



STATERS UNION

A Rambunctious Recovery:

Among the extreme weather report and the detrimental tornado that hit the State of Kansas, panic ensued to some degree within every county. Majority of Thursday was spent passing a multitude of legislatures that mitigated the outcomes of the disaster, and it was extremely busy; the Governor, House, Senate, Departments, and Cities were all stressed running around to tackle as many things as possible. To many, keeping up with the new policies was difficult, but a full list goes as follows:

Wednesday

- Previous Road Research & Water-Related Acts (Noah's Ark, Rationing, Shower, etc.) were implemented under the impression a drought would be present.
- Taxes on sports betting and tobacco purchases for more funds set aside.
- Rex Day bill passed. Be sure to do something nice for Rex today!

Thursday

- Regarding the Dept. of Commerce and Transportation, an act stated that a six lane highway will be established in response to criticism on movement between counties. A freight transport bill for a statewide network was also passed.
- Relating to the Dept. of Health and Safety, an act mandating each county to have a recycling center was passed.



Another act protecting private and public property from vandalism also went through, as well as a better policing act that extended the police stability.

- The Dept. of Public Utility and Natural Resources had the bulkiest list, starting with the Kansas Dev. Bill that put large facilities into each county. Not only that, but an anti-blackout act was passed to restrict electricity use during night hours. Finally, the Power Grid act set the counties to be connected to each other and share power when needed.

state funds.

-Finally, the Dept. of Education set a precedent as well, passing the Future Readers of Kansas Act, stating Kansas would have a public library through

All of the acts passed on Thursday required an immense amount of debate, research, and convincing to get passed. Each one assisted the main problems Kansas faced after the disaster, which were power failures, health rates, and the communication between each county being diminished. Everyone yesterday did a great job keeping up and holding each others' hands to recover together. Let's make the most of what we have left!

Stater's Opinion

Hunter Flagg, from Powell County, shares his thoughts on the Tornado. "Powell county was hit the hardest," he said, "and I was freaking out at first." Powell ended up experiencing some of the highest health and education concerns after the Tornado and quickly dropped their place as best county on Thursday because of the sudden shock.

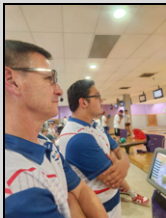


"The Dept. of Health gave us important grants," he continues to say. The grants helped Powell get back up on their feet by easing the pressure for funds, especially considering property value and wages crashed overnight. Hunter feels optimistic about the outcome, saying "I feel like Thompson [city] is doing better than it was before, and Powell recovered."

Written by Rasheed Mantara

Highlights From The Celebration

Some would kill to be in the position you're in. Give yourself some credit and appreciate how far you've come.






Going to Prison with the Highway Patrol

by **Roger Buller** on June 6th, 2024

The Kansas Boys State Highway Patrol recently had the awesome opportunity to tour the Riley County Jail, offering them a great understanding of the correctional system's inner workings. The tour included visits to various sections of the jail, such as the intake and booking area, general population units, medical unit, and control room. The participants got to hear about the meticulous process of booking and processing new inmates, and learned about educational and vocational training sessions designed to equip inmates with necessary skills for successful reentry into society. Interaction with correctional officers and jail staff provided the Boys State members with a realistic perspective on the complexities of jail management and the dedication required from law enforcement professionals.

Vengeance
Written by Dylan Miller

Crime has been running rampant throughout Boys State, and the government has finally called upon the savior of Gotham himself: Batman. Nobody truly knows who Batman is, but some are saying that Alejandro Garcia may be the man behind the mask. However, it doesn't matter who it really is, as long as they keep our city as safe as possible. He has already acquired a Batmobile, a \$10,000 piece of equipment made specially for the caped crusader to stop evil-doers. There are also talks of a Batplane, and since the Department of Health and Safety seems to have a large amount of cash left after their plans, Batman may just become our hero in the shadows.



Post Boys State Plans
Interviews By: Dylan Miller

Isaac Taylor:
"I'm planning on going back to high school. I definitely will take the knowledge I've gained to be more active in civic duties..."

Grover:
"I want to go home and sleep."

Declan Wilson:
"For long term, I found (out) about the US MMA (Merchant Marines Academy)... I think I'm gonna pursue that avenue."

Chance Branson (Kennedy CoCo):
"I'm going to go home to my wife, work my 9-5 job, and pet my dog."

Payton Lamb (Shelton CoCo):
"I'm going to the Lincoln and Douglas Nationals in Des Moines (Iowa)... Lincoln Douglas debate is a form of debate."

Friday Finale!
-Miles M.

Fellow Fanatics, finally the final Friday is in full force. Here is the final feast of fun facts!




**"Dance like nobody's watching.
Love like you've never been hurt.
And live like it's heaven on earth."**
-Chuck Shoemaker

Chuck Shoemaker
Rasheed Mantara

Mr. Chuck Shoemaker has given a lot of inspirational speeches during the morning and night assemblies throughout Boy's State. His words are impactful to many, and the Media Team speaks for everyone when we say that at least one lesson Chuck has taught everyone has stuck and will reside within the minds of everybody.



Serving in the army for four years and being featured in the rock and roll hall of fame, Chuck has told and is yet to tell many stories, ranging from the patriotism that should be shown to the American flag, to simply being thankful and making today the best day ever. Please be sure to thank Mr. Shoemaker for all he does for us!

The Simulation - Logan Thomas

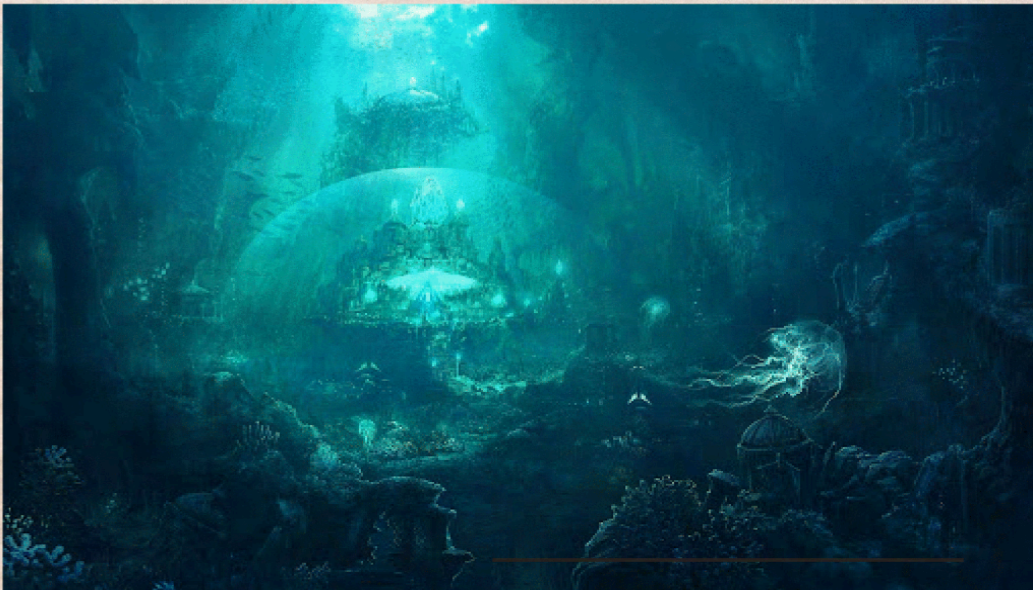
The infamous simulation shows us the world around us, but no stater seems to actually understand what it is. Just like you, I had the same question, and I was determined to find the answer. My first question was why they treated it as such a complicated mystery. Turns out, it is because it's so old! The simulation was originally programmed in the 20th century, and since then, a majority of all work done on the simulation was done via volunteer work! In simple terms, the simulation has fixed values for most of the construction projects with a price already listed, so for example, purchasing a storm shelter for your home will increase health by 1% and increase property value by 2%. However it would be impossible to account for every strange building and piece of legislation, so the IT department deliberates and determines what they believe is an adequate effect of legislation or disasters or buildings. They then enter that into the simulation, and its effects will be able to be seen, both in the simulation report, and on the website through your change in numbers. Due to the fact that the IT team is required to change/set the values, the simulation is subject to human bias, however they will have up to 7 people in the room discussing what they believe the effects should be. The IT team said that they never start with a story in mind, but they make the story go with the flow of the stater's, also making sure that we never get too complacent, they push us and see how we react. Each year the IT team does great work to continue working on the simulation, and bringing a unique

Joke of the day from Adiel Garcia:
Q: What do you call a cow in an earthquake?
A: Ground beef.



Deep Ocean Living Environment EDITION

BREAKING NEWS



THE COUNTY OF D.O.L.E. DROPS INTO OGALLALA AQUIFER!!!

during mining, one of our steel companies searching for more raw materials, found a massive expansion to the Ogallala aquifer reaching into eastern Kansas. The ability to completely avoid natural disaster and the fact that this area is very rich in iron, has led us and some of our companies to excavate our borders dropping us into this expansive body of water. The refined steel from our companies provides us with materials for a dome that protects the residents of D.O.L.E County from being submerged. We have all ready considered the vital requirement for surviving in such under water conditions such as, structural intergrity, water and waste management, energy supply, environmental control, food production, and saftey and phycological effects. A research team was sent to provide insight on the health effects of this water, previously undiscovered microbes have shown some possible helpful impacts on abnormal and cancerous cells other than these microbes the water has been found to be completely sterile.

MORE INFORMATION AT KSBSTATE.ORG

MCET BREAKING WAY FOR COUNTY OF D.O.L.E.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED SAW OF THE CENTURY KNOWN AS THE MCET HAS NOW BEEN USED IN THE COUNTY OF D.O.L.E. THE SAW A QUESTIONABLE MEANS OF CRUST EXPLORATION, HAS NOW BEEN USED TO DROP THE LARGE COUNTY OF DOLE, OF THE EASTERN SIDE OF KANSAS INTO THE OGALLALA AQUIFER. WE WILL BE UPDATED AS





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