



Shelley Moore-Capito visits

By Jensen Kenney, Webster

United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito rose the house Sunday evening, June 12.

In the first All Citizen's Assembly of the 2016 session of Rhododendron Girls State, Director Michelle Sirbaugh proudly introduced Capito before the gathered citizens.

"Girls State is a great gathering of future female leaders," Capito said in an interview prior to the assembly.

"It's not only a great way to make new

friends, but also to teach leadership, make great future voters and possible candidates," Capito continued.

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US SENATOR VISITS - 2015 Rhododendron Girls State Governor Katie Mossburg welcomed US Senator Shelley Moore-Capito Sunday evening, June 12, while Jensen Kenney, Webster, took a few moments to interview her for the Rhododendron Daily.

Congressman McKinley says 'It's About Our Country'

By Georgia Beatty, Marion

McKinley says 'It's about our country'

White mustache finely trimmed, cerulean tie neatly fixated, hands placed firmly on the podium and jovial eyes brimming with encouragement, Congressman David McKinley delivered a profound message to the citizens of Rhododendron Girls State yesterday evening.

As one of only two engineers in a House of 243 attorneys, McKinley primarily addressed perspective and courage.

"Issues," he said, "should not be approached by a homogenous group, but by a diverse array of open minds (women included)."

This is the key to working collaboratively and successfully, according to the Congressman.

But to achieve this sought-after success, to triumph over the trials of narrow thinkers and lack of participation, one must instill in oneself the courage to emerge selflessly out of their comfort zone, just as McKinley did.

"It's not about us anymore," he said. "It's about our country... What can you do to help our country?"

To reinforce his message, Congressman McKinley looked to Irish immigrant Agnes Morrison, America's first female lawyer and a graduate of a West Virginia Law School.

Following graduation, she returned to Wheeling and repaid her community

through service and political activism.

In McKinley's eyes, Agnes wasn't preoccupied with leaving a vain fingerprint on the world.

She simply awoke every day with one goal in mind: to be the best Agnes Morrison possible.

Thus, Morrison fulfilled this year's RGS theme of "Be Your Best You."

"She was a trailblazer," said McKinley, "in whose footsteps Girls State citizens should travel and travel passionately."

In advice to the entirety of Girls State, the Congressman stressed the importance of honesty, involvement, motivation and confident recovery from unperceived losses.

Then, white mustache finely trimmed, cerulean tie neatly fixated, Congressman David McKinley left the podium; message received.



ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

City: Sutton

County: Braxton

Mayor: Sydney Leary-F

City Clerk: Ella Brockway-N

Councilmen: Claire O'Neil-N, Mary Griffith-N, Sierra Kendrick-N

City: Grantsville

County: Calhoun

Mayor: Corrine Zeni-F

City Clerk: Emma Rice-N

Councilmen: Hanna Stoper-N, Emily Buonaloto-F, Hannah Eshelman-N

City: Charleston

County: Kanawha

Mayor: Taylor Garner-N

City Clerk: Veronica Casey-N

Councilmen: Elizabeth Kocsis-N, Haleigh Eldridge-N, Taylor Graham-N

City: Weston

County: Lewis

Mayor: Haley Fiber-N

City Clerk: Raechyl Beard-N

Councilmen: Lauren Spears-F, Chanya Elkins-F, Olivia Miller-N, Haley Fiber-N, Allison "Paige" Carpenter-F, Eden Toothman-N, Reagan Haas-N

City: Fairmont

County: Marion

Mayor: McKenna Bowlin-F

City Clerk: Sara Comer-F

Councilmen: Georgia Beatty-N, Madison Matheny-N, Alyssia Friggs-F

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US CONGRESSMAN VISITS - 2015 RGS Governor Katie Mossburg and Director Michelle Sirbaugh welcomed US Congressman David McKinley.



WELCOME TO GIRLS STATE - Susan Wade, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, 2015-2016 and Kenneth Smith, the American Legion, Department of W. V. Commander, 2015-2016 spoke to RGS citizens Sunday and inspired them to participate and "Be Your Best You!"

Elected City Officials

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City: Morgantown
 County: Monongalia
 Mayor: Mary "Abby" Winans-F
 City Clerk: Bethany Winters-N
 Councilmen: Mary Bailey-N,
 Emily Shaw-F, Alexis "Lexi"
 Moore-N, Hanah Gordon-N,
 Rebecca "Becky" Luketic-N

City: Union
 County: Monroe
 Mayor: Kaycee Kiser-N
 City Clerk: Gia Watt-F
 Councilmen: Isabel Mirfakhraie-N,
 Breeann Reynolds-F, Grace
 Burgess-F

City: Wheeling
 County: Northern Panhandle
 Mayor: Samantha Edwards-F
 City Clerk: Tori Smith-N
 Councilmen: Chelsi Long-F, Shay

Kaminski-N, Ashton Rexroad-F
 City: Elkins
 County: Randolph
 Mayor: Destiny Gerrard-N
 City Clerk: Lauren Hopper-F
 Councilmen: Sidney Lipscomb-N,
 Jensen Newton-F, Tabby Vanglider-F

City: Buckhannon
 County: Upshur
 Mayor: Caroline Ferrel-N
 City Clerk: Alice Nichols-N
 Councilmen: Paiton Stotler-N,
 Mary Combs-N, Sierra Retrode-F

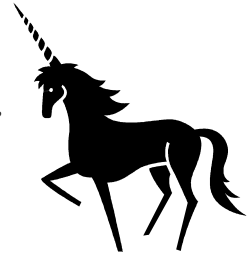
City: Webster Springs
 County: Webster
 Mayor: Virginia Milleson-N
 City Clerk: Hannah Cummings-N
 Councilmen: Molly Powney-F,
 Mercedes Hackworth-F, Carlotta
 Cross-F

Party Leaders

Federalist

Chair: Rachael Stevick,
 Northern Panhandle
 Vice Chair: Jasmine
 Matheny, Randolph
 Secretary/Treasurer:
 Kaitlyn Barker, Cal-
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Spirit Leaders: Taya Oluwafemi, Northern Pan-
 handle; Sara Comer, Marion; Kaylee Brock,
 Northern Panhandle; Lexi Deavers, Upshur;
 Makenna Hefner, Braxton

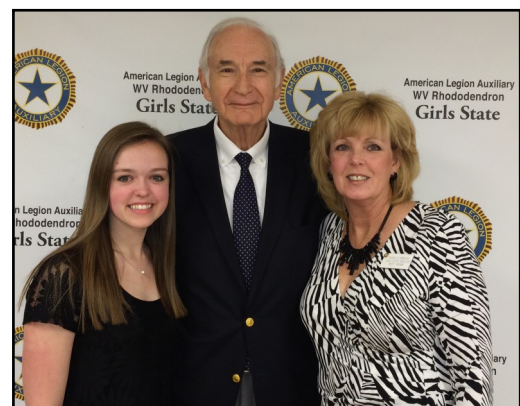


Nationalist



Chair: Madison
 Matheny Marion
 Vice Chair:
 Alexis "Lexi"
 Moore, Monon-
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 Secretary/
 Treasurer: Olivia
 Conaway, Mari-
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Spirit Leaders: Ella Brockway, Braxton; Abi
 Cain, Kanawha; Sarah Hardee, Braxton; Caycee
 Kiser, Monroe; Aubrie Williams, Upshur



2015 Rhododendron Girls State Governor Katie Mossburg and Director Michelle Sirbaugh welcomed Judge Ron Wilson Sunday, June 12. Judge Wilson swore in 2015 RGS citizens Sunday, June 9. Wilson returns for his 17th year.

Country Store Price List

(Come and See Our Specials)

Snacks

Candy Bars	\$1.25
Gold Fish Crackers	\$.50
Pringles	\$.50
Fruit Snacks	\$.75
Cow Tails	\$1.00
Twizzlers	\$.10
Mini Tootsie Roll	5/\$.25
Doritos	\$1.00
Lays Chips	\$1.00
Cheddar Popcorn	\$1.50
Carmel Popcorn	\$1.50
White Cheddar Popcorn	\$1.50
Cookies	\$1.10
Trail Mix	\$1.25

Beverages

Soft Drinks	\$1.50
Water	\$1.50

Party Supplies

File Folders	\$1.10
Ponchos	\$1.00
Hand Sanitizer	\$1.25
Toothbrushes	\$1.00-1.50
Flags	\$1.00
Poster Board	\$1.00
Construction Paper	10/\$.10
White Roll Paper	\$.25/yard
Aluminum Foil	\$.50/yard
Chalk	\$.25-.50
Paint	\$.25-3.00
Crepe Paper	\$.50 each

Markers	\$.25 each
Glue Sticks	\$.75 each
String	\$.10/yard
Mouse Pads	\$1.00
Bumper Stickers	\$1.00
Large Umbrellas	\$20.00
Pens	\$1.00

Clothing & Accessories

(Come & see our specials)	
Neck Scarfs	\$5.00
-Blue & Gold	
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
-Gold & Gray	
Hoodies	\$25.00
-Gold & Gray	
Shorts	\$15.00
Shirts	\$12.00
Sunglasses	\$5.00
-Pink, Red & Blue	
Flip Flops	\$1.00
Pink RGS Bracelets	\$1.00
Support Our Troops	\$20.00
-Bracelets \$5 goes to WV Welfare Fund for vets	
Large Duffle Bags	\$20.00
Blankets	\$20.00
Lanyard	\$1.50
-Blue & Gold	
Back Bags	\$10.00
-Pink, Gold & Blue	
2013 Duffle Bags	\$5.00
Water Bottles	\$5.00

Appointed County Officials

Braxton

County Clerk: Cheyenne Arbogast-N
Circuit Clerk: Abby Short-F

Calhoun

County Clerk: Kelsolyn Hall-N
Circuit Clerk: Hannah Householder-F

Kanawha

County Clerk: Bailey Wear-F
Circuit Clerk: Erin Duffy-F

Lewis

County Clerk: Lauren Spears-F
Circuit Clerk: Rachelle Hawkins-N

Marion

County Clerk: Lindsay Gouge-N
Circuit Clerk: Megan Stoffel-N

Monongalia

County Clerk: Bronwynn Cox-N
Circuit Clerk: Bellany Young-F

Monroe

County Clerk: Haley Carson-F
Circuit Clerk: Riana Bobes-F

Northern Panhandle

County Clerk: Melinda Hubbard-N
Circuit Clerk: Tressa Varner-N

Randolph

County Clerk: Brooke Ashby-F
Circuit Clerk: Katelyn Krammerer-N

Upshur

County Clerk: Kara Teets-N
Circuit Clerk: Kaci Griffin-F

Webster

County Clerk: Jensen Kenney-N
Circuit Clerk: Kellie Schroeder-F

It's The Soldier, Not The Reporter

It's the soldier, not the reporter who has given us
Freedom of the Press.

It's the soldier, not the poet, who has given us
Freedom of Speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the
Freedom to Demonstrate.

It's the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the
Right to a Fair Trial.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves under the flag and
whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who gives the protestor the right to burn the flag.

~Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC





Inauguration art contest open to all RGS citizens

All citizens are invited to enter the art contest for the cover of the Inaugural Program, which will be used Thursday, June 16, during Inauguration ceremonies.

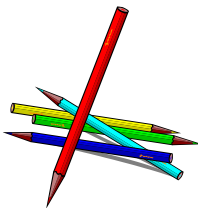
Nancy Farley, Betty Rea and Ashley Parrish will organize the Inaugural Ceremonies and award a prize to the designer of the winning cover.

The slogan this year will be "Rise Up! Be Your Best You!"

Deadline for turning in entries is Wednesday, June 15, at noon. Those entering the contest may submit their entry to the Rhododendron Daily staff in Ignatius Hall.

Please remember to sign all artwork before submission. Entries drawn on lined paper will not be considered. Participants are also reminded to refrain from using pencil.

Entries must include the slogan in the design and art should be created based on the designer's interpretation of this year's slogan.



Braxton

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Adrienne Shimer
Vice Chairman: Emilee Spangler

Sec.-Treas.: Sydney Freeman

Federalist Party

Chairman: MaCall Brummage
Vice Chairman: Hannah Dieffenbacher

Sec.-Treas.: Makenna Hefner

Calhoun

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Bailey Gregg
Vice Chairman: Carson Fisher

Sec.-Treas.: Madyson Talbott

Federalist Party

Chairman: Taylor Miller
Vice Chairman: Taylor McClain

Sec.-Treas.: Kaitlyn Barker

Kanawha

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Kendra Kestner
Vice Chairman: Taylor Graham

Sec.-Treas.: Madeleine Saghy

Federalist Party

Chairman: Madison Nuzum
Vice Chairman: Brianne Covington

Sec.-Treas.: Alexis Webb

Lewis

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Catherine Campbell
Vice Chairman: Eden Toothman

Sec.-Treas.: Reagan Haas

Federalist Party

Chairman: Morgan Widmer
Vice Chairman: Kaylie Allen
Sec.-Treas.: Allison Carpenter

Marion

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Samantha Force
Vice Chairman: Sydney Jefferys

Sec.-Treas.: Haley Brown

Federalist Party

Chairman: McKenna Bowlin
Vice Chairman: Sarah Comer
Sec.-Treas.: Amanda Vera-Collins

Monongalia

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Rebecca "Becky" Luketic
Vice Chairman: Hanah Gordon

Sec.-Treas.: Autumn Christafore

Federalist Party

Chairman: Andrea Idler
Vice Chairman: Emily Chewing
Sec.-Treas.: Brianna Warner

Monroe

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Larrin Shriver
Vice Chairman: Kaycee Kiser
Sec.-Treas.: Sydney Roseland

Federalist Party

Chairman: Gia Watt
Vice Chairman: Darian Darway

Sec.-Treas.: Mary Erwin

Northern Panhandle

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Mariah Daffron

Vice Chairman: Tressa Varner

Sec.-Treas.: Tori Smith

Federalist Party

Chairman: Samantha Edwards
Vice Chairman: Nampeyo Cartwright

Sec.-Treas.: Kaylee Brock

Randolph

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Savannah Shriver
Vice Chairman: Sydney Lipscomb

Sec.-Treas.: Rachele Starkey

Federalist Party

Chairman: Hannah Dennis
Vice Chairman: Julianna Everly

Sec.-Treas.: Shelby Swiger

Upshur

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Kristen Falconi
Vice Chairman: Caroline Ferrell

Sec.-Treas.: Mary Combs

Federalist Party

Chairman: Olivia Sokis
Vice Chairman: Lexi Hansen
Sec.-Treas.: Morgan Maston

Webster

Nationalist Party

Chairman: Hayley Wilburn
Vice Chairman: Visakha Turner

Sec.-Treas.: Abbie Tomsula

Federalist Party

Chairman: Paige Leaseburg
Vice Chairman: Jordyn Custer

Capito visits

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Capito explained her father's legacy sees her hearing from people of all walks of life, telling her stories of how her father impacted their lives.

"I started to think about what my daughter might hear about me, if she were to become involved in politics," Capito said.

As a result, Capito created the new program "West Virginia Girls Rise Up," which builds confidence and leadership skills of fifth graders.

While over 1900 US Senators have served since the conception of the United States, only 46 of them have been women.

Capito stressed the importance of woman engaging in the political arena and urged all citizens to join in the campaigns at Girls State and to have fun.