

MONDAY

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HRINYA CITY

Hrinya City Fills Four Red County Positions

Grace Dougherty

County elections wrapped up on Monday, with each group of two cities electing three County Commissioners, a Treasurer, a Clerk, a Sheriff, and a District Attorney. All of these roles take on a larger constituency than city positions, and as such come with more responsibility. Four Hrinya City residents were elected into these exciting new positions in Red County.

Kelly Meirert, who won a County Commissioner seat, explains her motivations for pursuing this new position: "This was a good next step after becoming City Councilwoman. It will be a great opportunity to get more involved and take on more responsibility." As County Commissioner, Kelly will be responsible for county ordinances, actions needed to improve the county, and communication between the two cities. In order to effectively perform these tasks, Kelly has goals for her position. "I really want to get the two cities closer. After to day with all the arrests and stuff it was the first time we met each other. It was clear that we were already starting to get to know each other. I want us to get closer and work together as a county not just individual cities," she told the Keystone Gazette.

Another new County Commissioner from Hrinya is Melanie Sporn, who sees her position as a way to advocate for others. She explains: "I want to make sure that my city's voice is heard because we are smaller than some other cities. And even though we all have different personalities, I hope to use my voice to communicate for those who might be more shy." Melanie has loftier goals than some others, Lieutenant Governor to achieve this same goal on a larger scale. Overall, Melaine hopes to unify. She told the Gazette: "I want to unify the cities and make sure everyone feels comfortable with what is happening in their cities and make sure that everyone is able to come to me in case they have a concern."

Hrinya resident Lisa Bakhodirova was elected County Magistrate and will have responsibilities in presiding over court cases concerning the whole county. Lisa worked hard on her campaign, but not alone. She revealed: "I stayed up until 3AM to work on all my posters with my new friends." Lisa hopes to continue her hard working streak throughout her participation in government. "I plan to run for Supreme Court Justice because RBG inspired me to believe that anyone can change the world by assuming a higher position and using that influence," she relayed.

Finally, Ivy Snyder was elected County District Attorney. Her responsibilities include representing the Red County in county level trials. Ivy shared her enthusiasm for her new role, saying, "I will represent the Red County fairly and maintain justice in this great region." She explains her commitment by shedding light on her future goals: "I am passionate about the law and I want to get as much experience as possible to prepare for the future."

As county elections come to a close, the Keystone Girls State citizens begin to prepare for State elections, which will offer positions that carry even more responsibility.

The Senate is in Session

Olivia Castilla

In the Senate today, six delegates from each state in Keystone were in attendance to assign a President Pro Tempore, a clerk, learn Parliamentary Procedure, and learn how to debate respectfully over a bill presented from a Committee. The President Pro Tempore elected was Aeryn McClain and the Clerk assigned for the Senate was Olivia Castilla.

After a brief introduction to the purpose of the Senate, the delegates dove head-first into their first bill -- a bill that considered the implementation of summer classes to increase the GPA of students not performing to the standard. Debate for both the pros and cons of the bill prompted 6 amendments to be proposed to the Presiding Officer. Due to a massive delegate participation in debating and limited time, the amendments were pushed to the side and only the original bill was put up for consideration. Without the amendments, the Bill ultimately failed and did not pass onto further consideration.

The heated debates and passionate delegates on the first day of the Senate show that the Senate will be an active body and push to pass as many beneficial bills as possible.

PETERSON CITY

Peterson City: We DID place for Honor City!

6/17/19

The first day spent at keystone girls state left all the girls anxious and excited for the rest of the week. Waking up earlier than most girls our age the second week of summer, we all had tired eyes and high hopes for the first full day. For the girls of Peterson city, our hopes were cut short. Hearing of the infamous “honors city” we all made sure to keep straight lines and hard work to get points towards our first update of the standing of honors city. During our city meeting in the morning we gathered together and awaited the announcement to see how well we had done the day before. As the announcement went on, our hearts sank. Not only did we not get top city, we didn’t place at all. Dead last. We knew immediately that this was impossible. We worked so hard!! Our senior counselor, Kelsey Foor (commonly known as k42) also knew this just couldn’t not be.

After many hours of questions asked and questions answered, we got exactly what we wanted to hear. A mistake was made in falsely documenting that the Peterson city daily report had not been turned in on the first day. The mistake had initially cost us 15 points. After they were added back to our first day score we were left with 62 points, also known as 3rd place. Back on the leaderboard where we belong!

Peterson City Night One

6/17/19

-Amelia

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Leadership

6/17/19

By: Lindsey Thompson from Peterson City

A group filled with 17 outstanding women and leaders are put to the test of working together to make the best, strongest city they can. Day number one started with introductions and the start of building bonds. After choosing city officials, everyone got to work right away. Each girl has been working hard on writing ordinances to ensure safety and order, bills to help improve our future, and a city action plan to fix issues that the city faces. The city has a lot of work to do within the next few days, however, Peterson city is home to bright young ladies ready to take on the challenge.

The girls started out the day by filling out name tags and then starting an ice breaker. The game played was one that forced each girl to communicate with one another and crack the tension in the room. After a few minutes of playing games, people began to learn each other's names and build bonds. As the day went on, each girl shared things about themselves, like where they are from, how many siblings they have, and what they like to do in their free time.

During this time of learning about each other, everyone began to come out of their shells and show their personalities. Despite the fact that day one only started at one pm, it felt like a very long day for every girl. Everyone had to travel from far west and east, some coming from four hours away. Then after unpacking and introductions, work started right away. The business had to be dealt with and elections had to be made. Everything got done by lights out at eleven pm.

As lights out approached, everyone moved into overdrive and worked very hard on their jobs to get things done by eleven pm. Everything was complete and everyone slept very soundly. Everyone went into their rooms, brushed their teeth and hit the pillow right away. The mayor thought about how she will help her city achieve honor city. The city councilwomen thought about which ordinances they will add to help the city. The businesswoman thought about how to best promote our business and make money for our city. And the sheriffs thought about how they will make sure that no one breaks our ordinances and how to protect our city.

Ready to be awake at 6:30AM the next morning and start the new day. Day 2 will be just as productive, along with the rest of the week. By the end of the week, the city will have completed effective ordinances, strong bills, and fixed city issues by following the city action plan. All of this can be done with the work of all the officials, and citizens to help.

Peterson Citizens recount the start of KGS

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-Peterson City Publicity Team

Speaker of The House and Clerk- Interview

6/17/19

Gabby Krain-Sasson

Today at KGS, our state House was in session for the first time. The House began to discuss important bills on the floor, such as a fine for those who dispose of their trash in the Delaware River (presented by Peterson City), and a bill aimed at gun violence research and education (presented by Hrinya City). Before these bills were discussed, our state delegates elected a House Speaker and her Clerk. KGS's House Speaker is Mikayla Tillery from Peterson City. The Clerk is Maura Campbell, coming out strong for her city which is H. We had a wonderful House session, we were able to pass two bills this afternoon. After the session, I sat down with Tillery and Campbell to dive into their thoughts on the important roles that have taken on. They would like to share their thoughts with you also, as they are very happy and excited to be your Speaker and Clerk throughout the week. First, here is Tillery's response:

Mikayla Tillery: House Speaker-

Question: Why did you want to be speaker of the House?

Answer: Tillery wanted to be Speaker of the House because she wanted to be able to encourage and aid an environment full of debate that would be focused on productive. She did an excellent job with this today. She also believes that over the past few years she has been able to gain a lot of experience for this role. She also loves the House and the debate that goes on it. Tillery wanted to be able to share this love with all the girls in the room. She says that she loves Girls State and so she wanted to be part of the leadership that goes on here.

Question: What was your favorite part of the role you took on?

Answer: Your Speakers favorite part was seeing all the girls stand up to speak and run for the positions presented in the room. She loved that the girls were able to come out of their shells, and try something new. She says that, "seeing girls stand up and speak for the first time is really rewarding because it shows that everyone feels comfortable and ready to speak in an environment that is very intimidating" (Tillery). This made her feel rewarded and inspired.

Question: What was the most challenging part and what do you hope to improve on?

Answer: For her, the most challenging part of being the House Speaker today was that she thought she knew the rules of House protocol well, because of past learning experiences, but found that she was not fully prepared. In past experiences, like Youth and Government she used a different set of procedures. She was aware that she was not fully comfortable for the position but over the next few days he hopes to get the procedure down pat. Tonight, Tillery will be taking the time to study the rules so that she can be ready.

Question: Any more thoughts

To conclude our interview, Tillery says she is, "really thankful to be elected and glad that you allowed me to serve and I hope to make this week really wonderful."

Question: How she is described: Peterson city describes Tillery as “very bubble, fun, energetic and lively.”

Maura Campbell: House Clerk-

Question: Why did you want to be House Clerk?

Answer: Campbell is Mayor of her city. Since she holds this role she is not able to hold most other rolls but, House Clerk is one that she can. She wanted to be able to participate more and House Clerk presented itself as a great opportunity. She also loves Speaker of the House and would love to do that for a living one day. Since she could not run for this though, she fell in love with the role of Clerk. This allowed her to have a say, debate, and vote legislation at Keystone Girls State. She sees herself as a perfect fit for this administrative role. She also took on this role so that she would be able to support the Speaker because the role can get stressful when doing it all alone.

Question: What was your favorite part of the role?

Answer: Campbell’s favorite part of being the Clerk during the first session was working with Tillery. Campbell describes Tillery as, “so cool, calm and collected.” She also says that she likes Tillery’s, personality. Speaking about Tillery Campbell says, “I like her persona and I like being round her.” She goes on to mention that she is sweet and amazing at the job. Campbell likes how professional the House Speaker is.

Question: How will you take on the role the next time the House is in session?

Answer: The next time the House is in session she will be very prepared. This means that papers will be filled out ahead of time so that everything will be organized. She says she will have a section at the end of her papers for amendments that are presented and voted on for each bill. Clerk Campbell says this will make everything go at a more rapid speed.

Any more thoughts: Campbell hopes the microphones get fixed soon! She also thinks that is is wonderful that we are having mock House sessions since, “a lot of people sadly do not know too much about our government and how it functions currently”(Campbell). She wants to break away the stigma that politicians do not get stuff done by making everyone aware how difficult it is to get any legislation through.

How is she described: Maura’s friend, Kelly, describes Maura as very outgoing, open, friendly, and as someone who steps up.

We are so excited for our House Speaker and Clerk to do amazing things this week! We are so glad that they will be leading our sessions!

REINHARD

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The town of Reinhard is under attack, and the perpetrators are deeply entangled into society, hiding amongst citizens. Arrests are up, but the state troopers are not so innocent despite their heroic work. State trooper Kalissa was arrested today at 14:50 for the despicable act of not pushing her chair in. She was handcuffed by fellow State Trooper Delaney. State Trooper Delaney has not been arrested in her career, not even a suspension. So as of now, there are still some good guys in the force.

Aside from the deep rooted corruption in the Reinhard Police Department, there are countless perpetrators of illegal activity in the city of Reinhard. Today alone, there were over 30 arrests. The citizens of Reinhard have no respect for the law, constantly saying inappropriate words such as “like” and “um,” refusing to push in chairs, and even putting their elbows on the table. The concerned, law abiding citizens are doing what they can in an attempt to aid this crisis.

Unfortunately, disrespect for the law is deeply embedded in Reinhard’s culture. The reversal of this societal norm is not an easy process, but it is possible. State Trooper Kalissa will not be fired due to her arrest, but the city is moving forward.

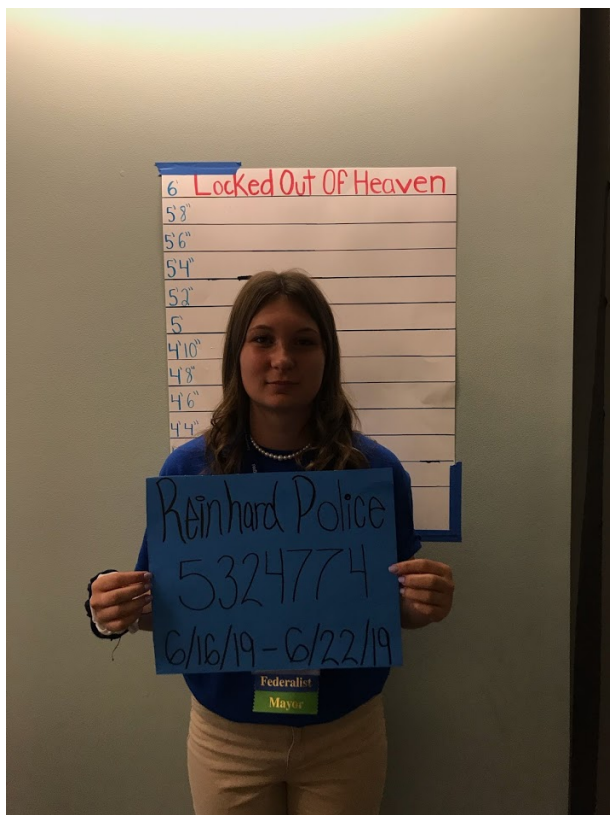
Reinhard City Mayor and City Manager Arrested

Alyssa Hurly

This scandal might even top Melissa Hrinya being arrested yesterday; the City of Angels is no stranger to crime with a crime rate of 39.88%. This morning, both the Reinhard City Mayor and City Manager were arrested for violating multiple ordinances enforced by state troopers Laney and Kalissa. Both Laney and Kalissa have been at the top of their game, trying to eradicate crime within the city and enforce justice.

Reinhard City believes its corruption is rooted within the leadership now that this story has surfaced. Hopefully the City of Angels will not have to endure any lawsuits against their leadership. Mayor Katelin was arrested for violating an ordinance which states that citizens of Reinhard cannot use the words “like” or “um”. Katelin is a repeat offender of this ordinance in the City of Angels, which does not look the best for their leadership. However, Katelin has assured the citizens of Reinhard City that she is working on improving which is promising. City Manager Alyssa was arrested for violating an ordinance that states no phones may go off during city meetings. Both offenders have served hard time for their crimes and came out of jail reformed individuals.

Reinhard City police are working to lower the crime rate from the top down, and hopefully the Mayor and City Manager will set an example for other residents of the City of Angels.



KRUMRINE

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First Day
Madison Niebish

Imagine it is the summer of 2019 and it is your last hurrah before senior year starts. You have been sat down by both of your parents to tell you that you will be attending Girls State to mock netfthe government for a week, not the thing you want to be doing in your summer but you do not have any choice. You are in the car making your way to Shippensburg University begging your mom to turn around and go back home. You arrive knowing nobody, nothing about the government, or the schedule of your days. As you walk into your city you are overwhelmingly greeted by your counselors and fellow citizens. Not even sitting for ten minutes you feel like you have known everybody for months. It was only day one and Girls State has already grown everybody as a person and made life long friends!

A Bill to Encourage Gun Violence Research

Gwenn Strasser

In the House today, a controversial topic was brought up in the form of a bill: The Gun Violence Research Act. Many questions were asked by the House, however, the writers of the bill were not present, as they were in the Senate. So, another representative from the same city presented the bill on the spot. One of the main questions of the bill was, "What exactly is being researched?" to which the representative responded that the research would provide answers as to how mental health effects shooters and how effective background checks are. Advocates for the bill stated that researching gun violence would educate citizens further because it is essential that a solution must be found. However, cons included statements that the bill was too unclear to be passed, and educating the masses could possibly take away from police officers' work. The first amendment suggested that the city passing the bill would spend \$50,000 on the research, and the amendment was passed. The second amendment asked that teachers such as veterans would be brought in to help the police because shootings are not limited to schools. The third amendment to the bill asked that police officers would come into schools starting in elementary school, but it was not passed. Ultimately, the bill was passed.

Food Critic Article

Amber Henry
Krumrine City

When you think of college cafeteria food, what comes to your mind? First, is it messy, is it gross, or is it simply delicious? I had the chance to experience what the cafeteria food was like at Shippensburg University while attending Keystone Girls State for a week. When I arrived, I expected cooked meals that were terrible in a plain and uninvited cafeteria. I was certainly incorrect. There was a wide variety of food to choose from that was fresh and appetizing. I interviewed a Councilwoman from the Krumrine City, Miranda about her opinion on the cafeteria food. Councilwoman Miranda said, " The food is delicious and the french fries as well as the burgers are the best!" Overall, the cafeteria food is very delicious and satisfying to the point that you'll want to come back for seconds. I also should note that the workers in the cafeteria are fantastic and professional. The cafeteria is also neat and clean.

Crazy Weather at Shippensburg

Laura Finnell

During the whole day of June 17th, unusual weather patterns were happening all over campus. We were unable to do flag raisings and walking to get food was a burden. But, us girls kept pushing on! The rain didn't stop us from keeping a smile on our face and some even enjoyed the rain. For the rest of the week, it's supposed to be like this and let's just say NO ONE is excited for it. But, I really do think with our positive attitudes, and excitement for this program, we can push through the rain and have a great rest of the week.

Coming to KGS, I didn't know what to expect, what the girls would be like, or what exactly I was getting myself into. Prior to arriving at KGS, to be honest, I was not excited because I do not have an interest in government or politics. Even though my interest in politics and government have not changed, I have met new friends, learned a lot about state government, and experienced elections and a House session. This has made me step out of my comfort zone and try new things. After the first day, even though I am not as passionate as other girls may be, I have gained more of an appreciation for the representatives in the House and Senate who spend hours discussing and debating bills. I did not know the amount of effort and time it takes to pass a bill.

The First Day of Senate – Politics

By Samantha Mapps, Krumrine City

It was approximately 11:45 AM on Monday, the 17th of June when the first bill of the Keystone Girls State Senate hit the floor. The bill was regarding the public education system of one of Pennsylvania's lesser performing schools. The present sponsor of the bill, which called for Summer Education Programs to close the Summer learning gap, was Senator Samantha Mapps of Krumrine City. Considering this was the first time many of the young women had seen the legal proceedings surrounding legislature, questions were permitted to be asked regarding the process making it decidedly less fluid than it would really be. After the sponsor's speech and the time for technical questions was up, a very intense string of con-debates was stirred up. Many argued the bill's necessity and its implementation in the district. During this time, many counter-arguments were brought up in defense of the bill. The con-debate was cut short due to time and the senators moved into the pro debate. It was during this time an amendment to the bill hit the floor and progress on the bill was halted to consider said amendment. The amendment surrounded requiring certain students to attend the summer school programs based on a variety of aspects. Then began the process over again, this time only concerning the amendment to the bill. It was quickly realized time was getting close to being concluded, and a senator motioned to table the amendment and to rather finish the bill. The sponsor of the bill gave her summation speech and the Senate voted. The no votes were far more numerous compared to the yes votes and the bill, in the end, was failed. All senators then asked any remaining questions and after this, were dismissed.

Democratic Impingement Makes an Appearance in KGS County Elections

Section: Politics

By: Alyssa Hayes

Hopeful eyes, now glazed over with expired patience, stood in unison outside of the voting room, awaiting their opportunity to participate in the rewarding realm of democracy. Anticipation existed in a tangible state, looming behind the casual conversations conducted by surrounding individuals as a means of passing the time. The preconceived notion of democratic perfection was firmly corroborated until the indiscriminate wielding of authoritative punishment initiated an ethical ripple effect, indelibly altering the political atmosphere of the White County.

Of these individuals vying for political distinguishment, Federalist June Park of Krumrine City appeared unparalleled in her efforts to achieve the coveted position of County Commissioner. Calculated charisma in tandem with her innate ability to enthrall her audience fabricated a desirable advantage against her competitors as she strived for her election. Standing as the paragon of political and promotional etiquette, Ms. Park appeared as the perfect target for the vicious whims of voter suppression.

Ms. Park was apprehended by the local law enforcement of Reinhardt City as a result of her affinity for local politics. To avoid any kind of tardiness to the voting ballots, she employed her arsenal of athleticism to sprint down the hallway to the election location, explicitly violating the city's ordinance that prohibits running in the hallway. Though this instance may appear benign in nature, it possesses a far more insidious demeanor as it branches into the domain of voter suppression.

The coinciding occurrence of the election and Ms. Park's untimely arrest highlights the endemic crisis plaguing democratic authenticity on a global scale as politically-driven agendas aimed to undermine the proper functioning of such a fundamental process. With the assumed intention of swaying the imminent vote, local law enforcement took it upon themselves to arrest and detain Ms. Park only minutes before she was to cast her vote. Upon her release, Ms. Park offered an insight into her travails, negating any emotional trauma for the betterment of society. While such an occurrence poses the threat of severe discouragement, Ms. Park took the opportunity to turn such an unfortunate experience into one of personal development, offering her testimony that, "My experiences of voter suppression opened my eyes to how dangerous voter suppression is. I simply ran to make it in time for voting but was arrested and ultimately my fundamental right to violate was violated. Fortunately, I had the support of my entire city watching me go through this traumatic experience and cheering me on and I am forever grateful".

Voter suppression stands as a burgeoning crisis, threatening the inalienable rights of individuals to fair and just democratic procedure. With this, the obligation of the individual is emphasized as societal demands call upon citizens, like Ms. Park, to combat the forces of democratic impingement to foster continuity in the global struggle for honest popular politics.

Krumrine City Rules!

Desirae Rowland

In the City of Krumrine, there are many different hilarious rules for the city. Some of the rules include: Don't touch the stain on the floor and do a 360 turn under every exit sign. One of the rules is that one is not allowed to touch the decorations that are hanging from the ceilings or walls. There is a girl that lives in our city named Miranda who is almost six feet tall. Every time that she walks through the hallways she has to do the limbo and then try to spin under the exit signs while avoiding the stains on the floor. It is a show just to walk behind her in the halls. When walking behind her in the hall there are two different reactions that are shown, one being, "Wow, this girl looks like a giraffe trying to go under tree limbs!" and the other, "I think this girl is going to break her neck just walking down the hall." Other rules are being put in place, like anytime someone says, "The floor is lava!" nobody's feet can be touching the ground. It's something else to see a citizen giving a serious speech, then jumping around, wildly trying to find a raised surface.

Krumrine Kindness

Miranda Guthrie (Krumrine City)

Upon arriving at KGS, the citizens of Krumrine immediately felt like they had known each other for years. They all agreed to have core values ingrained in their flag, which would reflect on their goals as a city. The citizens decided upon several principles, such as kindness, community service, and peace. Kindness was unanimously chosen because in the words of Kyra Watts, "Nobody in the city knew each other and it was a great way to promote friendships." The girls decided that it was important to them to provide a way to show their support for one another. Each city resident has a kindness board on their door, with both their name and a supportive pun on it. The girls even went as far as to enact several kindness ordinances for Keystone Girls State citizens to abide by while traveling through the city of Krumrine. The girls decided upon community service because they believed it represented both their values and the American Legion Auxiliary values as a whole. Krumrine resident, Amber Henry, says, "We decided to choose community service because we are all very passionate about being proactive members of our communities." Peace was selected as a core value because as Elise Chough would put it, "We see drama as an unnecessary part of any group." The citizens promote peace by following the ordinances to the best of their abilities.

Krumrine State Troopers Arrest Cantankerous Counselors

Lily Wilson

On June 17, 2019, the Krumrine State Troopers, Madison Niebish and Abigail Glavin, made an impressive arrest after an impassioned chase. The arrest came after a drought of police activity in an exciting rush. The two counselors, Maddie Wickel and Kelsey Foor, were seen running through Krumrine City without performing a 360 beneath all exit signs. This was a clear violation of the City of Krumrine's Local Ordinance Number 11. Citizen Anna Iacocca commented, "As a witness, I felt safe knowing that our local law enforcement are so well trained..they acted quickly...for threats against our citizens."

A chase ensued after the two counselors resisted arrest. The State Troopers pursued the counselors down the hall and finally into an open dorm. State Trooper Niebish had to say, "It was a really action-packed day," about the event. The State Troopers then proceeded to break down the door in order to make the arrests. This all happened while excited citizens of Krumrine witnessed the event. The punishments inflicted were 15 push-ups for Counselor Wickel and 20 sit-ups for Counselor Foor.

Sandi's Wise Words

Kyra Watts

Krumrine's mentor Sandi is full of funny jokes and words of wisdom. She displayed these characteristics the first day when she introduced her self as Sandi with an I because she " changed the Y to an I so I could add -es." This clever joke was also a helpful way to remember how to correctly spell her name. This was also demonstrated when Lily held the door open for her. Sandi responded with, "Age before beauty?". Everyone responded with a light laugh and told her she was the true beauty. Her beautiful personality was revealed when she walking down Reinhard's city where one of the rules is touching all of the angels on the well. When caught doing this, she said that there should be an exception because you can't touch angels, angels touch you. They let her go with no punishment. At lunch, one of the citizens quoted Hannah Montana's hit songs, saying, "Everybody makes mistakes." To some surprise, Sandi responded saying, "Nobody's Perfect," finishing the lyric. Sandi provides a wonderful example for all of the citizens by reminding them to stay kind.

Case of the Missing Citizen

By: Anna Iacocca, Krumrine City



The scene is set: Krumrine City's newest residents slowly filter into their lounge of commerce. Gradually, after an awkward silence, chatter begins to permeate the room, denizens anxious about the week-long trek before them. The chatter swells to full conversation: brief biographies, jokes and laughter, and, of course, questions. Oh, so many questions. The iconic: "Where are you from?" The dreaded: "Where are you looking to go to college?" The controversial: "Wawa or Sheetz?" Yet, as these questions filled the room, one remained unasked. *Where is Citizen 7?*

Otherwise known as "Angeline," if that even is her real name, the enigma that was the final citizen of Krumrine's population was nowhere to be found. Seventeen seats searching for purpose, but only sixteen fulfilling their life's goal of comforting the rear-ends of their beloved Krumrinians. *Where could this mysterious and amorphous Angeline be?* Searching high and low, far and wide, here and there, Krumrine hunted for its lost member, but its efforts were to no avail. Citizen 7 never did show up, and her absence has left a hole in the Krumrine community. Citizens continue to pay tribute to her unclaimed drawstring bag, offer words of solemnity as they pass her poster on the wall, and shower support upon her roommate, who lost beloved friend she never met. Perhaps the case of the missing citizen will never be solved, but one thing is for certain; Krumrine will stand together and persist as a unit, with Angeline in its thoughts and her spirit in its heart.

HEALD CITY

Campaigning

By: Bailey Reilly

Ever since I was a little girl, I've dreamed of working in a courtroom someday when I was older. The only problem was that I was so young, I had no idea what I wanted to do in the courtroom since I lacked experience. It wasn't until freshman year in high school that everything suddenly became clear to me. My Mock Trial Club at my high school, Notre Dame, was where I finally found my passion for law and government. During Mock Trial, I spent countless hours planning, forming, and practicing my numerous cross examination questions while also memorizing my closing statements.

When I first heard of Keystone Girls State, I was ecstatic at the perspective thought of running for City Prosecutor and District Attorney. After winning my cities position of Prosecutor, I set my sights on a much larger goal: District Attorney for the KGS Blue County. I knew it would be more difficult to attain, but I had to try.

At the beginning of the day, I wrote a campaign poster which promoted me as the ideal candidate for this position. I hung this poster in Beister City and used it as an opportunity to network and meet my fellow KGS citizens. There, I introduced myself and spoke about all of my goals and priorities if I were to be elected. In the Federalist primaries, I won against my opponent. I was one step closer.

Next it was onto the General County elections. In this set of elections, I faced my Nationalist opponent, Caillie Kracht, who is also from Heald City. After making my rounds around Blue County and promoting my name to my fellow citizens, I returned to Heald City and anxiously waited for the elections. After waiting for what seemed like years (yes, it really *did* feel like years), it was finally time to vote. I entered the voting room, signed in, took a deep breath, and voted for who would be part of the County offices.

It was only after being called for a meeting about city mock trial (which I needed to attend to fulfill my duties as Heald city prosecutor) that I heard the announcement for County offices. I heard my name being called for District Attorney. The first thing I felt was pure elation. Just knowing that I had the characteristics and qualifications to hold an important office such as District Attorney made me feel extremely special. I am thankful for my fellow citizens in the KGS Blue County for voting for me. I am thankful for this new opportunity I am able to pursue. I can't believe I am so close to becoming who I always dreamed I would be.

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On my first official full day here at Keystone Girls State, my schedule was jammed packed with a ton of amazing activities. We ate good food, discussed bills, and got to vote for an amazing group of girls for a multitude of different positions. But, when I look back on today, those aren't the activities that stand out the most. What activity stands out the most you might be wondering? Well the answer is more obvious than you might think. The activity was simply getting to talk with the girls here at Heald City. We talked about how we felt about each activity we completed, TV shows, and most importantly the food we were going to order later that day. As the day goes on the work here at Heald City does not stop. Keep in mind that just because we are getting things done we are also having a blast doing it. All the girls really opened up more and seemed a lot more comfortable with each other today. Not to say we weren't comfortable and having fun yesterday, we just were a lot more in sync today. I feel like we got a lot closer and I am excited to see where the rest of the week brings us as a group and as individuals.

House of Representatives

Abby Martin

Today on Monday June 17th, I visited the House Of Representatives. This was a really cool experience because I was in a new type of environment that I had new been in before. We got to look at the different bills that the other cities made. We also went through professional procedures. I thought that this was at first very overwhelming but I really liked how the discussions went. I am excited about tomorrow's meeting and I am very interested about what some of the other cities bills are gonna be. My goal is to try and stand up and say something during the discussions and more importantly try to get involved.

Stout is Looking Out... and Ready to Arrest

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Around every corner, she has her hand cuffs ready to clasp around the wrists of a criminal. At the ding of every opening elevator on the fourth floor, she is ready to direct the new-comers to the bolded ordinance poster on the side wall. At the exact second she hears a pause of silence after a Heald city resident greets another member with “yee-haw” (it should be followed by “haw-yee” by the way), she is already writing up a citation.

This girl is serious. This girl is intense. This girl is Heald city’s state trooper.

She is Mackenzie Stout. And she’s looking out... and ready to arrest.

From the moment she became a state trooper, she has been on her toes and ready for what comes next -- an important quality that makes her an exceptional fit for this position. While it may not have been her first choice during city elections, fulfilling the duties and responsibilities that come with state trooper have become the ultimate highlight of her day. When inquiring Stout about her favorite part of the job, she responded with a brief (yet serious and professional) thought: “I live for the sound of closing metal cuffs around a law-breakers wrists. I live for the sound of justice.” It is quotes like this one that show the grit and determination we should be relying on our state troopers to possess. It is behind Stout’s amiable, cordial facial expression that lies a stone-cold justice seeker; it is behind her balletic, refined movements that lies a strong, barrelling law-enforcer. She is ready to jump out and stop those abusing the laws at any moment.

In our orchestrated government simulation, in our continuous songs of our cities, in our conducted rhythm of Keystone Girls State, Stout never misses a beat.

Our city has found itself with an able and independent leader who has kept all our citizens safe and protected from those who are daring enough to break city ordinances. Without Stout, it would be difficult to come to conclusions of city security. Who knows what the alternative outcomes would have been if we were not fortunate enough to elect such a capable and courageous authority figure? But thankfully, we will not have to imagine that world. We will not have to be haunted by the thoughts of a city without the lawful hand of Mackenzie Stout. It has recently been announced that Stout has been elected to serve as county sheriff for Blue county. She now has the great opportunity to extend her talents and passion for putting law-abusers behind bars to all of those residing in Blue county, and we could not be more proud.

It is people like her who change the future and create a better world for all of us to live in. For us to grow and change in. For us to experience new things and meet new people in. No one would

be able to do these things if the fourth floor hallway of Shippensburg's Naugle Hall dorm rooms were flooded with violence and crime. She has created a place where we are able to continue to focus solely on our work and not worry about a loud hooligan barging into our city without following the rules we set in place for the betterment of society. She has made it clear that the citizens' trust is kept safe in her shirt pocket -- right next to her badge. She has made it obvious that the citizens' respect is tucked into the back pouch of her black pants -- right next to her hand cuffs.

BEISTER CITY

Running into Girls State Elections

By: Ashley Meyner

Sundays Beister City election served as a hectic introduction for this facet in the Keystone Girls State. Elections were held for each and every position of city from the job of Mayor, to the position of Social Media Coordinator. Though hectic, the election bared very little dispute over many positions, only requiring deciding speeches for the office of The City Chamber of Commerce and the City Prosecutor. Many positions also went unfilled until the very end of the elections. The positions of City Manager and City Business Manager were left to be decided between candidates Angela Campbell and Kaitlin Novak. The two positions were disputed over due to the fact that any girl that holds a locked city position cannot attend Girls Nation, a camp that only a select two Girls State residents are chosen to attend per year. Kaitlin intends on applying to attend the camp but being locked into the position of City Business Manager would bar her from doing so. Luckily, Angela stepped in to help Kaitlin fulfil her ambitions to attend Girls Nation "Girls help girls." says Campbell. The final decision came to Novak receiving the position of the City Manager and Campbell receiving the position of the City Business manager.

The undisputed election of Nationalist Mayor Aiya Aly (Pronounced Aye-a) came as no surprise to the city as, Aly had been openly expressing her interest in the position prior to the elections. There was also no Federalist opponent running against her, making the win an absolute sweep. The City Chamber of Commerce was also an exciting decision between Federalist Margret Johnston and Nationalist Kaitlin Novak. The impressive speeches entailed a close win for Johnston in an anonymous vote amongst the citizens. The only other disputed position was the City prosecutor, between Federalist Aeyrn McClain and Nationalist Angela Campbell. This position was narrowly won by McClain in another anonymous vote amongst the citizens.

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Justice. Justice is what we aim to achieve. On Thursday, June 20, Blue County convened in the Heald city lounge to hold the trial of Angela Campbell (Defendant) Vs. McKenzie Stout (Plaintiff) in the case of the stolen handcuffs. The Plaintiff claimed her handcuffs were stolen Monday evening on June 17. The allegedly stolen cuffs were found in the defendants bag in her room after a search was held in Beister City. Angela was put on trial and was represented by Kiera Flanigan, while McKenzie was represented by Bailey Riley. The trial was a fight for justice. Kiera was a spitfire and came in guns blazing ready to prove her client's innocence. During this trial, Angela claimed that she was not feeling well and was in the nurse's office at the time the handcuffs were allegedly stolen, and therefore could not have done it. However, the second witness Bailey called to the stand, Counselor Casey, claimed that she saw Angela take the cuffs. There was a lot of back and forth during the examinations and many objections on both sides. Bailey was always ready with a rebuttal but that did not scare Kiera one bit. While Bailey and Keira both fought very hard for their clients. In the end, Bailey was no match for Kiera and the jury voted in favor of the defendant and Angela was deemed innocent. Justice was served.

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Today, Monday June 17th, was the citizens first experience in the legislative process, in particular the House of Representatives. To start, we as a city are very proud of citizens Ash Minor and Margaret Johnston for stepping up to the challenge of running for Speaker of House. Despite losing the elections, we could not be prouder of the willingness, eagerness, and aspirations of Ash and Margaret and we have faith that they will continue to make their imprint in the House whether that be posing a question, or voicing their personal pro or con. We found the experience very insightful and cutos to Mikayla for becoming Speaker of the House, leading with grace, and articulating the proper process to inform the fellow delegates. Even though this was a new process for all of the citizens, the way in which the girls transitioned into the House was admirable and felt like they had been seasoned delegates. We appreciated how Mikayla was on the mark with instilling the correct terminology to better inform us citizens. The two major bills that were debated today regarded ways to control pollution in the Delaware River and ways in which we can better inform citizens of gun violence. The process involved getting to weigh in on different perspectives, the pros and cons and it was managed by having a few perspectives from each side each receiving a 30 second time slot. Finally, it was so interesting to get to see the confirmation/rejection process of a bill or amendment. For example, confirmation was declared by saying I; whereas, rejection was declared by saying nay. In one instance, the magnitude of I or nay was difficult to discern so we figured out what had the most vote by standing up for our pick and counting the number of people. Overall, after today's experience in the House we as a city are very optimistic to see our progress pan out in getting bills with not only our city but our state's best interest to pass.