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A WEEK THAT
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Welcome

On behalf of our staff,

We say to the Staters of the 76th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, well done, gentlemen. Well done!

You came from all parts of our diverse state and created one Boys State. You spoke your truths and respectfully listened to others'. You worked, you created, you made friends, but mostly, you lived a week that changed your life. You return as better citizens, better Kansans, better men.

As the names on applications to names on ballots and then to names of friends, your intensity, your skills, your desires to be the best, renewed the spirit of every member of our staff. Our staff returns to our homes certain that the next generation of Kansas Boys Staters will continue the long line of success that is steeped in our history.

Life will present you with both difficulties and opportunities, much as you have experienced throughout this week. Use what you have learned, use what you have lived, use all that you are and want to become to work through any difficulty and seize any opportunity in making your life and the lives of others as successful as your week as a Stater.

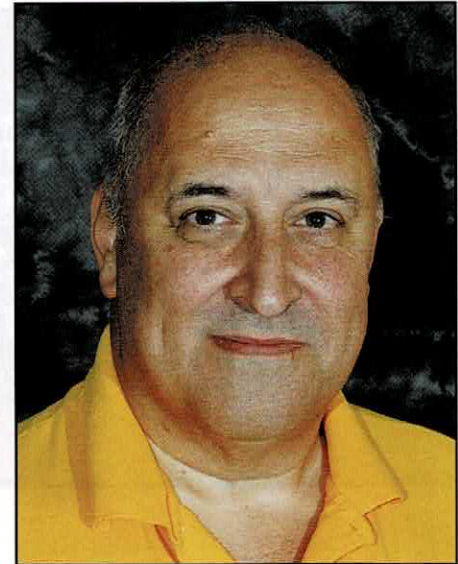
We can report to the American Legion of Kansas, to your families, to your High School Counselors, to those who sponsored you and to everyone else who supported you in your Boys State endeavors that you have exceeded their very high expectations.

We wish you the best and look forward to the times that our paths cross. Know this truth, you are and always will be a fellow Kansas Boys Stater!

Thank you,



Rex Gardner, Executive Director
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas



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.

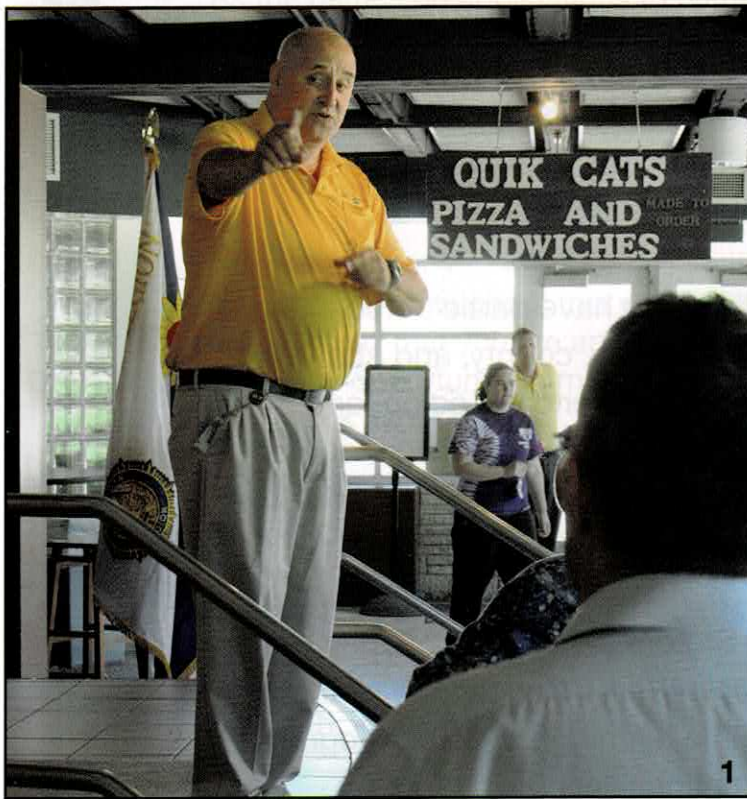
Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors. Many of them work 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 2013 session of Boys State arrived early in the afternoon. After being greeted by Executive Director Rex Gardner, they moved through check-in and on 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 preview of the week to come by Director of Development Thane Chastain and heard from guest speaker Zach Wahls.



1. Executive Director Rex Gardner welcomes Staters and their families to the 2013 American Legion Kansas Boys State program.

2. Advisor Chuck Shoemaker teaches a group of Staters how to properly raise the flag.

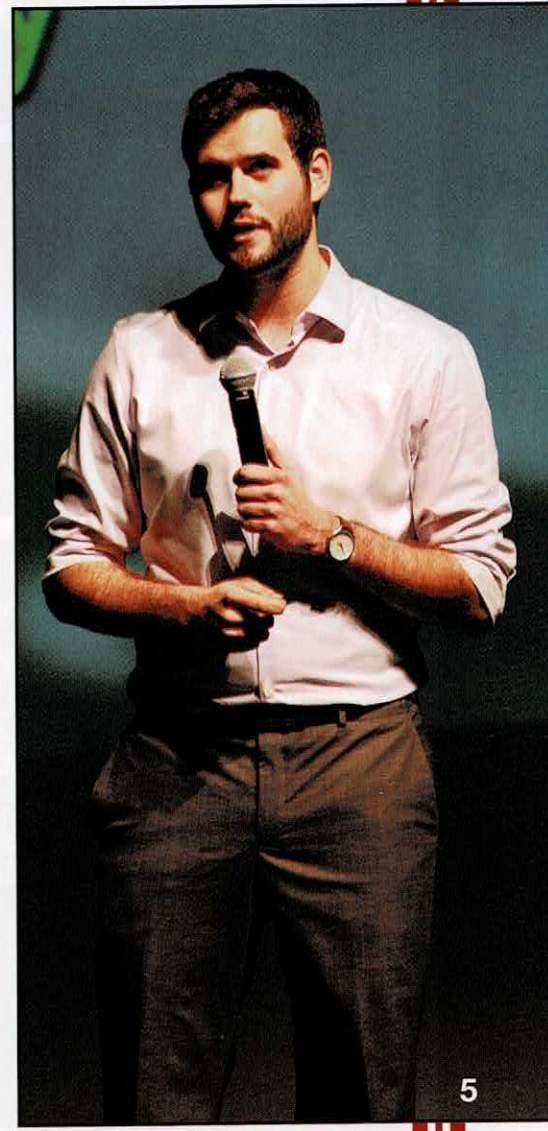
3. The Color Guard prepares to lead the Kansas Boys State delegates back to State from McCain Auditorium. Color Guard members include, from right, Zach



Evans of Kennedy County, Seth Carpenter of Pershing County, David French of King County, and Brennan Haley of Bradley County.

4. Stater Trevor Elwell-Cuddy of Kennedy County checks in.

5. Guest speaker Zach Wahls tells Staters how they can be successful in life and what they can do now to prepare for that success.





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1. County Counselors huddle with Program Coordinator Adam Doyle during morning retreat.

2. Dean of Counselors for Arkansas Boys State Robert Bryant, Jr., speaks to the Staters during morning retreat. Bryant was a special guest during the week.

3. Gauge Harper of Eisenhower County pops the soccer ball up in the air before he kicks it during the first day of recreation.

4. Several Staters wait for their turn to speak during the Whistle Stop Tour, which is a time for political candidates to speak to their part in an attempt to get their party's nomination for office.

5. Ethan Ridings of King County sings and plays guitar while auditioning for the Boys State Talent

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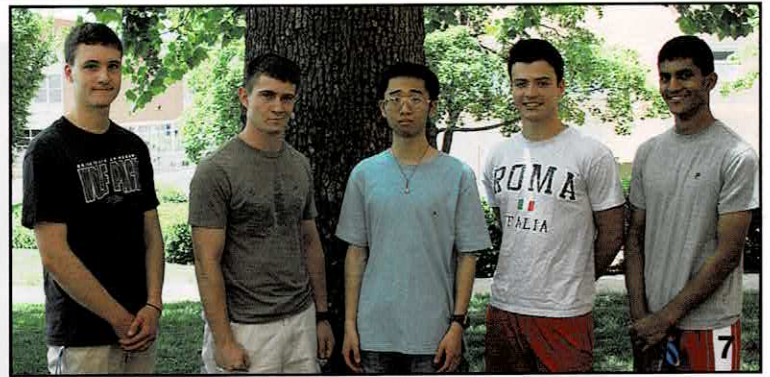
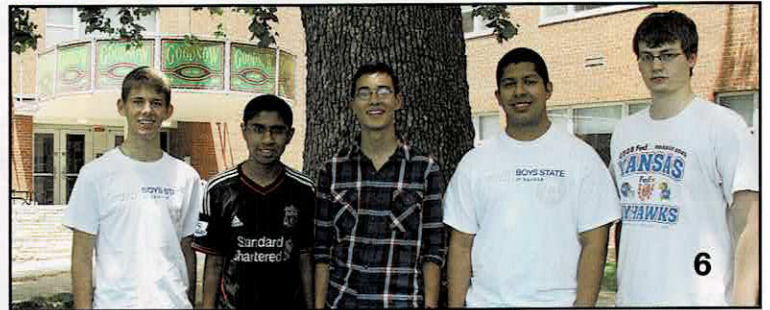
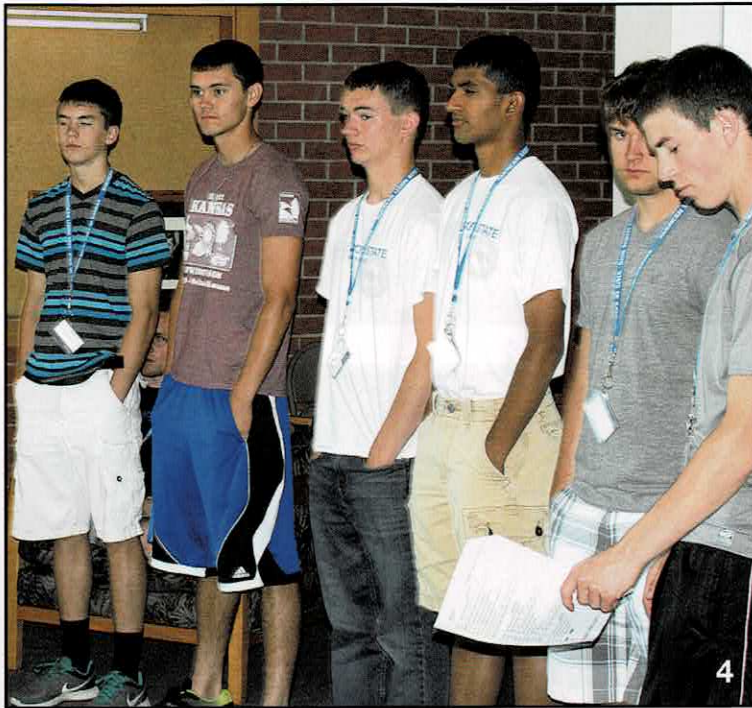
6. The Nationalist Party candidates pose for a picture. From left, they include Chase Barclay of Seitz County, Lakith Ranaweera of MacArthur County, Carl Palmquist of Pershing County, Andy Renteria of Eisenhower County, and Drew Stapp of Patton County.

7. The Federalist Party candidates pose for a picture. From left, they include David Nolan from Patton County, James Davis from Eisenhower County, Yang Yang Li of Kennedy County, Samuel Pate of Eisenhower County, and Vishnu Nagireddy of King County.

8. Staters recently sworn in as Highway Patrol Troopers proudly display their badges.

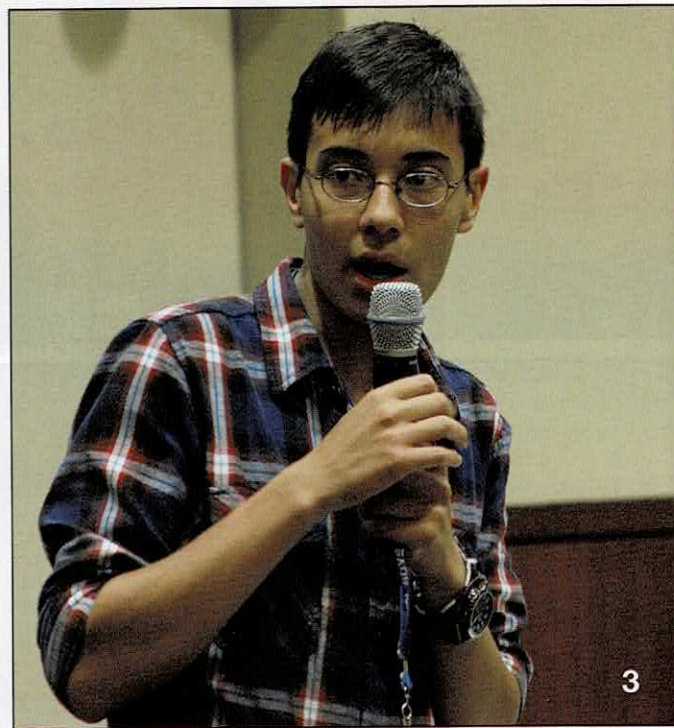
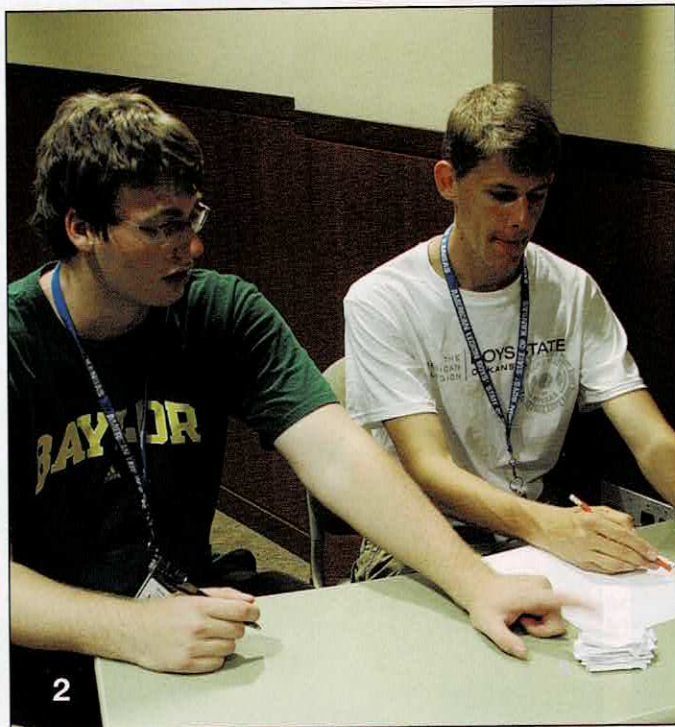
Monday

State really picked-up Monday morning. Delegates campaigned, began work on projects, auditioned for the Talent Show, and listened to candidates at the Whistle Stop Tour, and much more. Primary election results were announced at the evening assembly before for the evening's party conventions took place.



State Party

Nationalists



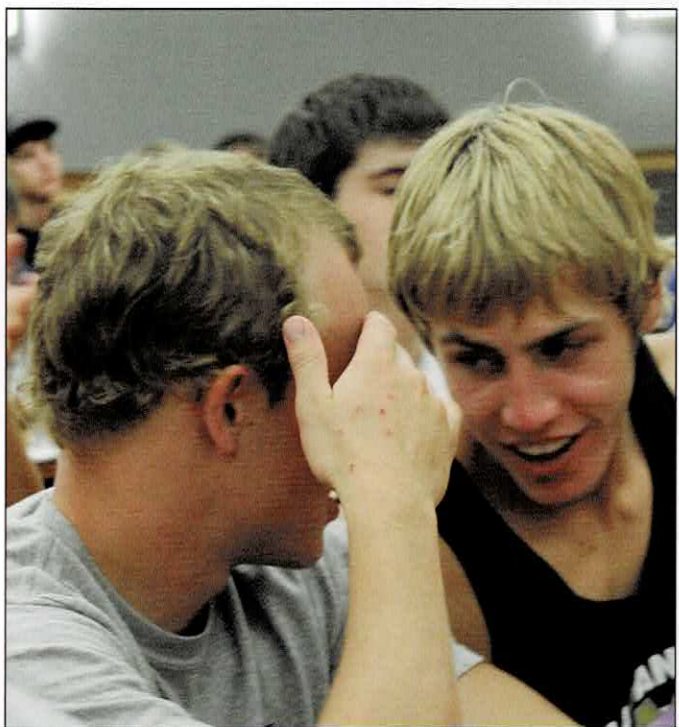
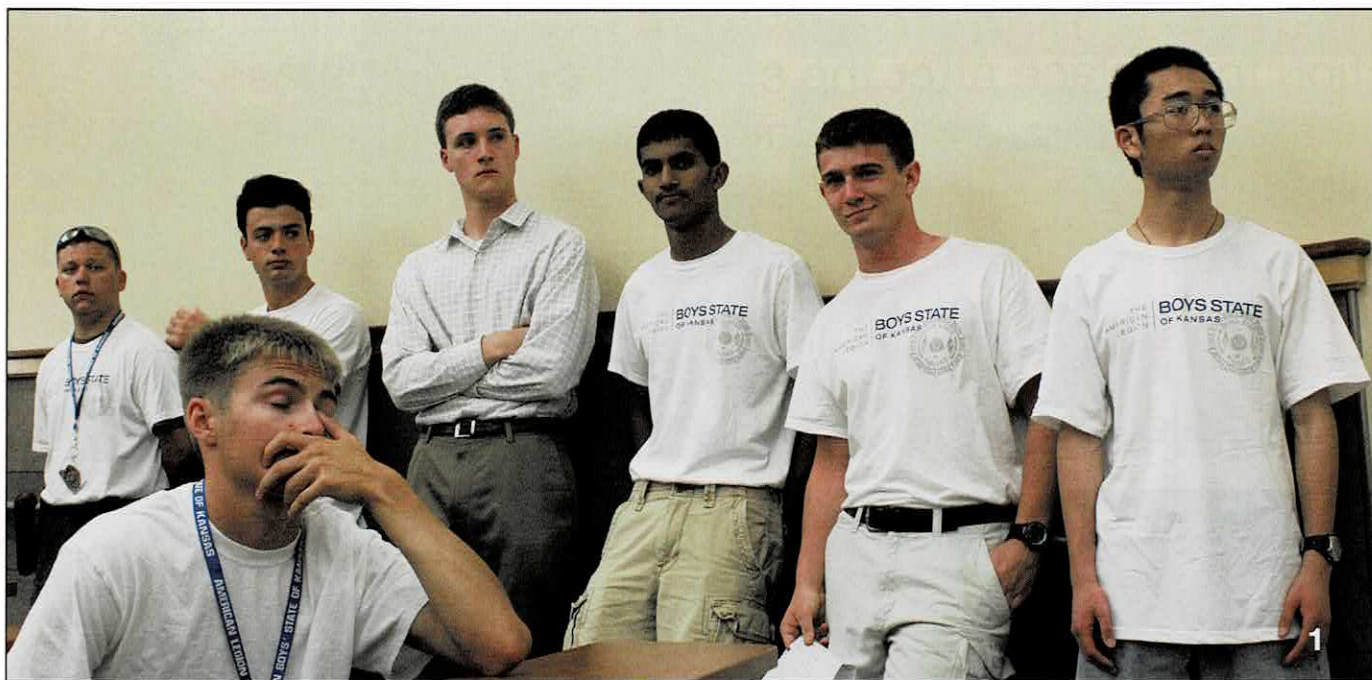
1. Candidates for the Nationalist Party address their fellow Staters at the Party Convention.

2. Drew Stapp of Patton County and Chase Barclay of Seitz County work on devising a

system to enter Staters into a drawing for a bag of candy.

3. Nationalist candidate for governor, Carl Palmquist of Pershing County speaks to his party.

Conventions



1. Candidates for the Federalist Party wait to address their fellow Staters at the Party Convention.

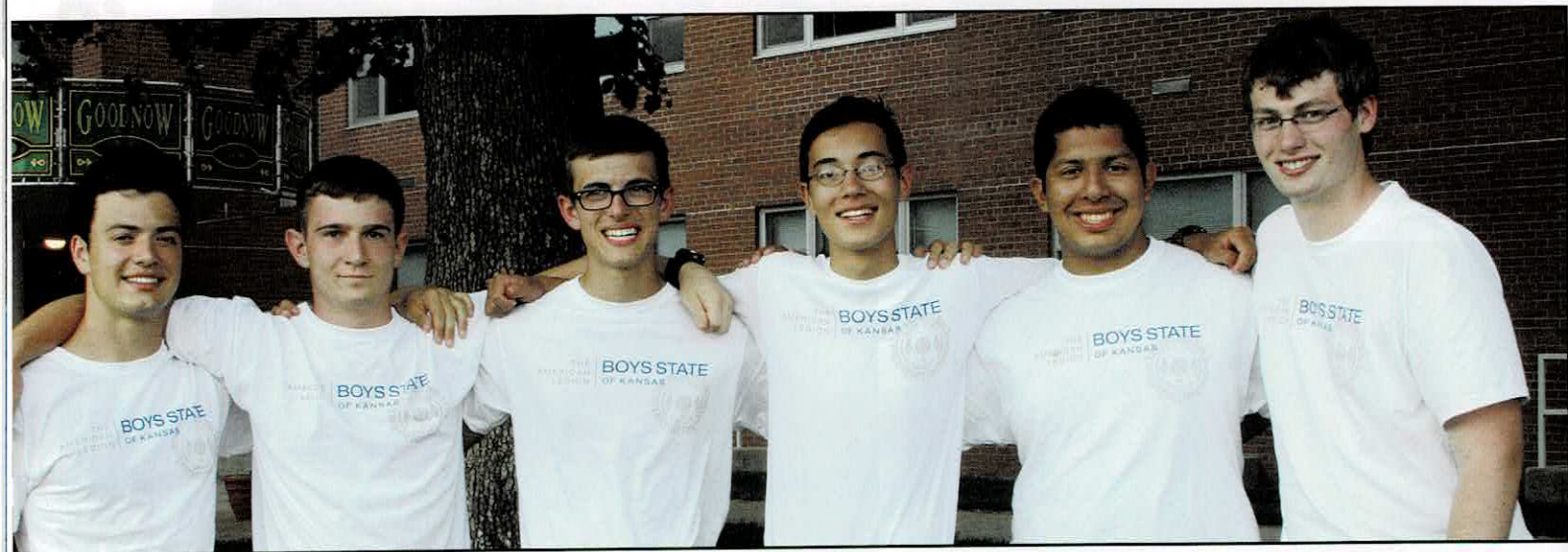
2. Two Staters share a laugh during the Federalist Party Convention.

3. Federalist candidate for governor, Yang Yang Li of Kennedy County, speaks to his party about what he plans to do as governor and urges everyone to cast their vote for him.

Federalists

Tuesday

Tuesday was truly Super Tuesday at Boys State. The general election took place after the state office candidates participated in a debate in McCain Auditorium. Then voters cast their ballots via text polling to determine the leaders of the 2013 Boys State. The results of the general election were announced during the evening retreat. Delegates then attended Town Hall Meetings where speakers from government offices and former and current college student body presidents took questions.



1. The 2013 Kansas Boys State leadership poses for a picture after being sworn into office. They include, from left, Attorney General Samuel Pate, Commissioner of Insurance James Davis, Lieutenant Governor Alex Houston, Governor Carl Palmquist, Secretary of State Andy Renteria, and State Treasurer Drew Stapp.

2. Gabriel Bann of Seitz County talks with advisor John Mulhern at the Boys State Bank about a possible purchase.

3. Members of the media moderate the Political Candidate Debate at McCain Auditorium. They include, from left, Jackson Koger of MacArthur County, Nathan Hanson of Bradley County, and Dylan Crow of Kennedy County.

4. Judge Joe Pierron speaks to a group of Staters about personal liberties during one session of the Town Hall

Meetings.

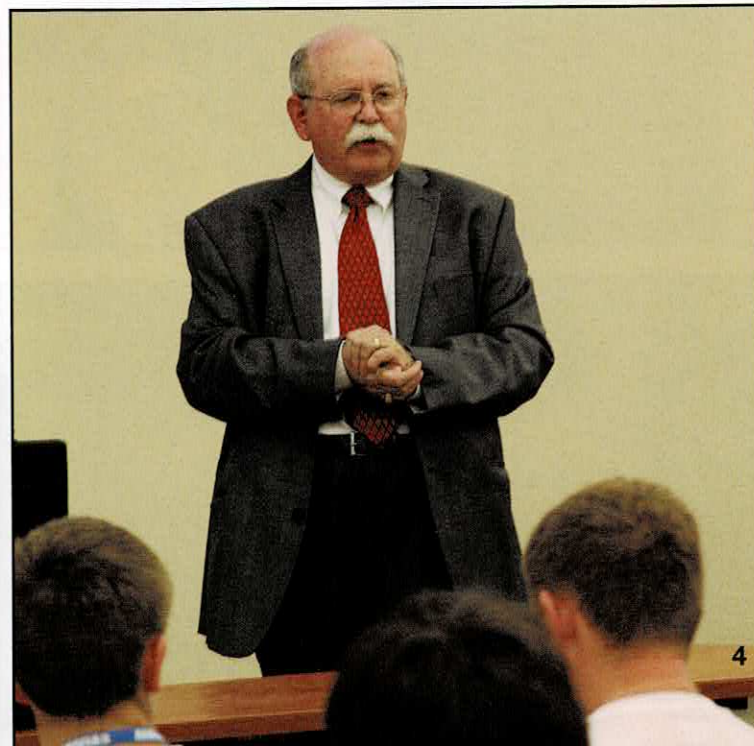
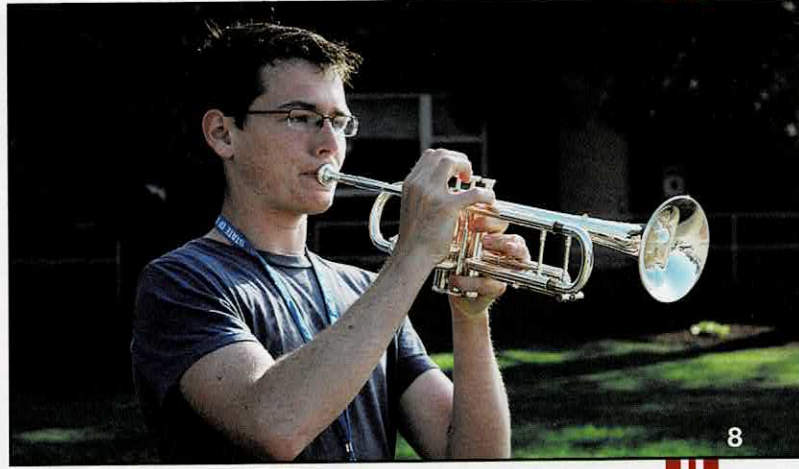
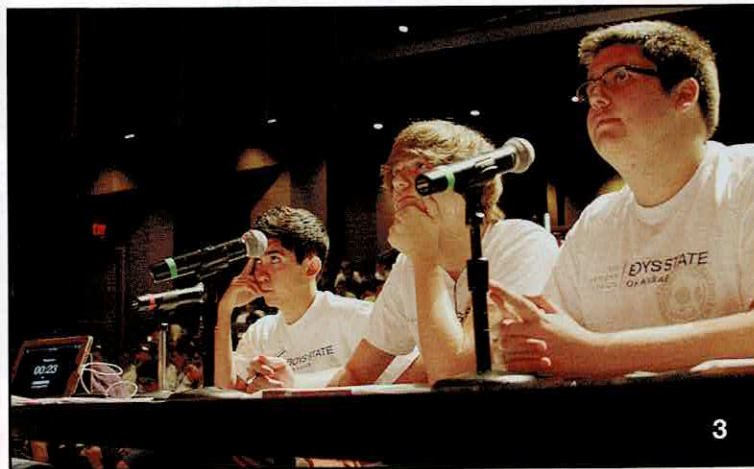
5. Members of the House discuss legislation.

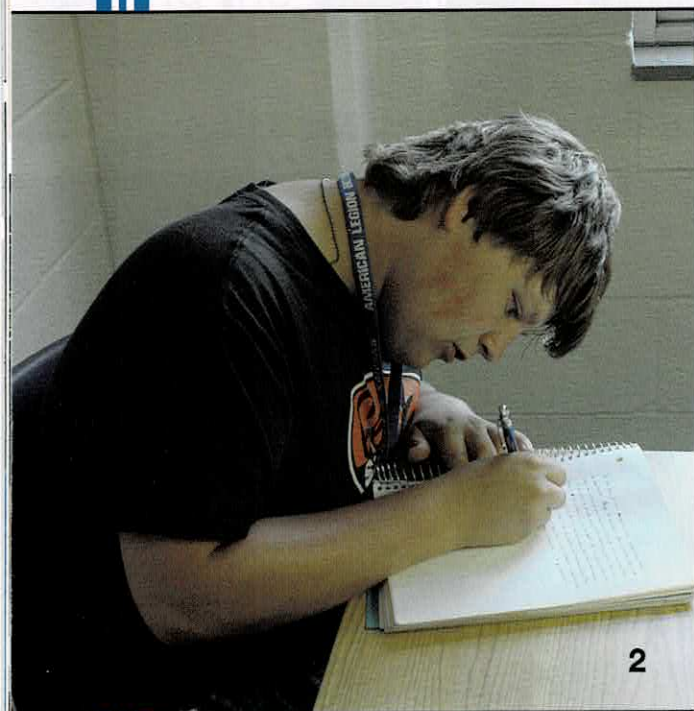
6. Andy Romisch of King County carries the flag to the flagpole so it can be raised at morning assembly.

7. Federalist candidate for governor, Yang Yang Li of Kennedy County answers a question during the Political Candidate Debate in McCain Auditorium.

8. Zack Brashear of Seitz County plays revellie at morning assembly.

9. Former Kansas State University Student Body President Nate Spriggs, left, and University of Kansas Student Body President Marcus Tetwiler speak at a session of the Town Hall Meetings.





Wednesday

Boys State operations continued as everyone had his position finalized. Also, the 2013 Boys State Governor Carl Palmquist delivered 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.



1. Boys State Governor Carl Palmquist delivers his State of the State Address to the delegates gathered in McCain Auditorium.

2. Benjiman Kowach of Kennedy County works on a project for the People for the American Way Political Action Committee.

3. Members of the Kansas Boys State Senate discuss legislation.

4. Missouri Boys State Executive Director Mike Plunkett speaks to the Kansas Boys State delegates. Plunkett was one of several special guests at State this year.

5. Counselors and advisors line up to watch morning assembly.

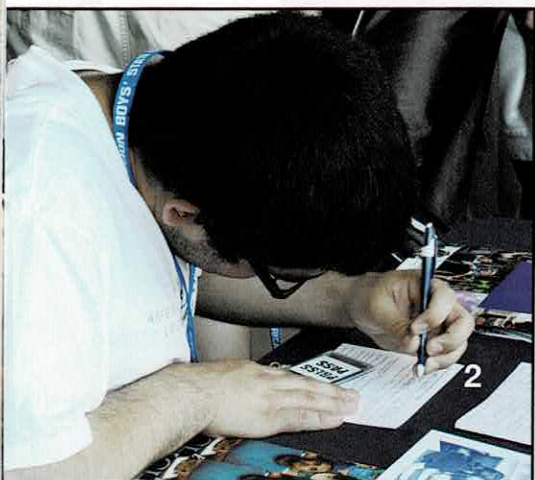
6. Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper and advisor Mike Paynter instructs Damian Vela of Bradley County on the Boys State Highway Patrol driving course.

7. Members of the Kansas Boys State Supreme Court discuss court cases.



Thursday

The week was filled with delegates working together to solve many different types of government problems. District courts heard trials and the House and Senate debated various legislative proposals. The College Fair gave delegates an opportunity to take a break from their hectic projects and visit with college recruiters. After evening ceremonies, Staters marched to McCain Auditorium to listen to the Boys State Choir and the Boys State 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. Representative Susan Concannon, of the 107th Congressional District, addresses the Boys State delegates in McCain Auditorium.

2. James Stapleton of Powell County fills out a form for Washburn University during Thursday's College Fair in the lobby of the Kramer Dining Center.

3. During the flag disposal ceremony hosted by members of the Manhattan American Legion Pearce-Keller Post 17, Staters pay their respects to many flags as they are retired.

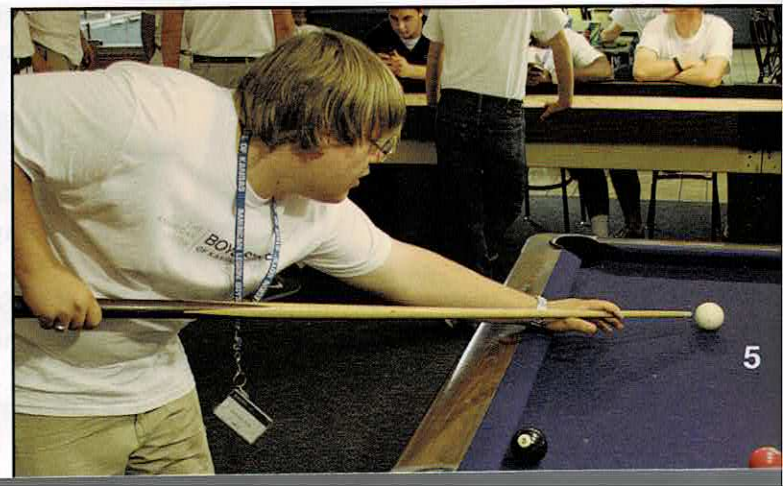
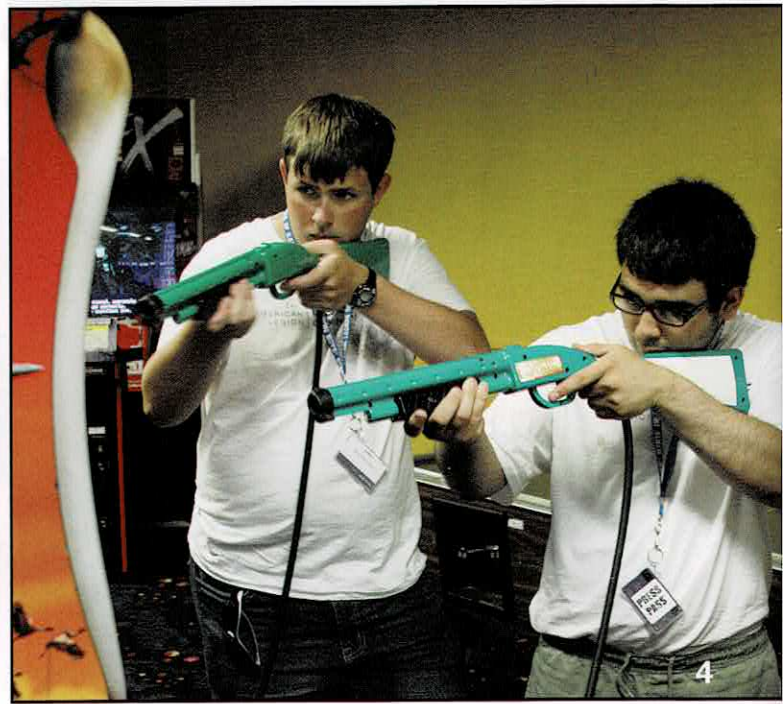
4. Staters talk to a representative from Wichita State University during the College Fair.

5. The Boys State Choir performs.

6. Alex Houston of Marshall County tells Staters why he should be a Boys Nation representative.

7. Staters play Ultimate Frisbee during recreation time.

8. The Boys State Band performs.



Friday

The final full day of State featured the creation of a Boys State movie trailer in the theme of “The Dark Knight Rises.” Then as the Staters finished up their last projects, they prepared to go to the Kansas State Union for an opportunity to hang out with other Staters they had met during the week. They played pool, bowled, and took part in other activities. They also enjoyed a special barbecue meal and learned who would be representing them as the Boys Nation Senators.



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1. Staters wait in line to be served pork from a whole hog, which was prepared and served by the Kansas State University Kramer Dining Center staff.

2. Pershing County members sing their county name during morning retreat.

3. Staters belt out a warrior's cry as they take part in the filming of the Boys State movie trailer.

4. Matthew Billion, left, and James Stapleton, both of

Powell County, play a video game.

5. Alexander Easton of Eisenhower County shoots pool.

6. A group of Staters watches a game of shuffle board.

Talent Show

Music, comedy, and dance performances were all part of the Boys State Talent Show. After their hard work during the first part of the week, delegates let loose a little bit Wednesday night and performed for fellow Boys Staters. There was a variety of different acts, ranging from piano and a variety of other musical instrument players to acting, dramatic readings, and singing. The night began with a musical performance from several of the Boys State counselors and ended with the traditional "American Pie."



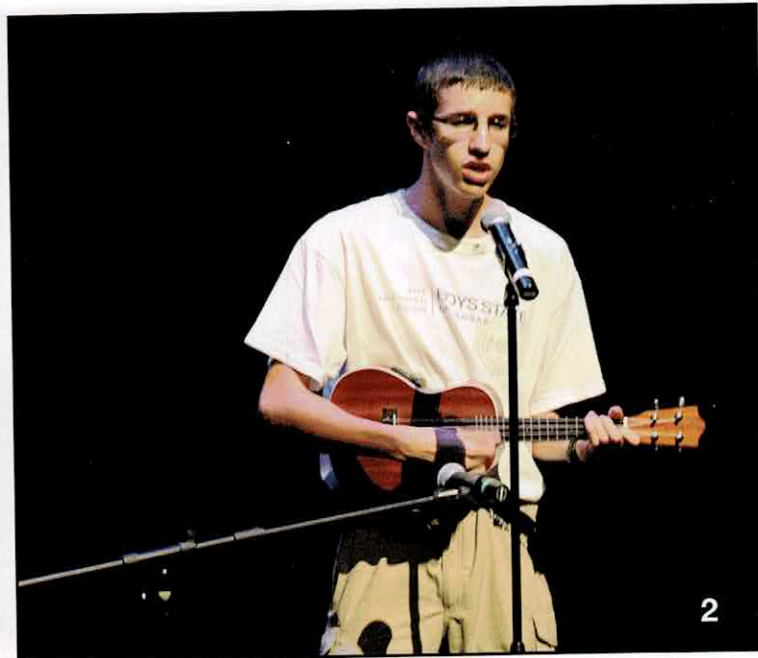
1. Jacob Oare performs "The Devil Went Down To Georgia" on his violin as part of Wednesday night's Boys State Talent Show.

2. Remington Friend performs "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" on his ukulele.

3. Rob Lara tosses his drum stick in the air to finish his snare drum solo.

4. Brothers Elijah and Nathan Short perform the humorous duet "Jenny."

5. Legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker performs a medley



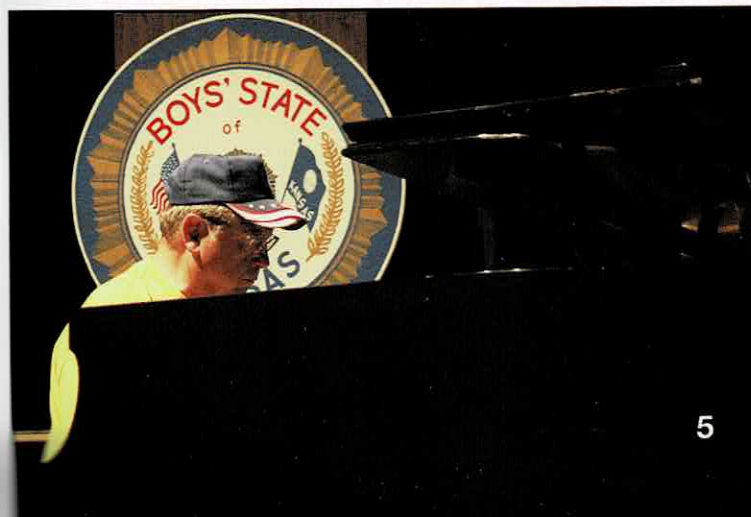
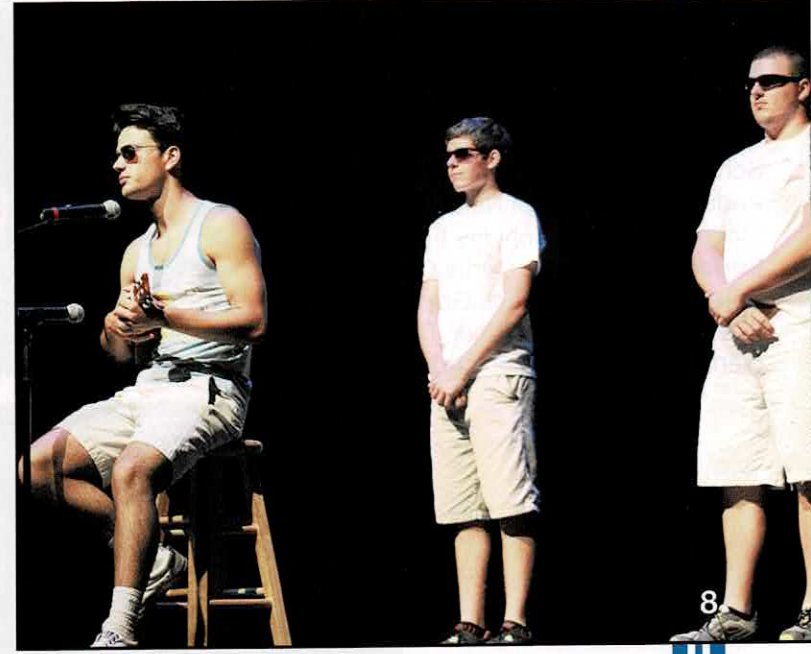
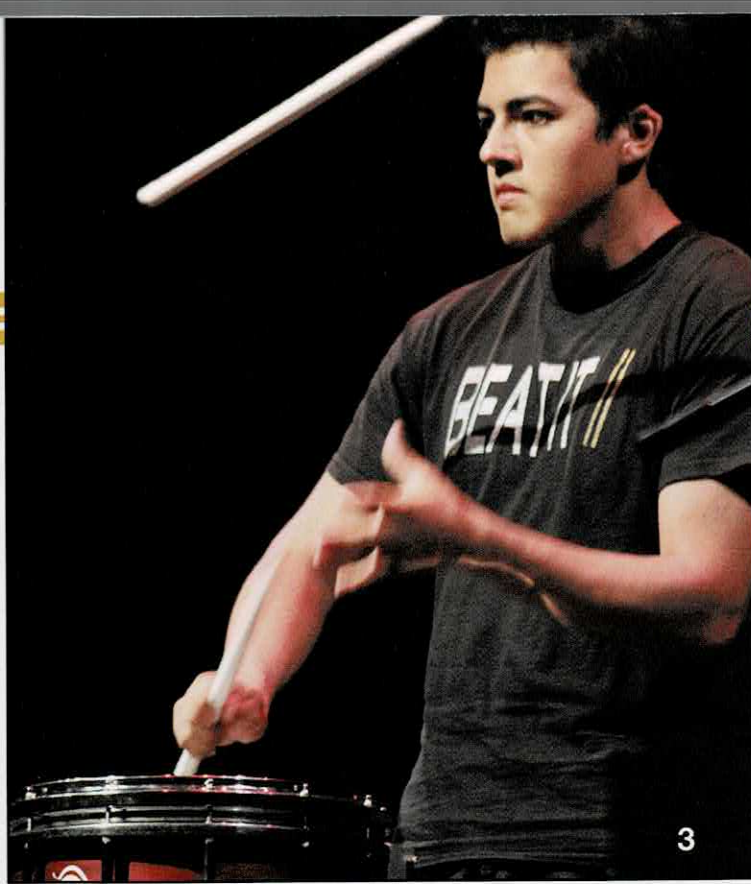
on the piano.

6. Members of the dance group "The Woppers" boogie to the song "The Wop" by J. Dash.

7. Evan Penner shares his beat boxing skills with the delegates.

8. Sam Pate delivers an impersonation of President Barack Obama, complete with Secret Service members standing by.

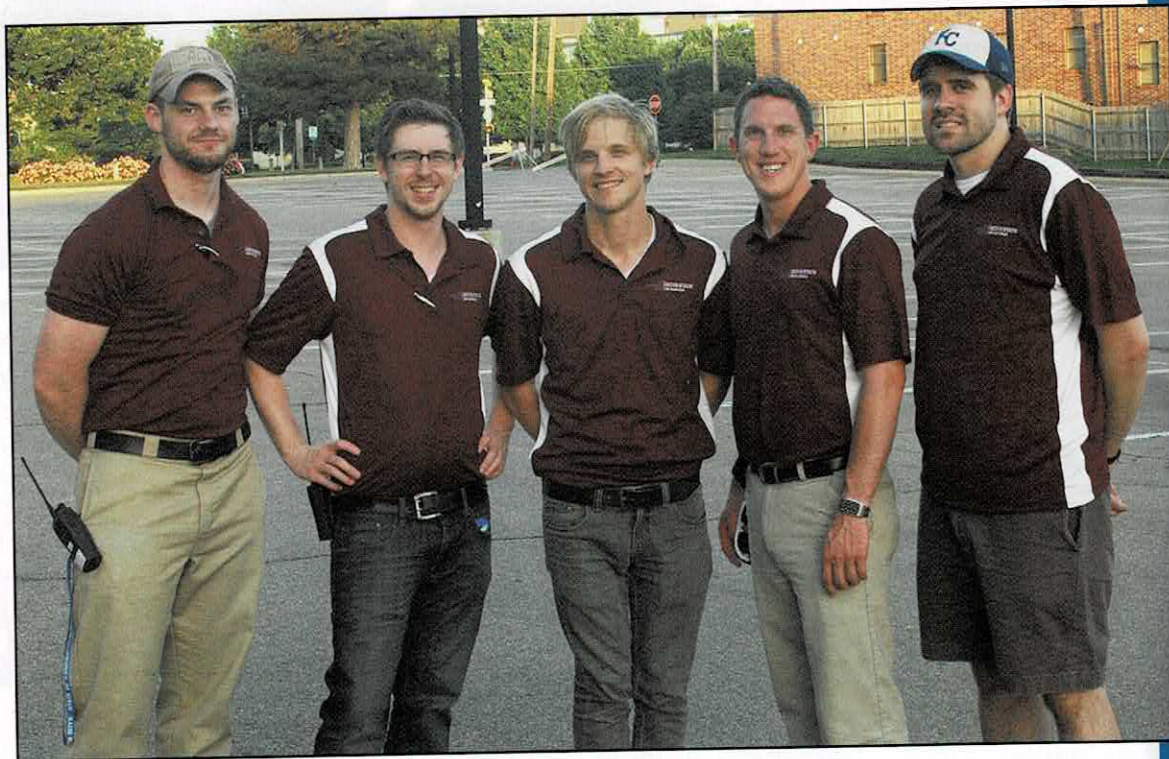
9. Mike Zimmers ends the Boys State Talent Show with a performance of Don McLean's "American Pie."



Counselors/Coordinators



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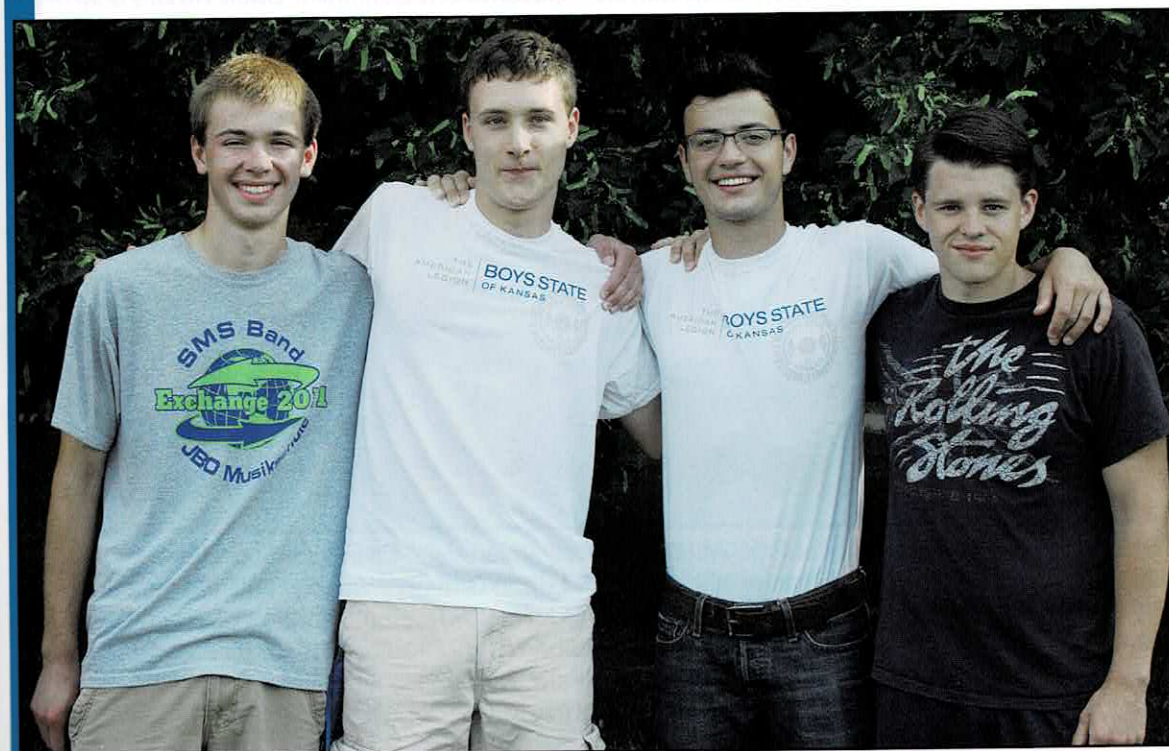
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Advisors/Nation



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Fourth Row Don Whitten, Zac Ewert, Dustin Fletcher, Steven Peterson
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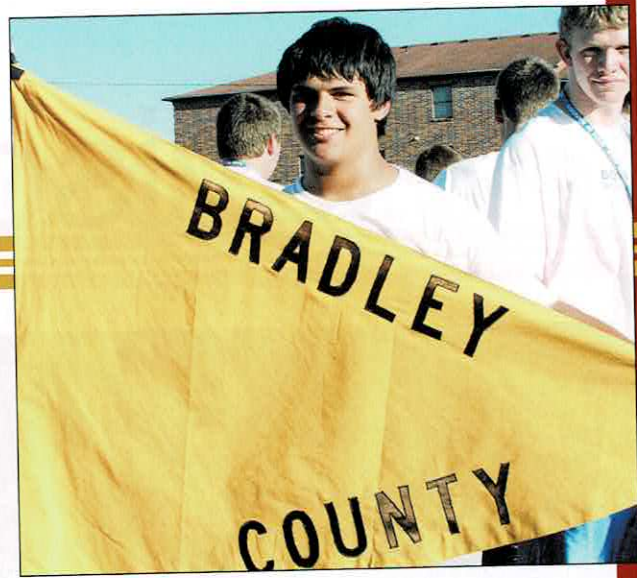
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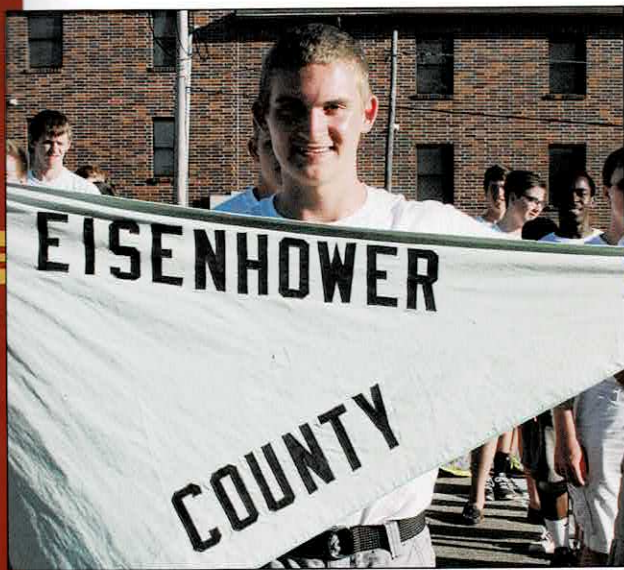
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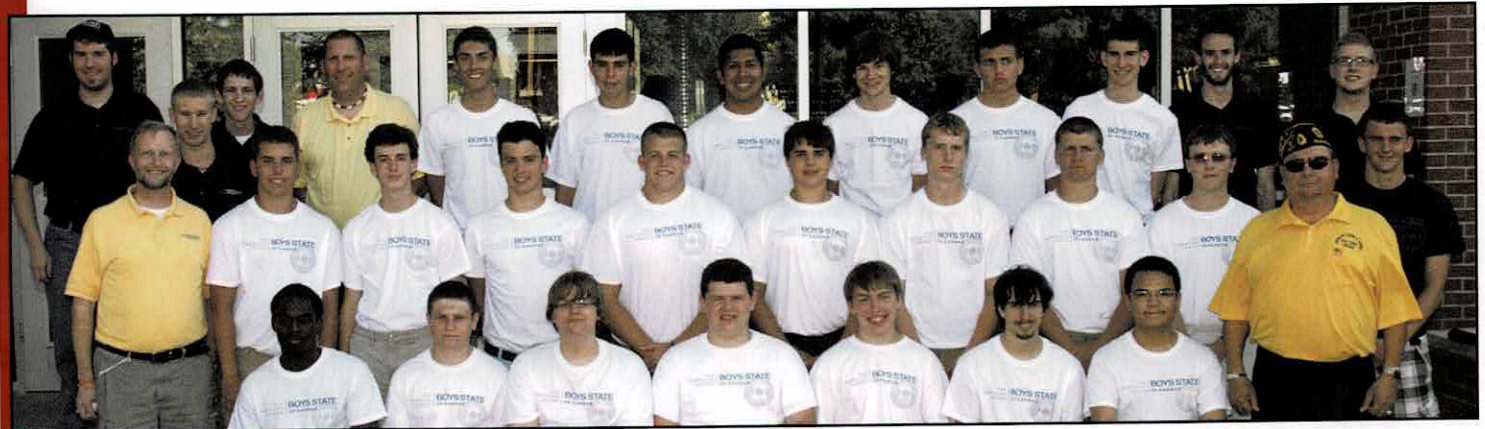


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Chastain

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Kennedy



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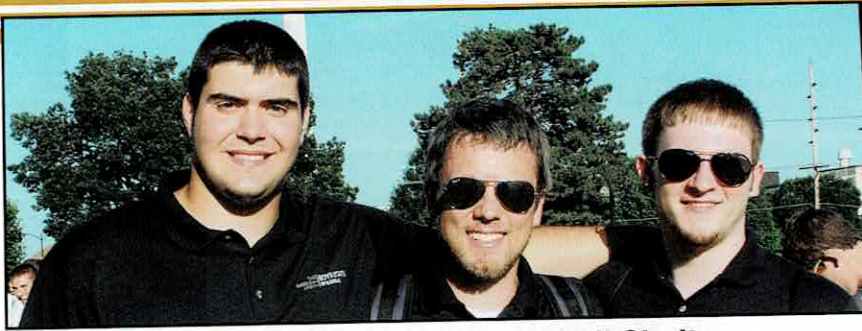
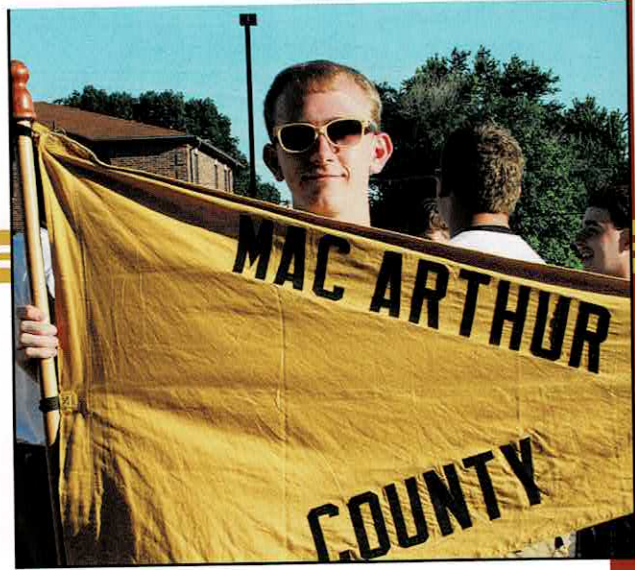
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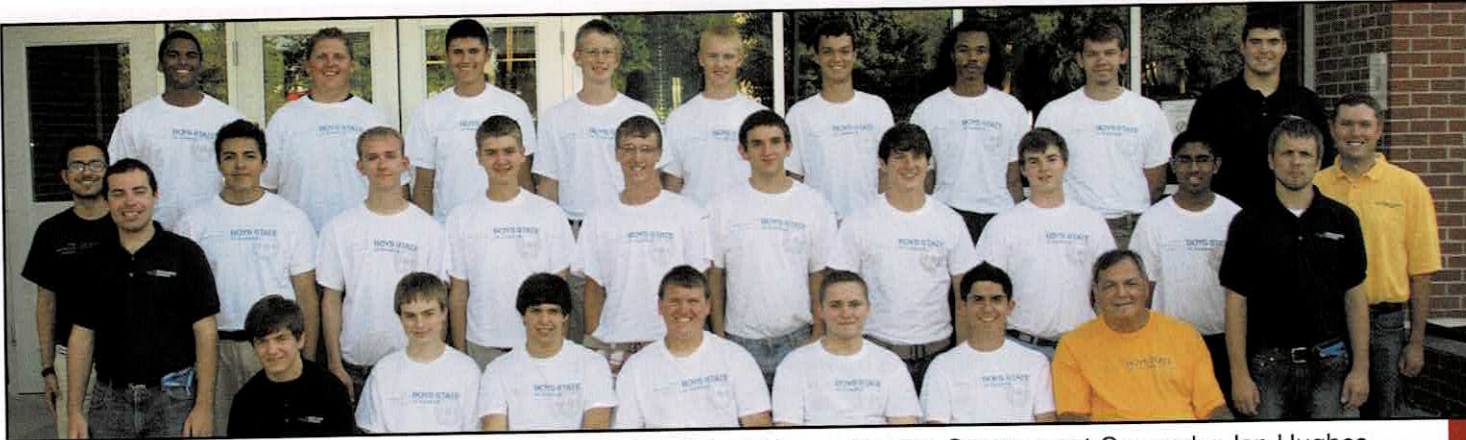
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Marshall



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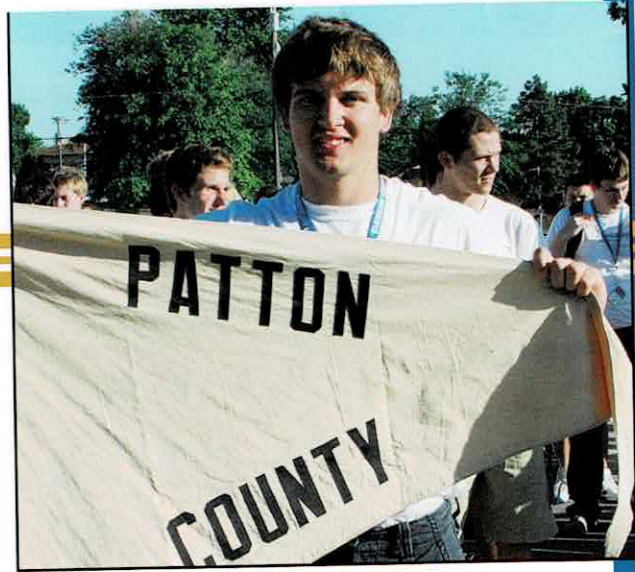
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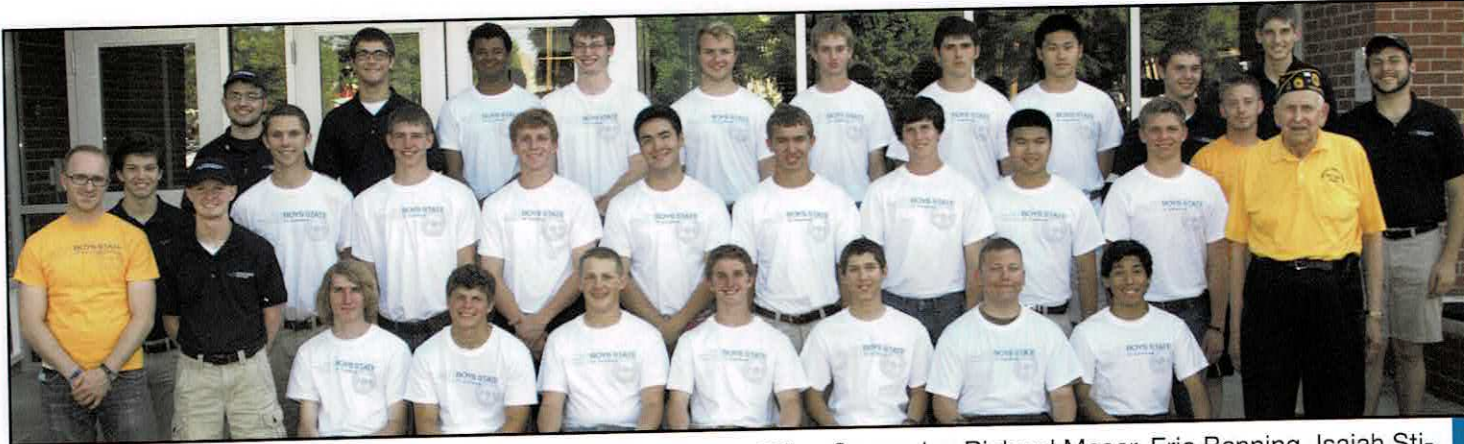
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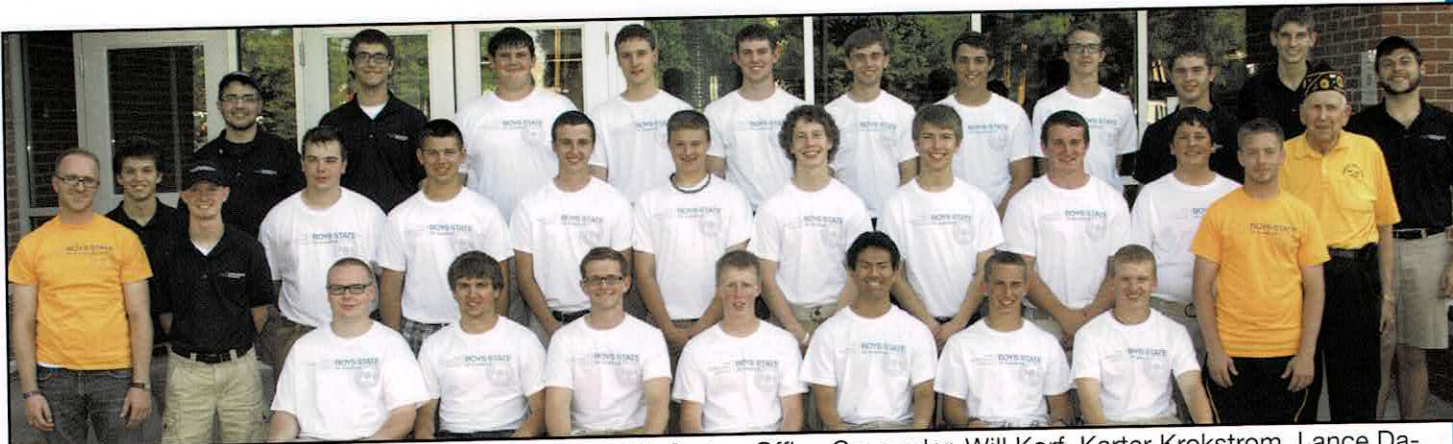


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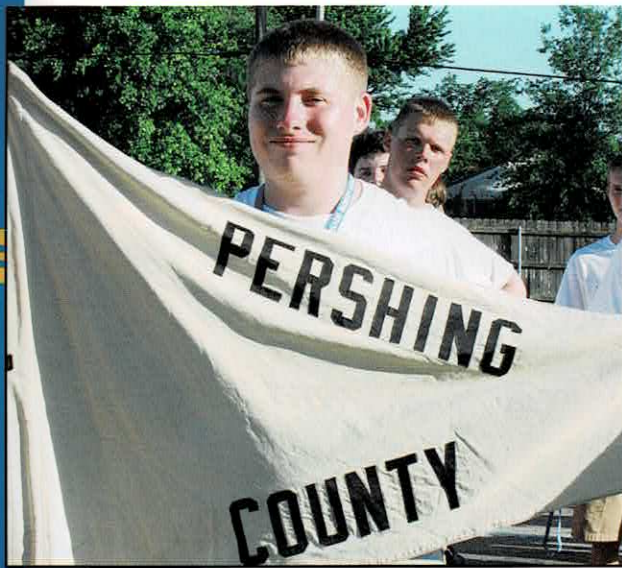
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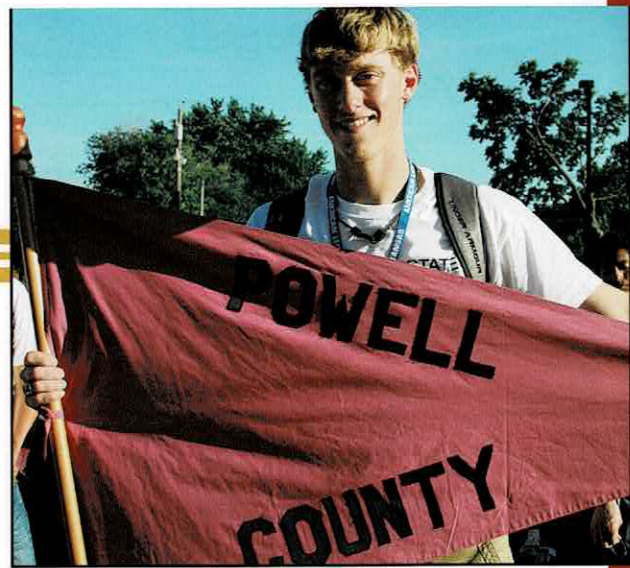
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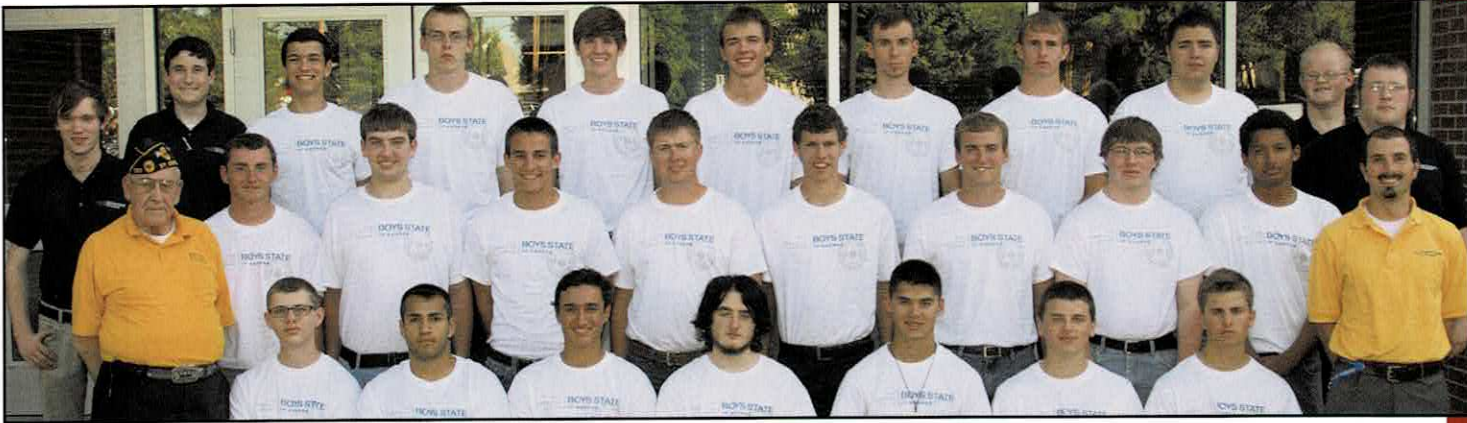
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Closing

And so it is over. The 76th session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas program is finished. These are just some of the life-long memories, captured in picture form, that you created over one week in the summer of 2013.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 9th 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.

So it is up to you, and you alone, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present you. Democracy, the most effective form of government, 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 helped you along the way.



