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A Vote for Aryan Hamdard is a Vote for Yourself.



Vote Hamdard from
Nimitz for Governor!

Mark Herring: Infectious Enthusiasm and Incredible Experience

Virginia Boys State was graced with the live appearance over Zoom of the state's Attorney General, Mark Herring. Herring cordially addressed the gathering of young men, and shared his personal journey from drifter who wished to avoid formal higher education to a well-respected and powerful state official. Herring explained the history of the position of Attorney General, tracing its origins to medieval England, and then moving on to the present day. Herring elaborated on his own personal view for what an Attorney General should be. "The Attorney General should be the people's lawyer. I always try to fight on the side of people," he said during the call. Herring has worked hard to protect consumers, make environmental protections more legally robust, and reform the criminal justice system. He feels particularly strongly about the state's response to the opioid epidemic. Herring explained, "We're not going to arrest our way out of this problem. The roots of the epidemic are in people's medicine cabinets

– and the board rooms of big drug companies." Another major accomplishment of Mr. Herring was the establishment of the Office for Civil Rights. Herring also answered numerous questions posed by delegates, including controversial political takes. All in all, it was a very inspiring and informative presentation, and Boys State is honored to be addressed by such a high-ranking official.

Written by Calvin Schilling



Descano Inspires with Stories of Justice and Success

The city of Patton was graced with the presence of the Honorable Steve T. Descano via Zoom. Mr. Descano is the Commonwealth's Attorney Fairfax County, he spoke with citizens of Patton about finding what your passion and "putting your shoulder behind it". He said his first passion was not always law until his dad told him about law being the fairest place. But slowly, Steve found out that this statement was not 100% true, he said "Sitting through a few court sessions, I found out that if you were black, brown, or poor, you were at a bigger disadvantage to someone who was rich and I wanted to change that." He talked about his passion for law being driven by knowing that he can save people from being wrongfully evicted and help them get back to their normal lives. He talked about reform and changes to the justice system were main points in his platform.

He talked about the importance of wanting to help the justice system to be fair and equal by basing it off of how the person in question affects the safety of public. He continued to say public safety was important for solving issues. He continued Mr. Descano even gave the citizens of Patton a insight on how they can get voted for the upcoming state elections. In conclusion, Descano's speech can help all of you guys running for a state positions, be authentically yourself and find your passion for what you are trying to do at Boys State.

Written by Shazam



Henry City Legislative Delegation Holds First Meeting

Henry City legislators that were sworn into the Boys State General Assembly met for the first time to discuss legislative proposals.

Newly-elected senators and delegates from across Boys State used yesterday as an organizational meeting for party conferences and city legislative delegation conferences. The bipartisan and bicameral legislators from across the eight cities met primarily to put forth three bill proposals per each city, with one bill being eligible for points towards the Boys State Best City award.

Henry legislators opted for unique legislative ideas, including election reform, environmental conservation, and one Boys State organization-related bill on ensuring that information is most accurately conveyed to prospective delegates.

Senator Jason Melendez (Fed.-Henry City) was most enthusiastic about Henry Bill No. 1, a bill that would expand upon a 2020 law that started the process of wider implementation of ranked choice voting. Ranked choice voting is an election method that eliminates strategic voting and non-majority wins by having voters rank candidates in an ordinal manner. This form of voting was used for the 2021 Virginia GOP convention.

Henry Senators Ian Dooley (Nat.-Henry City) and Jason Melendez (Fed.-Henry City) put forth a nomination for Supreme Court justice from the City of Henry who is expected to be considered tomorrow.

Written by Bernard

Food Review—Tuesday

The Radford kitchen staff returned to its standard-American roots after a day of delightful Asian cuisine. A day of mediocre meals grew in the form of pasta lathered in Alfredo sauce and bacon bits. The pasta was seasoned with a perfect amount of pepper to make the dish even more savory while the noodles were cooked to an ideal texture. Overall, the Alfredo pasta was definitely one of the most exquisite meals served so far. (It must also be noted that the broccoli was done well and was generally well-received.)

The unsung hero of the Radford kitchen has undoubtedly been the Salad Bar, which has consistently put out fresh fruits and vegetables to those delegates who either abstain from eating meat or wish to consume healthier foods. An assortment of nuts provided the protein as well. Dessert has also been greatly appreciated by the delegates of Boys State. Today's dessert was headlined by a formidable lineup consisting of cherry cobbler, pumpkin pie, and brownies. Ending meals at Radford seems to be a popular occasion during this session of Boys State.

Rating (Dinner): 16/16

Overall Rating: 39/47

Written by Jedi Yoda

Sudoku

Difficulty Rating: 4/5

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MacArthur Legislators Sound Off:

Mayors, Delegates, and Senators were elected on Tuesday morning. **MacArthur City's** very own **Sen. Lawrence Maclin** and **Del. Oliver Stufft** explained their reasons for running for office over lunch. "I ran to...make the experience for MacArthur City and Boys State as a whole as good as possible," Sen. Maclin said. He continued, "I will be glad to work in the legislature with my peers."

Del. Stufft's reasoned that he wanted to serve his city as a delegate. He said that "[His] job as a delegate is to make sure that the voice of MacArthur City is heard in the general assembly." Delegates and Senators met on Tuesday to create bills that would be sponsored by their respective cities, so we'll see if Maclin, Stufft, and the other legislators will be able to uphold their campaign promises.

Written by Jedi Yoda

Washington City and Nationalist Convention Summary

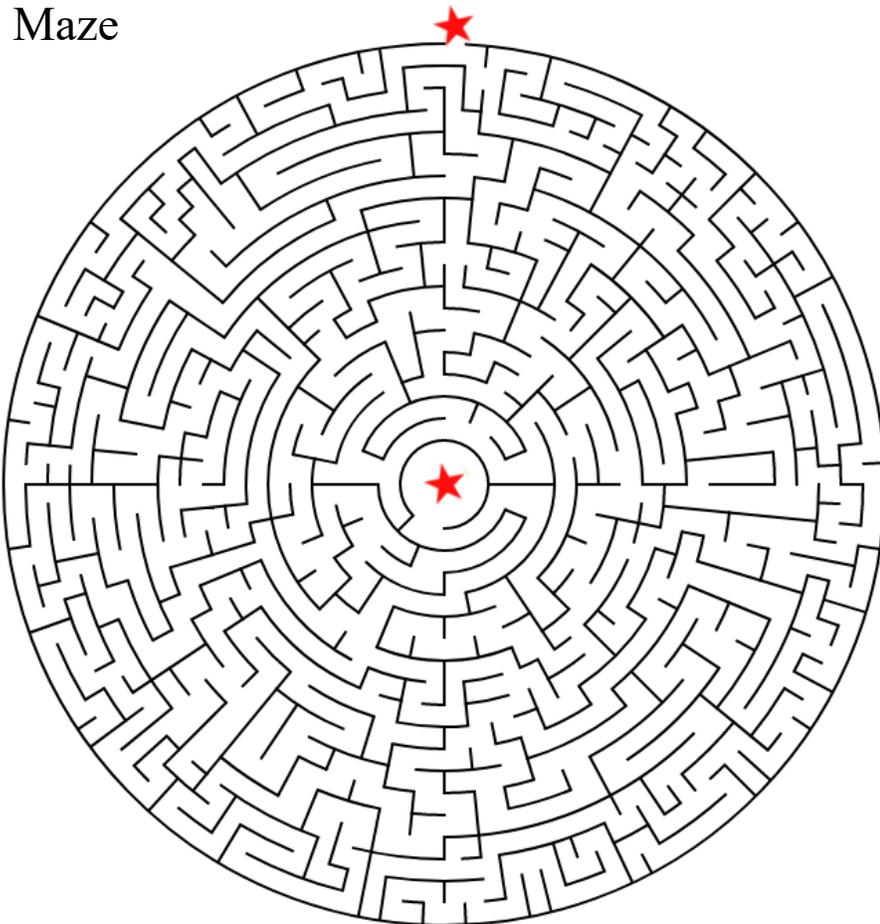
The city of Washington was greeted by the Commonwealth's Attorney of Caroline County at about 10:00am on Tuesday morning. Mahoney briefly talked about his life since the age of eighteen years old. He mentioned that he was sworn in to the Marine Corps at the age of eighteen and spent 20 years with the Marine Corps. John L. Mahoney was actually enlisted in 1974, and loved being in the Marine Corps, even so that he said "If I had to do my life over again, I absolutely would do Marine Corps again." That definitely shows his passion towards the Marine Corps.

During city elections results Tuesday evening Nationalists from all cities went to 3rd ballot for city party chairman, and selected Ethan Henry as the city party chairman.

Written by Landon Bonneville



Maze



Law and Order: Boys' State

Today, dozens of lawyers descended upon the Radford campus, to inform the Boys State delegates on all the great potentials that the law field holds. One of these lawyers, was the Hanover commonwealth attorney, the Honorable Shannon Taylor. She told stories of her rise to her position, and her policies. She stands for compassionate prosecuting, and realizing the reasons crimes are committed is just as important as any other part of the trial. She believes in public safety, and wants to decrease mass incarceration.

Written by Silence NoGood