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The Ironwood Ice pickers and the Frozen Fortress

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Ironwood City Reporter

Apprehensiveness and excitement would be the two words to describe the new residents of Ironwood City. Promptly after checking in and getting out of the hot lines on Sunday, the newly introduced citizens from Ironwood City were full of anticipation for the long week ahead, yet ecstatic about the once of a life time opportunity and friends they would make.

Soon after the arrival of all of the city, the residents had an opportunity to meet

their new roommates and begin to meet new people. Despite the common first insecurities of living on a college campus and meeting strangers for an entire week, everybody had a thrilling time getting to know one another's names and sharing hobbies.

Not long after the arrival, the first city meeting of Ironwood was held where the immediate pride and spirit were unleashed. Even though every girl was from a different part of the state, unity and patriotism for the great city of Ironwood was exposed. Quickly following, the creative flare from some of the citizens were heard,

with the idea to transform the city of Ironwood into a Frozen Fortress.

Modeled after the popular movie Frozen, the new Ironwood Icepickers began to brainstorm shops for their city, some of what include, Airedale's Boutique, Oaken's Trading Post and Olaf Buck's.

The beginning day at Girls State in the frozen city of Ironwood kicked off to a great start, and will continue throughout the week with the incredible spirit and eagerness of each citizen.

Thoughts for the day!

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Senators Visit Girls State

LibbyCraig
Mimosa City Reporter

After a satisfying lunch of salad and pizza, the citizens of Girls State were treated to two guest speakers who had recently attended Girls State. They are returning to speak about their trip to Washington D.C. for Girls Nation.

The young Ruth Hicks and Catrina Leterman both spoke highly of their experiences at Girls Nation. They also stated that

they have since become more comfortable with public speaking and gained many new friends just as the girls here are doing.

Ruth explained that in one's life things can be divided into two categories: Things they know, and things they don't. At the ages of 16 and 17, she described these classifications as lopsided.

She explained that as she traveled to D.C. for Girls Nation, she knew the facts and the events that were to occur throughout the week. However, the impact that those

events had on her was a complete mystery until the moment the event had taken place. Ruth explained that she had never before thought that a picture in a museum could provoke such vivid emotions and many tears until she gazed up on and found her self lost to emotion.

It was obvious that Ruth and Catrina enjoyed their time and that it had a very emotional and positive impact on their lives. Both agreed that they would give Girls Nation "10 out of 10 stars."

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Honoring tradition, country, and blood

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 Palo Verde City Reporters

The city of Palo Verde has already begun to mourn the departure of Fallon Bowes, who will be leaving our ranks on Friday. Bowes, a Phoenix resident and a student of Greenway High School, has been honored with the opportunity to attend Summer Seminar, a weeklong program at the United States Naval Academy. Hosted in Annapolis, Maryland, Summer Seminar has a combined focus of physical fitness, academic excellence, and national service.

For many of the students applying to one of the three sessions of Summer Seminar, the strenuous process of having their class rank, SAT scores, and individual merit examined is daunting. For Bowes, however, becoming a member of the U.S. Navy is more than an aspiration; it is a family tradition. Bowes' father and mother have served in the armed forces; 27 and 22 years respectively. Service, especially to her country, seems to be part of Fallon's genetic makeup.

Owing to her upbringing in a naval family, it was natural for Fallon to join her school's chapter of ROTC her freshman

year. Owing to the initiative and ingenuity innate in Palo Verde citizens, Fallon rose to become the commanding officer of her ROTC chapter. Bowes is not only invested in ROTC but also in NHS, Link Crew, and drum line where she serves as a leader.

When asked if she has any fears regarding her impending journey and new experience, Fallon replies with a smile and a simple "No." Fallon Bowes is, undoubtedly, an upstanding citizen of Girls State and her country. Palo Verde is proud to claim her as one of their own.

Mesquite Mayor and Couslemen elections

Dominique Williams
 Mesquite City Reporter

From the first moment you walked into the door I'm sure you had many ideas of what you would run for. However, throughout the city hall meetings many of you volunteered to take on positions other than the ones originally thought of when entering the campus.

For example, Mayor, Governor or maybe even County Sheriff. As interesting...and fun as all these positions are within our Girls State cities and counties only few can fill the positions. As of this evening the position of Mayor will be announced for the cities.

Once positions are filled for Mayor, people who filled the positions may have the opportunity to go to Girls Nation This afternoon fellow Mesquite citizens, Hayley Gorman a part of the Nationalist party was voted Mayor of Mesquite.

Moreover, Arianna Contreras, Samantha Johnston and Audrey Schenk of the Federal party were selected to be the new city counselors and on the Nationalist party Brianna Junes.

This afternoon at around 1pm in the student union, Senator Ruth Hicks and Catrina Letterman talked about how Girls Nation not only provided them fun and new opportunities in Washington but also the fun encounters they had with the president. As the new Mayor and Counselmen the Girls State newspaper wishes you the best on your work for improving your city.

Days of Girls State

Malory Jenkins
 Saguario City Reporter

What a successful Monday for the girls of the beautiful city of Saguario! Along with electing three wonderful women from each party, the city of Saguario successfully chose a city theme, the most creative theme in existence, at that. Drum roll please..... our theme is Social Saguaros!

Every door is designed based off social media apps, and they may even look better than the apps themselves. When I asked Caroline Taylor of Saguario City what she thought of the theme, she stated, "The theme was easy for us to be really creative with our artistic ability and helped us show our personalities."

Today was hot, but what's new right? I'm sure we all got a little sweaty and a little smelly, but still had fun right? The pizza was better than anything I could ever make that's for sure.

Now for another drum roll..... June 2nd, 2014 marks our first official day of Girl's State! When asked how her first day of Girls State was, Rylee Flowers from, surprise surprise, Saguario City said "The first day was exciting and exhausting but it was cool meeting all of the new girls so fast." The rest of the week can only get better from here.

Beginning of Forever

CarmenDeLaCruz
Manzanita City Reporter

Sunday, June 1st, 2014 marked the beginning of lifelong memories for the current three hundred occupants of the Likins building on the University of Arizona campus. It marked the time of when young women from all over the Grand Canyon state came together for the same reason: to assure the success of their futures. Where we ladies are now is where our ambition and passion has taken us. Thanks to these traits, we will all have numerous stories to tell on our return, and new dreams to fulfill!

The American Legion Auxiliary has given all of the girls everything we need to have a successful and growth-filled week while present at this memorable event. We all have the resources, tools and advice available twenty-four seven. Now, it is up to us to want to be here from all of the diverse, advanced and dedicated group of girls. It is the time to project what is leadership, enthusiasm, and humility.

This week is about growth. It is about the growth of ourselves as an individual, and the growth of ourselves as groups. Be a leader. Run for office. Here, everyone is the same; everyone is here for the same reasons as you. Do not be intimidated!

Girls State is going to be a wonderful an unforgettable experience. We are all thankful for everything we have had since our arrival to ensure our happiness. We are thankful for our Junior Counselors, guest speakers, and the entire staff! We will show our thanks this week by collaborating with our cities, countries and parties and not complaining about the weather!

On behalf of Manzanita, thank you to everyone who is placing their valuable time and love into this program. And thank you to the 300 ladies who we have by our side.

Eternal Winter Takes Hold Of Girls State

TaylorLambrigger
Ocotillo City Reporter

Though the heat outside of Likins hall has climbed to 110 degrees, the citizens of Ironwood and Ocotillo are staying cool, or more accurately, frozen. Following the pop culture phenomenon, the Ocotillo Olafs and Ironwood icepickers fight for frozen supremacy in the state.

“We have an Ana and an Elsa in our city,” commented

Anarosa Huicochea, citizen of Ocotillo, “we were inspired.” Regardless of inspiration, Olaf heads, snowflakes, and ice are displayed door to door throughout the third floor, instilling a sense of cold in an ever heating campus.

With the popular theme, it begs the question of what girls state citizens prefer: ice or warm hugs?

A Day In Cholla

JessicaTanner
Cholla City Reporter

Yesterday in Cholla City, as in cities across Girls State, elections were held to determine who among 25 qualified citizens would fill vital roles in local government. As to be expected, this was a close race. Both Federalists and Nationalists representatives campaigned for positions of influence in the city.

After a long, tense recess the votes were counted and the results were in. It was determined that the Cholla City Mayor is Nationalist Amanda Corona. Her council is made up of Autumn Minarchin (N), Alexis Akinbinu (N), Diana Quintera (N), and Cassidy Conley (F).

With the votes concluded, the City of Cholla is left

with a glaring question, with a representative body comprised almost entirely of Nationalists, will Federalists become the new silent minority?

When approached the newly elected committee-men Minarchin and Quintera regarding this matter, they responded with a prediction that Cholla legislative, despite being Nationalist strong, would still make every effort to answer to the concerns of both parties.

Minarchin in particular observed that despite obvious differences between the two parties, the two still share stances on many important issues which she and the rest of the new representative body, will look to solve in the coming future.

Greetings from Saguaro City!

KellyRice
Saguaro City Reporter

As Mayoral elections come to a close, Saguaro city citizens are busy decorating and bonding. It's truly amazing that we have only been together in our cities for two days, and are already a family of 25 sisters (including Miss Solis).

Even when asked to describe our bond,

Brittney and Kylie shout and sing, “We are family,” in true sister sledge fashion. We call our selves the Social Saguaro and we bond over the silliest things like who gets to hold the powerful Saguaro stick and by sharing stories of how we got a scar.

It's easy to see why we were told that lifetime bonds are formed here at Girls State. When things get sweaty or seem to

push someone out of their comfort zone, our new friends are always there, and suddenly we are able to do something we never thought we could.

From watching our Mayor eat her first chinichanga, to sharing boy troubles, to talking into the night with our room-mates, we became closer. With out new families all things are possible and the world is ours.

The Heat, Stairs, and Struggle

SamanthaMatta
Ocotillo City Reporter

Delegates came into the week with so many questions, from what to pack to what in the world we were going to be doing in this mythical state. But no one was anticipating the physical and mental stress of the arduous trek from the displaced dorm rooms to the distant dining hall in the scorching heat.

Now, writing this while sitting in an air conditioned room, it seems like an exaggeration. But in the moment, it is truly exasperating and draining. When asked about this physically and mentally demanding journey, Girls

State delegate Theresa Lobato of Ocotillo said, 'By the end of the day, you start to feel exhausted and you can feel your skin burn.'

You're not alone Theresa. All 299 other delegates suffer the same agony. How can one possibly prepare themselves to overcome this struggle? As city advisor of Ocotillo Mrs. Scott strongly suggests, always carry a full water bottle and stay hydrated. Ditch the stylish shoes and bring along your trusty pair of sneakers. And remember, you're only here for one week. Meet someone new on each journey who can help ease the pain. Make this trip worthwhile, because you girls sure are!

Building A City

AlexisAkinbinu
Cholla City Reporter

Over in the Supai county, the Cholla city girls have been working hard on their city doors! After long deliberating the girls agreed on the theme of Dr. Suess stories, with each door dedicated to one story. This original idea centers around pops of color, and extraordinary titles! Hoping to wow the judges the girls are putting in more effort than ever tying in their creativity skills!

Each story is being tied together with a store or business. For instance the girls have come up with the a Who Zoo, sleep emporium, fox in the socks sock shop and many more coinciding with Dr. Suess.

The Cholla ladies have their fingers crossed and are aiming high with their hall decorations.

Not only are the girls being productive but they are creating bonding time while putting together their crafts. They've been conversing about their summer plans after this week, excitement for senior year and past high school experiences.

They also got the chance to make connections on why or how they came to girls state. "It was reassuring hearing how the other girls were nervous and excited for the week everyone has been anticipating" revealed Alyesia Shields.

The girls are curious for the upcoming events throughout this week and are hopeful for what they will gain!

Beginning Girls State

HayleyGorman
Mesquite City Reporter

On Jun. 1, 2014 girls from Arizona began their adventure for Girls State at the University of Arizona. On that day, the girls met their roommate and the other girls in her city.

"I was scared I was going to have a roommate that was nothing like me. However, we [Natasha Fedor and I] share the same bond for food," said Serena Mains.

At Girls State, every girl is assigned to a different city. In the city girls can run for Precinct Committeeman, Mayor, Councilman, and then be appointed to numerous positions by the Mayor and Council.

"I think everyone's friendly. I loved meeting girls that are driven just like me," said Brianne Jones.

Each city is assigned to a city advisor. In Mesquite City, the city advisor is Sue Faubion. Faubion has been an advisor for

eight years in Oregon and this is her first time being an advisor in Arizona.

"I've been the Girls State chairman for 12 years. I love getting involved with the girls," said Faubion. "I realized if we didn't do this, there would be no opportunities like this for these girls. I'm very proud of the girls. Girls State is my passion."

As of Monday night, the Precinct Committeeman, Mayor, and Councilman were all elected in each city.

Piñon Panthers Take Floor 200

ErinKong & HannahKemp
Pinon City Reporters

Welcome to the jungle, aka Floor 200, where Piñon Panthers plan on clawing their way to victory. Vivaciously decorating doors with strenuous effort, each Panther is dedicating her utmost time towards transforming the U of A second floor hallway into an insurmountable demonstration of hard work and passion.

Beyond working on their own displays of pride, Piñon Panthers are creating gifts for their sister city, Yucca--paw prints for each city member emblazoned with a piece of candy.

The Panthers are dedicated to strong interpersonal relationships, perseverance, and friendship between cities. They hope to make the best of their Girls State experience.

Flying with the Mimosa Monarchs

CelestBaginski
Mimosa City Reporter

Mimosa city has come up with a unique emblem, the Monarchs! They began to draw and cut out Monarch butterflies to hang on the walls and door of their dorms. The Mimosa citizens are a very creative

group of girls!

Not only did they make butterflies they cut out flowers, grass and other things that you would find in nature. The Mimosa Monarchs are flying to success.