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GOVERNOR'S FIRST BILLS FACE LEGISLATIVE DEBATE

Cabinet Introduces First Five Bills

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Legislative Debate and Impeachment Discussion

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Evening Update

During Friday evening announcements, Boys State officials clarified the fate of the impeachment motion. The proposal, it was revealed, had been submitted informally on a single sheet of paper, outside the established legislative process required for such a motion. As a result, it was ruled invalid and dismissed before any formal proceedings could take place.

Despite the bills addressing Boys State improvements exclusively, delegates consulted by this reporter largely viewed them favorably, expressing either support or a desire to see them implemented in some form. The decision now rests with the Senate and the House, who must weigh the merits of the legislation against the absence of any real-world policy component.



This information was provided and reviewed by members of both the House and Senate representing multiple cities.



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COLLEGE DAY AT BOYS STATE



College Day

Yesterday afternoon, the citizens of Boys State attended College Day at the Kirk Athletic Center. Universities and service academies from all over the country came to share information about education, campus life, financial aid, and what to expect for life after high school. This opportunity was valued and appreciated by many people at Boys State this year.

It was nice to hear what everyone learned at college day, and it was great to see what people took away from the experience. Events like these are absolutely a critical part in what makes Boys State so special to so many people.



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BOYZ II MEN

BY: RYAN JOHNSON

The final day of Virginia Boys State's 83rd Annual Conference was filled with reflection, celebration, and excitement for the future as delegates wrapped up a week of leadership, government, and new experiences.

The day began with breakfast and the traditional flag-raising ceremony before delegates gathered for parade practice ahead of the closing events. Throughout the morning, students heard from guest speakers who shared valuable lessons about leadership, public service, and the importance of staying involved in their communities.

One of the last major activities of the conference was a moot court case, *Commonwealth v. Swift*, which focused on a polysubstance drug mixture involving marijuana and cocaine. Delegates watched legal arguments unfold and gained a deeper understanding of how the judicial system handles complex cases.

Later in the day, parents and family members arrived for the formal closing ceremony. Delegates had the opportunity to celebrate everything they had accomplished during the week while sharing the experience with their loved ones. The ceremony marked the end of an unforgettable journey that challenged participants to step outside their comfort zones, develop leadership skills, and learn more about Virginia's government.

The evening ended with city-wide celebrations as delegates spent one final night together. Friends who had met just days earlier gathered to share stories, exchange contact information, and reflect on the memories they had created. While the conference may have come to an end, many left knowing that the friendships, lessons, and opportunities they gained at Boys State will stay with them for years to come.



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FROM PROSPECTIVE GOVERNOR TO FELON - THE DOWNFALL OF HENRY MARSHALL

BY: LEO SANDOLI



Henry Marshall, a former front runner to be the nationalist pick for governor, was recently convicted of two felonies and two misdemeanors in Jefferson City. Henry's start at Virginia boys state was promising, as he quickly reached his required 70 signatures to run for a statewide office. After giving a strong speech at the Federalist caucus, Henry still unfortunately lost the primary vote – and from there things continued down hill.

In the first trial at Jefferson City, Henry chose to defend as his attorney Declan Winchester, who was being prosecuted for crimes regarding mismanagement of the Jefferson City Barstool. After an abysmal defense statement, the trembling Declan and Henry hastily stormed out of the courtroom in a cowardly escape attempt. City Sheriff Carter Price quickly chased the two down. After being detained Henry said to the sheriff "I'll kill you." The life threatening remark along with the escape attempt led the sheriff to prosecute Henry, specifically on the grounds of obstruction of justice, and threatening the life of a law enforcement officer.

Henry was back in the courtroom on Friday, only this time he wasn't the defense attorney, he was the one being tried. During the trial things got even worse for the failed governor. Angry with how horribly his defense was going, Henry went on to make another threat, this time directed at the jury. It was also confirmed throughout the preceding that he contradicted himself multiple times, proving himself guilty of perjury.

All in all, the jury of Jefferson city found Henry Marshall guilty with Obstruction of justice, perjury, threatening the jury, threatening the life of a law enforcement – totalling 2 felonies and 2 misdemeanors. As punishment he was required to clean all the city meeting grounds and record a full 5 minute apology video, along with more consequences decided by the judge.

Unfortunately Henry seemed to have let the loss federalist in the primary set him on a downhill – a hill that started as high as nearly a governor, and rolled all the way down to a criminal and convicted felon.



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Nimitz City Wins Moot Court Championship

By Adam Paul

The Virginia Boys State Moot Court Championship concluded Friday afternoon as Nimitz City, representing the Commonwealth, defeated Henry City, representing Joseph Swift, in the final round of competition. The championship case was argued before the Boys State Supreme Court after three days of preparation and preliminary rounds.

Both teams presented well-developed legal arguments, demonstrating their understanding of appellate law, courtroom procedure, and persuasive advocacy. The justices questioned each side extensively as attorneys defended their interpretations of the law and responded to challenges from the bench.

After hearing oral arguments, the Boys State Supreme Court deliberated and delivered the final verdict during the American Legion Night where they ruled in favor of the Commonwealth, awarding Nimitz City the 2026 Moot Court Championship. The competition showcased the delegates' critical thinking, public speaking, and legal reasoning, providing one of the most hands-on and exciting experiences of the 83rd Session of Virginia Boys State.

Boys Nation

Last night Rick Oertel gave the announcement of the boys nation selection. The selection process narrowed down the entirety of the 500 plus person Virginia Boys State into four nominees. In each city counselors conducted interviews for Boys nation, where eventually only one candidate was nominated out of the entire city. From there the 16 citizens were further interviewed, specifically about the bill they would bring with them to the Boys nation as senators. And finally those 16, the four following candidates were selected.

Boys Nation representatives : Dylan Hancock & Bo Sampson

Boys Nation Alternates: Leonardo Sandoli & Mukund Marri

The four were each awarded \$2,500 from the American Boys Legion as part of the Edwin (Eddie) J. Dentz Scholarship.



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DAILY SCOOP

Congratulations, Virginia Boys State members, you made it. Somehow, despite the sleepless nights, endless campaigning, questionable decision-making, and whatever this week was... you made it. We made it.

Some of you are leaving here hoping to never think about Boys State again. Others are leaving with new friendships, new skills, and stories you'll be telling for years. We hope you're in the second group... but either way, this week has been unforgettable. It was fun, chaotic, exhausting, hilarious, and just the right amount of stupid. Even if you don't realize it now, something from this week will stick with you for the rest of your life.

Whether you learned how to lose with grace, found the confidence to speak in front of hundreds of people, tried to impeach your governor before he could even unpack, caused, or survived, a frog-related allergic reaction, stole bikes (or accidentally rode one), stole signs, ran the funniest campaigns imaginable, put on stupidly hilarious rallies, raided dorms, talked freaky to 500 other people, got the governor's phone number, promised everyone an encounter with Girls State, discovered you have a killer singing voice, showed off amazing chinese yo-yo skills, blew everyone away with your musical talent, got booed by an entire auditorium, used AI in a desperate attempt to win an election, or somehow walked away with an entire tub of ice cream... This week gave every one of us a story worth remembering.

So keep making memories like these for the rest of your lives. Maybe avoid the felonies, and if you're going to make questionable decisions... at least don't leave evidence sitting in front of another dorm.

Travel home safely, stay in touch with the friends you made, and remember: years from now, you'll probably forget who won what office, but you'll never forget the guy who got booed, the bike incident, or the mysterious disappearance of an entire tub of ice cream.

Thank you, Virginia Boys State. Class dismissed. Drive safe, make good choices... and if campus security asks, we were never here.



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DAILY FOOD REVIEW



BREAKFAST

As I've grown to expect, there was only one change to breakfast today. Waffles have officially been introduced! Sadly, they were pretty soggy, but nonetheless breakfast was filling and amazing. I'm going to miss these eggs.. Solid 7.5/10.

LUNCH

Today's lunch was the most filling lunch I think I've ever had. Personally, I was starving, grabbed a handful of fries, and proceeded to make two double patty burgers. If that wasn't enough, I then took one of the paper trays for hot dogs and then put more fries in it, pulled chicken, a slice of cheese, and made makeshift loaded fries. Absolutely amazing (try some loaded fries if you haven't). Absolute 10/10.

DINNER

The last dinner we ate at VA Boys State had mac and cheese, pulled pork, pulled chicken, and cherry and peach pie. My friends said that the pulled pork was absolutely incredible, and the mac and cheese hit just right. Not to mention, today's dinner was simply incredible with the atmosphere created by all the parents and visitors. The final food review of VA Boys State officially concludes here, and overall, I am giving them a 9/10.

Thanks you so much to the Hampden-Sydney college cafeteria staff for giving us great food to review and write about all week long!

END OF WEEK PHOTO COLLAGE



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