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MAYORS AND STATE BOARD HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR EACH CITY



FEDERALIST RALLY GETS ROWDY



Rallies for both the Nationalist and Federalist parties took place last night. Nominees for each of the statewide positions gave their speeches to gain the support of the voters in their parties.

The Federalists Rally began with speeches given by candidates for Attorney General. While some candidates gave the typical political spiel of background and experience, others decided to take unorthodox approaches. This proved to be a major trend for night.

Lt. Governor candidates started off timid in their speeches, but gradually, the methods for gaining support quickly catered to the crowd. Whatever riled up the crowd the most proved to be the best approach to gaining support. Methods for support gradually adapted during Lt. Governor speeches, but ended up chaotic during the Governor speeches.

Candidates for Governor fought hard to prove their loyalty to not only their city, but to their state, and their country. While some candidates stuck to shouting and typical speeches, most gained support by reflecting their true beliefs and values. Values which were repeatedly brought up in order to revive crowds included gun rights, patriotism, and policies which would benefit the commonwealth by allotting for more relaxed uniform codes and more opportunities for sleep.

The questions were very diverse ranging from very political to very unserious and goofy questions (such as many federalists chanting for a twerk off). All of the candidates had their own unique traits. Most were very outgoing and very loud. On the other hand some were a little bit more quiet. Overall all the citizens brought amazing energy to the speeches and chose to hype all of the candidates up

CAMPAIGN REBORN By Koby Shnekendorf

What began as a promising campaign for Attorney General quickly turned into one of the most unusual stories of this year's Boys State elections. John Kamireddy, who had been collecting signatures, discovered Tuesday that his petition sheet had disappeared after he left his backpack during breakfast. The missing petition threatened to end his campaign before it had even begun.

"I left my bag on the chair with my fully finished petition on it. I went to grab seconds, and when I came back, my folder had been opened and my petition was gone."

Rather than give up, John set out to rebuild his candidacy from scratch. Within hours, he collected nearly 80 new signatures despite a packed schedule and competitive election environment.

"It was a big challenge, but I really want to shout out to all the great guys who went around for me and helped me get back in the race. They knew they didn't want dishonest tampering in the election to affect the outcome, and they made it happen." Despite gathering enough signatures, election officials ruled that several on the replacement petition were illegible, leaving him short of the requirement to appear on the Attorney General ballot.

"It was honestly a shock. I waited for all the Attorney General candidates to be called, and when I didn't get anything I was super confused. I went up to ask, and all they said was my signatures didn't count. Definitely not the best way to go."

Instead of leaving the race entirely, John redirected his efforts and announced a campaign for the Supreme Court, allowing him to remain active in Boys State government.

"I'm super interested in law and argumentation, which is why I'm treasurer of the debate club at my school. Obviously I wanted to be Attorney General, but I think my talents will be put to equally good use on the Supreme Court serving all of Boys State in this different but equally important capacity." As elections continue, John's experience is a reminder that campaigns can change quickly—and that perseverance can be as memorable as victory.

CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE

Name: Olli Bober
Party: Federalist
City: MacArthur
Running For: Governor

Olli Bober didn't come to Boys State planning to run for Governor. Yet a day in, something changed. Disappointed with the lack of campaigners he felt to be genuine candidates, Bober organized a last-minute campaign and whipped together 77 signatures in nearly a single morning. He also plans to support a platform written by the Federalist citizens if he wins the gubernatorial primaries to truly represent the people. "I don't want to push them to either side," he said. "I hope we can have a great election, and whoever wins will govern well."

Profile by Jacob Miller



Name: Elias Bowes
Party: Nationalist
Prospective Position: Governor

Elias Bowes is a Nationalist candidate running for the position of Boys State governor. The Boys State Sentry sat down with him to discuss his vision for the state, his legislative goals, and some of the lighter moments from his city so far. He shared that he believes in fostering a meaningful connection among the Federalist and Nationalist parties. He focuses his campaign on serving the people at Boys State and offering them an optimal daily experience.



Name: Kayyib Ali
Party: Federalist
Prospective Position: Attorney General

"I want to run for attorney general because I believe that the power of the law belongs to the people"
"I think it's important to go out into the community and understand the people that you represent, understand their ideas, and adopt them for representation in the court of law." As attorney general Kayyib wants to make sure that boys' state citizens' freedoms and liberties are protected, and any attack on those values would be treated with the utmost importance.



CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE

FEDERALIST GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE OUTLINES VIRGINIA-FIRST PLATFORM BY: RYAN JOHNSON

During a recent interview, Federalist Party gubernatorial candidate Jack McCraw of Pershing City emphasized a platform centered on putting Virginians first. Running under the motto, “Virginia First, Virginia Strong,” Mr. McCraw stated that his campaign is to focus on supporting working-class families through tax reform and the expansion of educational opportunities.

Among his key proposals lies the intention of reducing the burden on lower- and middle-income Virginians while simultaneously increasing taxes on the state’s wealthiest residents to help fund education initiatives, including affordable trade-skill programs. He also voiced support for Second Amendment rights, arguing that citizens should retain the right to bear arms while advocating for thorough background checks to promote public safety. Finally, regarding the future of the 83rd annual Boys State of Virginia Conference, Jack said he has spoken with numerous participants about ways to improve the program. If elected, he claims that he would support policies aimed at increasing free time and providing participants with more opportunities for rest, emphasizing a commitment to representing the interests of Boys State citizens.

Throughout the interview, Jack described himself as a candidate dedicated to serving Virginians and prioritizing the concerns of everyday citizens over outside influences. If the information above speaks to you, consider voting Mr. Jack McCraw of Pershing City for governor on this upcoming Thursday, June 24th.



JACK MCGRAW



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OLA IS RUNNING ON A STRONG MESSAGE OF UNITY. HE STRIVES TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT HE IS ALL IN FOR EVERY BOY AT BOYS STATE. OLA DOES NOT WANT TO SIMPLY REPRESENT EVERYONE, BUT EMPOWER THEM THROUGH CONNECTION, ENGAGEMENT, AND PARTICIPATION.

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Gavin Williamson plans to improve the systems that run Boys State and plans to get every city on the same page. He wishes to dispel disunity among delegates in the legislature as the Nationalist candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Gavin is a citizen of Gravelly City and has worked to bring the city together. He has been befriending people since day one, and he wants to make sure that the people at Boys State are represented and having a great time.



**AUSTIN
BUSTILLOS**

Opinion piece by James Reed “The Mess That Is American Healthcare

As part of the Samsung-American Legion Scholarship applications, applicants were invited to consider a conversation with an original signer of the Declaration of Independence. After briefly reading an inexhaustive list of Founding Fathers, I settled on the often overlooked but intriguing Dr. Benjamin Rush. Rush was not only one of the youngest signers, aged 30 in 1776, but he was also an incredibly progressive politician, educator, and physician. As an 18th century man, Rush promoted the abolition of slavery, (limited) women’s rights, the reformation of the colonial penal system, nationwide dissolution of capital punishment, and free public schools, none of which would be achieved until the Civil War or later. In addition, he published the first American treatise on the causes and effects of mental illness. Rush trailblazed the idea that addiction was a disease, one that could be cured through medical treatment, rather than a punishment from God, as was commonly assumed at the time. In addition to scholarly literature and political activism, Rush endangered his own life fighting the 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic, alongside free black men and women whom he determined had a higher resistance to the disease. As a prominent medical thinker, enlightenment man, and survivor of an epidemic that killed upward of a tenth of the population of Philadelphia, Rush would struggle with the idea that, in the contemporary United States, the fact that 18% of working age, gainfully employed Americans were not offered health insurance (Galvin, Deborah), especially in a society where a simple prescription drug for a common condition can cost upwards of \$500. In 2026, the federal government allocated 948 *billion dollars* towards the Department

Sic Semper Tyrannis is the basis of Austin’s Campaign. He is running for Attorney General to kick tyrants out of office. He hopes to push past party politics and keep the legislature fair for all. Austin is a member of the Federalist Party and a man that works with the people. He is from Gravelly City and a man that has been at the forefront of city leadership since day one. "I believe in you. Every card in the deck belongs to a suit as every citizen belongs to a city, but we all belong in the same deck."



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The General Assembly and What it Does - Camden Newby

With legislative sessions slated to begin today, and Delegate and Senate elections happening this morning, one must ask themselves “what does the General Assembly actually do?”

According to the constitution of Virginia, “The authority of the General Assembly shall extend to all subjects of legislation” (Constitution of Virginia, Article IV - Section 14). So what does that mean? Essentially, the General Assembly will draft, debate, and pass legislation to solve issues that their constituents face. Alas, diving below the surface, we see that representatives also caucus, review, and improve their legislation by collaborating and working together with others.

With many delegates going to be holding positions in the General Assembly, some may ask themselves how they can get involved, even if they weren't elected. Talk to your representatives! Make your position known and make sure to vote for the candidates that fit your interests! And representatives, listen to your constituents, they are the ones that allowed you to hold this position and you don't want to let them down.

Band Interviews:

The Boys State Band has been consistently bringing together young talented musicians from across the sixteen cities to play music for numerous events. They have begun to mesh and work together wonderfully as the days go by and will continue to improve. Their songs Tuesday morning during the religious service were nice to hear. To gather opinions from inside the band I have gotten two members to give their opinion on the proceedings.

Nathan Karas is a member of the band and is a percussionist. He is from Stafford in Northern Virginia. In particular he plays a bass drum. He has played the drums for around 3 years. His favorite part of his participation so far has been playing more relevant and fun songs such as Mr Blue Sky. The levels of experience vary greatly, but he believes that this is a positive thing that is allowing less experienced musicians to work with higher level musicians and all grow together.

Hunter Fracis is another member of the Boys State band. He plays the trumpet in the brass section. He is a Charlottesville native and has been playing the trumpet for roughly 5 years. He also plays the piano. His favorite aspect of the band so far has been learning new challenging music while surrounded by talented musicians from all around the commonwealth. His favorite piece so far has been playing Mr Blue Sky and the other more modern songs.



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CANDIDATE NOTICES - DAILY SCOOP



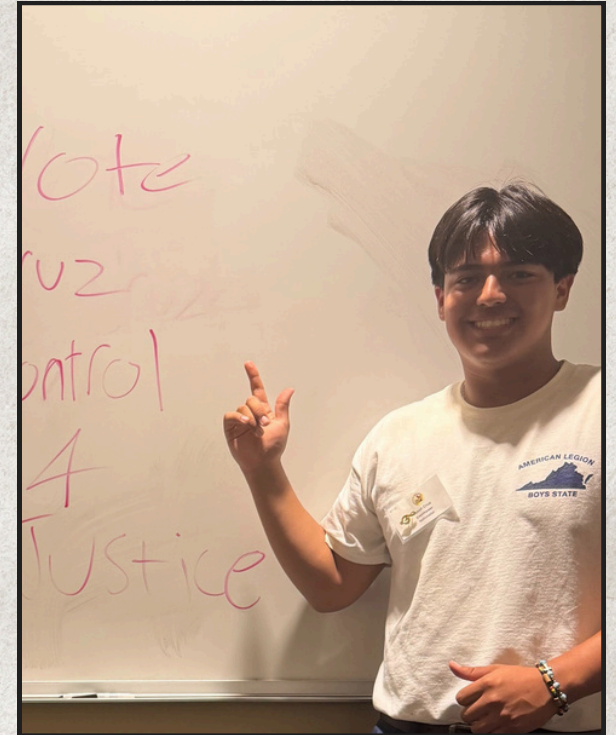
Bo Sampson -

Bokre "Bo" Samson is somehow running for Lieutenant Governor while also building robots and taking engineering classes. Sources say he's focused on safety, healthcare, and education, but honestly, we're still trying to figure out when he finds time to do all of that and sleep. Unlike most candidates, Bo isn't chasing votes with flashy stunts or over-the-top campaign tactics. Instead, he's sticking to being himself and letting his personality do the campaigning for him. It's a bold strategy in a world full of slogans and promises, but it's definitely got people talking. Whether it's building robots, advocating for his three key issues, or balancing an already packed schedule, Bo seems determined to make his mark. We look forward to hearing your speech and learning more about your vision. Best of luck, Bo. We can't wait to see what you have to say.



Dylan Hancock -

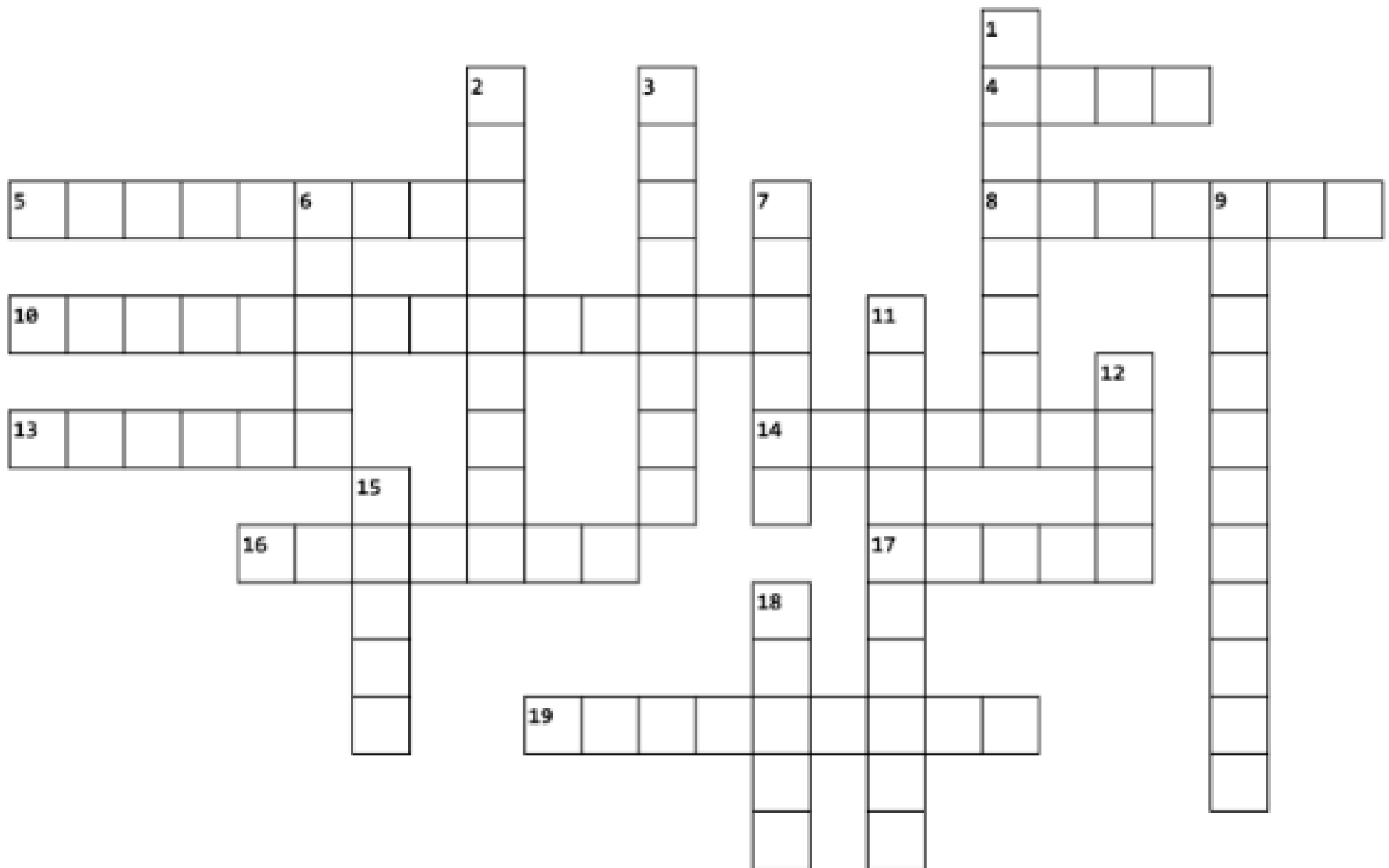
Dylan Hancock is a candidate for governor and says he has a plan to make life more affordable for every American. Free tuition? Lower costs? Suddenly everyone's paying attention. But while students are already spending their imaginary tuition savings, others are asking the question of the day: where exactly is all this money coming from? Dylan says higher taxes on the rich will help fund it, but the public is definitely waiting for the full explanation and maybe a presentation, too. No pressure, Dylan. We believe in you, and we're looking forward to hearing the rest of the plan.



Jason Cruz (Attorney General) -

Tired of candidates shouting for the spotlight? Jason Cruz believes true leadership starts with listening. His "Cruz Control for Justice" platform focuses on replacing passive instructional speeches with unified city learning time and team building, while fighting to lower future tuition costs through expanded dual-enrollment. If you want to cruise through Boys State and your post graduation career, vote Jason Cruz for Attorney General.

Boys State Crossword #2



Across

- 4. Chess corner piece
- 5. Boys State sport often played in PE class
- 8. Knicks guard
- 10. French "I" of FIBA
- 13. Namesake suit of partnered card game
- 14. Winningest NFL franchise
- 16. USMNT star
- 17. Bump, set
- 19. Target number in a casino game

Down

- 1. Peg-based card game featuring 15 and 31
- 2. Cue ball game
- 3. Ping-pong movie star
- 6. MLB home run leader
- 7. Olympic swimmer with most gold medals
- 9. Badminton target
- 11. Ceiling-facing swimming form
- 12. Richmond tennis hero Arthur
- 15. US Open champion Wyndham
- 18. Poker pot

BY: JACOB MILLER

DAILY FOOD REVIEW



BREAKFAST

Today's breakfast featured the usual lineup of eggs, bacon, and bagels, all of which got the job done without making any headlines. The real stars were the cinnamon roll casserole and biscuits with gravy, which added some much-needed excitement to the morning menu and quickly became crowd favorites. While the classics were solid, the extra offerings helped turn an ordinary breakfast into a surprisingly enjoyable start to the day! We here at the Boys State Sentry rate this breakfast **8.5/10!**

LUNCH

Lunch today was controversial to say the least. Alas, many questioned the reasoning for the boxed lunches due to the no-show of the Attorney General, but the humble offerings definitely packed a punch! Many people thought that the sandwiches were light and refreshing with the inclusion of the lettuce for greenery, alongside the cheese and meat to craft a nice, well rounded entree. However, the sides were highly contested in the eyes of many. Delegates cited the lack of healthy options and the high carb and fat content of the cookies and chips. With all of that said, the controversial opinions and the lack of variety gives the rating a **6/10**.

DINNER

Even more hotly contested than lunch, we have dinner. If any have noticed, every day there has been a pasta station in the back of the dining hall, but today, the pasta took the spotlight! Disregarding the snap peas — because who eats greens anymore? — the pasta, sauce, cheese, bread, and meat combo was incredibly versatile with sweet and savory flavors contrasted with a rich and fluffy cheesecake that places this dinner near the top of the ranks in my opinion. On the contrary, some argued that “the sauce was at least 50% oil and had no flavor!” Others again highlighted the large inclusion of carb heavy items and rate this dinner very poorly. Nevertheless, with some personal bias included, I rate this dinner an **8/10!**