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Get “Witt” It: Athletic Accommodations of Boys State 89

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Due to severe weather conditions on campus, many outdoor sporting events have been cancelled. In light of this situation, certain resources in the Witt Student Center have been opened up to delegates. These Facilities include the Basketball Court, Weight Room, Spike Ball, & Corn Hole. It is also likely to see a friendly game of Hacky Sack in common areas of the Center. Below is a statement from one of the paper's own reporters on the quality of the weight:

“[The Weight Room is] host to many

different machines for every muscle group. The lower body exercises are found at the end of the room, which gives more incentive to “skip legs.” Unlike many commercial and collegial gyms, they did not invest in 20 treadmills, instead opting to purchase machines that are high quality and very efficient.” - Michael Pinelo, Boys State Journalist

Be sure to check out the Witt Center and all its available resources!

Please note that the Rock wall is unfortunately unavailable to Delegates.

The Nationalist Party: A Chronological View

Alexander Knapp, Mason Hunsinger

I am Alexander Knapp, an active member of the Nationalist Party, and a member of the Nationalist Strategic Engagement Committee, I am here to list a chronological view of the actions of my party in Boys State thus far.

The Nationalist Party has convened four times so far and within our first meeting we established what our party stands for and who our chairman would be. Our Executive Chairman, Nehemiah Johnson, was elected after a long election on Sunday evening, and our Vice Chairman, Hudson Jackman, was nominated late Sunday night.

Monday morning, we established our 3 Committees: Rule, Platform, and Strategic Engagement. We established a set of rules for the various elected officials and delegates to follow. These rules ensure respect and stability are maintained during future sessions. The Rules include but are not limited to: Anyone except Governor and Lieutenant Governor has a one-minute period to make a speech, and the Governor and Lieutenant Governor each have a ninety-second period to make speeches. The audience is not allowed to speak during this time and punishments for vulgar wording and misconduct include time reduction and disqualification.

Caine: The Man Who Can

Eian Strickland

General Daniel Caine serves as the 22nd Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and acts as the top military advisor to the president. He virtually addressed Alabama Boys State on May 26th, 2026, and was widely celebrated afterwards. Before taking the position of

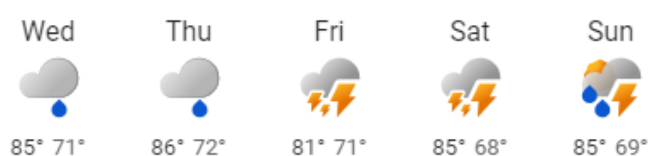


chairman in 2025, Caine worked with the CIA and participated in numerous military and intelligence operations. He is also a command pilot with more than 2,800 flight

hours in an F-16, earning recognition for his extensive aviation experience. Members of the SEAC (Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman) serve as advisors alongside him as he helps guide national defense decisions.

General Caine has been a lifelong learner and servant leader, Caine is respected for his commitment to helping others succeed. He focuses on understanding what people need to accomplish their missions effectively. His leadership philosophy emphasizes service and purpose, reflected in one of his quotes: “Leaders who do something bigger than themselves find themselves overwhelmed by chances to give back.”

5-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK



City Highlight: City of Hayes Administration

Nathan Day, Brandon Porter

During our interviews with the members of the City of Hayes, we asked a series of questions to help us understand their attitudes toward municipal government. This administration is determined to lead their city in style as the citizens of the City of Hayes is also known as “The Men in Black”.

First, Mayor Jackson Floyd was interviewed. Mayor Jackson was asked, What will you do for the city? He replied, “I plan on bringing proper leadership and making sure we get the best city. Doing so through leading my city councilmen to do our best in the city project.”

City Clerk Higgins Burns was also interviewed. When asked how it felt to be in his

position, he said that it felt “good to help and lead other people in my city to bring them all success.” Higgins went on to say that he “wants to bond with my city members and build lasting relationships.”

Zak McCullar is another city council member of “The Men in Black.” Councilman McCullar was asked, what makes you qualified for this? He replied, “I feel like I have taken an interest in local government from watching my local government back home. I’ve seen their successes and failures and I feel like I’ve learned a lot from a distance.”

Dylan “D.C.” Chavez was also asked what made him qualified for his position. Councilman Chavez replied, “I have a lot of

leadership experience where I have to listen to people and make decisions on the dime. I’ve held leadership roles in DECA, FFA, FBLA, and JROTC.”

Councilman Nathan Day was asked what he plans to do for his city. Nathan stated that he “plans to fulfill any needs for my city project by using the extensive research I have done in politics.” He plans to use this experience to train for running for City Council back home in 2029.

All of these administration members from City of Hayes are clear representations of the excellent work being done in not only their city but in every city in Boys State

Hackysack: A City of Perry Favorite

Alexander Knapp, Baker Farnell

In the City of Perry (City 9), Hackysack has become a popular pastime for citizens. Recently, others have joined in on group Hackysack sessions, but it originated from the members of The Blueprints.

The game is simple: keep the item of choice in the air by any means without using your hands or arms while in a circle formation with the other players. It is a useful game and can be rather fun for people who are bored

and prefer physical activity (or have had their phone die).

Multiple games have been played and the ones at Breakfast, Lunch, and occasionally Dinner, feature students of other Cities.

Nationalist Governor and Lieutenant Governor Campaign

Logan Johnson

On Tuesday May 26th our team was able to get an interview with the Governor candidate Hub Hogan and the Lieutenant Governor candidate Dylan Chavez for the Nationalist party to get an insight on their policies that they intend to focus on for their campaigns. The targets are education, healthcare, and prisons.

While speaking with these candidates, they expressed their displeasure with not necessarily the money being spent on education

but rather where it is being spent, they believe in observing our system to ensure that the money is spent less on administration and rather put into the students and the educators.

They plan to help in the field of healthcare by ensuring more hospitals being open to the public and having a better ambulance transportation system while hopefully having at least one fully staffed hospital in a respectful range that could

potentially save more people’s lives.

Finally they believe that the prison system has overprosecution and that many people are unfortunately misrepresented in courts via possibly unqualified Attorneys or Judges. They also believe in not restricting police rights and they believe that bodycams and dashcams should not be investigated privately but rather open to the public to view.

Probate Judges Step Into Action

Coleman Waldrop

During Boys State, cities combine to form counties, giving delegates the opportunity to run for a variety of county offices similar to those at the city and state levels. One of the

most important county positions is Probate Judge, an office open to delegates from any city within the county. The Probate Judge is responsible for presiding over county meetings,

overseeing county elections, and leading the county project team.

Bills Discussed at House Meeting

Jaiden Bloodworth

During a House of Representatives meeting, the Agricultural and Labor Departments elected a chairman and a secretary. Additionally, they discussed the issues affecting American farmers. One major topic was the import of cheaper Mexican beef, and in a unanimous decision, the department decided to support the placing of a tariff on Mexican beef imports to help protect American farmers and their businesses. Afterwards, a

delegate proposed that a bill be created to lower the age participation inside the House to 18 years old. The delegate has a few supporters of the bill and has estimated that it will be passed through the House and Senate by Thursday.

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