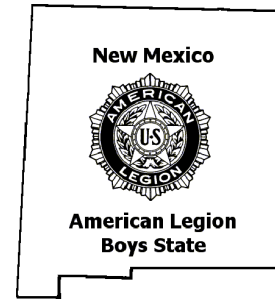


2010 New Mexico Boys' State



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State Election Results

Governor: Jordan Pruett (F)
 Lt. Governor.: Christian Olivan (F)
 Secretary of State: Joshua Puckett (F)
 State Auditor: Sebastian Flores (N)
 State Treasurer: Christopher Solis (F)
 Judge, Court of Appeals:
 Dillon Thomas (F)
 Chris Galemore (N)
 Jacob Walls (F)
 Attorney General: Joshua Aurand (N)
 Commissioner of Public Lands:
 Joel Ferguson (N)

Public Regulatory Commission:
 Nicholas Aragon (N)
 Morino Baca (F)
 Ryan Fresquez (N)
 Ramon Martinez (F)
 Jacob Crites (N)
 Justice of the Supreme Court:
 Mackenzie Follingstad (F)
 Brandon Cook (N)
 Freddie Romero (F)
 Justin Walker (F)
 Joel Dacus (N)

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Message from the Governor -Jordan Pruett

Lessons Learned

As we all have gone about our various activities this week, we have learned a lot. We've learned about the intricate workings of the city, county and state governments. We have learned what it takes to run a campaign, and we've gotten some practice with public speaking. We've learned that yelling your hearts out every day can leave you really hoarse. But one of the most important lessons we've learned is the importance of patriotism.

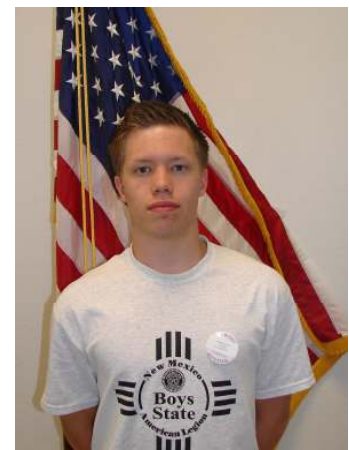
Every day we are able to respect our flag and see it get raised while listening to our country's national anthem. I remember that on day one I didn't really think too much about it, but after the speech by Michael Ye I was truly humbled and from that point onward I gave all due respect to the flag of my country.

Another lesson I learned is to appreciate the veterans of America's armed forces. Both of the

counselors in my city served for many years in the military and after seeing their devotion to their country and really getting to know them, I have developed a new higher sense of respect for American veterans. They are all selfless people that are determined to serve our country.

So although I am going to leave Boys' State with better leadership skills, a greater sense of American government, confidence in public speaking, and a hoarse voice, I will be leaving with something more as well. I will be leaving with a greater respect for America's flag. I will be leaving with a greater respect for American veterans. I am going to leave with a greater respect for America as a whole. I will be leaving New Mexico Boys' State with a greater sense of patriotism and I hope you will be too.

Thank you all,



ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Joel Dacus

Elections are now officially over as the state officials were sworn in during the banquet. The citizens of Armijo chose the path of unity and the results directly show that the citizens were not focused on political parties, but instead individual values. These values were directly expressed during "The Great Debate" and the citizens could hear what a candidate's platform was. The city of Armijo was able to gain more than seven positions and the excitement was visible in everybody's faces. People who experienced numerous defeats were finally able to put a win under their belts, and nonetheless a state job position.

A student interviewed described his experience stating "Losing numerous elections felt like my heart was being torn little by little, but once the sweet sound of getting elected on stage happens all the pain is replaced by immense excitement". Indeed excitement is what fuels this program, and it is needed by every participant elected official or not. During the banquet the epitome of what Boys' State represents was captured by newly elected Josh P. who was willing to walk on stage for his inauguration. I am left in amazement by this young man who defied all expectations and is willing to go the extra mile.



Public Land Commission

-Joel Ferguson

Dear Boys State Citizens and Public Officials,

As your State Public Lands Commissioner, I am proud to say that revenue is pouring in to the state treasury thanks to those who have purchased public land leases from the state. Over \$80,684,000 has been collected from only 9 lease purchases in the state, helping this boys state exponentially. The following is a record of all lease purchases so far.

The first lease sale was by the "Goon Squad" for 10,000 acres, or 15.6 sections, for \$20,000,000 for the purpose of expansion and community development in the DeCastro County on June 2nd.

The second lease sale was by Kyle Pack, who purchased 150 acres of land for \$300,000 for ranching and farming in the DeCastro County.

The third lease sale was by Isaac Hartman for 10 acres of land for \$20,000 for an orchard in DeCastro

County, followed by my fourth lease sale by Lawrence Guterrez of 12 acres of land for \$24,000 for a farm in DeCastro County.

The fifth lease sale was by Raphael Pacheco for 150 acres of land for \$300,000 for business land in the DeCastro County, after which Alex Thompson purchased 10,000 acres for Castillo for \$20,000,000 as an energy plant expansion in DeCastro County.

The seventh lease sale was by Joe Gardeto who also bought 10,000 acres, or 15.6 sections, for \$20,000,000 as an energy production site for Armijo in DeLeon County.

My eighth lease sale was by Corey Archibeque, who bought 20 acres for \$40,000 as a farm in DeCastro County.

Finally, my ninth lease sale was by Jack Brown for 10,000 acres or 15.625 sections at a price of

\$20,000,000 for hydroplant and windmill projects for the city of Castillo in DeCastro County.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone that has purchased land leases from the state. This money will go straight to the State Treasury in its full amount and will benefit every project that comes before the state. This includes new schools, new city buildings, and new projects, and will benefit every individual in the long run. If anyone has any questions or requests on purchasing leases or who has a land, mineral rights, or environmental issue that needs approving or advisement, please come see me in the Roundhouse Room or around the campus and I will be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Joel Ferguson
State Public Lands Commissioner

Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

James Walker

The Election for Governor and other state positions went well with the Federalist Party taking the State with Castillo's own Jordan Pruett as Governor of Boys' State 2010.

Along with victory comes controversy and problems.

Wednesday June 2nd, after election results were announced a very controversial event occurred.

A comment was made by the newly elected Lt. Governor that caused issues among the citizens of Boys' State.

When Senate and House opened into session Wednesday morning, there was talk over the morning's huge controversy.

Senate and House legislations unfortunately jumped to conclusions and drafted a resolution to impeach the Lt. Governor.

At approximately 10 pm on Wednesday night, Governor Pruett called Senate into a special meeting to sort through the political problem facing the Federalist Party.

"It was not only the comment that upset the Senate and House; it was also his unethical attitude towards both legislations. I believe emotions were running high between Legislations and the newly elected Lt. Governor, which is why this situation arose so hasty and thus becoming in excess of what is needed at Boys' State. I believe both the Lt. Governor and the Legislations were in the wrong," said Euginiu Prodan, Senate President Pro Temp



Trujillo

City of Integrity

County of DeLeon

Paul-Michael Wolf

Boy's State is one of the few unique learning experiences available to young men of caliber that offers nothing more than an opportunity; for what you might ask? The opportunity offered is that of a political experience as close as possible to the actual process as possible. Tonight, this Boy's State session has had an experience that will teach all those involved more than just political process, it will teach a life lesson, never assume: never jump without thinking and think that there will be no repercussions. Today, after a almost landslide victory for the Federalist Party in terms of sheer number of offices held, the Governor and Lt. Governor were announced. The Lt. Governor made a err. He publicly all but demanded "I would like an apology from the director to me and my opponent for not having our names on the ballot" for a simple clerical error. This comment caused a maelstrom of public backlash across party and geographic lines. After the announcements, the Senate and House were called back from recess and one of the first orders of business was discussion of what was said.

Senators called for impeachment, and when written and signed, it was realized that any impeachment legislation must begin in the House. The Senate then sent a representative down to the House to lobby for the impeachment of the Lt. Gov. When the representative reached the House; they were told that the House was writing an impeachment resolution already. Though the proper order took place, the legislator may have made an err as well in their reasoning; there must be a law broken in the use of his power, or misconduct with the use of over power (the use of the office to avoid legal or extraneous trouble). The conduct of the Lt. Gov. both during the announcement ceremony, as well as in the senate while presiding was nebulous in terms of legality issues. Tomorrow will show that while all make mistakes, especially in a learning environment that life has consequences for all those who misjudge the world around them and don't take the time to reflect or research a decision before making it. But that's a lesson we all must learn, just some more publicly than others.



After all official standing business had been taken care of; the political process stepped into high gear. Several

2010 BOYS' NATION SENATORS



Alternate
Joe Gardetto



Senators
Joel Dacus and Ezekiel Chavez



Alternate
Raphael Pacheco

Cortez

City of Hope

County of DeCastro

Raphael Pacheco

First the city of Cortez would like to congratulate Jordan Pruett on winning the office of Boys' State 2010 Governor. The city would also like to congratulate Christian Olivas on winning the office of Lt. Governor. Furthermore the city would like to congratulate our own members on winning a good number of elective offices. Way to keep the pride and hope of the Cortez Goon Squad!

At the banquet many members of the Goon Squad were recognized for multiple scholarships. Cortez's own Chip Dugger was awarded the most prestigious scholarship, the 2010 Samsung American Legion Scholarship which is valued at \$1,000. He is also a National Finalist for a scholarship also provided by Samsung. The 99 National Finalists selected all vie for the grand prize: a scholarship valued at \$20,000. Congrats to Chip and all other scholarship recipients especially those representing the Goon Squad and city of Cortez.

Everyone around you has something to give, a story to tell, and a life to share.

In other news Cortez has finally broken our streak of being dismissed third. After our Mayor defeated Armijo in a 2-1 game of rock, paper, scissors, the city of Hope was dismissed second for the inauguration banquet. However one thing Cortez knows that we won't settle for anything less than first place in the state basketball tournament. Goon Squad will come back with the first place trophy today!

There is only one full day left until the adjournment of the sixty-third session of Boys' State. As much as some hate to admit it, these long days have been extremely beneficial to all of the delegates. Remember to keep an open mind especially on this last full day of Boys' State.



