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ALMBS Formal Review

Christopher Mulligan,
Staff Reporter

The counties of WV American Legion Mountaineer Boys State put on a spectacle of a march in celebration of the halfway mark along with allowing parents to visit. The counties were lined up and marched down the street past the Mount Vermont Dining Hall and onto the field while the band played harmonious symphonies as the Color Guard led the way. The sound of the citizens marching and the drums banging combined into one steady beat as the ground shook beneath boys, while the Color Guard was the forebears of this ceremony as they brought forth the pride and the unity of the flags that they carried and honored their beloved nation. Upon reaching their-

designated locations the boys of Boys State stood at attention like statues as the National Anthem played before marching off the field in orderly lines whilst being allowed to disperse amongst themselves to celebrate and reconnect with their families after a steady few days of hard work and dedication.

Psyron LeMay's Main Goal as Highway and Public Work Commission

Josiah Pilkington,
Staff Reporter

Psyron LeMay is the Boys State 2025 Highway and Public Work Commission. Psyron's major goal is to petition to the American Legion Post to get the water fountains back up and running. Psyron believes-

The goal of the bill is to get the approval, funding, and people to work on the Survey. Psyron plans on using broadcast and the paper to get the word out. While fixing the water situation isn't his primary goal, it is what he believes to be most important. Psyron has seen what happens when people are deprived of water and doesn't want it to happen here too. Psyron requests that if anyone sees any major issues to come and talk to him about it.



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	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper
6/12	Assorted Muffins Sausage Patty Eggs Hot & Cold Cereal	Pulled Pork Sandwich Cole Slaw & Corn Salad w/ dressing	Orange Chicken Stir Fry Vegetable Egg Rolls & Rice Fortune Cookies
6/13	French Toast Sticks Bacon Eggs Hot & Cold Cereal	Calzone Corn Salad w/Dressing Fruit Salad	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Key West + Salad
6/14	Bagels Eggs Sausage Hot & Cold Cereal	N/A	N/A

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Marion County Commission Passes Bill

Josiah Pilkington,
Staff Reporter

The Marion County Commission passed a bill that is being put into law that if you step onto the sidewalk in front of Marion Cottage you must audibly say Marion or you will face a 250 Dollar Fine. The bill is on its way to the state legislator.



Real money will be a prize Friday, and the gift card money is real. The rest of the money is ALMBS currency.

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COURT FOR THURSDAY

Boys State Judicial Circuits

1st Judicial Circuit: Kanawha and Lewis/Upshur (Mock trial location: Harrison)

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

3rd Judicial Circuit: Randolph and Monroe/Webster (Mock trial location: Boggs)

Thursday

6:30 - Hear petition for Appeal from Circuit 1 and conduct other business; Recess; write opinions and conduct any other necessary business.

7:00 - Reconvene; announce decisions on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 1, hear Petition for Appeal from Circuit 2, and conduct other business; Recess

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A Look Inside the Life of a Field Rep.

Josiah Pilkington,
Staff Reporter

Rhett Dusenbury is a Field Representative for Congressman Riley M. Moore (R-2). Dusenbury represents Congressman Moore in the mountain region which consists of Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, Barbara, Tucker, Grant, Hardy, Mineral, and Hamsher. He acts as a liaison to county commissions, local governments, economic development authorities, and has general responsibilities of community outreach.

Dusenbury attends a host of meetings with government representatives and relays information from them to congressional office staff. He also relays information from congressional office staff to local groups and organizations. Part of his duties is to be aware of state functions (Boys state, Girls State, etc...) that are-

occurring in Congressional District 2 to relay the congressman's thanks for spending time in the district to make sure they know that they are aware Congressman Moore's office and any other federal offices are always ready to assist them with issues from the federal agencies.

When Dusenbury is attending official visits and meeting/speaking at Boys State, they are just as enthusiastic as the girls. The congressman's office is very supportive of WV young men and women attending both state learning and civic processes.

This afternoon on June 11, 2025, Kieran Lockheart was found guilty of breaking and entering.

State Prosecutor Jack Young was able to convince the jury of Lockheart's wrong doings, and promptly achieved the guilty conviction. From fiery witness statements and cross examinations, the trial served to be a very entertaining spectacle for spectating citizens.

Lockheart was eventually sentenced to 30 minutes in the West Virginia Boys State prison.

Justice Has Been Served: First Boys State Trial Complete

Max Newman,
Staff Reporter



There was an accident next to the West Virginia Building and 2 injured. The best officers were sent to the scene. The officer in charge is Col. Draven Donahoe. This is a developing story.

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Law & Order at ALMBS

Zachariah Nunley,
Editor

New laws are being enforced at The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Campers hired as state police are now allowed to arrest those who break said laws, for example: running is illegal. Moreover, the DMV has opened, and I have claimed my driving, hunting, and fishing licenses, alongside my vehicle registration. Albeit, I am not actually driving, hunting, fishing, nor do I possess a vehicle.

The registrations are for the purposes following: driving licenses and vehicle registrations are for walking; hunting licenses are for being permitted to be in the vicinity of a set number of trees; and fishing licenses are for permitting being around water, such as the pool.

As for the police, "If you want to test a man's character, give him power." Most of the officers I have encountered are very respectful. I have only heard warnings given out, since it is the first day of these new laws. However, I have heard from some fellow campers that a select few of the officers have taken to an excessive degree of exercising the power. I personally saw an officer in camo; my guess is that he wants to jump out of the bushes to deliver tickets. I will not slander any officer nor offender, as I too understand it is the first day of these new laws. It is of my belief that many—of the few that occurred—were the result of citizens not knowing the laws and officers being nervous/excited to patrol for these last days of ALMBS.

These new laws and those who enforce them will certainly bring more excitement to our camp.

Auctions

Three properties are up for auction; The West Virginia Building, the Historic District (which includes Jackson's Mill), and the Monongalia Cabin.



The directions include; Visit the bank to receive a promissory note, bid in the auction, visit Treasurer Trace McLaren to pay the value, and visit the Secretary of State to receive the deed.

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Last Minute Spike

Jackson Bowen,
Sportswriter

In a thrilling volleyball game involving Randolph county cabin VS Marion county cabin down at the sand pit. "They weren't much of a challenge," Braeden Sharps told us, "We were losing half way but worked our way up to match point," Sharps told us on the remainder of the volleyball game. The game progressed until they were up to match point and in a final spike the Randolph county had just barely won against their opponents "We won by a hair," Sharps told us on the end of the game. This shows us that no matter the challenge, even against the formidable Marion county, teamwork and determination can carry you to the very end.

A West Virginia Legend

Jackson Bowen,
Sportswriter

During speeches breakfast this morning your former boys state governor Haden Hodges gave a powerful, emotional, and inspiring speech on Jerry West, NBA Hall of Famer, and West Virginia legend. He sadly passed last year today but this speech was given in his honor today. During this speech Hodges went over the accolades West achieved throughout his academic career. Jerry West was inducted in the NBA hall of Fame 3 times, one of the only in the history of the institution, once as a player, executive, and donator. He also brought the Los Angeles Lakers to a national championship in 1972 as well as a gold medal at the 1960 Olympics for team USA.

DISCLAIMER:

The results for Trace McLaren were put in as 58 votes yesterday. However; this was a typo, and Trace McLaren had 158 votes.

Homicide at Lewis Cottage

Josiah Pilkington,
Staff Reporter

During the night of June 11 there was a homicide between two individuals. Col. Draven Donahoe stated the two people involved appeared to be drunk. "A homicide between two individuals seemed to be drunk. They moved outside, got into a big yelling fight. From there a man was shot and the suspect tried to flee. Currently the suspect is in custody," Donahoe continued.

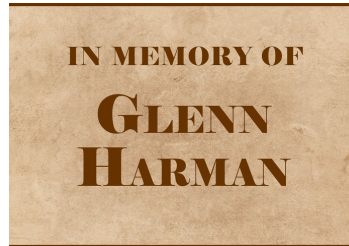
The altercation started inside and moved outside where they started yelling at each other. Resulting from the conflict a man was shot and killed and the suspect tried to flee the scene. The suspect is currently in custody.

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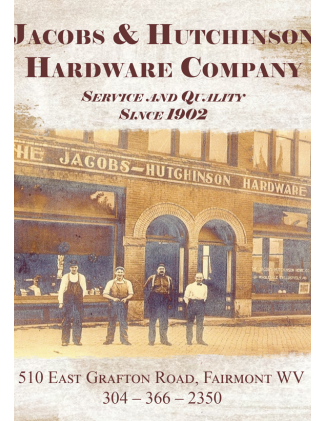


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Who foots the bill for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?" The American Legion Family, civic clubs, 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.

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.

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