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Edited by Clayton Fannin

TRIAL BY FIRE!

One of the most interesting and difficult events at Boys State is opening today. Moot Court is an event where two selected delegates from each city will gather in Hemp Hill Hall to study one of the most important things in our lives, the law. The delegates will actually practice law, by defending or prosecuting supreme court cases. A total of sixteen delegates will compete in a bracket style tournament, switching from defense to prosecution and back again, trying their best to win their cases. The winner, receives legal bragging rights, and will leave with a new understanding of how to practice law. The State Journal wishes all delegates good luck, and happy studying.

Written by Silence No-Good

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Chaplin's Breakfast Feeds the Stomach and the Soul

Yesterday morning while many delegates rested easy in bed or enjoyed a leisurely breakfast, the Boys State chaplains were hard at work planning out their program for the day's religious service, and preparing for future observances. Mr. Boudreaux spoke on such important topics as intervention and the application of religion to everyday life. "The only way the American government can work is if we take our differences and work it out," he said, addressing the religious representatives of each city. Concerning such sensitive topics as politics and religion, there was potential for things to get heated, but the chaplains maintained a respectful atmosphere while confronting controversial topics. Boudreaux remarked, "If we don't have reconciliation we'll never have a congress that's not stuck in 50/50. Some folks are rioting... it's because they're pissed!" The chaplains worked hard to address the most pressing issues of our

country and of the 2021 Virginia Boys State through the lenses of religion and morality. The goal was to make a service which was meaningful but not overtly political. The team read through their Bibles and found verses relevant to the religious services of the week. They also planned on introducing themselves to the crowd, but sought to discourage raucous disruptions during the service. "We don't want applause during the religious observance. This is a time for reverence." The team included many forms of Christianity, including an Episcopalian, an Anglican, a Presbyterian, a member of the Assembly of God and the church of Christ, as well as a Baptist. And the chaplains aimed for a completely non-denominational service. As a speaker during the event said, it was an opportunity for people of all faiths and non-faiths to reflect and find spirituality.

Written by Calvin Schilling

Delegate Charniele Herring addresses Henry City Citizens

Henry Citizens were elated to receive an address from Delegate Charniele Herring (Dem.-HD46), the Majority Leader of the House of Delegates and a delegate from part of Alexandria City.

Del. Herring shared her insights from growing up in poverty and her experience with higher education programs that helped her excel.

The Alexandria-based delegate shared that before her election to the House of Delegates in 2009 she did not carry the same level of interest in holding elective office as she does today. Herring touched on how she has been active in her community, including her appointments to a number of local commissions and advisory councils. The delegate also spoke on several pieces of career-defining legislation that she has been proud to champion since her election to the House of Delegates.

Del. Herring was elected following a special election caused by the resignation of Brian Moran, a former delegate who lodged an unsuccessful bid for governor in late-2008 leaving an opening in the House. Herring found that to be just the right time to launch her run in a special election.

Herring quickly found herself in leadership positions up and down the House Democratic Caucus, and she assumed the position of Majority Leader in 2020.

Del. Herring expressed the need for young adults to get involved, and she connected that idea to her previous work at the Democratic Party of Virginia and in the House with candidate recruiting.

Henry City citizens had an opportunity to ask a wide range of questions.

Written by Bernard.

Virginia State Police offer Instruction to Newly Elected Boys State City Sheriffs

On Monday, June 21, 2021, Virginia State Police, the state-level law enforcement agency for the Commonwealth of Virginia, conducted training for newly-elected Boys State city sheriffs.

City sheriffs started off the instructional assembly by receiving special beige uniform shirts. They then proceeded to receive their keycards and basic guidance on the conduct of a Boys State city sheriff.

Virginia State Police Troopers were sure to express that city sheriffs have an obligation to their citizens to maintain order and integrity. City sheriffs have a higher-level authority that they share with city mayors. City sheriffs have keycard access to buildings and they are responsible for patrolling the campus under the guidance and direction of the Virginia State Police.

City sheriffs are expected to assume a bulk of their duties on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, following the inauguration ceremony on Monday at an afternoon assembly session.

Written by Bernard

David Horton Inspires with

Personal Stories

Yesterday the cities of Patton and MacArthur were graced with the presence of the honorable mayor of Radford, David Horton. He talked about the importance of being a leader and having your own opinion on things. David Horton talked to the group about networking and creating opportunities in order to have these important leadership positions in politics. Out of the many quotes he used in his speech today, “Take every opportunity you can to show leadership”, stuck with delegates the most because of how influential and essential this quote is to our lives during Boys state and after we leave Radford this weekend. This quote can be interpreted as an order to go for the things that you want and that it is important to strive for what you want in life. One example he used to show how leadership can be anything was his time mountain climbing with his wife. He had found this husband and wife, that were not Native English Speakers but him and his wife still wanted to help them reach the top. During this expedition, they faced many challenges that they were able to overcome and they worked to finally reach the top of the mountain. He told this story to not boast about this huge achievement but to teach a lesson about being a leader, means you are adaptable to many of situations and can conquer any problem, issue, or trouble. He also continued to push the important themes and ideals surrounding creating your own opinion on issues and trying to find a middle point between people with opposite opinions also the importance of that. To conclude, Mayor Horton was another great speaker that we were blessed to learn from and speak to at Boys State. David Horton has done a really good job at mentoring us about leadership and the importance of it.

Written by Shazam

Boys’ State Social

Media

You may have noticed the pictures and posts from social media that appeared on the screen in the auditorium yesterday. Virginia Boys State is taking an opportunity to highlight its presence online and encourage delegates to spread the word about the program to their friends and families. The social media team will be hard at work taking photos and videos for the program’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to inform people at the program and back home about the goings-on throughout the week. Additionally, Boys State participants can post their own content to social media with hashtag #VABS21. Delegates are encouraged to take photos and cooperate with the social media team to allow for greater online engagement and awareness of the Boys State program. Collin Lee said that the team would focus on news updates through Friday, then transition to content that will last through the years.



Two Henry Citizens Make an Entrance Into Races for Statewide Office

Notable Henry citizens Jack Martinez and Jason Zheng have made an entry into races for statewide office, with Martinez running for Governor and Zheng vying for Attorney General.

Both Martinez and Zheng are Moot Court participants and active Henry Federalists.

Martinez, a Federalist, told *The State Journal* that he wants “to focus on people over party.” He’s positioned himself as a people-first candidate, and, in doing so, he hopes to captivate the support of a wide range of citizens.

The Henry resident has already started to publicize his policies. He intends for his early remarks to “guide conversations” rather than impress a viewpoint. Martinez hopes to take charge of the Federalist Party and work with all Boys State citizens.

Jason Zheng has aligned himself largely with Martinez. Zheng, who is going for Attorney General, believes that there is an opportunity for bipartisan collaboration on a wide range of policy. As Attorney General, he wishes to lend his early background in legal studies to the table.

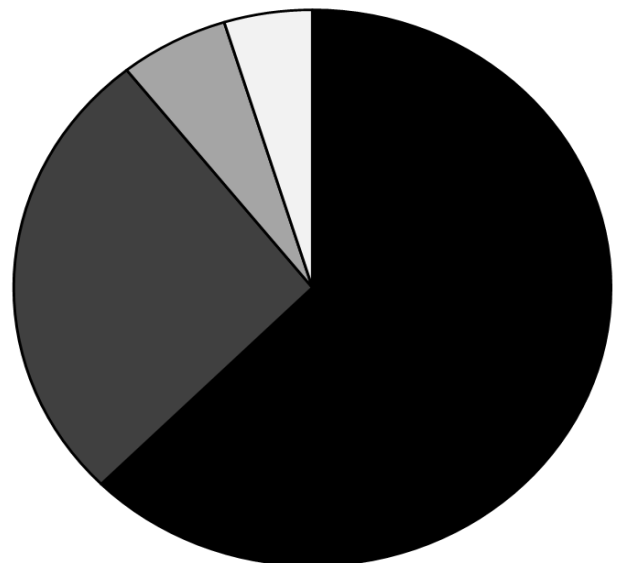
Martinez and Zheng have committed to statewide office races fairly quickly. Elections for statewide offices will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Written by Bernard

Boys’ State Food Drive Overwhelming Success

Yesterday the delegates to Boys State were addressed by Dori Butler of Daily Bread about our contributions to the Boys State food drive. They heard the origin story of the program; that a Boys State leader learned of Girls State’s own food drive program, and was inspired to have our boys do the same. Daily Bread has been operating for 29 years, providing free meals and pantry stocking for countless food insecure people in the Radford area. Although they’re struggles are often invisible to us, one in five people in this area do not know how they will get their next meal, and it is part of Boys State’s dedication to service to aid these people in need. There has always been friendly competition between the different years of boys State, but the 2021 class has blown the competition out of the water. Butler informed us that adjusting for the different sizes, the 2019 Virginia Boys State had a per capita donation rate of 3.7 items. What did the 2021 Boys State provide? A whopping 6 items per person. Great job to all delegates!

Written by Calvin Schilling



■ Vegetables (550) ■ Tissues and toilet paper (236)
■ Bottles of cleaner (52) ■ Bottles of cooking oil (42)

Henry Federalist mayoral candidate backs later wake-up times

Rising Henry Federalist Ethan Lyons backed later wake-up times at the Henry Federalist city meeting.

Lyons, who secured the Henry Federalist nomination to be Mayor of Henry City, threw his endorsement behind the proposal with great enthusiasm, and he worked to distinguish this proposal from his other proposals and his opponents.

While Lyons still has to win the mayoral election, his proposal was well-received by some of the more sleep-deprived Henry Federalists. Under Lyons' proposal, wakeup time would be pushed back to 6:30am from the current 6:00am. Lyons claims that this will allow for extended sleep times while not compromising breakfast.

Several Henry citizens have expressed concerns with the extended break between breakfast and the first activity of the day. Lyons' plan would condense that block of time.

The mayoral election will be conducted along with the elections for the Boys State Senate and Boys State House of Delegates on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, beginning at 9:30am.

Written By Bernard

Food Review—Monday

The delegates of Boys State began their morning with a standard American breakfast topped with some unfortunate flair. Scrambled eggs that were on par with that served in air planes were placed next to an oily pile of egg whites containing beautiful jewels of fingerling potatoes that tried its best to salvage the dish. On the subject of turkey bacon, the writer feels that it is too controversial a topic to write about. What he does have to say is this: turkey bacon and *actual* bacon are two very different things. Breakfast did have its redeeming qualities, especially the grits and the chocolate milk, which was described to, "taste like melted chocolate ice cream".

Rating: 25/35

After an energizing speech by Mr. Scott Maddrea encouraging the members of Boys State to work hard towards their campaign efforts, the Radford staff graced the Boys of State with incredible choices from Asian cuisine, including liberally-sauced Teriyaki chicken and delicious Lo mein. The Teriyaki was tangy enough to be savored and, coupled with the chicken, presented a marvelous cacophony of flavors. The noodles of the Lo mien were thicker than expected, which was a welcome surprise. Pizza was served again to its high standard. It is quite safe to say that lunch was a much more enjoyable affair than breakfast.

Rating: 52/62

Eggrolls were the highlight of Monday's dinner, and Chinese red sweet-&-sour sauce was provided on the side. Boys piled mounds of these eggrolls onto their plates as they rushed to their tables to further their campaign efforts. The eggrolls were crunchy on the outside and soft and warm on the inside, as the combination of the cabbage and the pork in the eggrolls practically forced the Boys to climb out of their chairs to get second servings. Pulled chicken from lunch was also served and had more or less the same texture and quality.

Rating: 4.5/50

In conclusion, the Radford kitchen staff continued their "hot start" from yesterday, even after a mediocre breakfast that left a lot to be desired. The Asian cuisine that was served for lunch and dinner was unexpected to be sure, but provided a nice break from the standard-American breakfast. Overall, the meals served on Monday was very satisfactory.

Overall Rating: 94.87/1007

Written by Jedi Yoda

Zumba Sends Campus into Craze

Coming into the 78th session of Boys State a large portion of students had no clue what Zumba was. Starting at 3:30 on Monday many students found out what Zumba entailed. Nervous students piled into the lawn in front of the Heth building, gathered around the athletic director and Zumba instructor students soon learned what Zumba really was.

Vigorous energy filled the Radford campus. Loud chants of “Ooh’s” and “Ah’s” resonated among the various buildings. Passerby’s were enchanted by the masculine energy exerted by the young men participating in Zumba. Energy and spirits were high during this short, highly concentrated workout. As apart of the Zumba workout I can attest to the rigor of this deceiving mode of exercise. Many young men received a whole leg workout during this session.

To begin the session the young men of Boys State warmed up by doing simple dance moves, getting the joints loose and the muscles warmed. Right away we began with rigorous sets of high knees, chopping feet, and jumping. Without any water breaks we took about a thirty second rest period, a new song was played signaling a new set. New dance moves were introduced. The complexity of the dances increased as the workout progressed. Ultimately with young men were pleased when the Zumba directors called the session. The session was immediately followed by a few laps of a walking cool down. Energy was still high, students were chattering on about how much fun they just had. Chants of “Boys State!” were repeated as the young men cooled down. At last the boys were dismissed for dinner. But not before a shower!

To many young men’s surprise they ultimately enjoyed the Zumba session. To anyone concerned about what their next afternoon activity will be on Wednesday of this week, Zumba will not disappoint. This session was well directed by the athletic director, Saalih Muzakkir, and much thanks goes out to the athletic staff here at Boys State for providing a fun workout for the camp goers. While this day was full of positive, one question still presents itself. What should camp goers expect at physical training? While this information has not been revealed yet, it is safe to assume that the young men at Boys State will have a great time. Tuesday’s athletics will be comprised of physical training while Wednesday’s will once again be Zumba.

Written by Goldie

Senator David Suetterlein Talks Sports and his Roles as Senator

There was an action packed second day yesterday here at Boys State. Activities started out early Monday morning at 7:00 am with a warm breakfast. Right after breakfast was done, the delegates rolled out in orderly fashion to the flag raising, and was greeted with a beautiful arrangement of the National Anthem played by the band here at Boys State. At about 9:40am cities Puller and Washington got to meet Senator David Suetterlein. The senator is part of the Republican party and the 19th District of Virginia and currently represents two entire districts and some. He was first elected in 2015 and served in both the majority and minority.

Right off the bat of his meeting with the Boys State Delegates, he came with a quote reading, “If you can change public opinion, you can change the outcome.” When asked “What do you do in your free time outside of work?” Senator David Suetterlein replied with, “I like watching baseball, specifically minor league baseball.” He then went on to say, he had just recently gone to a Salem Red Sox game and really enjoys watching the Salem Red Sox (The Salem Red Sox are a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Boston Red Sox of Major League Baseball). On the note of baseball, Senator added, “Major League Baseball is changing the way baseball is played, and it doesn’t make it fun to watch anymore, that is why I like Minor League Baseball more because those guys actually work to play at the next level and the highest level. Most people could definitely agree that the game of baseball is changing.

Senator David Suetterlein also touched on how he gets stressed about electricity rates, and also how he plans to get votes and how it has worked for him early on in campaigning. He couldn’t express how important it was to make sure you go knocking on doors! After all the worst you can get is a no.

Written by Landon Bonneville