



STATERS UNION

Ceremonial Signing

Written by Rasheed Mantara

The Senate President, Speaker of the House, Secretary, and House Clerk all came together in a formal, ceremonial signing of fresh Bills on Wednesday. The list is as follows:

- Shower Requirement; Requires all citizens to shower.
- Research Road Work; 5 Researchers are assembled to discover most efficient way to road work.
- Rex Day; Friday, June 7th would be Rex Gardener Day.
- Water Rationing; Every city is mandated to ration water.
- Water Treatment Installations; One water treatment facility in each county within jurisdiction.
- Kansas Land Prot. Act; Repealed today, but signing ceremony is below:



A Terrific Talent Show *Miles McEachen:*

Last night, staters were able to witness an awe inspiring talent show. The performance started with the Boys State band performing four songs, including "Sweet Caroline", a crowd favorite. Next the Boys State chorus sang three songs ending with the official "boys state song." After these performances the talent show began with Wilson B. playing the accordion. Followed by Andrew P. singing stars and Charlie H. singing Fly Me to the Moon. Ethan H. then serenaded us with a beautiful rendition of Mozart's Sonata K545 in C. Alejandro G. then played on guitar and sang two songs, in English and Spanish. Passing the guitar to Aidan L. who performed two songs including an audience chosen Pink Floyd song. Anthony H. and Mucho B. then performed a wonderful duet of Copacabana including the best dancing of the evening. Lastly the West Elk Wonders joined together to perform I Want It That Way. Throughout the show Brady S. came on stage during the opening to the hit song "Tequila" but twice he did not say the word, then on his third time he finally said the long awaited word, causing uproaring applause from the audience. The show also featured some counselor skits including dad jokes in a posh accent, poetry while wearing multiple hats, spinning rifles, and a reappearing shark. Every act received a standing ovation so this show will go down in history as the greatest boys state talent show of 2024.



Talent Show Photo Gallery



The Boy's State Choir



"West Elk Wonders" Closing Act



Marching To The Show For The Legionnaires



The Band Performing Alongside K-Staters

Thursday Thoughts

Thanks for the thoughtful, thorough, topics. The team thinks that thou are terrific.



Escaping the Simulation by Breaking It

by **Dylan Miller** on June 6th, 2024

On Wednesday, our Boys State participated in an evening ceremony full of music, laughs, and honor. During the ceremony, it was revealed that our Boys State had done something incredible: breaking the simulation. “It was probably around 8:30 or so (when the issue was discovered),” said Reece, an IT staff member. The issue itself was caused by a simple data issue. When Krupco, Eisenhower County decided to do a first in the simulation by rezoning a corporation, they had accidentally found a bug in the simulation’s programming. When the corporation was moved, the data of the corporation was not saved, and when the simulation was run, it crashed due to a null (empty) value call. However, this was not the first time an error has occurred, and it surely won’t be the last. “The simulation breaks at least once every year,” according to Reese. Two years ago, a stater tried to start a business, and that completely broke the simulation as well. When asked how they fixed that issue, Reese said they fixed it in a very simple way, “We don’t really allow that now.” The simulation isn’t perfect, but the IT team works incredibly hard to fix any errors, as Reese and the other IT members were up until the middle of the night working to make our Boys State great. The simulation is now functional, but let’s see if we can outsmart it again!

Stater’s Opinion

Following the simulation crash, the Bank has been backed up all day, trying to catch up with the sudden downward financial spirals. To this, Dylan says, “we’ve come back from Bank failures before, so let’s do it again.”



Trooper’s Trials

Written by Rasheed Mantara

Jace M, from Dole County, spoke on his passion for the title of State Trooper. He said that aside beating everyone in the obstacle course, he enjoys “being able to enforce the rules he was bestowed to enforce.”



He says over the past week, the most ‘slip-ups’ he confronted were over construction permits and bank stamps. To avoid this, he recommends that “counties are able to communicate with citizens to keep them aware of rules... and people should keep their legality first.” Addressing that people are occupied, Jace understands that many people forget the law when they’re busy, as the State Troopers have been receiving more cases recently. Jace concluded by saying he doesn’t want the people “to think the Troopers can do whatever they want to do; that’s not true. You guys do have rights, so make sure you read them.”



Flag Burning Ceremony:

Today, Legionnaires displayed the respectful method to retire an unserviceable flag. The scenario they played out goes as follows: Upon presentation, the first Lieutenant deemed the flag unserviceable. Another lieutenant inspected it afterwards, also deeming the same. Their higher ranking officer finally inspected the flag, asking for the confirmation of the first two Lieutenants regarding the status of the flag. The flag was then neatly folded and burned by another Lieutenant, as the original inspectors ordered arms. Following the ceremony, a veteran took the mic and explained that the flag should be a symbol of honor and respect that should be taken very seriously, even when it’s not convenient. According to him, we should treat it as a living organism, considering it is the very thing soldiers fight for on our behalf every day. He concluded by saying your local legion post and government buildings should know how to properly dispose of them if they ever need to be disposed of, and reminded us all to dispose of them properly.



Banner Battles:

<p>From Wednesday</p> <p>Best City: Thompson Best County: Kennedy Best Govt.: Powell</p>	<p>From Today</p> <p>Best City: Eisenhower Best County: Powell Best Govt.: Eisenhower Citizenship: Kennedy Achievement: Eisenhower Athletics: Seitz</p>
<p>Joke of the day from Counselor Bryson (AKA Unc B)</p> <p>Q: When does a joke become a dad joke? A: It becomes apparent.</p>	

