

# A HOT (DOG) MESS

GREIMAN CITY

CLAIRE WYSZYNSKI

SHIPPENSBURG-- Marketing represents an essential part of managing any business. In Greiman, hot dog sales constitute one of the city's primary sources of income. On Monday night, the city residents conceived a new and exciting idea for marketing their business: dancing in a hot dog suit.

After thoughtful consideration and fundraising efforts, the girls endeavored to obtain the hot dog suit through online retailer Amazon. Spearheaded by Red County clerk and Amazon Prime member Clarke Johnson, the citizens sought both an attention-grabbing and fiscally responsible product that would arrive quickly.

"I thought that the hot dog suit was a great twist on a city business that might have not been the most popular originally," said Red County Commissioner Samantha Ganser.

After Ms. Johnson ordered the product, Greiman City residents expressed a reinvigorated enthusiasm for their city business. Competing with other city businesses that offered more popular foodstuffs such as Chinese cuisine and popcorn, many citizens worried Greiman's hot dog stand would not yield returns on investment.

"It [the hot dog suit] was a tunnel of hope for our hot dog business," citizen Leah Frebowitz explained.

Just when Greiman residents held new hope, however, disaster struck. Although Ms. Johnson updated her shipping address on the product order to the Greiman City residence in Shippensburg University's Naugle Hall, Amazon failed to deliver the product. Upon re-evaluating her order, Ms. Johnson confirmed that she had, in fact, changed the address. Shortly after, however, the county clerk received multiple emails from Amazon alleging that she had not changed the address and stating that the hot dog suit would instead be delivered to her home in Pennsylvania.

"I was extremely let down by Amazon because they always deliver, so realizing I wasn't going to get my hot dog suit crushed my spirit," the county clerk stated.

Disappointed, Ms. Johnson says she will be cancelling her Amazon Prime membership. The Greiman City girls must now find new tactics to sell their assigned hot dogs.

# "ELLO GOV'NOR!"

SIEFERT CITY

SAMANTHA O'HARA

On Wednesday June 20, the Keystone Girls' State citizens, mentors, deans, and other members visited the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg. I had never been to the Capitol Building before this trip so I was super excited and anxious to finally make a visit. On Monday, I had called and set up a meeting with my senator's (Senator Stewart Greenleaf) executive assistant, Eric Pauley. I was really nervous at first, but I brought along a few friends of mine to sit in the meeting with me. The meeting was very informative and we learned a lot about Mr. Puley's job, what he does, how he works with the Senator, and more. The building itself was amazing! the decorations, intricate designs, and unique architecture were mind-blowing! We also sat in on the House of Representatives and Senate floor, which was really cool to see, especially since that day the budget report was being discussed and debated. Finally, everyone gathered in front of the Capitol Building for a picture with Governor Tom Wolf. I climbed to the second level where I got in position for the photo. I was looking down on the ground level waiting for the governor to arrive, when suddenly people were moving and swarming to one particular area where I was. I soon realized that it was the governor himself! He was right behind me! I was even able to shake his hand and introduce myself to him! I was so surprised and shocked! It was so cool to meet the the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf. It was truly an incredible experience!

P.S. The photo was taken using a drone, which I found to be really cool!

# FEDS V. NATS.

STRINE CITY

SAMANTHA PETZOLD

The scream-off between the Nationalists and the Federalists was a success in making the parties ready. The purpose was to hype up both parties and, in a friendly way, create a competitive environment between the two state parties in Keystone Girls State. Tables and chairs were set up between the two parties to keep them apart while they would jump around and yell. Counselors stood in between the small space to keep the hyper parties in line and make them abide by the rules. The rules were simple- keep it clean and friendly, meaning do not interrupt the other team. The Feds, whose color is blue, and the Nats, whose color is red, went all out with face paint and stickers on the face and wearing capes. Some girls brought costumes and hats to support their party. The Nats and Feds faced off first with a coin toss, and the Feds won, so they got to kick off the rally.



Some of the cheers were really good, and some were lost between the two sides. Both sides included some pretty neat stunts, including backflips, cartwheels and splits which shocked both sides. Sometimes, they got into circles and danced and cheered their own team on. Most of the time, they two parties dissed and mocked the other. Although the rules said to rally fairly and nicely, the two teams would somehow incorporate a small diss in the cheer. The whole point is to show that the two parties are better than the other, so cheering about how the one city is better than the other hypes both parties up, trying to make them get to the point of excitement that makes them eager to win. The rally brought citizens together in rallying for their own party and it was successful in making the parties hyped up, and the loudness of the room told everyone that they were ready to win.



Nicole and Sam from Strine City representing the Nationalists at the rally.

# HEALTHY & HAPPY

GREIMAN CITY

ANNA WEINSTEIN AND CLAIRE WYSZYNSKI

Greiman City values many things including respect, friendship, inclusion, and of course, health. Yesterday, health commissioner Alina Arechiga took some time to ensure everyone was doing their best to keep the public safe from the bad: both physical and mental.

To relay the importance of personal hygiene in physical health, the health commissioner gave an eloquent speech. She reminded the Girls' state citizens the importance of washing their hands after using the restroom and before eating to prevent the transmission of bacteria in such a confined environment. If the citizens forgot hand soap, Ms. Arechiga suggested using shower soaps or requesting hand soap for purchase from Walmart. Dedicated to her position, she personally cleaned counters with anti-bacterial wipes and supplied hand sanitizer and cough drops to her fellow citizens. She furthermore encouraged the girls to use the paper plates available instead of just using their hands when indulging in city snacks, and to avoid sharing drinks out of the same bottle.

The health commissioner also addressed mental health in the state of Keystone. As a positive promoter on the executive board of Aavidum, a program that deals with anti-bullying and mental illnesses, Ms. Arechiga emphasized the importance of talking about feelings, especially when this camp may be the first time some of the girls are away from their families. She offered herself as someone to open up to, available for anyone who felt the need to talk, no matter their sexuality, race, or anything else.

Keeping the area clean and safe is extremely important. As visitors, preserving our borrowed space remains essential to convey our appreciation and remain healthy. If the environment is clean, chances are that the people have less chances of spreading airborne illnesses. Maintaining a balance between physical and mental health, however, remains critical to a healthy and happy life.

"Physical and mental health are different yet they are still connected, you need to take equal care of them to stay healthy," Ms. Arechiga said. "Having a friend by your side is always a plus".

The Greiman City girls heartily agree, and seek to be supportive of everyone in the group.

"I completely agree, having a support system is the best way of coping with any physical or mental condition" citizen Leah Frebowitz says.

Caring counts. Ultimately, to secure the best experience at Girls' State and in life, citizens should strive to take care of yourself and others.

## KEYSTONE GIRLS STATE VISITS THE PA STATE CAPITOL

KELLY CITY

JELLY SEIGWORTH

On Tuesday, June 20, the girls who are attending Keystone Girls State, all gathered around to take a trip to our state capitol building. We started morning off by rising early for breakfast and then we after eating we took a group picture before separating our parties and candidates to get on the busses to head out. Upon arrival at the capitol Girls State lined up on the large staircase and sang the National Anthem and then went on our own ways. Many girls walked around the building, while others met with Senators and Representatives or went to order some food down in the small business area. This was a really great start to the day as many were able to sit in on the House as they worked to approve our new budget which will change the lives of many around the state. After this long morning we gathered around outside to prepare ourselves for a final departing picture with Pennsylvania state Governor, Tom Wolf. This moment allowed many to see the House of Representatives in action which really was a neat experience.

## PAT THE MENTOR

ROSS CITY

SAM SCHULTEIS

Pat is the sweetest of all the mentors  
She is the one that Ross City adores  
She makes every citizen feel special in their own way  
Especially Saige on her birthday  
She prepared decorations for the third floor

She makes sure we are awake by knocking on each door  
Pat rocked the talent show in her red cape and boots  
For she is the one we wanted to root  
Pat has a special place in Ross's heart  
I dread the day that we will have to part

## RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICES

KELLY CITY

KAYA ROGERS

At Keystone Girls State, the citizens have the opportunity to run for many leadership positions. They can hold positions at the city, county, or state level. Many girls have run and progressively learned how to campaign effectively. These positions force girls to step out of their comfort zone and think about why they deserve positions. Skills such as these are important especially when applying to colleges. I highly suggest that any future citizens run for leadership positions.

Running for leadership positions can be stressful and exciting all at once. Campaigning in front of twenty girls in from each city is a notable experience. The ladies develop confidence in themselves. Furthermore, citizens grasp the skill of selling themselves to a future employer or population. Public speaking is an important skill for and adult in modern society. Whether in an interview or expressing ideas to colleagues, this skill is necessary to thrive in the business world. The stress of running a campaign teaches the ladies how to act under pressure. Also, for the citizens who hope to go into law, studying the city platforms and presenting without much preparation is great practice. Overall, these are great experiences for girls who come from schools with a limited number of leadership positions and extracurricular activities. Best of luck to those running for state positions; be proud of your accomplishments!

# SAVE THE BEES

ROSS CITY

Were you aware that the bees are dying at an alarming rate, and that if we doing nothing to prevent their extinction one third of the food we eat will be gone? Ross City cares for the environment of the keystone area, and we proposed a bill to prevent the extinction of bees and improve every city for the better. Our bill lays out the plan to put bee boxes at every local high school and community center in the keystone area to improve the bee population. Not only would citizens get to learn more about beekeeping and how to help the bees, but the bees would beautify the area with their pollination and provide a local honey source for each community as well. Ross City is well aware of the fact that people are allergic to bees and may not like this bill, but we are taking every precaution to keep them safe. We first added that we would put signs up alerting everyone of the fact that bee boxes are nearby, and having a 500 feet away rule that all bee boxes must be kept at a safe distance away from the hospitals. Not only that but we are also putting them at high schools where students are aware of what to do in case of a sting, but the student will know how to take the proper precautions. Also by putting them in community center areas, there will be supervision to watch for smaller kids and keep them away. Overall the bill could have a very positive impact on not only the citizens of Ross but the Keystone state as a whole.

# TALENT SHOW

SEIFERT CITY

RACHEL STRODE

Thursday, June 21st was a day filled with fun, unity, and competition. The Talent Show was put on by each city in Keystone as well as a surprise talent presentation by the great staff. Before the talent show the energy was rising, either through cheers or songs Keystone was having a blast! When it came time, the talent show displayed a wide range of acts from heart melting melodies to stand up comedians to light hearted and crazy acts. Who knew that Keystone Girls State had so much talent? Everyone was taken by surprise when the staff introduced some members from the Keystone Boys state to come and do a lip sync battle. Rushing to the stage, screaming, and laughing

quickly turned into the display of the strong united front of KGS. A few members of Girls state took the liberty and jumped up on stage to lead a cheer calling out the boys, causing the boys to take a hike. In the end, the talent show was enjoyable for all, although rushed, it brought smiles and claps from many.

## THE CONTEMPORARY PARENT TRAP : PART 3

### "FRIENDS THAT EMBARRASS TOGETHER, STICK TOGETHER."

MCKAY CITY  
MADDIE WICKEL AND CASEY KAVANAUGH

First of all, we would like to thank everyone who petitioned for us to perform in the talent show. We really appreciated all of your support and kindness. Unfortunately, we were not able to appease the crowd to our potential.

Our performances are better suited for small crowds, such as individual cities. The first performance given to Seifert City definitely had a better delivery. Even though we may not have been able to make everyone laugh out loud, we hope we put a smile on your face.

Both of us personally had no idea what to expect coming into Girls State. But because of that it allowed for us to truly experience this organization in a unique way. Casey and I had never met before this week, which only strengths our point that Girls State brings together not only the future women leaders, but life long friends.

From the early, early mornings of quick change and go, to the endless laughter echoed in the cafeteria, we can both confidently say that this is one of the strongest and real friendship either of us have experienced.

"Soggy, Sausages, Bagel" – The Roomies





# THE ICE CREAM EXPERIENCE

MCKAY CITY

ALEX RALPH

So, here we are. It's day 5 at Keystone Girls State. We've all obviously been to the cafeteria and we know that there's an ice cream station there. Before coming here many of the citizens I'm sure were not allowed to eat ice cream for breakfast, more or less EVERY meal. However, as bad as this may sound, it has been quite a good thing. Having ice cream and seeing girls get the ice cream for every meal has been comedic and provided A LOT of sugar rushes almost essential to get through everyday here.

If I'm being honest, too, it has also been amusing to watch trends grow with the ice cream. Originally it seemed like people were hesitant to get it in the morning and at all the different meals. Yet by Monday or Tuesday there was a flourish or even an excessive amount of girls surrounding the ice cream station. This was not the only trend with the ice cream, though. This one I know, started with our McKay citizen, Haley Miller. She had the idea to make an ultimate sundae. She put a brownie in the bottom of a bowl and would then put the ice cream ovetop of it. She also most proudly created the biggest/tallest cones of soft serve I personally had ever seen. Hysterically it had fallen over into a bowl that, thankfully, one of the Keystone Boys had grabbed for this exact reason.

So overall, even though the ice cream may not be the most healthy thing in the world for the girls, it has created just as many memories and jokes as anything else we have done. With camps like Keystone memories are made that last a lifetime and friends that will be close for a really long time. It is also key to notice that all the little things matter here, not just the big events like visiting the capital or passing legislation. Everything put together makes Keystone Girls State a unique and desirable experience.

# WE SUPPORT THE VETERANS

STRINE CITY

OLIVIA HELLEN

Every year Keystone Girls State does a service project, and each year it is different. This year, citizens were asked to bring items to donate to Lebanon Valley VA hospital. We had a very successful turnout for the hospital. A representative from the VA came to receive the donated items, and also to give a presentation about the significance of the poppy flower in the American Legion. The presentation was very informational, both in educating the citizens about the help veterans receive and the history of the American Legion flower.

The poppy flower symbolizes all those men and women who fought for our country. Every American Legion across the country produces these flowers every year for National Poppy Day. However, Pennsylvania is the only remaining state that the flowers are made by hand. Our veterans work together to make these flowers. When they make these flowers, friendships are created for a lifetime and it is a great



experience for the veterans. Following the presentation, each one of the citizens was able to place a poppy onto a wreath. This wreath will be taken to the VA hospital for the veterans. Also, on the wreath was a small cardinal bird because those patients at the hospital believe that when a cardinal visits, it is somebody watching over them from heaven. Along with learning about the poppy flower, we also learned about how the VA hospital gives the veterans the help they need. The VA helps homeless veterans by placing them in a

home for a year and giving them food and supplies. These men look at these volunteers as their angels. They are always there the second they need something. The women who help are not doing these things because it is their job, they are doing it because they love to help our veterans. Each one of the ladies are all volunteer workers.