

THE MOUNTAINEER

A Morning Talk With Mac Warner

By: Brock Tanner

This morning, West Virginia Mountaineer Boys state graduate and West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner came to speak at the camp during the breakfast assembly.

Throughout his informative and entertaining speech, he talked about the three concepts of Boys State: Leadership, Friendship, and Citizenship. He also discussed the Senator Jennings Randolph Award, an award presented by the WV Secretary of State's Office since 1994.

It is an honor to U.S Senator Jenneigs Randolph for recognizing West Virginia High Schools that host a student-led voter registration effort and successfully register at least 85% of the eligible student body. After the assembly, our Brock Tanner Caught up with Secretary of State Mac Warner

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Car Accident in Mountaineer Boys State

Thursday Evening Police, EMS, and Firefighters report to a car accident located right outside of the West Virginia Building firefighters report vehicle caught on fire from the impact of the crash Ems report one victim knocked unconscious from impact in the driver seat police report suspect ran and disappeared into the woods behind the scene

What Made West

By: Ashton Youngblood

If you don't know who Jerry West is, here are some basics about him. Born May 28, 1938, West grew up in Chelyan, West Virginia. He grew up in Chelyan, West Virginia. West passed away on June 12, 2024.

In 1956 West high school team East Bank won the state championship. West was the first player to get 900 points in a high school career. His number was the first to retire at West Virginia University. The Lakers also retired his jersey.

Jerry West and the 1972 Lakers won the NBA championship. He was a 14 time All Star player, named MVP in 1972, and also got a gold medal with the USA in 1960. West is a Hall Of Fame player as well.

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Editor's Opinion on Governor Hodge

By Brock Tanner

This afternoon, West Virginia Mountaineer Boys State swore in the newly elected officials to office. During this ceremony, 2023-2024, WV ALMBS Governor Sam Dodson gave his farewell speech highlighting his achievements as Governor, Describing to the camp what good qualities of a leader are, and congratulating the citizens on being successful. However, newly elected Governor Haden Hodge gave a very passionate and empowering speech, informing citizens about the future of West Virginia Mountaineer Boys State. He gave glory and success to God and his family during his speech. He also stated the three main things he wanted to accomplish. In memory, every Wednesday at Mountaineer Boys State will be Jerry West Day. Provide sports betting, and my favorite is to make the WV ALMBS newspaper a paper copy and a digital copy. Having a paper copy and a digital one is a fantastic idea. It provides a way for more information to reach the public and broadens the audience. Also, in this constantly evolving digital world, it is lovely to see a fellow peer and teenager want to have the newspaper on a copy. I am excited to see where the governor takes this state, and I can't wait for the future of West Virginia Mountaineer Boys State.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ceremony at 7:45

There we will learn about the history of the Tomb and reanacting the ceremony for it, here are some things one should know about the real Tomb

There are 3 soldiers laid to rest at this site, from World War 1, 2, and the Korean War.

The site is guarded at all times, the guards don't wear their rank, as to not potentially outrank the dead in the tomb. It also uses a special guarding procedure, with 21 being an integral number, symbolic of the 21-gun salute



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The American Legion Boys State Fire Department

By: Cooper Burkhammer

This morning, the Mountaineer Boys state OES had their first training session at the fire academy, where they performed some drills to get ready and prepared for action the rest of the week.

The first drill the fire academy performed was the doll house smoke drill, where the fire chief lit a fire at the bottom of a doll house to show how smoke moves and how to detect and find a fire by watching the smoke. They also used thermal guns to see the hottest parts of a burning building and the best point to enter a building. The fire chief also explained how to trap a fire by shutting doors and cutting the fire off from getting oxygen, which doesn't allow a fire to grow.

The second drill the fire academy performed was the helicopter drill, where the OES had to extinguish a fire that had exploded out of a downed helicopter that had crashed. The crew had to work as a team, with one person aiming for the hose and the others holding down the hose. While at the fire academy, they also showed us how to put on all the needed gear and what each piece of gear does, and they demonstrated how to turn on the fire trucks.



Chatting with the Director

By Mason Lanham

Something citizens do not realize is all the work that goes on behind the scenes. To gain more insight into this, ALMBS Staff sat down with the director of WVU Jackson's Mill, David Snively.

The interview was opened up by asking Snively what work he has to do behind the scenes to prepare for American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS). Shockingly, he said this was pretty easy since the American Legion gives Jackson's Mill a detailed schedule of what they need and when.

"We start about two weeks out before (citizens) arrive to get all the food ordered, get all the linens ordered and get all the equipment and things you need to have a successful camp before (citizens) get here," said Snively.

Snively was asked what other camps are coming in here after ALMBS and what he has to do to prepare for them.

"It's the same kind of process. (Jackson's Mill) knows in advance what they're going to need," Snively stated. The whole place gets cleaned for the next camp coming to Jackson's Mill. Some of the groups that will be here following ALMBS are 4-H camps, Junior Firefighters Camp, county camps, and band camps.

Snively gave his perspective on how Boys State differs from the other camps held at Jackson's Mill.

"(ALMBS's) focus is a little different with leadership and civics that other 4-H camps kind of incorporate that but not to the extent that (ALMBS) does," Snively explained.

Snively then went on to talk about his favorite thing to do at Jackson's Mill. He likes to run the Gristmill and grind the corn. He also enjoys walking around Jackson's Mill and seeing how the different camps use the facilities.

Snively was appointed director on July 1, 2021. Before that he served as interim director starting in December, 2020. ALMBS citizens agree that WVU Jackson's Mill is a great place for youth activities and with Snively in control it is well managed.

Jim's General Store 2024

- Soda (Can).....\$1.00
- Gatorade.....\$2.00
- Lemonade in bottles.....\$2.00
- Water.....\$1.00
- Candy.....\$1.00-\$1.50
- Snow Cone.....\$1.00
- Pepperoni Rolls.....\$2.00 small, \$3.00 large- limit two per person
- Popcorn.....\$1.00 per bag
- Ice Cream.....\$1.25
- Coffee, hot chocolate, and hot tea.....\$1.00 per cup
- Personal items.....\$2.00
- Gold shirts.....\$6.00
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- MBS Beanie caps....\$10
- MBS Belt buckles...\$25
- MBS coins.....\$10

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 - Full Page: \$999.00

DMV Information

By Steven Smith

Earlier this morning, we had to head over to the DMV to ask some questions about what the citizens of Boys State can obtain there, and we got to speak with Jeff Rymen, who was overseeing the operation. The first question we asked was how citizens can obtain a driver's license. Jeff answered that all citizens are to make their way to the Main Pavilion next to the WV building. There, they had to take a 10-question test to pass 70%. You are charged a 25-dollar fee when you pass and obtain your driver's license.

The next question we asked the clerk was how citizens get an inspection done for their vehicle. He said that the state police handled inspections. We asked how citizens obtain vehicle registration. He said it was a part of the same process as the inspection.

The final question we asked was how the citizens are supposed to obtain insurance on their vehicles. He told us that they chose not to do insurance this year because they don't have enough staff to handle that.

After we finished all our questions for him, he told us that the DMV would be open to citizens during the morning and afternoon activities on Wednesday and from morning to evening on Thursday.

We also took some time to stop by the DNR office to ask them some questions, and we spoke to Landon Utt. The first question we asked them was how citizens obtain a hunter's license. Landon answered that the DNR officers report back to their cabins. The citizen must take a test, and if they pass they are given a card to put their names on. The DNR officers signed it, and he said that you go to the DMV to obtain one.

We also asked him about the boating license, to which he answered that it was the same as the hunting license



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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.

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.

Opinion of Mason Davis

What do we do with our money in Boys State? Elections are over and only a few people are going to be able to purchase property, so what are you going to do? If gambling is legalized I Mason Davis will give the people something to do with their money. Once gambling is legalized I will purchase property to house OUR Casino. In this casino you will not be going against the house, but you will be going against your fellow citizens for the chance to win big. With much potential for big winnings, there will be no House that always wins. With this information, will you help in the process of forming West Virginia Boys State's very first Casino.

The End of the Federalist Party

By Jack Kyle

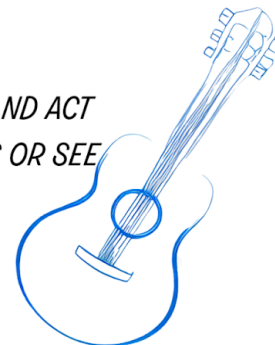
The Federalist party advocated several things like usage of recreational of marijuana, lowering the age of gambling, and economic freedom. Many Federalists originally disagreed with the adding of recreational of marijuana into the party's main ideas, as the vote reported to be 48 to 52. Along with the close vote, the party governor Haiden Hodge admitted to disliking the idea of marijuana and underage gambling during his debate. This brings me to my main point: after the state election, the Federalist party is slowly dissolving. The results of the election ended with all but one state office being filled with a candidate from the Nationalist party, which was expected since almost half of the Federalists did not agree with the main beliefs of the Federalist party. The one state office that was filled by a Federalist candidate was state governor Hodge. Although this may seem to show that the ideals of the

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2nd Judicial Circuit: Marion and Panhandle (Mock trial location: WV Building)

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Supreme Court of Appeals Docket (Thursday)

9:00 Hear petitions for Appeal from Circuit 1 and conduct other business

9:20 Recess

9:40 Reconvene; announce decisions on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 1, hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuit 2, and conduct other business

10:00 Recess

10:20 Reconvene; announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from Circuit 2, hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuit 3, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business

10:40 Recess

11:00 Reconvene; announce decision on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3 and decisions from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted PETitions for swear-in circuit court judges, and conduct other business

11:20 Recess; write opinions and conduct other necessary business

1:15 Observe Circuit Court trials

2:45 Recovene; announce decisions from any cases hear on oral argument, and conduct other business before the Court

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We asked him what his views were on leadership and how do you become a successful leader. Warner said, "You have to get yourself squared away and follow Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put things first, think Win-win, seek first to understand, then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw." He continued to talk about how you have to find your mission and then be able to finish that mission to the best of your ability. We then inquired about his job as the Secretary of State.

He talked about how he is the Chief Election Officer overseeing elections and works closely with all 55 county clerks. He also discusses the business and licensing aspects of the job. He stated in his office, "It is easier than ever to start and run a business here in West Virginia." The final question we asked him was what he likes so much about the boys' state and why he keeps coming back to speak. He said, "I love it. With my experiences here and the friendships I made, I love it. This is how I keep connected with the youth of this state."

What Made West Continued

West attended ALMBS as a citizen in 1955 as a nationalist in Gilmer cottage. The skills that West learned at ALMBS stayed with him throughout his life. He carried these skills everywhere he went, especially leadership. One can see this throughout his college career and his 14 year NBA career. The ALMBS program helped West advance in his athletic career because he was a leader of his teams. This made the players look up to him and made fans idolize him. In its 85th year, ALMBS is still going strong today and citizens are still learning the same valuable lessons.