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June 3-9, 2012

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IN BOYS' STATE

A WEEK THAT
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MY LIFE

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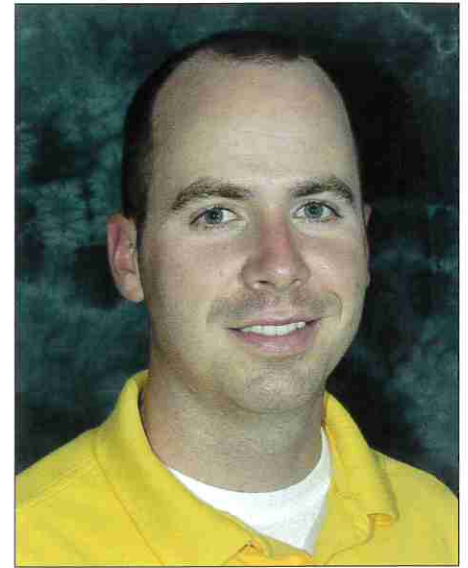


Welcome

Friends of Boys State,

On June 3, 2012, 470 delegates and 110 staff members from across Kansas converged on the campus of Kansas State University to participate in the 75th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy. In one week, these delegates conducted elections, formed a mock government, and worked together to address issues confronting their citizens.

They honed their leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. They learned about government by participating in government. They had fun and made new friends. In one week, they became better people – they changed.



And then they left.

They returned to their home towns, their families, and their jobs. But the story doesn't end there. Long after the flag has been lowered and the parking lot has emptied, the friendships that were formed and the skills that were gained at Boys State will remain.

This is the legacy that is Boys State. Thank you for being a part of it. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program either as a delegate, a staff member, a sponsor, a legionnaire, or in another capacity. May this yearbook serve as a reminder of your contribution to the 2012 session of Boys State and a testament to the life-changing effects of one week at Kansas Boys State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Bley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Scott Bley, Executive Director
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy

History

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.” That is the purpose of the American Legion Boys State program. It was organized by the Department of Illinois in 1935. The Department of Kansas, holding Charter No. 5, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was headquartered in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992 when the program moved to its present location on the campus of Kansas State University.

The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets academic criteria and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors. Many of them work year-round on ways to improve the curriculum and structure of the program.

At the conclusion of each session, two Staters are chosen by their peers to represent Kansas at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. These two individuals participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our government at the national level.



Sunday

Staters attending the 2012 session of Boys State arrived early in the afternoon. After being greeted by advisor Rex Gardner, they moved through check-in before going to their Counties where they became acquainted with their counselors and fellow Staters. Then they marched to Opening Ceremonies in McCain Auditorium, at which they were given a rundown of what the week would entail by Director of Development Thane Chastain.



1. Kansas Senator Anthony Hensley (a former Kansas Boys Stater) presents his keynote address to the delegates at Opening Ceremonies.

2. Advisor Rex Gardner talks to a group of Boys State delegates and their parents before they go through the check-in process.



3. Boys State delegates climb the stairs of the Kramer Dining Center to begin the check-in process.

4. Marshall County practices marching in the Goodnow Parking Lot.

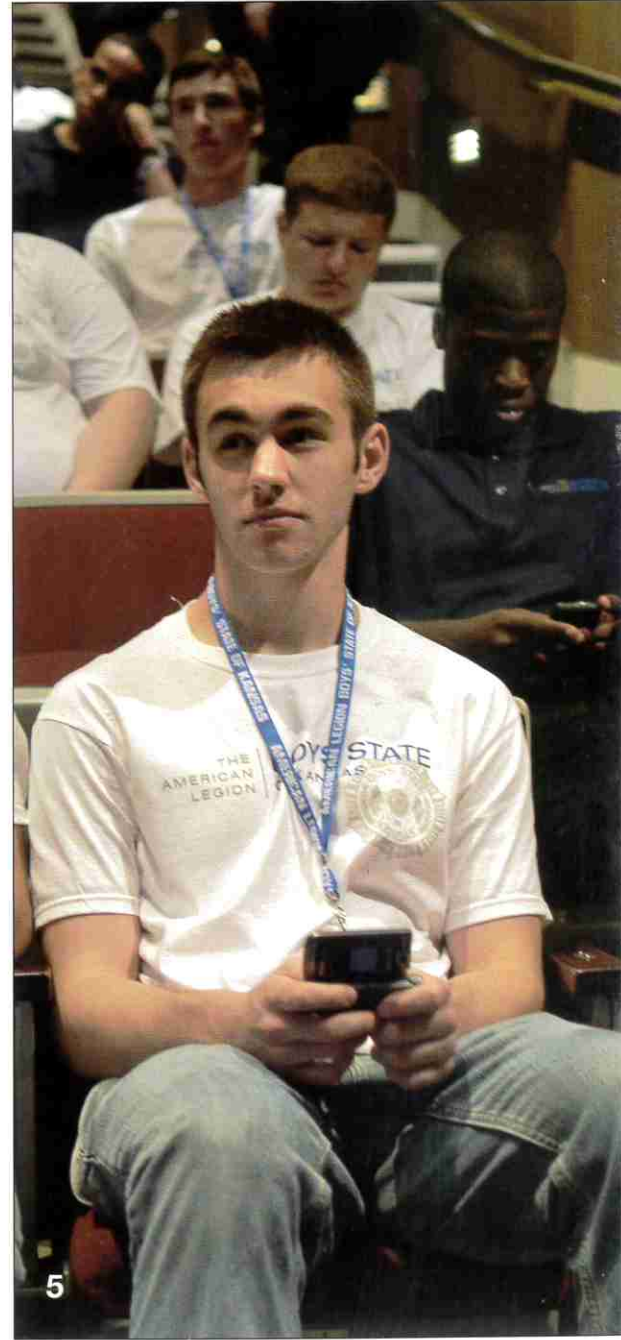
5. Staters take part in the first-ever text poll at Kansas Boys State.



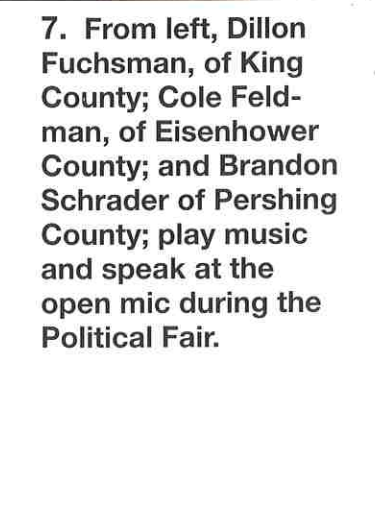
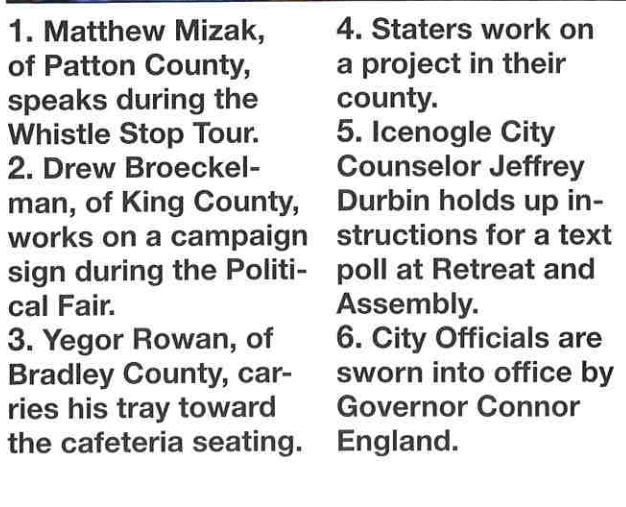
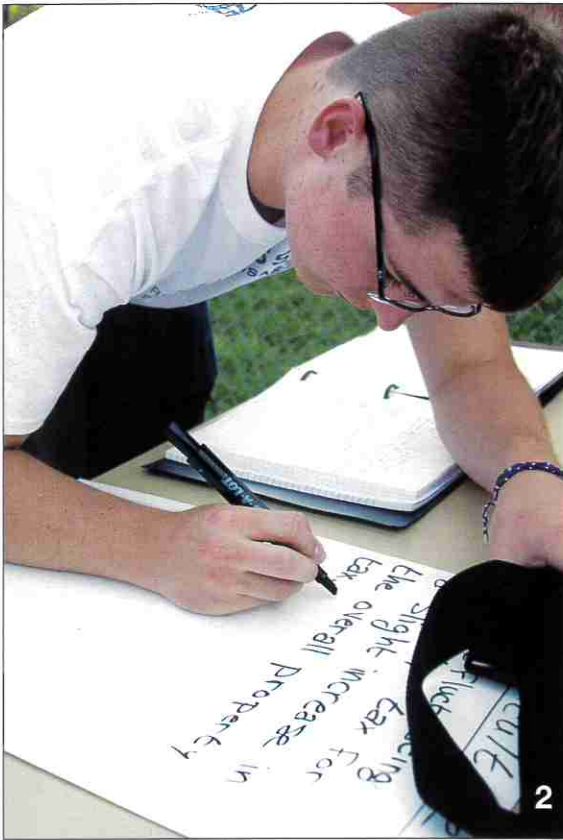
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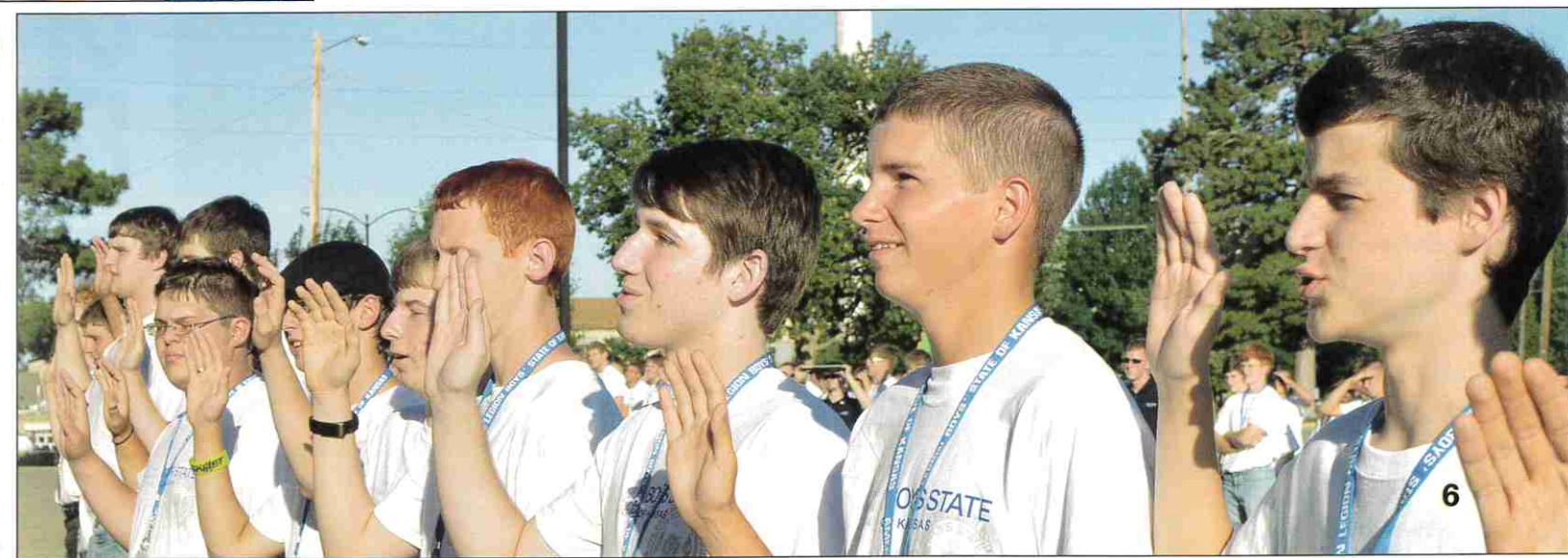
1. Matthew Mizak, of Patton County, speaks during the Whistle Stop Tour.
 2. Drew Broeckelman, of King County, works on a campaign sign during the Political Fair.
 3. Yegor Rowan, of Bradley County, carries his tray toward the cafeteria seating.

4. Staters work on a project in their county.
 5. Icenogle City Counselor Jeffrey Durbin holds up instructions for a text poll at Retreat and Assembly.
 6. City Officials are sworn into office by Governor Connor England.

7. From left, Dillon Fuchsman, of King County; Cole Feldman, of Eisenhower County; and Brandon Schrader of Pershing County; play music and speak at the open mic during the Political Fair.

Monday

State really started Monday morning. Delegates campaigned, hosted a Political Fair and listened to fellow candidates at the Whistle Stop Tour. Primary election results were announced at the evening assembly before for the party conventions took place.



Party Conventions

Nationalists



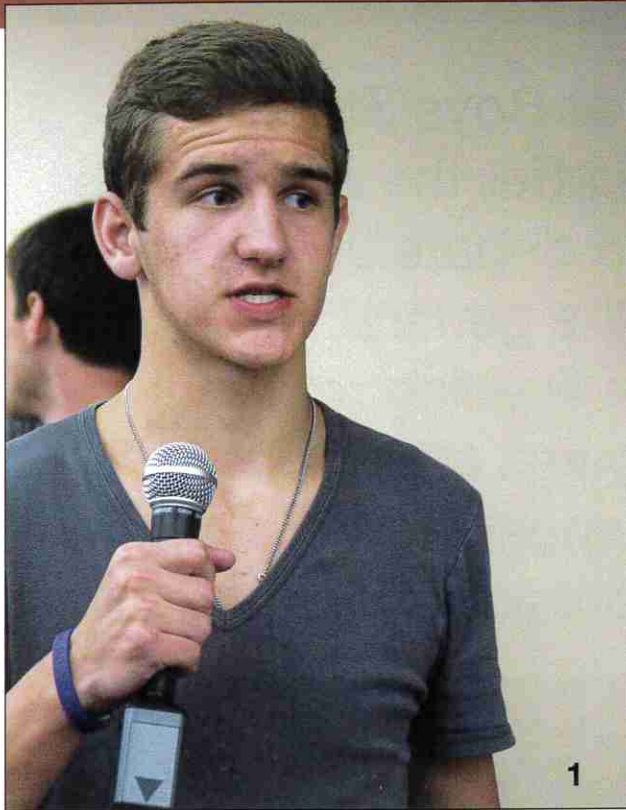
1. Nationalist Lt. Governor Candidate Tymon Wall, of Marshall County discusses his plans during the Party Convention.

2. Commissioner of Insurance Candidate David Krall, of Patton County, addresses the party.

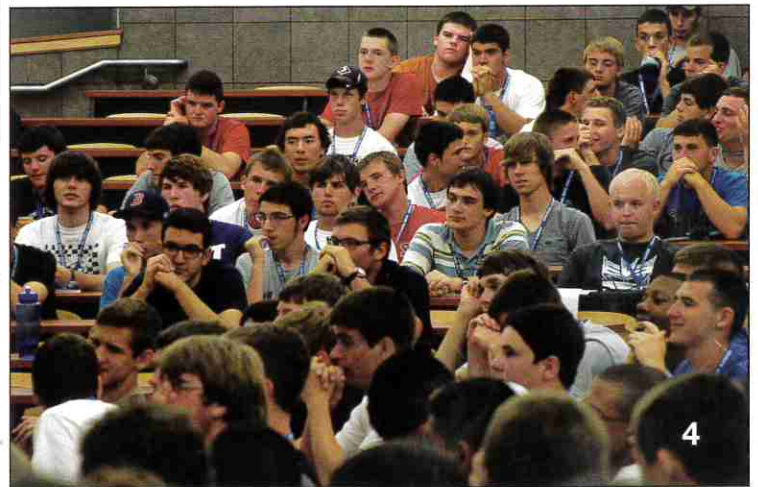
3. Governor Candidate Jesse Porter, of Pershing County, speaks to the delegates of the Nationalist Party.



Federalists

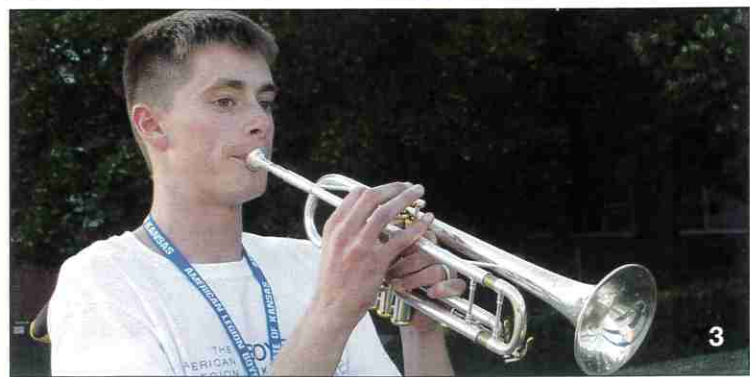
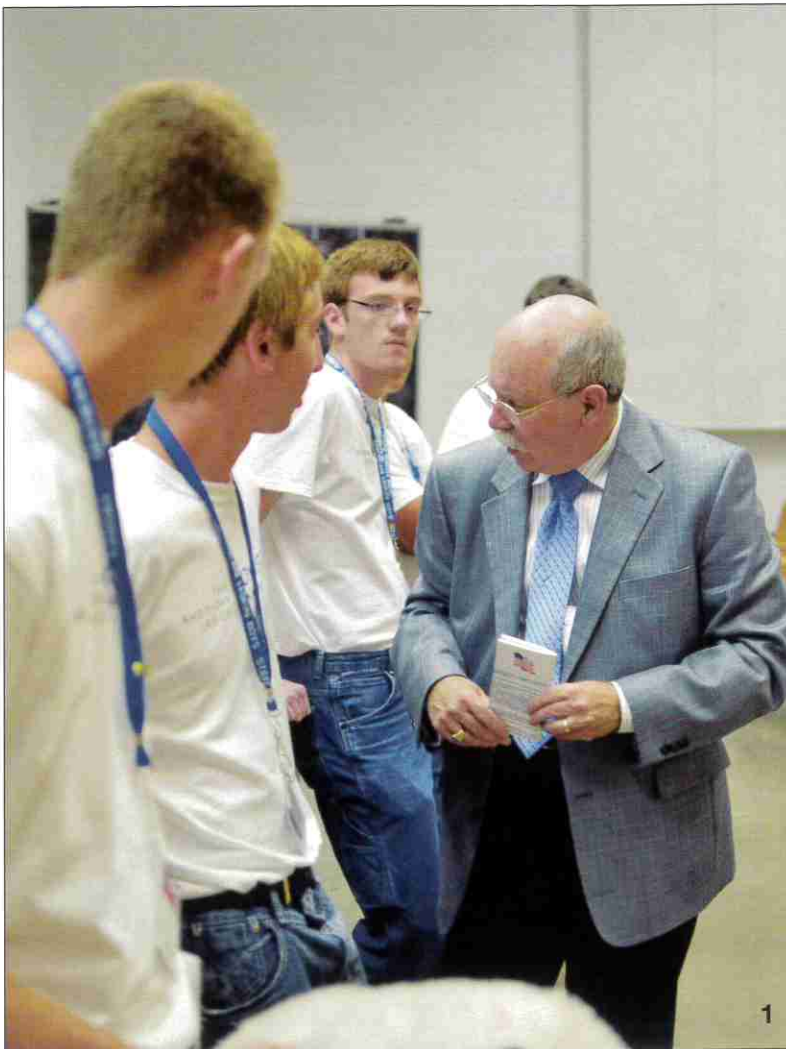


1. Federalist Governor Candidate Cole Feldman, of Eisenhower County, speaks to the delegates at the Federalist Party Convention.
2. Joel Neises, of MacArthur County, and Malachi Cousin, of Seitz County, work on the sound system for convention.
3. Samuel File, of Powell County, shows off his dance moves.
4. Federalist Party members listen to the candidates speak.



Tuesday

It was truly Super Tuesday at Boys State. The general election took place after the state office candidates participated in a debate at McCain Auditorium. The results of the general election were announced during the evening retreat. Following the retreat, delegates attended Town Hall Meetings where three speakers from different government offices made presentations.

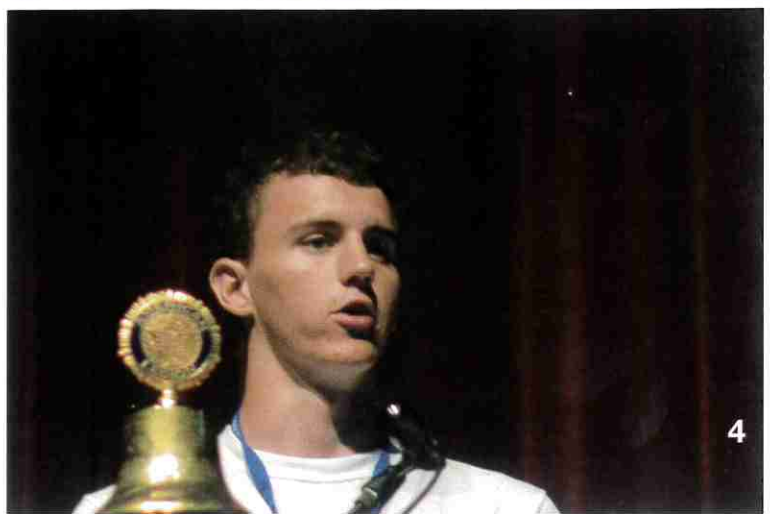
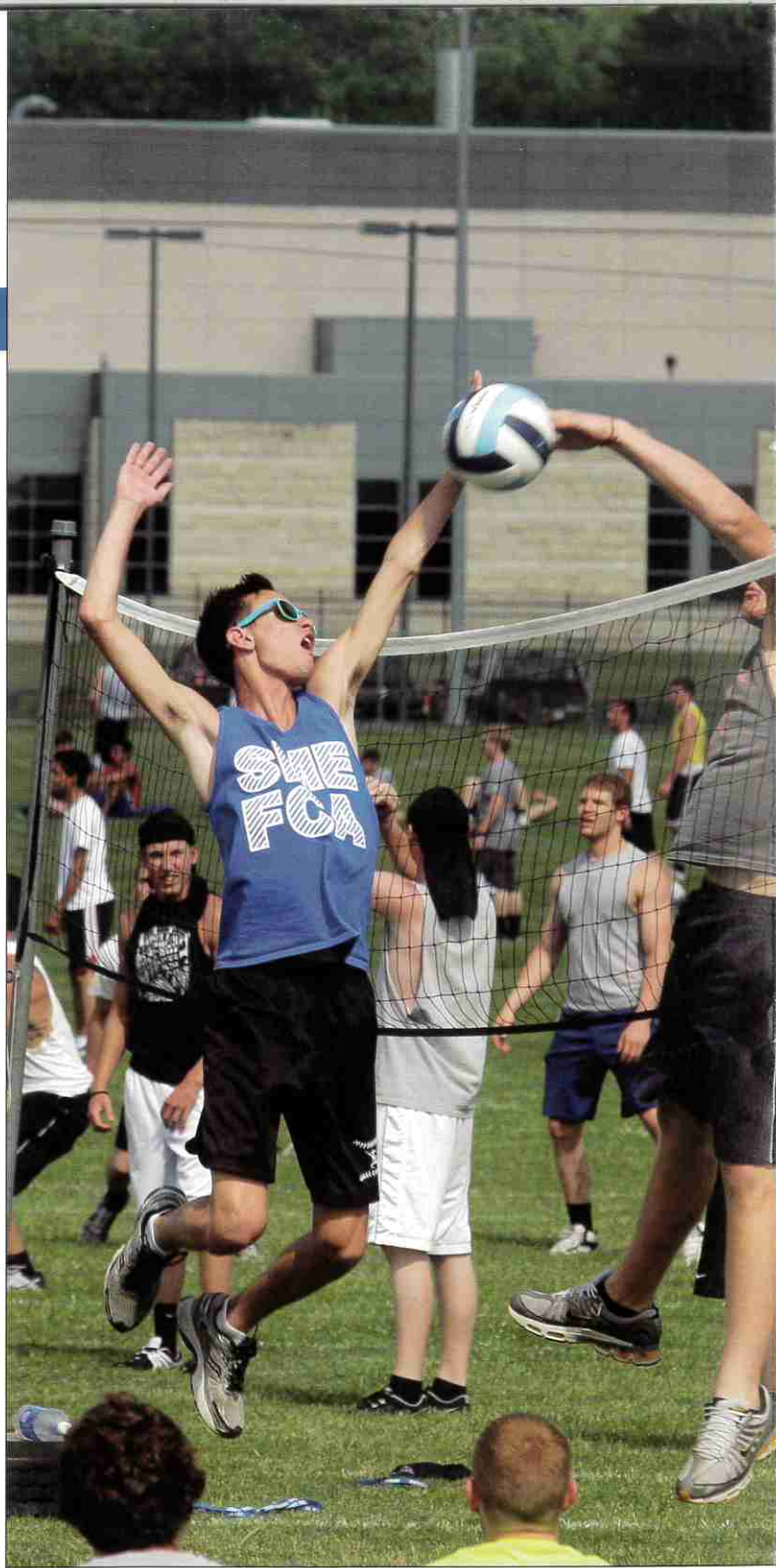




1. Judge Joe Pierron speaks to a group of Staters during one session of the Town Hall Meetings
2. Jill Druskis, American Legion Director of Americanism, Children and Youth, addresses the Boys State delegates at McCain Auditorium.

3. Isaac Barnhart, of Marshall County, plays the trumpet during evening retreat.
4. The 2012 Boys State leadership poses for a picture after being installed into office.
5. Ricardo Patino, of MacArthur

County, speaks during the debate held in McCain Auditorium.
6. Members of the Manhattan American Legion Pearce-Keller Post 17 demonstrate how to properly dispose of a used American flag.



Wednesday

2012 Boys State Governor Jesse Porter kicked off the day with his State of the State Address, in which he proposed his budget. Staters also took part in recreation time and legislative work. The day ended with the ever-popular Boys State Talent Show. Right before the show began, the Staters were treated to a speech from Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

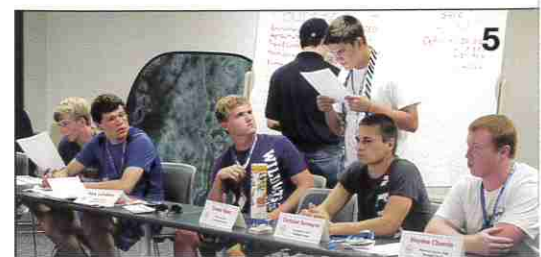
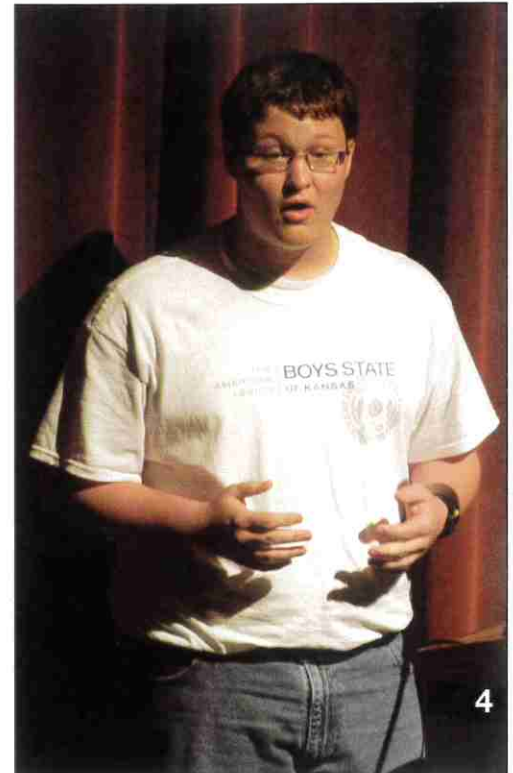
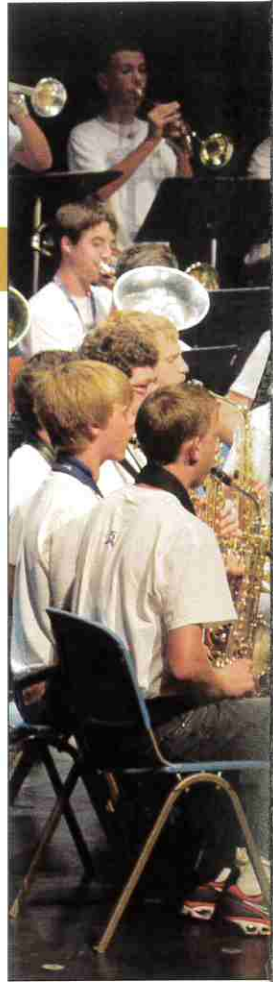


1. Kansas Governor Sam Brownback speaks to the Boys State delegates in McCain Auditorium.
2. Rylan Laudan, of Seitz County, shows his crazy side during City Pictures.
3. Jess Lewis, of Seitz County, drives the softball into center field during recreation time.
4. Governor Jesse Porter presents his budget.
5. Two Staters battle against each other during a volleyball

- match.
6. Counselor CJ Harries works with Department of Commerce and Transportation members Shailendra Selvaraj, of Kennedy County, and Emmett Wick, of MacArthur County.
7. Bradley County marches in the "pass and review" ceremony.
8. Andrew Schwartz, of Seitz County, practices driving while working with the Highway Patrol.

Thursday

The day was filled with delegates working together to solve many different types of government problems. District courts heard trials and the House and Senate were discussing various pieces of legislation. The College Fair gave delegates an opportunity to take a break and visit with recruiters. After flag lowering, Staters went to McCain Auditorium to listen to the Boys State Choir and Band perform. Both music groups had the privilege to work with instructors from the Kansas State University music program. The Staters also elected Senators who would represent them at Boys Nation in Washington D.C.





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1. Dustin Galyon of Hesston College delivers an energetic and uplifting speech to the delegates in McCain Auditorium.
2. Jacob Wright, of Kennedy County, reviews material from K-State during the College Fair.
3. Staters take part in the Southwestern College Leadership Course and earn college credit.
4. Joshua Schwab, of Powell County, tells the delegates why he should be a Boys Nation Senator.

5. The House of Representatives leaders discuss a bill.
6. Staters perform as part of the Boys State Band.
7. Members of the Boys State Choir belt out a song.
8. Boys Nation candidate Robert Egan, of Seitz County, listens to Director of Development Thane Chastain's question about Boys Nation.
9. Powell County sounds off during evening assembly.



Friday

The final full day of State featured the creation of a lip dub to Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe." Then as the Staters finished up their last projects, they prepared for the Closing Ceremonies before going to the Kansas State Union for an opportunity to hang out with other Staters they had met during the week. They also enjoyed a meal with their families and learned who would be representing them as the Boys Nation delegates.



1. Mr. and Mrs. John Lindholm celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary while at Boys State.
2. Executive Director Scott Bley films Staters during the lip dub for "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen.
3. Three Staters

play shuffle board at the K-State Student Union.
4. Two Staters use their shoes as cell phones during the taping of the lip dub for "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen.
5. Staters and their parents eat during the barbecue before closing

ceremonies.
6. The Senate discusses a bill.
7. County Counselors and Coordinators huddle for the final time.
8. During Closing Ceremonies, the legionnaires held their hands high as the crowd cheered for them.

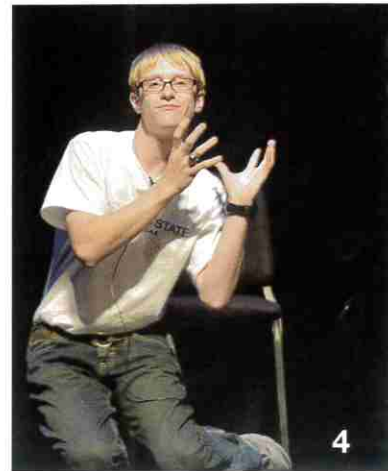
Talent Show

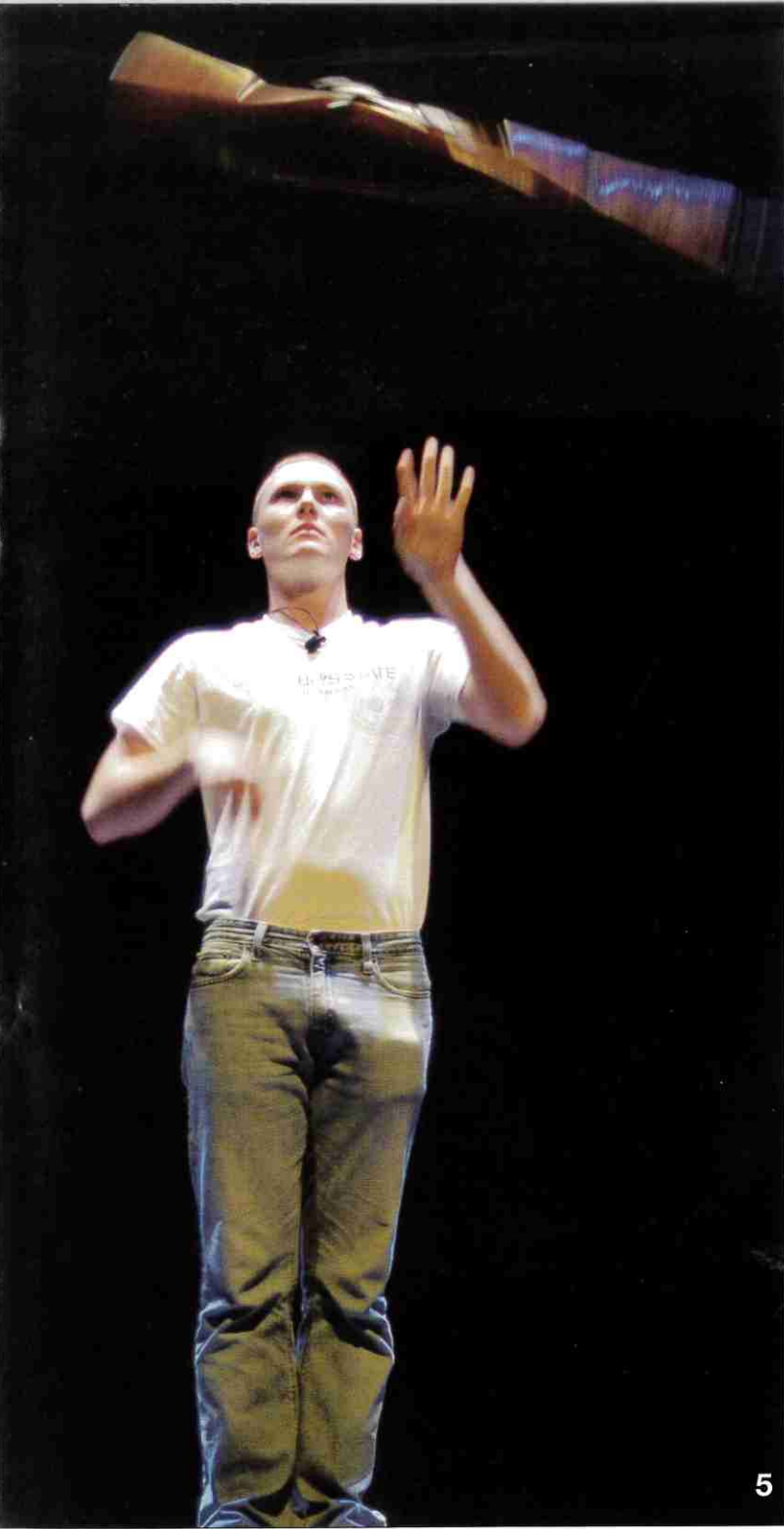
Music, comedy, and dramatic performances were all part of this year's talent show. After working hard during the first part of the week, delegates let loose a little bit and performed for fellow Boys Staters. There was a variety of different acts, ranging from piano solos to other musical instrument players to acting, dancing and even streamers! The night began with an impressive rifle demonstration and ended with the traditional "American Pie."



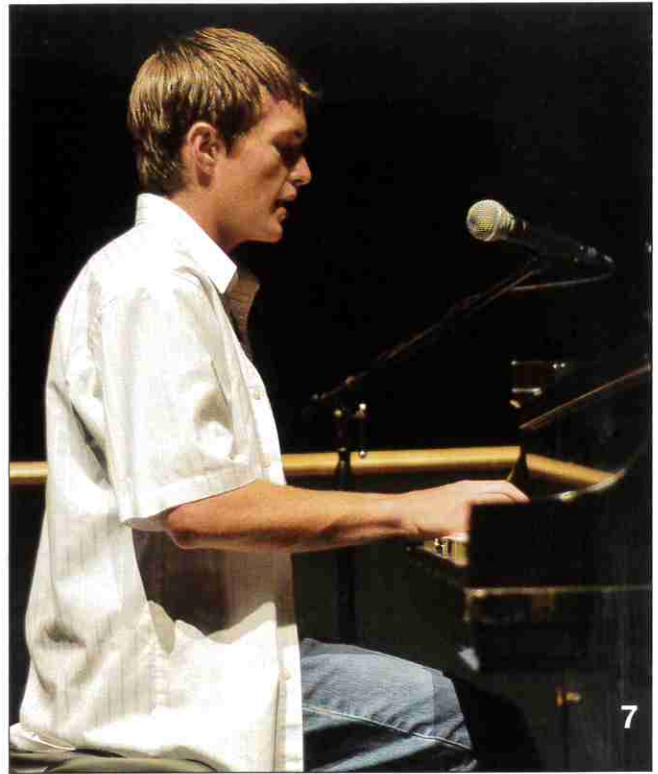
1. JuWan Wallace break dances.
2. K.C. Bennett raps an original song while playing guitar.
3. Christian Stromgren dances with streamers.
4. John Handley performs the comedic skit "A Man and His Watermelon."
5. Alex Nichols gives a rifle demonstration.
6. Advisor Mike Zimmers

- performs "American Pie" while the other Talent Show participants join him on stage at the end of the show.
7. Hawes Kaysen plays "Sun On Your Back" on the piano.
8. A group of Staters perform a dance while lip syncing to "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys.
9. Justin Garrison plays "Seal Lullaby" on the piano.





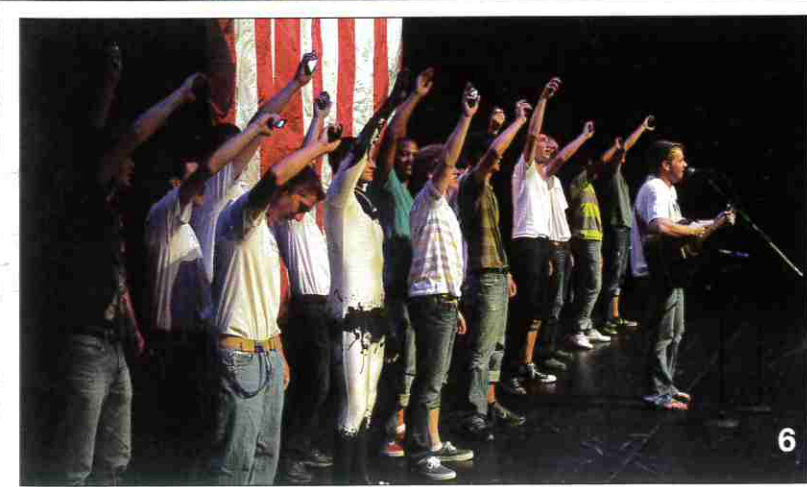
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Events & Coordinators



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Coordinators

Front Row: Matthew Root, Rick Wolfarth, Executive Director Scott Bley, Andrew Roozeboom, Colton Poort
Back Row: Josh Cleek and Adam Doyle

Advisors & Boys Nation



Front Row: Bob Jenkins, Don Whitten, Americanism and Children & Youth Division Director Jill Druskis, Kansas Department Commander Paul Sanford, Department Vice Commander Gaylord Sanneman, Ralph Snyder, Ron O'Leary, Chuck Shoemaker
Second Row: Mario Rios, Chuck Werring, Zac Ewert, Allen Klassen, Jared Meitler, Spencer Sward, Kansas Department Adjutant Chuck Yunker, Thane Chastain, George Rothwell, Mike Paynter
Third Row: Don Thomson, Jay Shelton, Gordon Cunningham, Terry Watkins, Jeff Schrag, Justin Herron, Jeremy Harland, Scott Bley
Back Row: Tom Wierman, Kevin Mechtley, John Lindholm, Rex Gardner, Aaron Wiseman, Scott Johnson, Troy Fowler, Tyler Suelter, Jake Ellis, Larry Andrews
Not Pictured: John Mulhern, Mike Zimmers, John Moeder, Chris Werring, Bennett Radford, Steven Peterson, Pat Retz

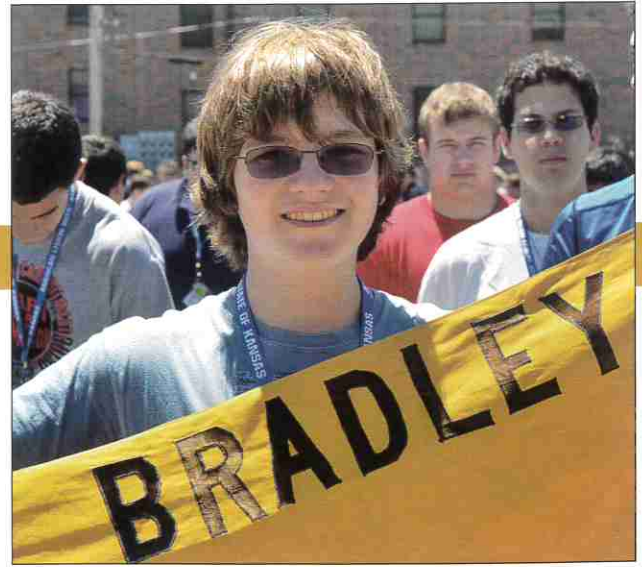


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Delegates Cain Mathis and
Robert Egan,
Alternate Cody Christensen

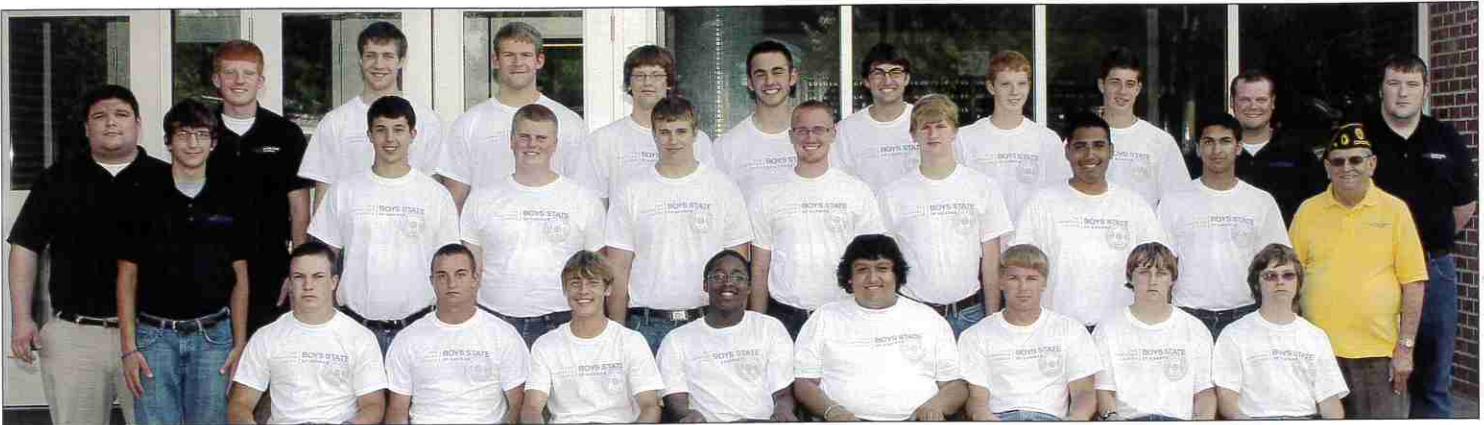
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Nick Fief, Matt Brandt, Adam Ronnebaum, Shane Wilson, Tanner Mangum, Riley Hall



Aylward



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Bramlage



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Eisenhower



Preston Mossman, Chris Wierman, Dean Symes, Gavin Smith

Chastain



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Crum



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Kennedy



John Shively, Brett Zornes, Xander Fortunado, Marcus McNeal, Bryce Ruble



Finley



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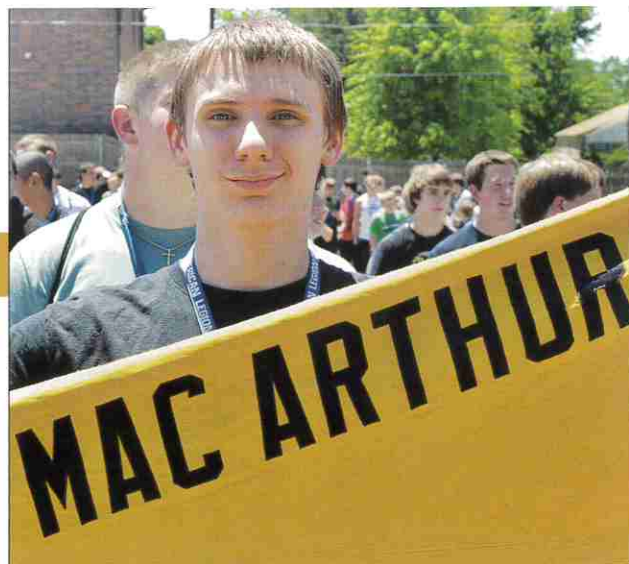
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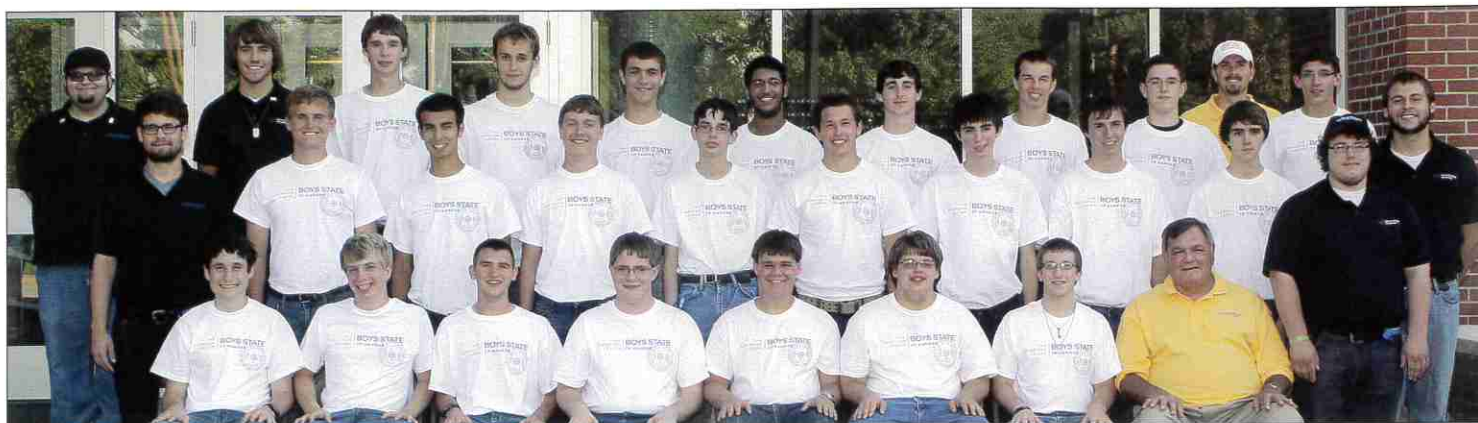
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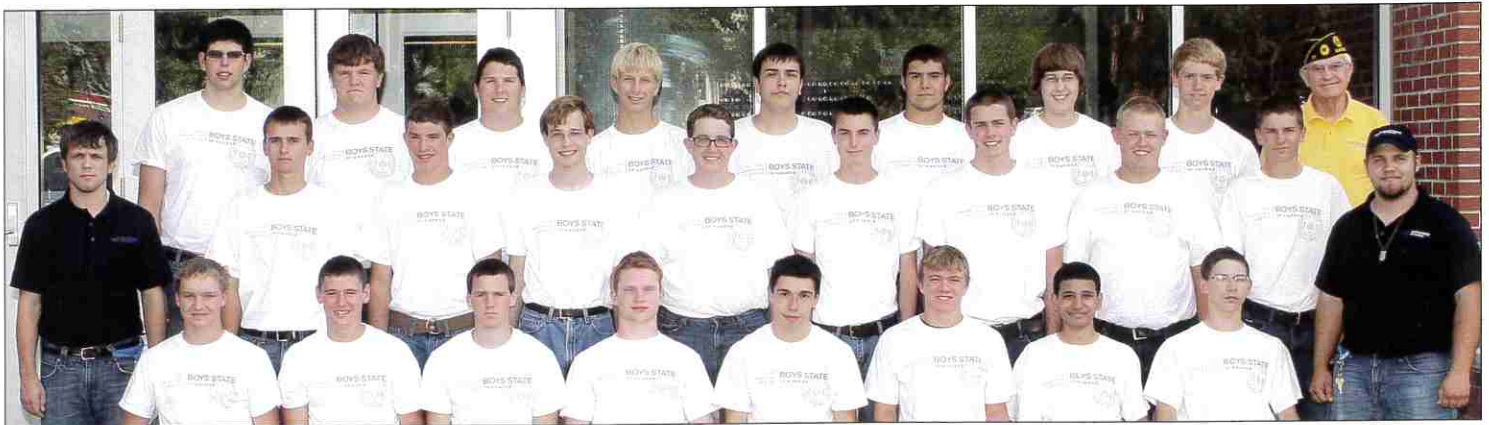
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Mantey



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Pershing



Luke Johnson, Zack Rebarcheck, Alex Marron, Robbie Bondi



Perrill

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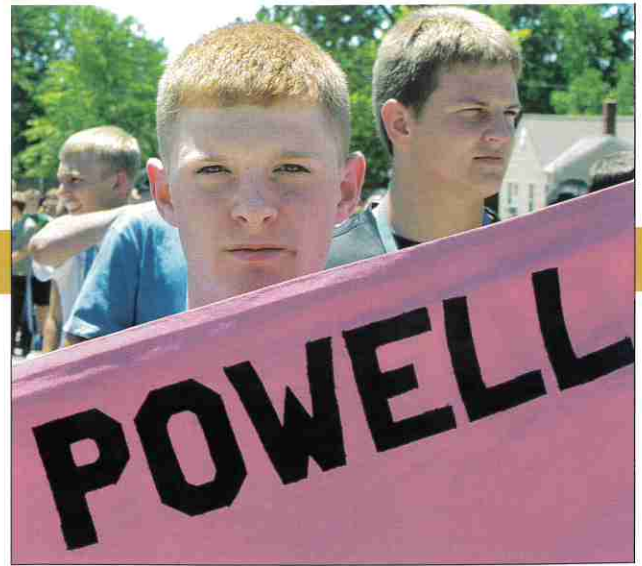
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Powell



Nathan Miller, Curtis Concannon, Cody McCloud



Schulz



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Spigarelli



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Eli Jarnot, Rory Pugh, Zachary Hendrickson



Sullivan

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Closing

Would you look at that!?! These are just some of the life-long memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2012 by attending the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, which is pretty neat.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 3rd wondering what exactly to expect. Suddenly you were thrust into a high-paced, cooperative, and very involved program. The tasks of creating and maintaining a working government were placed in your hands. Hopefully through this program you were able to see exactly what kinds of decisions our society is faced with.

Elected officials have the incredible tasks of creating legislation to protect their constituents' rights, while at the same time maintaining financial and social stability. One evident message of our program is that it is not easy to be a leader. We hope that you not only found opportunities for great success, but that you also faced the chore of overcoming a sound defeat. It is in these instances where a leader proves his worth, and you have undoubtedly taken this message from The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy.

So it is up to you, and you with the help of your peers, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present. We believe Democracy is the most effective form of government and is dependent on involvement. We are taking for granted that you will certainly be involved, but we challenge you not only to become involved but also to become a leader, that extra step beyond simple participation, within your communities.

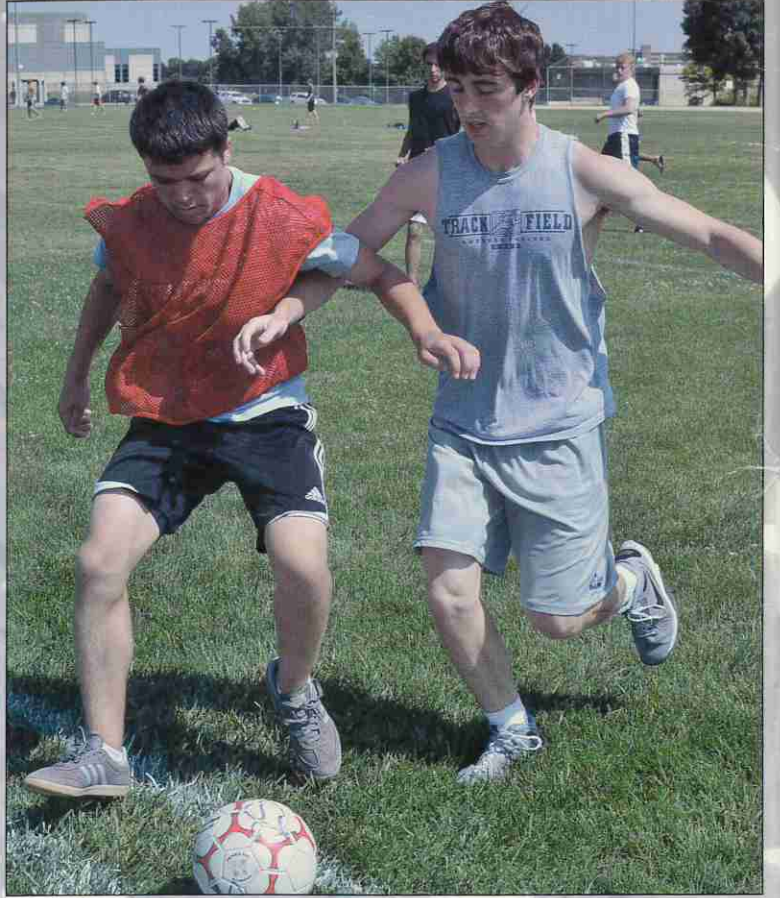
Democracy is not limited to the realms of Topeka and Washington.

Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility to use the knowledge and skills you gained from our program to help yourself and your fellow citizens do the right thing.

No matter what you think about what has happened in the past, or even what is happening now, you have the opportunity to change the future, and that is what is great about America. In a very short time, a couple hundred years' worth of progress, will be handed to you. What will you do with it? Will you be content to stand still? Will you move forward? The decision is up to you.

Serve your community and serve it well. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and we hope that the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy helped you along the way.





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