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Ironwood Leads Nationalist Party

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Ironwood Reporters

In a competitive and tense election between six delegates attending Girls State '07, an Ironwood lady prevailed.

Ironwood's very own Susie Eckman received the honor of Nationalist Party Chairman yesterday morning. Susie will lead the Nationalist Party with her outstanding leadership qualities and congenial personality.

She will work with the Nationalist Party

to pass their legislative ideas, as well as lead each regular meeting at which the Precinct Committeemen will discuss and vote on issues.

In an attempt to better understand Miss Eckman's thoughts and ideas, she gave us a short interview.

Q: Why did you want to be a committee chairman?

A: I ran for the Nationalist Party Chairman because I knew that if elected, I could utilize my networking and communication skills to combine members ideas in order to achieve success within the party.

Q: What are your goals as Nationalist Party Chairman?

A: As Nationalist Party Chairman, I look forward to instilling a sense of pride and enthusiasm within the party that will demonstrate to the Girls State citizens the function of political parties.

Susie Eckman is one of two girls out of hundreds that can truly say they retain a party chairman seat. Thus, all of her fellow 'Ice Queens' want her to know that they are proud of her. We congratulate her immensely on her amazing achievement!

Go Ironwood!



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OPEN HOUSE



Mimosa Magicians Make Magic

Jamie Novotny & Amy Renteria

Mimosa Reporters

Everyone has seen those Manzanita City citizens frolicking around campus with those prestigious, moderately sized, sticker stars displayed proudly on their name tags. Well, don't get too comfortable Manzanita—the Mimosa Magicians have cast a spell on Coronado Hall and they are going to be named Capital City by the end of this week! After all, what complements stars better than the ever-powerful magician? They've got the passion, motivation and

Girls State spirit that can only be conjured up by the most powerful magicians of our time.

Individually gifted wizards have gathered in one location to take on the tedious role of "sticker seekers." Mimosa City in Paiute County. The heart of Mimosa lies within its citizens and is united by Mayor Tanya Anderete. In a mere twenty-four hours, this city has already been magically bonded and continuously contributes to magically mold The Mimosa Magicians, (as you can tell by strolling down our enchanted hallway) into a city worth reckoning with. Led by its mayor Mimosa

strives to be the Capital City while optimistically representing the county of Paiute. (Go Paiute!)

But don't let the delusion of illusion fool you—the "razzle dazzle" that Mimosa portrays comes from the spirit within—not just the chanting and the yelling and the construction paper. However, you will be sure to hear us, loud and clear as we cheer ourselves on and our sister city Pinon all week! You will also be sure to hear our ideas because the Mimosa Magicians have got the magic to make it happen—so watch the sparks fly!

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Fast Times in Cholla

Lauren Murphy & Kara Peirce

Cholla Reporters

A lot happened yesterday in the thriving metropolitan area of Cholla. The ‘Choo-Choos’ have officially come to power. Speeches were made and posters were hung with frenzied passion before our Primary Elections.

In the long run, Jacquelyn Gudewich came out first in the race for office of Mayor. Jacquelyn was sworn in as Cholla’s sixtieth Mayor.

Her councilmen are Lauren Murphy, Sindhu Pandurangi, Kathryn Cunningham and Itzel Carreon.

When asked about how she felt on her new position as Mayor, Jacquelin “Joan” Gudewich stated that she felt “honored” and “anticipated the many accomplishments of the city of Cholla”.

After the offices were appointed, the city got busy brainstorming ideas for resolutions, ordinances and handing out assignments.

Another significant event that happened on this lovely day was the accomplishment of door decorating. The majority of the doors are now decorated.

A few of these businesses include a love potion shop, private investigation business, magic shop, and a jail. So far, everything seems to be running smoothly.

A Cholla citizen was quoted as saying “Girls State seemed overwhelming at first, but now it is much more understandable.”

A Big Welcome From The Ladies in Juniper

Sara Ahmed & Lorena Valle

Juniper Reporters

Hey girls, WELCOME to the 60th Annual Girls State. This week will be filled with fun and exciting experiences that will educate us and make us leaders of tomorrow.

As we make new alliances and friendships with others we should also develop loyal bonds within our individual cities.

Juniper is off to a great start...they have already begun to establish many city buildings within their dormitories. The recreational center, museum and barber shop are only a few of the developing buildings that Juniper has to offer.

In addition, Juniper has a special shout out to its newly elected Mayor, Nicole Kimpton. Together, with her leadership, Juniper has created the basis of a diverse group who have a vision of making the world a better place in the near future.

In order to fulfill everyone’s needs during this week at Girls State remember to:

- Call home if you get homesick
- Write letters to keep in touch
- Stop at Togs N’ Treats for souvenirs
- And remember to be spirited, motivated and well behaved.

Above all have fun, keep a smile on, make friends, and remember the sky’s the limit.

Saguaro...The city of Talent!

Rainey Walker
& Margaret Goldberg

Saguaro Reporters

Let’s get our voices loud and our dancin’ shoes on! Yes, that’s right, the official Girls State Talent Show begins at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday the 7th.

Five brave girls, from the immensely driven city of Saguaro, signed up for the talent show on Monday.

Sarah Hinton of Glendale has entered herself into the show to demonstrate how quickly she can solve a scrambled Rubik’s Cube. Amazingly, Sarah’s brother taught her the tricks of the trade when she was a mere twelve years old!

Sara Cronin from Tucson, a dancer since the age of seven, has decided to freestyle her way into the show with hopes of “not tripping”!

Now speaking of Sara(h)s, Sara Call from Wilcox says she is “passionate about conveying [her] thoughts through composition”, and with that, she has brought to Girls State her guitar and her God given vocals. After playing the guitar for four years, we are all confident that

Call will do great!

As we approach the end of our list, Natali Alcalá-Moreno is one of our more unique contributors. Natali, who is from Tucson, will be performing a form of poetry called Slam Poetry. Natali has decided to show us her passion for “intense verbal expression” and her dislike for “monotone speeches”. Nearly all of us can appreciate an interesting poetry session, as her style is sure to keep us wide awake and intense.

Lastly, our very own Cynthia Lee from Tucson has signed up for the talent show in an attempt to demonstrate her majestic pianist skills. Since she was four, Cynthia has obtained many awards, including a second place position in the Tucson Music Teachers Association competition. After high school, she has plans to minor in music with her piano at her fingertips. Unfortunately she was informed that there is no piano available. Any ideas?

All five of these girls are wonderful representations of what it takes to be a star! They have shone at Girls State and will continue to shine with support from you. So remember their names; you’ll be sure to remember their attributes!

City Cheers Inspire Competition and Bonds Between Citizens

KelseyRader

Pinon Reporter

Mere hours after first meeting one another, the new citizens of Girls State gathered together at their first general assembly. During the assembly they flaunted their city spirit with their own city cheers.

Every city carried enough enthusiasm to rival a Homecoming Pep Rally. Each city's cheer was not only creative and exciting but a challenge to other cities to step up.

Undoubtedly the pressure for a great cheer is on and the great

city of Pinon is ready to answer that call.

Cheers such as "Bring It On" style step dances and "Ironman" influenced songs have raised the bar of competition.

Never the less, Pinon is confident in their success with their own cheer versions of Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back" and "Old McDonald had a Farm".

Aside from the competition aspect to the city cheers, the cheers truly represent the outstanding spirit and bonds the citizens of Girls State have already formed.



Monday's Lunch Special?

TaylorHolland
& HeatherDeWitt

Yucca Reporters

The city of Yucca was fortunate enough to dine with Governor Emily Fritze, Secretary of State Triza Brion, Senator Lu Wang, and Senator Arthi Satyanarayan.

Our city was fortunate enough to interview each lady and gathered valuable political and life altering information.

Senator Satyanarayan spoke of the vitality of being charismatic, honest and committed. Sentaor Wang emphasized the importance of not looking to change yourself.

Secretary of State Brion

led an educational discussion in which she explained a Secretary of State has many duties such as sealing important documents and giving benediction.

In addition, Governor Fritze passed on her valuable knowledge of speaking to someone, not for five minutes but for ten minutes, when campaigning. Let the person get to know you and you know them. Did we mention that she is a huge Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean fan?

Yucca's citizens were extremely honored to have these experienced ladies in their company as they chit-chatted and feasted on pizza.

Thank you from Yucca City!



Manzanita Monarch's Learn To Grow Together

YuryWagner

Manzanita Reporter

Just yesterday, Manzanita citizens attempted to show off their patriotism by decorating their city pole with stars, ribbons, and bows. However, the girls were misinformed, they were asked to remove all adornments from the pole. You see it is prohibited to decorate your city's pole. It's ok though! It never hurts to try! Right?

Next, the citizens set to work on an additional project.

Making gifts for their sister city that they would meet later that night. They drew butterflies and cut them out of construction paper. They used these to create pins so that their sister city, Palo Verde, could represent them with pride.

The butterflies had been decorated on a unanimous vote by the Manzanita "Monarch" citizens. They decided that the butterfly would be a perfect symbolic representation of how they will "grow" into responsible members of their community. Go Monarchs!



Monarch's Form Lifelong Friendships

Alyssa Wagner

Manzanita Reporter

Our week here at Girls State may have only just begun, but life long friendships have already been formed. This is especially true in the Capitol City of Manzanita.

Mere minutes into Girls State, our ladies formed the Hangout Room and the halls were filled with music and laughter forming developing friendships.

Loved ones such as parents, siblings, and boyfriends have all gone home, not to be seen for a whole week. And yet, the women of Manzanita are coping with this very well!

This is going to be such an exciting, whirlwind week, and the girls of the Capitol City are ready to take on that challenge with full force.

The Viking Diaries

Dezirae Archuleta
& Courtney Noble

Palo Verde Reporters

Life would be boring without new people and new experiences, but fortunately that is what camp is all about.

The thrill of walking into your luxurious dorm room and getting acquainted with your awesome new roomy is definitely better than sitting at home watching O.C reruns.

The ladies of Palo Verde are already a close knit family who have shared plenty of laughs in the last day and a half.

Brainstorming Viking chants,

coming up with a seal, decorating doors, and electing mayor and other offices are things they have been keeping busy with. But this is just the beginning. All of the girls are beyond excited about all of the activities to come.

Many of the same things have probably taken place in the other cities as well, but we are sure that by now it has become apparent that each group has its own energy. Energy created by the different personalities of all the great girls involved in the program this week.

Whether you belong to spirited Yucca, or the capital city, Manzanita, this week promises to be anything but dull.



The Motivation Of A Mascot

Erika Parks & Kathryn Boghton

Ocotillo Reporters

Taking full advantage of the recreation time was first and foremost for the city of Ocotillo. The citizens began decorating their city as soon as was possible.

They also made it a point to get their mascot up and going. The Ocotillo Ouchies are represented by the charismatic band-aid "Oscar the Ouchie". Oscar is dedicated to "healing the world one boo-boo at a time."

"I think that 'Oscar the Ouchie' is going to be a very successful band-aid in helping to heal not only the city of Ocotillo but every city in every county in the state," says Lindsey Stevens, Ocotillo City Clerk.

"I'm stuck on the ouchi brand because Ocotillo is stuck on me!" can be heard all throughout the city of Ocotillo.

Citizens have spent the last two days creating various cheers and forming friendships that are sure to last beyond this week of Girls State!

**REMEMBER
TO DRINK
LOTS OF WATER!!**