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Winners for the 62nd Annual Girls State are...



GOVERNOR ANNAK HUISH

SECRETARY OF STATE

VICTORIA PLACENCIA

STATE TREASURER LINDSEY LAPORTE

STATE ATTY. KATELYN SAINZ

SUPER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

RAQUEL DENIS

Congratulations to all the winners of the 62nd GS election

Cocopah County

REPRESENTAIVES

AGUIRRE, STEPHANIE
BALL, SABRINA
BAKER, CAELI
OLIVAS, SARAI
OLIVERO-LAUDERDALE, PATRICIA
PETRULSKY, KEELY
SCHWEITZER, AMY
WRIGHT, MEGHAN

SENATORS

CALL, LAUREN
JONES, SHANNON
MOHKAMI, JESSICA
PATILIONE, BRIANNA
WOLNISTY, SARAH

Kaibab County

REPRESENTATIVES

BURKHAM, SARAH
CHENEY, SAMANTHA
CORDOVA, ELISA
ENCINAS, COURTNEY
MOEDANO, LAURA
MOLINA, SAYANNA
SORRELL, ZOE
STEFANIAK, MERISA
TABAMO, PATRICIA
ZARUBA, MARIJA

SENATORS

ALGER, WHITNEY
ELDRIGE, EMILY
GOTLIEB, ESTHER
TINDELL, YVONNE
YOST, ASHLEY

Paiute County

REPRESENTATIVES

BORQUEZ, AMANDA
CASTOR, CLAUDIA
CIARAMITARTO, MARISSA
CORELLA, YADELI
EVEANS, SABRINA
KEATSEANGSILP, JENNI
PATTISON, JAZMIN
PEREZ, ANDREA
SMITH, COURTNEY

SENATORS

CHO, REGINA
DUCKWORTH, CLAIRE
FERNANDEZ, KAREN
KISHI, ADRIENNE
ZITO, JAMIE

Supai County

REPRESENTATIVES

CAMPBELL, SARA
CORBIN, RACHEL
GOFF, CHELSEA
JOYCE, MACKENZIE
KLEINKOPF, EMILY
MALONE, ELIZABETH
MEMEFEE, PAULA
MEGUI, RUTH
STAUB, MALIA
TAMBOER, HOLLY

SENATORS

ALFATESH, Wafa
FERENTTE, ERICA
LEAVITT, ISABELLA
SHORT, JESSICA
WILLIAMS, SHAUNA

COCPAH COUNTY	COUNTY SUPERISORS	KAIBAB COUNTY	COUNTY SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1	MERCER, MICHAELA	DISTRICT 1	DAVIS, SHANEKQUA
DISTRICT 2	PIERCE, RACHELL	DISTRICT 2	LACKEY, REBECCA
DISTRICT 3	SMITH, BRITTANY	DISTRICT 3	BIRRELL, JESSICA
LOBBIST	KEHL, KERRI	LOBBIST	BURNS, SARAH
LOBBIST	PFAFF, ERIKA	LOBBIST	
JUDGE SUPERIOR CT	MEADER, JENNIFER	JUDGE SUPERIOR CT	HANDY, CAITLYN
CLERK SUPERIOR CT	MCCASLAND, SAVANNAH	CLERK SUPERIOR CT	GOMM, ALEXIS
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	LAAKSO, SHELBY	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	COCKRILL, ZOE
COUNTY SHERIFF	JOLY, LINDSAY	COUNTY SHERIFF	CHANG, JASMINE
COUNTY TREASURER	SALVIA, NICOLE	COUNTY TREASURER	BELL, LIANA
COUNTY RECORDER	LYON, LILLIE	COUNTRY RECORDER	LAJEVARDI-KHOSH, NIKI
COUNTY ASSESSOR	HANSON, TAYLOR	COUNTRY ASSESSOR	JAMES, MONIQUE
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT	RODRIGUEZ, SABRINA	COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT	GORMAN, KATY
COUNTY ATTORNEY	HAWBAKER, CHRISTINA	COUNTY ATTORNEY	STROPKO, LIBBY

PAIUTE COUNTY	COUNTY SUPERVIORS	SUPAI COUNTY	COUNTY SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1	LI, MARILYN	DISTRICT 1	THOMAS KOURTNEY
DISTRICT 2	LIVINGSTON, KELSEY	DISTRICT 2	MCDONALD, SHUNDIIN
DISTRICT 3	HAWN, ANGIE	DISTRICT 3	MILLER, JAYDEN
LOBBIST	TOWERS, MICHELLE	LOBBIST	SIMMONS, FRANCESCA
LOBBIST	SMITH, COURNTEY	LOBBIST	
JUDGE SUPERIOR CT	ISMAIL, HIRA	JUDGE SUPERIOR CT	GALLAWAY, SIERRA
CLERK SUPERIOR CT	YORK, NATOSHA	CLERK SUPERIOR CT	BROWN, SARAH
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	TELLEZ, SARA	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	HOYLE, CLARA
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COUNTY RECORDER	BRIESKE, CYLEE	COUNTY RECORDER	FREED, MADISON
COUNTY ASSESSOR	BARENDRICK, LINDSAY	COUNTY ASSESSOR	PATRICK, MEGAN
COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT	HENSON, HANNA	COUNTY SCHOOL SUPT	TIMPANI, LISA
COUNTY ATTORNEY	PHILLIPS, VALARIE	COUNTY ATTORNEY	RIDINGER, MEREDITH

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE
SHI, LUCY

BURNS, GENEVIEVE

FERRELL, CHANTELL

CONGRATS TO ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS.....

Penguins rally over gained offices

*Madison Freed
Palo Verde City Reporter*

Four days in and the girls of Palo Verde are even more of a family! We support each other in all of our campaigns, and even when the Penguins run against each other, the competition is on friendly.

Our Penguin cheers have grown not only in numbers, but also in volume. We are proud and loud and Penguins!

We have and will cross party lines for our fellow Pen-guins. We're excited for the girls that make it "big time", like Elizabeth Malone who made it to Girls Nation top eight.

And just as excited for the girls who passed preliminaries small time – four county and congress positions. And though we may not have anybody running for governor or secretary of state, we are still proud of our Penguin sisters and we always will be.

Congratulations and good luck to all the Palo Verde Penguins in your quest for office.

And, remember: you gotsha be a Penguin or you gotsa Go!

Go Penguins!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#1 Priority - Protecting our Giraffes

*Emily Tangeman
McKenna Lewellen
Juniper City Reporters*

The Juniper City Council drafted several resolutions and ordinances on Wednesday. Each of the documents looks out for the well-being and safety of our towering friends.

No logging or polluting in Juniper! All giraffes are guaranteed a plentiful food source. They are also provided with custom roller skates, an eco-friendly method of travel, and are given scarves in the winder to reduce the need for fire and heating systems.

The City of Juniper reminds our fellow Girls Staters to mind the trees. Keep Godfree the Giraffe happy and healthy in his home!

Ask not what your Country can do for you, but what you can do for your Country!

John F. Kennedy

Local Mesquite Monarch girl wins Girl State Governorship

*Rachel Hiser
Mesquite City Reporter*

The Mesquite Monarchs were overjoyed to cheer on there very own Annika Huish, who was sworn in as Girls State's 63rd Governor.

Annika was first known to the residents of our city as the "happy girl with blonde curly hair". Now, she has become so much more, to both Girls State and the Mesquite Monarchs!

Anyone who talks to Annika can tell that she is so enthusiastic to be the Governor for the next year's Girls State session.

Annika, the Mesquite Monarchs would just like to say how proud we are of you and how much we love you!

Saguaro girls do the dance!

*Alda Dominguez
Saguaro City Reporter*

Mayor of Saguaro City, Roxanna Ferenz, said, "to motivate our city members and bring everyone closer together, we do free time dance parties, fashion shoes, and candy raids." The Lady Saguaro Sharks are definitely partying it up; respectfully, of course.

First night, the ladies held a mini-fashion show with Mayor Roxanna dressed up as a punk-ballet Princess, Natali Olveda sported her amazing red monkey onesy, Emily Eldridge showed of her green and black Paris with brown belt; Maria Chappell dressed up as Superman; Whitney Alger dressed up in a blue dress and "rockin'" cowboy boots.

Meanwhile, Alda Dominguez strutted her stuff modeling her plaid hat and shirt with her infamous music note socks.

Everyday during leisure time, the Lady Sharks worked on their book and hosted a fun mini-dance party to the "cha cha slide" - lean like a Cholla and also the Spice Girls. It's all work and play for those girls, but of course, work comes before play!

Ocotillo Octopi's plate runneth over!!!!

*Amanda Bever, Jessica, Keely Petrulsky, Jessica Mohkami
Ocotillo City Reporters*

The Ocotillo Octopi have made some drastic changes throughout their city. The hardware store, sheriff's prison, and amusement park have all been added.

Along with the other cities, Ocotillo has had several candidates run for all kinds of positions. After Tuesday's "Meet the Candidates night" and Wednesday's speeches, all the Octopi were extremely confident. Not only have they bonded with each other, like all other cities, but they've also gone out of their comfort zone to meet their sister cities.

We've made a strong impression on many individuals including cities, counties, JCs and their city advisors. Luckily, we've been given the honor of housing citizens who have made the upper levels of government.

Victoria Placencia has been named Secretary of State. Her heartfelt speech and campaigns served her well in her journey to the top. Additionally, many of our other citizens took office on both the state and county level. Our county sent at least 15 into the house and a full plate of 5 into the senate.

One of those senators is a reporter for this very paper, Jessica Mohkami, and another, Keely Petrulsky is part of the house. The town couldn't be more proud of our girls. They (the girls) poured their hearts into campaigning and most were rewarded for it. Good Job girls!

Our mayor is running the city staff crazy, but it's all fun. Most of the city pitched in to create the water scene on the wall which was created by Erica Tucker and Shelby Frauer.

Altogether, it has been an intense experience for all, but very educational. At this point, we are all ready to lie down and rest, but we are fully prepared for the next few days. Go Octopi!

Ironwood Dragons represent city well

*Eileen Leaser and Carolyn Gatti
Ironwood City Reporter*

In Wednesday's election for county and state offices, Ironwood had 6 office winners and one Girls Nation Finalist. Paiute's new Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is Marilyn Li, the one you see running about Floor 3 like a madwoman on top of the Paiute County book.

Citizens, we have a new sheriff in town. Katie Rodgers represents the county with her shiny badge and sweet moustache! Lindsey Barendrick is on fire as Paiute's County Assessor... You go girls!

In state offices, Ironwood has one senator and 2 representatives in offices working like busy bees to pass their bills! In the senate, we have "Fed", Karen Fernandez. For the house, we have 2 "Nats", Yadeli Corella and Andrea Perez! And.....drum roll please...Ironwood is the home of Girls Nation's Finalist, Anais Alvarado, - it rhymes with avocado, which makes her ripe for Girls Nation! Good luck to Anais and all the Girls Nation Finalist!

Ironwood wishes to say congrats to all the office winners! We are all excited for the opportunity to bond with our county and make more lasting friendships. Girls State has been a wonderful experience with many amazing memories, laughs and, most of all, friendships that will keep us together no matter where we live!

Project table cloth beautification

*Brielle Giesemann and Marja Zaruba
Sycamore City Reporters*

The first few days of Girls State have proven to bring every attending girl out of their comfort zone. As time progressed, we have come to feel more at rest with each other's odd personalities, disturbing talents and strange habitual mannerisms.

Some have even begun to express their creative sides, disregarding the opinionated views on whether one actually has talent or rather pretends to be the next Van Gogh.

This is no more evidently expressed than on the white tablecloths lovingly placed upon the surfaces we dine upon daily. At first, maintaining their papery white texture and perhaps a few stains from the meal, the table cloths have transformed into personalized artworks expressing each individual's hopes, dream and sporadic thoughts.

Toting their packs of markers, pens and tools of prospective masterpieces, the girls patiently wait for their turn to feast as they doodle the day away, creating memories, giggling youth fully and having a grand old time!

Cholla Chicas send thanks

*Jessica Gomez
Cholla City Reporter*

Our 5th day at Girls State and the Cholla Chicas are getting along like they've known each other for their whole lives!

We, the Chicas's of Supai County, would like to give a *BIG* thank you to our sisters, the Saguaro Sharks!!!!!!

We love you!!!!!!

Mermaids make the scene

*Regina Cho and Alisha Chavez
Mimosa City Reporters*

At last! The hard work of campaigning is over! A special congrats to Annika Huish on her new governorship!

Also, congratulations to all the other new government officials. Now that we have those positions filled, we can get down to some hard work.

Remember, help each other out and make your county and city books the best they can be.

We are pleased to announce 6 of our very own Mimosa Mermaids performed in last night's GS talent show, you are all very talented and beautiful!

Before closing, we would like to leave you with some words of advice; enjoy and treasure every second of your last few days with your new found friends!