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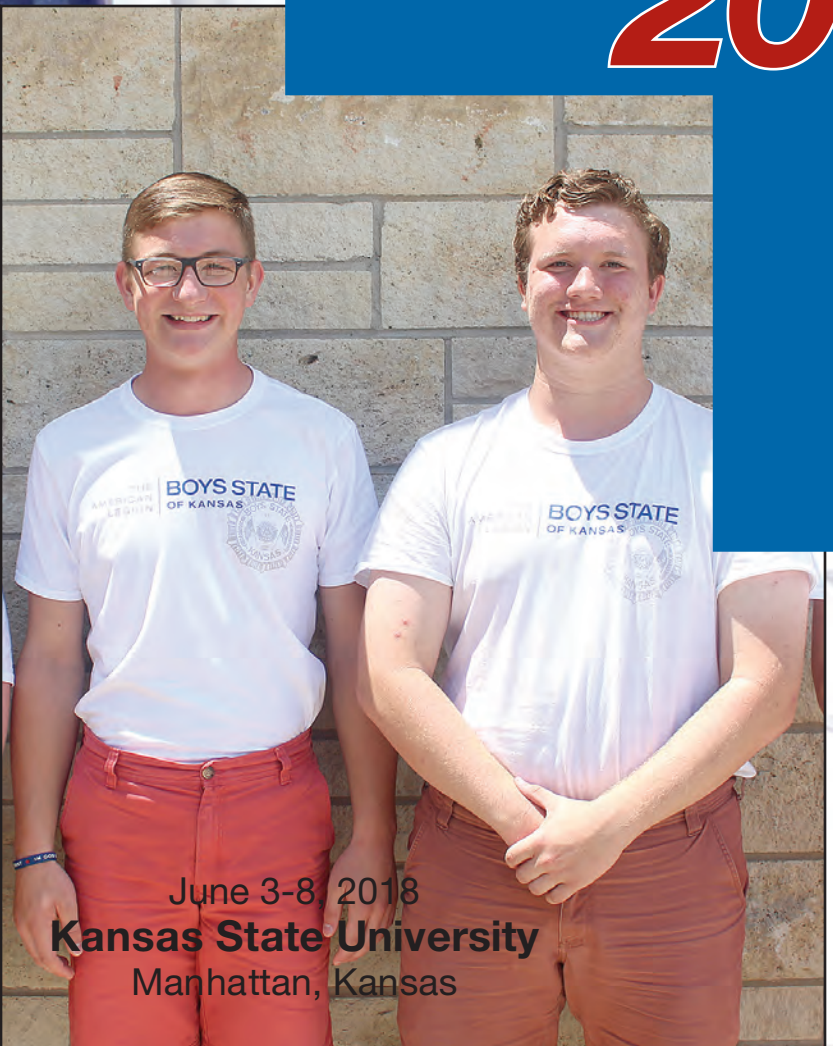
BOYS STATE OF KANSAS



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2018



June 3-8, 2018
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas

OF KANSAS



A WEEK THAT
Changed
MY LIFE

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+ WELCOME



Thank you for attending the 2018 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy! You were selected by members of your community as one of the top young men from the state of Kansas and chosen to have the firsthand experience of Boys State.

The mission of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy is to be a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility. I hope during your time at Boys State you were able to experience these attributes, and have a little fun in the process.

From the beginning you were challenged to dive in and get engaged, and not sit on the sideline and watch the week as it goes by. If you took this challenge you inevitably faced failure during the week, and that's ok! The possibility of failure can deter even the most confident men and women from taking a chance, and risking vulnerability. Our failures, as much as our successes, help define who we are as leaders, and as men. Michael Jordan once said, "I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." I hope that during your time at Boys State you took many opportunities to try.

As you reflect on your time at Boys State I hope that you can take a step back and appreciate the magnitude of progress that was made. Government entities were formed, city, county and state officials were elected, legislative and court systems created, and the media staff was there to cover it all. You accomplished quite a lot in such a short period of time, and you couldn't have done it alone. The amount of work accomplished took teamwork and cooperation, and everyone had to play their role to ensure success. Individually we are limited in what we can accomplish, however, when we work together we are able to increase our capabilities exponentially.

When you first arrived you were a single entity, one of 500. Leaving Boys State, I hope that you feel a sense of community, and take pride in the communities formed during your time. I hope that you took pride in what you were able to accomplish to move your community forward during your time at Boys State. Civic engagement is a responsibility shared by many, and you have a role to play. Exercise your right to vote, stand up for what you believe in, and do what you can to improve your community.

As the week went on, you likely became close friends with those around you that shared in your Boys State experience. Now, as an alumnus of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas you are a member of Statesmen Club, our alumni organization. You join the thousands of Kansas Boys State Delegates before you, and those that will follow as some of the best and brightest from the state of Kansas. I hope that you share your Boys State experience with pride and always remember Boys State!

Jake Ellis
Executive Director
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy



“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. With Charter No. 5, the Department of Kansas was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was held 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. American Legion Posts, as well as civic and church groups, 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.



Staters arrive

The 81st session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas started off with delegates, known as Staters, arriving at the Kramer Conference Center on the campus of Kansas State University.

After going through the check-in process and meeting their counselors and fellow Staters, delegates entered the whirlwind of the first day.

They headed to McCain Auditorium, where they heard from Executive Director Jake Ellis, Direct of Development

Thane Chastain, and Program Coordinator John Shively, each sharing more about the week laid out before them. Then Hesston College Men's Basketball Coach Dustin Galyon motivated the Staters before they returned to their county areas to sign up for positions such as city council, county commission, media, highway patrol and many others.

The day concluded with Staters working within their assigned positions.



Alec Michaud of Marshall County walks toward the Kramer Conference Center to begin the check-in process.



Counselor Max Curtis meets with Staters interested in serving in the Boys State Color Guard.



Counselor Trey Scarborough tells Stater Glenn Murithi of MacArthur County where to go next in the check-in process.



Associate Director Jared Meitler welcomes delegates and their parents in the Kramer Conference Center.



Hesston College Men's Basketball Coach Dustin Galyon speaks to the Staters in McCain Auditorium as part of the Opening Ceremony.



Stater Bryantt Venegas laughs during the first Marshall County meeting.



Ethan Robinette and Isaiah Casmus listen to their counselors during the first Pershing County meeting.



Chayne Dessaso of Eishenhower County learns how to properly hold a rifle for the Boys State Color Guard.



Program Coordinator John Shively explains to the delegates how Boys State works during the Opening Ceremony.

+ MONDAY



Legionnaire Bob Jenkins goes over the rules with Staters preparing to take part in a game of basketball during recreation.



Boys State Senators work on a project during Boys State Operations.



A delegate serves in a volleyball match during recreation.



Staters Jacob Karrasch of Seitz County and Isaiah Casmus of Pershing County work on a project in the Boys State courts system.



Department Vice Commander and Legionnaire Advisor Chuck Shoemaker addresses the delegates during morning assembly.

State gets going

Monday was the first full day of State. Following breakfast, the Staters heard from Department Vice Commander and Legionnaire Advisor Chuck Shoemaker at morning assembly.

Then they went into Boys State Operations, during which they took on their roles within the program, such as being a member of the media or a highway patrol officer.

The mayors of each Boys State city were also sworn into office.

As part of these roles, Staters had projects to complete. These ranged from establishing schools to working with government agencies to secure grant monies to build key pieces of infrastructure for the counties within the program.

It was also the first day when Staters had the opportunity to take part in recreation. They took part in team events, such as volleyball and softball, to name two.

From the onset, Staters began to exercise and grow their leadership skills.



Joshua Fernandes of King County works on a project.



Patton County checks its line spacing during morning assembly.



The mayors of each Boys State city are sworn into office and encouraged to go forth from their silos to do great things.

Parties choose

Part of the Boys State program involves being assigned a political party designation.

This is determined by the questions Staters answer on their Boys State registration form.

The two parties are the Nationalists and the Federalists, with the Nationalists tending to be more liberal and the Federalists tending to be more conservative.

Monday night, prior to Tuesday's general election, Staters gathered together

with their fellow party members to select their parties' candidates. This was done through a caucus process, which saw would-be candidates giving speeches to their constituents as they made the case for why they should be the party candidate for each office.

After all the speeches were given, Staters voted for their top choices in each position. Those winning went on to represent the party in the candidate debate and the general election.



Brody Marshall of Powell County spoke, representing a newly formed third party, called the Liberty Party.



A candidate addresses the Federalist Party members.



Scout Perryman of Marshall County and William Weiner of Kennedy County listen to Federalist Party candidates during the party's caucus.



Federalists Party members listen to what the would-be candidates say in order to make an informed vote. Part of the party's caucus was held outside due to air conditioning issues.



Members of the Nationalist Party listen to candidates speeches as they try to decide who will be on the Nationalist ticket.



A candidate addressed the Nationalist Party members.



Nate Baker of Powell County tells the Federalist Party why he would be a good candidate.



Daniel Soriano of Marshall County tells the Nationalist Party caucus why he would be the best candidate for governor.



Nationalist Party governor candidate Daniel Soriano of Marshall County speaks during the candidate debate at McCain Auditorium.



The flag detail prepares to raise the flag at morning assembly.



One Stater makes an impressive throw during a game of Ultimate Frisbee during recreation.



During evening retreat, the general election winners were announced. They included, from left, Commissioner of Insurance Joshua Fernandes, Lieutenant Governor Nate Baker, State Treasurer Logan Elliot, Governor Chayne Dessaso, Secretary of State Zachary Payne, and Attorney General Daylan Williams.



Liberty Party governor candidate Matthew Goldammer of Marshall County answers a question during the candidate debate.

Electing leaders

Tuesday the Boys State Media hosted a candidate debate. During the debate, Monday's caucus winners were asked questions and were given the opportunity to appeal to voters.

Following the debate, the general election took place. Staters cast their ballots for their chosen candidates.

The Federalist Party came away the big winners of the election. Chayne Dessaso of Eisenhower County received the nod as 2018 Boys State Governor with Nate

Baker of Powell County as his Lieutenant Governor.

Other Federalists winning office include King County's Daylan Williams being elected as the Attorney General, and Zachary Payne of Pershing County won the title of Secretary of State.

Nationalists who were elected include Logan Elliot of Pershing County as State Treasurer and Joshua Fernandes of King County as Commissioner of Insurance.



Staters stand at attention during morning assembly.



Pershing County Staters dance during morning assembly.



The Kansas National Guard presented information to the Boys State National Guard.



Joby Jobson of Kennedy County learns hand-to-hand combat with the Highway Patrol.

Slowing down

After the hectic days of running for office and the overall election process, Wednesday served as a day to slow down and settle into the work of Boys State.

All positions were filled, so Staters were able to work on projects, including court cases and passing legislation, to name just two.

The newly elected state officials also got to work on passing a budget for the state to run on.

At evening retreat, legionnaires were

recognized for their service, and Staters took part in Pass In Review, which is a traditional military action where troops are presented for inspection.

At Boys State, counties march for the legionnaires, led by their county counselors and the county guidons.

Staters also had several opportunities at recreation, including a cross country race and chess matches. These were in addition to the normal offerings of softball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, and soccer.



A Stater prepares to throw a Frisbee during recreation.



Marshall County takes part in Pass in Review Wednesday evening on the way to McCain Auditorium.



David Qi of Seitz County looks at a fellow Stater as they work on a project.



Jordan Ehrke serves as the guidon for Marshall County.



Kotis Atkinson of Eisenhower County practices driving as part of the Highway Patrol.



Stater Keath Meyer of Patton County interviews legionnaire Bob Jenkins as part of a Boys State Media project.



Attorney General Daylan Williams of King County works on crafting legislation.



Staters play softball during recreation.



Zach Pearson and Johnny Bauer of Pershing County work on a city project.

+ THURSDAY



Staters exercise their First Amendment rights by protesting the lack of progress being made by the Boys State Legislature to pass a bill.



Members of the Boys State National Guard plan how to handle a crisis befalling the state.



Staters salute as a flag retirement ceremony takes place outside of McCain Auditorium.



Staters shoot pool during the Boys State Celebration in the K-State Student Union.



SiWoo Park of MacArthur County speaks with a college representative at the Boys State College Fair.

Final tasks done



University of Kansas Medical Center Project Director Todd Moore addresses the Staters at McCain Auditorium.

The last full day of Boys State was filled with activities for the Staters.

During operations, more work was done, and a sizeable group gathered outside of the House of Representatives to protest their slow passage of a budget. The budget is important for various groups within the program to have in order for them to complete their tasks for the day.

Following such excitement, Staters once again headed to McCain Auditori-

um. Outside at the World War II Memorial, delegates were able to witness a flag retirement ceremony. Then, once inside, they were treated to performances by the Boys State Band and Choir.

Following this, Boys Nation Senatorial candidates gave speeches urging their fellow Staters to vote for them to represent Kansas at the national level.

To wrap up the evening, Staters played pool and took advantage of the arcade at the Kansas State Student Union.



James Myers of King County performs as part of the Boys State Band.



Ethan Tatro of Marshall County takes on Mark Stacey of Eisenhower County during the arm wrestling competition.



Members of the Boys State Choir perform in McCain Auditorium.

Saying goodbye

Friday brought the end of the 2018 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas program.

The morning started with a brunch and a final Pass in Review exercise.

Then, the highlight of the day was Closing Ceremonies, which took place in McCain Auditorium.

Kansas Rep. Shelee Brim delivered the keynote address.

The ceremonies entailed announcements of awards, such as Outstanding

Citizens, Caleb Haselhuhn of King County as the winner of the Samsung American Legion College Scholarship, Jordan Watson as the Advisor of the Year, the results of the Boys Nation Senators vote, and the winners of the Counselor of the Year awards.

Before the Staters were dismissed back to their families, they also got to enjoy the Closing Ceremonies video, which highlighted the week everyone had experienced.



Kansas Rep. Shelee Brim delivers the Closing Ceremonies keynote address.



Eisenhower County participates in Pass In Review Friday morning on the way to Closing Ceremonies at McCain Auditorium.



Legionnaires receive recognition during Closing Ceremonies.



Outstanding citizens from each city receive recognition during Closing Ceremonies.



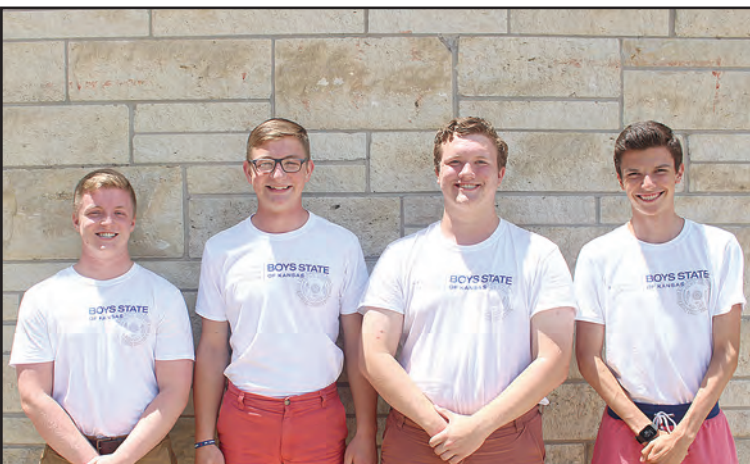
The Boys State Color Guard leads the state through Pass in Review on the way to Closing Ceremonies.



Staters sound off for the last time at Morning Assembly.



Staters wait for Closing Ceremonies to start in McCain Auditorium.



The winners of the Boys Nation election were announced at Closing Ceremonies. They include Jack Mickelson (alternate), Mark McAlister, Hap Waddell, and Sam Hubert (alternate).



Governor Chayne Dessaso rings the bell to officially close the 2018 session of Kansas Boys State.

+ TALENT SHOW



Nikolas May of King County opens the talent show with the National Anthem.



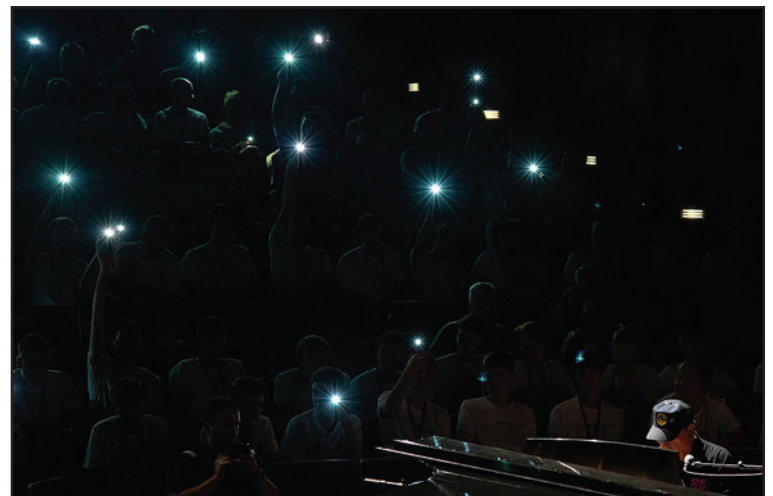
Joe Mirakian of Eisenhower County plays the violin.



Zane Kohl of Marshall County performs gymnastic moves with the help of James Higgs of Eisenhower County.



Austin Smith of MacArthur County showcases his beat box abilities.



Staters wave cellphone lights as legionnaire Chuck Shoemaker plays the piano.

Sharing talents



Happ Waddell of Seitz County serves as the master of ceremonies of the talent show.

A perennially popular aspect of Boys State is the annual talent show. During this crowd-pleasing production, Staters show off their talents — whether it be magic tricks, musical instrument performances, forensic-style readings, or vocal singing performances — for their fellow delegates.

This year saw more than 15 performances with the master of ceremonies injecting his own bits between acts.

The performances took place Wednes-

day evening at McCain Auditorium, and it served as a welcome reprieve from the stress of playing the roles found within Boys State.

Prior to the show, Boys State governor Chayne Desasso gave his inaugural address.

After the show, Associate Director Jared Meitler shared with Staters the possibilities of being selected as a Boys Nation Senator.



Samuel Pollom of King County completes a Rubik's Cube in a matter of seconds.



Matthew Kline of Kennedy County performs the humorous solo "Thom Tum."



Jacob Lehrman of Bradley County performs a medley on the piano.



Keath Meyer of Patton County closes the show with Frank Sinatra's "That's Life."

Counselors



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Not Pictured: Andrew Spindler & Julian Kincaid



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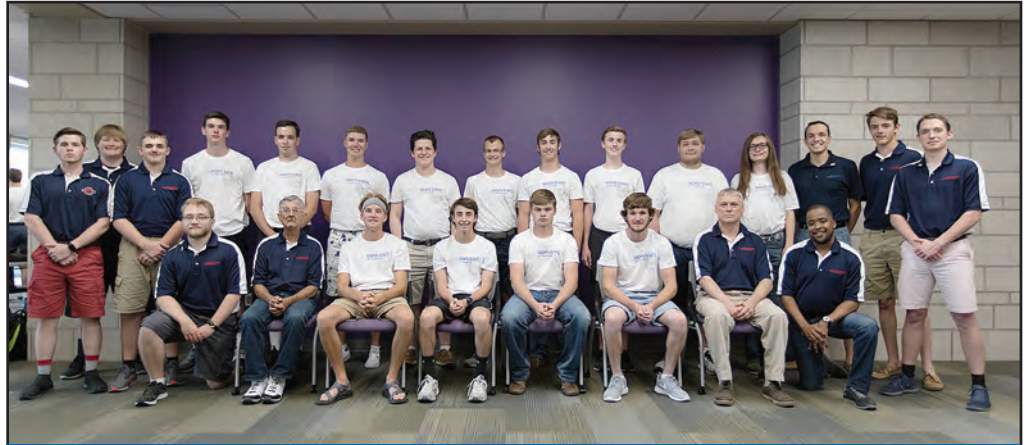


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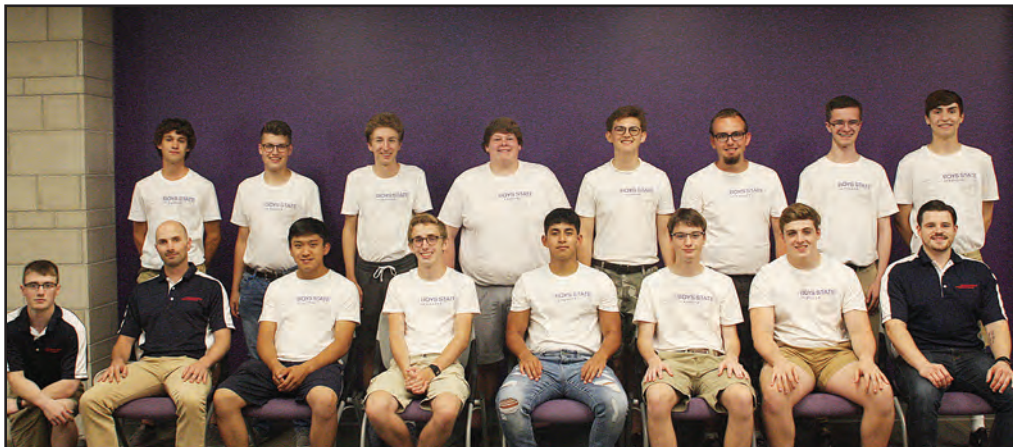
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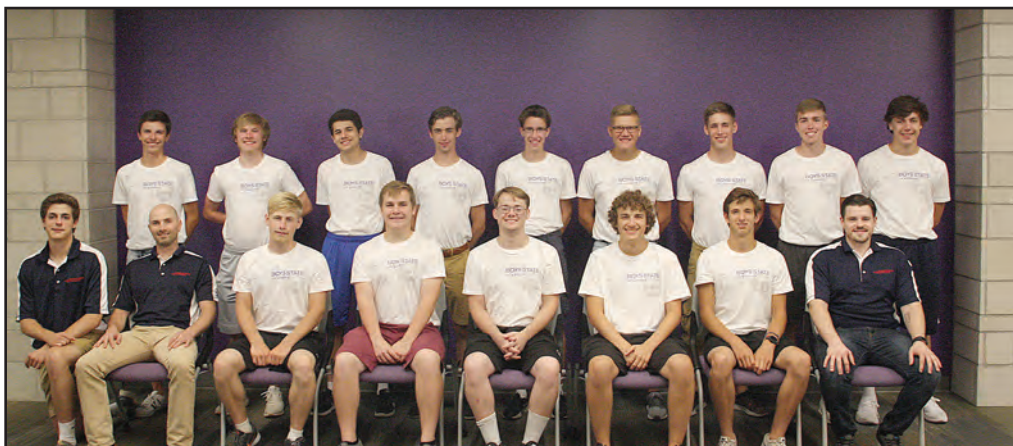
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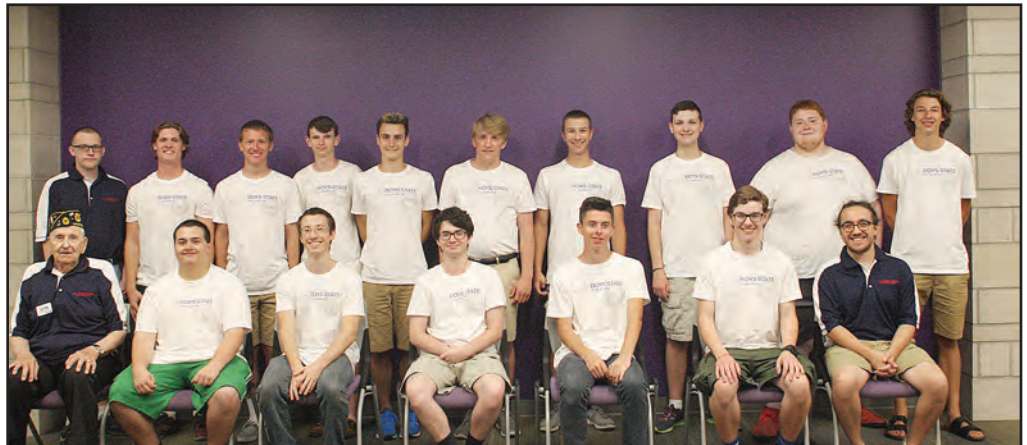
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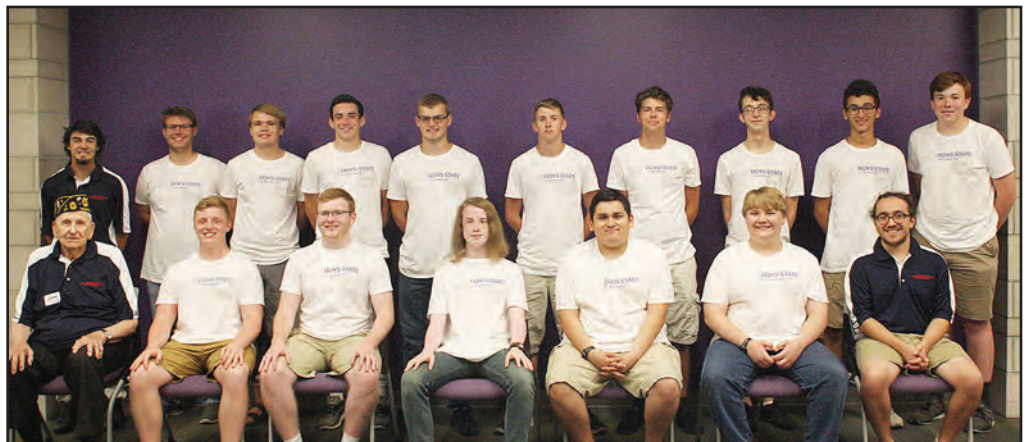
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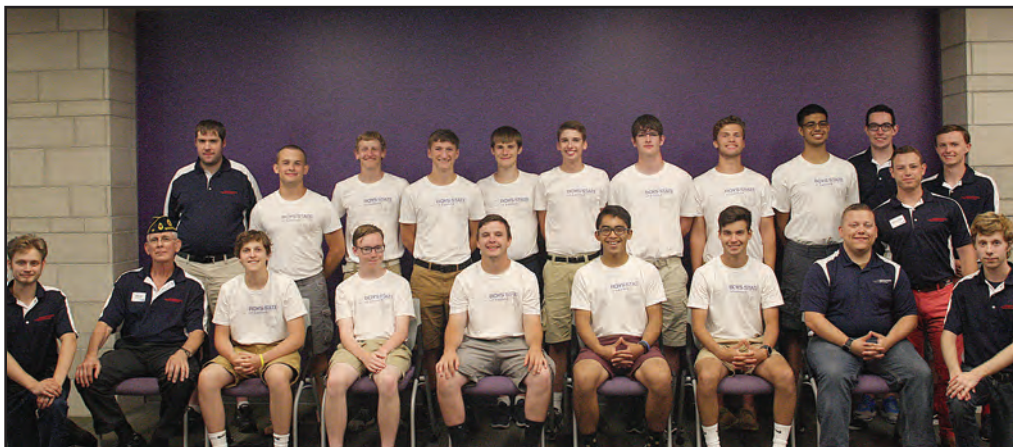
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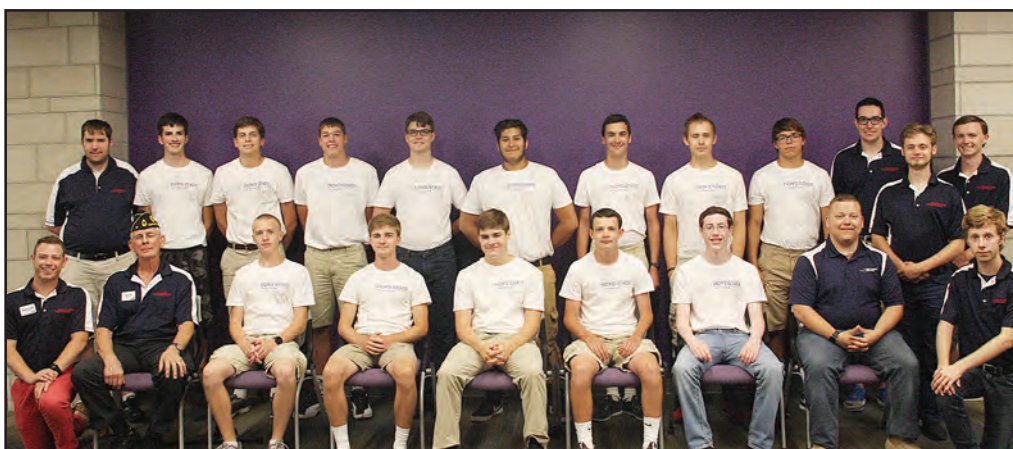
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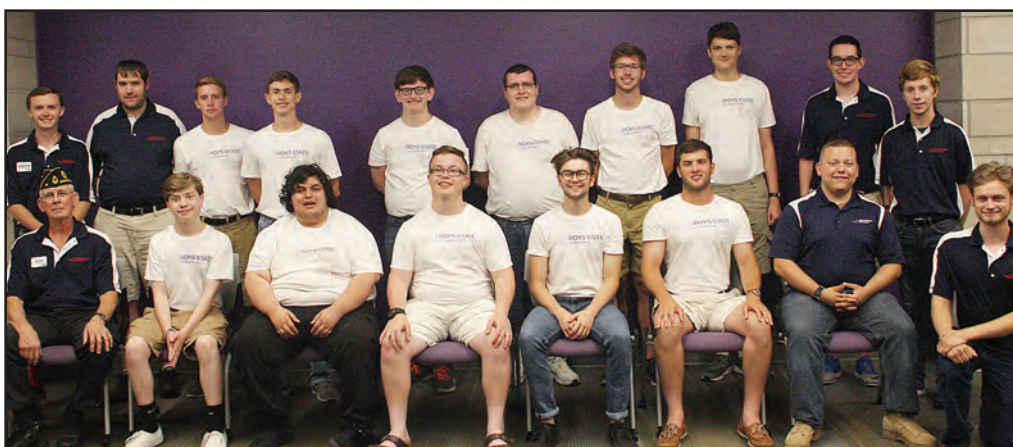
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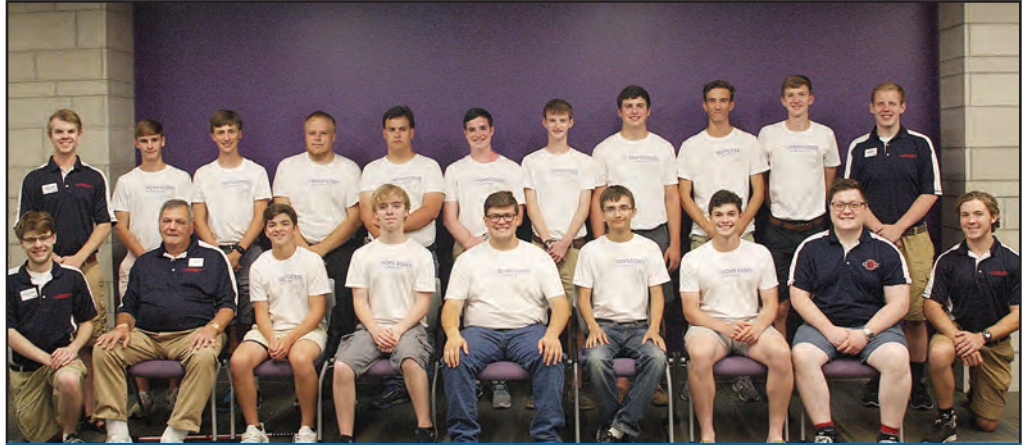


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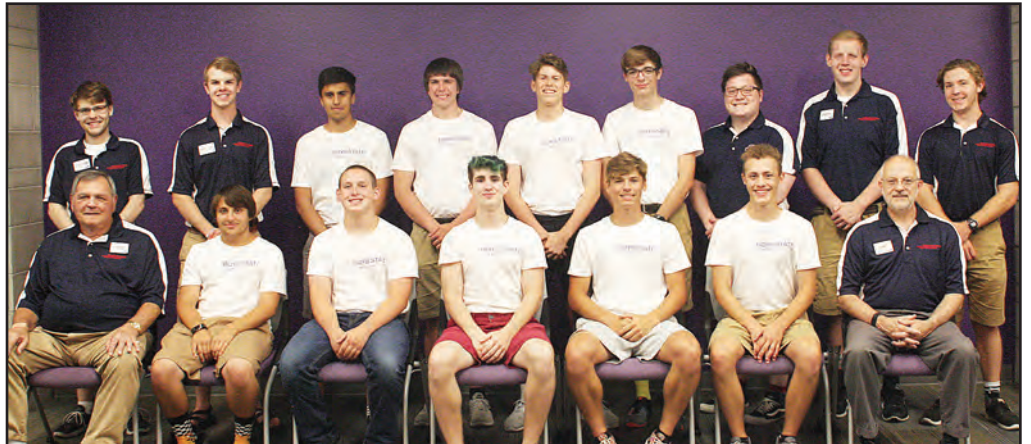
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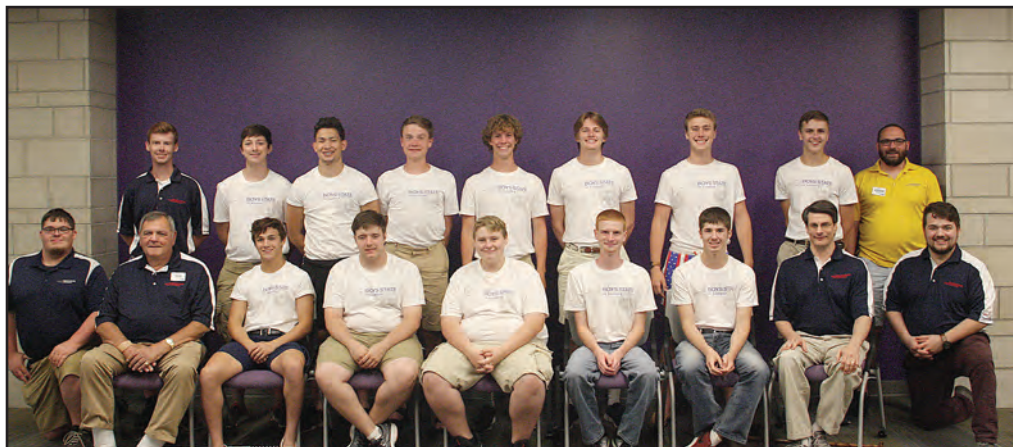
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And so it is over. The 81st session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas is complete. These are just some of the life-long memories, captured in picture form, that you created over one week in the summer of 2018.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 4, 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.

— The 2018 American Legion Boys State of Kansas Staff

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