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Special Events!

-10:45 am Party Conventions Begin (All Citizens not in Legislature)

-10:45 am Legislature in Session (Senators & Delegates)

- 8:00 pm Instructional Session: K-9 "Explosive" Show

McDonnell... I'm Lovin' Him

By **Daniel Park**
Managing Editor – Bradley City

It was a tense morning on June 21st, 2011, when it was announced that the arrival of the Governor of Virginia was delayed due to the weather. After a 2 hour delay, Republican Governor of Virginia, Bob McDonnell, gave a lecture to over 700 American Legion Boys State citizens at Liberty University, after driving and giving a speech to Girls State at Longwood University in Farmville.

Governor McDonnell described an average day and how he was very fortunate to be given the honor to serve as the Governor of Virginia.

"I'm 17 months into the job, and I still think to myself 'Wow I have the same job as Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry,'" said McDonnell.

The Governor proceeded to talk to students about becoming the change in their communities, and urged them to volunteer more. The Governor also talked about his experiences from working in public service.

"I hope some of you go into public

service...it is an incredibly rewarding and satisfying occupation," said McDonnell.

However, the citizens of Boys State were not the only topic McDonnell talked about. McDonnell proceeded to tell the citizens about his administration's policies.

"We have set aside over 4 billion over the next few years in roads," said McDonnell.

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Girls State Interview



Conspiracy?



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Boys Begin to Wonder About Girls



Photo taken by Forrest Ansell

By Kyle West

Design Manager – Puller City

From fifty miles away, letters arrived yesterday from the Girls State to temporarily quell the loneliness of several Boys State attendees. Not only has this been the first female interaction for many days, it also gave insight to what exactly is going on in Farmville.

"Girls State is very orderly," Girls State attendee Julie Dalton of Manassas, Virginia, said.

The Boys State counter-part resembles it in many basic ways so far.

"We checked in around 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, our dinner is an hour and a half long, and we have to wake up at 7:00 am every

Other similarities include sheriff officers, opening ceremonies, and city life. Though at a distance Girls State may appear to be an exact replica of Boys State, it is not.

"I had to go get new sundresses for this week because they told us we had to wear one to every event," Dalton said.

The girls get no relief when it comes to dress code either. Though they do not have to wear blue shorts, tucked in t-shirts, and shoes, they have their own style of day-to-day uniform. They also have activity time which offers a chance to dress down a little.

"I did basketball during our afternoon activity time because it was the only sport they had."

said Dalton.

The lack of athletic activities at Girls State is quickly made up with other courses not offered here at Boys State. They offer public speaking, chorus, band, and parliamentary procedure like Boys State, but also include yoga and pilates, women in government, activism in art, environmental sustainability, media impact, self-defense, veteran's world history, and zumba.

"I want to run for Supreme Court. I think being a judge would be fun," Dalton said.

Girls State court system is less demanding than the pathway needed to take at Boys State. Moot Court is not necessary in order to run for Supreme Court according to Girl State delegates.

"There are still a lot of days left, I do not know what to expect," said Dalton.

Like Boys State attendees, Girls State participants are still in wonder at what the rest of the week could hold. As social walls begin to come down, delegates at Boys and Girls State are opening up and getting to know one another quite well while finding out they all have a lot more in common than they first thought.

"My roommate is really cool. We just sat there [Sunday night] and laughed at anything one of us said. I think it's going to be a good week," Dalton said.



WARNING

By **Vincent Polcyn**

Staff Writer – Eisenhower City

Today, state troopers will be putting on a K-9 Narcotics Show in the Vines Center from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

“The event is scheduled for an hour and a half, but it will only last about 45 minutes,” State Trooper Birckhead said.

The “narcotics” in the itinerary is also a misprint. The dogs being brought in are, in fact, trained to sniff out the scent of explosives, not drugs.

“Though the dogs are not

trained to sniff out narcotics, drugs are still bad,” Birckhead reassured.

Even though the event title was misprinted, the dogs still have special skills to make the event special.

“Never fear, citizens of Boys State, we will not bring explosives into the Vines Center,” said Birckhead, “However, if the show is moved to DeMoss, there may be changes.”

The state troopers will be more than happy to answer any questions regarding their day-

to-day duties. Trooper Birckhead is excited to present to the delegates tomorrow and encourages questions, but also gives a pre-warning.

“We are more than happy to answer any questions from any of the citizens, unless the questions are stupid. In which case, we will tell them that the question is stupid,” Birckhead said.

Soar High With Hawk!



Vote Gibson Hawk for Governor!



McDonnell Continued from Front

Some students have expressed concern over their futures, with the recession clouding over their opportunities of higher education and rewarding jobs.

"We are working hard to create new jobs, and to make sure that you [the citizens of Boys State] have the support to go on to college...working on having 100,000 new degrees," said McDonnell.

After the lecture, the Governor entertained a question and answer session where citizens of Boys State could ask any questions they wanted. Amongst the questions, the Governor showcased his humorous side. When Myles Hilliard, a Boys State citizen, introduced himself, the Governor recognized the high school he was from, and congratulated his school for winning 7 state championships.

"Thank you, sir. I'm actually a two time state

tennis champion," said Hilliard.

"Oh great! How is your backhand?" said McDonnell.

"Fine, although it is not as good as my forehand," said Hilliard.

"You've got to work on it. You know, you need a good backhand in politics too," said McDonnell.

After receiving a standing ovation, the Governor adorned himself with his honorary Boys State blue shirt. The Governor then left briskly, as he was on a strict time schedule. He leaves for the International Trade Fair in Paris, France, this Thursday.

CAMPAIGN ADS!

Quarter Page - \$3

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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.



CITIZEN on the street

What did you think of the
Governor's speech?



Chris Cox
STUART

"It was really interesting.
I liked him and I wanted
to hear what he had to say."

Matthew Dovi
MARSHALL

"It was entertaining
and enlightening."





Can You Ping the Pong? They Can.

By **Vincent Polcyn**

Staff Writer – Eisenhower City

After watching the tiny white ball bounce back and forth on the table, one would surely notice a significant advantage given to the ping pong professionals. This advantage not only lies in the skill set of a seasoned veteran against an amateur player, but the fact that the experienced players brought their own paddles.

Ranging in colors and possessing slight weight differences, the professional paddles had more grip, thus allowing veterans to more easily add spin to the ball. The default paddles given to the casual pong players were made of plastic, and thus have minimal grip on the ball. With these paddles, adding spin is near impossible.

Though underdogs, some of the less experienced players were, in fact, able to triumph over players who remembered to bring their own paddles with them. Some may consider this advantage to players with their own equipment to be unfair, but others would agree that if a person remembers to pack their ping pong paddle then they deserve the advantage.

On an unrelated note, Burke had a mind blowing comeback against Stuart in their soccer match. At halftime, Burke was losing 3-0, but after pulling their team together with an excellent halftime pep talk, they managed to score five goals and only let in one. The final score was 5-4, and the game was a sweet victory for the Burke Squad.

Scores: Day 2

Volleyball		
Winner	Score	Loser
Pershing	2 – 0	James
Lee	2 – 0	Bradley
Maury	2 – 0	Puller
Marshall	2 – 0	Washington
MacArthur	2 – 0	Henry

Football		
Winner	Score	Loser
Nimitz	21 – 0	Washington
Eisenhower	22 – 8	Marshall
Maury	6 – 0	Puller
Burke	32 – 0	Henry
James	Forfeit	Lee
Bradley	13 – 0	Pershing
Bradley	41 – 12	James



Scores: Day 2

Soccer		
Winner	Score	Loser
Patton	7 – 1	Jackson
Maury	2 – 0	Puller
Bradley	7 – 1	James
Lee	3 – 1	Pershing
Henry	6 – 0	MacArthur
Burke	5 – 4	Stuart
Nimitz	1 – 0	Marshall
Lee	3 – 2	Bradley
Henry	2 – 1	Burke

Basketball		
Winner	Score	Loser
Henry	27 – 13	MacArthur
Burke	32 – 29	Stuart
Jackson	46 – 45	Maury
Nimitz	27 – 11	Washington
James	39 – 36	Lee



Tennis		
Winner	Score	Loser
Purcell- Burke	5 – 2	Trask- Eisenhower
Hannold-James	5 – 0	Lin-Lee
Stephenson-Nimitz	6 – 4	Devane-Maury
Zarzuela-Burke	5 – 2	Lee-Eisenhower
Kim-James	5 – 2	Carrol-MacArthur
Kim-Stuart	5 – 2	Beiswanger-Puller
O'Neil-Washington	5 – 1	Micell-Puller



Libertyummy in your Tummy

By **Joseph Berselli**
Staff Writer – Lee City

Participants of The Boys State of Virginia have had their expectations met and even exceeded by the dining experience provided by the Liberty University's staff and facilities. The variety of food, amount of time, and social environment is pleasing to many.

"It is crazy how many choices you have," Jarrod Davis of Lee City said.

The variety of food options available to participants to eat is unusual to many. The variety of food impresses, but the even quality of the main course choices does not compare to the dessert.

"The dessert is very good," Jarrod Davis of Lee City said in comparison to the main dishes.

The popularity of certain foods and the large number of people attempting to be served create what seem to be endless lines. Breakfast is when the lines are the longest, partially due to the lack of opened lines. The number of people trying to get food makes it hard for the cooking staff to serve quality food in a timely manner. However, some people don't mind the long lines because they are able to use their time in line to socialize with others.

"[In the meal lines] I hang out with good friends," Joel Graham of Eisenhower City said.

The large amount of time allocated to eating gives everyone plenty of time to wait in lines, get their food, and eat their food. These tasks take only a portion of the allocated time, leaving more than

enough social time. This allows for the development of both political and social relationships with people from other cities, though not every city is feeling the political stress yet.

"The lunchroom discussions are not uptight and always so serious. We have fun, we are brothers and ultimately we just want the best outcome for our city," Preston Hedgeman of Stuart City said.

All aspects of the dining experience offered by Liberty University are improvements to the high school cafeteria food that many are used to. The variety of food and the opportunities to socialize are enjoyed by most, if not all Boys State participants.

Bring it on!

By **Alpha Mansaray**
Staff Writer – Maury City

The competition for Best City is starting to heat up. As stated at the beginning of the week, Best City is determined by using a scoring system based on merits and demerits. Chants are becoming the way most widely used to show city pride over others. Cities are in constant competition with each other to have the best chant. Some of the memorable chants heard in the crowd include Maury's "Swag" and Burke and

Lee's "Burke-Lee rollercoaster." Some cities have gone so far as to steal others' cheers for the pure means of amusement like, "to infinity and beyond" stolen from Nimitz moments before they could use it. Chants have moved beyond roll call and within the Vines Center, to party conventions and the sports field. Cities' teams are using their cadences to round up and mobilize themselves as a team. As the week continues and the race for best city rages on, only time will tell who the best city is and who comes up with the best cadences.

Vote Myles Hilliard for Governor

- Hardworking
- Honest
- Charismatic
- Respectful
- Trustworthy
- Dedicated



I want to work for you! The Governor is a representative of the people. I believe that my personality, and characteristics allow me to relate, and work well with others. I am able, and willing to work with each and everyone of you to make Boys State a memorable, and rewarding experience.

"I will never give you up, I will never let you down, I will never run around, and desert you." -Rick Astley



Vote David Gray to Lead the Way!!



Vote David Gray for Lieutenant Governor

Big Lynchburg Attorney Visits Boys State

By **Cody Cleaver**
Staff Writer – Marshall

The Commonwealth Attorney of Lynchburg, Hon. Michael Doucette visited Liberty University yesterday to speak to the delegates of Boys State about his job and profession. The information that he talked to the delegates about was the Virginia State Court System. He received his B.A. at the University of Connecticut in 1981. Doucette became the Commonwealth Attorney in November, 2006 when he was elected without any opponents. He is the Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. In the past he has served as the Moot Court Coordinator here at Boys State. He currently lives in Lynchburg and loves

**MARSHALL
RICHARDS**

Attorney General

I am...

- Experienced
- Dedicated
- Responsible

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The Idiot's Guide to Current Events

By **Benjamin Proffitt**
Events Editor –
Washington City

Today outside of Boys State, tragically, the latest in a string of recent airplane tragedies, mishaps, and embarrassments resulted in a passenger plane crashed in Northern Russia just a few hundred yards away from the runway, killing 44.

Amateur video footage (presumably) showed a ripped fuselage, broken wheels, charred engine parts, and glass shards that authorities say are either from the windows or from

empty vodka bottles. On that note, however, investigators are skeptical of the vodka theory, simply based on the fact that, judging by the amount of glass there was, no one on the plane would have been conscious by the time the plane crashed. If it had been Russian vodka, no one would have been conscious by the time the plane took off.

In other news, a French community is shocked after a 14 year-old boxer beat a 13 year-old girl to death after school due to an alleged love-triangle affair between the boxer's sister, the victim, and a boy

they both allegedly “fell in love with.”

Why are the French so shocked? Namely, because in the little town where this incident occurred, according to the French education minister, “We are in a quiet, regular, ordinary school, not in a particularly difficult place where violent phenomena are regular, [or] repeated.”

Frankly, this editor is not shocked. The reason being is that the French 1) Are the kind of people who will only attack when they know they can win. 2) Regard romantic disputes as a matter of supreme honor which require swift

and immediate action, usually involving a lot of nose-pointing and posturing.

However, unless a weapon is involved, death is not a common end result with the French. Bruised egos (and possibly bruised noses) are more common.

Regardless, this editor does not condone the use of violence to settle issues of the heart. Not unless it is completely and utterly justified beyond a reasonable doubt. At that point, if you have to go agro, do it responsibly. Remember; everything in moderation.

Elections Start to Blaze

By **Brandon Trainer**
Political Editor – Marshall City

After a seemingly endless day of marching and political lectures, the citizens of Boys State receded back to their dorms in anticipation of some rest. Little did they know, it would still be hours before their rest would arrive due to the impending opening procedures of city elections. The arduous task of electing the mayors, senators, and delegates began Monday night with the initial party nominations for each position. Both the Federalist and Nationalist Parties of each city had to decide their candidates for each of these honorable duties. After voting for each of the eligible nominees, the parties rejoined one another so each candidate could give a short speech to the city to help progress their respective campaigns.

“I basically just talked to everybody. I shook hands and got to really know all the people in my

But this was only the prologue to the true elections which took place Tuesday morning in the Vines Center. While waiting for the arrival of Governor Robert McDonnell, who was rerouted due to weather earlier in the day, each city set out to its own isolated place in the massive arena to fill out and turn in their ballots. The ballots having been completed, it was now time to count the votes.

The results were revealed shortly following the elections, each name called was met with incredible amounts of applause. Both mayors and members of the legislature were then taken on stage to be sworn in by Lawrence Koontz, a Justice on the Virginia Supreme Court.

“Being mayor isn't an ego boost; it's about making your city the best it can be. Actually, it's humbling because it shows that people believe



Photo taken by Forrest Ansell

DeShawn Stewart - Gives Advice -

DeShawn *really* gets people. Send in any questions, problems, or curiosities you may have. This guy has all the solutions. Please do not hesitate to give your city reporter your anonymous entries and DeShawn might just answer you in tomorrow's *Gentlemen's Gazette*.

Example:

Q: What exactly is a slide rule?

A: Who exactly cares?

Conspiracy?

By Miles Manley

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There have been many reports to my office regarding a certain city's gubernatorial candidate. It seems that underhanded tactics and biased loyalties are the true route to governorship in Boys State this year. I cannot disclose what city is potentially harboring this political swine until further investigations, but I am obligated to warn you, my fellow citizens, to be wary and trust little. The only people you can trust are yourself and the news, before you vote look to us to help sort through the corrupt, greedy, and power hungry. Together we will expose the phonies. Don't be afraid to tell your friendly city reporter about injustices throughout Boys State. Even if you are not a mayor or a sheriff, if you have no title but citizen, remember you voted for them and they work for you. Never forget who is in charge – the voters. Those with titles that forget this and "power trip" or lie must be exposed for what