

EVIL CLONE PART II

KELLY CITY

BY RYLEE ARENSEN

BREAKING NEWS: A recent discovery has been made about the issue concerning the escaped female clone that favors corrupt government. There has been hints as to who the clone may be but no one is sure as exactly who it is yet. It is suspected that the clone is residing in Red County and could be apart of either Kelly City's population, or Greiman City's population. It has been rumored that the clone is running for state office for Keystone Girls State. We have to find out who this evil clone is before the state elections have been completed, or else Girls State is doomed. With an evil clone onto this kind of path to success, this could lead her to Girls Nation, right in our country's capital! With an evil clone who favors corrupt government there can be nothing good of this. Everyone keep on high alerts so we can prevent a future government disaster from happening. If you have any more clues as to who this evil clone is contact your state troopers, and County Sheriff.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

ROSS CITY

DELORA BLOOM



“I had French Toast at breakfast. It was really good. I also had a brownie at lunch. It was crispy on the edges but the inside was really fudgy. It had a nice chocolate flavor.

10/10 would recommend!”

- Abby P., Ross City

“I had fried rice and vegetables and some salad. I also a breadstick, it was okay. It wasn’t like Olive Garden’s.”

- Chloe H., Ross City

“I had penne pasta noodles and I got to pick my sauce, so that was cool. Oh, and I had applesauce. It was really sweet.”

- Lauren H., Ross City

“The pizza with ranch dressing was the best meal I’ve ever had.”

- Liz M., Ross City

“The chicken was not the best option, the hot dogs were definitely questionable, but the hamburger station was by far the best!”

- Aubree N., Ross City

“ I love having the buffet because there are so many choices. I also like that the burgers and chicken patties are always available during dinner and lunch for the people that don’t necessarily like the food they’re serving on the buffet. AND THERE IS ICE CREAM FOR EVERY MEAL! Who doesn’t want that? Good coffee too. Oh, and the cute little conveyer belt to put the dishes on. I love that.”

- Sarah Y., Shrine City

“There’s a lot of options. I always get one of everything and then ice cream. I usually get water or the flavored water. The servers are so nice!”

- Alina A. & Anna W., Greiman City

GIRLS’ STATE PROMOTES PATRIOTISM

GRIEMAN CITY

CLAIRE WYSZYNSKI, NEWSPAPER REPORTER

SHIPPENSBURG-- Red, white, and blue wave in the wind as Greiman city representatives hoist the American flag high into the air. Inside, themed garland and stars decorate the walls. At Girls’ State, pride in country represents a significant focus of the program.

Through a variety of activities, Girls’ State introduces citizens to both notable American ceremonies and the character of patriots. At daily flag ceremonies, girls observe the appropriate way to handle the American flag and crucial decorum, including when to place one’s hand over their heart.

“KGS only reinforces how proud I am of being an American” Greiman City Custodian of Records Anna Weinstein said.

Patriotism constitutes much more than just wearing the nation's colors, however. Patriotism constitutes individual commitment to bettering one's community; to appreciating service; and to serving others. Patriots strive not to boast their superiority, but instead to make their country the best it can be through kindness, advocacy, consideration, and determination.

At meals, citizens collaborate with their fellow hall residents to express pride in their cities through cheers. Beyond these external events, however, in city meetings and campaigns, to make their city the best possible, girls must engage in self-discovery and learn to identify and celebrate the accomplishments and unique abilities of their teammates.

"What's really excellent about this program is that not only do the focus on yourself, the individual campaigns and how to put yourself out there in front of other people," Greiman City Prosecutor Mercedes Sanoja explained. "They also focus on how you work together as a team: it's about the city, the county, the state, winning together, and that's how you succeed."

During the week, Girls' State citizens also remain mindful of the importance of service. To assist the Lebanon Valley VA hospital, delegates collected items such as shaving cream, toothpaste, and shampoo.

Citizens additionally recall that their participation in this program results from the faith of American Legion posts and sponsors, who dedicated funds and support, through thank-you letters to their sponsors and performing their best every day.

Citizens of Girls' State endure much: city meetings, caucusing, organizing campaigns, writing legislation, and public speaking are just a few of many tasks delegates must face. However, true patriotism-- service to others and the community-- stands out as a memorable lesson from the week.

GREIMAN CITY HAS TEAM SPIRIT

GREIMAN CITY

ANNA WEINSTEIN AND CLAIRE WYSZYNSKI

SHIPPENSBURG-- The first day of Girls' State camp was very quiet. Everyone was still getting acquainted with the new people surrounding them, and adjustment time was necessary. Less than three full days into camp, we are a completely different community.

This morning, Greiman City became the first city to raise the flags. When the nerves emerged, all citizens encouraged those participating in the ceremony, and, upon completion, congratulated them for their good work.

Another noticeable demonstration of team spirit can be found in the cafeteria. When done with their meal, citizens offer to take others' plates and open doors for others. The delegates of Girls' State go out of their way to do something for others with nothing in return.



Greiman City spirit is unique in many ways. They strive to start table cheers such as “We are table number one!” or even their own cheers, like the “Red Robin” slogan. As a team, they are extremely supportive; when the election results were announced late in the night, many of the girls, even those who did not run, volunteered to stay up in support. The team has also planned to host a movie night with snacks to promote team

unity.

This comraderie does not remain within city boundaries, however. In the first session of Keystone legislature, when Greiman City representatives moved to present a bill in the House of Representatives, the city team collectively cheered on those who were heading to the front of the room.

Those who were not in the same room updated their teammates regularly, and shared messages of encouragement. and there were not only updates but also messages of encouragement and support. One message, from Greiman City County Clerk Clarke Johnson, read, “Y’all are killin it!”. Another, from senior counselor Sophia, read “Keep up the good work everyone! VERY proud of you”.

Despite the competitive quest to win honor city, Greiman continuously works together to show as much team spirit as possible. Although winning is important, points cannot buy friendship. For the Greiman girls, sincerity helps forge new experiences and relationships.

I JUDGED A BOOK BY ITS COVER

STRINE CITY

AUDREY GLAS

People say “don’t judge a book by its cover”, but as magistrate, my job was to judge the situation based on the facts provided to me at first glance. I wasn’t allowed to have bias or personal interest in the situation and I had to make my decision based on the facts given to me by the talented group of lawyers of Blue County. Therefore, I had to break a golden rule and “judge a book by its cover.”

As a citizen of Strine City in White County, there would be potential bias in rulings in court proceedings if I were to preside over my own County. Therefore, I was sent to Blue County to hear the case. Given that I was unbiased in this case, I was able to make an informed and unbiased ruling.

Haley Miller is a citizen of McKay city who visited Seifert city, broke a law, and was injured in the process of her arrest. On behalf of Citizen Haley Miller, there was a lawsuit brought against Seifert City seeking damages for Ms. Miller for her injuries sustained in this event. In a trial with extremely prepared attorneys and knowledgeable witnesses, it was difficult to rule on the case at hand. Because the case I heard was a civil case, my ruling was based on a “preponderance of evidence” which means that it is more likely than not that a particular party is at fault. I ruled in favor of the plaintiff, and held the City of Seifert responsible for damages.

I am glad to have presided over the case of Citizen Haley Miller (McKay City) vs. City of Seifert, and it has been my honor to serve as someone referred to as “your honor” by my fellow citizens.

Judge Jokes/Puns

What does a judge put in her beverages?

Just ice.

What did the judge say to the dentist?

Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?

KGS POEM

KELLY CITY

REBECCA ANDREWS

Keystone girls state is one of a kind
It's always gonna be on my mind
Kelly city is where I belong
All the girls here are so strong
Our counselors Rachel and Taylor are the best
We are all just so blessed
Tina is amazing too
She checks in to make sure we aren't blue
We work hard all the time
Sometimes I even miss my bedtime
I have learned a lot so far
KGS really shoots for the stars
The rest of this week is going to be a blast
I just hope it doesn't go by too fast
City, county, state
There can really be no hate
I will miss everyone when I leave
It will really make me grieve
But this is all I have for right now
I'll be back, I won't let you down

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

ROSS CITY
DELORA BLOOM



Today was a very eventful day. It was revealed by Ross City's counselors this morning that Saige Stevens won the position of County Treasurer for White County and that Molly Huynh and Aubree Narus won two of the three positions open for County Commissioners. Congratulations ladies!

Also, today marked the first day of Girls State Congress in action. As a personal member of the House of Representatives, I voted on bills and amendments. Congratulations are also in order, once again to Saige Stevens who was elected House of Representatives Clerk and the Federalist Party's Scribe.

Today, Ross City proposed two bills. One was more city focused and the other was state oriented. As a state legislature, the state oriented bill was the one focused on. The proposed bill was about improving city aesthetic to help the many different cities improve in their looks and overall feel. The hope of the bill is that when funds are allocated to this cause, that less people will move out of the cities and raise their future children there, creating an ensured future for all Keystone Girls State cities. The bill was passed by the House leaving the bill's fate to be decided within the Senate on Thursday night. Ross City's bill sponsors Emma Woerle and Chloe Hysore did the city proud vouching for the city and it's ideas, as well as being open to amendments for the bill.



ROOMMATE FOR A WEEK, FRIEND FOR A LIFE

STRINE CITY

OLIVIA HELLEN

Keystone Girls State has been my first experience having a roommate. I have a sister, however she is 10 years older than me so I never had the opportunity to share a bedroom with her. On my way to Girls State on Sunday, my biggest concern was having a roommate who I didn't have anything in common with, or someone who wasn't outgoing. Along with those concerns about having a roommate, I was also worried that I wouldn't have personal space having to share a room, and I wasn't fond of the idea of spending a week with a total stranger. When I arrived at Girls State and met my roommate, Anna, my worries were laid to rest.

I don't think I could've asked for a better roommate. Anna is very friendly, outgoing, and we have things in common. She has a great personality, a lot of energy, and she loves to talk. Although, I have to keep track of her keys along with mine because she always forgets hers in our room. I'm not complaining about any of those traits though, because I absolutely love to talk and laugh. I can honestly say that she was my first of many friends that I made this week.

SOCCER AT KGS

MCKAY CITY

ALEX RALPH



A lot of girls across KGS are involved in soccer. This has created a lot of bonding across cities and counties. Currently, there is a lot of soccer going on and being watched worldwide. This year's World Cup is being held in Russia. With a lot of matches underway conversations and debate can be sparked. With various opinions and passions people make numerous friends and even more over the sport in general.

Some recent updates include the games on Monday. Sweden beat Korea Republic 1-0. The Belgium and Panama game was slow going in the first half but picked up in the second half with Belgium scoring 3 goals, and officially winning the game 3-0. The final match on Monday was close between Tunisia and England with England only winning by one goal. The final score to that game was 1-2. The most recent matches today were between Colombia and Japan, Poland and Senegal, and Russia and Egypt.

Shockingly enough, people are still passionate about the World Cup despite the US Men's team not qualifying to participate. True soccer fans are watching all the rivalries and keeping up with the superstars that participate in the Premier League as well as others known worldwide such as Messi and Ronaldo. The Portugal versus Spain game was a back and forth battle that ended in a tie (3-3), and was an incredible way to start the tournament. The Argentina versus Iceland game was a similar surprise with the Icelandic team, that-mind you- has as many people in their population as Argentina has registered soccer players, tying Argentina 1-1. These two games were also important for fans to track the debate on Messi versus Ronaldo and it really seems the Ronaldo has the better start having had a hattrick in his game and being named the man of the match compared to Messi missing an important game winning penalty kick.

With all the soccer that is still to come girls have plenty to talk about the rest of the week and plenty of opportunities to make new friends while bonding over something they are passionate about. Who knows, even after they leave KGS they may still be talking about this worldwide, popular sport with their new friends from this incredible program.

STRINE'S LEGISLATIVE

STRINE CITY

SAM PETZOLD

Strine City went their different ways today and separated into the House and Senate. Throughout the week, Strine City wrote bills that would be discussed on the Senate and House floors. One bill that was discussed first in the House was Strine's own Anna Ferraro's and Aditi Edlabadkar Bill titled Property to Legalize Marijuana for a Better Cause. Anna and Aditi worked hard on perfecting the bill and were excited to propose the bill in the House of Representatives. The bill legalized marijuana for the sake of creating better welfare program for veterans and saving taxpayer money. It also combated the opioid crisis. The bill was discussed and the girls faced some tough questions about their bill. Strine City's Taylor Craig was a pro-speaker and promoted the bill on the House floor. One amendment that was passed for the bill is that the legal age to use recreational marijuana to 21. In the end, the bill passed with more "yays" than "nays."

On the Senate floor, Strine City presented a bill that makes the citizens of Keystone Girls State stay in school. The education bill was proposed by our city mayor Prachi Soni and Lauren Slaugenhaupt, a Strine citizen. When voting for the bill in the Senate, Olivia Heller says it was a close call. "But Strine City came out on top. Our girls are the best of the best and that's why our bill passed." Strine City writes useful bills that helps all the cities in every way and we can be seen dominating the Senate as well as the House floor.

THE SISTER CITY TRIAL

SEIFERT CITY

ALEXIS LUKASZEWSKI, PUBLIC DEFENDER

The sister cities within Blue County, McKay and Seifert, generally participate in conjoint events whether that be through party meetings, or a exciting dance party. In other words, both cities interact with each other extremely well and they always find a way to participate in events while still competing for the top spot in earning honors city points. Today on June 19th, 2018, Blue County had the privilege of participating in our very first mock trial of the Keystone Girls State 2018 program year.

The city of McKay filed a lawsuit against Seifert City for the damages of Haley Miller. The plaintiff, Haley Miller, described her experience while entering Seifert City as “dangerous” and claimed that she was being taunted while being arrested. Miller was arrested due to her lack of cooperation to follow the Seifert City city ordinances. The city ordinance that is being referred too is the rule that when you enter their city, the outside citizen must maintain one hand on the wall - unless instructed by a city member to not do so. The plaintiff claimed that when she was arrested, she fell as a result of the improper treatment of the Seifert City state troopers (officers who conducted the arrest). Although the plaintiff was attempting to prove that the plaintiff obtained the damages (injury), the defense had extensive evidence to prove the injuries were indeed on her own accord.

The District Attorney, Madeline Wickel, represented the plaintiff during trial and utilized three witnesses, all of whom participate in different roles within their city - Haley Miller (Plaintiff), Gia Bugieda (Witness), and Abby Daniels (Expert Witness). These witnesses presented all information to the best of their ability when instructed to do so, and successfully answered the questions when asked during Direct or Cross Examination. The city Public Defender, Alexis Lukaszewski, defended her city against the accusations and also utilized three witnesses - Rachel Strode (Witness), Anai Walters (State Trooper witness), and Taylor Zimmerman (State Trooper Witness).

Both representatives have never participated in a mock trial, unlike our peers. Despite this seemingly intimidating obstacle, they were able to successfully debate the issue and learn how to properly participate in a trial. The trial maintained the ability to be continuously challenged and questioned, causing the trial to last the entire time originally allotted. Both councils were invested in the evidence being presented, and were always respectful of alternative opinions.

The ultimate end goal of the mock trial is not only to allow young women to participate in something closely related to a real court case, but to form new

relationships while doing so. As previously stated, both attorneys had never participated in anything related to the event, causing them to both learn so many lessons. Because of the Keystone Girls State program and the opportunities that are continuously available to all citizens will always allow us to reach for the stars, and to use our powers for good.

THE VOTING PROCESS

KELLY CITY

NICOLE GORDON

Voting can be very confusing, but I'm here to clear things up for you! We partake in elections so that we can take positions and hold offices in the city, county, and state. We first had to hold a caucus, which is a meeting that is held to have our citizens register to vote. During the caucus, we get our voting cards that we need to show as proof that we are registered citizens so we can vote. Later on, we have an election to have our



citizens use the voting cards and actually vote on who is going to be our city officials. We have two elections. First, we have our primary election that takes place within our two separate parties: the Nationalists and Federalists. We will vote separately in our parties to conclude one or more persons for every office. Later on, we have our general elections that we use to vote in the city with both parties together to conclude on one official from either party. We repeat this process in order to vote on candidates for the county, and also the state. I hope this made the voting process easier to understand!