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Bipartisan administration elected

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The election results for the 79th session of Boys State are in.

The governor is Grant Daily (F), from the city of Spigarelli in Powell County.

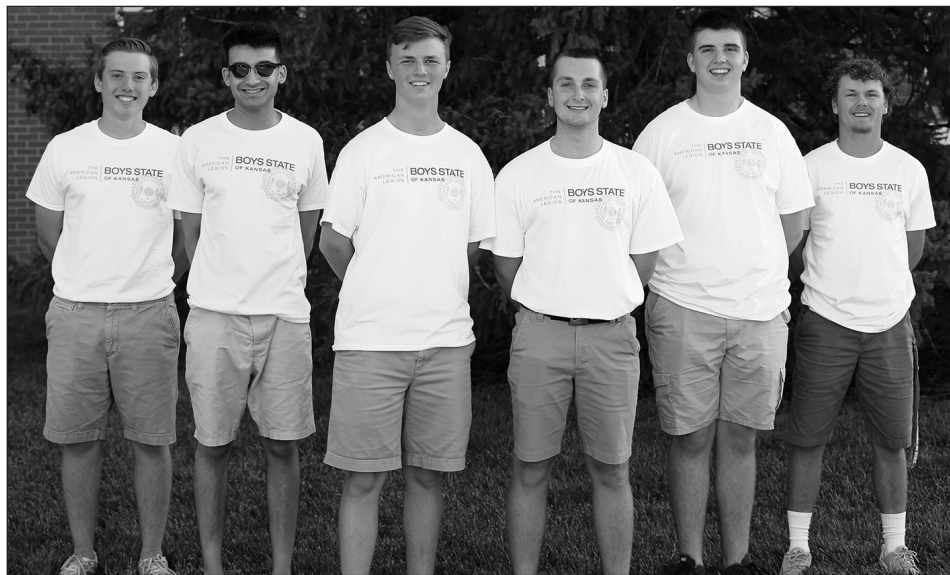
The lieutenant governor is Evan Haas (F), from the city of Shelton in Powell County.

The attorney general is Hunter Eisler (N), from the city of O'Leary in Patton County.

The Commissioner of Insurance is Mason Schartz (F), from the city of Perrill in Pershing County.

The State Treasurer is Nick Siscoe, (N), from the city of Hiatt in King County.

The Secretary of State is Aamer Uddin (N), from the city of Whorely in Seitz County.



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Nick Siscoe, Aamer Uddin, Grant Daily, Evan Haas, Hunter Eisler, Mason Schartz

The Independant Party

By ANDREW GILL
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Typically at Boys State there's two political parties, the Nationalists, and the Federalists. Typically in the general election there's two names for each position on the Staters' ballots, and typically those names belong to one candidate from each of those two parties. The 79th addition to the Boys

State brotherhood is anything but typical.

It's not unheard of for there to be another party among Staters. In 2002, during the 65th Boys State, a group of Staters formed the Green Party which started as a PAC (Political Action Committee). The party however did not have any candidates on the ballot or in the debates. Now, fourteen years later, a group of ambitious Staters have formed a third party - the Independent Party - and they are in it to win it. When six Staters failed to prevail in their primary elections,

they did not let that stop them from competing in the race. Michael Mast of Marshall County, who represents the Independent Party as the Attorney General, explains, "We all lost in the primary elections, and we decided that you only get to go through Boys State once, so why not leave our mark by providing a more moderate [option] in the general election today." They plan on going head to head with the other parties on many of the same issues such as education, alternative energy, and insurance.

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Whistle Stop Tour: Federalists

By PETER FONTAINE
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On the Federalist side, the Whistle Stop Tour was a fast-paced burst of a lot of information. Many of the candidates were heavily focused on the education crisis, but only some of them came up with a viable ways of funding such a large project.

Some suggested a prison reform that would have non-violent offenders work labor jobs for free, freeing up money through the labor and by not having to pay to (read more online at <http://ksbstate.org/news>)

79th Opening Ceremony

By PETER FONTAINE AND ANDREW GILL
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At approximately 2:45 P.M. Sunday, all staters marched to McCain Auditorium to attend the 2016 Boys State Opening Ceremony. This included two promo videos, a keynote speaker, and two other advisory speakers.

Dustin Galyon, head coach of the Hesston College men's basketball team, delivered an energetic yet serious keynote (read more online at <http://ksbstate.org/news>)

Law Officers begin training

Learning to protect and serve

By **PADEN FONTAIN**
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Operations at Boys State are in full swing this year, and Highway Patrol operations is no exception.

One young man from each of the ten Boys State counties met with Lieutenant Greg Harkrader during Monday’s session. Officers Mike Paynter and Shawn Herrman helped with the instruction of the course.

There was an introductory video, highlighting the duties of a Highway Patrolman, such as repair work, law enforcement and accident attendants. The Staters then received their “police badges,” while Paynter explained the importance of accountability, respect and punctuality.

The Stater Patrolmen carry fake pistols to mimic professional Patrolmen and are asked to look over



the legality of the counties, making sure they obey and interpret set laws. They are in charge of the detainment of criminals.

These Patrolmen work with county officials, deciding on a proper “jail” and the length of the sentence. When asked about the course, Stater Caleb Rose said “I have enjoyed it so far. We haven’t done too much, but the instructors make it sound like an exciting experience.” Rose has high hopes for the field trip to the Riley County Jail on Thursday.

Opinion Piece: Quik Cats

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Without a doubt, Quik Cats convenience store is the unsung hero of Boys State. Ran by two student managers, Quik Cats operates throughout the day, all week. One manager, a recent graduate named Alex, has been working at Quik Cats since her freshman year.

“I’ve been working here ever since I was just a little freshman,” Alex said. “We have an amazing boss, and I’ve loved working here all

these years. It’s been great.” Many Staters have used the store, spending whatever time and money they have there. Due to it not technically being a cafeteria, Staters are allowed to bring whatever they buy back to their dorms to enjoy throughout the week. Although it is a relatively small space, Quik Cats has become a massive addition to the Boys State program.

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Decision reached in district case

By **PETER FONTAINE**
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Yesterday on the second floor of Marlatt Hall, District Court Mock Trials were held. Some cases were difficult to corroborate because of the lack of witnesses, but they came up with a creative solution to the problem.

Billings v. Pearson involved the Billings family suing for the money it cost them to change schools and provide therapy sessions. CJ Pearson and Alex Billings met each other at King High School orientation. They exchanged numbers and friended on “MyFace,” a social networking site. When Alex met with his counselor a while later, he revealed bullying. Alex’s parents were informed, and insisted that Alex transfer to St. Joseph Academy.

Alex also started psychiatric treatment. The treatment cost \$200 per visit for a total of \$20,800. The prosecution stated that the defendant should pay the psychiatric costs, as well as the cost to transfer schools. This was more than \$90,000 total.

The final decision, by unanimous consent, was that the defendant was not guilty and therefore should not have to pay any of the costs.

Staters enjoy first recreation period

By **PADEN BEDFORD**
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On Monday, June 6, every Stater made the half-mile walk to the Kansas State Recreational Facility. This facility offers basketball, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, kickball, tennis and sand volleyball.

Each county has a team for each sport, relying on each Stater to sign up for a sport. The overall victor of the first day of rec was Pershing county, accumulating wins in nearly every sport they competed in.

I signed up for sand volleyball, along with two others from my county. Although we didn’t win, we had a blast being put together with people we didn’t know, making friendships with each other.

After rec time was finished, everyone made their way back to the dorms, while getting to experience a part of the campus. All in all, recreation time was proven to be a fantastic time for Staters, giving us a time to relax and do something different.

