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## Farmergate embezzlement scheme revealed

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Anyone that has even been near Boys State this week has heard of the Farmers' Alliance scandal (aka Farmergate). It is well known throughout the state that the Farmers' Alliance acquired funds under questionable circumstances from the Assembly for the Advancement of the Minorities and Oil & Gas Workers Organization. Since the Tuesday morning edition of the Staters Union, more information has come to light exposing corruption on a much larger scale than previously believed. Further investigations into the ban records of the Farmers' Alliance reveal that they made a donation of over \$4000 to the Heritage Foundation a few hours after the scandal came to light. At least \$3200 of this money was transferred from the Heritage Foundation to Tabias Wilson, a gubernatorial candidate at the time. After an investigation into this matter, the Staters Union found no evidence to support a notion that Wilson himself was embezzling funds, but it became evident that Wilson's campaign was funded, at least partially, by illegitimately acquired funds. With this information in hand, the "scandal" appeared to be fully exposed.

However, while working on the Wednesday edition of the Staters Union, an anonymous note was found in the room of a staff member. The note was written by a stater involved in the scandal, who wished to expose the truth in order to save the face of the Farmers Alliance. The following is his account of the events.

"The first night the counselor told us that we could steal, but we'd have to deal with the consequences," the stater

said. Accordingly, the perpetrator of the theft stole a sheet containing the bar codes for the Oil and Gas committees accounts a sheet containing the bar codes for the Oil and Gas committees accounts. "We were just joking about it the night before, talking about how cool it'd be to steal someones card and drain their account."

As we stated earlier, the oil and gas committee supposedly made a donation of \$500 dollars along with an \$800 donation from the Assembly for the Advancement of Minorities Monday morning. These transactions were made at 9:20 AM and 10:16 AM. When the transactions were discovered, the committees delved into the matters personally, which invariably started the scandal. The Oil and Gas committee reportedly agreed to consider a donation to the Farmers Alliance, however, no committee member could recall agreeing to the transaction. Jon Albrecht, the treasurer for the Oil and Gas committie told the Union that, "As treasurer of the A.A.M., I found it necessary to delve into what happened to the missing funds. I mean, something had to be up if we had a receipt for the transaction and none of us could remember how we got it. While trying to account for the funds, I confronted numbrous members of the Farmers Alliance attempting to figure out how the funds got into their account. Then, while I was confronting a member of the Alliance I mentioned the possibility of us suing to get our money back. Upon hearing this, the Farmers Alliance member alluded to draining our remaing funds, if we were to pursue the matter further." Then, the next eveing at 8:51PM, another donation amounting to \$600 was again transferred from the Oil and Gas Committie to the Farm-

ers Alliance, and again this transaction was not approved by nor known of by the Oil and Gas Committie."

Now, at this point, the only wrongs committed in the scandal were theft, theft, and again theft. "We approached him after the first transactions and told him to stop. He was being irresponsible, and we were going to take the card back. We had no idea that Michael did it again untill we were approached the next day by the Oil and Gas committie."

Once again, the Oil and Gas committie had no proof of foul play because they had both receipts in their posesion and thus could not prove there was any foul play. "Michael did it all," the Alliance informer said. "He stole the money, he planted the receipts, and he did it before we knew what he was up to."

Not willing to take the first atrocity lying down, the Oil and Gas committie announced their plans to sue the Farmers Alliance Tuesday afternoon. Shortly thereafter, a meeting was held between two unknown members of the Heritage Committie and the perpetrator of the crime. According to our informant, the decision was made to transfer the Farmers' fund to the Heritage Council so that in the event the suite making it to trial, there would be no funds to be lost. That evening, roughly 20 minutes following the second transaction between the Farmers' and Oil and Gas' accounts, the Farmers Alliance transferred \$4,026.59 to the Heritage Council as a "donation."

With this information, we were able to confirm that Tabias Wilson was using dirty money in his campaign, but we still had no idea whether he knew of

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# Governor pushes budget plan

**Emmanuel Perez**  
*McCoy, Patton*

Now that Tabias Wilson is the new Boys' State governor, it is time to improve tis place with a new Budget. Done the day the new governor was sworn in, it cover many platforms the will affect Boys' State. The platforms that will be affected the most will be education, tax cuts, and welfare. But how will these platforms be affected?

Many things were done to help with education. Some of the most important ones included an increase on the budget for scholarships. However, the most important part is the overall effect on the general education budget. This

year's education budget was increased by 250%. What the governor seemed to atke particular pride on is the fact that the budget was increased without the support of the future independent casino industry.

There were also some improvement on the tax department. With the new budgege the middle class will get a 5% tax decrease. Also, there was a 2% over-all decrease on personal income tax. The result of the tax cuts was a surplus on the overall budget.

Another of the platforms that was most improved by the new budget was welfare. To help with the welfare program, 4 new work positions were created. Also, the fincances for the Work Force Development program, which

trains people to get skill to have a good job over a ne year period, were increased by \$3,000. This was done without cutting funds from other programs. The only thing that had to be done was to redistribute the money. For example, rather than spending money for a medical hospita and a mental hospital, just one hospital was built that could fulfill the duties of both hospitals, and the money left over would go to other programs that needed financing.

After all this, the govermet had a surplus of over \$3,000. Now only time will tell if this budget is good enough to affect the staters in a positive way so that their experience becomes even better.

# Conceal and Carry Vote

This referendum proposes the creation of a concealed weapons licensing system within the state of Kansas that would allow the state to issue permits allowing citizens to carry a concealed firearm on their persons. If passed, citizens interested in applying for a license to carry a concealed weapon would apply for a permit with the state and prove some level of competency, either by completing an approved weapons safety and training course or by possessing a Kansas hunting license for more than three consecutive years. The applicant must pass mandatory criminal, mental, and background checks. All licenses would be issued and maintained by the county sheriff of the county of residence.

This referendum shall take place at 10:30 AM on Friday in each citizens respective county polling area.



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# Highway Patrol receives real life instruction

**Spencer Lickteig**  
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Departments of the new government are all up and running and the Staters' Union decided to check out some of them and see how they affect our state. With the enitablility of crime, the Highway Patrol is responsible for keeping the state roads in check along with residential areas as well. The Patrol's first meeting took place Wednesday and the new members quickly learned that their job was not going to pretty.

Advisors explained life as a patrolmen and went into as much detail as they could. Mentioning the fact that not all highway patrolmen are just cops on the freeways but also span into the air as aircraft troopers. Dangers of the road were preached strongly backed by acutal experiences. Along with descriptions of the simulation, the advisors gave driving advice to the Staters and ways to say safe. Specifically they mentioned the new seat belt law that is

going in affect in July.

The Highway Patrol is no different from any other department when it comes to the needed essentials. They must make plans for safety programs and present them directly to the governor himself. Funding is also an issue that Superintendent Curtis Dolezal must deal with on a daily basis. These funds have been debated in the past due to the fact that the Patrol's budget is one of the smallest of any department. To raise money, the department looks to ticket payments and they accept donations from citizens that may wish to pay back for the safety that the Patrol provides.

The new members were treated to a special presentation by Officer Bill Goodnes as he showed them some of the tricks of the trade. Grabbing hair, gouging eyes, and popping ears are only a few of the techniques that were talked about and actually shown to the Staters by use on a volunteer. These are mainly used by officers to control a suspect us-

ing brief force and to temporary cripple possibly dangerous ones. Other times to use these techniques include when suspects are attempting to grab and use an officer's utilities against them, several which were shown by Goodnes.

A main point Officer Goodnes was presenting was to always know the proper time to use force and the times to use other patrolmen tools. Included in their arsenal are night sticks, tasers, pepper spray, and of course, handcuffs. Goodnes sampled an assortment of ways to handcuff in multiple situations to the Staters which were once again, all done on an actual person. Handcuffing often combined forms of subdue with quick movements to secure the suspect without risk. Another key tools Officer Goodnes spoke about was pepper spray, the most painful according to Goodnes. He shared examples of when to use spray and all of the advantages of using it over other things like tasers like the ability of using it from up to fifteen feet away and the high percent-

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# Interview with a legionnaire

**Spencer Lickteig**  
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The American Legion has supported Boys' State for the past seventy years, and in that time a countless number of students have went through as well as hundreds of legionnaires. Boys' State has seen and affected so many people, some of which are the kind of characters that can't be forgotten in a life time. One of these characters has made his presence known to all of the 2007 Staters by simply performing a breathtaking example of piano expertise. The legionnaire I speak of is none other than Chuck Shoemaker.

Born in Paris, France to military parents, Chuck was taken to the States with his mother and was further raised in Prairie Village, Kansas. He attended Shawnee Mission East High School and is a graduate of the University of Kansas. Chuck did not have the opportunity to attend Boys' State himself, a event he truly wishes he had made. He joined the Air Force in 1966 and served as an instructor to pilots and flight crews in survival skills if crash landed. He was discharged in 1972 and pursued a career in business. In 1967 he married his High School Sweetheart and soon after became the father of two children, Marc and Lisa.

After leaving the military, Chuck's life took an unexpected turn as he was given the chance to live a life many dream of; he became a rock star.

Chuck played with the band called "Spider and the Crabs" and toured with them and others for over eight years. He played keyboards, as all of Boys' State knows, the sax, trumpet, bass guitar and occasionally sang. Chuck also joined the tours of several famous performers in those days such as the Righteous Brothers, Ike and Tina Turner, and even opened for Chicago. He called his rock star life to a close in the mid 70's. Chuck was inducted into the Kansas Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006.

He officially joined the American Legion in 1979 and has been an active member ever since. His highest honor in his Legion career is recently being elected Master-At-Arms at Department level, State of Kansas American Legion. Presently, Chuck lives in Olathe, Kansas and belongs to American Legion Post #407 in Lenexa, Kansas where he has served as Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant and Chaplain. He is currently employed as a financial advisor to the Banking and Credit Union industries while continuing to participate in Legion activities, fund raisers and volunteer assignments for the City of Olathe.

Chuck joined the Boys' State faculty in 1997 and continues to serve today. His said his reason for joining was that he was "recruited" and observed the simulation in full function his whole first year. Chuck then said he was "bit by the bug" and signed up for duty the following year. For the

past ten years, Chuck Shoemaker has been a Legion representative for Boys' State and says that he continues to come back for the following reason:

"Coming to Boys' State every year renews my faith that the United States of America will be in good hands in the future. Having a small part in program is a most fulfilling experience and I enjoy every moment of it.

The attendees of Boys' State, the leaders and drivers of tomorrow, will face more difficult and complex problems than any previous generation. I believe America will continue its leadership role in the world, despite recent events, through the dedication, involvement and passion of the our youth. My hope is that, in some small way, the American Legion Boys' State program will assist this generation with the difficult task of leadership ahead, both domestically and throughout the world."

Chuck has been doing his piano talent show act for the last three years after being asked to fill in. Every year he mixes up the songs he plays but all of them deal with what the Staters are facing in their lives and time at Boys' State. He enjoys his chance to wow the kids and take a short trip back to his rocking days on the keyboard.

Chuck Shoemaker continues to plan on coming back to Boys' State as long as he is able. This itself is fantastic news for the future Staters so they can also have a chance to experience such an awesome example of what the American Legion represents.

# PAC's in uproar after accidental budget release

**Matt Picht**

*Chastain, Eisenhower*

The PAC headquarters were in an uproar following the accidental release of the 2008 Kansas budget projection. The budget was a printout of the original projection, before the government made changes, and showed a \$22,000 deficit.

Governor Tabias Wilson and state officials met Tuesday night to determine the budget for the 2008 government programs. They were presented with the current projected budget, which was generated by a computer simulation and included the large deficit. The officials then were given the task of reducing the budget to decrease the deficit, and ended up with a \$3,980.41 surplus.

The governor described the new budget in his State of the State address to the staters. His main focus was the reform in the education department and the significant achievement of achieving a surplus.

When the People's Association for the American Way recieved the incorrect budget, along with the copy of the actual budget, they believed that Governor Wilson had slashed the education budget drastically from the budget decided on in the previous administration, after claiming that he had merely reformed it.

"We thought that Tabias had been lying to us," said one representative of

the American Way.

After a period of confusion, representatives of the governor cleared up the matter.

"The budget Tabias based his address on and the bill the American Way has are two completely different things," lieutenant governor Jackson Shuttleworth said. "Those numbers were spit out by a computer, and should never had been released to the public."

The budget continued to be a contentious issue for the PAC's, who disagreed with some of the items on the budget. The American Way, the CCC, the Association for the Advancement of Minors, and the League of Industrial Workers believe that more money should have been spent on education, and the American Way and Alternative Energy Coalition were unhappy with the governor's tax plan.

The League of Industrial Workers is on record as stating that they have grounds to pursue the governor's impeachment.

On the other hand, the Farmer's Alliance and the Heritage Foundation feel that the budget was perfectly fine, and expressed discontent over the other PAC's desire to change it. The Oil and Gas PAC also feels the current budget is adequate, but they would be open to change.

The governor met with the PAC's later on in order to address these concerns. At the time of the press release, information on prospective budget changes were not available.

# PAC meeting rundown

**CJ Schaller**

*Icenogle, MacArthur*

Wednesday, in the early afternoon, the PACs had yet another set of meetings so naturally I, CJ Schaller, was on the scene, keeping everyone in line. I managed to get a hold of NEARLY every PAC on floor 1 of Goodnow in their central offices, and most (at least the ones who cooperated) shared some seemingly productive plans with me.

The Farmers PAC, easily excitable as always, was very hard to get a straight answer out of, but their budget is being focused on the state legislature, and their main goal is lower taxes to protect the middle and low-class farmers.

The Oil & Gas PAC was equally hard to settle down, but I managed to worm budget information out of them. They report that they have little to no money whatsoever, but would like to assist in funding the legislature. Their goal is cooperation with the alternate fuel source companies and to create a less-polluted and safer environment for everyone.

The American Way PAC kept it short and sweet. They are trying to find ways to acheive state-government power for the minimally represented Nationalist Party, and are attempting to fund them as well.

The Heritage Foundation is funding most of the state government as a PAC behind the federalist party. They are in

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## Kohlman shares musical talents

**Joe Bridgewater**  
*Gardner, Kennedy*

Jordan Kohlman (Kennedy County) and Michael Scott (Patton) joined together to perform at the Talent Show Wednesday night. Their song of choice was, "My Friends Over You" by New Found Glory. Both participants sang, but Jordan played the guitar and Michael performed on piano. Both members are from Bucklin and attend the same high school. The remaining parts of this article pertain mostly to Jordan Kohlman, whom I interviewed earlier Thursday. They were one of many different acts that involved guitar and other related events.

Kohlman began playing guitar at the age of nine. Jordan and Michael are also part of a band called, "Saturday School", which is an emo/punk rock band. Jordan plays both electric and acoustic guitar for this band.

Jordan has displayed many leadership qualities in his years at

Bucklin. He is currently the Senior Class President, and a participant in football, basketball, and baseball. He hopes to continue his education at the University of Kansas with a major in Human Biology. He also wants to have a Pre-Med focus, which would greatly bolster his goal to get into medical school and later become a surgeon. KU has also offered him a walk on position on the football team.

He found out about Boys' State through his local American Legion chapter. This chapter contacted him in the hopes that he would attend Boys' State. He is currently a representative for Kennedy county. Jordan realizes the importance of his time spent here at Boys' State and feels that it is of the utmost importance to become interested in politics. He is quoted as saying, "It is important to know what is going on in the world, and to have a strong stance on things." This statement coincides with the principles taught by the American Legion here at Boys' State.

## Rain kills recreation

**CJ Schaller**  
*Icenogle, MacArthur*

"It SUCKS!"

"It's boring, but it's not that bad."

"It SUCKS!"

"It's like freetime, but I'd like something outdoors."

"It SUCKS!"

Don't get me wrong, I did get a FEW positives about indoor recreation and a significant amount of indifference, but for the most part, the indoor recreation weather has caused in the past few days has been

more 'wreck'-reational than anything.

Some people want fresh air and some people want exercise. Heck, some people even want wet T-shirt contests, but the point is that most people want OUT. Maybe the word 'recreation' is being badly interpreted here, but I don't know, I'm a journalist, not a dictionary. However, it seems the general stater's idea of recreation involves fresh air, space, and exercise. In cramped hot county rooms where anything more energetic than walking is prohibited, the youthful energy within the staters is not being spent at all, but contained and heated.

## Welfare plan addressed

**Josh Donaldson**  
*Schulz, Powell*

After finally electing all of the state candidates, Wednesday was the day where everyone began to initiate their plans for the state. Here, they glanced over their budgets and began to throw the ideas they had for their departments out to the governor. While some departments ideas were accepted, others were thrown out because of conflicting ideas and interests.

As many know, one of the biggest issues for the state is that of welfare. After the debate on Tuesday, Tabias Wilson said he planned on implementing a 5-10 year plan for welfare-eligible people. During this time, the person on welfare was to get a decent enough education to allow them to attain a job that will grant them the opportunity to buy a house, buy the essential needs, and allow them to take care of their families. However, Governor Tabias made some corrections to his welfare plan at the state address. Instead of implementing a 5-10 year plan, he has switched it to a one year plan. While on the plan, the person on welfare will be offered a vocational education. Once achieved, they will then be able to get an entry level job. In the long run, by having a person of welfare status at an entry level job, businesses will benefit in the long run by having such a person employed



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# Indoor recreation disappoints some staters

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In fact, one more day of indoor recreation could build up enough testosterone in each individual county room to power Vegas for a day (Somebody find the Alternative Energy Association PAC, A.S.A.P.!!! We have a breakthrough!).

There were positive comments, but the staters who gave these comments were positive because of the added opportunity to be lazy and stay indoors, which I can assure you is not the purpose of the recreation period (You don't have to be a dictionary to understand that.).

"...Time to sleep...", "...nice break...", and "I like it." were heard in rare corners,

but more popular were the comments "Only extreme weather should stop physical activity.", "We have energy we need to burn, and walking from here to McCain isn't the way to do it.", "If we can walk in the rain, we can play in the rain.", and my personal favorite, "Our mom's aren't here, we CAN PLAY in the rain!!!."

Maybe I'm a tad biased, because I too, enjoy my exercise (other than being the wrist-flicking motion involved in cards and games of Paper, Scissors, Rock) and wouldn't mind rinsing off my well over-worn stater's uniform in the rain. But in the end, indoor wreck', sorry, I SWEAR I mean rec', is just the safer, cleaner, and (in the case of those good people supporting wet white T-shirts) less revealing option. So,

don't be mad at the counselors, but instead, step outside, stare into the cloudy sky and roar your select phrases at mother nature. I warn you counselors, however. When your county rooms are filled with 'rec'-age, you are NOT allowed to yell at mother nature, because you too have to stay inside where its dry, just like we do.

As an ending note, I would like to tip off the County Counselors of the Goodnow Dormitory. "I'd sure love some indoor hammer-toss." was one statement quite readily accepted by nearly EVERYONE inside, so if tomorrow, we are yet again inside for recreation, please expect some likely annoying and possibly dangerous (or the other way around?) clangs and bangs coming from your county rooms.

# Supreme Court hears case

**Emmanuel Perez**  
*McCoy, Patton*

**Spencer Harding**  
*Harris, King*

The supreme court justices got together for their first meeting. First they discussed their first court case, which actually happened. Then to prepare for the case they reviewed the Bill of Rights. The highlight of the evening, however was the case. The case had to do with a violation

of the fourth amendment, which states that the authorities cannot search or seize property without a probable cause and permission from superior authority.

The case involves a high speed chase. A police man heard on the radio that a man was traveling at 90 miles per hour and was headed in his direction. To prevent the man from going farther and protect people the police used a pit maneuver to stop him. However, this ended badly. The man driving the car that was being pursued became paralyzed from the neck down after the police man crashed into him.

The man later on sued the police

department, for violating the fourth amendment (because the pit maneuver is considered to be a form of seizure).

It is now up to the supreme court to figure out whether the policeman, who had not been trained on the pit maneuver and used it only eight minutes after the chase had begun, was breaking the fourth amendment. However, there are other factors that may affect their decision, such as whether the driver was endangering lives, he was wearing a seatbelt, and if the policeman got permission from a superior officer to perform the maneuver.



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# Performers entertain staters Wednesday evening at McCain

**Emmanuel Perez**  
*McCoy, Patton*

When people hear about talent shows, they expect amateur performers who are looking for their big break. So, when I went into Boys State Talent show I was expecting reality show wannabes. But as it turns out, there were a lot of actually talented people. There was a variety of performances. Most of them were focused on playing instruments or singing. Also, there were some very unique and very good performances.

Most of the performances were musical. The non-musical performances seem unique just because they were that. There were two performances that particularly stood out. One of the performers that stood out the most was the stand up performance. While some of the jokes seemed old and dated, the original jokes such as the "MTV" jokes were funny and refreshing. The other was a performance that I actually can't describe, all I know is that it involved sticks, a lot of concentration, agility, and was awesome. Sure, it has some flaws, but all human beings are flawed.

Most of the performances were music-related. All of them consisted of piano,

guitar, and vocal performances. The best guitar performance came from Chase Coster who performed the song "Initiation." One of the best vocal performance came from a counselor duo performing "Lean on Me."

The two best performances of the night were also musical performances. The second best performance of the night was the one that united all of the staters. This was the song "American Pie." The show closed with this and every stater stood up and sang together throughout the song. However, there was one performance that brought down the house. This was a piano performance by Legionaire and Rock n' Roll Hall of Famer Chuck Schumacher. He started his performance with a little comedy routine involving a bugle. Then, he sat on the piano and performed a variety of songs, including the song "My Heart Will Go On," all from memory, without the need for musical sheets.

Overall, it was a really good night that will be in the staters' memory for a long time. With this much talent I would not be surprised if in the future these people will be famous. Hopefully this year's talent show raised the bar and will be hard to top next year.

## Chastain: More Than a Mere

**CJ Schaller**  
*Icenogle, MacArthur*

I, CJ Schaller of Ice Cube City (Icenogle, MacArthur County), was graced with the opportunity to sit down with the ever-popular, yet always busy D.O.D./O.M. here at Boy's State Camp, who goes by the name of Thane Chastain. In an effort to recognize the nearly-infinite importance of his work, I decided to grill him with a few questions...

Stater's Union: "Mr. Chastain, or, can I call you T.C.? What is the overall outline of your job description?"

Thane Chastain: "It's sort of a 2-period job. We used to call it between-the-Saturdays, and Saturdays. I am director of development. That means recruitment of staters, sponsors, and staff. But then many people work with me on that. The other title is the office manager, which is what I do during the session. Scott Johnson is the executive director, and so I work with him and the coordinators to make certain we have all the supplies to do the job."

S.U.: "What is your favorite part about the session?"

T.C.: "I would say meeting new del-

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egates,”

S.U.: “What can I say, we’re hard not to enjoy.”

T.C.: “Exactly. And I also enjoy working with all of my friends on staff, whom I’m actually associated with all year long.

S.U.: “How do you go about the recruitment of members without giving away the experience?”

## PACs meet to discuss budget, issues

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support of all of Tabias’s future plans.

The CCC is raising funds and putting most of their money towards education. In a cheaper venture, they are fighting for unification of the entire state.

The League of Industrial Workers plans to buy out an entire railroad system to support industrial business everywhere. This will use all the money they have, and possibly much more, but will contribute to the state as a whole.

Association for the Advancement of Minorities does not want cold-hard power for minorities, but simply 100% equal opportunities and representation for minorities, no matter what the issue. Most of their funds are being pushed toward minority lobbying.

The Alternative Energy Coalition would like an equal reliance on fossil fuels as well as alternative energy sources. Cooperation and dependence on one another are always among their future goals, and they fund alternative energy projects, which have proved expensive but useful.

T.C.: “I think it’s important to ask people about the next chapter of their lives.”

S.U.: “So Boy’s State is to assist kids in finding a direction?”

T.C.: “I think it helps start you higher on the ladder in your first year of college. There are a lot of people who could end up roommates in college.”

S.U.: “It’s just a completely real-life simulation?”

T.C.: “You develop skills being able to make friends, adjust to new environ-

ments, know good problem solving skills, entering a work environment, and learning that you get out of something what you put into it.”

S.U.: “I can’t imagine anyone being able to do all you do for what seems like little in return. What REALLY keeps you coming back year after year?”

T.C.: “The food. We have a week to shape your lifetime, and a week to shape OUR waistline.”

S.U.: “Thank you, sir.”

T.C.: “No problem.”

## Thane Chastain

# Welfare Addressed

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because the government will be paying for the person itself.

Another issue that was raised at the meeting was the fact that the Youth Penitentiary was moved from MacArthur County to Marshall County. This means that instead of having a Penitentiary in their county, MacArthur will now be hosting the Mental Health facility. The method behind this plan is that, by doing this, the state government will be able to add more jobs so they won’t be losing any money.

One project that was suggested to Tabias was to set up a wildlife area, mainly for hunting, in one of the counties. However, this idea was turned down because Tabias realized that this could ultimately take away from the value of the property or county that the wildlife area was centered around.

When it came to Departments, it was obvious that the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (headed by Phillip Grubb) was the lead runner. Information was given showing that the Department of SRS lead all

the departments by \$20,000! That was definitely a surprising statistic. When I asked Tabias about that surprising piece of information, he corrected me. Yes, the Department of SRS had an extra \$20,000 in their budget, however, he was surprised at that statistic also. When he took a closer look at the situation, he realized what hadn’t been done. “Of the \$20,000 that is in the budget, 60% of that money will be redistributed to the New Worker’s Development plan, which is still located in the Department of SRS, and the other 40% will be used to help out education issues.”

Since this was the first day for the meetings, most everyone was on a mad dash to get things done. While some of the departments were more quiet and reserved, some didn’t mind throwing out their ideas. While it was only a short 30-minute meeting, many things were accomplished, and it’s a sure bet that all departments will soon excel and get things done with time to come.

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# Farmergate embezzlement scheme revealed

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the laundering or not. Fortunately, this matter was cleared up Wednesday afternoon thanks, in large part, to another anonymous source who granted us access to audio logs he had taken of the Farmers Council. These logs not only proved Tabias's innocence, but shed light on the governments true corruption. The following is a transcript of part of the conversation between the Farmers Alliance and our second source.

Alliance Informant: "Hey, did Tabias know, like, where the money was from?"

Farmers Alliance: "He found out - they went and woke him up at midnight last night. The newspaper did."

FA: "That was not because of us that was because there was like \$4000 more ..."

AI: "But did he know that the money he was messing with was basically dirty money?"

FA: "No. He found out at like 12 something last night."

AI: "Ok, so he thought it was legit?"

FA: "Yea, newspaper woke him up to ask about it last night."

AI: "So wait, did Tabias know that it was bad money?"

FA: "See I don't know that. I don't know. See we kinda bought him off through the Heritage Foundation. We gave them all the money and told them who to give it to. So he probably doesn't know."

AI: "OK."

FA: "But the attorney general does because he already talked to us about it; when they filed a lawsuit we could just get it moved back."

A decision has been reached, and court proceedings will take place today. Please stay tuned for further stories and enjoy your stay at Boys State!.

Editorial Note:

While some readers may not agree with the information in this article, we at the Staters Union feel that we have run a fair and truthful investigation and have helped expose corruption in multiple levels of this state government.

## Voices of the Legionnaires

What are the differences you see in young men today compared to your generation?

"In my generation, there seemed there was more respect for elders. I notice it getting better, however. Because of the computer, kids are a lot brighter today. They should go a long way." Bill Wheeler (56)

"Today people nowadays are more scientific and educated. We used to do things manually. Today they use computers and automation. We did math in our heads and on paper. Today they use calculators and computers.

The thought process is different today." Everett

"I think young people today are more broadminded. They have access to so much more knowledge than we did. Their acceptance of women in the workplace today differs from yesterday. In my day, women were expected to be secretaries, teachers or nurses. WW-II changed that." Frances Swensen (83)

"Visions. We asked ourselves in our day 'Where are we going?' We looked to the future much different than now. It seems many people only look at today in this generation. We

had much more of a home life than today, like there was more discipline." Don Whitten (75)

"I don't know. My generation was more concerned with surviving. Raised in the Depression, WW-II dominated life for a long time. Today, living in prosperous times, concerns are more about bettering personal lives and in my opinion, their views are more focused on themselves rather than general society, as they were when I was growing up." Jim Schroer (77)

"I don't want to answer that. No comment." Anonymous (55)

# Wildlife & Parks

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## Issues up for proposal

**Wade Messier**  
*Whorley, Seitz*

1. One public hunting land per county.  
Boundary for the wetland area to keep the oil and natural gas companies far enough away to keep the wetlands safe.  
2. We are proposing for counties to legalize hunting in the city. With certain and very high restrictions on where and what you can hunt.

3. State project, "State Park".  
4. Boat ramps for the river of democracy.  
5. Campgrounds across the state.  
6. Protection programs for endangered  
7. Land for public hunting  
8. Managing different populations and re-locating animals before buildings are built.  
9. The new hunting and fishing regulations  
10. Stocking the river of democracy with fish and checking the health of the river.

## Donations needed for increased public hunting

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The majority of the public hunting is based in the western part of the state. The citizens in the eastern part of the state would like to have hunting. People in the eastern part of the state would have to travel to far. More public hunting would bring in more revenue through the sales of tags and hunting

licenses. In Kansas the season of pheasant hunting alone brings in over three million dollars each year and this does not include the waterfowl and deer hunting seasons. Land will either be donated to the department or purchased with donations. The department has received many donations but is in need of key land donations in the eastern counties with no public hunting.

## Oil safe zone proposed

**Wade Messier**  
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As the map shows the counties of Eisenhower and Patton have oil and natural gas dividing there counties and going into the wetlands that are at the center of this state. We are proposing a bill that would create a boundary 2 miles wide around the wetlands to cre-

ate a safe zone. This will help to stop the possibility of oil spills which will cost tons of money to rehabilitate the animal populations. Money that would be better spent on new parks. The counties also cannot drill within these boundaries. The counties west of the wetlands cannot put up dams or pump sewage into the river of democracy.

## City hunting to be legalized

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Deer get hit by drivers in the cities and all around the state causing insurance rate to rise an sometimes deaths.

We are proposing to legalize deer hunting in cities. This will lower the number of deer hit by cars and will help move deer back out of the cities and into the country.

This will not be a state issue but each county can decide on whether or not to pass it. This will have strict regulations on weapons draw weights on bows cannot exceed 100 pounds of pull this will help keep the possibility of hitting houses. Only bows can be used in the city.

This will be zoned to places where deer congregate in cities like parks and heavily wooded greens. People will not be able to use vehicles, baiting or electronic calls for this. The licenses will only be given to veteran bow hunters and they will take tests that see how ethical they are before they are eligible for licenses. They would also cost more which would raise money for the counties.