85th Illinois Premier Boys State









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Spirit of Illinois Premier Boys State

Learning about and participating in the functions of government may be the best way young men can learn the American system of government, according to the Illinois American Legion.

American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State was the first of its kind in the United States, established 82 years ago in 1935 by the American Legion, Department of Illinois, which is why it is proud to claim the title Premier.

As a mythical 51st state of the Union, American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State teaches citizenship and the workings of government through experience. The late cofounder Hayes Kennedy described the original concept of the activity: “Boys State is pure democracy in that all of its citizens may vote and hold office. Its government is operated of, by and for the people.”

“In Boys State,” Kennedy said, “good citizenship means loyalty, good sportsmanship, cooperation, dependability, responsiveness and keen interest in the week’s activities. “Good citizens think before they talk and act only after mature consideration of their plans.”

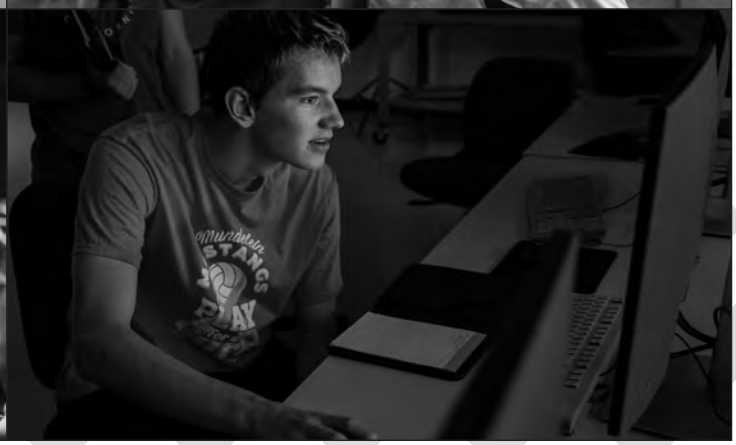
“Good citizens,” wrote Kennedy, “are true Americans.”











I am Your Flag



I was born on June 14th, 1786. I am the refuge of the World's oppressed People. I am the sentinel of Freedom. I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth. My Red Stripes... symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation. My White Stripes...signify the tears shed by Americans who lost their sons. My Blue Field...is indicative of God's Heaven under which I fly. My Stars...clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high. Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and fortunes. Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of your Republic. Worship Eternal God and keep his commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.



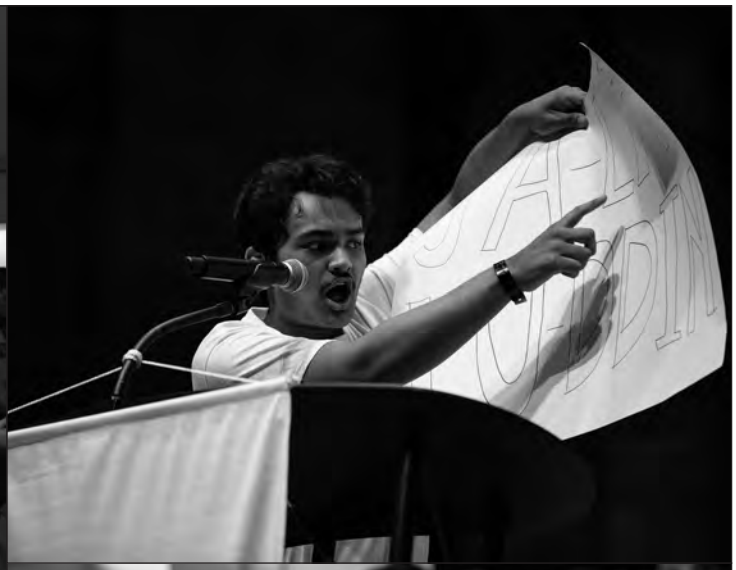


Premier Boys State 2022



Assemblies

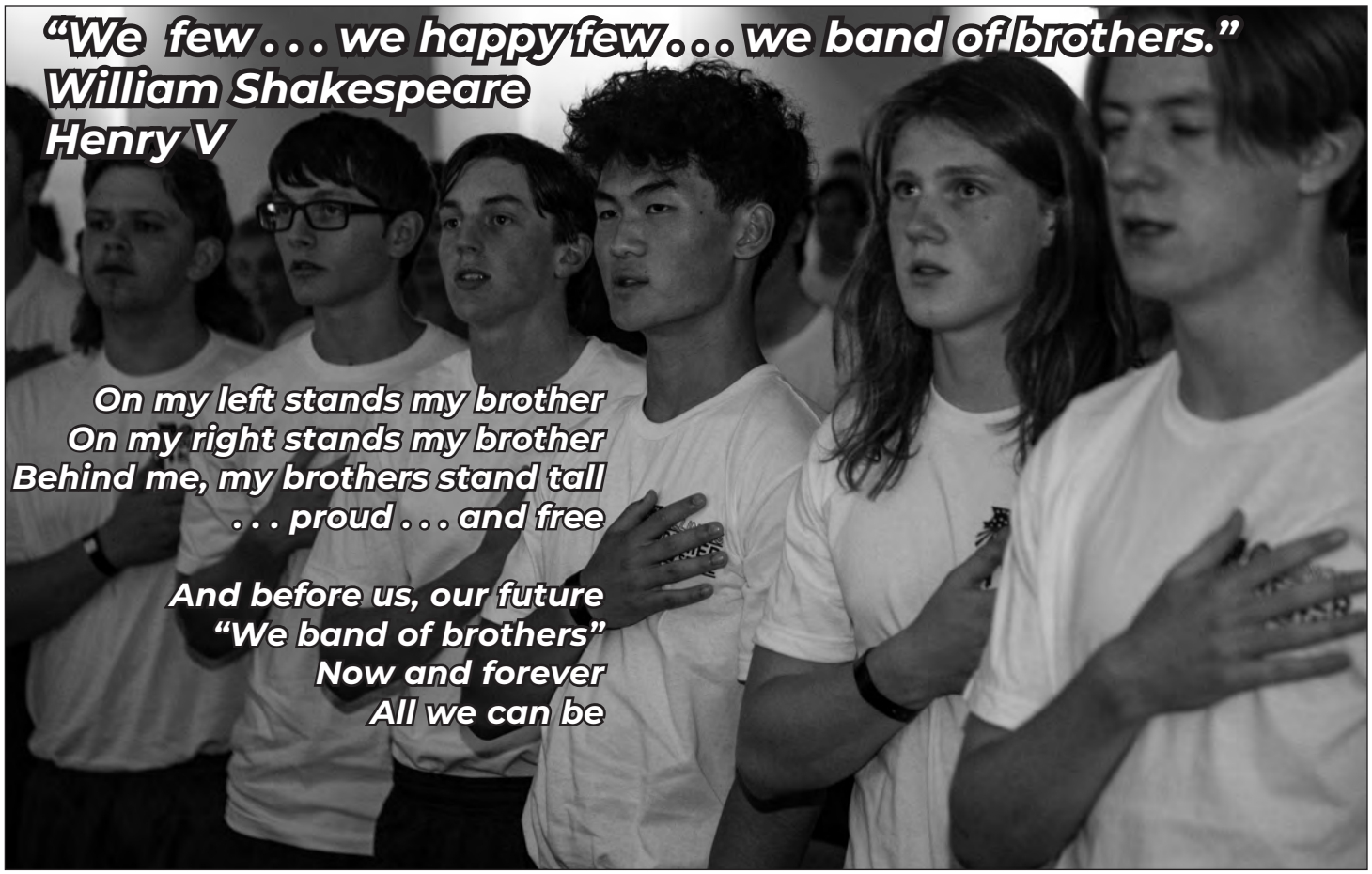












I do solemnly swear to preserve and protect the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of Illinois Premier Boys State and to perform to the best of my ability the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. So help me God.

With these words over 170 young men began their week at American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State 2022. The boys attended seminars in the mornings, including sessions on parliamentary procedure, judicial process, executive process, electoral process, and the legislative process. Each afternoon the boys participated in team sports such as basketball and volleyball. In addition to the sports activities, the House and Senate were in session, the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Band practiced for its nightly concert, the Media gathered and prepared news stories, and Law Enforcement and Leadership Seminars were held.

The boys played an active role in their mock state government. American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State consisted of four counties. Each county had two cities and each city had four wards. From these counties, cities and wards the boys elected their political candidates for official positions such as city, county, and state political committees, aldermen, mayors and county supervisors. At the state level they elected a Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and Comptroller. They also elected members to the House of Representatives, the Senate and Supreme Court.

The boys were arbitrarily divided up into two political parties, the Nationalists and the Federalists. Throughout the week, the boys participated in political party caucuses in their city and county to select their candidates for the city and county offices. At the state level, they attended their State Party Conventions leading to the state primary and finally the state general election. At each of those party meetings candidates made nominating speeches. The night before the state general election, the candidates for state office appeared at the evening general assembly where rallies and speeches were heard.

Elections

All American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State citizens took part in elections designed to teach them about voting and the electoral process in a democratic society. This hands-on experience has helped keep the tradition of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State alive for 85 years.

As they arrived at Eastern Illinois University, each boy became a citizen of one of the 8 cities. They each received a party designation as Nationalist or Federalist.

Two cities combined to form a county. These four counties comprised Illinois Premier Boys State. The cities, counties and the state created a structure for the election process.

With political and residency affiliations, the politics of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State closely paralleled traditional elections at the city, county and state levels. Realism guided the proceedings as the candidates were required to follow election regulating campaigns and campaign spending limits.

Each city selected three election judges who were in charge of conducting the elections, tallying the results and reporting the results to the State Election Central for certification of the winners. Candidates were selected through party caucuses using the system of party convention. In addition to the election of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State officials, citizens were elected to serve as senators, representatives, supreme court justices, and county and city officials.



The essence of leadership is quiet determination.
- Tom Johnson -

VOTE
VOTE
VOTE









Elected Officials

Harlan Warnsman	Governor
Julian Hernandez	Lt. Governor
Isaiah Dingus	Secretary of State
Samuel Verrill	Attorney General
Dalton Leezer	Comptroller
Patrick Kompare	Treasurer

Legislative Leaders

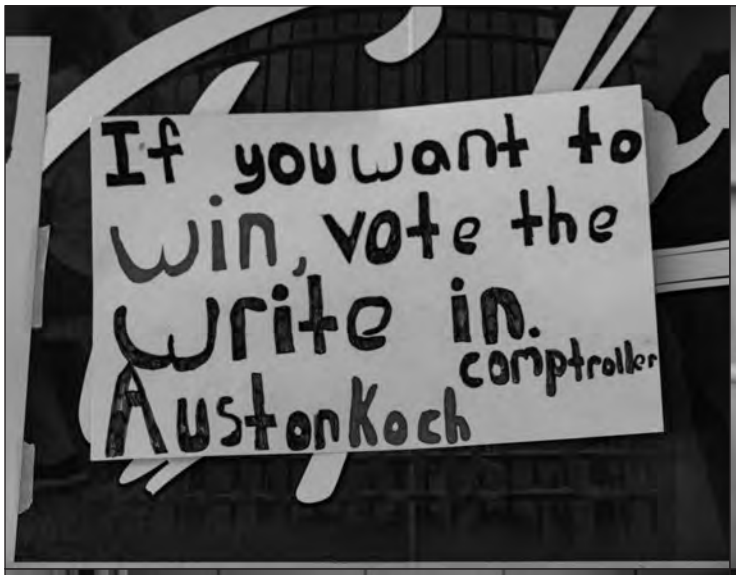
Brady Moore	Senate President
Thomas McComb	House Speaker

Supreme Court

Zach Geller	Chief Justice
Damian Soto	Justice
Gavin Martin	Justice
Nolan Schrock	Justice
Jonas Kobza	Justice
Noah Reichlin	Justice
Tom Foley	Justice
Andrew Hemming	Justice

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work....
-Abraham Lincoln-

Campaigning 2022











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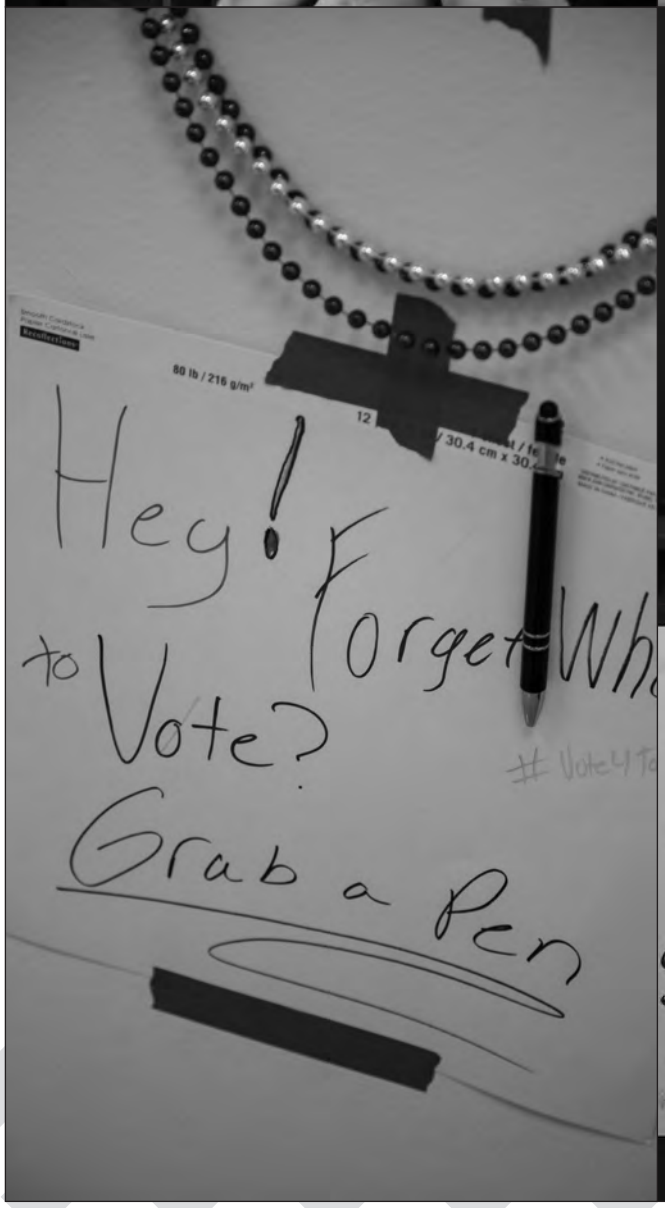
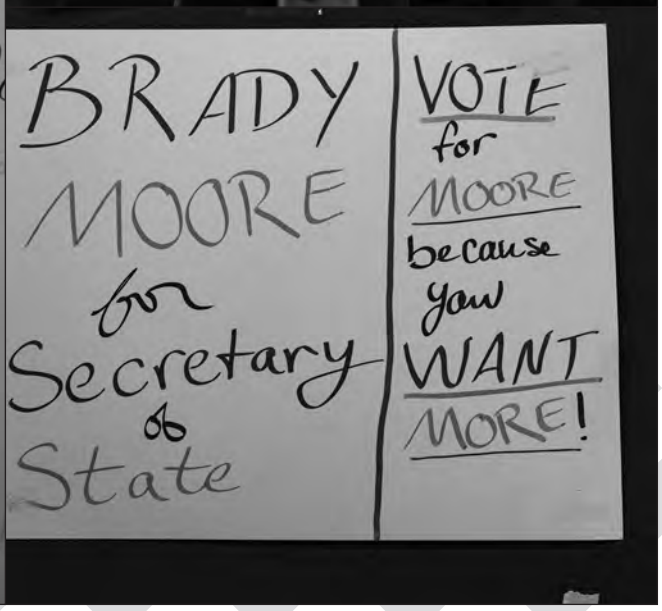

Hey! Forget
to Vote?
Grab a Pen

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Secretary
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State
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MORE!

Seminars

Judicial Process Seminar

The Judicial Process Seminar focused on the role of the courts to adjudicate disputes between parties in civil cases or preside in criminal cases brought by the State. The Adversary Process was examined, including a lawyer's role in defending someone regardless of whether they believe their client to be guilty. The seminar concluded with a review of the basis for the rule of law and its importance in the life of the nation. Jason Hill taught the Judicial Process Seminar.

We agreed that some counter movement must be started within the ranks of youth to develop a better understanding of our system of government and to instill in them a desire to preserve it.

—Hayes Kennedy
Founding Father of Boys State





Legislative Process Seminar

The goal of any legislature is to represent its constituents' wishes with the passage of constitutional laws. The Legislative Process Seminar of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State centered on the role and function of the federal and state legislatures. Laws are made in a democratic society through a series of processes by which laws are enacted. Discussed were the steps in which a bill becomes law. Joe McCraith taught this seminar.

Why couldn't we bring in high school boys of exceptional ability from all over the state at some central point for a week's functional study of government?

—Hayes Kennedy
Founding Father of Boys State





Executive Process Seminar

Discussing how government and its agencies work was the goal of the Executive Process Seminar. In this seminar, citizens of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State discussed government financing, budgeting and implementing the government's responsibility to its citizens.

The state's taxing system was one of the topics, and the boys learned many of the details about how, from where and why taxes are collected and dispersed.

The boys also learned how they can better understand, monitor and affect the financial activities of the levels of government that invariably affect them. Instructing the Executive Process Seminar was Chuck Neff.

At Boys State we try to establish that our government is not a relic of the past. It has not outrun its usefulness and it should not be replaced by what Eastern Europe has today. It is just as firm, just as fair and workable as the day it was founded, and all it needs is a clear understanding of its structure, and a desire, willingness, and determination on the part of its citizens to preserve it.

—The Boys State Goal, 1935



ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE

Seminars

Electoral Process Seminar

In the Electoral Process Seminar the citizens explored the importance of responsible citizenship. They learned about the duties inherent in participating in a modern democratic society including the critical importance of being an informed voted. The Electoral Process Seminar discussed with the citizens the importance of attaining the knowledge necessary to serve their county as citizens. Jim Talaska was the instructor for this seminar.

After having been at Boys State in 1968, each year I am still amazed how much we can change young men's lives as mine was changed so many years ago. Boys State allows kids from small towns to realize that they can compete with kids from big cities and they all can work together to make a difference.

Father Gary Gummersheimer

We could train them in the functional aspects of each segment of our government.

Hayes Kennedy
Founding Father of Boys State





Law Enforcement



Removing misconceptions about the law enforcement profession was a goal of the Law Enforcement Seminar. Through this seminar, the citizens learned that the purpose of criminal laws is to protect the rights of citizens with punishment of those who violate those laws being society's means of ensuring those rights are not violated. The citizens were provided insight into the extensive training that law enforcement officers go through to carry out their duties completely and responsibly and an understanding of how the practice of law enforcement influences them as citizens. Activities included a visit from the visits from FBI negitiations officers and other officers of the law. This seminar was taught by members of the local and state law enforcement agencies.

PAC's and Lobbying

The Illinois Premier Boys State Lobbyist program is designed to encourage thoughtful collaboration, and negotiation skills. Each county created a Political Action Committee which brought forward bills generated from discussion with citizens to the State Legislature of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State. The Senate and House then debated the legislation, made necessary changes, and finally voted on each item. This seminar was instructed by Laimutis (Limey) Nargelenas.







Media

American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Media is a daily news production created by a citizen staff overseen by staff advisors. Citizens from each county gathered daily to discuss topics of interest. Then a news production was recorded, edited, and published at the evening assemblies. In addition, an electronic blog of events was available on the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State website for family, friends and the public. For many citizens, American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Media was a way to learn about events happening around American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State that they hadn't participated in. Whatever the story, the members of the media strived to keep all citizens informed across multiple forms of media.





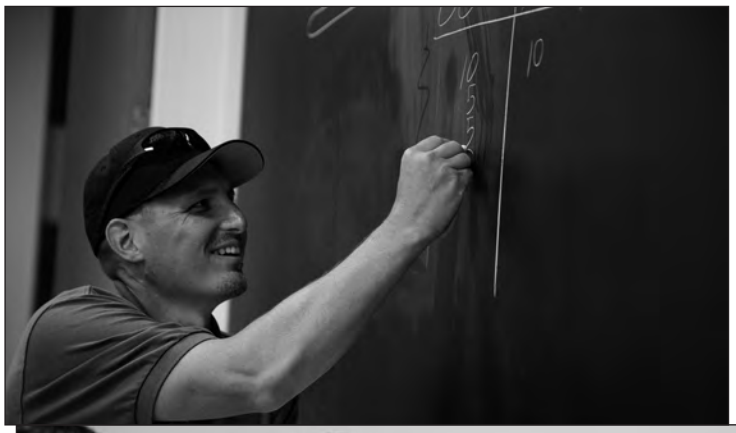


Party Conventions





Scholastic Bowl



The American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Scholastic Bowl Tournament pitted teams of 8 citizens from each county against each other in a battle of wits. Citizens answered questions about math, history, science, sports, pop culture, and everything in between in head-to-head matches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. After winning their respective wing championships, the remaining counties competed in the State Championship match on Thursday. Conatser Hayes emerged victorious after a hard-fought contest.







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Sports













PLAYOFF RESULTS

TEAM Champions

Basketball	Geiger-Gleason
Volleyball	Conatser-Hayes
Scholastic Bowl	Conatser-Hayes





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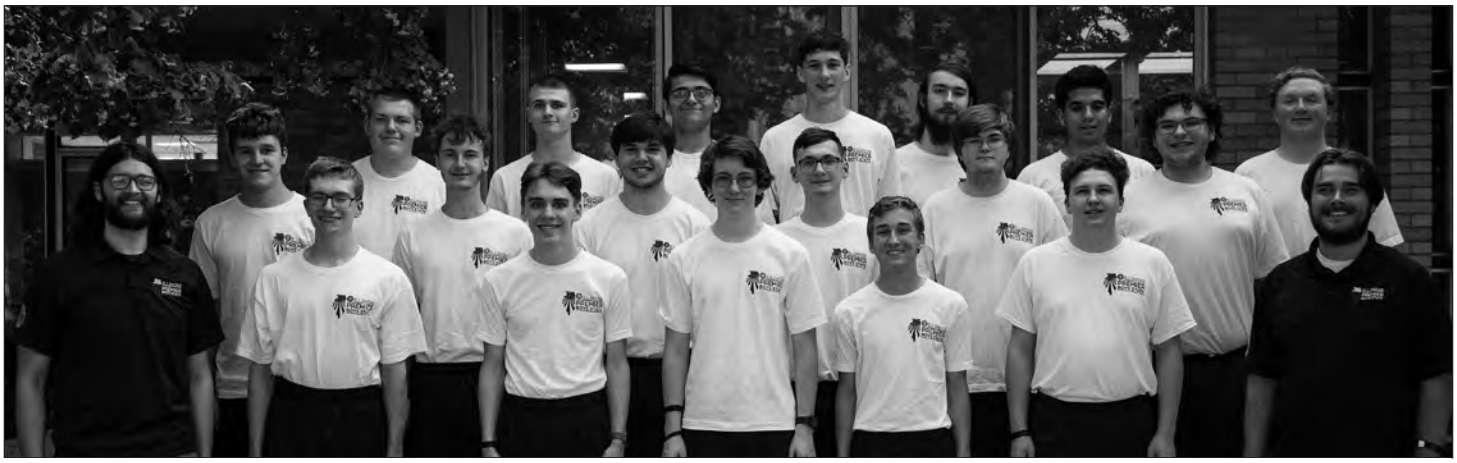
Band



American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Band: **Row 1**: John Wengerski (director), Nathan Kohn, Joshua Nelson, Sean Wright, Sam Fournier, Jackson Gray, Dillon Honn (director) **Row 2:** Adam Potts, Jonas Porshche, Dominic Mayhall, Aiden Graham, John Kennedy, River Williams **Row 3:** Zachary Stimach, Daniel Kuban, Richard Hurley, Nathan Vonic, Ben Heinz, Julian Hernandez. Nate Wells.



Militia & Point Formations



Regimental Commander and Staff: Colonel Noah Reichlin, Lt. Colonel Charles McNeil, Major Chase Hofmann, Major Vincent Beaty and Major Luc Garrett.



First Battalion Staff: Lt. Colonel JJ Lee, Captain Paulius Valiusis, Major Tom Foley, Major Matthew Meehan



Second Battalion Staff: Lt. Colonel JP Boerman, Major Tommy Kirchen, Major Ishrak Jalaluddin, MajorMaxwell Morse



Company Commanders: Captain Matthew Powell, Captain Matthew Carlson, Captain Jack Hunnicutt, Captain Camian Soto



Color Guard: Solan Everly, Tyler Hutchinson, Thomas Luptak, Julian Hernandez



Guide-ons: Dawson Yegge, Ben Lamora, Peter Link, John Dodds, Cody Borchert, Ayden Malavolti, Greg Gomez, Mason Kitchell.



Centennial Flags: Logan Farguhar, Nolan Schrock, Charlie McElyea, Zachary Nelson, Jayce Meier, Luke Pratt, Thomas Conner, Ryan McCord

Leadership Seminars

Leadership can be learned through a variety of activities. Throughout the week, citizens of American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State learned about and engaged in multiple leadership development activities. On Monday and Tuesday, citizens chose to participate in seminars about the experiences of Legionnaires, lawyers and higher education. Citizens could also participate in seminars in leadership development, prejudice and stereotypes. On Tuesday and Wednesday the Eastern Illinois University and University of Illinois ROTC programs engaged the citizens in exercises that tested a leader's presence, communication and decision making skills though physical challenges and teamwork. In addition to the process of leadership, the participants learned about practical applications of leadership in the stories and experiences of the dynamic instructors. The instructors for the various seminars include Jason Hill, Doug Howell, staff and cadets from EIU and UIUC ROTC, and several Legionnaires.









Closing Ceremonies



Leadership



Governor
Harlan Warnsman
Savage-Kennedy
Glenview, Illinois



Lieutenant Governor
Julian Hernandez
Stelle-Keller
Chicago, Illinois



Attorney General
Samuel Verrill
Savage-Kennedy
Bourbonnais, Illinois



Comptroller
Dalton Leezer
Savage-Kennedy
Canton, Illinois



Treasurer
Patrick Kompare
Stelle-Keller
Libertyville, Illinois



Secretary
of State
Isaiah Dingus
Geiger-Gleason
Roscoe, Illinois



President
of the Senate
Brady Moore
Geiger-Gleason
Lovington, Illinois



Speaker
of the House
Thomas McComb
Savage-Kennedy
Sycamore, Illinois



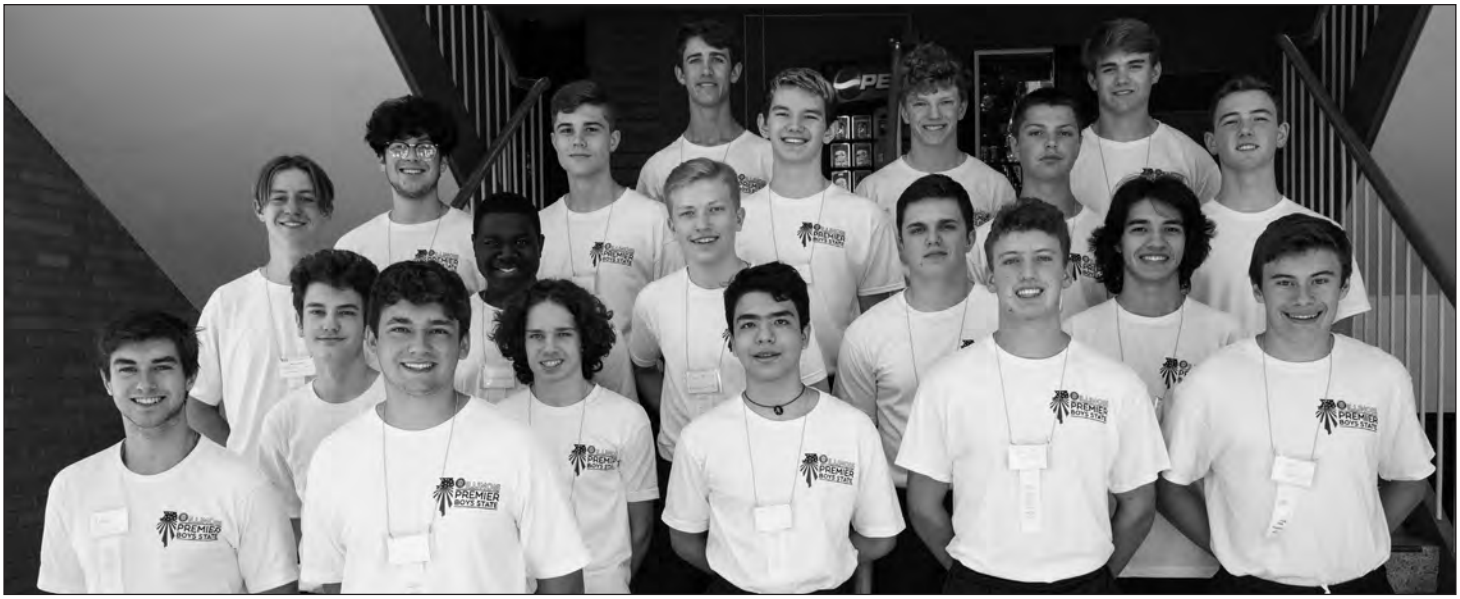
Chief Justice
Zach Geller
Stelle-Keller
Waterloo, Illinois



American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Senate: **Row 1:** Brady Moore (Senate President), Isaiah Dingus, Ryder Becker, Luc Garret. **Row 2:** Michael Scarpelli, Gregory Gomez, Henry Dalmann, Oskar Hansen



American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Supreme Court: **Row 1:** Zachary Geller (Chief Justice), Damian Soto, Gavin Martin. **Row 2:** Nolan Schrock, Jonas Kobza, Noah Reichlin. **Not Pictured:** Tom Foley and Andrew Hemming.



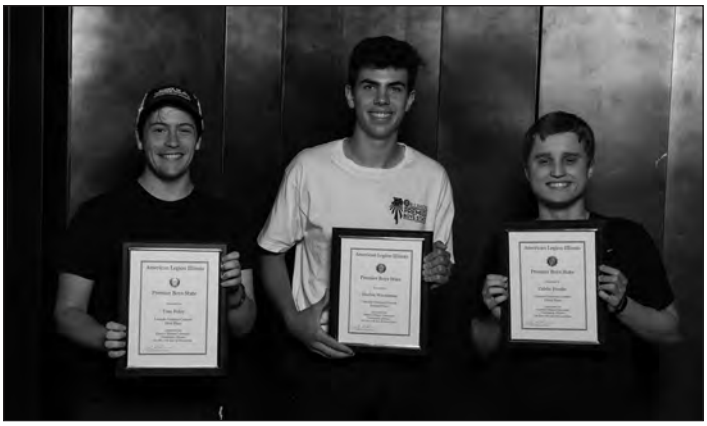
American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State House of Representatives: **Row 1:** Thomas McComb (Speaker of the House), Tanner Patman (House Clerk). **Row 2:** Dalton Leezer, Sam Andrzejewski, Darik Eduardo, Jayce Meier, Chase Hofmann. **Row 3:** Mike Rock, Kwame Adusei-Poku, Shane McCoy, Charles McNeill, Chayapol Corsello. **Row 4:** Robert Byron, Solan Everly, Matthew Willis, Teague Merrill, Charles McElyea. Row 5: Matthew Carlson, Quintin Seggebruch, Cody Borchert

American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Governors

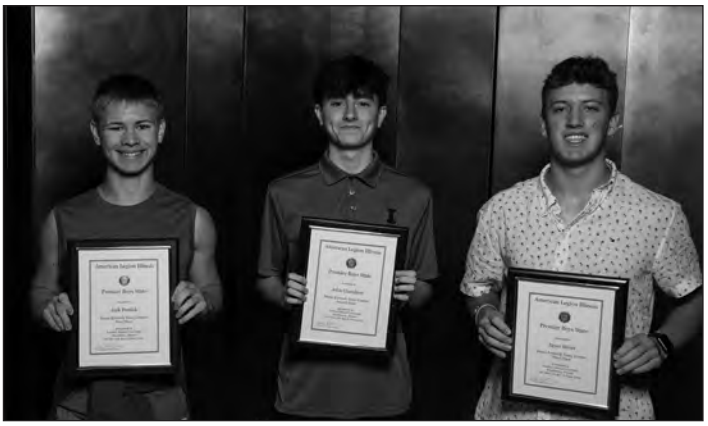
1935: Robert Anderson, Berwyn
1936: A. G. Grebe, Peoria
1937: Robert Curzon, Champaign
1938: Bob Clement, Forest Park
1939: John Cannon, Maywood
1940: Louis Condon, Rock Island
1941: Arthur Lennon, Joliet
1942: Don Wynn, Mt. Morris
1943: Dave Brown, Bloomington
1944: Al Cook, Aurora
1945: Not held due to World War II
1946: Ed Bruske, Chicago
1947: Clifford Stout, Freeport
1948: Wayne Sullivan, Kewanee
1949: Richard Muraski, Rockford
1950: Kenneth Merwin, Woodstock
1951: Alex R. Seith, Aurora
1952: Federick Borsch, Hinsdale
1953: James MacDonald, Aurora
1954: James Gardner, Robinson
1955: Tim Gover, Mattoon
1956: Kenneth Crocker, Robinson
1957: Robert Hewitt, Loves Park
1958: Ronald Harrington, Canton
1959: Paul E. Rowley, Bartonville
1960: Fred Denkman, Skokie
1961: Steve Cunningham, Bridgeport
1962: Thomas Walter Hill, Canton
1963: Michael Hasselberg, Peoria
1964: Tim Battaglio, Belleville
1965: Rodney Peacock, Champaign
1966: Rich Chase, Danville
1967: James LeRoy Cole, Freeport
1968: James Peters, Quincy
1969: Benjamin Bridges, Illinois
1970: Steve Cuda, McHenry
1971: Steve Ricks, Waukegan
1972: Tom Garrison, Urbana
1973: Gregory Boone, Evanston
1974: Albert T. Thomas, Lake Forest
1975: Brad Hall, Streator
1976: Harold W. Otto, Arcola
1977: Brad Whitehead, Monticello
1978: Anthony J. Williams, Chicago
1979: Eric R. Ewell, Wheaton
1980: David Hilliard, Peoria
1981: Oran L. Alston, Waukegan
1982: Joe Wiegland, Palatine
1983: Greg Smith, Rantoul
1984: Darrin Gayles, Peoria
1985: David Higgins, Joliet
1986: Ernest Frazier, Chicago
1987: Mark Guy, Askhum
1988: Canon Lambert, Glen Ellyn
1989: John T. Clendenin, Sparta
1990: Curtis Gannon, Libertyville
1991: John Sims, Country Club Hills
1992: Elliott Rodgers, Champaign
1993: Mark K. Santilan, Glen Ellyn
1994: Maurice L. Rabb, Moline
1995: Steven Yenchko, Chatham
1996: Sean Stephenson, LaGrange
1997: Frank J. Harts, Rock Falls
1998: Langston Hughes, Waukegan
1999: John Feeney, Monticello
2000: Christopher Hightower, Danville
2001: Kevin Maliszewski, Glen Carbon
2002: David Wiest, Mapleton
2003: Curt Rendall, Winthrop Harbor
2004: William Thorndike, Morrison
2005: Josh Boykin, Rockford
2006: Darius McCray, Chicago
2007: Adam Skierkiewicz-Chovan, Mokena
2008 Jacob Becraft, Metamora
2009: Brian Elliot, Macomb
2010: Garren Randolph, Monmouth
2011: Cornelius Allen, Belleville
2012: Brad Basala, Matherville
2013: Patrick Bell, Canton
2014: Cedric Jones, Champaign
2015: Kyle Robinson, Urbana
2016: Kevin Mallady, Danville
2017: David Nkansah, Darien
2018: Zhyon Parkman, Peoria
2019: Joseph Alongi, Durand
2020: Not held due to Covid-19
2021: Not held due to Covid-19
2022: Harlan Warnsman, Glenview

Awards

$2,000 scholarships were awarded to first place winners in oration, essay, Paul Brown Leadership, Geiger Leadership, McCraith Model Citizen, and Lucas Model Citizen. **$2,000 scholarships** were also awarded to each of the two Boys Nation Senators.



Oration Winners: **1st Place** – *Thomas Foley, Geiger-Gleason;* **2nd Place** – *Harlan Warnsman, Savage-Kennedy;* **3rd Place** – *Calvin Franke, Conatser-Hayes.*



Essay Winners: **1st Place** –*Jack Fostiak, Savage-Kennedy*; **2nd Place** – *John Chambers, Geiger-Gleason;* **3rd Place** – *Jayce Meier, Savage-Kennedy.*



Paul Brown Leadership Winners: **1st Place** – *Julian Hernandez, Stelle-Keller;* **2nd Place** – *Samuel Verrill Savage-Kennedy;* **3rd Place** – *Dalton Leezer, Savage-Kennedy.*



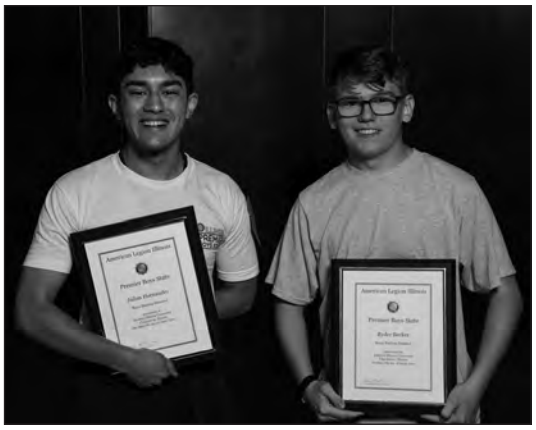
Geiger Leadership Winners: **1st Place** –*Andrew Hemming, Conatser-Hayes;* **2nd Place** – *Thomas McComb, Savage-Kennedy;* **3rd Place** – *Zachary Geller, Stelle-Keller.*



McCraith Model Citizen Winners: **1st Place** – *Brady Moore, Geiger-Gleason;* **2nd Place** – *Harlan Warnsman, Savage-Kennedy;* **3rd Place**-*Luc Garrett, Conatser-Hayes.*



Lucas Model Citizen Winners: **1st Place** – *Ryder Becker, Savage-Kennedy;* **2nd Place** – *John Chambers, Geiger-Gleason;* **3rd Place** –*Julian Hernandez, Stelle-Keller.*



Boys Nation Senators: **1st Delegate** – *Julian Hernandez, Stelle-Keller;* **2nd Delegate** – *Ryder Becker, Savage-Kennedy..*



Boys Nation Alternates: **1st Alternate** – *Brady Moore, Geiger-Gleason;* **2nd Alternate** – *Harlan Warnsman, Savage-Kennedy.*



$2,000 Scholarship, Samsung Scholar
Jonas Porsche
Savage-Kennedy County
Galva, Illinois

In 1996 Samsung Corporation awarded five million dollars to the American Legion to provide scholarships for both Boys State and Girls State. Department winners receive a guaranteed $1250 from national and $750 from the Department of Illinois. The Department winner moves on to national competition, where ten $10,000 and ten $5,000 are awarded.

Service Awards

Each year members of staff are recognized for their services rendered to American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State as volunteers.





5 Years:
Christopher H Benigno, Michael Petrik and Alec Campbell




10 Years:
Merritt Bennett and Tyler Knowles



25 Years:
Larry Tyderek





20 Years:
Mike Makuta, Dan Lisella and Kevin Wilbur




30 Years:
Jason Hill and Jody Stone



45 Years:
Joe McCraith

Conatser-Hayes County



City of Rawers-Snodgrass **Row 1:** John Thomas, Karac Henderson. **Row 2:** Tyler Piester, Andrew Hemming, Austin Koch, Luc Garrett, Ethan Stahl, Benjamin Hill, Austin Kutz, Henry Miller, James Stubitsch. **Row 3:** EJ Berg, Cody Borchert, Jonas Kobza, Benjamin Heinz, Matthew Carlson, Aidan Klein, Henry Dalmann, River Williams, Christopher Harris, Michael Rock, Michael Petrik.



Mac Meade
County
Counselor



Carter Corsello
Assistant County
Counselor



EJ Berg
Rawers-Snodgrass
City Counselor



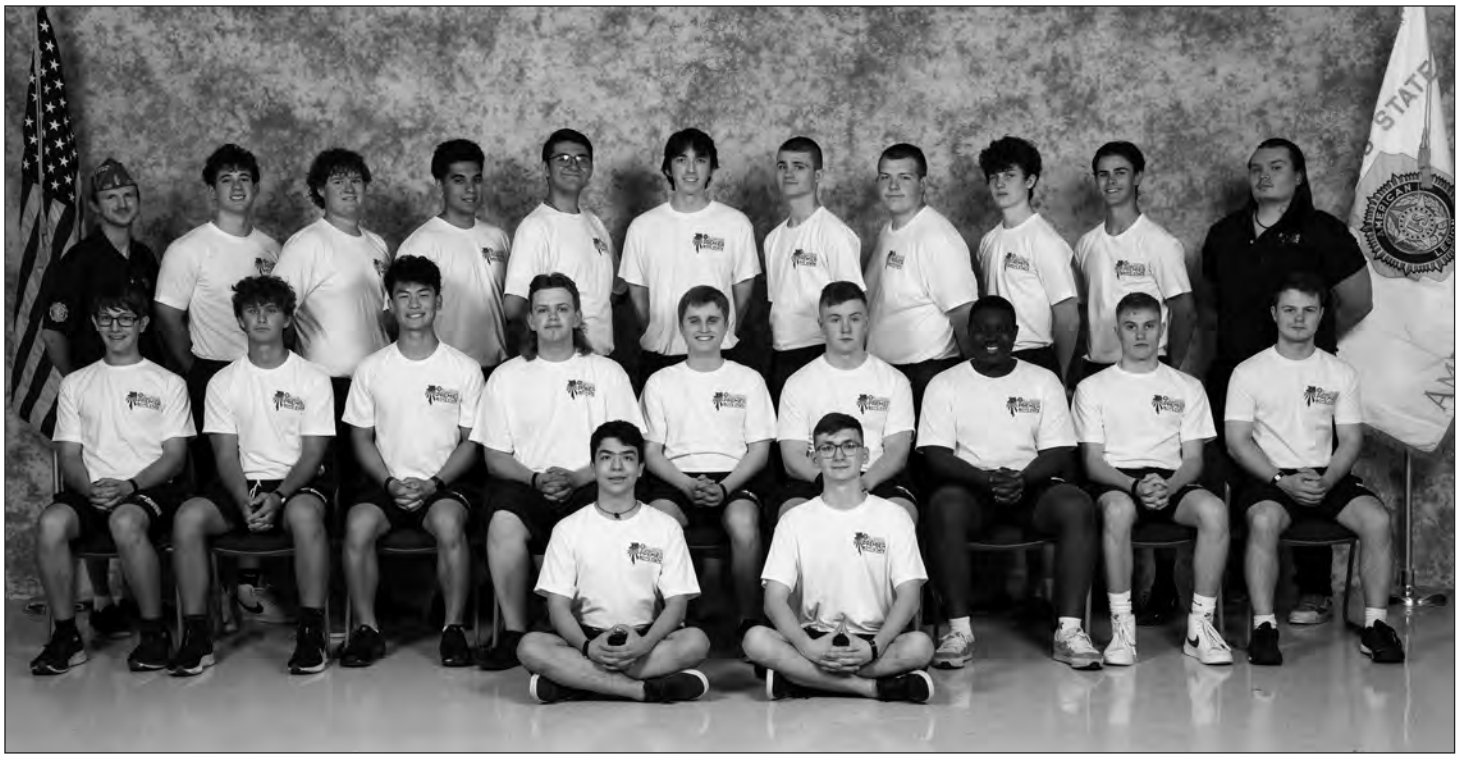
Michael Petrik
Rawers-Snodgrass
City Counselor



Devin Mallick
Mahoney-Hudson
City Counsleor



Jonathan Nave
Mahoney-Hudson
City Counselor



Mahoney-Hudson **Row 1**: Darik Eduardo Botello Morales, Aidan Graham. **Row 2:** Ryan Emme, John Goldcamp, JJ Lee, Aidan Brewer, Calvin Franke, Ethan Holmes, Kwame Adusei-Poku, Jacob Smith, Max Morse. **Row 3:** Jonathan Nave, Marcus Van Mieghem, tyler Hutchinson, Julian Hernandez, Richard Hurley, Mason Kitchell, Daniel Kuban, Zachary Stimach, Tate Downs, Caleb Decker, Devin Mallick.

Conatser-Hayes County ***Officials***

Supreme Court Justice	*Jonas Kobza*
State Senator	*Henry Dalmann*
Circuit Court Judge	*Tate Downs*
County Sheriff	*Tyler Hutchinson*
County Clerk	*J.J. Lee*
County Coroner	*Cody Borchert*
County Treasurer	*Chris Harris*
State's Attorney	*Tyler Piester*
Township Supervisor	*Aiden Klein*
Township Supervisor	*Benjamin Hill*
Township Supervisor	*Mike Rock*
Township Supervisor	*Aidan Brewer*
Township Supervisor	*Zach Stimach*
Township Supervisor	*Julian Hernandez*

Awards

3rd Oration	*Calvin Franke*
1st John Geiger	*Andrew Hemming*
3rd Joe McCraith	*Luc Garrett*
Scholastic Bowl Champions	
Volleyball Champions	

Mahoney-Hudson Officials

State Representative	*Kwame Adusei-Poku*
State Representative	*Derik Botello*
State Representative	*Aidan Brewer*
Mayor	*JJ Lee*
City Clerk	*Jacob Smith*
City Treasurer	*Ryan Emme*
Alderman	*Ethan Holmes*
Alderman	*Max Morse*
Alderman	*Zachery Stimnich*
Alderman	*Tyler Hutchin*

Rawers-Snodgrass Officials

State Representative	*Cody Borchert*
State Representative	*Matthew Carlson*
State Representative	*Mike Rock*
Mayor	*Tyler Piester*
City Clerk	*Henry Miller*
City Treasurer	*Ethan Stahl*
Alderman	*Aidan Klein*
Alderman	*Andrew Hemming*
Alderman	*Austin Kutz*
Alderman	*Austin Koch*

Geiger-Gleason County



City of Atteberry-Lofton **Row 1:** Gabe Hurst, David Esteban. **Row 2:** Grant Boss, Tryqve Bloom, Iduran Aderinto, John Chambers, Florian Feldman, Jack Donnelly, Tom Foley, Daniel Wilson, Montgomery Yarsl. **Row 3:** Joshua Jeffries, Evan Miller, Thomas Conner, Matthew Willis, Noah Reichlin, Henry Engel, Trace Fricke, Tyler Basham, Dylan Daniels, Robert Byron, Adam Potts, Jimmy Kellock.



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County Counselor



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County Counselor



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City Counsleor



Evan Miller
Atteberry-Lofton
City Counselor



James Kellock
Atteberry-Lofton
City Counselor



Josh Cassem
Kirby-Fever
City Counselor



Dan Tully
Kirby-Fever
City Counselor



Matt Kreeb
Kirby-Fever
City Counsleor



City of Kirby-Fever **Row 1**: Ronan Robles, Isaiah Dingus. **Row 2:** Wade Rachel, Jack Hunnicut, Joseph Gerklitz, Logan Farquhar, Nick Coos, Nathan Kohn, Chase Hofmann, Chris Carpenter, Jett Olson. **Row 3:** Matt Kreeb, Ryan Blanco, Roger Chmielowiec, William Dane Crumlett, Elliott Rodgers, Joseph Jansen, Benjamin LaMora, Brian Moore, Matthew Meehan, Brady Moore, Dan Tully, Joshua Cassem.

Geiger-Gleason County Officials

Supreme Court Justice	*Noah Reichlin*
State Senator	*Brady Moore*
Circuit Court Judge	*Chase Hofman*
County Sheriff	*Henry Engel*
County Clerk	*Indy Aderinto*
County Coroner	*Dylan Daniels*
County Treasurer	*Ben Lamora*
State's Attorney	*Logan Farquhar*
Township Supervisor	*Trygve Bloom*
Township Supervisor	*David Esteban*
Township Supervisor	*Grant Boss*
Township Supervisor	*Chris Carpenter*
Township Supervisor	*Jack Hunnicutt*
Township Supervisor	*Nathan Kohn*

Awards

Secretary of State	*Isaiah Dingus*
President of the Senate	*Brady Moore*
Basketbal Champions	
1st Oration	*Thomas Foley*
2nd Essay	*John Chambers*
1st Joe Mcraith	*Brady Moore*
2nd Keith Lucas	*John Chambers*
Boys Nation Alternate	*Brady Moore*

Atteberry-Lofton Officials

State Representative	*Tom Foley*
State Representative	*John Chambers*
State Representative	*Noah Reichlin*
Mayor	*Henry Engel*
City Clerk	*Indy Aderntio*
City Treasurer	*Tyler Basham*
Alderman	*Trygve Bloom*
Alderman	*David Esteban*
Alderman	*Grant Boss*
Alderman	*Jack Donnelly*

Kirby-Fever Officials

State Representative	*Brady Moore*
State Representative	*Chase Hofmann*
State Representative	*William Crumlett*
Mayor	*Brian Moore*
City Clerk	*Logan Farquhar*
City Treasurer	*Ben Lamora*
Alderman	*Roger Chmielowiec*
Alderman	*Chris Carpenter*
Alderman	*Jett Olson*
Alderman	*Isaiah Dingus*

Savage-Kennedy County



City of Bennett-Brown **Row 1:** Ryan McCord, Ryder Becker, Nate Wells, Evan Perry, Teague Merrill, John Dodds, Anthony Strossler, Patrick Signore, Tommy Kirchen. **Row 2:** Joseph Moslander, Josh Clark, Nikolas Gomez, Ezekiel Brown, Vincent Beaty, Solar Everly, Paulius Valiusis, Liam Ghetland, Liam Lupesco, Tanner Putnam, Nick Schuster, Peter Link, Dominic Mathall, Desmond Lewis, Dylan Upton.



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Bennett-Brown
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Joshua Shefner
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Davin Stavropolos
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Conner Young
Johnson-Gonzales
City Counselor



City of Johnson-Gonzales **Row 1**: Damian Soto, Jack Fostiak, Dalton Leezer, Joshua Nelson, Ishrak Jalauddin, Colin Meehan, Dezjohn Williams, Samuel Rouse, Nolan Schrock. **Row 2:** Josh Shefner, Anthony Bilardello, Chris Rowe, Jonas Porsche, Nolan Mussay, Oskar Hansen, Harlan Warnsman, Samuel Kent Verrill, Ben Resar, Jayce Meier, JP Boerman, Thomas McComb, Conner Young, Davin Savroplos.

Savage-Kennedy County Officials

Supreme Court Justice	*Zachary Geller*
State Senator	*Michael Scarpelli*
Circuit Court Judge	*Evan Foster*
County Sheriff	*Josh Sipes*
County Clerk	*Levi Eads*
County Coroner	*Kaden Welch*
County Treasurer	*Jacob Torgeson*
State's Attorney	*Evan Short*
Township Supervisor	*Matthew Powell*
Township Supervisor	*Thomas Luptak*
Township Supervisor	*Greg Gomez*
Township Supervisor	*Jacob Torgeson*
Township Supervisor	*Shane McCoy*
Township Supervisor	*Sam Fournier*

Awards

Boys Nation Senator	*Ryder Becker*
Governor	*Harlan Warnsman*
Attorney General	*Samuel Verrill*
Comptroller	*Dalton Leezer*
Speaker of the House	*Thomas McComb*
2nd Oration	*Harlan Warnsman*
1st Essay	*Jack Fostiak*
2nd Paul Brown	*Samuel Verrill*
3rd Paul Brown	*Dalton Leezer*
2nd John Geiger	*Thomas McComb*
2nd Joe McCraith	*Harlan Warnsman*
1st Keigh Lucas	*Ryder Becker*
Boys Nation Alternate	*Harlan Warnsman*

Bennett-Brown Officials

State Representative	*Teague Merrill*
State Representative	*Tanner Putman*
State Representative	*Solan Everly*
Mayor	*Nick Schuster*
City Clerk	*Paulius Valiusis*
City Treasurer	*Tommy Kirchen*
Alderman	*Ezekiel Brown*
Alderman	*Ryder Becker*
Alderman	*Patrick Signore*
Alderman	*Dominic Mayhall*

Johnson-Gonzales Officials

State Representative	*Thomas McComb*
State Representative	*Dalton Lezzer*
State Representative	*Jayce Meier*
Mayor	*Harlan Warnsman*
City Clerk	*Dezjohn William*
City Treasurer	*Nolan Mussay*
Alderman	*Ishrak Jalaluddin*
Alderman	*Dameon Soto*
Alderman	*Colin Meehan*
Alderman	*Anthony Bilardello*

Stelle-Keller County



City of Gaither-Runyard **Row 1:** Evan Short, Sam Andrzejcuski, Sam Fournier. **Row 2:** Skylar Davis, Zachary Geller, Ryder Porch, Zachary Nelson, Chayapol Corsello, Jacob Jorgeson, Jakob Vincent, Dominic Anzalone, Jackson Gray. **Row 3:** Tyler Knowles, Shane McCoy, Josh Sipes, Isaiah Vance, Michael Scarpelli, Caleb Ordman, John Kennedy, Sean Wright, Ross Vancil, Luke Pratt, Max Hurst, John Runyard.



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Thompson-Madden
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Thompson-Madden
City Counselor



City of Thompson-Madden **Row 1**: Julian Hernandez, Levi Eads. **Row 2:** Matthew Thompson, Carson Thomas, Jack Katz, Matthew Powell, Nicholas Olinger, Gavin Martin, Charles McNeil, Kaden Welch, Patrick Kompare. **Row 3:** Cliff Runyard, Charles McElyen, Evan Foster, Caleb Meister, Gregory Gomez, Nathan Vonic, Ayden Malaucci, Thomas Luptak, Quentin Seggebruch, Andrew Brown, Caleb Blakemore.

Stelle-Keller County Officials

Supreme Court Justice	*Zachary Geller*
State Senator	*Michael Scarpelli*
Circuit Court Judge	*Evan Foster*
County Sheriff	*Josh Sipes*
County Clerk	*Levi Eads*
County Coroner	*Kaden Welch*
County Treasurer	*Jacob Torgeson*
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Township Supervisor	*Jacob Torgeson*
Township Supervisor	*Shane McCoy*
Township Supervisor	*Sam Fournier*
Township Supervisor	*Matthew Powell*
Township Supervisor	*Thomas Luptak*
Township Supervisor	*Greg Gomez*

Awards

Boys Nation Senator	*Julian Hernandez*
Lieutenant Governor	*Julian Hernandez*
State Treasurer	*Patrick Kompare*
Chief Justice	*Zachary Geller*
1st Paul Brown	*Julian Hernandez*
3rd John Geiger	*Zachary Geller*
3rd Keith Lucas	*Julian Hernandez*

Gaither-Runyard Officials

State Representative	*Sam Andrzejewski*
State Representative	*Shane McCoy*
State Representative	*Chayapol Corsello*
Mayor	*Ryder Porch*
City Clerk	*Luke Pratt*
City Treasurer	*Dominic Enzalone*
Alderman	*Evan Short*
Alderman	*Scott Schnurr*
Alderman	*Isaiah Vance*
Alderman	*Jakob Vincent*

Thompson-Madden Officials

State Representative	*Quentin Seggebruch*
State Representative	*Charlie McElyea*
State Representative	*Charlie McNeill*
Mayor	*Julian Hernandez*
City Clerk	*Caleb Meister*
City Treasurer	*Evan Foster*
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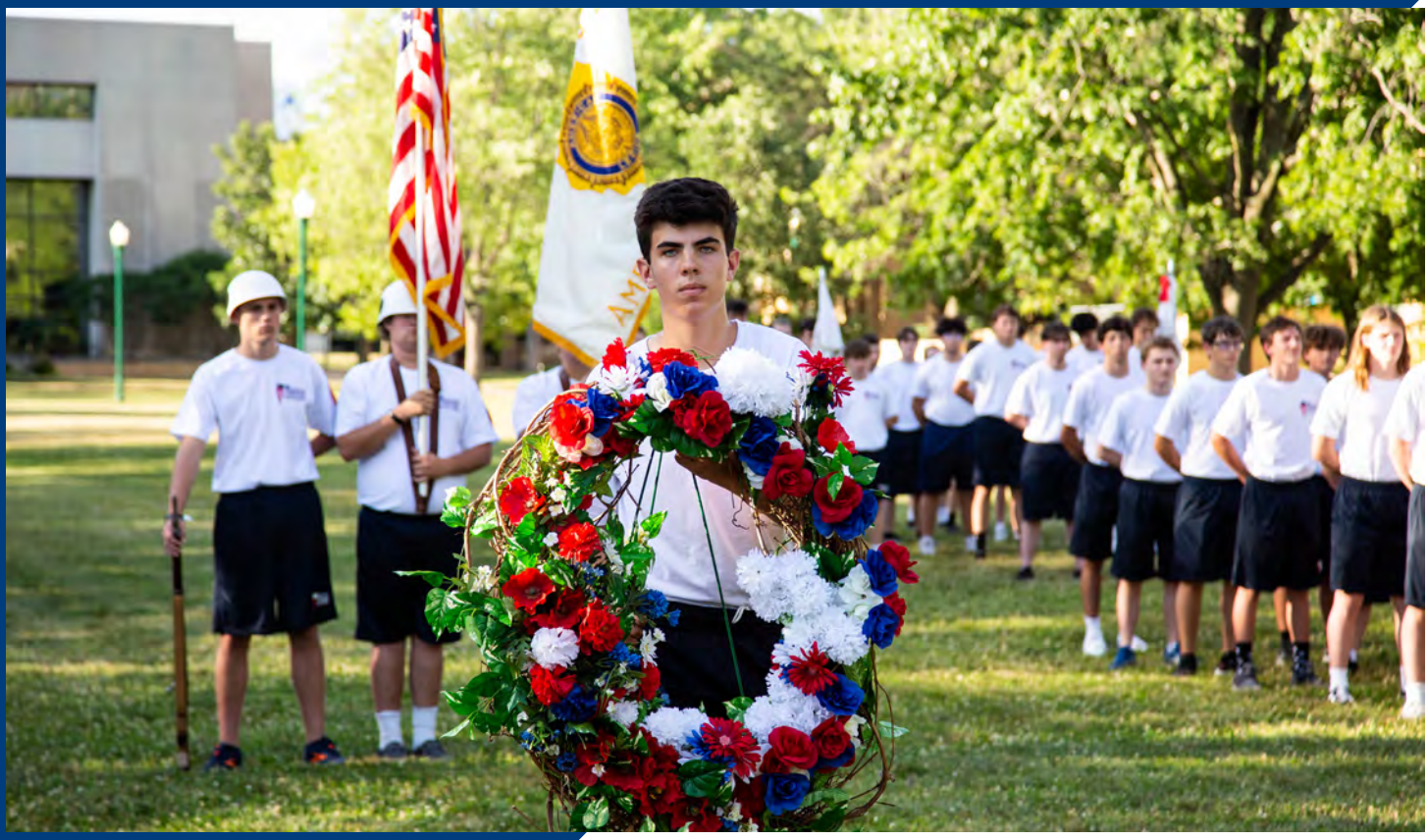

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