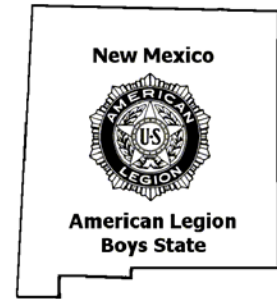


# 2014 New Mexico Boys' State



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## Leadership

*Mike Moya-Activities Director*

Edwin H. Friedman said "Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future".

Here at Boys State each of you are given an opportunity to define, clarify, and expand your vision as a leader in these United States.

When the soldiers of World War II returned home the lessons of war instilled in them the desire to insure the youth of America understood the responsibility that comes with living in a democracy. Apathy was the number one reason Adolf Hitler was able to gain control over a nation, personal gain was his priority. Apathy turned to fear and fear turned to atrocities. America is not immune to the threat of apathy. Living in this great country comes with responsibilities that include participating in the political process.

You are given the opportunity to hone the tools necessary to lead in this process and guide this country through its tenuous travels into the future. We need great leaders and given the fore-

sight of the men who began Boys' State we have the opportunity right here to be part of that process.



*"Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future"*

**ISAAC NEWTON** said "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulder of giants."

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NM Boys' State National Guard



# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Josue Damian-Martinez

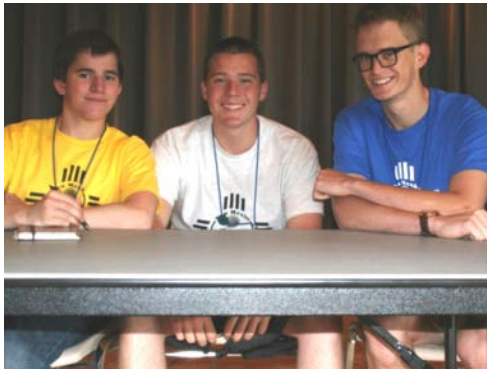
County elections were successful and the city of Armijo took many positions in the county elections. The county came together and addressed ten different issues with a few passed like illegal dumping and summer programs in the county.

Court cases were full of laughter but at least four were presented and completed.

The Senate and House of Representatives include many of our city members. In the Senate the legalization of marijuana was vetoed and in the House of Representatives a few bills such as gun regulation, following the NM boys state schedule, and police brutality were passed and will be passed on to the senate.

Later in the day the candidates for state office primary were elected and that same night the city was working.

Each individual made their campaign posters and a few members of our city worked on the "What America means to me" poster. The day went by quickly and the city looks forward to another day and who our state officials may be.



**SKYLER MURRAY**

**\* Supreme Court Justice \***

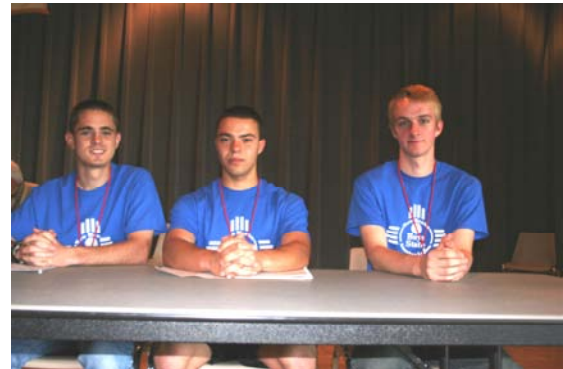
**\* Boys' Nation Senator \***

**SKYLER MURRAY**



**Tonight at 9:30pm**

**Take your energy drink, you are not going to want to miss this presentation!!**



# Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

Skyler Murray

Skyler Murray checking in for the county of DeCastro, in the city of Castillo. Today was a rather brief day in the government, but it was packed and brimming with activity. Some of the activities were very fun some more serious in nature, such as the basketball tournament as opposed to the flag building ceremony which was extremely serious in nature and also in attitude. We also held our Party State primaries which is exciting to witness the entire state to city governments come together to form a more perfect state. We are holding general elections tomorrow after the breakfast, which reminds me make time to thank the kind kitchen staff for their outstanding service and food. Today on the county level DeCastro started to debate ordinances for a few of our county's problems:

- ◆ DWI enforcement, some members from our

county don't know but most of the state does that while debating this ordinance the citizens were very involved and very much in support of this bill, and after a very heated debate, the bill was killed by the lack of a second on a motion to carry the bill till the next county meeting. After the bill was killed the county commissioner who stood in its way was heavily booed by the crowd.

- ◆ My small group has the very debatable subject of feral dog packs roaming our county.

I would just like to thank everyone involved in the flag building ceremony I learned so much through that presentation then I knew before about the flag and its life story.

But enough of the politics for one night, gentlemen

let's talk sports. Today was tipoff day in the basketball tournament, and the team I coach for and play on was a contender on our team there was the following men, Israel, Noah, Victor, Esteban and myself.

We are known as the Castillo C team, we played against the Armijo A team and lost 11 to 4, but I considered this a win on the team level by the amount of teamwork and willingness to learn by my teammates. Vote Skyler Murray for Supreme Court justice and Boy's nation delegate (if nominated.) this has been Skyler Murray until tomorrow goodbye.

# Trujillo

City of Integrity

## County of DeLeon

*Coleman Nelson*

Today was another day under the sun. The clouds were gone, the sun was shining and the tank was clean.

Writing these articles on a daily basis now, I have come to the conclusion that in order for the newsletter to get read, the articles need to be more relatable, so that will be my goal in this article.

Today was a battle between friends to get elected into county positions. In the county of DeLeon, there always seemed to be someone shaking your hand and asking for a vote, showing a petition sheet in your face or trying to

explain their platform completely built upon some extreme topic. The battle was well fought, but little did we know that county court sessions would become the even more intense trial.

Poor Luke Klaus. I do not think we will ever hear the end of his disappointment with his "rigged" trial. His singular trial lasted for a very long time, only for him to be found guilty. Other county trials pursued, mainly cases on texting in class, something DeLeon may gave a problem with. Hilarity insured, and we soon learned that Trujillo City's mayor, Douglas "Silent D" Brandt may have a thing for hamsters. Doug, what a guy, is running for state governor. Have you

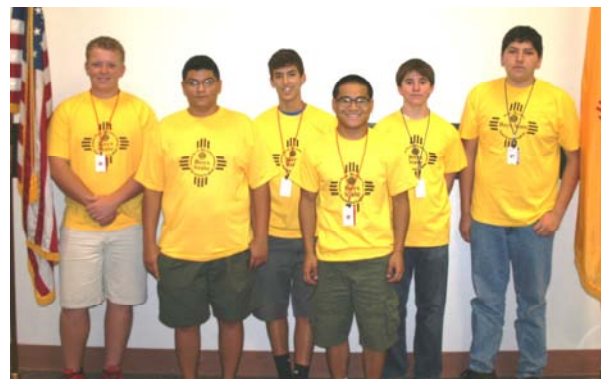
seen his cartoon going around with him drawn comically? The only question that remains, is how will he compare to his opponent Jet Murphy? Jet and Doug are the only two in the running for state governor, and both being from the City of Integrity, and both being previous Party Chairmen. Tomorrow's state election surely will be an election for the books, and you can expect an article about it tomorrow from yours truly.

On that note, stay hydrated, win a basketball tournament or two and enjoy the food.



**NMBS House**

Back Row: Danny Gray, Ros Gyallay-Pap, Dushan Gacanich (Pro Tem), Tanner Whittenberg, Derek Nunez  
 Front Row: Kendall Aguilar, Seth Wright, Jordan Dossey, Antonio Hicks, Nick Koerber



**NMBS Senate**

Haden Maloney, Jonathan Delgado, Nicholas Montano, Jared Antonio (Pro Tem), Jacob Holderman, Gabriel Partido

*You can't control your circumstances. What you CAN control is how you react to your circumstances and how you feel about yourself.*

*However you define success, the slight edge basically means doing the right thing at the right moment. That's where it all starts, and that often takes a lot of courage!*

# Cortez

City of Hope

## County of DeCastro

*Jacob Holderman*

All that has transpired in these past 3 days (or has it been 3 weeks?) seems to have been a lead up to the activities of this day, the culmination of county elections. Council proceedings now seem to simply have been lessons for teaching the rules of the House and the Senate, and petty court cases over untied shoelaces seem as if they were simple lead ups to cases on the district scale.

I'm sure nobody here, however, feels fully prepared for our newfound positions following the general election. No one fully expected while running to be faced with hour long debates over drug policy in the Senate, attempts to overrule the counselors with legislation in the House of Representatives, and rowdiness abundant in

our domiciles.

It is learning to be pushed out of our comfort zones, out of our individual nests so that we may fly high not only at Boy State, but also in our cities, counties, and O' Fair New Mexico. It is to this end we face and conquer the ridiculous, the unwieldy, and the harmful that spawn from our fellow statesmen and from ourselves. We face these tribulations of persuasion and self-questioning in order to better ourselves for the real challenges ahead; the challenges of life and civics.

Furthermore I would like to recognize those who allow us to fall from the nest only to fly. Junior Counselors, Senior Staff, Sojourners, and others that enable our molding will ultimately be re-

sponsible for the changes that occur in our lives as a result of this program. These men are the true forgers of our friendships, guiders of our officials, and supplier of our needs. As such they should be give our utmost respect as we journey through this week of politics and patriotism.

For those of you running in the state elections, to you brave souls I can only say; GO NA... I mean....Good Luck.



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