
The Statesman

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Boys State

Today's Weather Forecast

High: 94°
Low: 71°

Mostly Sunny

59% Humidity

Today's Events

Band & Chorus
Concert

Report of
Legislation
Signed into Law

Awards &
Recognition

Farewell

Grand Finale

Tomorrow's Events

Sleeping All
Day

Seeing Your
Friends

Attorney General Cuccinelli Comes to Boys State

BY KAALEB ADERA

lawsuits against the discussed several cases
The Attorney healthcare bill and the that he has been a part
General Ken Cuccinelli Environmental of in the past, including
took the time to visit Protection Agency criminal convictions. He
Boys State on Friday (EPA). He stated that the stated that, while these
morning. He explained policy of checks and criminals could be
the Attorney General's balances applies forgiven at some point,
role in the state between the individual "Forgiveness is for God;
government and gave states and the federal justice is for our judicial
several examples of his government. It is his system." Upon the
own experiences during belief that it is the duty of conclusion of his time
the time he has served the states to check the with Boys State, the
Virginia. "The government from using Attorney General left the
Governor's office plays too much power. He audience with these
offense," Cuccinelli outlined many of his words of wisdom: "If you
explained. "The Attorney other beliefs, including really want to have a big
General plays defense." his support of preventing impact, get outside and
Some very major legal illegal immigration and help and campaign."
cases he is in involved in keeping government
at the moment are the small. Cuccinelli also



Photo by Andrew Wyche.

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A Time to Learn

BY CONNER
McBRIDE

While my Boys State experience could be called many things, more than anything else, Boys State has been an invaluable learning experience for me. Life lessons have been ripe for the harvest here, and three in particular have expressed themselves vibrantly.

First, I've seen firsthand the truth of the Fifth Law of the Navy, "*On the strength of one link in the cable / dependth the might of the chain. / Who knows when thou mayest be tested, / so live that though bearest the strain.*" The need for unity and teamwork within city dynamics, and indeed, party dynamics, was paramount, and those who excelled as team members stood out clearly, as did those

whose strong spot was not in teamwork. Secondly, I have a whole new appreciation for the care and dedication expressed by the American Legion to the American flag. Tuesday's flag retirement ceremony began, as I'm sure we all remember, with a speech by a member of American Legion Post 16, who told us why the flag is so meaningful. To be honest, while I've always tried to practice flag courtesy in the past, I had never understood the reason for all the ceremony. Now, however, I realize that when the flag is treated with respect, that respect is not directed at a patterned piece of fabric, but rather it is a way of expressing pride in the values our country stands for, and gratitude for the veterans who died in its

defense. realization has entirely altered the way I view the American flag, and the traditions that accompany it. Finally, I've been impressed with the importance of seizing the initiative. On Sunday, we were told that Boys State is what we make it. Almost everything that can be done at Boys State requires a degree of initiative from participants. The result of initiative on my part resulted in opportunities in public speaking, campaigning, and leadership. For others, initiative is what allowed them to participate in the band and chorus, Senate or House of Delegates, and a myriad of other assorted positions and opportunities. Unlike other programs I've attended, however, none of the

opportunities at Boys State are required. It's possible to go through the week without ever lifting a finger to attain a special position or office. However, only those who shun apathy and strive vigorously as a Man in the Arena are able to get the most out of Boys State.

I imagine that most of you would agree that Boys State has been an experience of a lifetime. The friends that I made, the dignitaries I listened to, the speeches that I delivered, the offices I held, the fun I had, and the sleep that I didn't, has all been memorable. But above everything else, the lessons I've learned are what I will remember most fondly about Boys State.



A Very Punny Story

BY MICHAEL CORDER

mother, Puller aside Inform them of the fact to relax. Go ahead, and talk to her. It's that you were Pershing you've earned it. Chill

First of all, everyone important to maintain in the heat, wasting at the James River, go that attended Boys that communication or away. Or tell them that to Virginia Beach, or go State deserves a you could end up in talk you conquered the see NASCAR in Henry Patton the back. As shows like Maury. Nimitz in order to get County. Remember you prepare to Lee-ve Don't let her be elected. Maybe tell though, you have everyone will have their Washingtons of your them that the talent become a Stuart of Eyes-on-our watches. clothes either, Marshall show was performed B- your government, you When you get home, your strength and do it rad-ley. Don't tell them must watch it, become you'll probably eat a yourself. that you thought it a part of it, and above Big Mac. Arthur, When your parents wasn't fun; that will all else be an active assuming that's your ask about your time Burke them to no end. and involved citizen. father's name, will ask and claim that "you After all is said and you to go to your didn't do Jack, son." done, you may decide

Correction Section

We, *The Statesman* staff, apologize to *The Statesman* for misspelling *The Statesman* in Friday's issue.

Hold on Tight to Your Dream

BY DUNCAN COPEN rather if we win or not.

Patton City

Editor-In-Chief

Today is the day we all your lives to remember Boys leave Liberty University and State and the American we end the Boys State Legion for what we learned Program for 2010. I want to from this experience. As well commend everyone on remember how you got here. completing this hard week From the words of an E.L.O. and finishing this program. song: "Hold on tight to your

To my amazing city dreams", and never settle for Patton, you guys are the best anything less.

and you guys made my Boys State experience great. And we really are the best city



Photo by Andrew Wyche.

Random Cucumber Title

BY KAALEB ADERA

Lee City

Managing Editor

Hi, Boys State, my name is Kaaleb Adera. First of all, my name is not pronounced KAY-lub or kah-LEEB—it is KAH-lub, and nothing else. I'm a part of the great city of Lee here at Boys State and I go to James Monroe High School in the city of Fredericksburg. I have had a lot of fun this past week being the managing editor of *The Statesman*, working with a lot of good guys on writing stories, editing, and discussing layouts.

I have to admit that I was not expecting much from Boys State at first. In fact, one could say that I was somewhat disgruntled that I was starting off my summer

with some government camp. However, by the end of it all, I have found to really enjoy it. I met a lot of new people, made a lot of friends, and learned a lot more about our government and how it works—not only hearing about its policies and processes, but also experiencing it firsthand. This has been an eye-opening experience for me that I will never forget. I also want to give a big thank you to you guys, the Boys State, for following *The Statesmen* so enthusiastically and faithfully—all the work we do here in the newsroom is for you, and we appreciate your loyalty to us.



The Bro-Man

BY BEN BROMAN

James City

Internet & Tech Editor

Hey everyone, I'm Ben Broman of James City and *The Statesman*, originally from Fredericksburg, VA. I've sort of been a behind-the-scenes guy on the paper; I didn't write any articles, but I did help update the Boys State social media sites, like Facebook and YouTube. Most of you probably had no idea those pages even existed, but parents and staff members checked up on them. Other than doing that, my Boys State experience really can't be described as fun per se, but it was definitely better than expected. I met some really cool people and had some good times. Oh, and the Boys State Song and "What Does the Lord Require of You?" will definitely be stuck in my head for the next two weeks. Peace out.



Photos by Andrew Wyche.

I actually had a great time

BY JAMES P. ADAMS
*Bradley City
Paper Layout Editor*

You have never seen my name in a byline. You have never seen my name under a photo. I'm the guy that waits till everyone's articles and photos are in, then I go on the computer and layout everything onto the pages. I actually put this very article on this page. It may sound weird to the average person but I love every minute of it. I got to know all of the guys on *The Statesman* and will hopefully be friends with them for a long time.

was highlighted by the fact that I was a part of Bradley City. Bradley, you all made this week so much more enjoyable. Patrick, you've been the chilliest roommate ever. The rest of you guys have been so fun to be around and I'm really going to miss all of you. Fargo, Dan, and Jesse, you all are the best counselors by far. I came to Boys State thinking I wasn't going to have a great time and that I wouldn't really find many friends. I couldn't have been more wrong. Thanks for the amazing time.

My time at Boys State



Uh...well...um...

BY AIDAN STEWART
*Stuart City
Sections Editor*

Why, hello. I wrote a story in *The Statesman* once, but since then I've been in charge of layout and creating all of your campaign advertisements. I enjoy tea, experimental music, extremely cold temperatures, and nonfiction coffee table books. Oh, and surreal murder mystery television shows from the early 1990's. I hail from Stafford, Virginia, but I am a

native of Los Angeles. My iPod has 160 gigabytes of space and I have filled 158 gigabytes with music. Hmm, well, I enjoyed Boys State quite a bit. Coming here I had no idea that they offered a newspaper. I am the assistant editor-in-chief of my school's newspaper and was very excited to be able to continue my journalistic duties over the summer. I'm sorry to bore you. I'll go now.



Decisively Bold

BY MICHAEL CORDER
*Eisenhower City
Political Editor*

Before I say anything else, let me just say that the Boys State Newspaper was, above all else, very entertaining. When I was first selected as a reporter in the political section I wasn't expecting much. I figured I would have to conduct a survey based on people's favorite colors due to a lack of interesting material. However, as it turns out Boys State is filled with just as much intrigue as real politics. And also just like real life, publicity is publicity. Despite what many might think, all of the controversy surrounding Eisenhower actually helped the entire city secure plenty of votes, but ultimately, the C.O.O.P. saga fell on its face when several (not one) key leaders made deals they could not keep. All in all

though, it was still a very exciting experience.

To say that writing my stories **wasn't** an interesting activity **would** be a complete lie. **Being** in the center of "conspiracies" and "controversies" makes for interesting reads and seeing everyone walking around and actively discussing my work was very humbling. I truly loved the fact that (especially in *Eisenhower*) as I walked around usually 8 in 10 people especially had newspapers with them; I guess one could say we did something right.

All in all, I'd have to say that Boys State Newspaper is definitely one of the most amazing groups to be a part of. Not only do we get to witness the politics that unfold, but we get to take an active role in shaping and directing it.



A Gould Time at Boys State

BY BEN GOULD
*Pershing City
Sports Editor*

Boys State Newspaper has been pretty baller. My original plan was to do the layout of the paper but I was not chosen for that position. I'm not bitter. I believe my

competency was in question... a legitimate concern. Fortunately, I was assigned to type up the sports scores and it truly taught me a lot about typing up sports scores. Thank you for this.



I will never forget

BY MAX WILLSON
*Puller City
Events Editor*

Hey Boys State, I'm Max 'Ex' Willson and I love long walks on the beach, and deep, long emotional talks. But on some real talk I'm just a fun loving guy who is entertained by writing and learning more about writing. I enjoy attending two or three concerts a month, mostly local shows, and I consider music my passion.

I attend Matoaca high, which is in Chesterfield, Virginia, roughly 20 minutes outside of Richmond. There, I attend the technical program which takes over most of my time in school. I have one older sister who attends Virginia Tech and I personally

aspire to attend James Madison University. I was chosen by my English teacher, Mr. Nixon to attend this program and can honestly say that I've learned a lot about government while I've been here. This program certainly assisted my knowledge of government and has ensured that I will never get involved with such backstabbing and be wary of our current elected officials.

It has been an honor to interview the elected officials of our government and I can honestly say that I will never forget my experience here at Boys State.



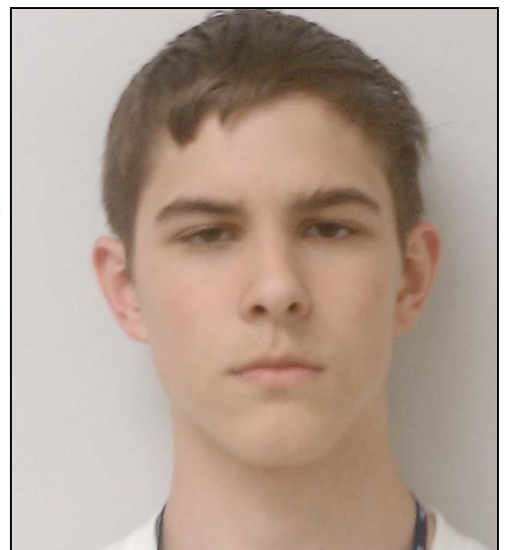
A Success Story

BRENDEN COOLEY
*Burke City
Political Reporter*

Well, you probably already know of me, so I'm either very popular, or very unpopular. Either way, that's pretty surprising. To be honest, I'm surprised myself, as this is the first time I've ever worked on a newspaper. However, working on *The Statesman* has been such a great experience, and I plan on continuing writing even after I return home. I want to thank everyone who read and supported our paper, and

personally congratulate Matthew Armentrout on his election.

I realize some readers might have taken offense to some of my stories, and if feelings were hurt, I apologize. All of the stories I wrote were written for the pure enjoyment of it, and to show just how much the media can affect everything else. Thanks again, everyone! Burke Power! Respect the elephants!



Amateur Reporter

BY TRAVIS TAYLOR
*Washington City
Sports Reporter*

I would like to thank my city of Washington and counselors, readers, and supporters for allowing me to make the most of my time here as a reporter. It was interesting and tedious rushing for deadlines, typing scores, and running around campus trying to prepare the paper each night, but it was an honor. It was my first time working on a newspaper and I'm glad I was elected by my city.

I didn't know what to think of Boys State when I got here. I heard mixed reports of the program being "boring," but from others heard it was "interesting," and the fact that no girls would be here was unappealing. When our city first met, I was overwhelmed by the number of positions to run for; however, I have no

regrets running for reporter. My experience here as reporter, as well as delegate, has no doubt prepared me for accomplishing my goals of becoming a politician and hopefully President of the United States. I will definitely become a reporter for my college newspaper due to my experience here at Boys State.

From waking up at 6:00 am to going to bed at 12:00, and all the speakers, sessions of the General Assembly, and city meetings (and naps) in between, I'm extremely thankful I was nominated from the citizens of Newport News and chosen to attend Boys State.

I'd like to give a shout out to Steven Dahl, Sushi Cloutier, and last but, certainly not least, the Hot Boys of Washington.



Yo

BY JOSHUA BASHAM
*Nimitz City
News Reporter*

I know a lot of ya'll don't know me, but I'm Joshua Basham and I'm... pretty awesome. Peace out!



Untitled

BY ALEX BURKARD
*Maury City
News Reporter*

Hey my name is Alex Burkard. I go to Fishburne Military School, and am a citizen of the Maury "Show". My experience at Boys State was a little different to say the least, but it was quite memorable as well. The citizens in the program were the ones who really made it work and the personalities and characteristics of the people I met were quite unique. First of all I have to give a shout out to Maury City, a.k.a. "The Show," as well as "Doughnut," "Gucci," and "Young Dro." This

program has really been an eye opener to the political world, and how the different branches of government work. Some of the people I have met here are the most motivated people I have ever met in my life, and that in itself is part of the key to success in life. We are all the leaders of tomorrow's world. Never let anyone stop you from achieving what you ultimately desire in life, and never turn down any opportunity that approaches you (with those meaning "good" opportunities.) Wayne Gretzky once wrote, "You always miss 100% of the shots you don't take."



Cartoony Kid

BY KENDALL MOORE
*Henry City
News Reporter*

Hey everyone, the name's Kendall Moore, I'm 6 foot 1, 160 lbs, I enjoy riding unicorns into the sunset and candle-lit dinners under the moonlight with that special someone! I am from Newport News, Virginia. I like the movie 300;"This..is..HENRY!!!" I am of the city of Henry here at Boys State. Things that spark my interest are art, skateboarding, and computer programming. I dig the qwerks and works of life! Hahahaha I have a distinct sense of humor. It has helped me to become friends with almost all of my city's citizens.

Hmmm, ahhhh Boys State, it's been one great week if I must say so myself! Little sleep, tired roll call, lack of females, inspirational speeches, instructional sessions, fiery conventions, under-hand politics...ahhhhh It was great! I am one of the cartoonist on the Boys State Newspaper, I also hold a position as a city councilman. Boys State was really awesome and a supaa-duppaa good experience for me, that helped me build connections and give me a taste of what government is like. I miss my family, and my friends, and shall see Liberty University from the window of the bus as we're heading back to our respective cities .See Ya!

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BY IKSU OH

Marshall City

News Reporter

Yo! Wat ^! My name iz Iksu Oh aka aznsnsation. First of all, I like 2 shout out 2 my city Marshal. Every1 in dat city iz awesome. Dis xperience wuld hav been nutin w/o yal so thanks 4 everything. Dis also goes 2 u guys in d statesman newspaper. It haz been fun to b in d staf wit u guys n rite in d paper. Hope all of yal hav a great summer. ☺

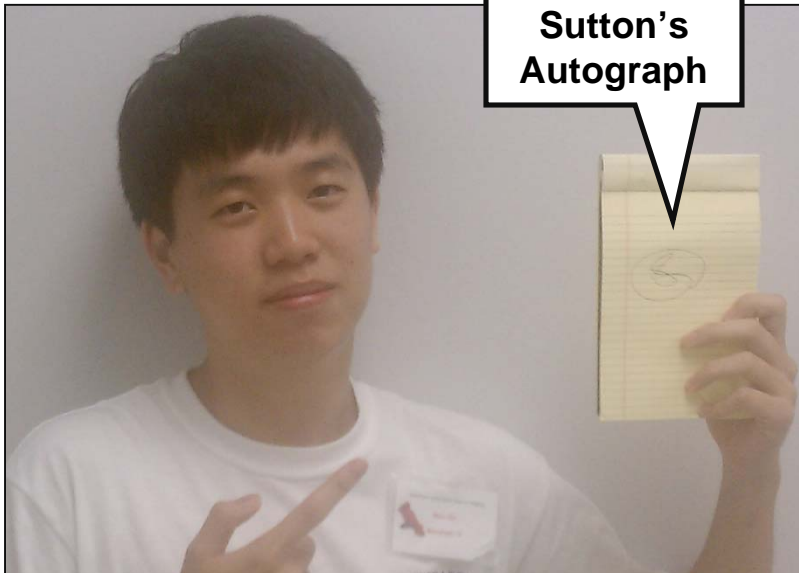
Now bout Boys State. Wen I came here, I tought it waz borin. Howeva, it got beter as time went by. I actually njoyed the week here. From gov, to sports, and to just chillin out wit others, Boys State waz fun. D enthusiasm 4 dis program made it even betta, in d end of course. x_x

As 4 me, I liv in Fredericksburg Va n go 2

Stafford High so shout out 2 my fellow peeps bak home. I jus need 1 mo year be4 I graduate. Cant w8. Stil havnt decide on a colege but I lik 2 take things step by step. 4 thos who kno me, dey kno I m the biggest procrastinator n lazy. But I just liv d life, dats how I roll. *-*

So ovarall, boys state been prety chil. Gr8 xperience. I learned a lot here n waz fun. I prob wont 4get dis. Aite, bye every1 from boys state. U guys r the next obama, einstein, lady gaga, lebron james, bill gates, angelina jolie, mr t, billy mays, superman, batman, n mayb even beyonce. Roflz. Good luk and hav fun, always.

O n ps. 4 a certan person reading dis, I jus need 2 put dis here. From 2010, Miami Heats Dynasty! lolololol. Aite, Pce Out Homies!!!



Third-Person Account

BY ANDREW WYCHE

Macarthur City

Photojournalist

Andrew Wyche is the photojournalist for *The Statesman*. For the majority of the week he has been following people getting pictures and videos for the American Legion Boys State paper, website, facebook, and youtube account. Mr. Wyche may have been noticed walking around in front of the stage taking pictures of the speakers. If he blocked your camera or phone, he would like to apologize; he was only doing his job. Most photos seen both on the website and in the paper were taken by him, unless otherwise credited. The best part of his career was photographing and meeting Virginia Governor, Bob McDonnell.



Photos by Andrew Wyche.

Words We Have Learned...

BY ANDREW WYCHE

Over the course of Boys State, we have learned several lessons. In return we have provided definitions and synonyms of key words from our time together.

Bipartisan

adjective

Definition: of, relating to, or involving members of two parties ; *specifically* : marked by or involving cooperation, agreement, and compromise between two major political parties

Unacceptable

Adjective

Definition: not suitable or satisfactory

Synonyms: below par, damaged, disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, exceptionable, half-baked, ill-favored, improper, inadmissible, insupportable, lousy, not up to snuff, objectionable, obnoxious, offensive, reject, repugnant, unappealing, undesirable, uninviting, unpleasant, unsatisfactory, unwanted, unwelcome, won't do

And finally...

Gentleman

Noun

Definition: a courteous and honorable man

Synonyms: cavalier, don, man of his word, man of honor, polished man, refined man, sir, aristocrat, grandee, noble, nobleman, patrician

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