

Nine Perkins County and three Wallace youth will join nearly 400 other high school juniors from



across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Boys and Girls State, June 2-8 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus.

The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliaries is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate. Each boy is sponsored locally by an American Legion Post, and each girl sponsored by an auxiliary.

Boys and Girls State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each youth learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. 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 government 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 JoAnne Owens-Nauslar is also scheduled to address the group.

Shane Anders

Sponsored as a Boys State delegate by Wallace Post 213, Shane Anders is the son of Tonya and Royce Kennicutt. He is active in FCCLA, FFA, drama, 4-H, basketball, football, track, music and baseball.

Shane is also a class officer. He attends the Wallace United Methodist Church.



Rebecca Cornelius

Rebecca is the daughter of David and Robin Cornelius of Madrid, and is sponsored by Madrid's Auxiliary Unit 271. She has been a class officer at Perkins County High School, is on the honor roll and has participated in drama, 4-H, student council, FFA, basketball, cross country, speech, National Honor Society, track and music.

She is also a member of FCA and Perkins County Youth Council.

She attends Zion Lutheran Church in Grant.

Kylie Hanson

Delegate Kylie Hanson of Grant is the daughter of Scott and Jill Hanson, and attends Perkins County



High School where she is a participant in FCCLA, volleyball, speech, track, flag corps and yearbook. She is also on the honor roll.

She is being sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 40 in Grant

She is a member of the Grant Evangelical Free Church.

Timothy Johnson

Timothy was chosen as a delegate by Legion Post 40 in Grant. He is the son of Lori and Tim Johnson.

Timothy has participated in basketball, scholastics, National Honor Society and football at Perkins County High School, and is on the honor roll as well.

He has been active in Boy Scouts, Lutheran youth group, soccer, and has coached youth basketball



and officiated youth soccer.

Elizabeth Krajewski

Representing Venango's Auxiliary Unit 270 as a delegate is Elizabeth Krajewski, the daughter of Chuck and Linda Krajewski of Venango.

Elizabeth is involved in FCCLA, volleyball, drama, FFA, basketball, speech and music at Perkins County High School.

She is a 4-H member and attends church at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Grant.

Brady Mailand

The son of Steve and Kathy Mailand, Brady will represent the Legion Post of Venango as a delegate.



He is involved in drama, student council, FFA, basketball, cross country, speech, scholastics, National Honor Society, football, science club, mock trial and music at Perkins County High School. He is on the honor roll.

Other activities include involvement in the Perkins County Youth Council, 4-H and Lutheran youth group.

He belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church of rural Grant.

John Marquardt

Boys State delegate John Marquardt is sponsored by Wallace Legion Post 213. He is the son of Kelly



and Jennifer Marquardt.

John is involved in FCCLA, drama, 4-H, student council, FFA, basketball, speech, football, track, music and baseball.

John is an honor roll student and is a class officer. He attends the Wallace United Methodist Church.

Jaclyn Nelson

Jaclyn is chosen as the Girls State delegate from Wallace Auxiliary Unit 213. She is the daughter of Jodi and Conrad Nelson.

Jaclyn is involved in FCCLA, volleyball, drama, 4-H, softball, student council, FFA, basketball, speech, scouts, National Honor Society, track and music. She is also a class officer and



She attends the Western United Methodist Church
Alexis is currently a member of the Auxiliary Unit 279 of Vernal.



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Additional members of the Auxiliary Unit 279 of Vernal are:



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She is also involved in 4-H, and is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Grant.