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MY LIFE

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## BOYS STATE: WEEK IN REVIEW



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June 3, 2018: The beginning of Kansas Boys State began with a large assembly from the staff to get us pumped up for this week's events. The beginning of un-balloted elections also began, with the introduction of the new and much talked about National Guard position. While some scrutiny was directed towards counties for unprofessionalism, it still served as a promising beginning to this year's session.

June 4, 2018: The second day of Boys State started with the emergence of the infamous third party, The Liberty Party. That afternoon lead to three, instead of two, caucuses with each political party deciding who to represent their county in the state primaries. Other large events of the day involving operations included a Land Dispute in the District Attorney's Office and a campaign for clean energy headed by staters Hap Waddell and Chris Simpkins.

June 5, 2018: A wave of lawsuits that would plague the Boys State of Kansas started on the third day, with a lawsuit being filed against the Federalist Party for their supposed "loyalty

**STATERS cheer during the opening ceremonies in McCain Auditorium, six days ago.** Photo Credit Julian Kincaid

contract" to hinder the rise of the Liberty Party. Other issues rose such as mass unemployment in areas like MacArthur and Eisenhower County, who stated it was due to rising taxes across the state. The Departments of Humanities, Natural Resources, and Economy also faced scrutiny with the rumored gridlock from a bungled Powell grant. However, signs of positive government procedure came when the Parkland Bill, a policy to increase gun control, reached the House floor. Adding on to the very eventful afternoon, our governor Chayne Dessaso and his office were elected in the primaries that afternoon.

June 6, 2018: Possibly the biggest part of Wednesday's operations was the long-awaited but eventually disappointing budget decision, where Governor Chayne Dessaso was shut down mid-meeting by counselors who claimed that budget was to be decided the next day. On top of this, a large lawsuit was brought to the District Attorney's Office after an attorney from Eisenhower claimed he was unjustly arrested. More lighthearted news came with the large push for taxation on anime and the promotion of American

fandom in Japanese culture. A natural disaster also occurred in King County when a certain Chuck Shoemaker released his piano mixtape; it had so much heat it set fire to the nearby chemical plant (That's a good thing; it means the mixtape was good).

June 7, 2018: Yesterday wrapped up of a week's worth of work with celebrations and other fun activities between operations. There was also a college fair on the second floor of Kramer that included schools from the Kansas area such as KU, Baker, K-State, and many more. On a more serious note, we had our Boys Nation Elections to see who will represent Kansas in Arlington next month. Although a budget was declared yesterday, many operations were still in gridlock due to the spate of lawsuits brought on in the days prior. The House passed an impeachment on Governor Chayne Desasso, and the case is now in the Senate to determine if the impeachment will go through. We hope all of our staters enjoyed their time at the Boys State of Kansas and hope to bring what you learned here and into your community.

- H.H. & E.A.

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# Disaster Response Teams Mobilize

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After abruptly learning about the power plant accident moments before the talent show, King County officials pledge to create plans that ensure citizens safety, economic recovery, and future security.

The county’s first focus was, and is, citizen safety. They declared a state of emergency, advised citizens to stay indoors, and imposed an 8:30 p.m. curfew. With the declaration of the state of emergency, the National Guard assisted in quarantining and cleaning the affected areas. The city of Icenogle is also requesting volunteers to help in the local fire departments, police force, and general disaster relief, as well as accepting donations to assist them in their recovery efforts. In all of the chaos and confusion, King County officials have been applauded for their noble efforts for placing citizen safety as their top priority.

As previously stated, the National Guard was mobilized, and they evacuated the counties of

Powell, Seitz, MacArthur, and the lower half of King County. Winds from the southeast spread smoke and chemical contaminants, therefore counties in the direct path were evacuated as well. The fire has been contained to the plant and Hiatt city. The displaced citizens were relocated to the counties of Pershing and Kennedy.

Before the accident, King County was leading in all sectors of their economy, and they plan on slowly regaining their position as one of the top counties in the state. The general vibe of the town has been described as “positive,” “optimistic,” and “enthusiastic.” When interviewed, local leaders seemed determined and passionate to create a better, brighter King County.

In light of the recent developments, King County has become a symbol of hope and strength within Boys State. They exemplify the extraordinary powers of perseverance and positivity.

# ‘Assault’ Scammer Caught and Tried

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On Wednesday, District Judge for Bradley County sued a man under false allegations of assault by a Bradley County citizen. The District Judge for Bradley County was walking through Kramer when he was approached by a man with a makeshift sling around his arm and shoulder. When the judge questioned the man about his state, the man claimed he had been assaulted by a man named Luke from Bradley County, and he wanted to sue. The judge gave the man his information, and hours later received a message from the man.

The message said the assaulted man wanted to sue this Luke character for charges of assault. The only problem is Luke does not exist, no one in Bradley County has that name. After the judge questioned the man about this, it was confirmed that the allegations were

false and were an attempt to scam some money off an unexpected victim.

Bradley County District judges do not dilly-dally around when it comes to serving justice. The judge screenshotted the false allegations and decided to sue the man. It was taken to court and the falsely assaulted man lost the case. Another problem arose, the liar was flat broke, his available balance was \$0.00. The District would not leave justice unserved. The next move was to take his house. Unfortunately there is nothing in the system that allows one to take property, so they dropped his property value to \$0.00 and forced the false accuser to buy the District Judge a Gatorade. Lies have consequences people. Be honest, or you might have to buy a 20 oz Glacier Freeze Gatorade for a high ranking legal professional.

## Editor’s Corner

Sam Danneberg, Editor-in-Chief

Love still exists, people, and it is thriving within Boys State. Just like the US and UK during WW2, Powell County and Seitz County are bonded in an covenant to the death. This communion of brothers is taking the state by storm. As a proud member of Powell County it is nice to say we have an ally in this crazy place.

This brotherhood started developing on day one, when our neighboring counties passed legislation to benefit one another in a symbiotic relationship. Then the tables turned, Seitz filed a lawsuit against Powell. Both parties than sat down to speak about the issue with a possibility of settlement. The two countries agreed that there

was no division between them and from there an infatuation with the other began. The alliance solidified as lawsuit rumors hit the Stater Union which published the controversial information. This in turn led to a lawsuit against us, which was settled with a \$10,000 fee to Powell. In the end the controversy gave the counties much needed time to bond over their mutual hatred of the media.

The most current development into this story is the possible merging of the counties. At the time of this story being written it has not passed through the house. The formation of Peitz Country will be a legendary event within Boys State.

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