



STATERS UNION

The Bodacious Budget Proposal:

The Media Team was able to observe Wednesday's joint session with the new Governor, Lieutenant, Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney General. He began by discussing the new tax policies that would be implemented upon the passing of the budget. As promised, the lower two tax brackets had their rates halved, while the three higher brackets had increased rates on varying amounts (*see table*). A common concern shared among observers was the fact that rather than gradual tax increases, the two highest brackets nearly doubled immediately, to

Bracket	Previous	Budget
50 & -	3.00%	1.50%
50.01-65	5.00%	2.50%
65.01-75	6.00%	8.00%
75.01-100	7.00%	15.50%
100.01 & +	10.00%	18.00%

which the Governor stated that the rates increased similarly the year before as well. Another observer supported the taxes, rebutting that people would easily be able to make money back from taxes considering it is going towards roads, highways, infrastructure, etc., which makes Kansas look favorable for commerce and a stimulated economy. After taxes, the Governor proposed the costs of his projects. The total cost for expenditures was just above \$901,000, a huge leap from the roughly \$726,000 dollar estimate last year. He spent a while discussing each department and their contributions to each county;

The Department of Education, Culture and Tourism would use a State University fund of \$30,000, giving each 5 counties \$17,500 for k-12 education programs.

The Department of Natural Resources and Public Utilities is given a \$7,005 telephone and fiber optic line, with one power station per city, as per the request of the department heads.

The Department of Commerce and Transportation* is planned with a total of \$35,000 dollars, which go to state highways and freight railroads systems.

The Department of Health and Safety* is given a \$10,000 State Jail and \$10,000 State Hospital.

**Executive order was also given to hold extra funds in these departments for misc. actions*

Despite the jump in cost, with the new tax policies in place, \$1,651 will still be carried into the next fiscal year, which met the goals of the Governor to be around \$2,000 dollars.



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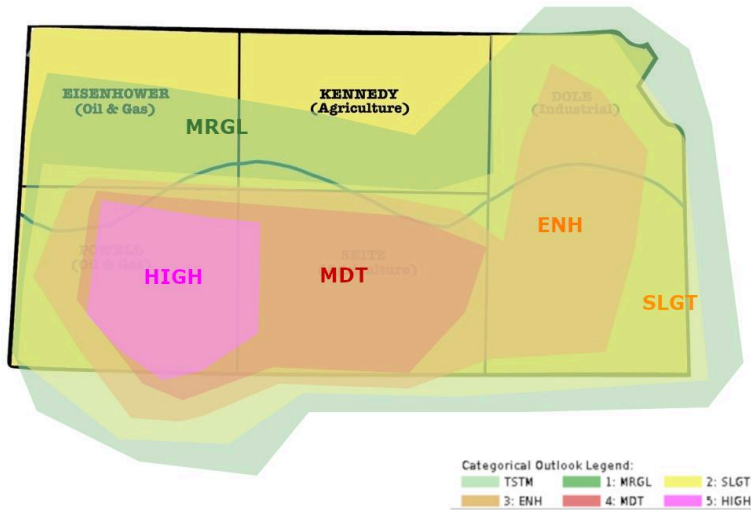
Please keep Rex in your thoughts while he recovers



Banner Competitions:
Citizenship Banner: Powell County
Athletics: Dole County



Media Team of Rasheed, Roger, Miles, Dylan M, Logan T.



Johnny Thunda's Weather Map & Updates

An extreme weather event without details was announced tonight for the entire simulation at a later time. It most likely relates to the shortage of water supplies within the state. Not only that, but on a rare account, Mr. Thunda announced that the simulation had crashed due to the progress made by the starters today. Nice job, people!

Trains, Transport, and... Trees?

by **Dylan Miller** on June 5th, 2024

Recently, the government has been working on passing a budget of \$400,000 for the departments to split and use. The Department of Transport and Commerce has expressed interest in an increased train network, both freight and passenger, which, according to the chair of the department, would require roughly \$100,000. Freight trains are expensive, but the budget and subsequent legislation will likely help cover those costs. One cost, previously ignored, was the cost to the people's peace. Trains, cars, and any other motor vehicle create a lot of noise. Noise could cause decreases in happiness and disrupt living across the counties, but there don't have to be any sacrifices made for a better economy. Thanks to the potential joint cooperation from the Department of Natural Resources, trees will save the citizens from hearing the chugging of Boys State's mighty trains. Planting trees around train tracks, especially in populated areas, provided a barricade against the sound waves traveling from the train, disrupting their path and diffusing the noise. The trees would also control the pollutants from the new trains and cars, mitigating many of the negatives that any increase in transportation would cause. As long as each department involved gets enough money from the budget, Boys State may have fast, quiet, and eco-friendly transports state-wide.

A Joke from Edward Metcalf:

Q: Why did the Chicken cross the road?

A: To prove to the armadillo it could be done.

Tonight's Events Miles M.

At 7:30 in the State Assembly Area Boys State will have the flag retirement ceremony. Make sure to wear your stater shirt. This event ends at 7:45. Then from 8:00 to 10:00 there are the evening ceremonies at McCain Auditorium. These ceremonies include the American Legion introductions, Department Commander's address, Governor Inaugural Address, band, chorus, and talent show. Lastly there is the daily recap in the county areas from 10:15 to 10:45.

Wednesday Whys? Miles M.

What's up, wonderers? We want to wonder what wondrous answers you won't withhold.

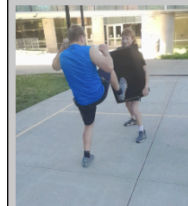


KS Highway Patrol DTT visit Boys State

Today, the KHP Defensive Tactics Team visited the Boys State HWP and taught them self-defense, arrest technique, and general skills necessary for their jobs.



A few of the defense skills taught were jabs, crosses, front kicks, and grappelling.



At the end of their time, they were ran through an obstacle course that simulated a fleeing criminal.