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MY LIFE

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## Storms Wreak Havoc

*Three counties left in ruins after tornadoes rip through northeastern Kansas*

### Boys State Wire

**SIMULATION ONLY** - Heavy rains resulted in localized flash flooding, and tornadoes caused an array of destruction in the following counties: King, MacArthur, and Powell.

"This was a supercell," said Boys State Meteorologist Adam Brown. "A storm of this magnitude is rare."

The number of fatalities from this storm is unknown at this time, and may remain so for many days to come.

Rescue teams have been dispatched and are leaving no stone unturned, but one school has been completely de-

stroyed. It is believed no one survived.

Many residents have started looting anything and everything.

The crime is quickly getting out of control.

Taggart Root of Janssen in MacArthur county said, "Everything is gone, I've lost everything. I only hope the state is able to send aid and allocate funds to us because we don't even have clean water."

This is a major disaster. The people in these counties need immediate help.

## Staters Union Investigates the Budget

By Jackson Koger  
Staters Union

Thursday morning State officials visited the departments and distributed copies of the budget that had been passed. Governor Palmquist kept to his campaign promise of keeping the focus on education with it garnering the largest portion of the budget at 22.4% of the funds going towards their department. Department of Health and the Environment received 12.8% and the Department of Energy rounding out the top three at 9.5%.

The budget was overall well received by many of the groups involved and positively reacted once they received word of their share.

"They were mostly fairly positive, I actually didn't receive any complaints. As far as when I was handing them their budgets it was more of me explaining. People didn't seem too enthusiastic, too depressed on the money they got and there was kind of an understanding that if they needed a little more they could change it through legislation," Palmquist said.

Even with the bill being well received things always change once the time comes to decide and new issues arise.

"As far as for the budget I think one of the things we thought about a lot at the beginning was we were kind of imagining the state of Kansas as it is now and then seeing what improvements we would make as opposed to looking

at it as this kind of new state and we need to build it from the bottom up," Palmquist said.

The large amount granted to the Department of Education has allowed for many grants to be given to build primary schools, vocational and technical schools, and colleges.

The Department of Education said their main goal was to have a state college in every county which would be paid for by the county and by the department.

The department also stated that at the moment they had enough money to cover all expenses for the grants that had been requested.

The budget is balanced with \$.01 of revenue after money from taxes, federal funds, and fees took care of the expenditures to the multiple departments which topped out at \$12,117,185.11.

State officials decided to raise income taxes 148% from last year's budget and made cuts in the State corporate income, sales and severance taxes.

"We definitely wanted to promote business growth and obviously increasing sales tax would hurt business growth and decreasing corporate tax and sales tax would help business growth which would help those businesses for sure," he said.

With many groups happy with the finalized budget government proceedings and county proceedings look to be very hopeful as the week is finished out.

## Sleep Schedule Causes Discontent

**By Kevin Lansing**  
**Staters Union**

Boys State is an opportunity that was taken by all of these Staters, to meet a lot of new people.

Boys State is an opportunity to open their mind to new things, but, it has been said from many staters this year, that we as staters, do not have enough free time.

They have said that we do not get enough time to just lay down and rest.

Many of the staters say that they are exhausted, there is not enough down time to just be lazy.

In King county, a couple of staters from the city council of Harris, have said that we need more free time. We need time to lay down and rest, the rest of the city council has agreed with what they said. Jackson Moore, from King County Commissioners, says, "I feel like we do not have any free time at all."

The rest of the county commissioners fully agree with

him. They want time to rest, they need time to rest.

King County is not the only county with staters saying that there is not enough time to rest, there are many more staters that would agree.

An anonymous tip said, "I feel like we don't have enough free time to give an interview." Another stater, Alan Leiker, has said, "I hate it, the most free time that I have ever had here at boys state, is about an hour and a half." Leiker says, "They said that we need to talk to other people and make friends, but how are we suppose to make friends if we do not have time to do so."

Although some staters believe that there is not enough free time to just do whatever they would like to do, others say that they are familiar with being busy back in their home town.

Staters say that it has just been like a normal week back at home, even though they are away from home. But, not all staters are as busy at home as they are here at Boys State.

## More Cooperation Wanted From Governor

**By Taner Sass**  
**Staters Union**

In Governor Carl's State of the State Address before the Talent Show, cooperation was one of the main points of conversation.

It has come to my attention that cooperation is apparently still an issue that some Staters are worried about.

When asked Morgan Stahl commented, "It is hard to cooperate with the people that are taking the simulation way too seriously to the point of being uncooperative."

Personally, I believe that Staters should be able to really

get serious about their parts, but they need to realize that in order to get projects done for the benefit of the state and even personal projects cannot be completed without help of other Staters.

Finally, one of the biggest parts of this program is learning to be able to cooperate with others in a society.

It is understandable to be somewhat uncooperative with others that have wronged your group or you are opposing in court, but to be outright uncooperative without reason is going against one of the main principles in making a working state.

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## Staters Explore College Fair

**By William Montgomery  
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Today, the Boys State of Kansas held a College and Career Fair. At this fair the Boys Staters got the opportunity to learn more about several Colleges around the state.

There were more than ten schools represented at the fair which was held in Kramer Dining Center.

These schools were stationed at tables with free souvenirs to take and information about the colleges.

While these schools ranged from small private or Christian colleges to huge Division one or two Schools, there were military Academies as well.

Staters would go to the schools that they were interested in and pick up information on the School.

Staters asked questions pertaining to the school, for example, what majors are available at the university, how does the admission process work, what scholarships are available, is housing on or off campus?

Many Staters thought the Fair was very helpful.

William Lehman of Crum City, Eisenhower County said, "I thought it was a lot of fun. I live in small town, coming from a small town it doesn't feel good being close to people like this since we were all jammed in there, but it was a lot of fun."

Another stater Gage Davies also

said, "I thought it was a good idea. They got a lot of info out for people wanting to go to college."

"I thought it was a good experience to see the Colleges and what all they have to offer," said Jesus Carabajal.

For those students not wanting to go to College after they graduate High School, they got the chance to look at military Academies. The Military Academies ranged anywhere from the Navy to the Air Force to the Marines.

As all these Staters approach their senior year of high school this coming fall, it is time to think about colleges and the process it takes to get admitted. These future seniors also start looking at majors and what they want to do after high school.

With so many schools to choose around the country, not just the state of Kansas, it is hard to choose which school to attend, whether it be a college or Military Academy.

Hopefully this fair narrowed down Staters' list a little of which one they want to attend.

There was a lot of information given, but always remember; don't go to the School that all your friends are going to or the one that has the best athletics, choose the one that you believe has the best education for you, can help you be successful after college and the one that just feels right, like it's home.



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## Staters Union Sits Down with KSU Staff

**By Dylan Crow  
Jared Shelton  
Staters Union**

Most of us here at Boys State don't consider what's taking place around us. When we walk down the sidewalks or through the buildings, we don't give a second glance to the people working behind front desks.

Have you noticed them? Or the people hidden in offices in Kramer? The people working in these places are Kansas State University students, and we sat down with a couple ask them to discuss their roles and positions.

In Goodnow and Marlatt, we had the chance of interviewing the women working at the front desks.

They both enjoy working here, having had this job for multiple years.

When asked about perks that they received, they said that they get free room and board, as well as the ability to pick their own hours, which can be an awesome advantage

during the summer.

They also receive free meals and, of course, pay for manning the desks. Apparently, Boys State doesn't seem to affect their everyday jobs.

When asked about daily work, Natasha replied, "The hardest thing I've had to do today was kill a bug."

Of course, these ladies have to deal with a lot, but it seems like during our week here, they're being covered by the counselors who help out here during the week.

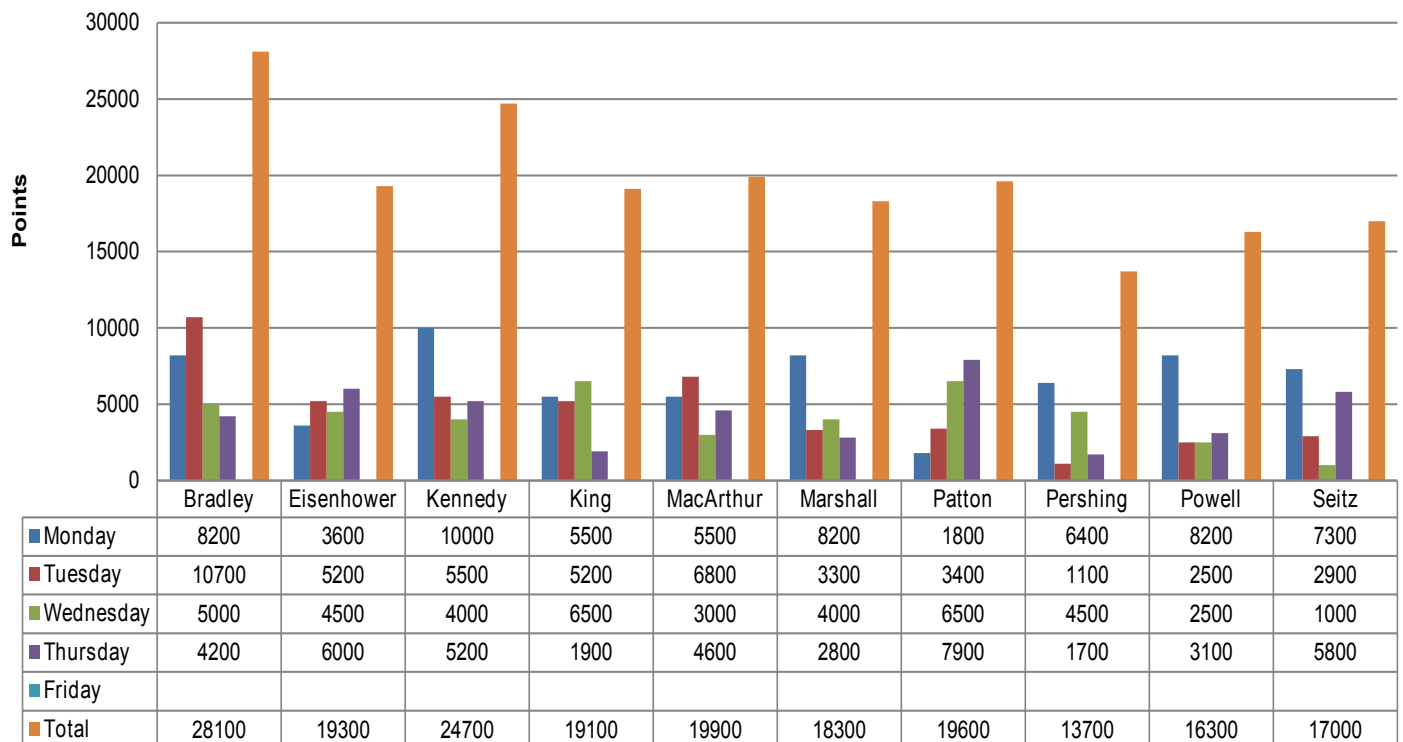
Another K-State student worker, Andy Grollness, works in the Marketing and Communications office in Kramer.

Grollness works as a Senior Marketing Assistant and has been with K-State for almost 2 years.

"I like working here because of the experience that it gives me for my career. I'm a marketing major and I get to work in this agency type setting."

Sometimes it is easy to forget we aren't the only people on campus, so next time you see these students, don't hesitate to say hello!

### Athletic Score





## Lindholm Leads Extraordinary Life

**By James Stapelton  
Staters Union**

Many veterans have high honors of having their name upon a plaque, a wall, or even upon a grand statue in their name for what they have done to protect their country with honor.

Our very own legionnaire John Lindholm has a statute modeled after his name tags right outside of McCain Auditorium. He served from 1942-1945, and then retired in 1989.

He was part of the 457th bomb group, which flew missions over Germany. He had a total of 17 different missions in his career over in Europe.

In one mission his plane was hit; Both engines were shot out as well.

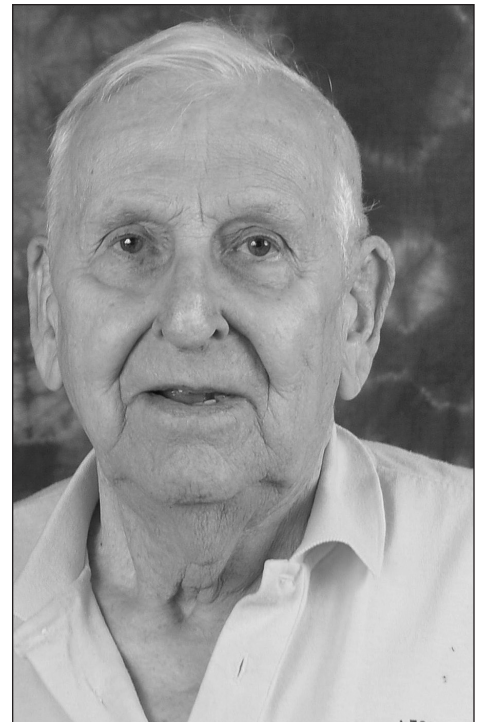
Surprisingly, a piece of shrapnel went flying at him, gladly, it only got caught right onto the helmet he was wearing at that moment, so people,

take a small note on a simple safety thing like keeping your helmet on at all times, it might save you from something that deadly (I do hope everyone keeps their helmet on during bike rides and such, for that is quite bothersome.)

John has been with Boys state for about seventeen to nineteen years.

He helps out with ROVP at seniors' homes, helped with supporting the budget of Senior centers, and supports his local church programs, along with helping with the Flint Hills fun run last week, and a week later from now, he's going to a Veteran's honor flight to DC, with his daughter being his guardian there.

Few days from now, he plans to bring his war memorabilia for Boys Staters to see, including the helmet that saved his life. In his free time, he enjoys photography.



## Delegates Enjoy Band, Chorus Concert

**By Luke McGowan  
Staters Union**

Staters were in store for a special treat Thursday with everybody anticipating the Band and Chorus Concerts that would take place later that night.

With anxiety in the air, Staters Union sought some of the talented performers that they would witness later that night and asked them how they were feeling in regards to the concert.

Some, such as trumpeter Zach Brashear, were not in the least bit fazed, saying, "The music's really easy."

Yet others, understandably, had some nervousness mixed in with their excitement.

One such trombone player, Parker Harrison, told Staters Union, "I don't think I've performed in front of this many people in a while."

However, Harrison also added that

his years of experience playing the trombone would help him to handle the anxiety.

Excitement was the perfect feeling for the performance that was given to the staters.

It was apparent through each song all of the dedication and hard work each of these talented musicians had put into creating a wonderful evening.

Their talent and efforts did not go unrecognized by any of the audience, One of whom told Staters Union, "I thought the chorus was great. The mustache song was a little unusual for my taste, but I thought the different voices harmonized well."

This concert provided a perfect example of what is a big point of Boys State: involvement.

People can be involved in whatever interests them here, be it sports, politics, or even musical talent.

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## Staters Hear Boys Nation Candidates

**By Kent Chrest**  
**Staters Union**

Upon the ending of Boys State of Kansas, every year there are two candidates and two alternates selected to go to Boys Nation.

Every town in the state elected two candidates based on who they thought would represent their county, town and the whole state of Kansas.

To be elected is a true honor. With the two Staters elected from each town, the counties then narrowed the four down to one lone candidate in the county.

Upon the choosing of the county representative they were set to meet with Thane Chastain for an orientation before the actual election.

The election was held after the band and chorus concert on Thursday night. Instead of focusing on state government here at Boys State, the representative will be staying at Washington, D.C. to be educated on how the federal

government is ran and also have a chance to be involved.

Along with the honor of being flown to Washington, D.C. (all expenses paid), the delegate will have the chance to meet with the President of the United States as well as visiting famous monuments around the city.

They will also get the chance to meet other delegates from all over the U.S. from the 48 other states that are sending Boys Staters.

The candidates running for Boys' Nation include Alex Houston, Chance Jolley, Alex Nickel, Conner Viets, Joseph Lorenzen, David Nolan, Nathaniel Kessler, Alex Lipinski, Samuel Pate and Jacob Hobbie.

The crowd voted on two candidates they believed would represent the Boys' State of Kansas the best. Unfortunately, the results were not tallied press time and the winners were set to be announced Friday morning during assembly time.

Even if a Stater was running for Boys Nation and did not receive it, it is still a great honor to be recognized here at the Boys' State of Kansas to be a candidate.

