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A WEEK THAT  
Changed  
MY LIFE

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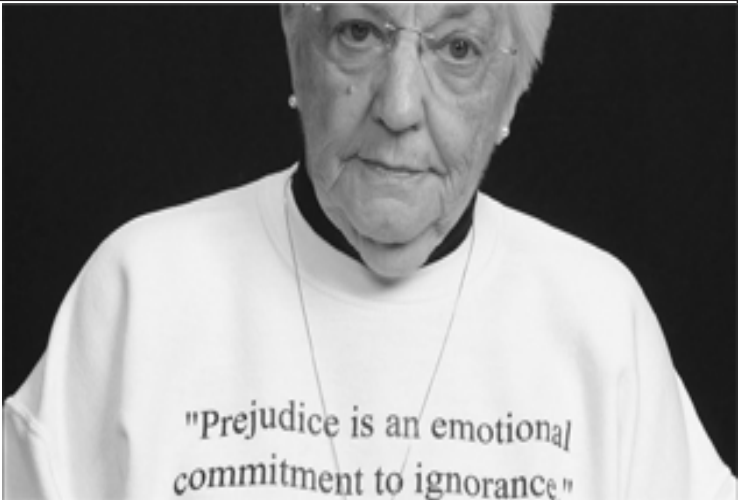
## A Direct Message on a Tough Subject

By Cam McDonald and Bradly Schrock  
-Staters Union

The Boys State attendees were treated with a presentation from former Iowa school teacher turned activist, Jane Elliott. Elliott began her career as a third grader teacher, who, after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., conducted an experiment with her students about discrimination, shown in a presentation called Blue Eyes and Brown Eyes.

This demonstration made her a rather infamous figure in her community, becoming alienated by the other teachers and the parents of her students as a result. Despite all the backlash she received from her peers, she says she doesn't regret the decision. Rather she wishes that she would have done it sooner, saying that she wishes she could have wasted less time in meetings that they didn't want her at, after her attempt at forcing her students to realize the injustice that they were sheltered from.

Her main message was that everyone is, at the most basic level, a human being, and a member of the human race. Her philosophy rejects the classification and division of any traditional racial and religious classifications, opting instead to accept everyone as a human. Her message was particularly poignant when given to the assembled future leaders of their generation, imploring them to



do better and improve their society. Her story can serve as inspiration for any listener wishing to challenge injustices in their own places, whether that be the racism that Elliott was combatting, or any other discrimination that takes place in the United States of America.

Her story is one that is well-known across the country, with many Staters having read about her now in history textbooks, but hearing it from Elliott herself was a particularly entertaining and enlightening experience. The question and answer portion of the presentation was marred by technical difficulties stemming from a bad storm moving through the small town in Iowa she still lives in. Staters that wish to contact her with questions can send their questions in an email to [support@ksbstate.org](mailto:support@ksbstate.org).

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POLITICS

Seitz and The Senate

By Maverick Aggson  
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Seitz county, after earlier turmoil and scandal, has taken back the leverage after two state wide summits held on their territory, as well as many economic and community projects that have left the county in a much better state. This comeback eventually earned them recognition for ‘Best Government Banner.’ But recently, there have been tensions between the revitalized Seitz county and the senate, coming to a head yesterday morning when a bill (the Act to Establish Can Victims and Survivors Remembrance day as a State Holiday) reached the House of Representatives that, according to the Bill in sections 2, 3 and 4,”On Victims and Survivors Remembrance day, all citizens of Seitz County are required to wear their Boys State shirt inside out with the tag facing forward during the lunch period only; The memorial for Can victims and survivors will be constructed in Thompson city of Seitz County; Seitz County will construct and fund the memorial after construction; Seitz County will be respon-

sible for upkeep of the memorial until the end of time.”

“I didn’t have to make any convincing arguments, everybody liked it right away and was put to a 6-4,” says Powell senator Jordan Myers stated on the topic of the bill passing through. Here is what County Clerk of seitz Daryl Nguyen had to say on The Bill, “This Bill Blatantly Targeted seitz county.”

The city manager of Seitz Donald Chambers, likewise when asked how a bill like this could affect Seitz county, stated simply, “It would be an insult.” Luckily for the County of Seitz, this bill was shot down as soon as it reached the House Floor; however, feelings among the community remain tense.

Whether or not this issue rises once more in the future, for many counties this could be considered a worrying trend. Plenty of House Members have expressed grumbles with the senate, but it would certainly be advisable for any county to keep paying attention to the actions of the state legislature.

My Week with the Highway Patrol

By Luke Hampl -Staters Union

As a member of the press here at Boys State of Kansas, I have had access to every aspect of the simulation, I have spoken with someone on every level of the government, from every department, and sat in on different meetings in every room of the building. After experiencing all the simulation had to offer I can confidently say that the two days I have spent with the highway patrol have been by far the most informative and exciting. The night before I decided to embed myself in the highway patrol, in order to write articles about them, I had stayed up until two in the morning in a meeting that lasted over six hours, during which almost nothing got done. To say I was frustrated would be the understatement of the century. So, when on the morning after that meeting I saw the highway patrol outside learning self defense, I jumped on the opportunity as quickly as I could. The first operation flew by as I learned the basics of using a police baton, the second operation was also a blur as we had to maneuver an unwieldy golf cart without power steering around an obstacle course.

On my second day, during the first session of the day, the Kansas SRT (Special Response Team), came and showed us all their equipment while telling us about the many jobs they do. During the second operation we went to the county jail

for a tour, and were shown how the prison is operated. As this is being written I have spent four days at boys state, half with the political side of the sim, and half with the highway patrol. What

I am about to say next is not an exaggeration or an oversimplification: the highway patrol is the best thing to ever happen to any Stater that has the pleasure of joining it. During my two days in the highway patrol, I can confidently say that I have learned more than I ever would have in the government, done more than I ever would have in the government, grown more than I ever would have in the government, and most importantly, I had more fun than I ever would have in the government. To all future Staters who may read this, if you want the best possible experience at Boys State you should join the highway patrol.

