves as poorly qualified for the job due to their misconduct and immaturity. Yesterday, I went to the DMV to get my license, which was an extremely difficult task to accomplish due to the fact that it was required of me to take the test five times even though I passed the first time. Considering the situation I was trying to decide whether I wanted to sue the DMV or not. At least in the process of all that I was able to get a better look at the DMV facility. The Director of the DMV was not the problem and neither was the rest of the workers, but perhaps the problem was the facility as a whole. I was able to notice that although some of the workers were very helpful, those who weren’t were in fact extremely difficult and did not know how to handle any situation properly.

I also asked one of the officers of the State Police if they would assist in the matter, but I was given directions on how to address the issue in an irrelevant way that would’ve achieved nothing. I was told to go back to the DMV and fix the problem there because apparently it is not the job of the state police to help the citizens in any way they can. The officer told me to go talk to the DMV several times, refusing to talk to the DMV workers and deal with their misconduct. My attempt to get the police to interfere had failed, but I still wanted to do something about the improper faculty decisions made by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Without further help from the State Police I went back to the DMV to try to deal with the problem empty-handed. While I was there, I was informed of the existence of a list of rules required to be followed by the customers, but what was not mentioned was where the actual embodiment of the rules was located. There are no signs at the DMV with the rules written down or no actual proof of such set of rules, not to mention that the workers do not actually tell you the rules unless you ask them, so in other words they could be making the rules as the day goes by. The workers could certainly be doing a better job by not insulting their customers when they have complaints about the treatment given to them, but whether they are doing their job properly or not, I believe it is a matter of opinion according to one’s personal experiences with the facility.

“Immaturity in Modern Politics”

Written By: Jared Carter, Operations Staff

In the late 1780s, George Washington set the expectations of those in the running and in the position of President of the United States high by leading the country in a selfless, respectful manner. Today’s race for the presidency has proven to be nothing but the opposite: childish and disrespectful.

First impressions are crucial, and what one says can reveal a lot about one’s personality. Unfortunately, the impressions we’ve received from the majority of our 2016 presidential are of candidates focuses on petty revenge. The candidates show that when someone is verbally attacked with childish insults, the best and immediate reaction is stooping to the level of the attacker. Donald Trump is a fabulous representation of the disrespect that continues to resurface. Without little provocation, Trump tweeted, “...If you listen to Carly Fiorina for more than ten minutes straight, you develop a massive headache.”

Ted Cruz has followed Trump’s example, stating during a debate, “Donald, please, I know it’s hard not to interrupt. Breathe, breathe, breathe. You can do it, breathe...” What the disrespectful candidates have yet to realize is that they are throwing the honor and privilege of running for such a notable position out the window. The least candidates could do is be dignified, watch their language, and treat other candidates and their possibility of becoming president with the utmost esteem.

These are, ironically, the people that claim to be “concerned” about bringing dignity back to the White House. If political figures cannot conduct themselves in an adult-like manner, what example does that set for the youth studying their accomplishments in schools across America?

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Power Outages

As sirens rang, citizens ran for cottages. Announcements told everyone to stay in the cabins and remain calm. Lights were flickering, and a lot of people were worried. Dinner was delayed for about an hour and during this time, the power finally went out. "I was worried about charging my phone, but then I realized I don't have service anyway." Said Kyle Swaim of Lewis cottage. What many didn't realize was that no power meant no air conditioning. After the storm had passed, dinner was held in the dining hall that, while still illuminated, was as hot as a sauna. The evening assembly was also held in the dining hall, but after the first speaker concluded, was moved outside due to a worry for the condition of the citizens. An auction was also held outside while wet rags and water were distributed by the counselors for the citizens. At the conclusion of the program, students put the chairs in the dining hall and were told to go directly back to the cottages, with no estimation of when the power, or the air conditioning, may return to the cottages. However soon after returning to the cottages, the power flickered and then came to life, and the cheers of Boy's State citizens could be heard throughout the camp. This event made us here at Boy's State feel like we were really "roughing it." No air conditioning, no electric, and no lights.



"Saving Private Jackson"

Yesterday, during the horrendous storm, the Upshur County cottage was shaken by a presumed loss. Jackson Vance was absent shortly after we had taken cover in the cabin. We had a small team ready for a search but were cut off by the harsh winds and hail of the storm. Just as the cabin was at ease we heard a crack outside the window. A tree branch had crashed to the ground. This created terror in us for our missing friend. Afterwards, we got information to begin marching towards the dining hall. Then out of the mist came Jackson, who had taken refuge in the Harrison County cottage after being caught in the storm.

Written By: Sam Bolyard



Auditor "Mountain Dew" (Dewey Calhoun Brown)'s Property Auction!

Field - \$150,000 -

Jack Dudich - Braxton

WV Building - \$80,000 -

Marquise Gullede - Panhandle

Monongalia - \$59,000 -

Ryan Neil - Gilmer

Marques McHaffie - Gilmer

Connor Fields - Gilmer

Drake Szanca - Gilmer

Jacob Nelson - Gilmer

Rafael Coplin - Gilmer

Ryan Young - Gilmer

Ben Parruca - Gilmer

Jackson's Mill - \$500,000 -

Evan Abshire - Randolph

Talen Wagner - Randolph

David ??? - Randolph



Court Trials

“Monroe and Randolph Court Trial”

Today Monroe had its first criminal court trial at the Assembly Hall. The reason for the case was because there was a possible drug case going on around the Monroe and Randolph cabins. Randolph Cabin also attended the event to watch the trial take place. Both sides of the court gave information on whether or not the two defendants, Dakota and Logan of Monroe cabin, were in the possession of Cocaine and if they were attempting to sell it. Although the case was hard fought by both sides the jury could not decide whether or not the two defendants were guilty, so the case will take place at a later date in front of the Court of Appeals. More on this as it develops.

“Panhandle court case”

The Panhandle Cottage presented its first case today at the West Virginia building. The case was brought forward due to a vehicle accident that had occurred Wednesday afternoon. Upon investigation police officers found one of the victims had fled the scene. When the victim was found he was in possession of hydrocodone pills and a revolver. The victim that hadn't fled the scene had told police that the man who ran had held him at gun point and that's what caused the accident. The victim that had ran was summoned to court to begin his trial. After deliberation between the defense and prosecuting attorney, the jury had decided that there was not enough evidence to condemn the suspect of any crime.

Written By: Andrew Camp

WV Inspire

It is attributed to “Inspire WV” that young men and women across our state are gaining their voices; a calling to step up and fight for the continuation of democracy in West Virginia. What is this program? It is encouragement to say that teens *can* be involved.

“Inspire WV”, a sectional branch of “Inspire U.S.”, teaches teens that they matter in their opinions and ideals for the future. The program stands firmly by their set pillars; leadership, democracy, and community. Through the Leadership Academy, attendees develop important skills to prevail as guides who enact and reform. Democracy involves voters registration and emphasizes the essentials of governmental participation as a given right. Community preaches the awareness that diversity exists, and encourages the sustainability of personal beliefs amidst social, political, and economic implications.

If you're wondering how to make a difference in your city, state, and even country, look no further! As a nonpartisan group, this phenomenal organization nurtures our place as citizens and culminates our abilities to speak up and lead. We are off to promote and ensure the blessings of liberty!

Written By: Brendan Wallace

2016 Mountaineer Boys State

West Fork River Revue

1. Special Guest
2. Zachary Flanigan, Panhandle Cottage- The Trilogy Act
3. Garrett Grose, Marion Cottage- Carry On, Wayward Son (By: Kansas)
4. William Sellers, Gilmer Cottage- Yo-yo Evolution
5. Zachary Kirtner, Calhoun Cottage, Gregory Kerere, Lewis Cottage- 4 Chord Song
6. Mountain Mamas, Various Cottages- I'm a Little Teapot
7. Rafael Coplin, Gilmer Cottage- Welcome to the Machine (By: Pink Floyd)
8. Grayland Brown, Lewis Cottage- Hardcore (Got Up and Ran with It)
9. Nathaniel Wheeler, Monroe Cottage- TAPS Remix

INTERMISSION

10. Christian & Ozan, Calhoun Cottage- Stacy's Mom
11. Tristen Steele, Randolph Cottage- Lollipop
12. Collier(Call YAY), Upshur- Scene (Rap)
13. Terrin Taylor- House of the Rising Sun
14. Bobby Striker, Upshur Cottage and Nick Elekes, Webster Cottage- The Unknown
15. Marion Melodies, Marion Cottage- Amazing Grace
16. Angel Flight
17. Doug Robinson – Who am I?
18. Robbie Robinson – Flag Folding
19. Al Hall & Boys State Chorus
20. Chris Sharps- Closing Comments/Dismissal

World News Pt. 2

“EgyptAir Black Box Found”

The cockpit voice recorder, also known as a “black box”, of the missing EgyptAir flight 804 was found in the Mediterranean Sea on Thursday. The black box, one of two on the vessel, is slightly damaged but believed to be operational. If functional, the black box should contain the last 30 minutes of the flight. The process to recover the data should take around 48 hours to complete. The black box is currently being transported to the city of Alexandria, Egypt. Once there, it will be given to the overseers of the search committee who will analyze the data.

“Darren Sharper Sentencing Delayed”

The sentencing date for ex-NFL star Darren Shaper has been delayed until late August. Sharper's sentencing date had originally been set for this week in New Orleans. This time change allows prosecutors to better evaluate Sharper's drug and sexual assault case. Sharper has already pleaded guilty or no-contest to related charges in Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Organized Chaos

The Citizens of Boys State have been having difficulty following directions because of the way those directions have been given to them. The Journalism staff have gotten several complaints about the navigational instructions and have been asked to write about it as it has become one of the main issues around the community. While all the counselors here are great people and obviously take pride with their responsibilities, it is inherently obvious that they received little to no information for how some things are run at the camp. For example, I personally have asked several questions for information that should be known by the counselors, but had to go to 6 of them to get an answer just to turn out the information was wrong and I was in the completely wrong area. After that experience I went straight to headquarters to get some definitive answer and they pointed me back to the same place. This was the location of a meeting I needed to get to in order to do my job as a city representative. I had to wait in that area to see if anyone came and as I suspected no one did. This led me to look for the location on foot without anyone's help. I was unsuccessful and still haven't found out where this meeting was held to this day.

I have witnessed officer's abuse their power on people that are trying to follow the rules while the trouble makers have been given favor. To even walk on the sidewalks here in our role play state you must test to get a "Walking License" to avoid getting further harassed by the State Police. This is obtained by making a visit to the Department of Motor Vehicles. This introduces a whole new type of harassment. While I got my license perfectly fine I have heard stories and even witnessed several issues at the DMV. The one I witnessed was someone taking the test multiple times even though his answers were correct. So, we went to go do something about it, visiting the state police seeking help. We found none.

Due to misinformation and an unorganized format my experience here at Boys State has been filled with questions with little to no answers. This isn't just me. There is a surprising majority of citizens and counselors that mirror my feelings about the incompetence in which things are run. The more I wanted to get involved in Boys State activities, the more I ran into questions without answers, experiencing oppression from people that quite simply don't care about you or your experience. I had high expectations for this camp and am going to leave it disappointed. While I Hope that people had a better time than I have, I just wanted to let citizens that feel the same way know that they are not alone, with that being said maybe some staff will read my concerns about how some things are ran that way the future of Boy's State can be great for all citizens not just a select few.

*Written By:
Staff Member*

Lyrics to TAPS

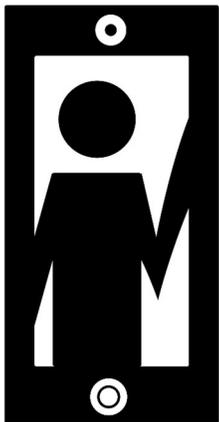
Day is done, gone the sun

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. 

***Selfie of the Day!!!***

We Love You Poppa Ralph! - Panhandle Cottage

ALMBS Tug Of War 2016

