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Girls State is more than just learning

BY MRS. MEAD
AZGS Managing Editor

Welcome to the 72nd Annual Arizona Girls State session. Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate. Your leadership and academic skills have given you the opportunity to represent your school, community and local American Legion Auxiliary Unit at this amazing program.

We as staff are proud to have you here and hope that your learning experience is one that you will take with you.

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Girls State is sponsored by the world's largest women's patriotic organization... The American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is dedicated to helping veterans as well as our future leaders, such as you.

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Today, the ALA has over twenty national programs that benefit through money and other donations. Two of the ALA's most well known programs are Girls State and Girls Nation.

New Experiences

This week is going to be full of new adventures and new experiences. Some good and some perhaps not so good. We hope for more good than bad.

Your first day brought you to a dorm filled with new and exciting young women who were just as nervous as you. Yet, each of you took time to either stand out in the hall and create a greeting line or wander from room to room introducing your self and saying hello.

Each day here will bring more fun and more learning with all the excitement of something new. Did we mention lack of

sleep? The sleep thing never really gets better with all those exciting emotions and all the new stories. Yet, the lack of sleep will be worth all the great memories.

The week to come

During the week you will learn about city, county and state government with emphasis being placed on political parties, campaigns and elections.

That is right, there will be Federalist and Nationalist parties. *Party rallies here we come!!* Also there will be voting and a general meet the candidate night. This night gives you a chance to get out there and show the entire state why you would be perfect for each office. Get out there and be creative.

Within your city you will be able to run for offices, set laws and create your very own city. Creations from businesses to parks and recreational facilities. Did we mention that you will get to decorate your city. Each door in your city will represent a business within your community. Be creative and show your design side, *These will also be judged for awards!!!*

While the cities are important please do not forget about the county and state positions as well. There will be lots of county positions to run for as well as state positions. Did we mention Governor or how about Secretary of State? Don't forget the illustrious Girls Nation Senators as well.

Fun, Fun and MORE FUN

This week there will not only be meetings and speeches, there will be FUN. There will be leisure time in the dorms and perhaps some outside activities to keep down stress.

We have glee club that will be practicing all week to sing us some amazing songs during our Magical Evening.

There will be a talent show held on Thursday evening. A fun way for each of you to show off your talent. Please keep an

eye out for the sign up sheet.

Did you see the mention of the magical evening? Oh yes we have a wonderful evening of dinner and harmony planned with some very special guests.

We will round off our week with an awesome court trial on Friday!! Your court officials that you elect later this week will be working on that one.

Oh and of course there will be PIZZA!! Yes there is even a pizza party this week.

Don't forget all of our wonderful guest speakers that are sure to keep you laughing and learning.

Please Remember

Please be respectful of the staff and other citizens as we are all here to learn and have fun.

DO NOT FORGET THE 3 B'S:

- *Book - Girls State Book*
- *Bag - If you carry one*
- *Bottle - Water bottle*

Be mindful of your things in your rooms. If you have valuables that you would like to have secured please see your City Advisor. Keep an eye on those room keys as you do not want to get locked out of your room.

Never leave your city without first signing out or letting your advisor know where you are going and why.

If you are feeling ill or become injured remember to see the nurse. Don't wait if you feel sick. The nurses are located on the 6th floor (Arizona Hall) rooms 604 & 602.

The Bee Hive!!

The Bee Hive is the official Arizona Girls State Store. They have so much to offer, from t-shirts, shorts, stuffed animals, snacks, roses, and SO MUCH MORE!! Stop by the store and see what wonders they have to offer. Do not fret there will be a day of shopping for each city this week as well as plenty of time to stop by this week.

WELCOME TO GIRLS STATE!!

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Say hello to your Girls State Independent reporters. These lovely ladies will be writing articles regarding your cities.

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Prepare to be entertained at the Annual Girls State Talent Show!

Do you have that one special talent that sets you a part from the rest? Do you love to sing, dance or act on stage? If you answered yes to either of these questions then we want you for our Annual Talent Night!

Thursday has been set aside just for you to show all of us here your very own talent. Strut your stuff or rock the rafters with that amazing voice.

Of course no talent show is complete without the auditions. All talented citizens are encouraged and

must attend the auditions in order to participate. Keep an eye out for the audition sign up on the first floor near the front desk and mail boxes.

Remember to bring all of your needed materials for your talent with you at the time of auditions as we need to see exactly what it is you will be doing for the show.

For all questions and comments concerning the event, please see Mrs. Tincher in room 609 (Sonora Hall).

72nd Annual Girls State begins with registration and greetings

BY MRS. MEAD
AZGS Managing Editor

Yesterday each of you began your journey to Girls State by packing up the car and heading to Tucson with your parents and family. Some of you traveled all the way from the Grand Canyon while others came from Yuma and all over in between.

Once you arrived you started out in line waiting to get your first set of instructions and see just how this week was going to be.

First you started with a warm greeting from the UofA staff giving you your handbook and room assignments. The wonderful staff was so gracious to lend us a hand checking you in today.

Next you were off to have your amazing picture taken for your photo ID badge that you will be wearing during your week here at Girls State. *Please be sure to always have this on as it is part of your uniform.*

Then it was off to see the nurses where you dropped off those wonderful yellow

cards and the parents could chat with our team of nurses that you will see off and on all week. They are awesome and very caring!

After the nurses you got to meet more of the UofA staff to help you get the room key for your new home away from home for the week! Please be sure and keep those keys on your lanyard and do not lose them!! Also be mindful when closing your doors so as not to lock yourself or your roommate out of your room.

Now you turn and off to the Store/Bank where you meet our lovely store staff and have the opportunity to bank your money so that you do not lose it this week. Remember you will have plenty of opportunity this week to stop in to the store and pick up some great items, like shirts, stuffed animals, shorts, snacks and of course WATER!!!

Then it was off to get those new purple shirts that will tell everyone on campus that WE ARE GIRLS STATE in a sea of beautiful purple. Don't worry about only getting two,

there will be laundry days, we promise.

Finally it was off to the elevator where the advisors told your parents that it was time to leave you to adventure Girls State on your own. Don't worry they will see you again on Saturday!!

Once you stepped out of the elevator you were greeted by your JCs and of course your City Advisor. I even bet you got to see some of your new city members. Remember that you will be with these girls for the next week so make the best of each situation.

Now that you are in your rooms and beginning the program take a quick moment to thank those that helped get you here today. Each of the Girls State staff members have volunteered their time to help make this a wonderful experience for each one of you. If you see them wondering the cities or during session give them a quick thanks for everything. They are sure to enjoy it.

Have a great week and enjoy every moment!



Calling all Glee Club enthusiasts

Do you love to sing or play an instrument? How about lead the choir during a big show? If you said yes to either then we have the club for you! Come on down and join our Glee Club.

We are looking for talented young ladies to perform at our Magical Evening dinner. After all, what is dinner without a little music?

The first meeting and auditions will be

held on Monday starting at 4:15pm in the Arizona Hall Lounge. Please be sure to bring your instruments with you if you have them. Also perhaps a few song ideas as well. Please note you must be present at the first meeting in order to participate.

If you have questions please see Ms. Laycock in room 503 (Sonoran Hall).

Good luck ladies and we cannot wait to hear those wonderful chords on Friday.



Opening Session At Girls State

BY MRS. MEAD
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Last night was an amazing first night. There were many wonderful speakers and lots of fun. To open the evening our color guard posted our very patriotic colors. We were introduced to our wonderful Governor Theodora Baker and Secretary of State Kayleigh Steele. Each welcomed you and wished you the best time here at Girls State as well as to reach for your goals and make the best of the week you have here.

Next we heard from the U of A Conference Manager. She gave us a great welcome and let us know that the University is here to help us have a wonderful and safe Girls State session. She was also a Girls State Delegate in Illinois. So exciting to have an alumni helping us with this wonderful week.

We had a wonderful flag ceremony presented by Post 36's Copper Knight Color Guard and Mrs. Montijo. During this presentation the 13 folds of the flag

were explained so that you will be able to understand why these ceremonies are so important and such a treasure. It gives true meaning and respect to all those who have fought bravely for this country.

Mrs. Maklary explained the purpose of Girls State and how important it is to be yourself. Each one of you is special and has potential. Stand out and be yourself. Don't let others make your decisions for you. Just B U.

Let's not forget our wonderful and talented JC's, who modeled for us just before dinner. These lovely ladies were kind enough to show you all the store has to offer. Remember "The Bee Hive" has all that you are looking for while you are here at Girls State. From clothes, blankets, animals and all sorts of snacks and drinks.

We enjoyed an amazing presentation for the lovely ladies on staff. This presentation explained all about the American Legion Auxiliary and how we help not only our veterans but our communities as well. Awesome job ladies for the great presentation.

After dinner we enjoyed more learning

and fun from two guest speakers.

We started with our very own Arizona Secretary of State, Katie Hobbs. She gave us a great presentation on the function of political parties. We learned that she is a Girls State Alumni and has such passion. Her fondest memory of Girls State was a speech given my Rose Mafford and how to be gracious even when faced with difficulty. What a great start to our week of guest speakers

Next we closed the night with Chris King speaking on the role of Precinct Committeemen. He started us off with some dad jokes and then really got into some great information. He really kept us all captivated with all sorts of information. Such an interactive speaker.

Ladies a great job on all the wonderful and interesting questions. Way to stay on topic and keep our speakers thinking. Keep it up this week with all of the wonderful guest speakers to come.

As our Governor stated, remember to participate and stay involved.



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Election Buzz in Ironwood

BY HOLLY HOOGSTRA & LANA AGUON
Ironwood City Reporters

Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye, the polls are now open! One of the most important aspects of establishing a city is creating the government via electing officials. A city clerk has already been chosen, but the next order of business for Ironwood was to elect its mayor and city councilmen.

These are some of the most integral aspects of the city and their main role is to work on the city book that will be judged in order to choose who becomes the winning city, earning the title of Capital City.

Being that the mayor is the largest city position a citizen can run for, and with 5 girls vying for the spot, it was clear this was going to be a tight campaign where the contenders would really need to stand out. After the primaries, only Jaycee Graffius and Anna Moriarty remained, and both girls knew they were really going to have to stand out if they wanted to earn this position and the responsibility that comes with it.

Jaycee Graffius spoke about her experience by confessing that, "I was honestly really surprised when I saw that I won the primary and going forward, I just want to focus on getting the word out about my campaign."

Jaycee did a great job of incorporating the Ironwood mascot, a bee, into her campaign. Her handmade "What's the buzz?"



Top, Ironwood City Council Members and Mayor! From left to right: Meg McElhaney, Lana Aguon, Anna Moriarty (Mayor), Alexandra Stroud, and Myranda Mo. Right, Jaycee showing off her bee themed campaign cards!

Vote Jaycee for mayor!" handouts definitely helped add to her campaign.

Anna Moriarty went with a more laid back approach of going dorm to dorm and enthusiastically exclaiming, "Vote Anna for mayor!"

In her speech, Anna also used our bee theme when saying that, "I want to make sure we all have fun while doing anything and everything this whole week. Keep buzzing!"

Ashley Stephens commented on the electoral operation by stating, "I was surprised at how fast the whole process went. I thought we would have a couple days for the citizens to campaign and for us to choose

who we wanted to vote for, but everything happened in a matter of hours."

In the end, Anna was elected as the mayor and we in Ironwood are all sure she will do great things for our city. Congratulations to Anna, and great campaigning and speeches from all involved!



Make your voice heard at Girls State

HEATHER JOHNSON
Cholla City Reporter

Now that we've said goodbye to our families and the outside world, we begin this great trek of Girls State. Many prayers go out to the staff as they make strong decisions to it make possible for us to be here.

Strange, new faces surround us yet we

keep in mind the uplifting words of Mrs. Maklary, "We will all be friends when we leave. Long lasting friendships are yet to be made as those unfamiliar faces start to become more familiar."

City Halls swarming with voters for mayor and city councilmen. A flurry of girls swarm the voting box to solidify their final votes!

Get out and meet someone new and create more memories with those unfamiliar faces. Make your voice heard and your goals known to your city before voting closes! Make sure you know who you are voting for! And remember girls, stay positive and get involved because "you're only as good as the rest of the team" -Chris King

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Your local Supai JC's

BY SAVANNAH LAFON
Yucca City Reporter

We all know that junior counselors or jc's are very fun and important to our Girls State experience. Being in Supai we decided to interview our jcs' Mary and Julia. Mary and Julia are both very inviting and nice, a true joy to talk to. I was able to meet with both of them and ask them about not only being a junior counselor but also about their own personal Girls State experience.

The first question asked was "what made you want to become a junior counselor?" To which Mary responded that she wanted to come back to have another great Girls State experience. That when she received the email she was excited to teach the girls tricks and tips that she wishes that she had. Mary really wanted to help the girls fully realize all there is to do at Girls State.

Julia responded by saying that she wanted to experience and explore the "behind the scenes action." When Julia attended Girls State she enjoyed it so much that she couldn't wait to have that fun again as a junior counselor.

The best question asked was "what does being a junior counselor mean to you" to which they both responded in an excellent manner.

Julia said that it means a lot of work, but not just hard work, dedication as well. Working to help the future girls of our world is very rewarding in itself.

Mary said that being a jc means being someone that you feel that you can easily talk to and relate to. She enjoys being able to comfort people when they feel that they cannot connect to someone.

I noticed during asking these questions that both Julia and Mary are very passionate about being junior counselors, you can tell in their eyes that they love it.

The third question I asked them was a question to get them thinking. "When you attended Girls State did you participate? If so what did you do?"

I was especially excited to hear about their Girls State roles. Mary responded that when she attended Girls State last year that she was in charge of house-keeping and that she was the "wakerupper." Besides being in house jobs, she was part of the house of representatives that helped make bills.

Julia was the Supai county attorney but she also was framed for murder.

The last serious question I had for our Supai jcs was "what was your favorite part if Girls State?"

Julia said that she was able to be social and interact with people. She said that Girls State helped her become her full self.

Mary being the social butterfly she is responded with bonding with others and running errands around her county and city.

The last question I asked, I asked out of pure curiosity I asked "which is your favourite county?" To which they both responded almost symotaniuosly "SUPAI!"

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Work Hard, Play Hard at Arizona Girls State

BY BRINLEY CARRILLO
Sycamore City Reporter

This week is going to be full of different varieties of events from the continental breakfast to lights out, every one of us is always going to be doing something! Most of our days here at Girls State will be jam packed with city council meetings, learning in which position you were elected and their responsibilities, campaigning, keynote speakers, and so much more.

Not only is Girls State a learn by doing experience but a program where you build bonds with your city members while learning, making the whole experience more memorable than ever.

Aside from all the work Girls State delegates put into their campaign and learning about their position, there are so many extra activities you can participate in to make new friends!

For instance one can join Glee Club, sing your heart out in front of the whole Girls State attendees and staff! One can also audition for the talent show and bring your extraordinary skills to the stage.

At the close of our one of a kind experience we will have a magical evening! Saying our goodbyes may be hard but we will always remember and cherish our time here at Girls State! Get involved work hard but most importantly don't forget to play hard throughout this amazing experience!

Girls Nation Senator visits GS

BY YARAA FAWZI
Juniper City Reporter

We had many guests speakers on Monday at Girls State. Two of them were Joyce Garland and Amy Zhou.

Joyce Garland, the chief financial officer and assistant city manager of the City of

Tucson came to explain the budget of the city of Tucson to the city budget and zoning committees at 7:30 on Monday evening.

During our lunch session Girls Nation Senator Amy Zhou, reported on her experience at the Girls Nation program in Washington D.C.

She told the girls of her experience at Girls

State and of her many positions in Girls State. She discussed how her running for Girls Nation helped set the path for her entire future.

She told us how she will be attending Yale this up coming year!

Remember girls: your file nomination petitions and Girls Nation paper are due on Tuesday afternoon. Best of luck to all!

Competition is fierce at Girls State

BY DAZHANE BROWN
Yucca City Reporter

Tensions at Girls State are running high as girls left and right race to fill positions. Competitions is fierce and competition between cities is no exception. Whether it be choosing themes, chanting slogans, or designing shop fronts, every city is working to become capitol city, and they all want to be the best. Let's take a look into why some representatives of the cities think they're the best city.

Representatives from Cholla, Bonna Penna and Lilly Ramirez focused on the girls' teamwork, with Bonna stating, "We can get down to business but we can also bond with each other." Lilly emphasized this, saying that, "we really prioritized getting to know each other," and that, within the first hour, they already had a group chat created. Unity and collaboration is what makes a city strong, so shout out to Cholla!

Juniper's rep, and the official Nationalist party clerk, Riley Glick said that she thinks Juniper is the best city. When interviewed she stated, "My city is the best city because we're always on time and we're extremely spirited." What would a city be without its spirited citizens? Go Juniper!

From Ironwood, Holly argued that her city is the best, stating, "We're all very creative and we have incredible ideas." Holly added that her city would like to use those ideas to make Girls State a better place, and we're right there with you, Ironwood!

In Saguaro, Ainsley Allen stated that her

city was the best because, "when we get together, our ideas flow really nicely and we all just compliment each other." A city is a team, and teamwork makes the dream work. Way to go, Saguaro!

Hannah Hudson from Palo Verde believes that she's in the best city. When I asked, she said that they have a close bond and that, "those bonds help us form policies...and I know that when we've been delegating people and electing people, it's been really efficient." Not everyone can run a city with ease, so keep it up Palo Verde!

When Aaryanna Nelson from Ocotillo was asked, she said her city was the best, saying, "we support each other," and, "we are ready, also, to take on big roles, head on." It sounds like members of Ocotillo know what they want, and go for it. Way to go, guys!

In supporting why Sycamore is the best city, Analyce Trevillyan stated, "we're an amazing group of girls, that are just all together, and we just wanna make this whole experience worthwhile and we have." Its wise of the Sycamore girls to want to bring the experience full circle, and make the most of the program. Keep it up!

"Its a group of completely different girls who all come together to enjoy each other's company and learn from each other." This statement is from Maeve Lomax answering why she thinks Mesquite is the best city in the state. To be able to draw ideas from other is an exceptional skill, so good job Mesquite!

To answer why she thought Mimosa was the best city, McKenna Picton answered that

she didn't think it was the best city, she knew. Following up, she mentioned that despite the brief scuffles they had upon settling in, they managed to, "come together as a group and to just be vulnerable with each other and share the grievances we've had. We were able to make a productive conversation about it and figure out how best to solve this problem." Problem solving is an excellent component to any functional city, so kudos Mimosa!

Then, Pinon's own, Madison Snider said she thinks her city is the best because, "everybody contributes to what they think we should do...like with our ideas... and we all seem to click with our roommates and get along so well." Well, with as many qualities as Pinon has, it's no wonder why it's citizens speak so highly of it!

Finally, my own cherished and beloved Yucca. I personally think that Yucca is the best city because everything from our energy and spirit to our teamwork and collaboration is unmatched. I think that each girl brings something special to the table and, with our advisor factored in, we're a perfectly balanced city. If my testimony isn't enough, though, I also interviewed Kaylee Goodwin who said, simply, "because we have the most spirited girls."

Apparently we are all passionate about our cities, and are proud of the way they've developed. We might not be able to agree on what the best city is, but we can agree that the pride we have in them keeps out competition fierce, and makes Girl's State that much more fun!

Crazy First Night at Girls State

BY BANNA PENA
Cholla City Reporter

What was the craziest thing that happened on your first night?
"I played never have I ever

with a bunch of crazies." Aylleen Alvarez

"Bro, I thought I was gonna fall off my bed and die." Carla Ceja

"Ghosts." Kaitlyn Greene

There was a lot of weird and crazy

things that happened the first night from meeting new people to meeting new entities but I think we can all agree it was so much fun!

A Strong Voice for the Nationalist Party

BY ISABELLA STRUCKMAN

Sycamore City Reporter

Whether sitting in a crowd being addressed by her or in a chair across from her, I can't help but be struck by the natural confidence and ease that exudes from Angelina Minice, the new Nationalist Party Chairman.

Her words are clear and spoken definitively-she's a girl ready to take charge and make some changes. She speaks on the desire to bring people and ideas together that drove her to run as well as her will to become engaged and involved in Girls State as much as she can.

When asked about the future of her party, Minice grows excited: "I'm really excited to work with the platform committee because they're writing things that are

really important for the youth today and things that we're really passionate about.

I want us to have our six platforms [Environment, Healthcare, Equity, Education, Immigration, and Poverty] developed because that's the key to having strong ideas put into action.

I also want to see the Nationalist party win a majority in the Senate and House of Representatives because I think that we have great ideas and motivated people."

When asked what makes the Nationalist Party the best, Minice jumps on the question with words of hope and ambition. "We have a lot of young current ideas that are fresh and easily attainable through small baby steps."

These bold ideas and impassioned rhetoric are what she plans to take to her next election as well. "I think I'm going to run

for State Senate. That role interests me a lot and would be helpful in developing the Nationalist Party because I know what we want to do. I think my current office will get my face out there and also provide a clear understanding of my party which could help me potentially."

She finishes our conversation with some words of unity and invigoration for the Federalist party: "I hope the Federalist party has really great ideas and, though I know they may be different from ours, I know we can all come together to make compromises. Hopefully, they're having as much fun as the Nationalist Party and getting stuff done!"

Angelina Minice is without a doubt a girl to look out for and a voice that will be heard this week at Girls State.

A theme of past, present and future

BY MADISON MCBRIDE

Manzanita City Reporter

Ever since the first day of Girls State, the young ladies of Capital City Manzanita have been taking a trip back in time, going all the way back to the 1950s.

For their city's theme this year, they decided on centering themselves around different decades and a retro theme, starting from 1950s and ending with the future.

As you walk down Manzanita's lively

hallway, you will take a magnificent journey through time. The more you walk down, the later in the years you will be.

Some of the shops you can expect to see of Manzanita are a pharmacy, gas station, cafe, Club Manzanita, a bank, hospital, fire department, and more that will be based upon their respective years. Their time traveling machine is based off of a jukebox, which you can expect to see at the beginning of the hallway.

Manzanita will also incorporate their theme into their city history. Their his-

tory currently consists of all kinds of crazy things such as mermaids and wizards.

Manzanita is currently deciding how their town this year will deal with these magical elements in order to make their town flourish.

As you can see, the capital city has a lot of interesting events and work to do, but this is not at all a challenge that they cannot handle. Instead it has only been a fun and exciting adventure as they begin to look back at the history that was marked years ago in Manzanita.

Jam packed schedule at GS

BY PRISCILLA GIA

Palo Verde City Reporter

At the commencement of Arizona Girls State 2019, a multitude of intellects entered the program blindly, unaware of the time clock each and everyone of us would be running on.

Sunday evening passes and it feels as if it were a week already. Gathered from multiple conversations, many had no idea the distinct details planned and ready upon our arrival. Girls state representatives have no account of time because advisers ensure we are kept busy every hour of the day according to our set in stone schedule. But hey, proper preparation allows for successful outcomes, and successful outcomes indeed.

Much involvement and work has been applied in every city from the beginning and with carrying out your responsibilities successfully, requires a need for sleep.

From the time you lay your head to rest at eleven at night, you enter a different world, one where you finally relieve your worries of the day, not having to fret about whether you plan to run for a position in city, county, or in state.

We cannot possibly keep track of time if we are continuously pondering about a campaign slogan or what is on the menu for lunch because you woke up too late to wait in line for breakfast one morning.

Speaking of waking up, six in the morning is the average time multiple

cities encounter a wake up call by their fellow peers, allow me to emphasize, six in the morning!

So let's say you do go to bed at eleven and wake up at six, that's a solid seven hours if you're lucky, which isn't bad, but it could be better under the circumstances of a hectic schedule.

We are at a race against time. One full day has passed in Girls State, despite it feeling like a lifetime, we need to stay up ladies, literally, because we have four more full days impacted with important events that require our full attention and energy.

Give us your jam packed schedule Girls State because we're ready and are hoping for the best.

The Arizona Girls State experience

BY ALYSSA ZHANG

Saguaro City Reporter

In Saguaro City of Kaibab County, the Girls State delegates have learned a lot in the past two days. Coming to Girls State was an experience that was brand new to many of us, and we had the amazing opportunity to meet and make friends from all over the state of Arizona.

Saguaro City councilwoman Julia Groman stated that "this was an excellent educational experience" and that she was able to learn more about how the political parties work through the speaker presentations.

Saguaro City Clerk Rory Hack at first did not know a lot about the program, but was quickly able to learn so much about city structure and how it works.

This wonderful experience has allowed us to grow and gain so much more knowledge about the government. We have been very involved in the election processes and performing hands-on activities.

On Monday, we were able to elect our city government officials and learned that we would be able to design our own city and create a theme.

Looking through previous books about our city's history, we read the Saguaro

Sunbeams, Saguaro Soul Sisters, Saguaro Superbugs books and many more from the previous years of Arizona Girls State.

Our city immediately brainstormed creative ideas and began to work on our theme; in a short amount of time, all the doors were decorated.

City councilwoman and precinct committeewoman Natalie Benton explained, "I like how creative our city theme is and how everyone came together as a big group to decide the theme. I like how many puns came out of the discussions and it was very engaging. I really enjoyed designing and drawing because art is my passion."

Inspiration for a city theme

BY JAZLYN FERNANDO

Pinon City Reporter

After an hour of focused discussion amongst Piñon city's residents, the theme "Adventure Park" was finalized. The theme was changed multiple times before because of all the different viewpoints of the city's residents but "Adventure park" seemed to be the common ground where they could all agree at.

2 days in, and there's already been substantial progress. The city saw plenty of folks put their creative side to the test. After admiring all the beautiful doors multiple times and watching them progress throughout, we wondered what really inspired them to come up with those very

eye catching designs.

What inspired your door decorations?

"I've seen a lot of real life Ranger stations and I discovered that the majority of them usually have the same font style. These fonts you might have seen are also used on packages and crate boxes for better reading which is why ranger stations use them, so they can be spotted easily at a camp site. Along with font style, I also found that they approached similar color palettes, they're earthy toned and not very bright so like Browns, greens and yellows".

~Riggs, Ashley

"The first day I arrived at Girls State, I immediately noticed how diverse my

city citizens were, so when my door was assigned some sort of restaurant, we decided to integrate the ethnic diversity, and that's why we designed our door the way we designed it. Even the name of our restaurant "taste around the world" comes from our ethnically diverse citizens".

~Roman, Azalea

"Our door literally was inspired by what we were assigned. We had to design a city bank and when I think bank, I see dollar signs, I see cash, I see neutral bank related colors like green and gold or yellow. Banks are also pretty tangible so that explains our flexible lettering".

~Abraham, Freya

Congratulations Precinct Committeeman

BY ANNA LUCAS

Manzanita City Reporter

Everyone tells you from the very start of Girls State, so it is no secret that to get the most out of this experience, you must participate! Well, the six young ladies from each city who have been voted in as Precinct Committeeman are getting a jump on their involvement and are learning what it takes to run a political party.

A party has many Precinct committeeman. It is a position of leadership in a political party, and they serve as a link between the party and the people. At Girls State, committeemen can be a part of three other committees, The Platform Commit-

tee- which determines a party's views, State Committee - which works to get members of the party running for every position, and the Spirit Committee - which comes up with cheers, and chance for a party.

Sunday night's lively speaker, Chris King- the Pima County Republican Party First Vice Chair, was definitely a motivator to the girls who decided to run. Manzanita Precinct Committeeman Danielle Fear explains King made the position sound cool, so she was willing to give it a shot.

Her fellow Manzanita Precinct committeeman Alexandra Tucker chose to run for committeeman because she likes lower-level government jobs, where she can be

closer to, and interact more with the people who could vote for her party.

Fear and Tucker both look forward to representing the people and their cities, as well as discussing the possible aspects of their party's platform - which is an extremely important part of any party.

Running for and being elected as a Precinct Committeeman is a great way to get involved in Girls State right from the start, and a hands on opportunity for learning about how local government is run!

These young ladies will spend time discussing the best ways to get their party members elected, winning votes, leading rallies, and representing the people.

New Mayor and council

BY EMILY BIRD

Juniper City Reporter

Juniper City has had a lot of changes recently, with tourist increase with the crater that had landed and the new council!

Voting had a lot of tough calls with four positions open for city council and 8 girls

running for office. The 8 girls fought head to head with some already doubling up on their duty's in there city's.

The winners of the city council race were Zailey Gilbert and Riley Glick for nationalist and Kennedy Farling and Skyla Rigg for federalist.

The mayor was down to two girls, Olivia Sacci and Haile Miller. Haile ran a tough race with her campaign, using her "Miller 4 mayor" campaign. Surprisingly with all that campaigning Olivia Sacci won mayor for Juniper city!

Congratulations to everyone.

We Are The Federalists!

BY ISAURA COVARRUBIAS

Piñon City Reporter

Tonight the Federalists gathered by the Flag Pole area for their first meeting. The energy was high and the cheers were loud. Federalists made their presence known with their powerful stance.

Their topics hit home for many girls which motivated them to participate to have their voices heard. Piñon citizen Abraham,

Fraya expressed why the Federalist chant "Our Youth" is her favorite, "Our Youth shows exactly what we stand for."

The Federalists were very social and excited to engage with others. "Everyone was so warm and welcoming... I had an ecstatic time!" Piñon citizen Larios, Malintzin express.

"The motivation to become leaders of the girls was shocking to me compared to how

people at my school are." shared Piñon citizen Andreson, Gabrielle.

Although it was the first meeting, the federalists including Piñon citizen Jaclyn Steinke agree that "The chairman is a good speaker and delivers her message very smoothly" as well as the rest of the committee. All federalists are excited for the next meeting to talk more about their platform and understand the definition of Youth.

Kylie Cluff wins mayoral election

BY KIERSTEN DUGAN

Palo Verde City Reporter

Twenty three Girls Staters gathered in Palo Verde's city hall Monday morning, excited and prepared for the day ahead of them. The City of Palo Verde was ready to elect their new councilwomen and mayor. While most political elections are filled with tension and firing insults back and forth, the girls of Palo Verde were the picture of maturity and were supportive of their fellow Girls Staters on their political endeavours. Every girl there was focused on unity, empowerment, and learning about how to shape the future of our government.

This was our first look into the world

of politics here at Girls State. We learned about the election process and many of the Girl Staters took on election roles to move the process along. This look into how elections work was the perfect start to our week here at Girls State.

Learning about the various important people needed to run an election smoothly was shocking to most and a great learning experience for our first day of Girls State. Everything we learn from now on builds off of the foundation we laid on Monday.

Palo Verde's results quickly came in and Kylie Cluff was elected as Mayor! Kylie is from Pima, Arizona and goes to Pima High School. She nominated herself to be mayor

because of the strong connection she felt to her city and her desire to represent the amazing people she has met.

She plans to follow her citizens wishes and create an eco-friendly city. Her other goals include unifying her city further and passing ordinances and resolutions. She wants her fellow Palo Verde staters that are running for positions to know that the best way to be elected is to just get out there, talk to people, and make sure they know your name.

Kylie hopes to learn more extensively about how our government works and make great friends along the way at Girls State this year.

"[We] got the horses in the back..."

BY JULIA MCHERRON & BRITTNEY BIGLER

Ocotillo City Reporters

The West is about to get wild! Ocotillo has just started getting their hall all gussied up with cacti and tumbleweeds to set the scene for their exciting week. Big shout out to the new town Mayor Morgan Pearson and her fine Council(women) and City Officials.

After interviewing the Mayor, Ocotillo has every reason to be confident in the improvements that will be added to better the city. Mayor Morgan Pearson desires to

hear and recognize all opinions and voices of her citizens.

Ultimately she desires for all to benefit from their experience here at Girls State. She states, "With the help of her amazing members the city of Ocotillo can become the best it has ever been". Crime is high, so your keep your eyes peeled.

THE WORD ON THE STREET:

- Kayla Jacobson: Wanted for escaping prison
- Diana Ojeda: Wanted for murdering the Mayor of Ocotillo

- Morgan Pearson: Wanted for stealing your votes

- Dennise Collins: Wanted for eating all the food
- Arden Schickner: Wanted for sleeping in too long

No one is safe in the Wild West, watch out. Just a reminder that if you want anything specific you want to see in the newspaper just let us know, we are here for you.)

Remember that campaigning for both county and state will begin tomorrow so get some sleep and eat those vitamins, it is about to get crazy!

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Campaigning for the top spot

BY JAZLYN FERNANDO
Pinon City Reporter

Franya Abraham, a citizen of Piñon is currently campaigning for the position of governor. I wouldn't be exaggerating when I say that she's been campaigning her socks off. After watching her determination and passion for the position, I Jazlyn Fernando, decided to truly learn why she has been so determined and what things set her apart from the other candidates.

What county do you represent?

Kaibab!

Why are you specifically running for governor? Girls State offers so many other positions.

Obviously, governor is one of Girls State's most renowned positions but I'm not just running because of the status it gives me.

At first I was nervous to run but somewhere inside of me I knew it was something I wanted to do, something I've always wanted to do actually. I've had previous experience in Junior State of America. I was on the state cabinet for 2 years.

The program just like Girls State was all about government and the people I was with was inspired me a substantial amount. A governor is a mentor like figure and I want to be that mentor for the girls of next year.

How has your experience with campaigning been so far?

There have definitely been ups and downs. I'm sometimes nervous when I

approach people and talk to them because I get these thoughts, like what if they don't agree with me or what if they don't like my tone? Other than that con, overall it's been pretty great because everyone I've met so far has been really sweet and willing to listen and communicate.

Do you by any chance feel intimidated by the girls here or the candidates running against you, or would you say you're rather confident at where you are now?

There's definitely intimidation. People I've met so far have been super confident and intellectually strong, which really shows the superior quality of Girls State. I've met the girls running for the same position and we're all really determined. As for my own confidence, I'd say that it's not as much confidence as it is persistence. They're all very strong and professional candidates and if I were a part of the voters, I'd definitely consider them.

How would you define a perfect governor?

The perfect governor needs to have a passion for researching and looking into things. They must be able to search through bills for flaws and send them back if needed. Above all they have to have their finger on the hearts of the people; that's how they're



able to recommend useful amendments.

They should also never be impartial. That's a weakness. They must of course believe what they believe in but always remember that they represent the people as a whole across party lines.

Crater strikes famous Pear Farm

BY EMILY BIRD & YARAA FAWZI
Juniper City Reporters

Juniper City was hit by a crater today! The crater completely wiped out the famous Pear Farm. The seal was a pear, and since the pear farm's soil was so damaged, it cannot be restored.

Within minutes, the news reached

every local news channel within the city. Immediately, people attributed the crater's impact as an alien invasion, and locals fled inwards into the city, while tourists fled into our city.

The craters impact was devastating for our pear farm, but in the long run, it greatly impacted our city. Our popula-

tion grew from 80,000 to 120,000, and the space theme brought in copious amounts of money to run the city.

The crater also brought in new business with tourists from gift shops in the mall and even a small museum and gift shop next to the crater itself.

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Sister City open house brings girls together

BY ANNA LUCAS
 Manzanita City Reporter

In the capital city of Manzanita, the citizens have excitedly adorned their halls and walls with colorful construction paper cutouts. The theme they chose this year for their Sister City Event was “decades”, so as the visiting City Mimosa walked down the hall they found themselves in shops and businesses belonging to different eras.

Though many different themes were brought up, such as Monsters Inc and musical genres, once “decades” was voted as the winner the girls quickly got to work on assigning years and brainstorming ideas for each door.

Just like the decision making, decorating was in no way a solo effort. Citizens of Manzanita buzzed from room to room, asking for scissors, tape, markers, advice, and assistance.

Girls laughed, talked, and got to know each other while Emily Halls - still debating on whether or not to enter the talent show - played a ukulele rendition of Riptide by Vance Joy.

A type of assembly line was developed to create

the gifts for the citizens of Mimosa (paper records with customized record sleeves- so cute). Manzanita City Mayor Paulina Titterington says that sister city was a creative way to get to know each other in a positive environment. “Bonding has occurred” she laughs.

Other Manzanita citizens strongly agree that coming up with a theme, decorating their doors, creating and distributing gifts with their sister city citizens in Mimosa was a great way to bond with their new city mates and sister city mates.

The girls of Manzanita happily accepted the Hershey’s Kisses flowers from the Mimosa citizens- each one was unique and held a kind message!

After gifts were exchanged, the girls from both cities excitedly shook each others hands and got to know one another. Many exchanged Instagram handles, experiences with Girls State so far, and plans for the future.

The Sister City open house brought all the girls involved closer together and gave everyone a chance to meet someone new.

WANT TO SEE YOURSELF AND YOUR CITY ON THE BIG SCREEN??

Send in your photos all week and see your photos during the slide show.

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Where Does the money go?

BY EMILY BIRD
 Juniper City Reporter

Lisa Matthews stopped by the state house Tuesday and talked about county government, as the conversation started taxes came up. Taxes are a huge topic in today’s society with fluctuation always happening and always being a hot topic to talk about among taxpayers.

Lisa brought up a good decision, tax dollars and where do they go. Lisa explained that of course everyone wants the money to go to some where good and

useful to the county. It’s how it’s divided is the problem.

As the county they must pick the most necessary place the money needs to go to and include all the mandatory places that the money goes too.

Some demands for the money go to state level for those requests as well. Lisa gave us a big eye opener in what goes into county level government alone.

Lisa represents where you can go when your determined in something your passionate about and letting no one get in your way.

You are someone, be yourself

BY BRITTNEY BIGLER & JULIA MCHERRON
Ocotillo City Reporters

Yet another successful day at Girls State has passed. People have been inspired, friendships have been forged, and a little healthy competition has aspired. It is truly amazing how girls who come from all walks of life, cultures and ideologies can come together to create magic.

Lisa Matthews from the Pima County Economical Department shared many pro-

found words when answering a question on the most affective way to overcome differences among her peers in the political realm. She shares that it is essential to try to understand the individuals personality, where they are coming from, and what they value. This is critical if one desires to come to any type of resolution.

WORD ON THE STREET:

Brittney Bigler: Wanted for stealing hearts
Eufemia Nava & Brynn Bennett: Wanted

dead or alive

Jaimes Clark: Wanted for telling too much and other general mood noisiness

Courtney J & Julia McHerron: Wanted for fixing House of Representatives votes

Campaigning and bustling about continues as girls prepare for the primary elections for both county and state positions. Remember that the best thing you can be is YOU, because YOU ARE SOMEBODY!

Best of luck to any and all running for positions! Smile, you are loved!

The Battle and a love for chicken

BY EMILY BIRD
Juniper City Reporter

Chick-fil-a or Raising canines? That is the question since day one In Juniper city.

So I decided to investigate this ques-

tion more and ask the residents what they thought.

Brisa Santiago said "Raising Caine's because I have never had chick-fil-a".

We also had others that were dead set on Chick-fil-a, Zailey Gilbert "Everything is

better, Chick-fil-a has it going for them".

A vote was ran for both and we had mix reactions, Chick-fil-a won by ten and Raising Caine's by six and never had it or enjoy both was seven, the vote was evenly split for both!



A Little Bit Louder Now!

BY LILY IMAI & AUDREY LANDERS
Mesquite City Reporters

The 72nd session of Girls State commenced this past Sunday. Each city is already off to a great start developing their city chants.

Each chant is synonymous to a football team cheer designed to rally a student section into screaming their team onto victory. Believe it or not cheerleading was started by men from Princeton University in 1884! Cheerleading originated from Great Britain in 1860s but entered the US in the 1880s, taking root in Princeton.

With this in mind, it is crazy to think of how far the concept of cheerleading has come. Below you will be able to reflect on the various 2019 Girls State chants and cheers in order of their county:

Cocopah County

Manzanita City: Man-zanita man, man,

zanita (repeated 4 times), Manzanita on 3! 1, 2, 3 Manzanita!

Ocotillo City: Aaaaa...there ain't no party like an OG party, cause an OG party don't stop, wooh!

Juniper City: Who's out of this world? J-U-N-I-P-E-R, Juniper, that's who we are!

Supai County

Cholla City: Can I get a...CHOLLA!!!

Palo Verde City: I say Palo, you say Verde! Palo! Verde! Palo! Verde! Go Green! Go Green! Palo Verde is our team!

Yucca City: Yuh-Yuh-Yucca!

Kaibab County

Pinon City: P-I-N-O-N - Pinon! We are Pinon! Bum ba bum bum bum bum bum

Saguaro City: Saguaro you know!

Sycamore City: S-y (clap) c-a (clap) m-o (clap) r-e (clap) S-Y-C-A-M-O-R-E, Sycamore! Syca (pause) more!

Paiute County

Mimosa City: none

Mesquite City: M-E-S-Q (clap) U-I-T-E! (hit the woah) Who are we? Mesquite!

Ironwood City: Iron-what? Iron-wood!

Many of the cheers have similarities, as they make use of repetition and alliteration. There are oftentimes claps involved, as well. These are fun, simple ways to create chants that are memorable.

Beyond the surface of the chants, though, we can all tell by now that the girls here are genuinely passionate about their city and its well-being. These chants essentially symbolize that passion. They serve as an enthusiastic reminder of our loyalty to our cities and of our excitement to be here at Girls State.

Here's to hoping we maintain this zeal throughout the remainder of the week and best of luck to all in your political endeavors!



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An Inside Look at the Glee Club

BY ISABELLA STRUCKMAN
& BRINLEY CABRILLO
Sycamore City Reporters

In a program consisting almost entirely of work, some might be surprised to find an annual Glee Club at Girls State. Nevertheless, it's an integral part of the week, and the performance, put on Friday night, is both highly anticipated and appreciated. However, though all citizens get to see the final performance, not many get to hear directly from its participants about the process here at Girls State and their overall devotion to the art.

Leena Dobler, Glee Club's director, joined specifically because "I feel like I can help them out a little bit with my experience because I'm good at teaching and helping people." These attributes, as well as her natural tendency towards leadership, led to her position as director.

She says she's always been musically driven and has been participating in choirs

and singing groups since she could speak. Dobler definitively states her favorite part about Glee are the song choices, though she refrains from spoiling the surprise of what they actually are.

Unsurprisingly, considering her position in the club, her favorite part of Girls State is the many opportunities to run for numerous offices and constantly participate.

Skyla Rigg, another member of the club and a multifaceted musician, not only sings, but also plays the piano, guitar, and ukelele. She enthusiastically says she joined because "I love music, and I believe music unites people. It's super fun, so why not sing with a bunch of people I don't know?"

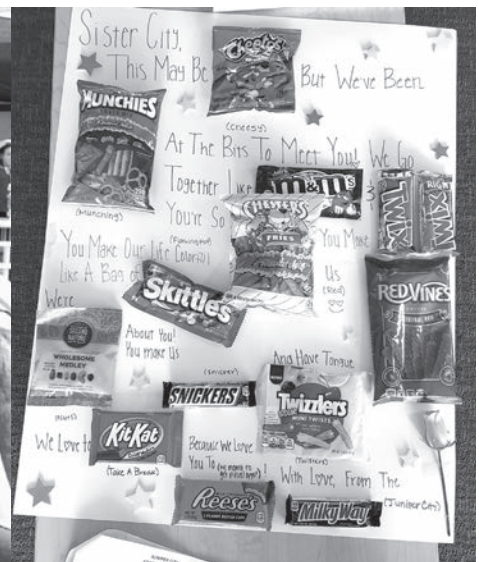
Mirroring her director, Rigg also believes the best part about Glee club is the song choices and similarly refuses to reveal their titles. When asked about her experience at Girls State as a whole, Rigg expresses "I really love getting to know people from different schools and being able to be outgoing

here even though I'm usually pretty quiet."

Our last conversation was with Janice Ochoa who joined glee because "I really wanted to just be fully involved with Girls State and to take advantage of all the opportunities I could."

Ochoa has been singing for years and believes it allowed her to become a confident and more outgoing person. She thinks the presence of a Glee Club at Girls State is a "great thing because it builds up the spirit of all the citizens here" and will, as Rigg had suggested, help unify all the girls watching. When asked what songs the group has prepared, Ochoa promises a patriotic performance but won't give anything else up.

It seems the Glee Club is loved for a reason, and its presence is clearly an essential part of the week here at Girls State. How it will look and sound this year, though, is a mystery we won't solve until the final performance on Friday night.



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Battle for State Governor and Secretary

BY EMILY BIRD
 Juniper City Reporter

Do these girls have what it takes to be the next governor or secretary of state? Well four girls think they do, the four ladies came up in front of city hall to discuss what they are going to bring to the state table. All girls have one clear motive, join nationalist and federalist together.

Tonight, both governors running noted about the environment in the state. Freya Abraham stated that she is worried about it but did not elaborate much further on the topic. Kiersten Rule was very set on

the environment, “Conserve the environment for our future.”

Moving on to the Secretary of state, both candidates were very supportive on being the voice of the state. Miranda Uribe stated “Hear both sides before I make the call” was something that stood out the most in her speech.

Priscilla Barragan had a out standing message, “Don’t mark my words but, mark my actions”. All four girls made them stand out in there own ways and made there respective points known.

Knocking on the Door of Victory

BY HOLLY HOOGSTRA & LANA AGUON
 Ironwood City Reporters

Walking along the hallway in Ironwood, citizens will see doors depicting different countries from all around the world. Each door represents a country and has a business that is associated with what that country is known for exporting.

For example, the Netherlands boasts a flower shop due to their export of tulips and France displays their fashion industry. The girls in each dorm had a great time getting to decorate their doors and everyone is really happy with how the final products came out.

Myranda Mo believes that, “Creating the doors was a very good way of bringing not only ousitde cultures together, but us girls in Ironwood as well. This project was really a good way to bring out our creative sides aside from all of the serious work we are doing.” Some girls felt that, “Coming up with ideas was a struggle, but we eventually had to come together to create something we all liked.”

Indeed, everyone had different ideas and goals for what they wanted the doors to look like, and in the end, everyone was happy with the theme we created. Each door not only represents a different country and business, they also represent the different interests, passions, and experiences of the girls who live behind them.

I know that one of the reasons I was inspired to make a Netherlands themed door was because my brother is currently living in Amsterdam. Another girl in Ironwood, Nicole Huffman, chose to do an African and safari door due to her passion for art and specifically drawing animals.

All in all, every girl had a great time decorating the doors! They really helped to brighten up the hallways of Ironwood and this was our first opportunity to really have to work together and compromise as a group. The door decorations are just one aspect that factor into which city will be crowned the capital and Ironwood hopes that they have done enough to hopefully secure this title!





Arizona Girls State Talent Show 2019

Emcee's

	Name/s:	City:	Description:	Time:
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	Name/s:	City:	Description:	Time:
1	Glass, Rose	Saguaro	Singing "Come Out and Play"	4:00
2	Benton, Natalie	Saguaro	Singing "Rise Up"	5:00
3	Pena, Brianna "Banna" Ballesteros, Samantha	Cholla	Guitar and Singing "Rip Tide"	4:00
4	Kibarian, Sarah	Palo Verde	Mystery Talent	2:00
5	Anderson, Joren	Ocotillo	Violin Solo "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"	4:00
6	Sorensen, Madeline	Ocotillo	Singing "Beauty and the Beast"	2:00
7	Castro, Guadalupe	Manzanita	Poem "Ignorance"	2:00
8	Holm, Bennett	Yucca	Signing "All I Ask"	2:30
9	Covarrubias, Isaura Fernando, Jazlyn	Pinon	Dance Compilation	3:00
10	Nelson, Aaryanna	Ocotillo	Poem "Release Me, For I Am Strong"	2:00
11	Trevillyan, Analyce	Sycamore	Sign Language Performance to "We Are the World"	3:00
12	DeShon, Sadie	Mesquite	Singing "Taylor the Latte Boy"	4:30
13	Galicia, Lucrecia	Ocotillo	Poem "The Necklace"	2:00
14	Coleman, Kylie	Pinon	Violin Solo "Cotton Eyed Joe"	2:00
15	Gomez, Briana	Mesquite	Dancing "Trip"	2:00
16	Glick, Riley	Juniper	Singing "She Used to Be Mine"	4:00
17	Abraham, Freya	Pinon	Singing "Ave Maria"	4:30
18	Butcher, Jade	Ironwood	Dancing Spanish "Nutcracker"	2:00
19	Sampson, Victoria	Juniper	Guitar solo "The Star-Spangled Banner"	3:00
20	Dobler, Lena	Palo Verde	Singing "Gravity"	4:00
21	Cluff, Kiley	Palo Verde	Ukulele "Rip Tide"	3:00
22	Guerra, Adrianna	Sycamore	Singing "Los Laureles"	3:00

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The Real Dancing Queen

BY HOLLY HOOGSTRA
Ironwood City Reporter

Jade Butcher, a citizen of Ironwood, has been ballet dancing for 14 years. She dances under Kathleen Sinclair and Jon Cristofori at Ballet Yuma. This summer she will be dancing at the New York Dance Project and in Washington at the National Choreography Intensive. In addition to being able to attend both of these intensives, she also received scholarships to each one.

Jade makes time to dance 6 days a week, while still staying active within her school and maintaining the grades to be the highest ranked female in her grade. Jade dances mostly ballet, but she also dances some contemporary and modern as well. In this interview, we will get to learn a little bit more about her life in dance.

What is your favorite part of ballet dancing?

“Performing! All of the hours in the studio are tiring and can be long and hard, but I do it so I can get to the stage and perform in front of others. I may get nervous speaking in front of others, but I don’t really get nervous dancing in front of a crowd.”

What is your favorite show you have been in?

“I liked dancing in “Les Sylphides” and I got to perform in that when I was in New York.”

Why did you decide to audition for the talent show?

“When my mom saw that there was

going to be a talent show, she encouraged me to audition. I packed my pointe shoes and I love dancing, so of course I wanted to opportunity to share my passion on stage”

What will you be performing tonight?

“I will be dancing the Spanish variation from Act II of the Nutcracker. I’m supposed to have a fan, but I didn’t bring one, so I’m just having to go without.”

How are feeling before the show?

“I’m so happy and excited to dance. Everyone in my city has been saying they have wanted to see me dance, so I’m excited to show them! I’m worried about the floor since it’s really slippery, but I’ll still have fun!”

What are your future goals with dance?

“I would love to dance professionally with either a ballet company, on Broadway, or in Cirque du Soleil.

I may also want to dance with the company at the university I attend.”

It is clear that Jade is amazingly talented and hardworking in so many different



aspects of her life! Ironwood will be cheering her on at the show tonight and we are sure she will perform with the natural grace and beauty that she always possesses!

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More than just an election

BY HEATHER JOHNSON
Cholla City Reporter

Girls are squirming in their seats as the results are in for the elections. Shocking results are here to come. Nationalists and Federalists are split as voting becomes more in depth.

Although there were a lot of smiling faces, who feels like the results are bringing them down? A lot of work and sacrifices have gone into these elections

and many of the results have been bringing girls down.

If you are one of these girls, you are not alone. Remember that success isn't about awards and other people's thoughts about you. Know that as long as you feel you've done everything you can, you are successful. Having more time for others and service can be more beneficial rather than absorbed in your own work.

A celebrity in our midst

BY ISABELLA STRUCKMAN
Sycamore City Reporter

In a State filled with girls vying for the top spot in elections, it might surprise some to hear that Analyce Trevillyan of Sycamore City has won in a very different type of contest. The famous (or infamous depending on your point of view) Kim Kardashian Game has over 42 million downloads and 3.29 billion play sessions. Players have spent over 35,000 years on the app.

Despite this massive scale of competition, Analyce has managed to enter and remain in the top ten global leaderboard for months now. "I have been playing this game for around a year and a half now," she says, then follows up with this: "There are 160 hours in a week and I'm honest to God gonna say I play around 30 hours on average."

She laughingly admits to being incredibly excited when she first entered the top ten and then worked her way all the way up to the number one slot for a couple of weeks: "I kept flexing and it actually got to the point where I was like I gotta keep this position, and I'd stay up all night so these little suckers didn't beat me."

Unsurprisingly, the honor is a difficult one to main-



tain, and though Analyce is currently number seven, she has no plans to drop out of the top ten any time soon and is ready to shoot for number one again.

"I'm not the type of girl to go for violent video games. I like collecting things and when I realized you collect these special outfits [in the game] I was really ready to flex and have the best wardrobe out there."

Though perhaps a different accomplishment than one might expect to find at Girls State, the dedication Analyce has is something to be admired, and quite frankly, I don't think anyone can deny just how impressive this feat is.

Scholarships and the ALA

By Madison McBride
Manzanita City Reporter

The American Legion Auxiliary offers many scholarship and educational opportunities to students like ourselves this year at Arizona Girls State. These scholarships range from the local level to the national one and are available to different age groups.

The Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship offers 15 \$5,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. This applies to over 1.9 million children out there who are related to warriors and need financial assistance in their path to an

education.

There is also the Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members. This scholarship applies to current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years. A total of five scholarships are offered in the amount of \$5,000.

In all, there are many more scholarships that the American Legion Auxiliary offers throughout the state and local ALA units and Legion posts. In total, more than \$1 million is given out every year.

For more information, you can look at the national website, which is www.ALAforVeterans.org. Make sure to take the opportunities while you can!

Election season at Girls State

BY KIERSTEN DUGAN
Palo Verde City Reporter

Election time has come and the girls staters are ready to go. Every girl, from every county, every party, and every city is encouraged to run for office and participate in campaigns and elections. After learning about the election process with our county advisors, many of us were eager to begin campaigning. We first turned in our nomination papers and then began making posters, flyers, and pins.

While the election process was exciting, I think we all felt a little overwhelmed. Running against your fellow girl staters, girls you have bonded with

for the past few days, can be a little weird. We all came here, to Girls State, because we are leaders and motivated young women. It's hard to choose your favorite candidates when every girl here is qualified and deserving of the position. However, we all pushed past this and went out there, campaigned, and used our voice. Meet The Candidate night was the highlight of the election process. All the girls staters met outside in the courtyard and had the opportunity to socialize with their peers and advocate for their desired positions.

After general election votes were submitted Wednesday night, the anticipation

of the possible results set in. All the Palo Verde girls were talking about the possible outcomes and the content discussed during the speeches well into the night.

Thursday morning came quickly and we all met in the State House to find out the results. Here are the elected officials of our state government:

Governor: Kiersten Rule

Secretary of State: Priscilla Barragan

Attorney General: Jaimes Clark

State Treasurer: Trinity Fossee

Superintendent of Public Institution: Maeve Lomax

Supreme Court Justices: Isabella Struckman, Rosie Eden, and Julia Groman

Cities working towards a unified county

BY GENEVIEVE ERICKSON
Mimosa City Reporter

After election results were announced this morning at the State House, the Girls State delegates were released to meet with their counties. Thankfully, the trek to the meeting was not as long as the past two days, but with a decrease in walking distance came a decrease in meeting space. The City of Mimosa was in charge of hosting Paiute County in their city hall. Paiute delegates made their way up the seven flights of stairs and shuffled into the hall with heavy breath. Bodies eventually piled into the small city hall ready to take care of county business.

The fervor and nerves left over from election were tangible within the room,

and everyone's energy could be felt in heat waves. While the elected county officials shot up and took their job folders from the district supervisors, several girls, disappointed with the results of last night's election shuffled into their positions more sullen.

The interactions within the county meeting drew some questions into my mind. How as a Girls State can we decrease the tension and encourage cooperation between county members, who are in large unfamiliar with one another. With city bonds being so strong, throwing three separate cities into a small room and expecting them to be eager to support each other seems counterintuitive.

Although we got to meet a good amount of girls on the campaign trail, selling yourself for a position is a much different

interaction than genuinely getting to know someone. In this reporter's humble opinion, in order to have a more functional-and by extension a more fun- county experience, the delegates within a county need more opportunities for interaction outside the context of an election.

Girls State is an environment to foster lifelong sisterhood. In order to strengthen this idea of supporting your sisters within the program, we as delegates should focus on the concept of proximity of closeness. Not physical closeness, as we experienced in county halls today, but rather frequency of interaction. Girls counties should not only unite through our county chants, but also conversation outside of a candidacy or policy meetings.

Campaigning brings girls together

BY ANNA LUCAS
Manzanita City Reporter

Campaigning is a huge and important part of Girls State, and many girls take the job to heart - as they should. Any girl who attended orientation was told that they should bring different art supplies to create campaign posters, and build their campaign as strong as possible. Even though colorful posters and catchy slogans help people learn and remember who you are, it is not enough! As many girls running for an office have learned, talking to people face-to-face is an essential part of the process.

Tuesday night's county rallies, and the

candidate meet and greets were the perfect spot for candidates to get their name and platform out. Many passionate candidates even lost their voice after talking for hours on their platforms or bills.

Often times, candidates running for real life office have spent several months, or even up to a year campaigning. It is truly incredible that everyone running at girls States campaigns in just a day! The meet and greet was full of laughs and truly deep conversation.

Not only is campaigning a great way to get the word out, but it is also a way to get to know Girls State delegates from other counties! Growing tight bonds with people

in your county will definitely help in meetings for county books, which are often difficult to manage because of all the different people and opinions.

Girls State alumni and advisors will surely agree that campaigning is one of the most fun and exciting parts of Girls State that no delegate should miss out on. Even if you are not campaigning for yourself and are advocating for another candidate, it is a blast. After a county meeting where the young women of Manzanita discussed things they learned this week, public speaking and confidence in oneself were hot topics- and many said it was because of campaigning.

A look inside Mimosa's newly elected

BY MARVELLYN NGUYEN
Mimosa City Reporter

During this week of Girls State, running candidates from the city of Mimosa have been hard at work at

strongly campaigning throughout primary and general elections for real life governmental leadership positions within a one week stimulus governmental program. In doing so, these girls learned and devel-

oped new interpersonal and leadership skills that can be applied in the real political world.

Congratulations to the newly elected candidates for Girls State 2019!



For elected House of Representatives :
Left-Reagan O'Neil, Right- Marycarmen Salazar Rubio



For Elected State Senators:
Left-Amanda Burton, Right-Marvellyn Nguyen



For elected clerk of the superior court:
Katrina Griffin

“Bend and Snap”

EDITORS: JULIA MCHERRON
& BRITTNEY BIGLER
Ocotillo City Reporters

Congratulations to everyone who acquired county and state positions today in the general election and all of those who ran! We are all so proud to say that Ocotillo came out strong with many of our girls holding new office positions.

With parties now set aside, girls have started the real work. It is truly amazing all that can be accomplished when we come together. The judiciary committee in the house of representatives found themselves in a heated discussion today regarding legislation that will hopefully be passed to accommodate the change that all desire to see within our state.

Courtney Jovanovich, who is apart of the Allegations Committee in the house of representatives, states “my peers were stern and confident in what they wanted, but were also open minded to hearing new ideas that the other girls wanted within the committee.” And as for the mock trial, Attorney General (our very own Jaimes Clark) states, “get ready for a trial full of drama, suspense, intrigue and betrayal”.

WORD ON THE STREET:

Briana Ede: Wanted for eating all the snacks

Rinna Peterson: Wanted for wanting ice



water

Allee Ellershaw: Wanted for riding off on stolen horses

Halle Berger, Joren Anderson, Brynn Bennett, Ashley Tapia, Aaryana Nelson Trinette Begay: WANTED, crime unknown to the public

Remember to “enjoy the little things in life for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things” (Kurt Vonnegut).

subtle beatboxing

shout out to everyone nominated for girls nation y'all got those major qualifications so thankful for our time here at girls state all of you made this experience great wish our time didn't end so soon we love each other to the moon we're laying these beats like they're on fire we worked through all the time and tire we spent this week here together may we remember these moments forever

Talent at Arizona Girls State



BY ALYSSA ZHANG
Saguaro City Reporter

Girls State has been amazing and the Saguaro City citizens are having a great time becoming friends with each other. After the election results were announced Thursday morning, each Saguaro City citizen headed straight to their county or state meeting location to learn more about the government and perform their elected duties.

To conclude the day, we all headed over to the State House to watch the talent show, filled with phenomenal performances

from 24 Girls Staters. The performances included singing, violin, mystery talent, poems, dancing, a sign language performance, ukulele, and guitars.

The talent show had five emcees and three of them were from the city of Saguaro! They were: Samantha Daly, Miranda Uribe, and Cameron Hopper!

Rose Glass, Mayor of Saguaro City, started off the talent show by singing "Come Out and Play". She chose the song because it was inspiring and loved the message that was repeated throughout the piece. Rose wanted to sing in the talent

show because she had not sang in front of so many people before and wanted to take on this opportunity at the Girls State talent show.

Natalie Benton, city councilwoman and precinct committeewoman, was the next performer and sang "Rise Up". A member of show choir at her high school since freshman year, Natalie wanted to share the song to the Girls Staters at the talent show because of the empowering message. Her favorite part of singing is that she is able to share happiness with everyone. She says that life is too short to be negative.

City and county books galore

BY LILY IMAI
Mesquite City Reporter

Our week here at Girls State is coming to an end, but the pressure is still on. Capitol City has yet to be announced and the city and county books are due in a matter of hours! However, this has not fazed the City of Mesquite. The girls have been working hard during all hours of the day, including during meal times, to make sure that their city book and parts of the county book are done to the best of their abilities. I asked some of the Mesquite residents what it has taken to finish this all. Here is what they had to say:

What was your part in the making of the city and county books?

Meg Sarbacker: I helped make the county and city budgets along with Hibah Usami.

Sadie DeShon: I was with Amalia Hernandez and together we wrote this year's history for the city. I also helped come up with some of the principal ideas behind our city's resolutions and ordinances.

Haley Kuzia: I did city records and achievements and I did a resolution for county sheriff.

How long did that take?

Meg: Longer than I thought it would (laughs); at least two hours.

Sadie: History probably took about an hour or two while resolutions and ordinances took about one hour. It was fun, though, so it went by fast. Condensing the history took the longest.

Haley: The roster of achievements took about 25 minutes and the resolution took about ten.

And how do you feel the people in Mesquite have worked together in the making of both books?

Meg: I was actually surprised with how well everyone worked together. We all had such different jobs and the way we came together to make everything work was really great.

Sadie: Everybody's there to help someone if they see they're overwhelmed, which I feel is pretty amazing. For the county book, I've really seen the residents of Mesquite step up and collaborate with the other cities.

Haley: We all help each other out for everything. If someone's not doing something they're always helping someone else.

Two Minutes... Thirty Seconds... Stop!

BY AUDREY LANDERS
Mesquite City Reporter

Wednesday night our Governor and Secretary of State candidates took part in a “Whistle Stop” event. Two reporters from every city prepared and asked questions to the participants in hopes of getting a deeper understanding of their agendas.

As a reporter from Mesquite, my partner and I made sure to ask questions that would do just that. First, my partner, Lily Imai,

asked Freya Abraham, “What has been your biggest take away from Girls State so far and how would you use this as governor?”

She then respectfully responded by calling all Girl State attendees her inspiration for our willingness to work together and participate in running for all available positions. This spoke loudly to Freya’s character which I believe all Girl State attendees picked up on.

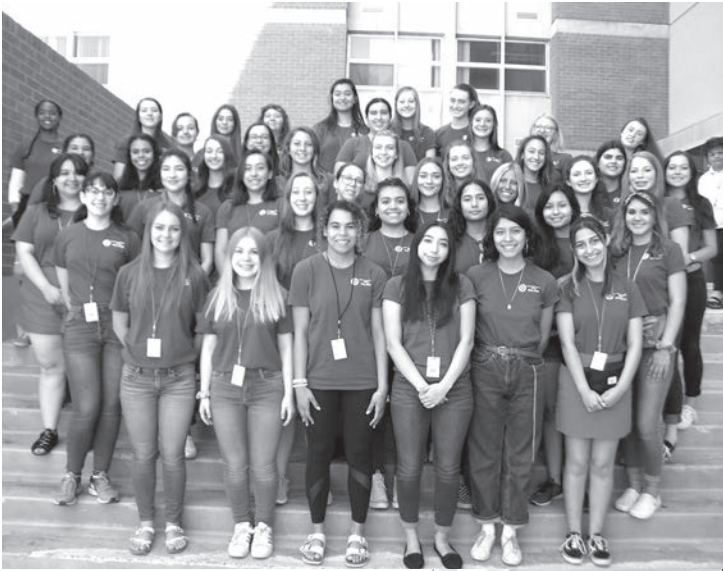
Our second question, the one I asked to Miranda Uribe, stated, “What do you think

it takes to be a good leader?”

She followed by stating that in order to be a stellar leader you must be willing to act as a follower. She emphasized the importance of listening. This was a nice answer that supported her campaign.

Both of these “Whistle Stop” answers positively attested to their agendas. Although the outcome was not in their favor, that shouldn’t take away from their hard work and dedication towards this election.

Great Job Ladies!



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