

Selections have been made for high school juniors who will represent local legion posts and auxiliaries at Cornhusker Boys and Girls State June 3-9 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state governments and draft bills.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders including Governor Dave Heineman and Supreme Court Chief Justice John M. Gerrard. National acclaimed motivational speaker JoAnn Owens-Nauslar is also scheduled to address the group.

Area Representatives

Grant Post #40



Jacob Sexson will represent Grant Post #40. He is a member of the Grant United Methodist Church. He is a participant in golf, honor roll, student council, FFA, basketball, cross country, speech, scholastics, National Honor Society, music at Perkins County High School. He plays baseball in the summer, and has been involved in soccer, Perkins County Youth Council, and has volunteered as a youth basketball coach. He is the son of Doug and Shari Sexson of rural Grant.



Also representing Grant Post #40 is Colton White, who attends Perkins County High School and is the son of Clint and Robin White. Colton is a participant in golf, honor roll, drama, FFA, basketball, speech, National Honor Society, football and music. He belongs to New Life Fellowship Church in Grant.

Auxiliary Unit #40



Lacey Jensen of Grant, daughter of Darren and Shannon Jensen, will represent the Auxiliary Unit #40.

She is active in FCCLA, honor roll, drama, student council, speech, scholastics, National Honor Society, music and cheerleading at Perkins County High School.

She is a member of the Grant United Methodist Church.

Auxiliary Unit #271



Representing the Auxiliary Unit #271 of Madrid is Jessi Hoffert, daughter of Dave and Janet Hoffert of the rural Madrid area.

A student at Perkins County High School, she participates as a class officer, in honor roll, FFA, basketball, cross country, scholastics, National Honor Society and track.

She is a member of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Grant.

Elsie Post #206

Mark Hanson has been chosen to represent the Elsie Post #206.



He is a member of the Grant Evangelical Free Church and is the son of Jim and Kelly Hanson of Elsie.

Mark has participated in honor roll, drama, FFA, cross country, scholastics, National Honor Society and wrestling at Perkins County High School.

Venango Post #270



Chosen by the Venango Post #270 is Caleb Breazeale of Grant. He is the son of Jim and Deanna Breazeale.

He attends the Grant United Methodist Church.

At Perkins County High School, Caleb participates in golf, FFA, basketball and scholastics. He also has been in 4-H and has played baseball.

Venango Unit #270



Callie Meyer has been selected by the Venango Auxiliary Unit #270 to attend girls state.

Callie is the daughter of Ryal Meyer and Christine Meyer.

She is a participant in volleyball, honor roll, drama, speech, scholastics, National Honor Society and music at Perkins County High School, and is a class officer.

She attends the Evangelical Free Church in Grant.

Unit #213, Wallace



Gini Phillips of Wallace will represent the Beck-Heath-Eisenhower Unit #213 in Wallace. Gini is the daughter of Joel and Mickey Phillips. She attends the Wallace United Methodist Church.

She is a class officer at Wallace High School, and has participated in FCCLA, honor roll, drama, student council, basketball, National Honor Society and music.

The Wallace girls are sponsored by two organizations—the American Legion Auxiliary and the Wallace Lions Club.



Also chosen by the Auxiliary Unit #213 is Anna Griffiths. She is the daughter of Rod and Kristi Griffiths of Wallace.

She attends St. Mary's Church in Wallace, and has participated in FCCLA, volleyball, honor roll, drama, student council, FFA, basketball, speech, track and music at school, has held a class office and has participated in 4-H and softball in the community. She has also volunteered in the community, picking up trash.

Post #213



Chosen to represent Post #213 in Wallace is Taylor Nielson, son of Jarrod and Kellee Nielson of Wallace.

Taylor has participated in FCCLA, honor roll, drama, 4-H, FFA, speech, scholastics, football and track at Wallace High School. He is a member of Wallace Community Church.