

## **STATE SELECTIONS**

### **Legion picks five for state program**

Hancock American Legion Post 289 selected five Hancock Central School District students to attend weeklong American Legion state programs this summer.

Thomas Letosky and Owen Wormuth will represent Hancock at the American Legion Boys State, which runs June 24-29 at SUNY Morrisville State College.

Erin Evanitsky, Riley Ostrander and Katherine Smith were selected to participate in the Empire Girls State, set for July 1-7 at SUNY Brockport.

Letosky is the son of John and Linda Letosky of Hancock. Wormuth is the son of Bernard and Kara Wormuth of Hancock. The Boys State immerses high school students in citizenship and leadership training and teaches them practical aspects of government in New York State. They also will participate in physical fitness, teamwork and other activities under the guidance of American Legion counselors and the U.S. Marines.

Evanitsky is the daughter of Randy and Bridget Evanitsky of Lakewood, Pennsylvania. Ostrander is the daughter of Eric and Tracie Ostrander of Hancock. Smith is the daughter of Jay and Rebecca Smith of Hancock. Girls State is a hands-on leadership program teaching patriotism and American government at the county and state levels. This program, accredited by the National College Credit Recommendation Service, is a non-partisan attempt to teach high school junior girls about government, politics and Americanism.

For more information on the state programs, visit the websites <https://nylegion.net/boys-state/> and <http://www.empiregirlsstate.org/>