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PRO HYDRATION:

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Cholla City Reporter

Girls have been dropping left and right from the intense heat here in Tucson. The ladies now realize how important it is to stay hydrated, water is KEY! Many of the girls are pushing through and moving forward but some are having a hard time keeping up. This is known to be the hottest year of Girls State, and has led to one too many girls having to leave from being ill. The Cholla girls received some devastating news, their Mayor Amanda Corona, had to make a visit to the nurse last night, and was sad to announce that she would be going home. She fought for as long as she could and really did stay strong but she couldn't continue

to risk her health. Nonetheless, the Cholla girls are going to carry on stronger than ever, and make their Mayor proud! "Small but mighty", shouts sunshine Sanchez with pride!

So girls here are some tips to survive through the last few days:

- Stay hydrated! Get your body weight, divide by two, and that is how many ounces of water you should drink.

- Don't forget to keep your body filled with electrolytes, fill your body with a one-to-one ratio of sugar & water.

- Snack during free time, keep a healthy balance in between lunch & dinner.

- Don't forget to visit the Togs & Treats store that is filled with low priced drinks & snacks!

Good luck girls and enjoy the last few days here at girls state!



Thank You!

BreannaCarpenter & EmilyHeinz
Sycamore City Reporters

"The two most important words in the English language are Thank You!" That was a piece of advice that we took away from the veterans who visited us from the Joe Foss Institute. Their visit today truly inspired each and every one of us.

Mr. Melkin and Mr. Anderson both told us stories that really made us think, but their simple piece of advice about consistently saying "Thank you" really touched our hearts. We often take for granted and forget what others do for us.

Our parents, teachers, friends, families and mentors all work had to make sure that we as students and ladies succeed in all that we do. They are our support system and are our biggest motivators. They push us to do our best and truly believe in us.

They provide for us physically, mentally, emotionally and financially. So, the next time you see someone of your support system, thank them.

Halfway There!

CarmenDeLaCruz
Manzanita City Reporter

Wednesday, June 4th, 2014 marked the halfway point of Girls State 2014. Take a moment, reader, and congratulate yourself for all of the effort you have put into this program and for making it this far! Woo!!

Halfway through also means we are halfway towards going back home. Come Saturday, all estimated three hundred girls will pack up their belongings and go back to where they are from in Arizona. Although that time will be sad for many, take the remaining time and embrace it! Keep on meeting new people and make new friends! Do not be afraid! And most importantly, have fun whilst doing so!

Here in Manzanita City we are currently planning our city's book, and let me tell you, it will be great! We are sure every other city's book will be spectacular as well! Everyone on campus is for sure having fun.

Ladies, we have less than three days until we leave and say, "to heck with all of these girls", so make the most of it!!

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The week in rewind

Hayley Gorman
 Mesquite City Reporter

It's election time here at Girls State. After the city elections on Monday, June 2, it was time for county and state elections.

On Tuesday, June 3, the girls broke up into their counties. After lunch, they picked up their nomination papers and then started collecting signatures. Once that was over, the girls broke up into their party caucus.

On the night of Tuesday, June 3, there was great opportunity for people running for office to meet the candidates. It was a great opportunity to meet new people and why they wanted to run for this office. Some girls passed out cute, miniature signs to make sure people remembered their name.

On Wednesday, June 4, the counties went to their County Courthouses and picked up sample ballots for primary election. Each girl had the opportunity to come up and introduce herself and her ballot number. Then it was time to head back to the cities to cast votes for the county and state primary elections. Mesquite was the first city to turn in their ballots and received a delicious treat.

Late on Wednesday the primary election results were announced. Then it was time to hear the speeches for each of the candidates. To finish the night out strong there were the whistle stop campaigns for the candidates running for Governor and Secretary of State. Afterwards, the girls returned to their city to vote for state and county positions.

Girls State Talent Show 2014

Emcees:

Jennalee Beazley & Grace Knox - Ironwood

Not In Performance Order

1. Maryn Hooper (Sycamore)
Singing "No One"
 2. Rhiannon Watkins (Pinon)
Monologue from A Midsummer Nights Dream
 3. Addie Fairley (Juniper)
Sign Language song "Skin" by Rascall Flats
 4. Shaked Aricha-Levi (Manzanita)
Singing a Hebrew song "Light of My Life"
 5. Ashley Flibbert (Ironwood)
Dancing to "Human" by Christina Perri
 6. Brianna Antram (Sycamore)
Singing & Mandolin "You Are My Sunshine"
 7. Sunshine Sanchez (Cholla)
Dancing to "Don't Wanna Go Home"
 8. Erin Kong (Pinon)
Signing "On My Own"
 9. Margaret Schultz (Pinon)
Playing Oboe 1st Movement of 6th Metamorphosis by Benjamin Britten
 10. Zoe Gustason (Ocotillo)
Poem "Freedom"
 11. Cecile Kim (Juniper)
Singing & Ukelele "I Will follow You into the Dark"
 12. Sarah Nguyen & Arianna Lew (Ironwood)
Dancing "Neon Lights" Demi Lovato
 13. Chloe Rutledge (Ironwood)
Singing & Ukelele "Best Day of My Life"
 14. Caroline Taylor (Saguaro)
Playing flute to "Berceuse"
 15. Stephanie DeNio (Pinon)
Danign to "Latch" Disclosure
 16. Amanda Becker (Palo Verde)
Playing Guitar "Let It Go"
 17. Jaci Lines (Yucca)
Singing "Who I Am"
 18. Eden Rivera (Mimosa)
Dancing to "Summer" by Calvin Harris
 19. Emily Perea (Juniper)
Singing A capella "Hallelujah"
 20. Alena Ohumukini (Palo Verde)
Beat Box Performance
 21. Aubrey Dodge (Ocotillo)
Baton Routine "Clockwork" by Lindsay Sterling
 22. Julia Garringer (Juniper)
Singing "Before He Cheats"
 23. Riley Allen (Saguaro)
Flipping Sticks "Polished Girl" by Neon Indian
 24. Sydney Allen (Saguaro)
Singing "Beautiful"
- ***Specail Presentation***

Spotlight: Who are these Nationalists anyway?

KellyRice
Saguaro City Reporter

The Nationalist party is more than just salsa and a cute logo. They fight for the rights of all Girls State citizens, regardless of party affiliation. Nationalists believe in the sanctity of independence. Citizens should be left alone as much as possible, and the power of the government should

be left to the digression of the citizens.

When watching the Nationalist party convention, Aliana Ruiz described the rally as an “inspiring and patriotic experience.” Party members seemed truly entranced with the speech of their party leader, Elana. In her speech, she described a realistic and humble platform that centered around the common Girls State citizens needs.

Though firmly rooted within their

values, Nationalists seem congenial with the Federalists, and open to their ideas. Nationalists are encouraged to keep perceptive minds and embrace opinions of Federalists. It seems this year’s Nationalist party is making a whole hearted effort to reach across the aisle. With enthusiastic participants, it seems the Nationalists are putting the dramatics aside to fully embrace the ideas of the masses.



Who are the Palo Verde Patriettes?

MargaretTucker
Palo Verde City Reporter

Every Girls State city has a theme. Whether it is Dr. Seuss or social media, each city defines itself through their own clever (and often alliterative) themes. In Palo Verde, past themes include piranhas, panthers, pennies, and princesses. This year, however, Palo Verde’s theme has a deeper meaning.

Through the guidance of Palo Verde’s Mayor Elena Ohumukini, Palo Verde was able to agree on the theme of patriettes. “I define a patriette as a woman who inspires others by using her talents to serve her country,” affirms Ellie Dries, PV councilwoman and fashion maven. Simply put, a patriette is a strong woman patriot who loves her country.

To honor their nation’s patriettes, Palo Verde citizens designed their doors to

resemble storefronts owned by patriettes they personally admire. These storefronts include Maya Angelou’s Book Nook, Condoleezza Rice’s Ice Cream, and Harriet Tubman’s Rail Service.

Honoring the stalwart American patriettes that have transformed their country has been a true honor for Palo Verde. The patriettes plan to incorporate the spirit of these leaders in their city governance and personal guidance.



Elections are coming to an end!

Dominique Williams
Mesquite City Reporter

Final elections were happening only just yesterday afternoon. Yet just as many of you I'm still amazed at all the great speeches, campaigns and effort that was put forth during this week. Many of you took elections as not only an opportunity to fulfill a position for Girls State but as an opportunity and first step into taking a quick look into your future. For example, at final state elections Ampadu Siaw Keziah inspired us all with her heartfelt speech on her journey to becoming a lawyer.

However, don't stop there!! There were so many other speeches left in the minds of my fellow Girl State and Girls Nation delegates like Annie Edoh who spoke about passion and the passion she has for law and equal opportunity something that as a nation we are constantly working towards. But I digress, I wish everyone the best of luck in their state elections.

Election Day

Annie Mazzarella
Manzanita City Reporter

Hump day, Wednesday, whatever your preference may be, it's ELECTION DAY! We squeezed in last-minute handshaking, lobbying, and campaigning. Anticipatory and solicitous we filed into a large lecture hall, hoping our sparkle would still shine through as we got reduced to a single number.

Pens rattled, smiles blazed, and legs shook. Scratching away at viable candidates, smiling to the crowd of 300 alike, and persevering over whom we were going to vote for. The ballot rooms were grave; everyone was silent and focused.

Residual marker smudges graze finger tips and dark lines cushion eyes. While we have had fun seeing posters, listening to our presiding Governor and Secretary of State, and our gracious guest lecturers, anxiety and excitement fizz and taint the air as we prepare to find out who will be representing our wonderful cities, counties, and political parties in general elections.

CHOLLA OH BOY YA!

Lexi Akinbinu
Cholla City Reporter

Over in 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. Seuss 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. Seuss. 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 Aylesia Shields. The girls are curious for the upcoming events throughout this week and are hopeful for what they will gain!

