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### Third Time's the Charm Boys State Citizens Have Completed Day Three By: Jack Kellen

The third day of Boys State was an eventful one as the dueling Federalist and Nationalists parties made some decisions electing their party chairs and attorney generals with the lieutenant governor and governor positions up for vote later today. The day started with breakfast and a flag ceremony, before we headed to the religious service. While the majority of Boys State is about team comradery and support through cheering, we would like to remind people to limit the cheering during this ceremony to after the service. The city elections were the first silent balot of this week's Boys State where the cities elected the mayor, senators and delegates that were nominated on Monday night.

The results of the election were announced after each city had a presentation done by members of the judicial system at the local judicial level and included a varied amount of knowledge and stories about their experiences during their long careers. During lunch party rivalries began to develop as two candidates in Kevin Li and Robert Estep. Kevin Li, who used to live in an oppressive state, stating that freedom and democracy was the most important thing to him and Estep saying that his policies on supporting Veterans and children was what Boys State needed.

The first speaker after lunch was the highlight of the week so far in terms of speakers, Virginia Attorney General, Jason Miyares. He spoke about the challenges he has being a second generation immigrant and while it can be challenging, the experience he has and the challenges he has to overcome are the reasons that he is in the position he is in right now.

The Boys also had a visit from the Chief of Staff to the secretary of education, who spoke about how recent events have led to the changes that have allowed for parents to become more involved in the classroom and the challenges and advantages that it has provided his department with. During afternoon activities people took part in a variety of activities including Athletics, Better Speaking, Newspaper, Parliamentary Proceed's, Talent Show, and Moot Court. These activities follow the themes taught at Boys State and give the participants a chance to show up their skills they have learned during previous activities like sports, debate, and other extra-curriculars.

After dinner and the lowering of the flags, consisted of a flag retirement ceremony, which showed everyone the proper way to retire the national colors. The boys then went to a party convention where there was a lot of talk, but little action was taken as many of the debates ended in drawn out silliness. The last event of the night was the city election where they voted on Circuit Court Judge, City Council, and other important position. That's the daily recap and remember, it's only Wednesday.



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# "Can't Say 'No' to Glizzy"

School Battalion Commander Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer NHS Member **Class President** Honor Court Member School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief School and Sea Cadet Master of Ceremonies **Boys State Editor** and Choir Singer Team Captain Lead Altar Server Key Club Member "The MacArthur Nationalists want unity of cities and parties. I want to lead this state to be the best it can be by working with our brothers, involving ourselves with the community and fighting for equality for all - together."

- Looking into ways to improve school systems
- Mental health awareness in schools
- Support for veterans and families
- Funding programs to assist the poor and homeless
- Taxes that can benefit both the government and the people

Vote for <u>Joseph Colizzi</u>

Nationalist - MacArthur

# New leaders in town *City Mayors Have Been Sworn In* **By: Austin Hodge**

Yesterday, June 21st, mayors were chosen by election to lead and represent their cities here at boys state. The mayor's elections ranged from simple, easy elections, to intense, highly competitive standoffs.

Election officers had a meeting on Tuesday morning at which they collected voting material to help in the mayor elections. Several hours later, all the votes were cast and then new mayors were announced to cheering crowds. At the beginning of lunch, mayors were sent to washington hall to receive their blue shirts. Along the way, mayors talked about their elections, and the opponents they had beaten. One mayoral candidate spoke about how he "likes wood, and is like wood" due to his claimed ability to bend to his citizens' needs. Mayors also talked about their plans for complete unity among the city's leaders.

The cities decided to help each other choose candidates for state office, although it appears that plan may have failed judging by the disorganization at the party conventions on Tuesday. The new blue shirts were passed out as Gavin from Washington said he wants to "hang the shirt on his wall" when he gets home. The new mayors said the new shirts made them feel amazing and honored, while also signifying their increased responsibilities. After a quick photo shoot, the new mayors had a chance to talk about their position as mayors, which is when Mayor Nathan from Macarthur said he plans to listen to his people and allow his city to sleep later to make more people happy.

The mayors then left for Heth Hall to learn about the responsibilities as a mayor. The mayor is the next link in the chain of city governance and is sharing most of the sheriff's responsibilities. The mayor also will be helping the new councils in voting for new ordinances, which are the major rules that help shape the individual cities. After the meetings, the mayor of Henry was asked about how he would help his city regain their dignity. Mayor Eli stated to all of the cities that have beef to "meet me on the field, the football field." He then said that he is interested in squashing the beef between his and other cities and the other mayors seemed to agree with his ideas. The new mayors are in position immediately and will be Guiding your city to the goal of the best city. Good luck to all of the new mayors!

#### Was Henry Misunderstood? A New Rivalry Brewing? By: Owen Hogge

Since the recent controversy involving Henry and the other cites here at Boys State 2022, individuals from Henry have since come out proclaiming a misunderstanding between them and the rest of the cities. People of Henry say that they and other cities have gotten off on the wrong foot and are in a search for making things right. Most notably, "I just want all cities to get along and I am going to try my best for Henry to be respected and respect others as well," said Sheriff Felder **(Henry)**. Also while expressing the point of view from the citizens of Henry, specific citizens:



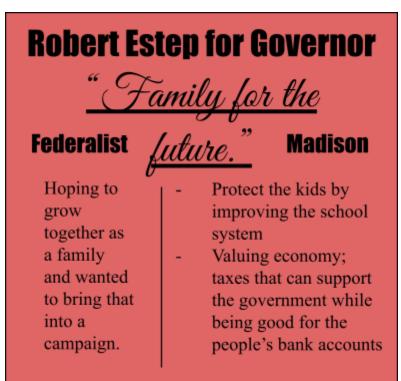
Dwen Hogge and Sheriff Felder shaking hands



Owen Hogge and Sherif Johnson shaking hands

Zain Rahman, Ryan Ayi-Bamah, Charan Narra, and Severin Mcnulty all stated this about Henry's sports teams, "Our sports teams represented pride, athleticism, and dedication to the city of Henry."

While it seems as though this conflict can now die down, a more specific rivalry involving Henry City has sparked. Various Henry citizens had mentioned disrespect coming directly from the City of James and a select few of its residents. When asked about this accusation, James City's Sheriff Johnson bounced back claiming James had been receiving



disrespect from Henry citizens. "People from James are the type to wear shirts while swimming and socks to sleep." said Peter Kratz (Henry). It seems as though Henry is divided into two sides, some wanting all to be well within the state and some wanting to take a stand against James City. As this situation unfolds before us we can only guess what will come of it. Will James and Henry continue to stay at each other's throats causing tensions to worsen? Or will one of these cities choose peace above all else? Find out more on the next issue of The Boys' Daily.

#### Hardwood Chronicles Basketball Continues at Radford University By: Quentin Mankin

The second day on the hardwood at Radford University was one for the history books. An unforeseen competitor has rushed through the bracket all the way to the championship game. James City who were not known as favorites in the beginning and honestly they were overlooked coming into the second athletics session.

James' athletes opened play on Tuesday with a blowout quarterfinal win over MacArthur City. In the hot start for James City all the players excelled leading to a 21-6 victory. Directly following their quarterfinal win the citizens of James City jumped into their semifinal matchup against the powerhouse city of Marshall.

Once again James City started fast getting out to an early 8-0 lead with the help of a three pointer from starting shooting guard Jake Calhoun. However, James City fell into a slump and Marshall City was able to close the gap tying the game at 8 points a piece. Marshall was led by sharpshooter Ben Walters and hard-nose ball handler Josh Battle. In the closing minutes of the game, the game was knotted at 10 points a piece James City's six-foot-five big man checked into the game. Nate Thompson, also known as Baby Jokic by his fellow citizens, has been a staple on the James City roster since the beginning of the week. As the final minutes of the semifinal ticked off of the clock, Nate took over the game on both ends of the court. Thompson illuminated the statline with most notably a clutch three pointer to put James ahead 15-13 and a steal to seal the game.

His grand ability to rebound also gave James City the opportunity for second chance buckets. Thompson's play style is most commonly compared to All-NBA center Nikola Jokic from the Denver Nuggets because of his exceptional rebounding and his knowledge of the game. When asked what was going through his head in the final minutes of the game, the man in the middle responded saying, "I knew I had to clutch up for my team, I wanted to represent James City, I came to Boys State to be a leader." In the post game interview, Thompson also mentioned that James City can improve on their shot selection and team defense to succeed in Wednesday's championship final. Without further ado, The Boys' Daily Most Valuable Player goes to James City's starting center Nate "Baby Jokic" Thompson who put his clutch ability and leadership into the game at the Recreation Center on Tuesday.



## **Colleges for College Day**

- <u>Albright College</u>
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bluefield College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- <u>Catawba College</u>
- <u>Chowan University</u>
- <u>Christopher Newport University</u>
- College of Charleston
- Concord University
- <u>Cornerstone College of Virginia</u>
- Davis & Elkins College
- East Carolina University
- <u>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical</u> <u>University</u>
- Emory & Henry College
- Fairmont State University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- George Mason University
- <u>Glenville State College</u>
- <u>Hampden-Sydney College</u>
- Hood College
- James Madison University
- Liberty University
- Longwood University
- Marshall University
- North Carolina State University
- Old Dominion University
- <u>Radford University</u>
- Randolph College

- <u>Randolph Macon College</u>
- <u>Regent University</u>
- <u>Roanoke College</u>
- <u>Shenandoah University</u>
- <u>Stevenson University</u>
- <u>The Citadel, The Military College of</u> <u>South Carolina</u>
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- U.S. Naval Academy
- <u>University of Alabama</u>
- University of Lynchburg
- University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
- University of Richmond
- <u>University of Rochester</u>
- <u>University of South Carolina</u>
- <u>University of Tennessee</u>
- University of Virginia
- <u>Virginia Commonwealth University</u>
- <u>Virginia Military Institute</u>
- <u>Virginia State Police</u>
- <u>Virginia Tech</u>
- <u>Virginia Tech Army ROTC (VT</u> <u>Corps of Cadets)</u>
- <u>Virginia Wesleyan University</u>
- <u>Washington & Jefferson College</u>
- <u>West Virginia University</u>

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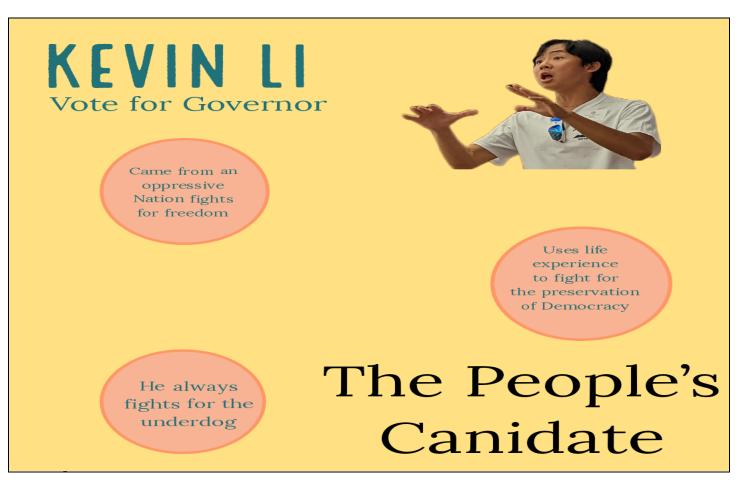
• <u>Washington &</u>

#### **Peculiar Policies**

#### *Eating the Poor* **By Dorian Crawford**

Various politicians outside of Boys State and their crowds of supporters advocate to "eat the rich." However, a case should be made to reverse that policy, and instead "eat the poor." Physically. Physically eat the poor. Frankly, there are various benefits to dining on the poverty-stricken. New jobs will be created, included but not limited to: chefs, herders, condolence card writers, seasoners, and waiters. Additionally, the policy will crack down on not only poverty, but also homelessness.

In a roundabout way, it'll even give more housing to citizens; some of them will just be slowly digesting in the stomachs of homeowners. Additionally, eating the poor solves the question of food. Legions of cows don't need to be ritually slaughtered (the lack of said methane-bags under this policy conveniently saves the environment too, you're welcome), and any and all food of the non-poor variety can be diverted to other states or countries that need it. Finally, this revolutionary policy gives our great state the flavor and uniqueness that makes it shine amongst its peers. Eating the poor, quite frankly, is a rich policy.



#### Marshall vs. Nimitz

#### **By: Clay Topping**

Tensions flare, insults rain, tempers fly, Boys State is filled with plenty of "friendly" rivalries. It's only day three and there've already been shots fired during the twice a day roll call. Boys State tradition calls for a roll call when raising the United States' flag in the morning and lowering it in the afternoon. When called during the roll call, cities are allowed to call out whatever slogan they want. Ranging from simply screaming their city name at the top of their lungs to reciting the fitnessgram pacer test intro, cities are allowed to be original with what they say during roll call, but obviously this brings tension between two potentially rival cities.

The most notable of these rivals is Marshall City and the City of Nimitz. The first significant blow was fired by Marshall City when they said, "Nimitz gets no play", signifying their inability to get girls. Later on that day at the flag lowering ceremony Nimitz fired a devastating blow to Marshall city by saying, "whats for dessert…marshalls mom". This statement signifies an attempt to alpha the opposing city. The real question is how far is this going to go ? I have heard from both cities that they are out for blood and there will be no end to this rivalry until there is a clear winner.

### Vote Julio Cortes for Governor

National Honor Society Member

Civil Air Patrol Commander HOPE.

HARMONY.

JULIO.

Federalist - MacArthur

"My policies are all about communities and giving back to them."

Vote for **Trey Phillips** for Lieutenant Governor

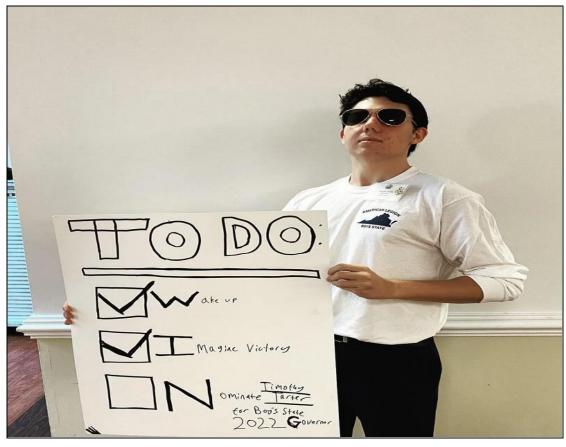
"Trust in Trey, He'll lead the way."

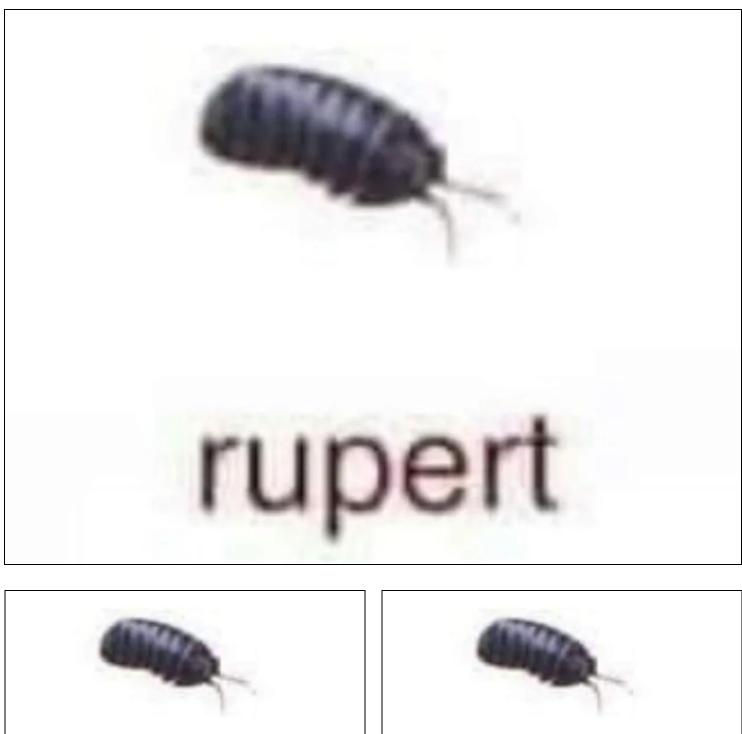




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