# THE MOUNTAINEER

## Adam Kissel and Travelling Internationally

By: Jack Kyle

Adam Kissel, a political advisor at the American

Legion Mountaineer Boys State, has been to many places in and out of the country; (Although he admits WV is his personal favorite). Kissel spent almost a month traveling around countries in Central Europe and exploring the cultures.

Editor Jack Kyle interviewed him to gain a better understanding on how the trip went and why he decided to do it in the first place.

When asked what inspired him to travel the world,

Kissel responded, "I had some time between work

responsibilities; I've never been to Central Europe except for

Slovenia. So I thought the time had come to see a new part of
the world, get to know different people [and] different
cultures."

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### Robert "Mark" Shreve Speaks At Boys State

By: Mason Lanham

American Legion Boys State was excited to see Robert "Mark" Shreve, as he gave a speech during breakfast. Shreve is the National Vice Commander of the American Legion.

Shreve was first asked what he believes are the most important qualities of leadership. In his response he explained that there are many different qualities to leadership that depend on the environment you are in. He then went on to explain that as a leader you must possess qualities like honesty and integrity, while having the ability to see the bigger picture.

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#### Betty Ann: A Business Plan for Success - By Cooper Burkhammer

This afternoon, Betty Ann gave me the time and opportunity to ask her some big questions about the business career path and how to start a business successfully.

The first big question I asked was, what task would you perform if you were hired in the Mountain State general store or a regular store in daily life? Betty replied that there's a lot to do at a general store, like cleaning stocking shelves, handling money, and overseeing the business to ensure that it runs smoothly and how you can maximize profits with clever sales tactics.

I also asked Betty what you would gain from working at Mountain State General Store. Betty was very proud to talk about the great benefits of working at the Mountain State General Store. The big ones are learning about business management, marketing, and advertising for maximum profits and sales and watching your hard work turn into sales and profits.

The 3rd and final question I asked Betty was what kind of personality traits are you looking for in somebody looking to work in or run a store Betty said the best thing to run a business is to start and run a small business such as a lawn mowing business or a reselling business to give you experience and how to be successful in business and the future.

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### WV DNR Officer Rader shares love of job with ALMBS Citizens - By Brock Tanner

This morning, Brock Tanner had the chance to sit down with DNR Officer Seth Rader. Officer Rader has been in law enforcement for 13 years. We asked Officer Rader why he chose the DNR and what inspired him to pursue this career. He said, "I always wanted to be in the Natural Police Force; I always enjoy the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. As a young kid, I wanted to be an astronaut or a forest ranger. When the Astronaut thing fell through, I veered into the other field completely." Officer Rader graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in animal and veterinary sciences. We asked him what his favorite thing about being a DNR Officer is, and he responded, "I love that there is much freedom in this job." He also talked about how his job is very "Seasonal." There is always something different happening all year round. Officer Rader has been involved in helping at West Virginia Boys State for eleven years. We asked him why he keeps returning yearly, and he said, "I enjoy it! I appreciate the process here. "He also stated he likes to give guys interested in law enforcement and DNR a sound foundation for the future.



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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.

Our goal is to have every high school and county in the State of West Virginia represented each year. Your help will make this possible.

### Scores of monday 10:00-11:00 matchups

In basketball Monroe and Webster faced off against Randolph. Randolph came out hot and got an early lead over Monroe and Webster. Randolph had lockdown defense this game and held Monroe and Webster to no points all game long. While Randolph kept adding to their lead all game and the end score was 14-0 Randolph cabin.

Marion vs Panhandle in kickball this game started off in the first inning with Panhandle taking a lead over Marion 2-1. Then no team scored again until the 4th where Marion got 4 more making their total 5-2 with the lead over Panhandle.Both teams let no one score until the 8th inning where Panhandle got 2 more making the score 5-4 still 1 behind Marion. The game ended with a score 5-4 Marion got the win over Panhandle in this extremely close game.

Lewis and Upshur vs Kanawha volleyball game this is a best of 3 series. In the first game Kanawha wins 21-14 to put them up 1 in the series. Then game two, Lewis and Upshur beat Kanwaha 21-14 to tie up the series at 1. Then going into game three Kanawha starts off ahead and pulls out a win over Lewis and Upshur 21-9.



#### By Jullian Pattison and Ashton Youngwood

### Scores of mondays 3:40-5:00 matchups



Kanawha vs Monroe and Webster played against each other in one pitch softball.

Kanawha cabin jumped to a huge lead in the first inning where Kanawha led 7-0 over Monroe and webster. Then Kanawha kept increasing this lead till in the 6th inning where Monroe and Webster finally got on the board to make it 14-1 Kanawha. This game ran out of time in the 7th inning with a final score 24-4 Kanawha cabin took the win over Monroe and Webster.

In basketball Panhandle vs Lewis and Upshur stared off hot getting a lead over Panhandle this lead stayed all the way to the end of the game and Lewis and Upshurs great defense only left Panhandle to score 3 points all games to Lewis and Upshur 14. This game ended in a 14-3 Lewis and Upshur win over Panhandle.

Randoph vs Marion in volleyball in the first game of the 3 game series both cabins battle back and forth. But Marion cabin fell short in the first game to a 21-15 loss to Randolph. In the next game it was neck and neck seeing who could score the most before time ran out. This game ended in a 8-7 win for Marion over Randolph

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#### Scores of Mondays 6:15-7:30 matchups

In volleyball Monroe and Webster played off against Panhandle. At Mountaineer Boys State all volleyball games are a 3-game series. In the first game Monroe and Webster won over Panhandle 21-16. Then in the second game Panhandle beats Monroe and Webster with an end score of 21-10. This makes the series a tie and then time runs out.

In one pitch softball Randolph faced off against Lewis and Upshur. These games started off hot in the first inning Randolph cabin goes and scores 3 runs and Upshur and Lewis score 2. Then in the next 8 innings of the game Upshur and Lewis cabin kept putting runs up while leaving Randolph scoreless the rest of game. The game's final score after 9 innings was 8-3 Lewis and Upshur took the win.

Kanawha faced off against Marion in basketball Marion started off strong and kept it rolling into halftime where they led 7-5 over Kanawha. Kanawha made a comeback after halftime to bring the game all tied up at 9. Then in the final minutes Marion led 11-9 to end the games and take the lead going into bonus time. Kanawha went scoreless in bonus time being shut down by the Marion defense to make the end score 12-9 Marion takes the win over Kanawha.





#### Shreve Continued.

When asked how Shreve was appointed to the role of National Vice Commander of the American Legion, he stated that when given the opportunity it was something he immediately took.

"It is always an opportunity to learn more and to lead people so they can be better than they were before they met you," Shreve said.

Since Shreve has been to many different Boys State programs across the country citizens asked him what made ALMBS stand out from the rest.

"The venue is what makes Mountaineer Boys State stand out," Shreve said. He continued that all the different Boys States programs across the nation will come out with the same education, but Mountaineer Boys State has one of the best venues in the country. Since its inception in 1936 ALMBS has always been held at WVU Jackson's Mill.

In Shreve's speech during Tuesday morning's breakfast he mentioned betheone.org. He explained that the American Legion wants to prevent all veteran suicides. In an attempt to do this they offer a program on betheone.org where interested persons can be trained on how to handle a situation when somebody is having suicidal thoughts.

Shreve served in the United States Army from 1979-2001. After coming back home, Shreve joined American Legion Post #189 in Pine Valley, Georgia. Since then he has received many awards, such as the Commander Race to the Top award in 2015 and 2016, and a six-time Gold Brigade Award recipient.

#### Kissel Continued.

Kissel then went on to describe how the first half of his trip was planned yet the second half wasn't. He visited many locations like the British Museum, Prague, Budapest, and Austria without originally planning to stop by.

After questioning Kissel if he would recommend this to anyone else, he stated, "Yes, traveling internationally is extremely educational for anyone.

You meet other people and see other things, experience other cultures, eat other food. You have experiences you could never have staying in West Virginia."

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