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Palo Verde Penny's!

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The time has come, and the decorations have appeared. The Palo Verde city has finally decided on a theme! That's right, they are the Palo Verde Penny's! Each one of their doors is a special and unique business that reflects the city and the girls special personalities.

"The Palo Verde Penny's are intelligent, creative, outgoing, humble, genuine, and have all the characteristic that will make good leaders." said the Palo Verde advisor, Miss Stone.

The Palo Verde city has businesses like Verde Coffee at room C208, they sell coffee for a penny. What an awesome idea! Each room figured out some way to tie their business in with the theme of their city. Room C207 is a library called, Penny for Your Thoughts. There are a dozen rooms with different themes, including a homeless shelter called Penny for the Poor, and the restrooms are unique wishing wells.

"The Palo Verde Penny's are really inventive and some of the most beautiful woman I've ever meet" says Kathryn Middleton, member of the Palo Verde City.

Come and check out these great business doors in Palo Verde city, in Supai county.



Home Sweet Girls State

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Mimosa City Reporter

With many girls far from their city, homesickness can be a following feeling. Luckily, the cheery and upbeat atmosphere that is provided at day one helps ease the thoughts.

At the heart of the welcoming lies the

staff and fellow delegates. Inspiring staff and speakers give us the same push and support that is given to us on the home front, whether it be at the dinner tables or the dorm rooms. Advisors have quickly become our mothers, guiding us through the process.

City sisters and roommates have become close friends and confidants, taking on the role of loyal supporters for

each other. Those also creating the home away from home atmosphere are the cafeteria staff, providing scrumptious and ultimately comforting food choices.

In our pep rallies, ice breakers, and sentimental notes, a warm and friendly face is offered throughout the day at Girls State. These faces remind us of utter support, fusing home feelings and Girls State opportunities together.

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How Hot Is Too Hot?

Breanna Turrentine
 Palo Verde City Reporter

Water! Water! Water! If there is one thing all Girls State delegates realized upon arriving at the Colonia De La Paz dorm at the University of Arizona, it was to stay hydrated. Tucson is one of the hottest cities in this beat bowl - ARIZONA. With temperatures reaching over 100 degrees daily, it is necessary to take care of oneself.

Delegates are reminded periodically to bring water on daily activities and drink it! Also advised is to wear sunscreen, which prevents an unwanted red-shaded tan. Lastly, in the Girls State store hats

are sold as well as water. (These hats can be seen modeled and worn by JC's Olivia and Brandi, during the day.)

With young ladies from all over the state Tucson may feel like a fire pit or as if you've just eaten a hot chili pepper. Delegates coming from cooler temperatures in Northern Arizona, such as Flagstaff and Forest Lakes, to Tucson feel as though they are literally dieing of heat. Others from high temperature areas, such as Phoenix and Yuma, still feel the heat but not as ridiculously as they would in their city.

This poses the question: How hot is too hot?

All Gleek'd Out!

Jessica Sousa
 Ocotillo City Reporter

At the first glee club meeting of the year, an astounding 20 out of 24 citizens from Ocotillo showed up to represent their city. This is for far the greatest amount of participants from any single city, proving Ocotillo as a strong competitor for the title of "Best City".

A participant and citizen of Ocotillo. Shelly Zawacky said, "There was a lot of people which was good to see and our first run through went really well."

With all the positive feedback and such a successful turnout, glee club will surely be the club to watch.



All Hail the Royal Feds

Mary Turner
 Sycamore City Reporter

As the political campaigns are well underway for both county and state elections, so are th political parties. The Royal Federalists are showing their pride through decorative crowns in purple and gold shout their chants and spirit. The chant goes:

All Hail the Royal Feds.
 I am Fed and I am proud.
 I'll say it once, I'll say it loud.
 I am a Fed and I am proud.

You can hear the chant all throughout the state, especially in their party rallies and declaring their platforms.

The Nationalists are not too far behind. Just as the Feds have declared their theme, so has the Nationals as the Pink Panther Nats. They can be heard as well throughout the state with their chants. They can be seen wearing pink diamonds relating to the Pink Panther and signs stating "Real Girls Wear Pink".

Each party has strong views on certain issues on the city, county and state levels and are proud to share them within their candidates. It'll be interesting to see where the political parties will end up and which party will dominate the state. Each political party is enthusiastic about their ideas and are open to opinions form others. Good luck to all candidates and the two political parties.

Campus and Girls State Life

Timorrie Coleman & Anahi Torres
Yucca City Reporters

Jennifer Metcalf is Prescott's Delegate for Girls State and from the application process she just knew she would love it. She even mentions to others how "sweet" the ladies were.

She likes the campus and is getting more used to the halls and walkways every day. She

like most of the other girls thinks the campus is really great and very beautiful.

Jennifer says that, "campaigning is the most fun." It helps all of us to bond and become even more of a family. Especially the late nights with the girls!

We are becoming fast friends and helping each other out. "This may be the BEST week of the summer." Jennifer and many other girls say.

Spartans Strike Back!

Nikolia Turnbull & Sylvia Schmitt
Saguaro City Reporter

The Saguaro Spartans seem to be on top of things this year at Girls State. They have taken finding a theme and going with it to a whole new level. When they thought of Spartans someone threw out the idea of a seemingly Grecian society, and they just ran with it.

The beginnings of a city were starting to form. They started out

with the basic necessities any city might need and it just grew from there. This seems normal right?

Well not for these girls, they stepped up to the plate again and hit a home run, all of their "businesses" are in honor of a Greek God or Goddess from ancient mythology and the "store" represents what their, I guess you might say power or talent, was.

The girls over here at Saguaro City seem to have a lot of energy, we can only wait to see what's next.



Nats and Feds in full swing

Catherine Pharris
Mesquite City Reporter

It's easy to tell that the Nationalists and Federalists are well into structuring and planning to win as many campaigns as possible. This year the themes are the Pink Panthers for the Nats and the Royal Feds.

Last night we were introduced to the chairmen of each party. Alexa Salas from Mesquite is the Federalist leader

and Hanna Cameron from Saguaro is the Nationalist head. But what do they all stand for you say? Federalists have a platform of the 3 E's, economy, energy and education, while the Nationalists believe in all citizens being responsible, accountable, and proactive. Both parties aim to achieve a better future for our state, counties and cities.

The citizens of our Girls State have had time now to gain opinions and thoughts

of each party. Word has spread that the Nats think that the Royal Feds promote the type of government our founding fathers wanted to escape. The Feds have said the diamond symbol for the Nats is only a miniscule part of the crowns which are full of crowned jewels. The healthy competition is in full swing! Each party is very enthusiastic and excited for this week's upcoming events. Time will tell which party comes out on top!



SPOTLIGHT



If you could pass any ordinance, what would it be?

“You must sing High School Musical music everyday at dawn and dusk!”

- Kayleigh Mathews, Ironwood

“I would make everyone ‘swim’ through the halls because our theme is the mermaids!”

- Justine Hodge, Mimosa

“Every girl in the city gets the traveling pants for fifteen minutes; they must be buttoned!”

- Meriam Avades, Ironwood

“To make everyone swim... we’re an underwater city, so it would be perfect.”

- Summer Abdeh, Mimosa

“No cliques or drama! It causes too much problems, we’re here to learn and have fun!”

- Gabrielle Mapes, Pinon

“You have to salute the mayor with a finger moustache, definitely.”

- Bailey Riddle, Mesquite

“I have no idea, honestly. I’d have to think about it first, you know? Make it intelligent.”

- Christiana Huss, Manzanita

“Shower sign-up sheets.”

- Lydia Smart, Ocotillo

“Keep the lights on all the time, so we don’t go to the Dark Side. Because we’re the Jedis.”

- Elizabeth Karel, Juniper

What has been the most surprising part of Girls State thus far?

“I was surprised by how nice the girls in my city are.”

- Kaycee Miller, Cholla

“I was surprised I met so many girls from different backgrounds but was able to learn how to relate to them.”

- Janelle Olesen, Cholla

“I was surprised by how easy it is to become involved whether it’s a small position or something bigger. There’s always something to do.”

- Celeste Bagley, Mesquite

“I was surprised by all of the fun activities, such as decorating our doors, because I thought it would the program would be stricter.”

- Hailey Naramore, Mesquite

“I was surprised by how involved all of the girls are. Also, you can’t base your experience for a position off of leadership because all of the girls have this trait. You have to find something that makes you stand out.”

- Mary Elizabeth O. Mesquite

“I was surprised that the food is actually good.”

- Cory Sharkey, Cholla

“I was surprised how quickly our city has grown so close. I know the strengths of our bonds will last for a long time.”

- Monica Nettles, Cholla

“I was surprised by how much fun there is combined with work in the program.”

- Allie Sedgwick, Palo Verde

“I was surprised by how many girls here are enthusiastic, ambitious and have really big dreams. Everyone has different political ideals, but they are relatable. Every person I’ve met, I’ve been able to make friends with.”

- Hannah Cameron, Saguario

“I did not expect to become friends so quickly and I thought it would take a lot of time. I can talk more easily with people and it’s easy to get along with everyone.”

- Katie Olson, Cholla



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