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Staters Perform in Talent Show

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Staters were given the opportunity to show their abilities to their peers on the stage in McCain auditorium.

There was much anticipation for the talent show as a result of both comments made during opening ceremonies and viewings of past talent shows on the Boys State website.

“When I first heard that the talent show was going to be a highlight of the week, I was hesitant; but as the night progressed, and I saw more acts, my opinion quickly changed,” said Alex Veliz.

Talents ranged from poetic to musical to comedic as well as everything in between.

Although the acts were quite diverse, undeniable unity was formed on the stage and in the audience.

“The Boys State audience was one of the best audiences I’ve ever had,” said Jack Kapple, a lead actor on the Kauffman Center stage. “I had such a fun time.”

Kapple performed his rendition of Elton John’s Rocket Man providing the accompaniment himself on piano.

Several other Staters also utilized the piano in their performance, as well as several guitars, and various band instruments.

Also included in the show was a self-choreographed dance number, comedy adaptations, and an original



poetry recital.

At the conclusion of the show, Mike Zimmer returned to Boys State for his annual performance of American Pie.

Kapple said, “His performance brought the community together in a way that nothing ever had; it truly was an ending on a high note.”

Staters participate in mock trial

By Brandon Hurn and Alex Veliz
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On Wednesday morning Staters involved in the judiciary branch of government had an opportunity to participate in a mock trial.
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Staters comment on dorm life

By Julian Kincaid and Aaron Simpson
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As a seasoned summer camper, I’ve found myself in many types of buildings type of housing buildings to stay in. Whether it’s the simple outdoors cabin, college-style dorm room, or open-bay... (Read more online)



State officials hold their first press conference

By Noah Mead
Staters Union

On Wednesday, a press conference was held with the newly elected state officers, the first completely Federalist group since 2011. In attendance was the Federalist Attorney General, Secretary of... (Read more online)



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Veteran Spotlight: John Lindholm

By Jack Kapple and Tristan Jordan
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In current culture, it is quite easy to become absorbed in what needs to be done in the now; although this is something important to recognize, one must realize that in order to succeed, he must examine his past in the present time to instill a worth-while future.

If a problem is present, one must be able to look at past facts and pinpoint the origin of the disconnect – this is the only way to move forward; it is simply the scientific process.

With this premise in mind, Staters should be keen to seize the opportunities they have in engaging with the lives of the many US Veterans that surround them.

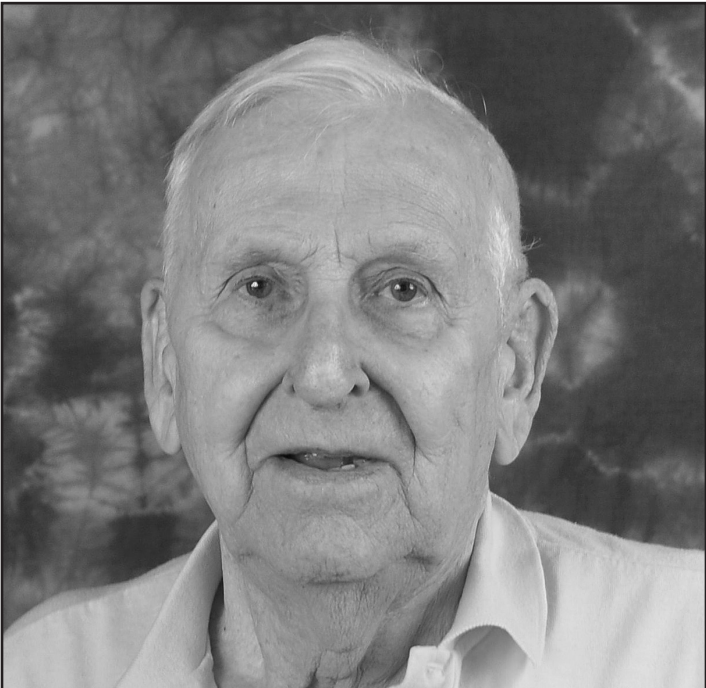
On December 12, 1942, John Lindholm enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps (later to become Air Force).

His endeavors were unbelievable. Lindholm traveled to over 50 countries and to all 50 states; he was able to survive against crazy odds when his plane had more than 100 bullet holes in the oxygen tank; and he retained sanity in the overwhelming event of a shot to his helmet.

When asked about his most dangerous mission, he said, “Well, you never know what you’re getting into, there’s no knowing what mission will be most dangerous.”

This statement from Lindholm truly demonstrates the character of a veteran: someone who is willing to be uncomfortable in order to ensure the safety of others.

This is responsibility – the most important value



Staff Photo

WWII veteran John Lindholm

that John learned in his military career.

The question now arises: how does one learn from the past of John Lindholm in order to instill a prosperous future?

Tristan Jordan said, “I learned that it is important to go into every task with an open mind and a positive attitude regardless of what other people say about the task.”

With all that has been stated, it should indeed be noted that having deep, meaningful conversations with our beloved Veterans is essential for the development of a successful Boys State.

Ultimate frisbee provides fun for Staters

By Aaron Simpson
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Scorching heat and fresh puddles would shy away any sane group of people from outdoor activities, but not the Staters of Marshall, MacArthur, King and Kennedy.

In a rousing display of athletic prowess, the members of these counties spent their recreational time on the fields of Ultimate Frisbee.

In the first of two games that lasted twenty minutes each, Marshall overcame MacArthur 4-2. “Competition is fun out here,” said Senator Will of Marshall County.

After their bye on Tuesday, Marshall seems to be wasting no time in keeping their performance up.

In the second game, King County squared off against Kennedy, summarily grabbing a 9-1 victory. Despite the unconvincing score, both teams displayed a strong sense of honor. “This game was the best one that King County’s played yet... everyone’s got really good sportsmanship,” said one Stater.

Through the variety of sports available during rec time, Ultimate Frisbee has got to be the most laid back and sportsmanlike of all, with a diverse cast of characters and universal respect for one another.

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