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Manzanita Shows Its True Colors On Election Day

Yury Bencomo

Manzanita Reporter

This past week has been a hectic week for our determined Manzanita citizens, especially during the county and state elections Wednesday night. Our citizens had been campaigning incessantly for the opportunity to successfully win their candidate election.

In total, we had sixteen citizens from our county participate in the county and state elections. Eleven of these candidates made it through as elected officials of

Girls State. Hurrah! How many cities can say their city participation had such a large turn out at such a significant event?

After the primary elections, the girls helped each other by making campaign posters and distributing them throughout the halls. In the end, Manzanita city was successful in its endeavors to be a significant part of Girls State elections.

We are proud to say that we hold many of the county and state positions, most importantly the Senate and House of Representatives. In the Senate, three of the five girls elected from Cocopah County were from Manzanita City! We also have

three of the ten state representatives representing both Cocopah and Manzanita City proudly!

Those Senators and Representatives include Angelica Mercy, Kiona Meade, Alyssa Wagner, Yury Bencomo, Megan Sabatini, and Kristen Rydberg.

In our county positions we have Caitlin Kline (County Sheriff), Amanda Urbina (State Treasurer), Alexis Ramirez (County Judge), Laura Montano (County Superintendent of Schools), and Stacy Belanger (County Supervisor District 1).

Congratulations ladies and good luck in your endeavors!



A Saguaro Senator

Margaret Goldberg
& Rainey Walker

Saguaro Reporters

The speeches are done, the ballots are in, and the winner is... Adrienne Nelson! In the recent election Saguaro's very own Adrienne Nelson was elected to the position of Senator for Kaibab County.

Adrienne hails from the city of Scottsdale and attends Pinnacle High School. She is physically active and regularly plays tennis and goes hiking as well as running.

In school she finds that she favors science classes with her favorite subject being Biology. In her own words she states, "My favorite class is Biology because I really want to go to medical school."

It is quite an aspiration, and from what we have seen she is more than ready and able to meet the challenge.

Before she goes to medical school, however, she plans to attend college in San Diego.

For now, she's here with us at Arizona Girls State as our Senator, and she has quite a bit to say about that. When asked why she ran for the position she said, "I

feel I can add interesting input to the new bills. I like to work with other people, argue and come to a compromise."

With qualities like these and a sweet, congenial disposition it is certain she will do an amazing job in her new position.

As Senator she plans to ensure one of our bills is passed in real Arizona Government. She truly is an important asset to our city as well as county.

Through her election it is clear that the girls of Kaibab have faith in Adrienne and know she will do a great job. So on behalf of the citizens of Saguaro, congratulations and good luck!

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Your Girls State Reporters

MissMurphy

This year has been the first year for our Arizona Girls State Independent. We have twenty-two reporters and one wonderful photographer.

These ladies have brought you the news on your cities since Monday. They have managed to

run for office, campaign, decorate, and yet, they still brought you the news.

These 23 ladies are very talented and thanks to them our newspaper here has been a true success. We couldn't have done it without each one of them.

Each young lady took time to

write the news and submit it for editing each night around nine or ten. As an editor I can say that there was little editing to be done. These girls truly are amazing and talented.

So from all of the staff here at Girls State, Thanks for helping make this paper a work of art.

Philosophy on Exceedingly Boring Speeches

JamieNovotny

Mimosa Reporter

We've all been there—in the chair, listening to an exceedingly long, boring speech—our heads slowly nodding forward with visions of sugarplums and fairies dancing through our head. You begin to turn the corners of your mouth into a smile as you become rather fond of your little fairy friends. You twirl with them down the flowery path towards the land of sleep, skipping off to see the sandman when suddenly—, you are somehow ripped from your pleasant dream to return to the reality of the same boring speech that caused your initial retreat.

Unfortunately, not all speak-

ers can be as captivating and fiery as Ann Marie Chavez; there will always be certain men who take a more passive approach to speaking that is commonly mistaken for lack of a better word—boring. That is a common misconception! It took a while, but I have come up with a new philosophy that may just change the face of the earth, or it may just change your views while listening to long boring speeches, or you might just think I'm a lunatic.

Have you ever studied for a test by recording materials and listening to them while you sleep? Have you ever fallen asleep and miraculously knew the lyrics of the song when you woke up? Of course you have; and you do wonderfully on the test. You sing

the song perfectly every time. This is because you are in that state of limbo where REM hasn't quite set in and your mind is vulnerable to information. Hence my philosophy on why some speakers deliberately put you to sleep. It's for your own benefit of knowledge. The next time you listen to a boring speaker—remember this and you will appreciate their words so much more. You won't feel bad about nodding off during the speech because you can simply explain to him the philosophy you now know on boring speeches. Consider yourself warned, however—do not fall asleep during speeches here at Girl's State or you may get pinched, poked, prodded, nudged, smacked or by taser. Consider yourself warned.

Many Thanks To Girls State

AlyssaWagner

Manzenita Reporter

This past week has been a blur. The details are foggy in my sleep-deprived state, but it is clear to me that I am going to walk away from this experience as a better leader and a stronger person.

Before coming to Girls State, I never could have dreamed that I would have so much in common with so many people.

This week has produced so many memorable moments, from Mrs. Chavez's awe-inspiring pep-talk to lunchtime story-sharing and learning to

"pop, lock and drop it."

I never thought I could learn so much in less than one week. It's great.

Since Meet the Candidate Night, I've lost my fear of speaking to groups of strangers. Since running for Senator, I'm much less nervous presenting to large groups, and from my experience at Girls State, I've gained a confidence in myself that will help me in many aspects of my future.

I'm very thankful to Girls State and all the beautiful women I met this past week. I feel like I've grown stronger this week, and I will be leaving here inspired like I've rarely been before.



The Results Are In!

AdriannaAmato
& KristinMatheson

Mesquite Reporters

Mesquite's very own Margo Tangeman came out on top. As the 61st session of Arizona Girls State began yesterday with Margo presiding as Governor and Yucca's Lauren Bingham as Secretary of State. These girls of Mesquite in Paiute County couldn't be more proud.

Magen Hudson of Mesquite says, "I'm really happy she won because she is a really a

great leader and I know she'll do a great job!"

Kelsey Palmer of Mesquite agrees and says she will make a great Governor because, "Margo is energetic, kind and just an all around beautiful person."

Margo's win definitely intensified the pride the citizens of Mesquite feel for their city.

"Margo reflects all of us as a whole," says Palmer. Both Palmer and Hudson have gone so far as to say that Mesquite has a great chance to be Capital City because they have some of the best leaders.



Taking It All In Stride

Erika Parks
& Kathryn Boughton

Ocotillo Reporters

After a long walk to Harvel, the General Election results were returned. Many girls from Ocotillo City ran for high positions. Some made it and other didn't, but it is what the "runners-up" did after the elections that represent Ocotillo's "Healing" motto.

The girls who were not chosen to represent the state or county in general elections quickly dove into the county appointed positions.

Volunteering for jobs from Director of Hospitals to Constable of the Justice of the Peace.

With the help of the other two cities in our county we were able to fill all of our positions and pass 10 great propositions.



Ironwood's Got Talent!

Victoria Balogh
& Kristen Distch

Ironwood Reporters

Last night, the annual Girls State talent show was promptly put on. Two of Ironwood's girls went through try-outs Tuesday night and were given the honor of showcasing their talents.

After thirty-eight amazing girls tried, they secured two out of twenty-two spots performing on Thursday!

The first and very talented girl is Marissa Molina. She exemplified her traditional Apache culture while singing. When asked how long she has been singing, she outstandingly remarked about four years!

Later in the show, Victoria Balogh showed off some of her wonderful dance moves. She recalled she has been dancing

ballet for about seven years, but has more recently picked up Modern, Jazz and even Hip-Hop.

Not only do these ladies in the talent show have talent, so do each and everyone of us! Just in Ironwood alone, we have secured state, county and hopefully Girls Nation positions.

Emily Eldridge, Jamie Watson, and Kristen Distch have Senator positions while Christina Camou and Emily Lehmar hold representative chairs.

Southern Neal has the position of County Assessor, where as Jacquie Brunsteen is our Justice of the Peace.

Marina Rodriguez has secured the spot of Attorney General!

Congrats to all of the people who won elections or a spot in the talent show!