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Debates help staters cast votes

By **Jordan Waymaster**
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Much preparation has come down to one debate. In this debate the Federalists duked it out against the Nationalists in McCain auditorium for the votes of the staters.

The candidates answered many questions involving everything from abortion to minimum wage.

On one question of abortion, here's what the Nationalist Treasurer Candidate had to say: "I believe in women's rights, but I believe that everyone deserves life, so I move that we continue the status quo on current abortion laws".

This was the Federalists rebuttal, "I'm all for women's rights as well, however I think we need to make decisions for those who can't make decisions for themselves yet; those in the womb.

We need to make sure that we are producing the best Kansans out there." Another question had the candidate's stance on minimum wage. Heres what the federalists had to say. "I want to keep an open mind about minimum wage."

The same candidate went on to express his observa-



tion about how the Nationalist party might have backtracked on their original stance on minimum wage.

The Nationalists on the other hand, found holes in the Federalists argument and went on to give facts that supported their ideals of raising the minimum wage to twelve dollars and fifty cents.

After the debate, the candidate's campaigning job ended and the Staters votes were cast.

The votes favored the Federalist party heavily with all of the Federalist candidates winning their desired offices.

Counties find different ways to get to work

By **Alex Veliz**
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With Boys State underway and multiple committees making progress on Tuesday, County Commission throughout the campus are taking different approaches for the betterment of the community. (Read more online)



Staters let off steam through rec time

By **Julian Kincaid**
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With the stress of Boys State often comes pent-up energy, waiting to be unleashed. It's during recreational time that Staters get to use this get to use this spirit to compete in sports such as (Read more online)



Guest Speakers Address Staters

By **Brandon Hurn and Aaron Simpson**
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Staters travelled to Umberger Hall on Tuesday for a night of reflection and learning. Guest speakers Dr. Tim Steffensmeier and Judge Joseph Pieron... (Read more online)



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Veteran Spotlight: Larry Andrews

By Brandon Hurn
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The Boys State of Kansas is sponsored by the American Legion, an organization known by Rex Gardner, the executive director, as the “greatest veteran organization in the world.”

Larry Andrews, retired Air Force Sergeant and current Legionnaire of post 273, is one of the valued veterans at Boys State.

Andrews entered the Air Force in 1981 as a Basic Airman, and progressed through the ranks to Sergeant.

He attended basic training in San Antonio, and proceeded to a training center in Illinois where he was trained for aircraft maintenance.

He served a tour in Germany servicing F4 phantom aircrafts, and later returned to America at the conclusion of his active duty in 1985 to be trained in the mechanics of other models of airplanes.

Following his time in the Air Force, Andrews spent 20 years as an egress system mechanic for several models of aircrafts.



Andrews retired with a total of 26 years in service, and joined the American Legion.

When a member from his post who had been involved with the Boys State passed away, Andrews volunteered to work with the program.

“As legionnaires, we should support our programs,” Andrews said. “It’s really cool to see you (staters) go through this experience at this point in your life.”

TALENT SHOW

Wednesday evening Staters will be putting on a talent show in McCain Auditorium.

Remember to support all performers and respect them during the show.

Be sociable!

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Search for “American Legion Boys State of Kansas

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