

# The Gentlemen's Gazette



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## Stay Up-to-Date

### Today's Forecast

High – 92°

Low – 67°

Partly Cloudy

20% of Precipitation

50% Humidity



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### Special Events!

-11:15 am

-The Announcement of Mayor, Senator, and Delegate Election Results

-12:45 pm Organization of State General Assembly (Senators & Delegates)

-8:00 pm Party Conventions

## New Sheriffs in Town

By **Brandon Trainer**  
Staff Writer, Marshall City

The position of sheriff can be seen as one of the most thankless jobs at Boys State. It requires hours of work disciplining and patrolling cities, all the while receiving little appreciation from citizens.

Why anyone would actually want this title is a mystery that may never be solved. Yet, sixteen souls have risen to the occasion and taken up the mantle to become this year's new batch of sheriffs. The group met for the first time on Monday morning to be issued their new brown uniform and receive some rudimentary training for the job.

During this training meeting a cavalcade of topics were discussed, mainly the tasks that come along with the job of sheriff. These duties include performing nighttime patrols, escorting others after dark, and arresting insubordinate citizens; all of which are done to preserve some sort of order and keep the cities from falling into complete chaos.

But the actual duties of the sheriffs seemed secondary at this meeting. It tended to focus mainly on the sense of integrity and responsibility that those who have earned the right to wear the badge must embody.

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## What's Inside...

Photo By Forrest Ansell



Photo taken from web



# Jackass Star Ryan Dunn Dies in Fiery Crash

by Blake Murphy  
Events Reporter

On Monday June 20, *Jackass* star Ryan Dunn died in what was possibly drunk driving accident. MTV publicity personnel released a statement confirming the rumors after April Margera, *Jackass* costar 'Bam' Margera's mother, told the audience of WMMR 93.3 that the charismatic cohort had died.

Dunn's death is muddled in controversy because of the possibility that he and the other passenger in the car could have been under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. Although there has not been an official statement made about the circumstances surrounding the crash, Dunn tweeted a photo of him and his friends drinking what can be assumed is alcohol only a few hours before the crash. Additionally, one of Dunn's drinking buddies reported seeing him drink at least three beers and three shots.

The tweet has since been removed from Dunn's account but is still being re-tweeted by several of his followers.

Dunn wrapped his Porsche around a tree and TMZ reported that the vehicle was later engulfed in flames. Photos of the car after the crash show only a few charred remains being towed from the tree line. The crash was reported at 3 am and police were on the scene shortly after the 911 call.

There has been an outpouring of remorse from social networking sites and Dunn remains a trending topic on Twitter. Several celebrities have tweeted their condolences including close friends, Johnny Knoxville and Wee Man.



Dunn's car was towed out of the tree line early Monday morning.

Photo taken from web

Dunn's story is already being portrayed as a warning to fans of the popular series and young drivers. Film critic Roger Ebert tweeted "friends don't let 'Jackasses' drink and drive." Words to live by.

## Sheriff Elections

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They are held at a higher standard than the rest of those here today, and according to Lt. Jarad Phelps, the man in charge of the sheriffs, they must, "live up to that standard."

Lt. Phelps spent the rest of the meeting sharing advice with the sheriffs-in-training. He reiterated the point that they are the first line of defense for any inter-city complaints and warned of possible problems they might face with the duty.

"This isn't a popularity contest, although it may have started as one," warned Phelps, in reference to the possible disapproval that may arise toward the sheriff if they were to upset one or more of their fellow citizens. We as citizens of Boys State should take it as our responsibility to assist our sheriffs.



## CITY IN TROUBLE?

By *Cody Cleaver*  
News Editor, Patton City

General Patton was renowned as an outstanding commander in the U.S. Third Army in Western Europe during World War II. But will his city live up to his great reputation?

They are known as the “Trophy Breakers” of Boy’s State due to an incident that occurred yesterday during the city photos.

The City of Patton was given the trophy for “Best City” to hold while they took a photo to use in the year book in the event that they won the Award. The delegates decided to hold it upside down, and it fell apart.

When the rest of the delegates from

Boys State saw the incident they began to laugh and started to clap. Will Patton City be able to break the label of being “Trophy Breakers” and progress to “Best City?”

Several Delegates from Patton City were asked the following question “How did you feel when the trophy broke?”

“It was funny, but I thought we were in big trouble,” commented one.

Another exclaimed. “It was awesome!”

“I was happy because we had to use the rule of ‘if you break it you buy it,’ so we were already best city,” said a third.

When Dan Dellinger was asked what he thought when the trophy was dropped he said, “I knew it wasn’t damaged but the look on their faces was priceless.”

# CAMPAIGN ADS!

Quarter Page - \$3

Half Page - \$5

Full Page - \$8

The Boys State Newspaper staff will be selling ad space for the upcoming issues. Those interested will have the chance of designing their own ads during activity time for 30 minutes or allowing a newspaper staff member design it for them. Slander, profanity, and other things of that nature are prohibited. Ads will be subjugated to review by the newspaper advisor before being approved.





## What Gets a Candidate Elected?

By *Daniel Park*  
Managing Editor, Bradley City

Dr. Stephen Farnsworth, an assistant professor at George Mason University, came to the Vines Center to give a speech and answer questions about how Virginia candidates are selected, nominated, and eventually elected into the Virginia State Legislature. This session, dubbed “The Virginia Candidates Selection Process—Primaries v. Conventions,” occurred from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm on Monday.

Farnsworth spoke about a variety of topics, including the 2012 election. Farnsworth listed possible candidates and Republican nominees to take on the incumbent Barack Obama, and his reasons for believing so.

“A trend that has repeated time and time again, whether it be Obama vs. McCain, Kerry vs. Bush, Bush vs. Gore... is that popular candidates win,” said Farnsworth.

Of the Republican candidates, Farnsworth named Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and Texas Governor Rick Perry as frontrunners and the biggest threats to Obama.

“If you asked me as a political observer who was the biggest threat to Obama, it would be Romney,” said Farnsworth.



Farnsworth gives a speech to the Boys State citizens.

Photo By Forrest Ansell

Farnsworth proceeded to list what makes candidates win, and why some candidates are more likely to receive the nomination than others. Farnsworth stated his belief that candidates needed to be exciting in order to win, and that a person like Rick Perry has the charisma necessary to charm the people.

“Romney cannot connect with the average voter. Romney isn’t exciting enough, Pataki isn’t exciting enough. Rick Perry, if chosen to be the nominee, wouldn’t surprise me.”

Farnsworth was given a standing ovation, and an honorary Boys State blue shirt to honor him for speaking to the citizens of Boys State.





## Rain, Rain, Go Away

By *Vincent Polcyn*

Sports Editor, Eisenhower City

After arrival and induction into Boys State, almost every member of the camp could be heard discussing the sports teams and the chance to improve their city's standing. Players organized their squads, talked over game strategies, and determined their strong points and weak points before even touching a ball or racket. Soccer players were upset, however, when their games would be cancelled due to rain.

Some members enjoyed the free time given to them and received the

rain as a blessing; other players scrambled to fill missing spots on other teams for their city that were slightly short-handed.

The soccer team of Burke City was considerably let down by the rain because their squad had high hopes of a dominant defense on the field. With the 1<sup>st</sup> team Tidewater regional goalie on the field, and noteworthy defenders, the team had no intention of letting the opposing teams get a single goal. With an extra day to prepare to take the field, Burke will have plenty of time to review their plan of action and take on their opponents.

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## Sports Scores

### Volleyball:

Puller defeated Jackson (forfeit)  
Maury defeated Patton (2-0)  
Marshall defeated Nimitz (2-1)  
Washington defeated Eisenhower (2-0)  
Henry defeated Burke (2-0)  
MacArthur defeated Stuart (2-0)

### Soccer:

Marshall defeated Washington (6-1)  
Nimitz defeated Eisenhower (5-1)

### Basketball:

Jackson defeated Patton (34-29)  
Maury defeated Puller (33-30)  
Washington defeated Marshall (19-17)  
Nimitz defeated Eisenhower (58-44)  
Lee defeated Pershing (42-35)  
James defeated Bradley (37-30)

### Tennis:

Progressing in Tournament:  
John Purcell, Burke City  
Evan Trask, Eisenhower City  
Thomas Hunnold, James City  
Theodore Lin, Lee City  
Adam Devane, Maury City  
Michael Stephenson, Nimitz City  
Tyler Mizelle, Puller City  
Adam O'neal, Washington City  
Geddy Zarzavella, Burke City  
Chris Lee, Eisenhower City  
Jisoo Kim, James City

### Tennis (continued):

John Carroll, MacArthur City  
John Grennek, Maury City  
Kevin Namey, Nimitz City  
Tyler Beiswanger, Puller City  
Josh Kim, Stuart City.

### Football:

Puller defeated Patton (27-12)  
Maury defeated Jackson (26-0)  
Burke defeated MacArthur (20-8)  
Henry defeated Stuart (21-0)

### Table Tennis:

#### Winner's Bracket

Mettenberg, Henry VS Gammarino, Patton  
Stolee, MacArthur VS Landon, Puller  
Jackson, Marshall VS Tenup, Burke  
Gloffetty, Stuart VS Hall, Maury  
Lu, Washington VS Uliase, Pershing  
Dixon, Burke VS Getty, Jackson  
Dittraponi, James VS Fenn, Patton

#### Loser's Bracket

Yim, Stuart VS Davis, Lee  
Brown, Washington VS Choi, Jackson  
Klein, Bradley VS Msaden, James  
Tong, Nimitz VS Adams, MacArthur  
Selph, Henry VS Irlen, Lee  
Davis, Bradley VS Charity, Puller  
Mettensen, Marshall VS Riddley, Nimitz

# CITIZEN On the street

## What is your impression of Boy's State?

