



The Mountaineer

87TH ANNUAL SESSION OPENS AT WVU JACKSON'S MILL

Candidates Power Through Power Outage

The caucus began with the Supreme Court Justice, Commissioner of Agriculture, Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Governor candidates giving their speeches. The candidates had a 30-second time frame for Federalists and 90-second time frame for Nationalists to introduce themselves, their beliefs, goals, and convince you to vote them into their respective position.

Not only was the short time window stressful for our candidates but, as most of you know, the power suddenly went out. While the both parties were in the midst of their Treasurer debate, upcoming candidates were just coming to a close on his speech when the power suddenly went out.

I spoke to Federalist chairman Zane Cook and asked him how he handled the challenge of adapting once the power went out. "Not at all" Zane said, maintaining his confidence, "I said speak to the back of the room just so everyone in the back could hear what I and any other candidate was saying." Once they finished discussing and voting for amendments, they were dismissed and the power thankfully came back during lunch. (Thank you admins!)

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Tuesday, and then you PAY....
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TODAY AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

6:45 a.m. Revielle, inspection
7:50 a.m. In formation -- Dining Hall
7:55 a.m. Flag raising
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:35 a.m. Party Caucus
10:40 a.m. Morning activities
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Party Conventions, General Election
5:30 p.m. Dinner -- Dining Hall
6:30 p.m. Evening activities
7:45 p.m. Assembly
~8:30 p.m. Evening activities
12:30 a.m. Lights Out

TODAY'S WEATHER

Monday outlook—Lewis County/Jackson's Mill

HIGH [81°F] LOW [67°F]
CONDITIONS [Mostly Cloudy]
PRECIP [85 %] WIND [3-8mph]

INSIDE TODAY

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Election Results

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals

Totals

Nicholas Kinsell 137
 Amari Knights 137
 (S.A.E.) Ali Elkhansa 131
 (S.A.E.) Evan Harrison 115
 (S.A.E.) Samuel Tigchelaar 97

Governor

Coleman "Coalman" Nutter 40

Nationalist Secretary of State
Shane Burkhardt 80

Nationalist Attorney General
Shane Shepherd 86

Nationalist Treasurer
Matthew Hayes 51

National Auditor
Adrien Constable-Knights 70

National Commissioner of Agriculture
Kahlil Clements 101

Federalist Governor
"Action" Jaxson Rappold 55

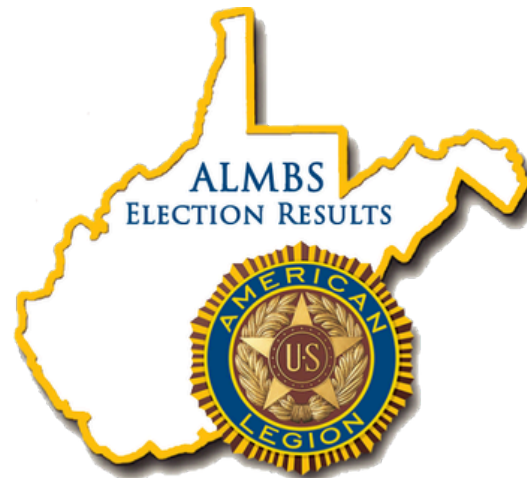
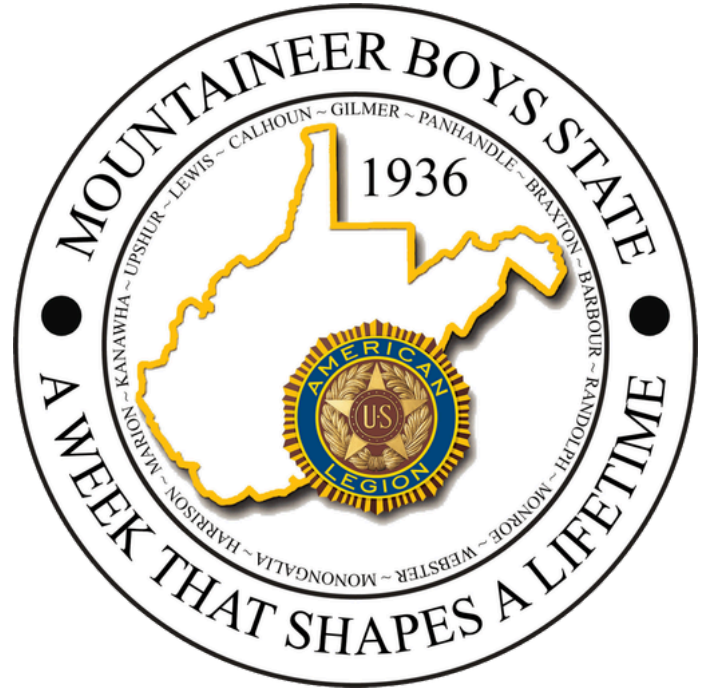
Federalist Secretary of State
Leroy Song 90

Federalist Treasurer
Caden Yao 76

Federalist Auditor
Deacon Stanislawczyk 30

Federalist Commissioner of Agriculture
Kelvin Greathouse 43

Federalist Attorney General
Thomas Farrell 48



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NATIONALIST PARTY

PARTY IDEALS

- ★ Focuses on West Virginia's industry and productive opportunities
- ★ Helping to make West Virginia citizens happy and excited to stay
- ★ Putting money where it matters in the educational system
- ★ Real, lasting opportunities for gainful careers



PARTY CHAIRMAN
MITCHELL MARRA
MARION

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FEDERALIST PARTY

PARTY IDEALS

- ★ Introduce Nuclear Power Plants to WV, as well as funding Nuclear Fusion Research and Development
- ★ Regulate large scale usage of A.I. that collects, stores, and evaluates personal data
- ★ Increase government educational opportunities for displaced fossil fuel workers through a severance tax on fossil fuel corporations
- ★ Strengthen surface mining enforcement to encourage land mined upon to be returned to productive use after mining
- ★ Require collaborative communication between businesses and construction companies to prevent damages to the businesses due to construction
- ★ Reduce the requirement of emergency services excess levies to be passed by a simple majority instead of a super majority



PARTY CHAIRMAN
ZANE COOK
WEBSTER

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A L M B S F E A T U R E

Sports

Results will be in by tomorrows edition

STAFF & CITIZEN CONTRIBUTIONS · DROP DAILY NEWS BELOW

ARTICLE 1

Bishop: Newspaper

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Letters To The Editor

These will be accepted by 5:00 P.M. for the next days edition. Letters can be emailed to Rebecca.young@wvboysstate.org

ALMBS Day 1: Opportunity Awaits!

As the first day comes to a close, I would like to highlight a point from the opening ceremony that I found particularly impactful. The repeated chant encouraging students to "get involved" and telling them "don't hold back" may seem cliché, but its message holds true for new citizens. You only have one chance and Boys State, why not take this opportunity to reach out to other citizens and try to make new connections! It's important to remember that every student is here for the first time this year and is just as excited to make new connections as you are. Every voice at Boys State deserves to be heard and you can help to inspire your community. Be a leader!

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

-John F. Kennedy

-Aedan O'Quinn, editor

OF NOTE

Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Pledge should be rendered standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Persons in uniform render the military salute. Veterans and Service Members not in uniform may also render the military salute.

OFFICIAL ALMBS SONG

Men of Tomorrow

Words by Roy Lee Harmon - Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig · MBS Original, 1938

VERSE

Someday the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold
To solve the problems great or small and we'll be enrolled
For service to our fellowmen, and we won't be afraid,
We're training now for service, then we'll lead the big parade.

CHORUS

Oh, we're the Men of Tomorrow, we march along in happy ranks today.
We never borrow a bit of care or grief along the way.
Gladly we're learning the things a good American should know.
Gladly we're yearning to chart the way a patriot should go.
With lessons done, objectives won, Good citizens we'll be;
We'll proudly stand in our home land When Mountaineers are free,
Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all-American boys.

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Monday 6/8/2026	Waffles Sausage Link Eggs Hot & Cold Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk/Juice/Water	Battered Fish French Fries Coleslaw Frozen Fudge Bar Water/Punch	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Peas Caesar Salad Rolls Cherry Crisp Water/Tea	Boys State BLD
Tuesday 6/9/2026	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Eggs Hot & Cold Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk/Juice/Water	Hamburgers w/Fixings French Fries Salad w/Dressing Ice Cream Sandwich Water/Lemonade	Beef/Chicken Tacos Hard and Soft Shells Lettuce/Cheese Sour Cream Pico de Gallo Spanish Rice Black Beans Churros Water/Tea	Boys State BLD

The American Legion
Mountaineer Boys State
Speaker's Schedule - 2026

FINAL

SUNDAY, Jun 7

LUNCH - Bar Exam

DINNER, 1730 - Jamie Summerlin

ASSEMBLY - NO SPEAKERS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, ORIENTATION

MONDAY, Jun 8

BREAKFAST, 0800 - NO SPEAKER IS PREFERRED

LUNCH, 1230 - U.S. Congresswoman Carol Miller

DINNER, 1730 - WV Comm of Ag Kent Leonhardt

ASSEMBLY, 1945 - WVU PRES Benson

TUESDAY, Jun 9

BREAKFAST - WV SoS Kris Warner

LUNCH - NO SPEAKER

DINNER - WV AG J.B. McCuskey

ASSEMBLY - NO SPEAKER

WEDNESDAY, Jun 10

BREAKFAST - Brent Walker, WVDOT Communications Director

LUNCH - NO SPEAKER UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY – COURT TRIAL ATTORNEYS

INNAUGURATION – PRESIDING JUDGE (arranged by Brandon Flowers)

DINNER - WV Treasurer Larry Pack

Sponsorships

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Sponsorships are solicited year-round for the program.

Who foots the bills for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at West Virginia University's Jackson Mill? Who pays for 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 Burleigh in headquarters. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State stationery 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 requested 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.