



MacArthur County raises stink over individual toilets

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Icenogle, MacArthur

For a few 'Ice Cubes' (popular name for the Icenogle gang residing in MacArthur County), it started out as a simple tour of the city of Janssen, before turning violent. The anonymous 'Ice Cubes' were glancing around a close friend's and citizen of Janssen's living quarters when they noticed something startlingly different about the area.

"They have their own bathrooms?!" exclaimed both 'Ice Cubes' as their jaws hit the floor in astonishment.

That's right. Bathrooms. In a single wing of the Goodnow dormitory, the wing home to the city of Janssen, the lavishly decorated apartments completely surpass any other

wing of the MacArthur County dormitories. Even a counselor (also anonymous) stood in disbelief at the stacked rooms within Janssen. But it doesn't end with bathrooms. These are bathrooms fully-equipped with baths/showers, toilets, and spacious sinks. Their rooms also include ceiling fans, carpeted floors, and closed-off closets.

In comparison to the tile-floored, 1-bathroom-per-hall-rooms of Johnson and Icenogle, the flashy Janssen apartments are nearly suites.

An 'Ice Cubes' close friend and resident of the room under scrutiny would only acknowledge that his rooms might be somewhat advantageous as opposed to the opposition, but that it was merely the luck of the draw, and that there's no point in dwelling on this fact at all.

The 'Ice Cubes' though, relentless as ever, seem to be on the verge of a turf war, and even in playing for keeps as far as territory is concerned. Could a violent civil war break out in MacArthur County over a toilet? It seems nearly certain that the aggressive 'Ice Cubes' are seeking one.

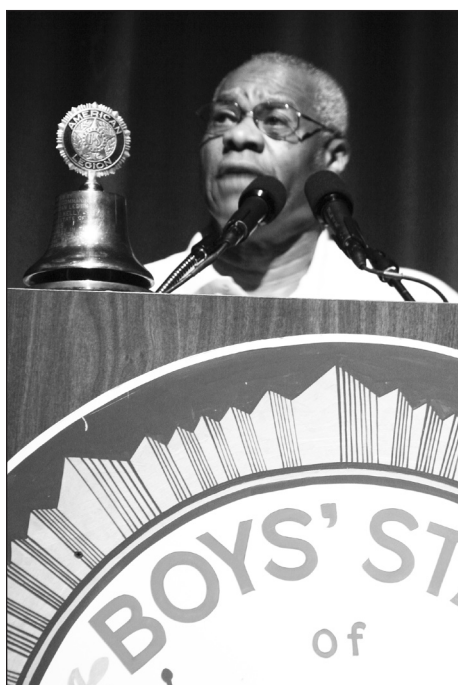
What the MacArthur County citizens may not realize is that the dividing effects of a civil war could be disastrous in their campaigns for a MacArthur County Governor, and it is likely that because of the split that there will be no clear favorites coming out of MacArthur County at all.

In the end, the citizens of MacArthur may be in for a string of painfully bad representation in the state government offices if any war truly springs up, and there is no unification within their area. No one outside of MacArthur County will look out for its citizens, and if worst comes to worst, no one from within MacArthur County will be able to look out for its citizens either.

Powerful speech kickstarts week

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Chastain, Eisenhower

The 70th annual session of Boys' State kicked off yesterday with the opening ceremonies held in McCain Auditorium. After staters got their first taste of marching, they were formally welcomed into the program in a two-hour introductory presentation. A short benediction was delivered by Reverend Jim Akers, who was the former National Chaplain of the American Legion, and is currently the State Chaplain of the Kansas American Legion. Scott Johnson, who has been involved with the Boys' State program since 1979, began the ceremony with a short inspirational speech, and advisor Thane Chastain outlined the week's schedule and sign-up procedures for the staters. However, the speaker that undoubtedly left the biggest impression on the staters was Delano Lewis, a former Ambassador to South Africa and former CEO of National Public Radio. Lewis was a Boy's State delegate in 1955.



Courtesy/Luke Snyder

Delano Lewis speaks to the Boys State delegates about how Boys State gave him the foundation for all of his careers.



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A lone toilet sits in a dorm in Goodnow. The city of Janssen has its own personal bathrooms to every room.

Casting a Candidacy

Josh Donaldson
Schulz, Powell

As Boys' State begins, the initial events are that of choosing how you will spend your time while you are here. You can do anything from being a City or County official, a County Governor, or even running for a Senate position. No matter what you decide on doing, however, the Banking Center will play a key role in your candidacy.

The Banking Center is a place where staters buy supplies to help support their campaign. They have everything you need to help boost the publicity of a candidate in an election. There are those out there, however, who tell themselves, "Why does the Banking Center matter to me? I'm already in a position of power that I don't have to be elected for." However true that may be, the Banking Center still applies to those who aren't even running for an election.

Do you have a friend who's running for an election, but needs help in getting campaign supplies? The simplest thing to do is to go to the Banking Center and transfer funds to lend a helping hand to

that friend. Through this easy task, you are able to help out a fellow candidate that you think will do great things for your city or county by donating money to his account. On the flip side: If you don't like a candidate and he asks you to help fund his campaign all you have to do is shut down his proposal, taking pride in knowing that you just might have played a key role in the failure of his campaign.

While on the topic of upcoming elections, for those who running for a position, it would be a very wise idea to head over to the Banking Center to buy supplies for your campaign. By buying poster materials to hang up, promoting yourself, it could ultimately enhance your chances of winning by expanding your voter awareness. In other words, people will know who you are ahead of voting time. Right now, the Banking Center has a Campaign Special going on for a piece of 11" x 8.5" poster paper for \$5.00. The other sizes are \$0.125 per square inch.

Are you wanting instant awareness of your campaign without having to bother creating a poster to expose yourself? One alternative for this problem is to buy yourself an advertisement in the Staters Union newspaper. For a fee, you can buy yourself different sized

advertisement for your candidacy. Just come to the newsroom and pitch your idea to the editor. Once he approves, you will head over to the Banking Center to transfer your funds. The Union has various sizes with varying prices. In case you haven't noticed, the Banking Center handles anything and everything money related.

Another question you might ask yourself: "How much spending money do I have while I'm at Boys' State?" By going to the Banking Center you can find your answer easily. However, you might be disappointed when finding out the total in your account. Depending on your job status in your city, your funds could range from \$50 to \$100 or higher. There are many more things other than campaign supplies, however. The Banking Center literally has everything imaginable for your county/city needs. This is where you can buy things from police cars to bombs and even the infamous death star.

After reading this article you know you want to check out the Banking Center. After all, who wouldn't when you know you can buy interesting gadgets to help tear down another county or help your own? If you want to know what else can be bought, go check it out yourself!



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CORRUPTION ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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A well known saying from contemporary times is the quote, "The ends justify the means." Some candidates for various leadership positions at Boys' State have approached newspaper writers in the hopes that they will accept bribes in return for specialized articles patronizing their particular opponent. If the candidates feel that the ends do justify the means, then what will be the repercussions for society? The public deserves candidates that display the ideals of the American tradition and not those that put those traditions in danger.

One candidate that confronted a newspaper reporter about accepting bribes indicated that he did not

want to use bribes but that he would consider using them if it could be a deciding factor in the elections. The main duty of the press is to inform the public of the actions of potential political figures. In this case, the actions were not made in the best interests of the public, but are done only in the interest of the office seekers.

Another potential office holder previously implied that he was interested in using bribes, but minutes later said to another reporter that he was interested in purchasing an ad. This candidate is an excellent example of an ethical member of society. Although he was interested in the use of bribes, he later saw the futility of his plan and decided to resort to a much more practical plan in purchasing an advertisement.

One way to promote a candidate is to put an advertisement in the newspaper. All campers receive a paper in the morning, which is the easiest way to reach a camper population of 500. Advertisements can cost as little as \$100 Boys State dollars. This worthwhile investment can become a large factor in determining the winner of the contested position.

There is a very simple process to creating an effective advertisement. To complete this process the candidate needs to come to the computer center in Kramer (it's located underneath the stairs leading up to the dining room), and contact an editor. The editor will in turn design the ad with the candidate and add it to the newspaper to be published the following day.

AD PRICES

FULL PAGE - \$800

2/3 PAGE - \$400

1/3 PAGE - \$200



**Candidates for the
Federalist Party**

Name: Cooper Teel
City: Janssen
County: MacArthur

Name: Alexander Hunt
City: Hiatt
County: King

Name: Tabias Wilson
City: Haney
County: Kennedy

Name: Jabob Gibbs
City: Crum
County: Eisenhower

Name: Phillip Kuhn
City: Bramlage
County: Bradley

Name: Jackson
 Shuttleworth
City: Whiles
County: Seitz

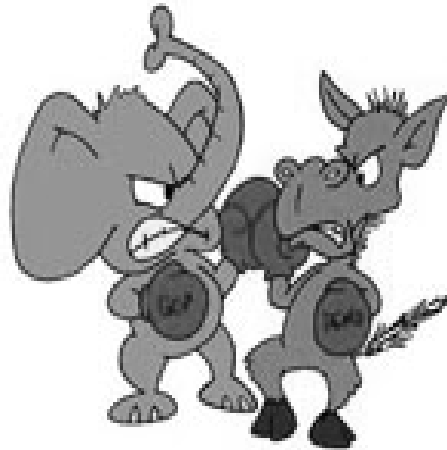
Name: Austin Gideon
City: Spigarelli
County: Powell

Name: Jessee Lopez
City: Perrill
County: Pershing

Name: Tye Remy
City: Newman
County: Patton

Name: T.J. Morgan
City: Kyle
County: Marshall

The race for governor has begun and the campaign trail is already heating up. There are two candidates from every county; each representing one of the two parties. They are...



“ A good governor needs to have confidence in one’s self and an open mind to others’ ideas.”

-John Grice, 2006 Boys

**Candidates from the
Nationalist Party**

Name: Joey Stromberg
City: Johnson
County: MacArthur

Name: Kieth Smith
City: Hiatt
County: King

Name: Sam Starks
City: Finley
County: Kennedy

Name: Philip Grub
City: Crum
County: Eisenhower

Name: Michael Hays
City: Aylward
County: Bradley

Name: Kevin Blake
City: Wiles
County: Seitz

Name: Zack Bahr
City: Shulz
County: Powell

Name: Chris Goble
City: Perrill
County: Pershing

Name: Mitchell Haverty
City: Mantey
County: Patton

Name: Andrew Potter
City: Kyle
County: Marshall

*Staters remember Smith***Jamie Kite***Bluemke, Bradley*

The Johnson County community is mourning the loss of one of its own this week; Kelsey Smith, a beloved friend, classmate and recent graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School. Hundreds passed out flyers, created Facebook groups and worked with police to help in the search for her killer.

After four days of persistent searching, Smith's body was found and positively identified by investigators. Since then hundreds have mourned her passing and begun to take protective steps to help lessen the number of these cases.

Smith was described as "energetic" and "always smiling" by Ryan Miller, Kelsey's classmate and Counselor to State Office Candidates here at Boys State. Ryan described her as "the type of person that you could talk to for 5 minutes and feel like you knew her forever." In a memorial service Smith's father described her personality as "scrubbed with sunshine."

Smith, a recent graduate bound for K-State, was abducted from an Overland Park Target store and found four days later near Missouri's Longview Lake. Police reports indicate that Kelsey was forced into a van by Edwin Hall, a 26 year-old Olathe resident,

around 7:10 PM Saturday night. Friends and family remained optimistic during the three day search. Smith's cell phone was eventually traced and used to find her body. A memorial service was held Wednesday night, and since then friends and family have attempted to move forward from this terrible experience.

Rick Wohlfarth, Head of Departments & Precincts, worked tirelessly to find Kelsey. Rick played with Kelsey in the Shawnee Mission West marching band, a group that Rick describes as "like a family." Ryan Miller also played in the Viking band with Kelsey and graduated with her less than three weeks ago.

Although Smith's story is far from unique, it has the Kansas City community better realizing its vulnerability to violent crimes. Jay Griffin of Bradley County felt that Kelsey's murder

was "scary because it's just so close to home." Michael Ellis, a Patton County resident and candidate for Secretary of State, felt that as a stater from Johnson County it "made me think about all the blessings I have." Ryan Miller eloquently put it, "It's different when it's closer to home."

Smith's murder, although a heinous crime, may serve to make Johnson County and Kansas residents in generating more sensitivity toward violent crimes and in the end make Kansas a safer place to live.



Courtesy/CNN.com

Victim's family hopes for closure in trial

Wire Story

A Kansas family will finally get a chance for justice later this week, as David Westerfield will be put on trial for the abduction, rape, and murder of seven-year-old Danielle Van Dam.

Prosecutors say that Westerfield drove to the Van Dam residence around three in the morning after having an encounter with Danielle's mother, Brenda, at a local bar the night of Feb 2.

He took Danielle out of her bed, then raped and suffocated her, dumping her body on the side of a rural road. Her body was found nearly a month later, on Feb 26.

Brenda claims Westerfield, who was detained a week after Danielle's disappearance, had tried to buy drinks for her group of friends, but the women refused.

However, witness accounts state that Brenda was, in fact, seen dancing with David in a manner compared to the movie "Dirty Dancing," which could help to disprove claims of Westerfield's jealous motive.

Family and friends of Westerfield say that they cannot believe the charges that are being filed against him. "I've never known him to be violent to anyone in any way," Denise Kemal, David's friend, said, "These charges are laughable, at best."

Regardless of the outcome, the family has experienced a great loss.

"She was such a sweetheart," Damon Van Dam, Danielle's father, said, "Whatever the outcome, we will never be able to fill this void caused that night."

[NOTE: The above article is a story on the Simulated Trials that will take place Tuesday, June 12. It does not describe any actual events.]

First Impressions



Courtesy/Luke Snyder

The Color Guard leads the State in their first march, moving toward McCain Auditorium for Sunday's opening ceremonies.



Courtesy/Luke Snyder

Two newly-arrived staters carry luggage to their counties during registration Sunday.