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Storms Wreak Havoc

Boys State Wire

SIMULATION ONLY - Heavy rains resulted in localized flash flooding, and tornadoes caused an array of destruction in the following counties: Bradley, Eisenhower, and Kennedy.

"This was a supercell," said Boys State Meteorologist Jacob Tuck. "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 destroyed. 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

Tracking Down Illegal Money

**By Alex Karrasch and Tanner Myers
Staters Union**

On Thursday morning, June 5, the scandal involving the Department of Energy and the Nationalist Party found its way to the courtroom.

Originally consisting of two trials: one featuring the Nationalist Party Secretary Brennan Schartz, and the second for the Department of Energy officials who allegedly gave the Nationalist Party fifteen hundred dollars prior to the campaign.

Unfortunately, the second trial was postponed due to mishandling by the Highway Patrol in the arrest of a Department of Energy official. Held in the MacArthur County courtroom, the outcome of the trial did not look bright for the defendant. The feel of the court was undoubtedly onesided and the decision appeared to be "cut-and-dry" in favor of the prosecution. At the offset of the trial, Schartz pleaded not guilty and, in the end, was unable to persuade the jury.

"The job of the [jury] is to determine whether the defendant is guilty beyond reasonable doubt, so if I can put in your mind that there is any doubt that I am not guilty,... you should side with the defendant," Schartz said.

Schartz first set out to prove that the Department of

Energy was not the entity to give his party the funds, at least originally. "They came not as the [Department of Energy], but as the energy PAC," Schartz said. Despite this information, the case came to a conclusion after the prosecution made a deal with the defense.

The deal dictated that the defendant plead "guilty without punishment," he testifies against the Governor Clayton Covington on counts of "embezzlement and illicit appropriation of funds against the the government."

The judge and jury accepted the plea and Covington's prosecution will take place on the morning of Friday, June 6. "I didn't turn against the [Governor]... it's just an open investigation," Schartz said.

"It was just an easy way for me to not lose my house, but also give [Covington] a way out of this situation. Prosecuting Attorney Jacob Thompson of MacArthur County was also kind enough to let himself be interviewed.

"I'm pretty upset [about the second trial's cancellation] because the evidence was pretty against them and it could've been a pretty easy win for [the prosecution]," Thompson said. "I'm also excited because we get another trial out of it with the Governor," Thompson said.

Highway Patrol

By Hawk Goad and Connick Roe
Staters Union

In today's world, Americans rely on the highway patrolmen to protect our everyday living, especially our rights, but in State.. it isn't what it seems.

The Highway patrol is under the heading "police brutality" because of alleged events of abusing their powers and putting guns to peoples heads.

Media shares the basement with these men as they train, however members of the newspaper feel that the patrol has overstepped their boundaries.

Members Connick Roe of Powell and Hawk Goad of Bradley have been harassed by these patrolmen, or so they feel.

Hawk stated, "the patrolmen forcefully put my hands behind my head, without probable cause, and tried to make me spread my feet by kicking my shin." Connick had a similar experience Monday, he says "while I was walking to find a story two patrolmen rushed me and made me put my hands up by grabbing them, whilst I was flashing my press badge."

Patrolmen in the Scheffield case have also been accused of slamming Carter Scheffield of Powell county into an elevator door, leaving head blemishes and headaches.

There are also rumors of guns being pulled out within the court, and statements being made by vari-



Picture of Highway Patrol Stater Drawing Gun in District Court - Courtesy of Tommy Schmidt

ous police officers.

Matt Slaney, an officer, stated that "[I] don't know where the lawyers are (Department of Energy), but when they get here I will shoot them."

The question remains, are the patrol here to protect us, or to just abusing their rights and having fun with their prestigious positions.

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Veteran Spotlight: John Lindholm

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Every day so far the Staters Union has brought Staters reports on the American Legionnaires at Boys State this year. The lucky legionnaire on Friday, June 6, is Mr. John Lindholm.

Lindholm's story is unlike any told before and is one of incredible courage. He served from December 12, 1942 to November 12, 1945 in World War II.

Lindholm was in the Army Air Corps (the precursor to the Air Force) and flew a B17 Bomber, also known as a flying fortress.

When he entered the armed forces, he was trained to fly a B17 at Thunderbird No.1 in Glendale, Arizona.

His first choice position was pilot, and his second choice was navigator. He was given his first choice and flew his first mission on February 24, 1945 over Harburg, Germany.

Soon after the war began, Lindholm made very close friends with his co-pilot George Parker.

To this day, Lindholm and

Parker are the only two still alive in the whole crew.

Lindholm's most notable story from his career occurred while he and his crew were flying over the North Sea.

They were on a bomb run when their aircraft was hit by flack. The two right engines went out, so the crew had to feather them so that they would not burn out.

Flack also impaled the plane's cockpit, hitting Lindholm in the head. Luckily he was wearing his helmet at the time!

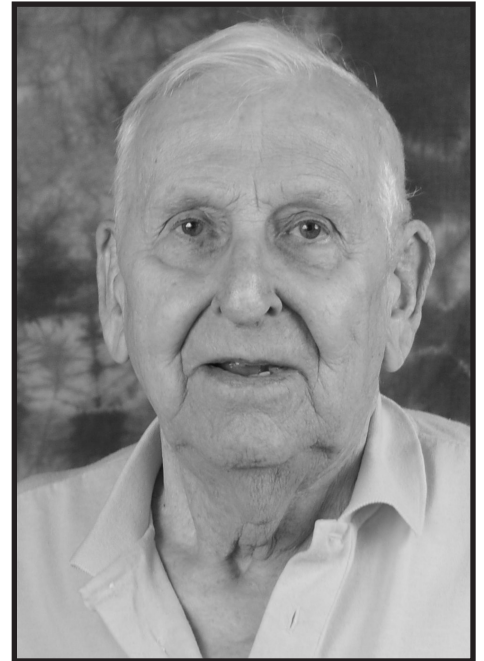
Lindholm said that the major thing going through his mind was "How are we going to get back?"

However, their prayers were soon answered when aircraft British Lancaster circled them to ensure their safe return.

They landed at a speed of 90 miles an hour, when typical landing speed is approximately 165 miles an hour.

Lindholm's helmet and many other artifacts from the war can be seen in his room: 552 in Marlatt Hall.

He is "more than happy to share his experiences with Staters."



Lindholm returned home in 1945, having lost several friends at war. He then entered the reserves, and later became a member of the American Legion.

"I actually became a part of the American Legion after my grandson went to Boys State. It has been a great experience ever since," Lindholm said.

Mr. John Lindholm was an excellent soldier, and his service to our country is greatly appreciated.

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Life on the Run

**By Austin Prinkki and Connick Roe
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Carter Scheffield of Powell County had been a man on the run for almost twenty four hours, but was apprehended on Thursday, June 5.

The arresting officer Breck Towner of Powell said, "I feel very honored to have done this justice for the state."

His plan was to "block all the exits, but the chaos ensued and Carter almost got away," but in the end he was apprehended in the lobby and read his Miranda Rights, before being taken to the DOJ on the third floor of Marlatt.

When the accused was in his interrogation room, arresting officer Breck Towner and Spigarelli's counselor Nathan Kessler took a selfie with Carter before we left the room for the interrogation to begin.

Tom Bellam of Powell was the attorney for the accused, and there was even talk of a lawsuit against Breck because he allegedly slammed Mr. Scheffield

against an elevator door.

Carter's view on the chase was "I like to run... I was going on my daily run, and have done nothing wrong."

This same piece of information was actually contradicted during the interrogation seeing as Braden Fahey said, "the prosecution might be able to offer a plea bargain if you can work with us... we have reason to believe this goes higher than the Department of Energy."

In response to this Carter stated, "I think so too... if all the charges would be revoked I think I could work." Officer Braden responded, "I can't promise you that all of them will be revoked, but can promise that you will get back to work... I can promise you no jail time, but can't promise you won't be fined."

Is Carter the only one at fault here, or is he caught up in some greater scheme? Staters Union will keep up with all parties involved in this case, and keep members of Boys State informed.

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Legal Prostitution Costs County

By Austin Prinkki
Staters Union

On June, 4, the county of Eisenhower sued the county of Bradley for seventy-six thousand dollars in healthcare damages caused by the controversial "Ordinance 69".

Ordinance 69 was created for the legalization of prostitution in the city of Bluemky in Bradley County.

The ordinance stipulated that all prostitutes work inside of an approved establishment (a brothel in other words) and that they be tested for HIV monthly.

Prosecuting District Court Attorney Carter Jozsa from Crum City, Eisenhower County, shared some of the evidence that he had in order to make his case. First off, he talked about the legality of prostitution itself due to state law.

Prostitution is a class A misdemeanor in the state of Kansas, thus violating state law. The city was also promoting prostitution, which in and of itself is another misdemeanor.

Finally, they incentivized people to become prostitutes, yet another misdemeanor. Another point he brought up was that the required health check was solely for HIV, and only happened monthly.

This is a huge health concern because, in the span of a month, a prostitute could spread STIs/STDs to dozens of clients.

Obviously, this would cause a huge raise in the amount of money that a county would have to pay to healthcare.

Using gonorrhea as an example, it would take about two months to fully treat it. The day after Ordinance 69 was passed, the healthcare cost in Eisenhower (the neighboring county to Bradley) went from zero dollars to over twelve hundred dollars.

So, assuming the the county will pay twelve hundred dollars a day over the course of two months (60 days), this leaves an approximate amount of \$72,000 of discrepant of funds.

In addition to this, the city of Bluemky will also bring in more commerce due to the fact that they are allowing this illegal activity to occur in their town, thus taking away business from other cities.

Jozsa himself, naturally, was very unhappy with the what had happened to his county.

"They are posing an enormous health risk to the state of Kansas," Jozsa told reporters. "This is an issue that everyone should be concerned about because this could dramatically increase health costs due to Bluemky's blunder."

The trial was hosted by Patton County in order to prevent bias among judges. Carter Jozsa championed the cause of the prosecution while Landry Hodges from Brumlage City, Bradley County, was the main spokesman for the defense.

The court proceedings went smoothly with few hitches. Joza argued on the points shared above. Hodges then proceeded to argue on the point that Bradley County had received a whopping \$0 in sales tax revenue from the day before.

Jozsa countered saying that money from prostitution would not be found in the sales tax portion of the other part, but in a different part of the tax spreadsheets.

Both of Eisenhower's cities had amounts of approximately \$1200 for both towns, while Bluemky had almost \$1400 in revenue for the same taxes.

After closing statements happened, the jury left to deliberate. They returned after about 3 minutes with the results of the trial.

The judge then walked over to receive the verdict. HE returned to the front of the room and said "The jury has found the city of Bluemky guilty on all accounts charged."

After the trial, Hodges gave a few words over what he thought of the trial. "I feel it was unjust. The jury was unorganized and the prosecution had no details or evidence.

The judge himself did a great job though. I'd also like to say that everyone suing everybody is stupid because we're all part of the same state."

Hodges went to say that he was definitely going to appeal to the Supreme Court for another verdict on the case. Will the verdict be overturned? Find out tomorrow when the case is possibly reviewed by the Supreme Court.

Boys Nation Candidates Give Speeches

By Connick Roe
Staters Union

The final candidates chosen for Boys Nation were able to address after the choir and band concerts on Thursday, June 5.

All twenty cities were able to nominate one candidate for Boys Nation, and then the counties voted for the candidate that they thought would best represent their county in, essentially, the “Boys Nation” interview.

Many different theories of rhetoric were used in the Staters speeches, such as personal anecdotes as well as trying to play to the desire for another man’s ideas to speak at the Nation without being nominated. Lieutenant Governor Trevor Langer stated “I would like to make an education based bill, but I want you Staters to tell me what you want to be read at Boys Nation.”

The Candidates were given three minutes to state their points and their qualifications to represent Kansas Boys State at Boys Nation.

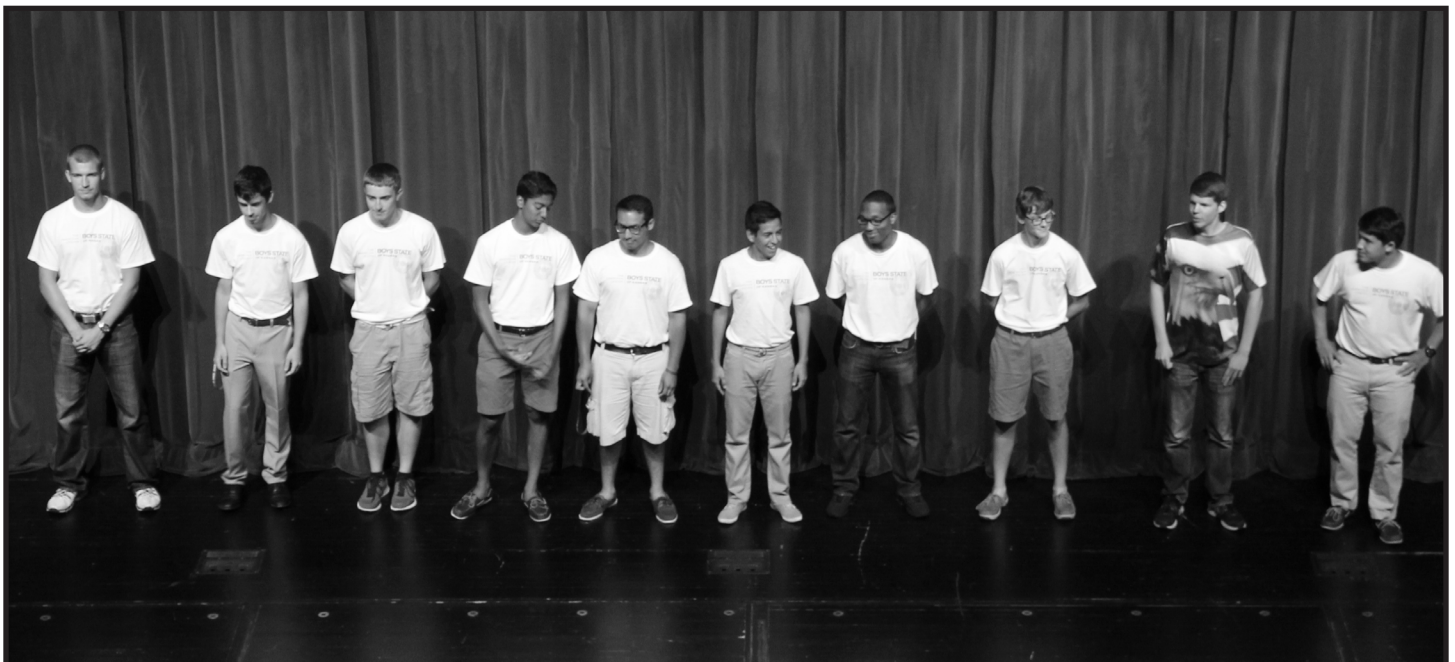
Staters were able to see many familiar faces such as Trevor Langer and Alex Ghekas, but also witnessed people they may not have known like Wilfredo of Powell County.

Many of the candidates brought up the fact that “Staters can not choose wrong” in the action of choosing members to represent them at Boys State.

This shows to the level of brotherhood that Staters have for each other, the fact that they didn’t care who their fellow members voted for, the idea that anyone who got up on that stage would be the greatest to represent candidate, really spoke to the legacy of Boys State.

After all the speeches were over the candidates came back out onto the stage, and were given one last standing ovation. When the clapping died down, Jackson Hubble, and all the Boys Nation tryouts, took a selfie and showed that they were all ready for the opportunity to represent Kansas Boys State within the capitol building and on the Senate floor.

Most of the candidates said that their bills would be about education or forms of reform in the education area. No matter who is chosen for this “prestigious honor” as Rob Egan stated, the 2014 session of Staters will make the right decision and the men who go will emblemize the great state of Kansas uniquely and with utmost respect for their opportunity.



Tracking Down Finances

**By Riley Aversman
Staters Union**

In light of the large amount of recent lawsuits and arrests that have been made because of accusations of misappropriation of government funds, embezzlement, and many other money related issues, the Staters Union staff decided that it would be a good idea to exercise their Freedom of Information Act rights and the staff's findings were quite telling.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the press the ability to ask any government office or organization to supply the press with the organization's financial records.

If the office or organization refuses to supply this information, then they are breaking the law.

The press is also allowed to request this information from Political Action Committees, but, since these organizations are private, they are not required by law to submit this information to the press.

The Union staff decided to request this information on behalf of the public from every county, government department, PAC, and political party in the Boys State of Kansas.

A large amount of the FoIA requests that the Stater Union staff submitted to different organizations were not returned, which, as previously stated, is a violation of federal law.

The counties that did not submit their information were Marshall, Patton, and Pershing and the departments that did not supply

information were the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy. The only PAC to submit their financials was the Farmer's Alliance.

Quite a bit of the information that was submitted contained either ethically questionable or downright illegal expenditure.

On the suspicious, yet not illegal, side of things, quite a few strange purchases and donations were found.

The Department of Tourism and Culture gave two \$1,500 grants to Evan Olson and Brennan Robinson, who are individuals and not counties or cities, which are the entities that government grants of such a large size usually go to.

The Farmers' Alliance PAC gave the city of Lane \$3,000, which would normally be fine, but this money went towards the construction of a casino and not any agricultural structure, but Braden Johnson of Marshall said about this "They were helping out an agricultural county, so it should be just fine."

Finally, the Department of Health and Environment gave a grant for \$2,500 to the city of Whorley for an airport, which is an action that would probably be better suited for the Department of Transportation.

When asked about this Brandon Wolfe of Pershing said that "I do think it is wrong because they are not the department that should be putting money towards that."

Luckily, the Staters Union only found one instance of actual illegal

activity, but it was a significant one and was described by an anonymous source as "pretty messed up stuff."

During the elections, the county of Eisenhower gave \$100 to Daniel Santos, who is now the State's Attorney General.

This action is a violation of election law, and the Department of Justice told the Union that they are currently pursuing this case.

In the process of exercising its rights, the Union uncovered quite a bit of interesting information.

Stater of Powell County, who wishes to remain anonymous, commented on this, "I'm glad the press can exercise their rights in order to protect the people from their own government."

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