

STATERS UNION

SAM HOUSTON ELECTED GOVERNOR

Budget
Passed by
Legislature;
On Way to
Governor;
Counties to
Receive
Needed
Funding:
See QR code
For More



Dole County
Wins Best
Overall
County for
Second
Consecutive
Day

Press
Conference
Q&As Posted
Online

Dole County Resident Sam Houston Elected Governor, Debates Conclude

Josiah Gregory

Yesterday was a day full of campaigning, debating, and voting. For our candidates, they put up a spirited fight against each other; however, the debate remained incredibly respectful between the two parties. Moderating the debate was Seitz County resident Josiah Gregory and timekeeping the debate was Powell County resident Luke Torrez. Boys State staff commented on the debate saying things like “This has been the best debate the Boys State of Kansas has seen in years.” While he was moderating the debate, Gregory also remained impartial in spite of the fact that he was the Federalist Party Chairman. When Candidate Houston was asked about divisiveness, he said “The parties don’t differ all that much so divisiveness is not an issue.” Both parties hold nearly the same values, with government overreach being the only thing they differ on. The Federalists believe that the government should help those struggling while allowing a free and open market to operate independently (while still breaking up trusts and monopolies like Joe’s Diner.) The Nationalist party stands firm on their position that the government should be more involved in citizen’s lives. In the end, the Federalist Party pulled through, with their candidate, Sam Houston (a diehard KU fan), taking just over 66% of the vote. Hayden Slough (N), put up a fight, however Houston’s debate skills allowed him to take the lead and sway the crowd early on in the debate. Also worth mentioning, a Topeka newspaper was in attendance at the debate. Elected with Houston was Lieutenant Governor Shawn Sullivan, a fellow K-State fan.

Boys State Simulation
Experiences Extremely Dry
Spell, Red Flag Warning
Issued

Due to unusually dry conditions throughout the state, windy conditions, and extreme heat, a red flag warning has been issued for the counties of Dole, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Powell, and Seitz.



Today’s Forecast

Mid to Upper 90s

Hot, dry, and sunny conditions will persist through this evening.

**RED FLAG WARNING
ISSUED** ¹

Powell Prowess

Luke Torrez

Despite an oil pipeline issue in the city of Shoemaker, they have still managed to win best city for the second day in a row. This accomplishment has also helped the county of Powell win the government banner for a second time in a row. Shoemaker's fellow city, Thomson, ranked third among the ten cities, contributing to Powell's banner.



SCAN ME

Opinion: State Debate (From a Stage Perspective)

Chetan Thomas

"As someone that ran for Lieutenant Governor, and participated in the debate, I, Chetan Thomas, can say that it was probably a different experience than most people. As we were walking up to the McCain Auditorium, we four candidates were getting acquainted with each other. Even though we were competing against each other, we actually got along quite nicely. We took a nice walk around the campus before actually transitioning onto the stage. While we were waiting for the rest of the state to arrive, we were preparing for the debate by going over specific talking points, and learning about the schedule from the media members on staff. Finally, after some time passed, we got on stage and the debate started. Since

the Lieutenant Governors were supposed to go first, I was very nervous sitting up there on stage in front of the entire state. I was constantly thinking of different questions that could have been asked, and thinking of possible solutions to those questions. I was the first one to answer the question, and I answered it to the best of my ability. After their rebuttal, I got to speak a little bit more about the topic, but I felt like my points were kind of redundant because I wasn't really sure how else I could have expanded on some of the ideas. After both of us Lieutenant Governors answered our four questions, the Governors got to give their opening remarks, and answer their questions. They had a lot more questions than the Lieutenant Governors, and me and Shawn sat and applauded our respective candidates. Finally, the debate was over. We took some pictures in the McCain Auditorium, and it felt like a huge load had just been taken off my chest."

Flag Retirement, Talent Show to be Held Wednesday

The most highly respected event of Kansas Boys State, the Flag Retirement and Pass in Review Ceremony, is to be held Wednesday evening at the Boys State Assembly Area at 7:30 pm. Immediately following, the annual staple of Kansas Boys State, the Band, Chorus, and Talent Show, will be held Wednesday evening at McCain Auditorium at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Governor and Cabinet Members

Sam Houston (F), Governor (66%)

Tej Patel (N), Commissioner of Insurance (54%)

Parker Massey (N), Treasurer (57%)

Adiel Garcia (N), Attorney General (57%)

Cody Peng (F), Secretary of State (58%)

Counties Pass Numerous Bills

Jaydon Vermillion

Tuesday at Kansas Boys State was marked by a series of notable events and accomplishments as participants took to the floor to discuss the achievements and challenges facing their respective counties. Amidst the spirited atmosphere, a peculiar discovery unfolded, revealing a secretive society with a penchant for early morning uproar. Full story at QR code

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