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## JOE GARDENHIRE

The Gardenhires have been in this blessed country since 1763. How can anyone question my citizenship? To these people who take this too far, don't!

Joe Gardenhire  
Your Governor

## MICROSOFT BREAK-UP

Saturday



Partly Cloudy

High: 89°

Low: 65°

Washington, June 8- A day after a federal judge ordered Microsoft split in two as punishment for abusing its monopoly power, the nation's top antitrust official held out the olive branch of renewed settlement talks. A settlement would bring an abrupt end to what otherwise promises to be a tedious appeals process, but may not end the company's legal nightmare. U.S. Justice Department antitrust chief Joel Klein said Thursday the government was ready to negotiate with Microsoft, if the negotiations are "meaningful" and deal with the company's violations. Settlement is "always the preferred course. . . it's also imparative that a settlement meaningfully address the harm that's occurred to this market. Judge Richard Posner, the top Appeals Court judge in Chicago, called those talks to a halt when it became clear that a compromise couldn't be reached.

Microsoft also insists that it is open to settlement; however, the company zealously maintains that any settlement that impedes its ability to "innovate" is unacceptable. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates insisted that Microsoft had not broken any antitrust laws and promised an appeal, that could end up before the U.S. Supreme Court. On Wednesday, Judge Jackson ordered Microsoft to be split in two, adopting in whole a government remedy proposal. The company will remain as is until all appeals have been exhausted, according to instruction in the judge's order. Microsoft's main stragety is to consolidate all lawsuits into one big lawsuit. Even if Microsoft succeeds in getting all the cases consolidated into one huge class action, it is again playing Russian roulette. The judge hearing the case could accept or reject the evidence at his or her discretion.

Bill Priem  
Lane-Marshall

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**THE STATERS' GAZETTE STAFF****EDITOR**

Hello, I'm Jeff Eck the Staters' Gazette Editor. Hopefully you have enjoyed reading our paper. I was born on June 14, of 1983 and have lived on a farm my entire life. When I was 7 years old me and my brother were playing with fire and, well, we got burned. We spent the next few weeks healing. One night after a high school football game, the unthinkable happened. We were broadsided by a semi-truck.

My dad was right behind us in our suburban and saw the whole thing. My brother Joel was presumed to have died on impact. My mother had a fractured pelvis. My brother Justin had a broken leg. Me, myself had a fractured pelvis and a torn urethra. It took two surgeries and many hours of physical therapy to regain the ability to walk and use the rest room. In 1997 I realized that something was wrong when I went to the doctor and I had a short leg. Apparently I didn't heal correctly and now I have a one inch shorter leg. Currently, I have gone through more physical therapy, and now I walk with a lift in one shoe to make my legs the same length. Oh, over spring break I was starting a burn barrel to burn trash when it exploded. I guess there was gasoline in the bottom. Gasoline was on my face and burning. It wasn't that bad and now you can only see a couple of small scars. Well, through all of this I have come to know a girl by the name of Tabitha Angleton. She's very beautiful and shy. We were doing great when out of the blue she dumped me last Friday. If I have seemed a little down, I'm sorry. I really care about this girl and I guess the feeling wasn't mutual. I attend Remington High School in Whitewater, Kansas. Now here I am at Boys' State being the editor.

Jeff Eck

**ASSISTANT EDITOR**

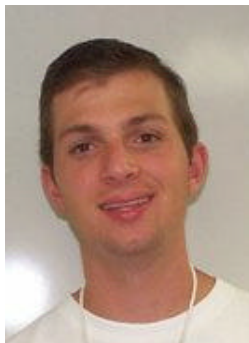
Uh...hey. My name is Curtis Wesbrook and I'm the assistant editor of the Staters' Gazette (that's right, the Girlie paper). Let's see...guess I'll start at the beginning. You see, when two people really love each other...just kidding! I was born on November 26, 1982 in Wichita, KS. When I was thirteen, my mother decided she wanted to try small town life, so we moved to a little town called Sedgwick. After

about a year living in Dullsville, USA, we moved back to Wichita. However, I had really grown to like my school and everyone there, so I continued to attend school in Sedgwick. This means I have to make a thirty mile drive to school every day in a car that gets approximately .04 miles to the gallon. I'm really into music. I mostly listen to alternative and swing, but I can tolerate most anything. I have to have to have a radio playing constantly, whether it be in my room, when I'm in the shower, or at work. I consider myself a movie buff (I think you can call yourself that when all you do is sit on your rear and watch movies). I really don't know if that's cool or pathetic. Oh well. I'm really into art and literature. If I'm not drawing, I'm reading. After I graduate from Sedgwick High School, I hope to attend the Kansas City Art Institute or the Cleveland Institute of art (preferably the first one). I guess that's about all on me. I'd just like to say thank you, good luck, and goodbye to everyone here at Boys' State, especially to those of you in Patton County. Even more specifically, to all the guys in the city of Mantey, I want to say thanks and adios.

Curtis Wesbrook  
Mantey--Patton

## THE STATERS' GAZETTE STAFF

### GAZETTE REPORTERS



I'm Adam Stoskopf, reporter for the Staters' Gazette. This past week at Boys' State I have been writing various articles about many different topics for the paper. I was born on June 2, 1983 in Wichita, Kansas and currently live in El Dorado. El Dorado High School is the school I attend, where I am a member of the baseball team. When I am

not practicing my baseball skills or attending a Royals game, I enjoy playing the guitar.



I am Brent Ronnebaum, a reporter for the Staters' Gazette. I came to Boys' State from Centralia. I participate in football and track. I start both ways as defensive guard and offensive tackle. During track, I hardly ever make it to practice, because I am too lazy to get up at 5:30 a.m. I play league baseball, and baseball for the American Legion. I enjoy riding my

motorcycle in my free time. I would just like to say Thank You to all the staff that made Boys' State possible.



My name is Travis Morris. For the past week, I have been reporting for the Staters' Gazette. Actually, I have just been finding the crossword puzzles, word searches, and other stuff like that. I was born on March 24, 1983, and am going to be a senior at Chanute High School. I have a younger brother named Kyle and a younger sister

named Cortney. I enjoy engaging in numerous activities, including football, weight lifting, golf, and especially basketball. When I am not playing a sport, I can usually be found watching some kind of sporting event on television or hanging out with my friends, usually my girlfriend Christina. I am not very involved in other activities around my school or community, but I do what I think is necessary.



Hello, my name is Cody Warstler and I am a reporter for the Gazette. I am from Eisenhower county, and city of Coss. During this week I have been writing on lunch ladies, and various female sightings around campus. I hope you have enjoyed these articles as humor, not as anything serious, that is what the Met-Journal is for. As you well know, we have

great journalists on both papers and I would like to say thank you to all who helped with the newspapers this week. I would especially like to thank two men who helped tremendously in keeping things running smoothly in the newspaper room: Khad and Robert, thank you. I hope this week has been as fun for all staters as it has for me. Lastly, I would like to thank all who attended and ran Boys' State this week.



Hi, my name is Brian Youngers and I am a reporter for the Staters' Gazette. For the past week, I have kept you up to date on the weather, menu, and for the first several days I did the comics. I have also been helping find the pictures for your favorite page, and typing a few stories. I was born on March 27, 1983 in Wichita. When I was two years old my family moved to Texas, and

then when I was five we moved to Orlando, Florida. We only lived there for one year, but it was a fun time. When I was six my family moved back to Clearwater Kansas. I currently attend Clearwater High School. I am working on getting my private pilot license and hope to be a pilot in the future.



Hello, I'm Bill Priem. I am from Hutchinson.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attention News Editor:

I am writing in response to the actions of the ill-tempered, and ill-informed House of Representatives. Further, the House demonstrated idiotic behavior. For a group deemed the brightest and best of our respective high schools, the House members are the dumbest of the dumb.

Specific examples include an eleven minute heated debate in the House on whether or not to allow the Governor's cabinet to speak. Stupid, stupid, stupid. The cabinet merely wanted five minutes, yet eleven minutes were wasted. Had the stubborn House not debated for eleven minutes, the meetings could have moved right along.

As the cabinet was exiting the House, they were insulted by a fascist, arrogant stater from Seitz County. I know the week has been long for everyone, and some of you haven't been away from your mommy, girlfriend, or cow for more than a few hours at a time, so some of you are sure to be short of temper. Let's end the week on positive notes and everyone can see their loved family members or animals when they get home this afternoon.

Anonymous

Dear Editor,

As the week rolls to an end, I believe that we need to take a moment to reflect on the whiniest and most troublesome "staters". Ben Procter, a Nationalist party candidate loser, ended Tuesday's debate in tears after his views were lost in the room of the Federalist party. Leo Khayet, the "Twinkle Tax" Governor candidate, wailed in the whistle stop tours as his voice was gone. Khayet claims it was a result of an argument with his parents, or was it... Josh Burnett, dubbed by the Met Journal as an idiotic, obnoxious, sue-happy stater, apparently is the leading force behind the lawsuits towards the newspapers. In closing, as you all leave the campus this afternoon, lets congratulate these three staters as being the biggest whiners out of the 650+ group.

Anonymous

Dear Editor,

I would like to let everyone know that the counselors from Marshall County are the best, seriously. The awesome force consisting of Dan Secavek, Shawn Spaeny, and Brian Yeado, Josh Sachse, Mike Beard, and Mark Stratemeier is outstanding. I, as well as the rest of Marshall County, greatly appreciates everything that they have done for us. They may not be the best looking guys, or the smartest, or have the best hygiene, but they are some of the funniest young men I have ever met.

Marshall County

Dear Editor of the Staters' Gazette,

I am proud to be a member of the most despised organization at Boys' State of Kansas. As one of three "Concerned Constituents," I have been blasted ( although I wasn't specifically named ) by a myriad of letters to the editors of both newspapers. This unrelenting aspersion paints an unfair picture of our association. Attending a week of informed and outstanding students, I hoped society's ignorance would not infiltrate this system. Sadly, this was only naive and wishful thinking.

Constant criticism notwithstanding, being a part of this outspoken contingent has taught me an incredible amount about the intricacies of state government. Most importantly, I understand the power of an individual. As Ben Procter, Leo Khayet, and I gathered around the King County computer to compose our brief, we had no idea our lawsuit would disrupt the governmental machine as much as it did. Lining up in the MacArthur County block at Wednesday night's assembly ( my favorite part of this simulation, but that's another letter ), I hear, "Did you hear the Nationalists are mad about losing each office and are suing the Federalists?" It is mindboggling that this news spread so quickly, but also how distorted the perception of our claim had become. First of all, this lawsuit was not brought upon by the Nationalist Party; in reality, the Concerned Constituents has a Federalist member. Secondly, the Federalists were not the defendants; instead, elected officials from the party were. Thirdly, this was not, and never was, an attempt in impeachment. Finally, this was not an act of retaliation. We simply were looking for restitution, both financial and in the process that undermined the Boys' State infrastructure.

After an agreement was met to bypass district court, we, the prosecution, were elated that a 6-1 Supreme Court vote confirmed the necessity for our claim to be tried expediently. However, midway through the trial that was overseen by an obviously one-sided Chief Justice, the proceedings were abruptly halted. " We have no jurisdiction in this matter, " cried the Justices. " Find us a part of the Constitution that these defendants have violated or that gives you the right to skip lower courts or this lawsuit will be dismissed." As Matt Charney, our lawyer, begged, to no avail, for due process, the prosecution was given plenty of time ( under five minutes to scan fifty pages of documents ) to find an infraction. These unfair proceedings have taught me that even the highest and most respected force can be fatally corrupt and depressingly apathetic to fairness.

Naturally, five minutes after the dismissal, we found two complex parts of the United States Constitution that demanded the trial to be heard in the

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high court, but also a statute that gave us the legal grounds we needed to sue the officials. We were again granted a spot on the Supreme Court docket and calmly presented the ignorant and misbehaved Attorney General's office (ironically if which I am a member) with the trial time. Following the long day's (all days are long here), the court counselor took it upon himself to ignore the aspects of the Constitution we had fervently sought and threw out our case. The Concerned Constitutents were shellshocked, exhausted and frustrated with the day's occurrences and we collectively decided to drop all charges. We had learned our power, but also the simple ways in which due process can be legally and illegally (ignoring the constitution?) denied.

Those looking for more details of why we brought a lawsuit should refer to Leo Khayet's letters to the editor. I should refer to Leo Khayet's letters to the editor. I would like to thank anyone who supported our pursuit of justice and the defendants- especially Governor Joe Gardenhire- who were were cooperative and compliant with our charges. I only wish some defendants and their representatives would have shown more respect toward our group and our desires. The hours we put in to this case taught my colleagues and me much that we will never forget. I wish to thank the coordinators who coerced us into this learning by encouraging a lawsuit that many thought would disrupt the learning process. Instead, it is my opinion that this comprehension of the incomprehensible system of government was quite rewarding, and it is what Boys' State is all about. Thanks to all and best of luck in the future.

Jeff Silver  
Janssen--MacArthur

I have really enjoyed Boys' State, and all of the new friends I have made. It has been one of the best weeks throughout this year, besides Christmas. I have learned many things about respect. I would like to thank Jared, the Newman city counselor for giving me an interview, and making this week great. The coordinators have done an excellent job with the guest speakers. Another person that made our paper the great success that it is, is Thane Chastain. He helped get us interviews, and supported our ideas. It has been a great week with all of the staters, I would like to tell everyone "Good Luck" in sports, school, and whatever else you do.

## HE SAID IT

(A.K.A. Nick Migliazzo's Quote of the Day)

Due to Nick Migliazzo's lack of public speaking lately I am hard up for a quote. So I began to think back through all of Nick's speeches, and one thing that was very clear in my recollection was Nick's opening line in the whistle stop tour:

"I am the Italian Stallion."

Cody Warstler  
Coss--Eisenhower

## MEDICAL STAFF

While at Boys' State, many injuries occur. From sprained ankles to an injured eye, they nearly see it all in the medical room. They have even had to take five staters to the hospital and are sending one home today. All the members of the medical staff have done a great job preventing anyone injured from becoming any more seriously injured.

John Chilson is one of the medical staff members. He is attending Newman University and is majoring in History Pre-Law. After college he plans to attend Law School. John Grew up in Willington and attended Boys' State in 1998. While here, he was the Secretary of Legal Matters. He decided to return to Boys' State because he had a good time here and decided to return because he felt he could make a positive impact by being on the medical staff.

Steve Peterson is a nurse who attended Kansas State University and Baker. He now works at the Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital. His first year at Boys' State as a counselor in 1994, he worked with the events staff. In 1996, he became the head of the medical staff. Steve says he plans to return to Boys' State every year to contribute to Boys' State.

The doctor of the medical staff is Bennett Radford. He was in the Army for 29 years and was on the medical staff during Vietnam and Korea. He is just recently retired from the service. He now works at a clinic in Hutchinson and works with the allergy staff. Steve is now a member of the Post 68 American Legion out of Hutchinson. Although he has dedicated much of his time to the Legion and Boys' State, he says it is well worth it and he plans to keep returning every year.

Adam Stoskopf  
Coss-Eisenhower  
Brian Youngers  
Birk--Bradley

## SUPREME COURT DECISION

The Supreme Court at Boys' State has no doubtly seen a lot of interesting cases in their time, but this might be the most interesting.

Rob Tucker of Marshall County was suing members of Pershing County under article 6 section 1-5. He is suing because of their stripping of clothing this mornings opening ceremonies. Members of Pershing county preceeded to remove cloths until they were left in only their shorts.

Rob's obening statement basically stated that when his county was in line in the parking lot yesterday morning, Pershing County removed their clothes down to their shorts, which upset him and some of his fellow county members. The defense argued that the county councelors gave them permission to remove their clothing, and so they should not be held accountable.

After a short deliberation, the court decided to continue the case.

After both sides gave their opening statements, had called all their witnesses, and had given their closing statements the court once again adjourned for a short deliberatoin.

When the court had returned with their decision, they had filed against Pershing County, and awarded dammages of \$1.

Brian Youngers

## JOE 100%

How low can you get? Not much lower than Leo Khayet and Nick Migliazzo. On Friday, around 2:30 p.m., Joe Gardenhire, our loyal governor, was served with an inquiry of citizenship. Leo Khayet questioned his citizenship, because during one of his campaign speeches Joe made a comment that his mother was not a citizen of the U.S. Brandon, a Met reporter, and I got back from interviewing Joe, and Leo and his friend Nick were in our office playing dumb. He denied comment, so we told him that we heard some things from Joe and the Supreme Court. After that, he then quickly spoke up and said, "They can not tell you anything because it was supposed to be a closed session. Nick was so jealous that he wanted to try to get Joe relieved from his job, Governor of Boys' State. Leo also wanted to get Joe impeached because he was not of the legal age to be governor. Joe came down here and said he was not happy, and things were going to get straightened out. Four judges of the Supreme Court know what they did was wrong. They are already on the bad side of Joe, the paper, state staff, and the Boys' State staff. Joe is all about respect. He will never offend his state, country, or anyone else. How could two former govonor canidates be so cold harted to follow through, or even say it out loud if you were thinking about it? We all hate to lose, but how can you even question something like this? Nick and Leo walk around like it was the right

## CODY WARSTLER OFFERS SOME MORE ADVICE

--Josh Burnett- Take a look at the first letters in the horoscope  
 --Pershing County- Stick with the Stater uniforms  
 --David Beehler- Relax... and shut up  
 --Met Journal- Try spell check  
 --Staters- Thank the Legionaires  
 --Bill Priem- Don't be so violent all the time  
 --Josh Burnett- To bad the court isn't open on Saturday

Cody Warstler  
 Coss--Eisenhower

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**LIFE**

Life isn't about keeping score.  
It's not about how many friends you have. Or how accepted you are.  
Not about if you have plans this weekend or if you are alone.  
It isn't about how many people you're dating, who you used to date, how many people you've dated.  
Or if you haven't with anybody at all.  
It isn't about who you have kissed.  
It's not about sex.  
It isn't about who your family is or how much money they have. Or what kind of car you drive.  
Or where you are sent to school.  
It's not about how beautiful or ugly you are.  
Or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on, or what kinds of music you listen to.  
It's not about if your hair is blonde, red, black, or brown. Or if your skin is too light or too dark.  
Not about what grades you get, how smart you are or how smart everybody thinks you are.  
Or how smart standardized tests say you are.  
It's not about what activities you are in or if you are good at "your" sport.  
It's not about representing your whole being on a piece of paper and seeing who will "accept the Written you"

But, life is about who you love and who you hurt.  
It's about who you make happy or unhappy purposefully.  
It's about keeping or betraying trust.  
It's about friendship, used as sanctity or a weapon.  
It's about what you say and what you mean, maybe hurtful, maybe heartening.  
About starting rumors and contributing to petty gossip.  
It's about what judgements you pass and why. And who your judgements are spread to.  
It's about jealousy, fear, ignorance, and revenge.  
It's about carrying inner hate and love, letting it grow and spreading it.  
But most of all, it's about using your life to touch or poison other people's hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone.  
Only you choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices are what life's all about.

Anonymous

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**COME ABOARD THE MARSHALL COUNTY TRAIN!**  
**FROM**  
**MARCUS**  
**TYLER**  
**ERIC**



## THANK YOU

I am from the city of Mantey in Patton County, and I couldn't be more proud. Yes, I am proud of the flag. Yes, I am proud to be an American. Yes, I am proud to have been a part of Boys' State. And, yes, I am proud to be a part of Patton County. But most of all, I am proud to be a part of the city of Mantey.

In the Boys' State literature I received in the mail, and in the various speeches I've heard throughout the week, I've been told that this week I was going to make friendships that would last a lifetime. I thought this was just something we were told to encourage us to come, and every time a speaker or counselor said it, I was like "give it up guys. None of us are going to remember anybody we met here." I couldn't have been more wrong.

When I first heard about Boys' State, I had the same feeling that I'm sure many of you had: how boring. Regardless, I decided to go. After I had arrived at K-State and gotten situated, and had done some marching, my perspective changed; I no

longer thought it was going to be boring. I thought it was going to be hell, and for the first day or two, it was. Then I began to get used to the marching and the schedule.

Once I had began talking to a few people in my city on a regular basis, I was totally comfortable with being here. The more I talked with these guys, the more I considered them to be my friends. From Jim, the jock who treated me no different because I wasn't athletic, to Yannic, the kid who could make any situation funny. These are just two of the many people who made this past week one of the most memorable of my life.

I didn't realize how close the citizens of Mantey had become until our candidates for Boys' Nation gave their speeches. I honestly believe that the seven speeches I heard Wednesday night were the most heartfelt outpourings I've ever listened to. I heard things that I doubt those guys have ever told too many people. During

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Joe has been given a hard time all week, so why can't people just get off of his back? The other suits had a reason, but you have to draw the line somewhere. How much pressure can a seventeen year old handle in one week? Nick Migliazzo is a jerk for supporting Leo. Nick was in a conspiracy with Leo to get back at Joe for humiliating them when Joe had an easy clean sweep to the governor's chair. After handling this, Joe has to be one of the biggest men here at state. Joe acted better than most when a comment like that is made. The Supreme Court is made up of Greg Helsel, Ian Ostrander, David Beehler, Michael Fry, Nick Migliazzo, and Patric Trent. Both newspapers and most of the Supreme Court are sorry for what happened to Joe. We as friends and members of Boys' State hope you feel the same. Yes, Joe is a legal citizen of the U.S., for all of you with a doubt. Good luck Joe, and congratulations for being a good governor and a great leader for Boys' State.

Brent Ronnebaum  
Newman--Patton

his speech, one of our candidates began to cry, and I think that everyone in Mantey wanted to do so with him. Those of you who think that is funny obviously have not formed the bond we in Mantey have. So, if you will bear with me, I'd like to thank my guys from Mantey. Zac, Jim, Will, Ryan, Yannic, Josh, Tim, Bobby, Brian, Greg, Joseph, Ethan, Seth, Robert, Deston, Carl, Robin, Patrick, Louis, Adam, Jeff, and our counselor Jason, I sincerely thank each and every one of you. I have never in my life been so proud to be part of something.

One more person I would like to thank is my county counselor Nathan Herron. Without Nathan guiding our city counselors, and we staters as individuals, we would not have turned out to be the awesome county that we are. If I'm as proud as I am to be part of this, I can't begin to fathom the pride a counselor must feel. If I get the chance to come back as a counselor next year, which I would truly love to do, I can only hope that it is under a counselor like Nathan. If I am a counselor, I plan to come back every year until I am a county counselor, and Nathan, I have you to thank for that.

Curtis Wesbrook  
Mantey--Patton