



## Boys State: On Tour

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Yesterday was the whistle stop tour. Many candidates gave speeches and answered questions regarding their viewpoints on many different political issues in the state of Kansas. This proved to be a very fun time for the candidates, to be competitive and get their first real taste of running for an office. The rest of the Staters got to experience what it was like to be able to question the beliefs of their party representatives and make decisions for themselves about who was the most poised and ready to take office. There were a few mixed feelings about the morning, but overall it was an enjoyable and adventurous time.

Austin Ross of MacArthur County said, "I think some candidates were very prepared, while some were not. You could really tell the ones who put the time into preparation and writing their speeches. Some candidates stumbled through their pitch and really seemed to struggle, whether it was because of nerves or lack of interest is not known, but there were just as many who seemed extremely prepared. Some-



times the aspirants said too much though. They spouted off why they should get the position because of all of their outside credentials and experience, but that is not necessarily what we wanted to hear, we wanted to know what they had to offer for the office they were running."

It seemed as if every candidate's resume was like stacked JENGA blocks, but knowledge is not the only quality needed to be a successful congressman, it is also valuable to possess an understanding of and a connection with the people.

In the end Michael Morris of Kennedy County said, "People who campaigned and wrote their speeches before hand got the votes they deserved."

The Delegates enjoyed being able to grill the candidates. At first questions were scarce, but soon things heated up. A lot of the groups asked the same questions to each runner, often referring to how their actions could benefit the county. This seemed to bring the best out of the best hopefuls, and the holes out of the

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## 5 WORDS OR FEWER

### Nationalists

"I'm finding the future today."

**Governor Candidate Zachary Hendrickson, Patton County**

"Liberty and justice for all."

**Attorney General Candidate J'Qui Audena, Marshall County**

"Government for the common man."

**State Treasurer Candidate Justin Nguyen, Powell County**

"Bringing people together for good."

**Secretary of State Candidate Matt Cooper, King County**

"Like [a] good neighbor, I'm there."

**Commissioner of Insurance Candidate Zach Baden, Bradley County**

## Question of the Day

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2 superheroes. One brawl. You pick them. Who? Why? The winner?

Clay Confer, of Seitz County, said he would match The Hulk with Superman. The winner?

"The Hulk," he said with confidence. "He's huge! He probably hits the gym like three times a week."

Dean of Advisers Jay Shelton let us know that he'd also want to see Superman, but this time paired with Catwoman.

"He'd let her win," he said. "She's hot."

Matt Stewart, of Eisenhower County, would bring the Green Lantern and Batman together for the fight of a life. Why?

"Ryan Reynolds and Christian Bale, man," he said. "The Green Lantern would totally win."

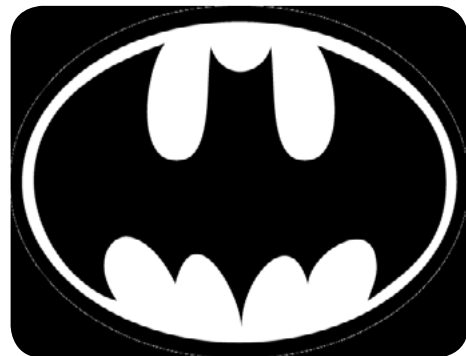
Zach Martin, of Powell County, returned to the classic choice of Superman, but this time chose Iron Man as the opponent.

"They're both men," he said. The winner, he said, would be Iron Man.

Alvaro Papa Silva, of Pershing

County and a superhero expert, paired up two greats -- Batman and Superman -- for a final battle. The clear winner is Superman, he said. "Super strength always beats technology."

EDITOR'S NOTE: We will be asking a new question today for publication in Wednesday's newspaper. Please be prepared to give your opinion.



## Interview of Federalist Gubernatorial Candidate

### Connor England

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The first question Connor England answered was why he believed he was qualified to be governor. Connor explained to us, "This is not my first time in politics, I know to appeal to the needs of the people."



Following up on his leadership he was asked, what he thought was the most important trait of a leader. Connor said "A true leader doesn't solely have followers, he also makes other leaders."

While listening to the other candidate he told us why he stands out from his competitor and said, "Heart."

Wondering what his plan was if elected governor, he said he wanted to fix the economy. To do this he would give tax breaks to industries which would produce a job expansion and create a snowball effect and pick up the economy.

## Outside news

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Even though you're here at Boys State, the world outside still turns. Below are a few noteworthy points of interest.

--Microsoft has unveiled a new version of the original Halo: Combat Evolved. This game will have enhanced graphics and revamped original maps. In honor of the ten year anniversary, this game will be named Halo: Combat Evolved, Anniversary. In addition, Microsoft has now confirmed that there will be a Halo 4, which will be the start of a brand new trilogy in the series.

--18 militants died as a result of U.S. drone attacks in northern Pakistan. The U.S. has stepped up unmanned strikes against insurgents after the death of al-Quaida senior member Ilyas Kashmiri. Although details of the attacks could not be verified, all were said to be foreigners, including Arabs, Uzbeks, and at least one Turk.

--Governor Sam Brownback has vetoed funding to the Kansas Art Commission, making Kansas the first state to do so. He has also replaced the chairman of the group in an attempt to tone down the negative backlash of this decision. Brownback's philosophy is that private funding of the arts is the way to go and that cutting funding is the first step in the transition.

If you find any articles in your spare time that you think are relevant and should be in the newspaper, please don't hesitate to share them with the newspaper staff.

## Public Service Announcement

As mentioned in the previous issue, Boys State Appraisers have recently completed a market reanalysis and have determined that property values were previously appraised at values higher than their actual worth. Experts have since released a revised evaluation. Staters are encouraged to make themselves aware of these updates, as their effects may have significant impact on the Boys State economy.

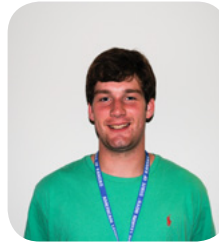
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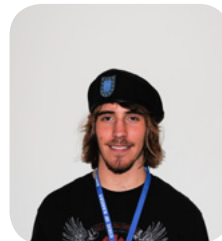
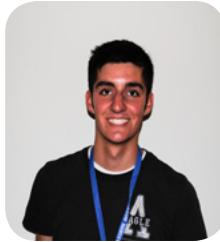


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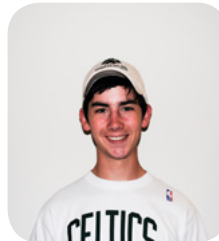


**David Thompson**  
Attorney General  
Candidate

**William Cockriel**  
State Treasurer  
Candidate

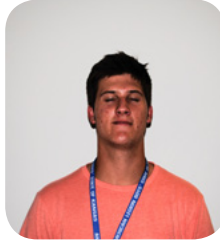


**Connor England**  
Gubernatorial  
Candidate



**Ross Marine**  
Secretary of State  
Candidate

**Baker Weilert**  
Commissioner of  
Insurance



### "GIVE YOU A BREAK!"



### Federalist Platform Goals

Tax Incentives  
Quality Education  
Pro-Life  
Anti-Gun Control  
Equal Opportunities  
Increase Employment  
Deficit Reduction

## 5 WORDS OR FEWER

### Federalists

"Conservative economics can save Kansas."  
**Governor Candidate Connor England, King County**

"Just [a] squirrel getting his nuts."  
**Attorney General Candidate David Thompson, Powell County**

"Solvent government equals successful government."  
**State Treasurer Candidate William Cockriel, Powell County**

"Not afraid to negotiate."  
**Secretary of State Candidate Ross Marine, Pershing County**

"Helping Everyone."  
**Commissioner of Insurance Candidate Baker Weilert, King County**

Now that the primaries have decided party nominations, the winners need to be more serious than ever. However, all the candidates managed to keep a sense of humor when we asked them to describe their Boys State intentions and agenda in five or fewer words.

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Staff Writers

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lesser hopefuls.

Unfortunately there were some candidates who did not have the same motivation as their peers.

"It would have been better if half of them knew what they were talking about," said Simon Fangman of MacArthur County.

"In a few of the races there were men who refused to give a speech or campaign which is a shame," said Dalton Jorgenson of MacArthur County.

"There were people from other counties who wanted to be in certain positions really bad, while there were some people who did not even want to run for an office." Of course everything in life cannot be fair, but it would have been nice to see some more ambitious delegates replace those who seemed to not care all that much.

Almost everyone agreed that they wished the candidates would have been granted more time to convey their thoughts, but, at the same time, it was also agreed on that it was a very long time to sit and listen. Maybe a solution would be to cut down on the candidates and give the ones running more time. Overall the elections were very successful and some great politicians were elected by each party. Of course there are always the conspirator theorists like Simon Fangman of MacArthur County who said "Nobody was elected from my county, it was rigged." You can't win 'em all. Hopefully tomorrow will be another eventful day with lots of positive progress toward a strong Boys State office.

## Recreation

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Contrary to popular belief, Boys State isn't all politics and elections. In the hot and sweaty hours of the afternoon, the Staters meet together to play one of five required point-based sports. On Sunday, delegates were given the option between playing basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee. There are also two sports that only occur once in our week here: cross country and, you guessed it, arm wrestling.

Yesterday began the weekly trend of so-called "recreation" at 3:30 PM each day. One enthusiastic Stater, Gabe Lynch of Powell County, said that his experience playing softball, "...was really tiring, but it was a really good workout. I loved it."

Recreation is an important part of the daily routine at Boys State; physical activity and exercise are understated but incredibly important aspects of the ideal life. Boys State wants every Stater to be as balanced and cultivated as possible.

Some, however, were not so excited about their required sportsmanship.

"It was a lot of work with almost no payoff," said Jake Little of Eisenhower County about his experience playing soccer. "By the end I was just really tired." Indeed, while on one hand daily exercise is healthy and prevents a sedentary lifestyle, on the other it may seem unnecessary and misleading in a program that centers itself around leadership and political procedure.

Nonetheless, Staters will be participating in these activities daily for the next week. Be it apt or unneeded, daily exercise is no doubt essential when it comes to leading a healthy lifestyle.

## THE NEWSPAPER

All stories pertaining to Boys State within these pages refer to a simulated society, and editorial license may have been used to report the "facts" of such stories.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and accepted. Letters must be signed and the writer's county indicated to be considered for publication. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, grammar, and legality. Letters should be taken to the Staters Union office in the basement of Marlatt Hall (room 20).

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# The Media's Role in Government

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The media sees many uses in governmental affairs today. Candidates make extravagant promises, viciously mud-sling, and boast loudly of their qualifications to a position. The government often sees the media as a tool to manipulate people into doing what it wants. Perhaps it could be said that this is, in effect, the purpose of the media.

The first amendment guarantees the right of free speech, and consequently, free opinion. Late Sunday night, however, Stater Cain Fouard of MacArthur County came to the Boys State Media Staff with a thought-provoking letter-to-the-editor about the media's use in politics:

"The paper? What's it for? Is it just to know what someone's opinion is on Boys' State? [Not entirely]. People want to know about the politics outside of ads; let people know what is going on. Who the candidates are, what the party platforms are – that's what people want to read. Let them see it!"

-Cain Fouard,  
MacArthur County

After he handed us his hastily written, yet enlightening letter, Fouard detailed his intent in writing

the editors.

"People need to know what's going on in the political arena," he said. "They don't want to hear just a bunch of fluff about opinions and personal stances."




Do other Staters agree? Upon asking, we discovered that they did. Nathan Short of Patton County imitated the words of Fouard.

"Without the media, no one can really know what's going on. It's a vital part of government," he said. When asked about the use of the media for personal opinion and voice, he answered, "it can be done, there's not really anything wrong with it...it's just overdone."

Doubtless all Staters would say that the media plays nothing less than a vital role in politics here at Boys State, as well as real life. Information is valuable; Staters need to understand the process and progress of the political machine in order to actively participate.

In short, it's somewhat acceptable to utilize the media for opinion, as it is often entertaining and more thought-provoking than a simple flow of information. However, our primary job as the nucleus of information flow at Boys State is to provide all Staters with the information they need to have a great week!

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