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Woahh, We're Halfway There Boys State Citizens Have Passed the Halfway Mark By Caleb Holland

With day four of Boys State at a close, I can confidently say that the young man to my right, my left, in front of me, and I are all such prideful citizens of this beautiful Commonwealth. First and foremost, congratulations and good luck to all of our Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor candidates. You will all represent your parties well, and may the best candidate win. City Boys Nation candidates were also announced during city meetings. Congratulations, and best of luck to all of you as well.

After Lunch the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia - and former Marine! - the Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears blessed us all with a great presentation. In my opinion, her speech was all about life lessons. Nothing came easily for her, and she made plenty of mistakes, but her perseverance brought her to incredible places. Next, Party Conventions for the Top Three and plank nominations were concluded at the same time as the Supreme Court Elections. After long voting sessions took place it was time for Afternoon Activities. Upon their finishing, dinner was conducted at 5:00 P.M. Thank you once again Radford Kitchen Staff. We appreciate you all, and your hard work has not gone unnoticed. The Flag Lowering followed and led to a Flag Tribute Ceremony in Bondurant Auditorium hosted by First Sergeant James Flint. After his outstanding tribute, the Supreme Court Justices were finally announced and sworn in. Outstanding job to all of those elected, your black shirts are awesome!

Afterward, the state troopers gave excellent presentations on a service canine, their bikes, what can happen in tragic accidents, and more. All of the Sheriffs got to test out "intoxication goggles" that blur the vision similarly to being under the influence of alcohol. It was a fun experience for them to participate in, and for everyone else to spectate. They left after their demonstrations, and the man that followed them embodied all of this year's Boys State core values. Energy, enthusiasm, and honesty. These are the things that have resonated the most with all of the crowds this year. Being too quiet or monotone has left the citizens bored, but Mr. Wright's crowd involvement and charismatic excitement won over everyone's heart. Thank you,



sir! All cities concluded day four with city meetings to discuss various things. That's all for today, thank you for reading.

P.S. Henry City has asked that it be made known that Samuel Cook (Henry) is a Certified Playa. You can ask him about that yourself

State Nominee Lieutenant Governor Levi Jones is Comin' In By Austin Hodge



Levi Jones. lieutenant governor nominee for the federalist party, conducted an interview with Owen Hogge about his nomination for his position. During that interview, Levi stressed his position of resolving inter-city conflict and minimizing slander against other cities. In particular, Levi, a native of James, feels as if his city and Henry City should solve their differences and come together as cities. Levi

then stressed that resolving conflict was going to be the biggest difference he attempts to make in his tenure as lieutenant governor. Levi says that he will listen to others around him, including his nationalist opponent. Candidate Levi said that his biggest advice to his opponent is that "a man is only as good as his word." Jones feels as though his home city of James feels full support for his campaign and will support him through the whole ordeal. Levi says that a good lieutenant

governor has to be cooperative and should consider all sides of an argument to gain proper perspective. The lieutenant governor's election has been unprecedentedly competitive and all voters should make their own decisions on their best choice for the boy's state lieutenant governor winner.

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Henry vs James Resolved! Corruption Found Within Henry? By Owen Hogge

The James and Henry conflict has finally come to a close as both cities have seen one another's point of view and have chosen to show peace with each other. "Some of them are actually pretty valid," said Jaden Driver (James). It is great to know that the cities of our great state can work together to resolve their problems, but that does not seem to stop a conflict that is brought up within a city itself. It seems as though Sheriff Felder (Henry) has ways of corruption and hypocrisy in him. Garrick Gagner (Henry) was caught by Sheriff Felder with a banana taken from the dining hall outside of the Jefferson Dorm building. After Gagner was detained by Sheriff Felder, a banana peel of a banana taken out of the dining hall was found in Sheriff Felder's back pocket. This discovery brought light to the fact that Sheriff Felder is guilty of the same crime he is attempting to stop.

After Sheriff Felder was caught,



he was quickly detained by the Mayor of Henry. Henry's Mayor was praised highly by his fellow residents of Henry for his quick actions and dedication to keeping his city in check. As for Sheriff Felder, the citizens of Henry are not happy with him. When asked more about their feelings towards Sheriff Felder, it seemed as though the residents of Henry had their doubts from the beginning. "All of Henry had their questions about Sheriff Felder when he showed up with pink fluffy handcuffs," said Garrick Gagner. We can only guess what happens next with Sheriff Felder's new ordeal. Find out in the next issue of The Boys' Daily. (See next page for pictures of the event in this article).



Garrick Gagner being arrested for his crime.



Sheriff Felder being caught with the banana peel.



Sheriff Felder being detained by Henry's Mayor.



Owen Hogge shaking hands with Henry's Mayor



Citizens of Henry punishing Sheriff Felder for his crimes.

Boy's Daily Spotlight Boys Legislature - In Depth

The House's Majority - Dorian Crawford

Despite party conventions and the gubernatorial race reigning in the minds of Boys State, the wheels of democracy are still quietly turning. Besides Supreme Court elections, the Boys State legislature was dutifully at work, debating and voting on various bills. Leading the majority in the House of Delegates, the Federalist Anthony Olivera (Burke) contributed greatly to the discussions inside exclusive closed doors. Olivera cooperated well with the minority party of Nationalists as all sides blurred both party and city lines. It fits well with Olivera's ambition: a strive to reunite people as they were on Sunday night and head a bipartisan law. Olivera spends his time communicating with other cities, taking time out of the strict two-hour limit to draft bills to visit the party conventions and hear from constituents. It worked too, one such bipartisan bill was House Bill 4, which diverted funds from the Department of Health's budget and put that capital towards supporting veterans' mental and physical health. Additionally, each of the 10 bills (one from each city) was inquired upon and debated, leading to an informed House and confident leaders. However, not all policies Olivera wanted were passed, his response to such disappointment was eloquent, "some things are gonna work, some things are not gonna work, and that's just kinda how it's gonna go." In terms of improvement to the legislative process, the majority leader recommends more time for debating bills and looking at all the angles of a bill. His advice for his party peers? "Keep getting involved. You'll only get out what you put in."

The House's Minority - Dorian Crawford

While the instructional sessions are guaranteed to help delegates in the future, some of their impacts are already apparent. The House of Delegates' minority leader, Zain Rahman (Henry), is one such example, inspired by Delegate Sam Rasoul's lecture. While his city's bill, which aimed to end Dominion Energy's monopoly, was not passed by his peers, Rahman and his fellow Nationalists were nonetheless pleased with the six House bills and three Senate bills that were passed. Amongst the bills discarded were Burke city's bill to decrease gas tax, raise the cigarette tax, and impose a tax on federal COVID-19 aid; that bill was nearly unanimous in its vote to discard. Additionally, the leader of the Nationalist minority expressed his pleasure in the Bradley bill to match the requirements to purchase a firearm from a gun show to a regular purchase; the rest of the House concurred with Rahman despite some debating over how long a waiting period should be. During the intense legislature session, Rahman was working hand-in-hand with the majority leader to ensure bipartisan support. This incredible cooperation had many delegates noting how unified the House was, with only a couple of bills needing a second vote. His advice for his peers and delegates? "Enjoy every single moment we have. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

With the gubernatorial election today, the future governor and his cabinet will be busy writing legislation. This means another round for the House and Senate. Such are the gears of democracy, and such is Boys State. Full speed ahead.

Colleges for College Day

- <u>Albright College</u>
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bluefield College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- Catawba College
- <u>Chowan University</u>
- <u>Christopher Newport University</u>
- College of Charleston
- <u>Concord University</u>
- <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

- Randolph Macon College
- <u>Regent University</u>
- <u>Roanoke College</u>
- Shenandoah University
- <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
- University of Rochester
- <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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Friday, 24 JUN 2022 from 3:00-5:00 p.m

Peculiar Policies Improved Public Transportation By Dorian Crawford

Public transportation needs to improve. It's got some good benefits; it looks cool, but it needs to shift its focus. Rather than using more traditional methods like "rail lines," or "buses," we should instead look towards the blue sky - we should bring in blimps. Now the counterargument is obvious, but the Hindenburg was, probably, just an outlier. The technology involved in filling up and riding in a really large balloon has dramatically improved since the early 20th century when that tragedy, and the even worse tragedy of writing off blimps, occurred. Frankly, just imagine this: majestic helium-filled sky-whales soaring across the heavens, delivering our citizens to wherever they desire.

There's little infrastructure needed; trains need tracks, songs for laying tracks, and various other logistical nightmares, as opposed to already available airfields. There's also little traffic created since cars stay on the ground — for now. As for the cost, it's simple. The state can pay for it by selling advertisement space on the blimp. Just imagine the graceful, flamboyance, and un-subtleness of a blimp from a stadium in everyday life. Positively paradise. Finally, blimps can circumvent sea levels rising. After all, once Richmond becomes Virginia Beach and VA Beach has its comeuppance, where will the rails and roads be? Either underwater or desperately



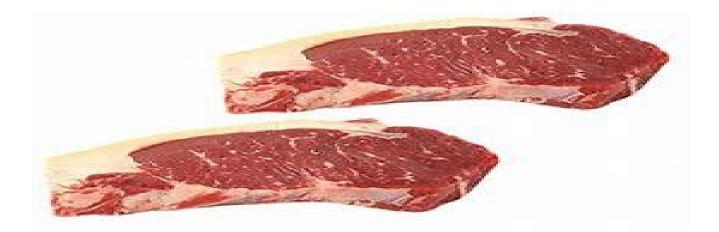
clinging to life. The new and improved zeppelins will be high and dry. Blimps are brilliant, dear reader, and we should switch all public transportation to this superior system and its associated benefits. Also, it'll create jobs probably.

Marshall v. Nimitz Beef Settled By Clay Topping

Throughout our time here at Boys' State, there has been one rivalry that has outstood the rest, and that is Marshall v Nimitz. However, one event transpired that settled all of the tensions. Yesterday we had party nominations for the three main sought-after positions, during these nominations Marshall became the bigger man and campaigned and rallied for Nimitz Governor nominee Trent Mcmiller. Which ultimately ended up winning him the Nomination for governor.

The real question we are all wondering is what's next? Will there be any more insults thrown in daily roll call? The answer is no, any and all tensions is settled between the two cities. Anyone running for an office position should be advised to get these two powerhouse cities to mark their name on the ballots when we vote by the end of today.

All things considered, it was an unnecessary and fun rivalry that for most will be unforgettable. Marshall's response, "We love Nimitz." Said City Mayor, Luke Schools (Marshall). If that doesn't signify true brotherhood I don't know what does. These boys are a force to be reckoned with, and they alone will determine the upcoming elections through their charm and charisma.



Underdog Story Complete An Overview of James City Basketball By Quentin Mankin

The third and final day of the Boys State basketball tournament concluded on Wednesday. An unexpected team was crowned champion in the Radford Recreation Center. After two intense quarterfinal games that took place on Tuesday, both James City and Burke City walked into the gym prepared and ready to battle for the title. James City beat MacArthur and Marshall en route to the championship. On the other hand, Burke City has defeated Nimitz and Bradley in pursuit of the championship ring. Nonetheless, both teams fought their way to the final match and they deserved to be there. Burke City featured many amazing players and played great team basketball as they ran through the bracket to meet James City in the title match. More notably, James City had a plethora of talent ranging from shot-creating big men to lockdown, defensive-minded guards. James City had multiple players that came off of the bench and played big roles in the city's championship run. Marcus Jordan, a lengthy power forward, played excellent defense and showed true grit with his rebounding efforts throughout the tournament.

Tuesday's MVP, Nate "Baby Jokic" Thompson, suffered a minor non-related knee injury at the flag lowering ceremony on Tuesday evening that left his title game participation in a questionable state. Small forward Ethan Hudgins was moved into the starting lineup for the final game as he has been serving as a reserve for the majority of the tournament. Hudgins' strong fundamentals were a great addition to the team's city lineup along with his phenomenal touch around the hoop and high motor which allowed him to make plays in transition. James City's

guards continued to display an aggressive style on defense. James City's backcourt utilized a full-court press tactic that showed efficiency by flustering opposing ball handlers all week.

As the minute hand on the clock struck 3:30 in the afternoon and the political party conventions were adjourned, both cities set their sights on holding up the championship trophy in the coming hours. James City has shown the ability to start hot throughout the tournament and



that was not any different in the championship game. James City won the tipoff and got out to an early lead. James was able to maintain the lead the entire game because of their bench depth and high energy. Burke City was able to close the gap in the race to 21 and drew the score to 20-17. Only needing one more bucket to secure the title, James City passed the ball to 6' 3" power forward, James Pilot.

He gathered the basketball at the top of the key and began his dribble. After a hard screen from guard Isaish Henley, Pilot drove into the paint and drained a contested layup to seal the deal for James City. Pilot was a key factor in James City's success. The stretch four was a leader and staple for James City. His defensive leadership and facilitation evaluated the team to the championship. The floor general also has an elite vertical which allows him to play above the rim and grab multiple critical rebounds throughout the tournament. In his post-game interview, when Pilot was asked what NBA player he believes he is most comparable to, he responded, "Anthony Davis because of his defensive upside and elite rebounding." He also mentioned that it felt great to win the title and give back to James City. Pilot also stated, "I am proud of the team, our effort, and brotherhood. . . After all, basketball is a team sport." James Pilot accredited the team's success to the execution of their secret play named after their faithful city sheriff Damien "Donagen" Johnson. The Boys' Daily Championship Most Valuable Player goes to James City's starting power forward, James Pilot, who showed tremendous leadership and poise during the tournament which led his team to the top of the podium.



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