

# THE MOUNTAINEER

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## WVU President Gordon Gee addresses ALMBS citizens

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State citizens were a captive audience Monday Evening by Gordon Gee who spoke at the assembly. Gee is the current president of West Virginia University.

The first question citizens asked Gee is which qualities are beneficial for people in a leadership position. Gee said the main qualities of leadership is, “transparency and willing to admit that you made a mistake.” He ended this question by saying, “You have to make sure you are on the right side of what you are doing.”

The second question citizens had Gee explain is what the best ways are to motivate people as a leader. Gee stated the best ways are to lead by example, to be engaged and enthusiastic, and by knowing what you are doing and letting people know that. Gee then said, “It is important to tell people how strongly you believe in what you’re about.”

As the citizens wrapped the interview up, Gee was asked one more question regarding his opinion on why American Legion Mountaineer Boys State stands out from other

## Citizens hear from West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey arrived at WV Mountaineer Boys State yesterday before lunch to give a speech to the camp. He serves as the 34<sup>th</sup> Attorney General and has since 2013.

Morrissey’s speech motivated the citizens to pursue a future after high school, get involved, become leaders in the community, and to take pride in our state. After his speech, newspaper editors Jack Kyle and Brock Tanner met up with Morrissey.

When asked about what a good leader looks like, Morrissey replied, “That it is someone who’s has purpose and passion that brings people together.” He was then asked what he thinks the purpose of government is.

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## United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito to speak at lunchtime June 11

Shelley Moore Capito was elected by the people of West Virginia to the United States Senate in 2014. She is the first female U.S. Senator in West Virginia’s history and was elected with the largest margin of victory for a Republican in state history – winning more than 62 percent of the vote and all 55 counties. After serving West Virginia’s Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for 14 years, and as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for four years prior, Shelley decided to run for Senate to be an even stronger voice for the Mountain State. She also saw an opportunity to restore order to a Senate stuck in gridlock for far too long.

Shelley believes that today’s challenges demand bipartisan solutions and cooperation across the aisle to advance legislation that benefits West Virginia and the country as a whole. Shelley serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee;

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## DON'T BE A FED VOTE RED! ! !

The Nationalist party stands and protects the best interests at heart for its citizens. The party follows the slogan H.E.E.F.

**H(Health)** - The Nationalist Party plans to apply stricter opioid restrictions in order to counteract the drug crisis in our state. The party plans to implement better rehab centers, counseling for family members, and allow for more outreach of rehab centers. The Party plans to promote better pain medication alternatives and extended healthy treatment access. In addition, the party plans to get local colleges such as WVU, and Marshall involved with the battle against opioids.

**E(Environment)** - The Party plans to enact more regulations on chemical plans and increase taxes on these large corporations based on the amount of pollution they cause.

**E(Education)** - The Nationalist Party plans to increase funding for schools, increase the salary and help the unions for the teachers. The Party plans to appoint a board of higher power to oversee the local boards of education.

**F(Financial)** - We plan to implement Land Value Tax which would implement a tax strictly on high value land. This tax would result in increased land use, and land development in high value places. In addition, we would lower income tax for residents in lower than the 80th percentile.

### The Federalist Party...FREEDOM for WV's Economy

- Our party's focus is on Economic Development and Expansion of all sorts. WV has an economy dominated by energy and healthcare.
- We want to strengthen these sectors while also providing subsidies and incentives for marginalized sectors.
- Legalized and regulated gambling is a priority for our party, promoting cash flow and safer alternatives to illegal betting activities.
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## Don't Pass It Up, Pick It Up!



The campus of West Virginia University Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and recycling pop cans. Let's leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived.

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*"If it's a tick, don't pick!"*

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Who foots the bill for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?" The American Legion Family, civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. The American Legion Department of West Virginia pays for the administrative cost of the program.

Citizens of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State are selected by their high school staff and/or local American Legion Post.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State by supplementing the cost of the program. If you don't know who that is, see Marie Burliegh in headquarters. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State stationary and envelopes are available in Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.

The American Legion Posts and ALMBS staff work throughout the year to recruit sponsorships to ensure a full program. It is request that when you return to your hometown and school you help spread the word to continue increasing enrollment. The best gift you can provide to the program is the gift of referring your friends and classmates to attend in the future.

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RANDOLPH- John Boggs 94

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## *ATTENTION*

Throughout the week props will be placed in the camp (deer decoys, turkey decoys, etc.).  
**DO NOT BOTHER THEM!!!**

### WV STATE POLICE

### Badge No.

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❖ Upshur / Lewis .....	Eric Aquilar.....	417
	Lemus Corey Molnar.....	67
❖ Webster / Monroe .....	Payton Coldwell.....	88
	Chase Blosser.....	127
❖ Marion .....	Ethan Kay.....	8
❖ Kanawha .....	Carson Currey.....	116
❖ Panhandle .....	Evan Aek.....	40

# TUESDAY MENU

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Other
Sausage Gravy Biscuit Eggs Hot & Cold Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk/Juice/Water	Hamburgers w/Fixings Assorted Chips Salad w/Dressing Ice Cream Sandwich Water Lemonade	Beef/Chicken Tacos Hard and Soft Shells Lettuce/Cheese Pico de Gallo Salad w/Dressing Spanish Rice Black Beans Churros Water/Tea	Boys State BLD

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He commented, "To take free people with God given rights and help organize them by showing respect for one another. To have a successful government you need to work together with all form's city, county, state, and federal. We all need to work together as a team, as a community, and as a family."

Brock then asked him how he would support education if elected governor. Morrissey stated, "I would advance the work we already have done in our education. I want to promote kids' opportunity to learn. Education needs to be well rounded in STEM, Art, Music, Athletics, and academics." Finally, Morrissey was questioned on why he keeps coming to WV Mountaineer Boys State every year opposed to traveling to other leadership camps. He replied, "I get inspired to spend time with the leaders of tomorrow. I learn from meeting young people. They are **the future.**"

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The Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee; the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee; and the Rules and Administration Committee. This committee portfolio puts her in a strong position to create new opportunities in the Mountain State and fight for West Virginia coal, jobs, and families. On the Appropriations Committee, Shelley brings West Virginia's voice to the table when our nation's spending priorities are determined. She serves as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee's Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee. On the EPW Committee, Shelley advocates for policies that protect vital West Virginia energy and manufacturing jobs and encourage investment in West Virginia's infrastructure. She serves as

Senator

Shelley Moore Capito

Pictured Below

Chairman of the EPW Committee's Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee. On the Commerce Committee, Shelley promotes rural broadband expansion to better serve states like West Virginia. Shelley is committed to being accessible and responsive to the people of the Mountain State. She regularly travels the state to hear from and meet with West Virginians. A lifelong West Virginian, Shelley was born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle. She holds a B.S. in Zoology from Duke University and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. Shelley and her husband, Charles L. Capito, Jr., reside in Charleston. They have three adult children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Katie), and one daughter, Shelley (husband Colin Macleod). They have also been blessed with six grandchildren: Celia, Charlie, Eliza, Rose, Arch, and Macaulay. More information: <https://www.capito.senate.gov/>



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As the citizens wrapped the interview up, Gee was asked one more question regarding his opinion on why American Legion Mountaineer Boys State stands out from other leadership programs across the state. He started out by saying this camp stands out, because there is a sense of leadership here. He also loves Boys State for the strong sense of purpose and patriotism, where it is taught how lucky we are to live in this country and how to maintain its' democracy.

Gee earned his education attending the University of Utah where he got a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1968, then he moved on to Columbia University where he got his Juris Doctorate in 1971. He then earned his Doctorate in education there in 1972. Gee will end his collegiate president career as he announced he retired after this 2023-24 academic year.