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“A SCREECH OF FREEDOM”

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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Meet The Mayors...

BRADLEY: Tyler Thompson | **BURKE:** Luke Williams | **EISENHOWER:** Matthew Lee | **GRAVELY:** Connor Koehr | **HENRY:** Nolan Green | **JAMES:** Jack Sutherland | **MACARTHUR:** Ethan Salayon | **MARSHALL:** Zeven King | **NIMITZ:** Nathan Carbot | **PATTON:** Benjamin B. | **PULLER:** Camden Langridge | **WASHINGTON:** Ryan Castillan



A full list of all General Assembly members will be published on Issue 4 of the Boys State Chronicle.
Stay tuned!



**VOTE
FOR**

NICHOLAS ~~PAGE~~
FOR ~~BOYSTATE GOVERNOR~~
SONG
BOYS STATE GOVERNOR

May the Parties Convene!

Nationalist Convention

A superior convention took place last night in Preston Bondurant at the nationalist convention. Music was played, elections were held, and crusting was discussed. Some candidates were victorious in their quest to run for nomination, but many were not. In spite of this struggle for power, the party grew in strength with strong candidates elected or nominated for the State Party Chair and Attorney General positions.

Some speeches held in the Nationalist Convention pushed boundaries; some were humorous while others were more serious. Still every candidate, elected or not, should be proud of themselves for trying. One candidate said wisely, "I'd rather be the fool that tries 1,000 times and fails than the fool that fails to try at all."

Eli Kopp - *Burke City*
Silas Green - *Nimitz City*



Federalist Convention

Last night at the Federalist's convention, the party elected a State Party Chair and nominated a candidate for attorney general. The Federalist party also decided on its platform and proposed planks, such as higher quality toilet paper and access to the Radford gym. A.D. Carter of Burke City was elected as State Party Chair for the Federalists and Austin Clayton of MacArthur was nominated as the Attorney General of the party.



VOTE FOR



JACKSON JONES



If only I
had
Jackson
Jones...

ATTORNEY

GENERAL

**DONT TAKE COUNSEL FROM YOUR
FEARS TAKE COUNSEL FROM
JACKSON INSTEAD**



“Ut Prosim” - That May I Serve

MacPhearson Strassberg - Bradley City

On Monday, the Boys State citizens of Bradley and Burke Cities were honored by a speech from Chris Obenshain, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. He attended Bridgewater College, receiving a major in political science. He started his heartfelt speech by discussing Virginia Tech’s Latin motto “Ut Prosim,” translating to “That May I Serve.” Mr. Obenshain grandfather attended Virginia Tech, served in the military, and later became a professor at Virginia Tech. Mr. Obenshain described his grandfather’s actions as his “inspiration” for his actions and Virginia Tech’s motto as his personal mantra as Mr. Obenshain believes that his true calling in life job in life is to serve his friends, family, community, state, and nation.



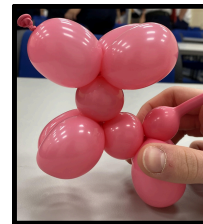
Mr. Obenshain then described his 15+ years serving in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. In tandem with his desire to serve, his driving mindset while in the military, and later in politics, was how “I can protect freedom now and for future generations.” This desire for the betterment of future generations is clear in his laws and policies. Mr. Obenshain is a strong advocate for quality and accessible education as he believes education is the key to a bright future.

Mr. Obenshain also believes in “working across the aisle” and is a strong advocate for bipartisanship. He stated that in a divided House of Delegates and Senate, compromise is the only way to make progress. Laws that he proposed such as HB 1542, which fights against child abuse, received unanimous support and were signed into law. He is also a member of the bipartisan Veteran Caucus, which meets weekly to discuss veteran affairs. In conclusion, Obenshain’s message of service, his desire to protect American freedom, and his love for bipartisan support clearly resonated with the citizens of Bradley and Burke. This speech will stick with the Boys State citizens as they run for office and long after they leave Radford.

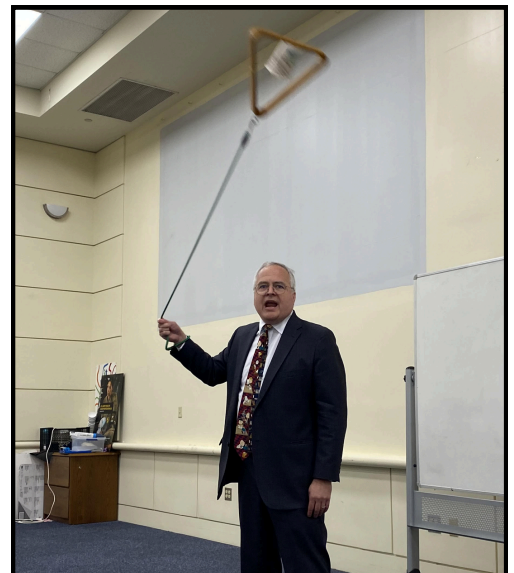
The “Commonwealth Attorney Bobby Lily” Show

Nathan Benyame - Gravelly City

To a captive audience of Gravelly and Puller citizens, the Honorable Bobby Lily, Commw. Atty. for Giles County, demonstrated statistical preference - key in the job of prosecution - accurately guessing which of four numbered envelopes citizens would take (choosing 2, 1, and 3 respectively) which all contained the word “YOURS”, as he proudly opened the envelope No. 4, marked “MINE”. The Honorable Attorney discussed the process of Plea Agreement, and the passion for which he tries to provide support as he can to victims of the case and their families, even when he has “cleared the papers”.



In the final five minutes, The Honorable took a pink balloon, inflating it and shaping it into a little balloon dog as a metaphor for how we citizens could be molded and shaped like the balloon. As a magic trick, after jokingly giving some commands to the little balloon dog, he popped it, put its pieces into a little “doggy bag”, popped *that* bag, and pulled out the SAME balloon, sending the room into ecstatic applause. After that, he took a cup of water and a rope and triangle, swinging it in a circle without a single drop spilling, as a metaphor for how we should maintain motivation as each month of high school and furthermore passes on.



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YOSIAH FOR GOVERNOR

The Federalist Joke

| Opinion

Anthony Xu - *Patton City*

Boys State has more than proved its worth in the three days we have been there. There *is* value in “faith and country.” There *is* value in a traditional, hands-on, no-coddling education. Each successive speaker worked to further unravel the platitudes that reflect complex reality. Attitude and effort *will* be the two most magical tools in your life. Partisanship is *mostly* a phantom of the media. Do not waver in love for our nation against the contrast of Thomas-More-land. Crimes are a construct of those willing to prosecute and defend them into existence.

My stirring spiel is over: the Tuesday Federalist Convention was a joke. Discussion of party planks devolved into a back and forth, “we need to pass legislation for thicker toilet paper!” This statement would receive raucous applause—only to turn into boos as someone points out that “manly men use toilet paper purchased from the lowest bidder.” This cycle continued for 30-something minutes.

Add in a faulty microphone, and people were quickly booing or cheering for nothing at all. Things did not improve for the attorney general nomination. Three candidates ran on erection jokes. The impetus behind one’s candidacy was pursuit of pornography. A successful campaign sprung out of a skit on red hair (the Federalists are red, get it?). One candidate promised to take after Saul Goodman, a lawyer from the hit TV shows *Better Call Saul* and *Breaking Bad*. Surely, this would be something on Saul’s enterprising attitude or energizing elocution. The candidate preceded to describe Saul’s meth-selling career.

To say that this convention, the capstone to three days of work, was disappointing would be an understatement. However, it’s not over yet. Federalist Party, do not be disheartened. As many counselors will attest, even the most austere Boys States of yonder will dash all decorum as they pass through the convention halls. They eventually realized their power and potential. We can too. Be better.

Diddy City: The Dryer Incident

with permission from the according mayor and sheriff

Shatique Willis - *Henry City*

Rumor has been circulating throughout both the Radford campus and the Boys State program regarding some rather suspect incidents. Leaked footage stemmed from an anonymous hall has left Boys State citizens mouths open and jaws on the floor (no Diddy). Seen in the video is an unknown dorm’s washing machine and dryer hanging wide open with a small heap of clothing inside. What kind of clothing do you ask? -- UNDERWEAR! And what was so suspect about the underwear? BROWN, SUSPECT, DIDDY-LIKE STAINS splattered across the underwear’s interior.

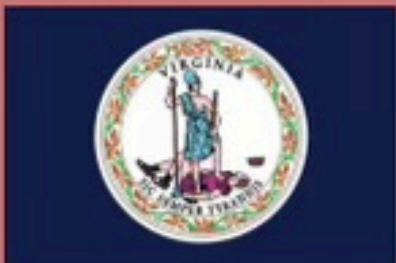
It’s unknown who, where, why, or how this happened, but the appearance has sparked much entertaining controversy along with mystery of who the culprits may be behind this suspicious scandal. However, it’s probably just old laundry leftover by past students; but in the off chance that it’s not... just remember that there ain’t no party like a Diddy Party.





ELECT

AARON LOPEZ



**FOR BOYS STATE
GOVERNOR**

The Best Speech of Virginia Boys State?

Anthony Xu - Patton City

Perhaps the best speech of Boys State was given by the Honorable Attorney General of Virginia Jason Miyares on Tuesday afternoon. I am not afraid to say that I cried during the speech. It struck a chord within me—each point a music note.

On a personal level, his life story reminded me of my own father. Mr. Miyares' mother fled communist Cuba penniless. My father, in the '90s, undertook the challenging task of learning English as a 33-year-old Chinese person to study in America. At the time, he was making only 20 USD a month. His concern when going through the college application process was not tuition—it was the application fee. Because of that, I today have the opportunity to participate in things like Virginia Boys State.

I want to tie that into another point that Mr. Miyares made: modern America is not floundering. It is still a land of opportunity and optimism—no, not even that. America is on the upswing. Gen Z is doing better economically than generations past. With all of the conflict in the world, the American dollar is tightening its grip on the financial system (US banknotes held in reserve are down but transactions are up). Education is more accessible than ever and our generation is all the better for it. It is our responsibility to ensure that we take this optimism to heart. After all, it is our generation that has abandoned democracy. According to a Washington Post Survey, 19 and 28 percent of Gen Z believe that a dictatorship “could be good” or that “it makes no difference,” respectively.

There are other, just as existential points made by Mr. Miyares (though they might be more boring). Chevron deference has seen numerous challenges in the past years. It relates to the EPA and climate change, the FDA and abortion medication, NOAA and fishing. Almost every aspect of American life is indirectly affected by Chevron deference.

The takeaway? Try to learn the *real*, intimate workings of America. The hopes, possible solutions, and idiosyncrasies often surface or sort themselves out when you do so.

The Honorable Attorney General Jason Miyares

Nathan Benyame - Gravelly City

On the third day of Virginia Boys State, the Honorable Jason Miyares, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, arrived to deliver his praises of the blessings of the liberties granted by the United States. He instilled into the minds of each citizen the belief that each person in Boys State is graced by God with the gift of being born in America, and that anything is possible. During his thrilling address to a crowd of enthralled citizens, Miyares reiterated his exigence: Us boys at Boys State will live among the 1% of people to have ever lived in true democracies. He urged each “future leader” to emerge from Boys State remembering a few maxims:

I: Each of you has an intrinsic value; a purpose.

II: Faith will keep you grounded.

III: The importance of Family supplants any job position in the world.

IV: Never let praise get to your head or criticism to your heart.

V: America is the only country founded upon Philosophy, not History.

Miyares was introduced by Mr. Stein who went into the Attorney General's background, as the son of an immigrant Mother from Cuba that arrived at America's doorstep “penniless and homeless”, settling in Virginia, where she had and raised a young Jason. A product of the Virginia Public School system, Miyares went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the William and Mary School of Law. After serving three terms in the Virginia House of Delegates (2015-21), Miyares was elected Attorney General of the Commonwealth.



FREE

AYAAN AHMED

FOR GOVERNOR



FREE AYAAN

**WE DO NOT
DESERVE THIS
“CRUSTYNESS”**

Bring back free speech at conventions!!!

Pro two ply and pro gym

Grassroots

Joey Schlatter - *MacArthur City*

Since the turn of the 20th century, the political scene has been infested by talking heads who, while on the surface may seem well-meaning and benign, are ultimately wry with malignancy and insincerity, and are frequently the victims of nepotism; many are the children of conceited, wealthy moguls who will blindly fund any project their child chooses to undertake. Kirk Cox, a former high school government teacher and former Speaker of the House of Delegates, vowed to be different by the time he had entered politics, as he adopted a relatively independent, self-organized, and crowdfunded ethos to his politics that was characterized by his genuine and solicitous demeanor, his attempts to connect with anyone and his resilience in advocating for the common man.

As mentioned in yesterday's instructional session, Cox managed to build that image by starting from the ground up, beginning as a high school teacher and rising up in local politics by being successfully elected to the 66th District of the House of Delegates in 1989, a feat achieved by acquiring support from those within the town of Colonial Heights, meeting with various significant figures such as George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and others, and held that position whilst instigating his initiative to assist with the community



Photo Credit: Joey Schlatter

As the years progressed and Cox's public profile expanded further, he continued his dive into local philanthropic endeavors as well as continuing to climb the political ladder while strictly working within the state of Virginia, organizing charitable events and sponsoring other general-purpose events, all the while remaining in his post as a member of the 66th District of the House of Delegates, which was the fuel that propelled many of his efforts to reimburse his supporters. Eventually, in 2017, and after decades of supporting local communities with every ounce of his being, his efforts paid off when he was sworn in as the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, a position he held until he decided to endeavor on his campaign for Virginia governor and continued utilizing his working-class appeal to stay in the running, yet unfortunately came short of winning in fourth place; despite that, Cox still had the respect of thousands of Americans, especially Virginians, and is a rare exception in which a politician managed to transcend their political stance and "reach across the aisle" in Cox's own words, touching the lives of all who have been within his grace.

Boys State Band

MacPhearson Strassberg - *Bradley City*

One of the biggest commitments a citizen can make during Boys State is joining the band. With two multi-hour long practice sessions to prepare and practice together per day, it is a great bonding experience for its members (even if they have to sacrifice some sleep and free time). So far, the band has performed fantastic renditions of military service songs, the American Legion March, and religious tunes. The band also excelled at the flag lowering ceremony yesterday, playing All Star and Funkytown. Kevin Kim of Gravley City has called their performances "inspiring and heartfelt," a sentiment echoed by the rest of the Boys State citizens. All of the Boys State citizens eagerly await the band's next performance. The band would like to extend thanks to the passionate and talented Christopher Fens for his support and mentorship!



VOTE

AARYA RAJASHEKARA FOR LIEUTENANT GOV



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BY THE
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**I VOW TO LEAD THE SENATE
AND AID THE GOVERNOR
SUCCESSFULLY**

I WILL ENSURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

Sports Tournaments Continue on...

Nicholas Hourihan - Washington City & Cole McConnell - Puller City

Volleyball is one of the most high-flying and energetic sports there is. After Tuesday's games, the competition was narrowed down to the final 8 cities. For cities with first round byes, Tuesday was the first time competing. McConnell asked Puller City citizen, Blake Tidwell, the question, "What do you enjoy about volleyball?" Tidwell responded, "The teamwork and team bonding that happen between the city, and overcoming challenges such as having to warm-up/practice on a racquetball court are things I enjoy." In terms of the bracket, Puller lost to Bradley which means they are officially eliminated.

On the contrary, flag football, and soccer had to have their brackets reset from yesterday. A dominant team was Patton, won against Patton 20 to 6 in flag football, and Patton playing again, but this time winning against Marshall 8 to 6. Nicholas Hourihan interviewed the group of Eisenhower players and asked, "In the game, what are some characteristics that Eisenhower lack compared to Patton that lead to this loss?" Eisenhower replied, "Patton had better chemistry, and the quarterback communicated better to their wide receivers." Patton goes on to add to their notoriety when the Marshall team was interviewed stating, "Patton showed unsportsmanlike hostility from 2 individuals." contributed their victory to "better chemistry, and believing in God" All of the sports teams played diligently and with spirit. Hopefully tomorrow's sports activities will be just as exhilarating and competitive. In soccer, Gravely won over Bradley 2 to 1, and Burke won over Nimitz 2 to 1.



Sudoku

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			3					2
	4				6			



VOTE

CAIDEN THOMPSON

Vote right for lieutenant Governor

WITH ME YOU ARE FIRST PRIORITY

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"Be for the people, not for the position"
-Mark Reinoso, Nationalist - Burke City

