



# Cornhusker Boys' State *Bulletin*

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## OUR NEW LEADERS

**By: Ezekial Aleo**

The race for state positions has only gotten hotter since the primaries ended, and it was moved down to the top candidates. Battling it out for Lt. Governor are Kevin Downs running for the Nationalists and Peter Owens for the Federalists. Both candidates have started a vigorous campaign reaching out to many people and PACs. The real race is for the governor position with the heir being a rather large candidate selection, but a few candidates stand out. In the next couple of days, those few will get far ahead with many groups starting to develop a large funding base getting funds from their towns, PACs, and other Boys' State members. Everyone is on their seats waiting to see just who the next two leaders of Boys' State will be.



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**National Guard Wows Boys Staters**

**By: Peter Owens**

On Tuesday Evening, every Boys' Stater boarded a white bus and made the short drive to the National Guard Base in Lincoln. There, the Staters were given a tour of the base showing off different helicopters and weapons as well as a talk about joining the military. The helicopters assigned to the Nebraska National Guard are primarily used in rescue missions and firefighting. The pilots explained that they regularly have training missions in order to be prepared for whenever they are needed. The role of these helicopters is especially vital for emergency medical evacuations from more remote parts of the state that are not near a major hospital. The National Guard also spoke to the Staters about recruitment into the military. The major plank of their recruitment pitch was based on benefits like education and job training that the National Guard, Military, and ROTC provide. Lastly, the Staters were invited into the Nebraska National Guard Armory in which they were shown body armor, weapons, riot gear, and had a chance to speak with many members of the military about their times serving. You can contact the National Guard on twitter @NE\_ARNG\_X and on Instagram at @nebraskaar-mynationalguard.



**A Look at the Duties of Americans**

**By: Levi Woodward**

Members of Boys' State visited an Army National Guard base just outside of Lincoln on Tuesday night. The tours began with a visit of hangars where helicopters from an aerial Med evac unit are stored and maintained. Several members of that unit had recently returned from the Middle East where they had participated in the evacuation of U.S. soldiers that were wounded in combat. Back in the United States, this unit can also assist in fighting wildfires by dumping massive quantities of water on the flames from above. Both the UH-60 Blackhawk and UH-72 Lakota helicopters are utilized by the unit.

The tour also included a look at some of the mobile communication systems that the National Guard uses to contact other units in nearby locations. After learning about the communications equipment, Boys' Staters were led into another building where they were able to try on riot gear, body armor, and handle weapons that National Guard members typically utilize while they are on missions. The tour ended with a presentation on the National Guard's ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program. The guardsmen also talked about opportunities to serve in both the National Guard and the ROTC program. This would allow officers in training to job shadow current officers while simultaneously serving in the National Guard. Financial aid opportunities are plentiful, making this a very affordable option for anyone looking to serve their country while still attending college.

**City Governments Still Strive as Some Officials Move on to Higher Offices**

**By: Nick McConnell**

City Council and School Board meetings were held across the Boys' State program on Wednesday. City Council meetings ran smoothly, with many ordinances passed. One stumbling block for some towns, however, was time spent on special elections to re-elect positions belonging to winners of higher offices. However, those elections generally ran smoothly all throughout Harper Hall, and mock governmental work resumed without a hitch.

Alamo and Yorktown, for example, passed three ordinances each. Some towns were considerably less productive. Manila Bay passed zero ordinances. In fact, no ordinances were even proposed, which is an unimpressive number for the time allotted.

**Court Session in Progress**

**By: Jonathan Vazquez**



As the newly elected officers for the Judicial Branch made their way for the Courts Session, they were set to compel within an actual court case. Before this proceeded, appointees for the Judicial Branch were announced and given an ovation of gratitude. Four court cases were placed, dividing all boys into four teams, one for each case. Each team obtained their case and were put into a different side of the argument, which would be held on another day. It is sure to transform into something very intriguing as the days progress further.

**Wednesday Legislature Marked by Fiery Debate**

**By: Oliver Brorcher-Williams**

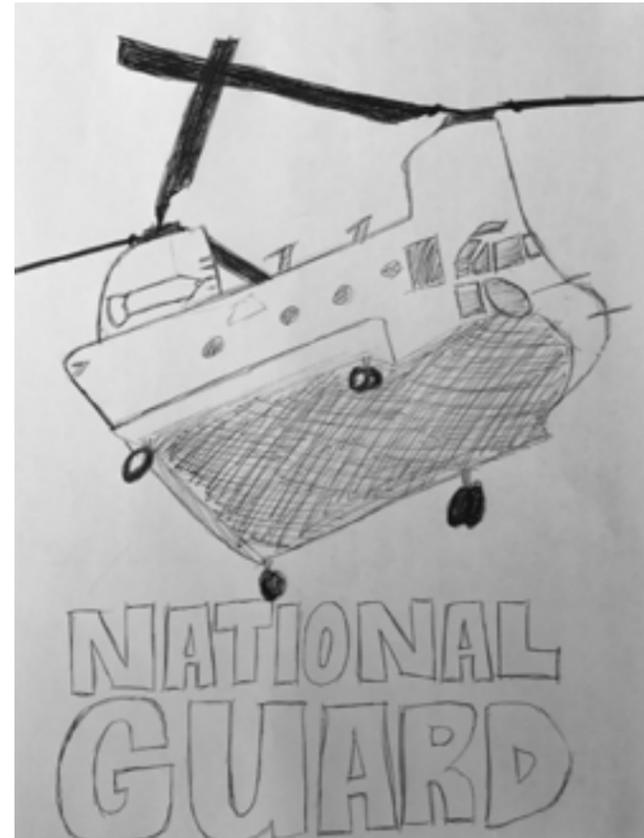
After Monday's introductory session, the 77th annual Boys' State Legislature convened in Harper Dining Hall on Wednesday. Senators from each of the 8 towns split into 5 committees, each covering specific issues. The committees were assigned relevant bills from the list submitted by Staters during the week, and members engaged in rigorous debate to determine which Legislative Bills would be discussed. After much discussion, the committees settled on bills to address, and the full Legislature tackled two bills, both of which were shot down. During the next session, more bills will be discussed, amended, passed, or denied.



**Yorktown Tuesday Report**

**By: Thomas Bosmeniel**

On the third day of Boys' State, the members of Yorktown gathered late in the evening in order to discuss leadership. Tuesday's discussion centered around what it means to be a good citizen. Several ideas were presented including how Americans should respect each other, treat each other as human beings, and understand and trust each other. The discussion regarding good citizenship towards how representatives in our government should be viewed and judged. Many standpoints were presented as the members of Yorktown built upon their knowledge of politics and leadership.



**Better and Better Every Day**

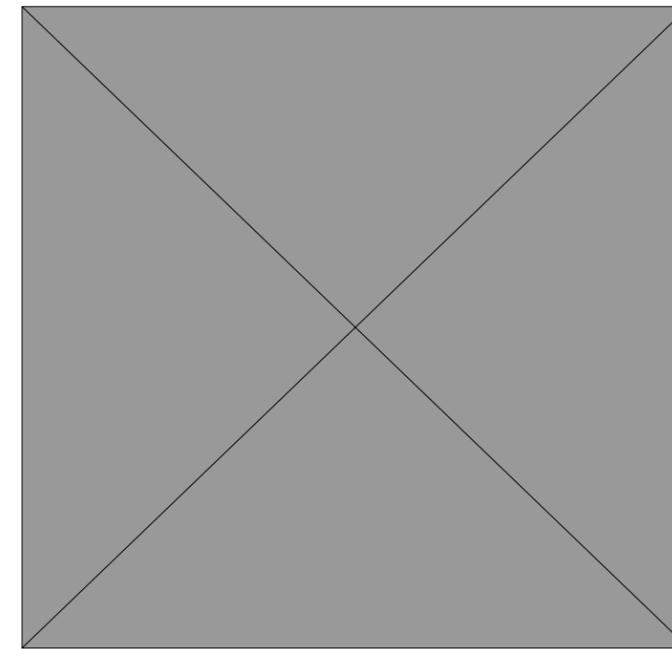
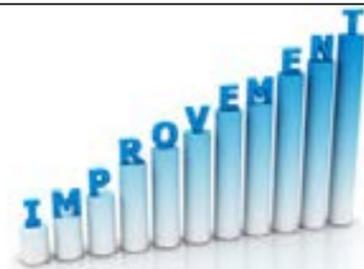
**By: Braden Kern**

The town of Bunker Hill was blown away Tuesday after going to the National Guard Camp. Many of the guys from Bunker Hill were blown away with the information that they were told. Every boy for the town is becoming more open with one another, and we are learning more about each other everyday. The Bunker Hill Boys are working hard in sports, seeing as they won three of their games yesterday. They are making it a goal to keep improving with each game.

**The Real Questions**

**By: Hayden Nelson**

The Gettysburg community has partaken greatly in the primary elections for state and county offices. Those of which who have chosen to run for offices have gotten right into campaigning, making posters to advertise themselves to other floors. The one thing we had the most fun with was definitely the panel of people questioning hopeful candidates. Some of the Gettysburgers asked some of the hard-hitting questions, relating to the Keystone Pipeline and marijuana, while others, such as resident Carson Shanahan, asked about the truly eye-opening topics, such as "If you could be any animal, what would it be?"



Bataan's Batons

By: Walker Stuhr

**Bataan: Slowly Working Their Way Back Up**

**By: Andrew Graffe**

The sports rankings for Bataan are steadily improving as the week progresses. While Bataan, after Monday's events, were in a solid place of dead last as they had no wins at that point, Tuesday proved a more successful day. While victory proved too difficult to obtain for the football and volleyball teams, the same could not be said for the basketball and softball teams as they both managed to grab a win each with an overall score of 1-1. While two wins might not seem that significant, it hopefully will lead to a snowball effect culminating in the Bataan team not being in last place two years in a row.

**Manilla Bay Town Report**

**By: Riley Nelson**

Manila Bay has been enjoying their stay on the eighth floor of Harper Hall. Citizens that started their week acting more reserved are finally beginning to come out of their shells. Tuesday night's leadership discussion asked what we, as citizens of the United States, owe our fellow man. The general consensus of Manila Bay was that we owe it to each other to work. The need to help those that are looking for work was also discussed. At Wednesday's city council meeting, no new ordinances or amendments to existing ordinances were discussed. Preparations were made for tomorrow's city council presentation.

**Alamo Town Report**

**By: Nick McConnell**

Tuesday evening and Wednesday were stocked with political action for the citizens of Alamo. Three of the town's five judicial applicants were pulled for late-night second interviews with the Governor, and two eventually received appointments. Dash Wedergren was appointed to Associate Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and Nicholas McConnell was appointed to District Judge in Lincoln County.

Alamo's Primary Victors (Isaac Stallbraumer and Alex Hagerbaumer) and Alamo gubernatorial candidates (Nicholas Kohler and Dominic Naughtun) are gearing up for their upcoming elections as Alamo looks to push forward into a higher office.

**Top Dogs from the Top Floor**

**By: Will Johnston**

Excitement was omnipresent Tuesday afternoon as numerous candidates from Belleau Wood began campaigning for a variety of positions. Each candidate rushed from floor to floor, trying to gain the attention of hundreds of voters. These stressful campaigns eventually did pay off for the top floor as a number of Belleau Wood candidates vaulted their way into the general election. Our very own Kevin Downs even reached his way to become the Nationalist Party's representative for Lieutenant Governor. The success of all of the Belleau Wood candidates translated into an evening of singing and entertainment.

**Boys Staters Examine All Sides of Issues**

**By: Peter Owens**

Wednesday morning, Matt Litt, a native Nebraskan and the State Director of Americans for Prosperity, came to Boys' State to speak to a segment of the group about "Issues Campaigning." Americans for Prosperity is a nonpolitical group that does not campaign for specific candidates. Instead, they lobby for candidates and get those in elected office to support public policy in order to secure a free society.

Litt is a registered lobbyist in Nebraska and told the Staters in attendance about how to influence people, primarily those in elected offices, to agree and support various positions. To illustrate this, he used the example of a flat tax, a topic of contention at this year's Boys State. After it was brought up in the Federalist Party Platform Convention, many people on both sides spoke on it. Litt examined the statements both for and against sides of the argument. This exercise worked to allow the Staters to see all sides of an issue and how to speak about it.



**Communication Across Generations**

**By; Jack Foglesong**

John Morrissey has been a speaker at colleges for some time now, and on Wednesday he gave a presentation explaining the various generations currently in America.

The first generation Mr. Morrissey spoke of were the Traditionalists, comprised of people born before 1946. They currently make up 26% of the U.S. population with seventy-five million individuals. One example of a Traditionalist is successful businessman Warren Buffet.

The second generation talked about were the Baby Boomers, made up of those born 1946-1964. The Baby Boomers make up 29% of the population with eighty million people.

The third generation mentioned were Generation X, which contains people born 1965-1980. Generation X makes up 16% of the population with only forty-five million.

The fourth generation was the Millennials, comprised of those born 1981-1995. They make up 29% of the population with eighty million.

The fifth and final generation was Generation Z, made up of those born after 1995. Generation Z currently makes up 8% of the population with twenty-three million people.

**Whiteclay Liquor Stores Face Revoke of Licenses**

**By: Dash Wedergen (Alamo)**

A panel of experts on the wounds of Whiteclay--brought in as part of a push for state-wide cultural diversity--spoke to Staters about the 20 year struggle to close the four liquor stores operating in Whiteclay--an unincorporated town of nine residents. John Maisch, a lawyer and leader of the battle against the stores, stated that in 2015, Whiteclay sold 3.5 Million cans of beer primarily to residents of the Lakota Sioux Pine Ridge Indian reservation located just 200 yards across the border. "[These stores have] exploited the men and women of Pine Ridge." The continued operation of these outposts, ". . . undermines the efforts of senior tribe leaders to fight addiction," said Maisch.

In the latest development, the Nebraska Liquor Board has revoked the liquor licenses of the four stores in Whiteclay alleging the town has inadequate policing. The stores have sued the Liquor Board, and the case is set to be argued before the Nebraska Supreme Court late August.

Before then, Boys' Staters will present both sides and judge the case, with the same facts, in the actual Supreme Court Chambers on Friday.

Maisch laments that the problems Whiteclay faces are not unique, "Every reservation has its Whiteclay."



**Peter Owens for Lieutenant Governor**  
**By: Ethan Tylski (Gettysburg)**

Peter Owens is the Federalist candidate for Lieutenant Governor from the city of Bataan. Owens is running on a platform of limited government, defense of the unborn, and protection of the 2nd Amendment as a mean of defending against tyranny. Owens is interested in Lieutenant Governor because the role would allow for him to be a key advisor to the governor, especially on policy matters. His experience includes three years of congressional debate, which has helped him develop an understanding of both sides of the political spectrum. He also has experience in political campaigns such as being an intern on Don Bacon's campaign for Representative and serving as the Deputy Field Director of the Congressional Leadership Fund, a major Super PAC.



**Kevin Downs for Lieutenant Governor**  
**By: Dallas Jones**

The Nationalist Party Candidate for Lieutenant Governor is Kevin Downs. Kevin is a very social guy who has loved getting to know everyone and is a presence you will not soon forget. He has worked hard to gain the support of various PACS proving he is a strong supporter of his party and the issues that staters care about.

Kevin is passionate about communicating with his fellow Staters and wants to give each and every one of them a voice in the processes of Boys State.

**Slowly Working Their Way Back Up**  
**By: Andrew Graff**

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**Nathan Weidner of Valley Forge Comes Out on Top in Auditor Primary**  
**By: Ezekeial Aleo**

The Nationalist State auditor Nathan Weidner of Valley Forge won Tuesday against two other candidates. He believes what set him apart from other candidates was his determination which pushed him forward through his campaign and his ability to connect with other people helped him gain supporters thought the towns. Nathans reason for pursuing the job of State Auditor was his love of accounting and his deep understanding of numbers. The main goal for Nathan is to fight for the people and give them an auditing voice in the State Government. Overall Nathan shows strong promise as a potential State auditor.

**Beyond the Two Party System**  
**By: Brent Lucke (Yorktown)**

Staters who wished to focus on politics during the speaker events were introduced to some of the more overlooked voices of the state's political scene. Steven Larrick of the Libertarian Party and Gene Siadek of the Green Party began the presentation with explaining their respective party's platforms.

The Green Party presentation kicked off with the point that, "615 billion dollars is spent by our government blowing things up every year. Couldn't we invest in into our future and planet instead?" The Green Party is an international political movement founded on the four pillars of grassroots: democracy, sustainability, people centric, and social justice. Above all Gene Siadek pushed that the party is about making intelligent decisions. Bernie Sanders, while not a Green Party affiliate, is often cited as a good marker of what most Greens believe, although with less focus on environmentalism.

The Libertarian Party platform was described by Steven Larrick as largely pro-government minimization with a focus on welfare tightening, tax reductions, and anti-regulation. Libertarians fight for cannabis legalization, just as with the green party, and gay rights with less staunch focus. Above all, Libertarians are for promoting people to "Live for Themselves" and take action and responsibility for their own lives. Consistent with that, as Mr. Larrick stated, social and economical innovations are led by individuals.

With parties like these in Nebraska and on a national scale one may ask why the parties have not gained mainstream attention. While the party registration process can be largely to blame, the Green Party is not a widely accepted in the state of Nebraska, or at least one you can register as. There was one final request directed to supporters and sympathizers of these two parties: Help the Greens reach 8,000 signatures in Nebraska to become a registered party, and register Libertarian if you want to help spread their principles.

**Manila Bay Governor Candidates**

**By: Riley Nelson**

Manila Bay is home to two governor candidates, Jonathon Copley and Richard Sanchez. Both boys are members of the Nationalist party.

Copley believes that small farmers are the backbone of our economy here in Nebraska. He feels that these vital players in our economy need to be protected from large corporations and high property taxes. Starting his run for governor with hopes of learning about the government process, Copley has loved campaigning as it has allowed him to get to know his fellow citizens better.

Sanchez found that he really hit it off with his peers. This instant connection has been a real confidence boost when interacting with potential constituents. Sanchez is a strong believer in the 2nd amendment and is confident that his peers are as well.

Whether Sanchez or Copley wins, one thing is for sure; pride will be brought to Manila Bay.

**Valley Forge Governor Candidates**

**By: Ezekeial Aleo**

Valley Forge has fielded two candidates for the governor position. This year, Riley Knust is running for the Federalist Party, and Zachary Asch is running for the Nationalists. Riley has stated he wasn't initially going to run, but when he received overwhelming support, he decided to start campaigning. Zachary on the other hand believes he can be a strong leader, and that is why he ran. Riley's goals are to interweave and connect everyone in Boys State, whether they be Nationalist or Federalist. Zachary stated that his plan is to get Boys' State to run as smoothly as possible this year. Riley thinks that his ability to connect with people on a personal level sets him apart from his opponents. Zachary believes his training and years in Boys Scouts will help him to be an effective leader over other candidates.



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