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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial

Gregory Guet,
Graphic Designer

The ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier commenced this evening, with Director D.L. “Robbie” Robinson speaking at the event. At the ceremony, citizens learned about the history of the Tomb, and how the site is guarded at all times. It concluded with a 21-gun salute and the playing of TAPS.



Photo's by Joshua Lafferty



Yay Or Nay? American Legion Boys State Officials Pass First Legislation of 2025

Max Newman,
Staff Reporter

This morning, at noon of June 12, 2025, ALMBS delegates passed numerous state-altering bills that changed the trajectory of the society of the 51st State as we know it. With legislation passed such as legalized abortion, bans of mountaintop strip mining,

and banishment of biological men in women's sports, citizens of Boys State will view their home change as they see it.

The vote for the legalization of abortion was fairly one-sided, with 43 delegates voting yay, and the remaining 22 voting nay. Nearly no debate or contention was held before the final verdict. As for the banishment of assigned-at-birth males competing in women's sports, the verdict was nearly unanimous within the house. 55 of our elected delegates voted yay while only 8 voted nay.

On the contrary, a fiery debate was held on the ban of large scale coal mining, particularly on the summit of mountains. Arguments held on topics such as health of workers, economic instability, and other hard-hitting topics. The verdict from the house concluded with a razor thin 32 yays and 31 nays, an electrifying outcome for the officials.

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	Breakfast	Lunch	Supper
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	Friday is Hot Dog Night!

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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)
9:00AM - 11:40AM

Reconvene; Announce decision on Petition for Appeal from Circuit 3, hear petitions for Appeal and conduct other business; Recess; write opinions and conduct other business

Reconvene; announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal, hear Petitions for Appeal from Circuit 2, and conduct other business; Recess; write opinions and conduct other business

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Reconvene; announce decisions on Petitions for Appeal from any cases heard on oral argument, hear oral arguments of any granted Petitions for Appeal, and conduct other business; Recess; write opinions and conduct other necessary business

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Poem

No Man Is an Island

John Donne

No man is an island,

Entire of itself;

Every man is a piece of the continent,

A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,

Europe is the less,

As well as if a promontory were;

As well as if a manor of thy friend's

Or of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me,

Because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee.

Wrap up the week with...

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• TALENT SHOW

• AMERICANISM

• ALMBS SONG

8PM - 11PM on Friday



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WV Boys State FD Begins Training

Max Newman,
Staff Reporter

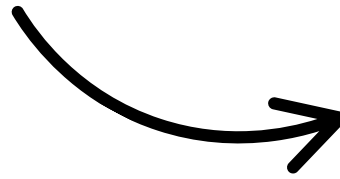
Today, June 11, 2025, the WVBS Fire Dept. took on their first portion of real training with equipment and simulated emergencies. The team, suited in fire fighting jackets and respirators, extinguished multiple controlled fires inside of a burning vehicle.

They trained on supporting the attack hose for the front man, which outputs up to 275 PSI. They each took turns extinguishing the flames, all while receiving advice and assistance from their mentors.

To conclude the lesson, the young men listened to a lecture that demonstrated different ways that fire and heat move throughout a burning building.

This presentation included a model house made of plywood which was set aflame, featuring windows and several stories of floors.

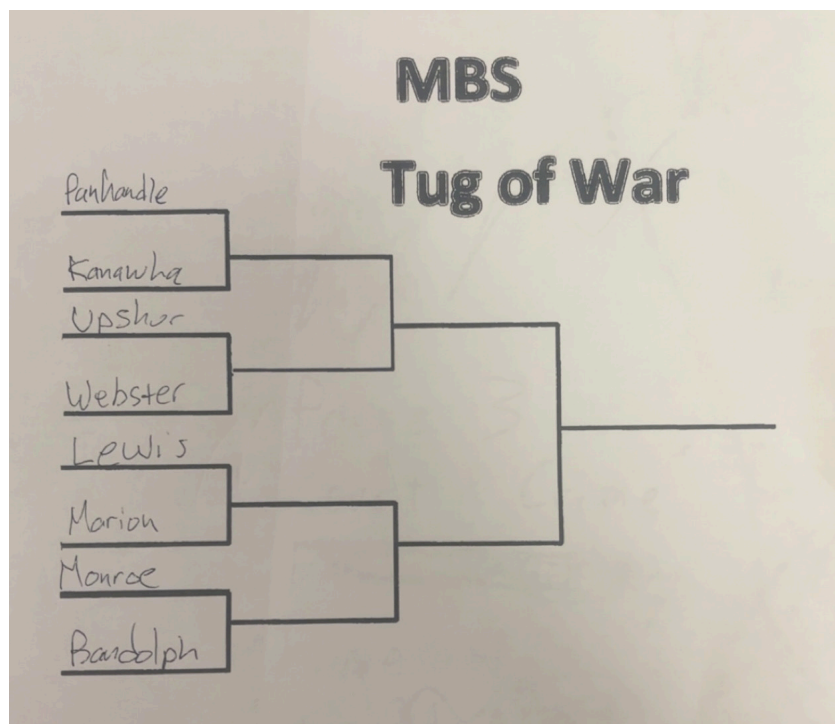
Fire Department Responds To Structure Fire



Josiah Pilkington,
Staff Reporter

There was a structure fire next to the public pool on June 12. The structure that was on fire was a single family home. There was one burn victim. He was on his way to the trauma center. He will be ok. The fire department responded quickly and effectively. The origin of the fire is under investigation.

For story on Tug of War, see page 5



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Staff Reporter

The wreck that happened June 11, is said to be a robbery case that is still being investigated. Quinton Garden is currently stabilized in the hospital. He was on his way to a birthday party dressed as a clown and was in a car accident. The suspect Matthew Crinity, now the defendant in a court case, was seen running away from the scene of the wreck. After the court trial the jury found the defendant not guilty.

Power of the People and Using it Wisely

Zachariah Nunley,
Editor



Yesterday, I wrote: "If you want to test a man's character, give him power." A quote of unknown origin (often attributed to Abraham Lincoln), but undoubtedly proved true by my findings. Since we were given power—laws enforced and politicians officially in office—the following events spiraled downwards, reaching lows I had not expected. I mean no offense to any person nor party, but the effects of us campers having the slightest amount of power are certainly noticeable.

While I will not disclose any personal mishappenings, the amount of legal trouble many of the campers have found themselves in is extraordinary. And, the illegal trouble is also of note. We, the journalists, have received (fake) threats. It became clear to me today how unliked the press is; wherever we go, we are shooed away (at least in my experiences).

I am aware all events are in good fun, and believe me, I am having fun. Moreso, it is that I am surprised by the sheer amount of happenings in only our second day of us being given political sway. I will reference one of my prior op-eds: I am one hundred percent along for the ride. As we are coming upon our last days of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State camp, I sincerely hope that all of the events that follow will add to the excitement I have experienced.

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Willy Poe, Tug of War Anchor Kanawha vs. Marion

Jackson Bowen,
Sportswriter

William Poe, a Tug of War anchor, and aficionado, met with us for today's Tug of War event. "I basically provide moral support, and keep sanity," Poe told us on the duties of an anchor. "It's my comeback year, last year I broke my ankle and was unable to be the anchor," Poe stated on his excitement for today's event.

"I am a successor of Emie Horn, the former anchor, and have been undefeated on the staff since I started counseling in 2006."

"This is the main thing I look forward to, it keeps me coming back each year," Poe told us on if he's excited.

Jackson Bowen,
Sportswriter

The air was electric down at the kickball field today as known rivals Kanawha and Marion counties were locked into a battle.

"Marion won obviously," Timothy Hetrick III from Marion told us, he then told us another comment that we cannot use due to profanity. "We'll see you in basketball" Hetrick want's Kanawha to know.

"It was a massacre," Ethan Phillips from Kanawha told us. "Their game plan was very very big kickers so they just overwhelmed us," Phillips told us on why he thinks Kanawha lost "I personally won't be joining in basketball tonight but good luck boys, and go Kanawha," Phillips wanted his fellow Kanawha comrades to know

SCORES

Volleyball
Panhandle: W
Lewis-Upshur: L

Marion: L
Randolph: W

Softball
Monroe-Webster:13
Panhandle: 4

Kanawha: 1
Marion: 16

Basketball
Kanawha: 9
Lewis-Upshur: 7

Monroe-Webster: 23
Randolph: 14

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Counselor Spotlight!

Christopher Mulligan,
Staff Reporter



William Bahrens was a member of the WV American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and has been a counselor for two years now. Bahrens originates from Taylor County but he lives on the border so he often works in Harrison County. Among his time at Boys State, so far his favorite thing is how after Tuesday, governmental power is altered so that the Boys themselves are the ones in control and truly

make this a Boys State. As of right now, he studies at WVU in Mechanical and Aerospace engineering and hopes to work in the field for about five years and earn an entrepreneurship degree.

An Argument for Water Sumo Wrestling

Jackson Bowen,
Sportswriter

When my peers at the journalism office first invited me to go to the swimming pool I didn't think much of it, I went and got into my swim trunks and jumped in the deep end with my coworkers. After swimming in the deep end for a little bit we noticed a fun, and very dangerous game of murder ball so we decided to join in and throw a few dangerously heavy footballs aimed directly at each other's heads and body's.

Then when my fellow Panhandle cabin mate and also the Mayor of Panhandle County, Duff jumped on my back and I charged to the other side of the pool where one anonymous sumo wrestler of Monroe Cottage challenged me to a water sumo wrestling match. I immediately accepted the challenge and engaged the wrestler. After a bit of a struggle I wrestled him out of the ring we made out of fellow peers at the pool and won. Wrestler was then engaged by a much smaller wrestler. This small wrestler packed an amazing punch for his size and removed him from the ring. Then in a championship the wrestler and I engaged in a tough battle. I still wear the battle scars of a long scratch across my chest, skin missing from my thumb, and a busted lip. After a long rough battle I was able to just barely wrestle him out of the ring. Gentlemen of Boys State, I am your current Water Sumo Wrestling Champion!

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County Commissioner Agnes Queen

Christopher Mulligan,
Staff Reporter

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One of the things Queen has been working on is providing better bandwidth and connection speeds to the whole of Lewis County so that residents may be on par with the other counties.

Thanks to her dedication to this cause, Frontier and local residents identified and apprehended one individual who has stolen 12 lines of copper slowing down this process. Her assistance in this problem goes beyond county level as she has been working on addressing this issue on a national level. Another project Queen has been working on has been the creation and construction of a destination golf course for the public to enjoy in Lewis county.

Queen's love for Lewis county goes beyond this as she has helped organize and take part in the Lewis mile which has accumulated over 1,100 people in a mere 11 days. They walk for a variety of reasons that change each month, with them walking-

for cancer awareness next month in July, but the one constant for this walk is its main purpose of being for health and charity.

For about the last 19 years Queen has been a county commissioner and even held the position of president of commission for a while. She was originally working as an executive in sales before being approached about this position as it was in need of filling. Thanks to her husband's hard work at his job, an opportunity for Agnes to accept this position appeared and she accepted it despite paying less to help out her county and improve conditions.

During Queen's visitation at the Journalism Building, she helped educate the staff on what she does along with giving advice on how the Newspaper Staff can help keep a positive relationship with law enforcement, emergency services, and with government servants.

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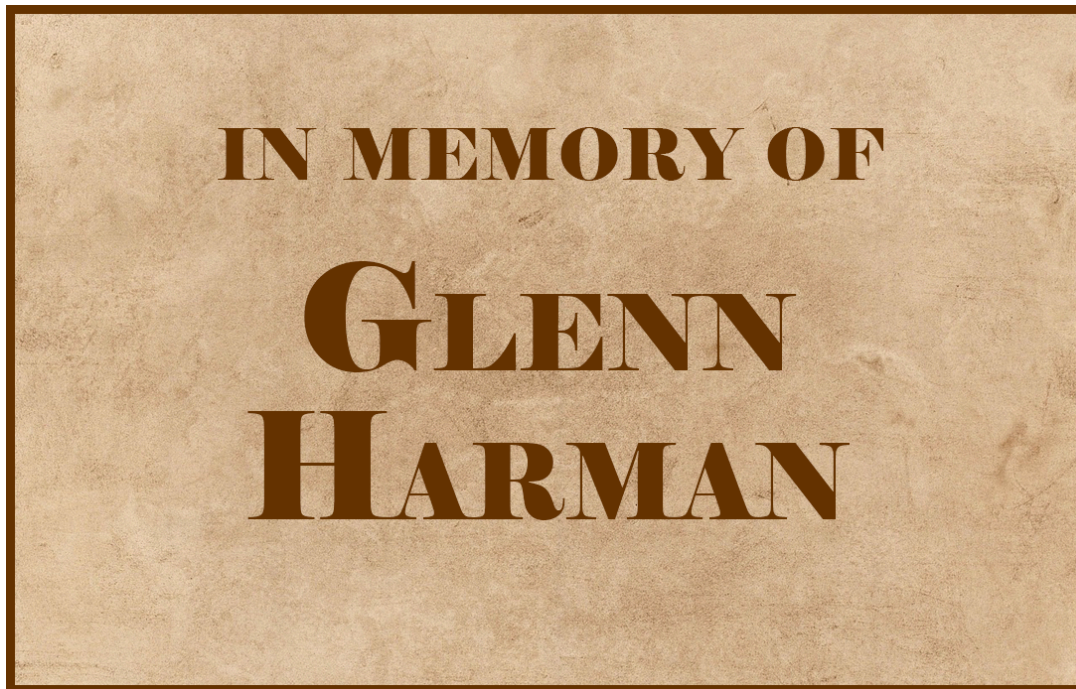
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