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ARTICLES

HRINYA CITY

City Trial Unfolds in Hrinya

Grace Dougherty

On June 17th, Jonna Rinehart was arrested for violating a Hrinya city ordinance which stipulated that everyone in the city must: “hop over borders of carpet designs.” According the court testimony, Jonna was found laying across the border between the two carpet patterns. She was arrested by Shayla Bonzelet for a violation of the ordinance. What might have been a cut and dry case became complicated when the defendant insisted she had not actually violated the letter of the law.

The defense built a resilient case over the course of the trial. Defense attorney Kaity Meeh raised the question of whether Jonna had been actually in violation of the law, or if the arresting officer had apprehended her in order to reach her quota for daily citations. The arresting officer, however, testified that, “I looked over and saw Jonna laying directly over the border”, and affirmed many times that she believed this to be a violation of the ordinance.

The prosecution mounted a case in favor of an interpretation of the law that held that laying on the border violated the hopping stipulation. Jocelyn Miller, the other Hrinya city Trooper testified that she saw the situation unfold. She also testified to the court: “Jonna told me she didn’t care about the law and was going to break it.” The prosecution argued that the wealth of first hand evidence in conjunction with the background of ignoring laws made a substantial case against the defendant.

Kelly Meinert, however, countered the portrayal of Jonna as a habitual law-breaker. She testified that she and Jonna were members of the opioid committee and had worked close together. Kelly testified that Jonna was, “a law abiding citizen.”

The prosecution then focused on the wording of the law. When the defendant was on the stand, she admitted that, “The law said you have to hop.” When the jury came back from deliberations, the consensus was that even though the law did not specify about laying down, it did require hopping. As a result, Jonna was found guilty and was sentenced to community service in the form of making a new, more clear poster for the city.

The Senate Begins to Pass Legislation

Olivia Castilla

The actual Senate for the federal government is known to look at the bills that people propose very thoroughly, and this stereotype rung true in Keystone's Senate today.

At the beginning of the session, The Presiding Officer and Clerk separated the delegates of the Senate into 4 different groups to discuss 4 different topics that would be discussed in Senate -- Public Safety, Environment, Economic Issues, and Education. Through these committees, the Senate went from more than two dozen bills to only four to consider, one in each category.

After several amendments and questions to the sponsors, 2 out of the 3 bills that were introduced to the Senate were all passed with unanimous consent. However, the third bill that was introduced that regarded the funding of advertisements to boost tourism passed the Senate by the slimmest margin, 17-16.

After the session came to a close, our councilors and vice deans lead us in chants and the Girls State song for a fun ending to a productive day in the Senate.

Food Brings Us Together

Angeline Effinger

Every meal, the young women attending KGS come together to share a time away from their work. They take the surrounding tables and bring them all together in order to make friends, have conversations, and produce memories that will last for years to come. The first few days, the young ladies have been sitting with their city, but now they will be sitting with their county. Recently, the citizens of Hrinya have made a law stating that it is illegal to use a cell phone at dinner. This will hopefully spark conversation between them and create an everlasting bond. Unity is what makes an establishment work. Here at KGS, unity is what these citizens will have to learn in order to achieve the greater good. Differences will have to be put aside and supposed enemies will become acquaintances or even friends. By working together they will accomplish the most difficult of problems and, in result, will change the world for the better.

Title: Fast Paced Environment Makes Fast Friends

Grace Dougherty

On their first night in Hrinya city, residents were already excited about the upcoming county elections. Lisa Bakhodirova, Shayla Bonzelet, and Olivia Castilla gathered on the first night to work on posters until late that evening.

It began when the girls worked on bills together as part of preparation for the legislative sessions that took place on Monday. As they got used to collaborating, they began to work on new things and found ways to start supporting each other as well. Shayla described: “We worked with Lisa and Maura [Campbell, Mayor of Hrinya] to make bills, then they invited us to make posters. We ended up staying there until 2 AM to work on the posters for county elections. Lisa really wanted to help Olivia make a poster for her campaign for State Chairwoman.”

But it wasn’t just hard work for these new friends. Shayla went on to say, “I was really enjoying myself.” Oliva and Lisa also shared this view. They expressed that it helped the group to bond as part of the city. “It was more of a bonding thing. It kind of broke the ice,” said Oliva. “It was really fun the first night to talk to people and get to know them. It’s kind of scary to start out, but this really helped,” Lisa shared.

How did these young women come to work so hard on only their first night? Well, Lisa told the Gazette that, “I wanted to show my passion and how serious I am about my position.” That hard work paid off, as Lisa was elected as County Magistrate on Monday, and Oliva won her bid for State Party Chairwoman.

Overall, the citizens consider themselves better friends and are eager to continue working together and with other cities.

Our Counselor

Raquelle Roesch

Hryina City’s senior counselor, Mackenzie Greiner, is back at Keystone Girls State for the second year as a counselor. She is currently a rising sophomore at Drexel University involved in Army ROTC. Two years ago, as a citizen, she was elected Lieutenant Governor for the state. Even though that position is very prestigious at KGS, she didn’t start out as a confident citizen. At the beginning of the week, she thought Girls State was very hectic and confusing. By the end of the week, she gained enough confidence to run for Lieutenant Governor. Because of KGS, it made her a more confident, empowered young woman. Because this experience had such a powerful, positive impact on her, she wanted to come back as a counselor. She and every single other counselor here realized the amount of hard work and effort put in to run this program every year, and they want to give back to the American Legion Auxiliary. Mackenzie wanted to help girls grow and mature, just as she did at KGS. Without Mackenzie and other counselors like her, we would never have this one of a kind opportunity.

Title: No Phones at Dinner

Shayla Bonzelet

Last night, June 17, the citizens of Hrinya City decided on a new ordinance banning phones from use at the dinner table. This means phones must be in a bag or face down on the table at all times throughout the meal.

During one of the city meetings, this idea was proposed and quickly gained popularity. The purpose behind the ordinance is to teach respect and to assist in resident bonding. Over the past couple of days, both our counselors and many residents of Hrinya City have noticed the extensive use of electronics during meal time. Many would probably agree that such an action at home would result in an angry mother yelling something along the lines of, “no phones at the dinner table!”

Not only is it just good manners to put phones away while eating, but it gives residents the chance to mingle and become more acquainted. Strong friendships are not going to be built by staring at a screen. The “No Phones @ DinDin” ordinance will allow for more conversation and bonding within Hrinya City. Since it is later in the day, we should all have plenty to talk about during the meal. While this is a good idea, the residents felt that enforcing the same rules at all meals would be going a bit too far. This means that the same rules do not apply at breakfast and lunch.

Since the reasoning behind this ordinance is so important to the residents of Hrinya and their values, it will be strictly enforced. State Trooper Jocelyn says that she and her partner will be bringing notepads to dinner from here on out in order to write down the names of those who violate the law. Hopefully the Hrinya City jail is not too full this first night the ordinance is in effect.

Title: Party Convention Planning Begins

Melanie Sporn

Party meetings began on Tuesday. The Federalists and Nationalists split up into their respective parties to plan out their Conventions, as well as begin the process for selecting those representing the party in the general election. Additionally, party members split into 3 committees: the “Hype” Committee, the Convention Committee, and the Platform Committee.

Each Committee is responsible for various tasks in each Convention. The Hype Committee will be responsible for forming unity in the party and expressing party spirit through activities like chants. The Convention Committee has worked to plan the ins and outs of the party conventions. They will plan for keynote speakers and speeches from the nominee for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the Platform Committee for each party will work to assemble a platform of stances and values that will define the party and be presented at the convention.

Additionally, the parties elected a State Party Chairwoman and the State Party Clerks. For the Nationalists, Olivia Castilla is Chairwoman and Maura Campbell is Clerk. In the Federalist meeting, June Park was selected as Chairwomen and Amelia Fisher became Clerk.

On Thursday, Keystone Girls State will have the opportunity to see how these conventions came together!

Title: Putting the Keystone Gazette in the Hands of Citizens

Grace Dougherty

Currently, the Keystone Gazette resides completely online, and while this method is modern and waste neutral, it lacks the benefits that come with a printed issue of a publication. If the Keystone Gazette were to be distributed on paper, it would become more impactful for both the writers who worked hard on their articles and the readers who seek to access information and wish to do so even after Girls State's closing ceremony.

Directly reaching citizens is one of the most important goals any publication has. The Gazette has writers from all the cities of Keystone Girls State who work hard to provide the residents with accurate information about the many important happenings of Girls State. If citizens had access to a physical copy of that information, it would be made more readily available and more impactful for readers who might have otherwise not sought out the online version. Furthermore, a printed copy of any piece of writing is more engaging than any online version. When someone looks at news on their phone or computer, they are more likely to passively scroll through headlines than to take a critical look at the information presented. A printed version of the Gazette would not only be more accessible, but would teach participants the value of the print media and close examination of news.

A physical copy of the Gazette would also serve to teach participants about the value of the print media, even as this medium becomes less common. Most high school juniors use their phone to access most news, but using the internet to get news does not teach the skill of reading critically because online forums incentivise a short attention span and can be less nuanced or even false to grab attention for the purpose of driving clicks and increasing revenue. Print media is less susceptible to this kind of crisis of integrity, and it is important for young people to recognize that.

Of course, it is not realistic for the Gazette to be published on paper each day. I instead propose that the Gazette still be released online on a daily basis, but that at the end of each week articles could be compiled and released in print. It can be compiled by participants who can format and design the publication in a professional manner. This way, each participant could take home both memories of their time at Girls State and a valuable lesson about the importance of the physical media.

PETERSON CITY

Title: Lunch from Peterson Table

Emalee's Article

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Lunch is always a fun time for Keystone Girls State Citizens. It gives the girls a chance to take a break from the all the hard work they do for their cities. It also helps to nourish them for the afternoon of legislature meetings and position campaigning. The citizens of Peterson City do have a few grievances though. The girls are not fully on board with lunch being at 10:45 a.m. Some believe that this is both too early and too close to breakfast. Cities leave breakfast at eight a.m. Eating lunch at 10:45 a.m. only leaves two hours and 45 minutes for the citizens to develop an appetite. At home citizens have stated that they do not eat lunch until closer to one p.m. All grievances aside, lunch is a very enjoyable part of the day.

Many options are provided each day for lunch. On Tuesday the options were fries, mac & cheese, and sausage sandwiches to name a few. The cafeteria also offers many options in the form of dessert. The fan favorite is the ice cream station on the far side of the cafeteria. It has both soft serve and hard ice cream. The soft serve flavors are chocolate, vanilla, and chocolate-vanilla twist. The cafeteria also offers cookies and brownies on the opposite side of the cafeteria. In addition to meals and desserts, Reisner Dining Hall has an array of drinks. It has soda on one side of the cafeteria and flavored water by the plate drop off station. The last thing that made this Tuesday memorable was that counties sat together. Peterson City joined with Hrinya City to sit as a united Red County. Citizens of both cities had the opportunity to talk to new people and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Doctor in Politics

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As an eight year girl,, I decided that I knew what I wanted to do when I grew up. A doctor. I was drawn to the idea of helping others and being well educated in the human body. I am now 17 years old and my views have not shifted. I have always been drawn towards science and math in school. I love interacting with others and learning new things.

When I heard that I had the opportunity to come to girls state I was a little concerned to be taking part in something political when i have been a math and science girl my whole life. I have never been interested or a strong social studies student or a writer, but i decided to come anyway. I love how straight forward math is and how science is within everything. Coming to girls state has taught me a plethora of things.

As being a city councilwoman I found my place and learned that Keystone Girls State is about way more than just politics. I have gotten to learn many great young women, I have learned all about how my country/state government works and how to represent myself in a respectable and independent manner.

I can not wait to see what the rest of the week has in store for me and what else I am going to learn. I may not go home loving social studies or politics, however I have learned how to embrace new topics and take something out of any opportunity given to me. I already know that I will grow tremendously as a person and a member of my society.

REINHARD

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Angel Abuse?

Delaney Keefer

In Reinhard city, The City of Angels, there is a rule for non citizens which states that when you are walking through the hallway, you have to tap every angel to your right that you pass. Rather than tapping the angels as they pass, the non citizens have begun to slap the angels. This has caused a problem for the citizens in Reinhard, causing major distractions, not to mention how disrespectful it is to the citizens trying to work.

The citizens in Reinhard understand that they have a huge number of ordinances, but purposefully causing a disturbance just to get back at us is absurd. We have citizens who try to get their work done, or try to take a nap, and the non citizens slapping the wall as they pass disrupts their naps, and breaks their focus.

Furthermore, angel abuse is very much so frowned upon by the City of Reinhard. What must this look like for the KGS organization as a whole?

The City of Reinhard has come together to try and form a solution. We've decided that the best plan of action would be if the non citizens would just drag their hand along the wall, or lightly tap or poke the angels. In conclusion, the citizens of Reinhard ask the non citizens to please be respectful and courteous while in the city limits of Reinhard.

Angels Sweets

Kaila McAllister

I and the business manager for Reidhard city. I really enjoy this position and I'm glad I was chosen for this job. I enjoy the process of planning the sale and then when the sale actually starts it's a lot of fun. I worked at iHop as a waitress for about a year. I was really intrigued watching my coworkers my age move up to magangera and then moving onto bigger things. Also, I had a long conversation with my general manager about his position and the other jobs and people around him. I learned that there's so many different jobs that I didn't even know existed before and how very important they are. I never knew how many people it takes to run a business and all the differentiations positions that needs filled. Being the business manager of Reinhard city was the best position for me. It really showed me how I actually like being involved with the business side of things. Actually running my own little business and being hands on with it was so much fun. After doing a lot already for this job, made me realize I might want to go into business after I graduate. I'm very indecisive about what I want to do after high school and the more I do with this business is really making me consider the business field. I want to make my own business someday and prove everyone that doubted me wrong. I'm so glad I was chosen for this position and i'm going to remember this forever. Thanks for Keystone Girls State, now I have an even more interest in pursuing business.

Experience Working the Polls

Bella Hoffman

Yesterday the white county held both the primary and general elections for the county. As a member of the election board I had to attend a meeting in which each of the positions was described and decided on. Each election board member was sworn in and then sent back to our cities. We then met in the study room and began setting up the laptops and papers to keep the elections organized and running smoothly. White county kept registration cards as a way to keep our citizens.

Voting in white county ran relatively smoothly. One of the issues we came across was one citizen whose paper had been turned in early was not in the ballot box. The issue was fixed by copying the paper to a lined paper and had it refilled out.

KGS Family

Kalissa Ruffin

Being around all of this powerful young women for only 48 hours has really changed my life. Not only do they empower you but they also are like a family. You don't feel judged and you feel like no matter who you are you fit. I've made 18 new friends in the first 5 minutes of being here. As the time continued I've made many of new friends and those 18 friends became family. So many people think time means everything and so did until I came to girl state. Not only does it change your life it changes your outlook on amazing powerful young women. Today someone said to me "so many people ask how we can break the glass ceiling between women" and she said something life changing she said "if we just empower each other there would be no ceiling to break." This has been such a beautiful experience so far. Not only have I ran the cops on each city, with my mayor "Kate plus 8" our nickname for her. But also we have shared deep things that take a lot of trust to come out and say. As a city we are powerful, as a county we are strong, and as state we are inevitable. "Empower young women" is the Motto of girl state. It's an important thing to empower women no matter who they are. Women are the gender that gets talked down on, that's gets told what to do, and how to react to things. This program shows women at a young age the right way to respond to things, how to take charge of the situation, and how to confide in yourself. Believing in yourself is a big part in taking control and doing "male responsibilities" this program changes you from a girl to a young woman on a mission. Whether it's taking something educational or a personal memory. Every single person that comes to girl state will take someone life changing home! Keystone girl state is an amazing place to be and anyone would be lucky to come here. So far I have experience an amazing girl named Hannah. She is so amazing! She looks for the good in everything she does and seeks happiness no matter how bad the situation is. She was the very first person I meant! She just amazed me and opened my eyes to how short life is and just welcome everyone and just love what you do and when you do it!

Conspiracy Theory: Coalition forming in the House of Representatives

Unknown Author

Today, June 18th, was a monumental day at the House floor, for the delegates from all 6 cities in Keystone passed 5 bills. However, the question arises, which bill wasn't passed? What city wrote the ONLY bill that wasn't passed? Oh, Reinhard city you say? Hmmmmm, how interesting.

Between the hours of 1- 2 pm, Reinhard City's bill, which proposed bike lanes in cities in efforts to promote public transportation, exercise, and safety through carefully constructed bike lanes, was brutally shot down on the floor. Representatives said that the bill was "unreasonable, and too expensive". Suspiciously, those very representatives that said that the bill was too expensive passed a bill thirty minutes prior which was even more expensive and required all cities to replace their normal city lights to \$1,000 LED lights. The bill also called for an additional \$1,000 fine for each light that was not replaced. Surprisingly, Reinhard's bill was the ONLY bill that was completely obliterated on the floor. This got city officials thinking, "Reinhard is under attack". The conspiracy theory gets hotter. Witnesses came forward after the house legislative meeting saying that the bill was introduced to the floor just to be ripped to shreds? Do the other cities want to ruin Reinhard City's Honor City reputation? Are they coming for Reinhard City because of their abundant and diverse ordinances? Did other cities not pass Reinhard's bill because it would get them more points? Did other cities not pass Reinhard's bill because Reinhard already passed a bill during the session? All of these questions are burning in Reinhard City.

STEM Encouraged at KGS Dinner

Victoria Fenstermacher

During dinner Monday night, one of Reinhard city's citizens, Meh Ulrich, had the courage to take a sip of a strange concoction. This "science experiment" consisted of ice, ice cream, root beer, and water mixed together in one cup. With little hesitation, Meg took the cup and sipped. After one sip, everyone at the table could tell Margaret regretted her decision to take on this challenge. Her face grimaced in disgust and she almost spit it out. But, Meg pushed through and swallowed the disgusting liquid. The table burst out with applause as Meg discarded the cup.

The full video of this challenge is on Reinhard's Instagram story (@reinhard.angels).

City Scandals

Autumn Bond

A sheriff is an elected official expected to uphold their responsibility to carry out any law enforcement at the county level. I'm sure no one has ever questioned the accountability of the sheriff, but what happens when they leave their handcuffs unattended? Well, today we have found the answer. Apparently, they get 'stolen' by the accused, Autumn Bond. However, when an accusation failed to be true, the sheriff herself came into Reinhard city and not only demanded her handcuffs from an innocent bystander, but proceeded to break not only one, but four ordinances. Expected to be an abiding citizen, the sheriff had continued to prove our county wrong. To avoid arrest in Reinhard City, the sheriff had escaped state trooper and avoided the city at all costs. So the question stands- where are the cuffs?

The sheriffs have also "slacked off" on their responsibilities- illegal "speakeasies" have been popping up around Reinhard. What is that? The term speakeasy originally referred to the illicit drinking houses during the Prohibition-era (1920-1933) in the United States. At the time, it was illegal to sell and consume alcohol, so people started serving alcohol behind closed doors in discrete locations usually only known to a select few. Now of course, we are the city of angels after all, so the hoodlums don't exactly live up to the definition. However, they have been rumored to be tip-toeing around the hallways after hours of lights out.

Our Honorary Citizen

Meg Ulrich

In the depths in the heated discussions that occur in the state house debates, the representatives from Reinhard City became very well acquainted with representative June Park of Krumrine. All representatives from Reinhard were in the education committee to put their heads together to filter out the education bills that would do the most good. June Park was right by our side reading through each bill and proposing them to the rest of the house to be put up for a vote.

The vivacious representative always have good input to add to debate, and June Park was one of them. When she stood up to say a con for a bill, she introduced herself as “June Park, representative from Reinhard.” She didn't even realize what she had said. Shortly after, her fellow Krumrine representatives said, “yOU'RE FROM WHAT CITY?!?!” June Park wanted to be a part of Reinhard City so bad that she subconsciously said that she was *from* Reinhard City. She was meant to live in the City of Angels.

The citizens of Reinhard are an extremely welcoming people. Because of this, they decided to make June Park an honorary citizen. Now, all they had to do was figure out how.

During free time, three dedicated citizens of Reinhard decided to take action. A shrine was going to be made. Citizen Alyssa made a poster saying “Honorary Citizen,” citizen Meg made a poster saying “JUNE,” and citizen Veronica drew an astonishingly accurate picture of June Park. Pictured was June Park in her iconic stopped blue pants suit and green crocs. We posted them on the wall, officially making her an honorary citizen of Reinhard City. She doesn't even have to follow the strict non-citizen rules we have in this amazing City of Angels.

Campaigns

Marissa Gillespie

Despite the fact that the KGS girls have only been here for less than three days, the citizens of all six cities have started campaigning for various positions through utilizing several different methods.

Some girls came with premade posters and treats. For example, Bailey, one of the KGS citizens, came with premade goodie bags filled with candy to help promote her campaign, and it's safe to say she won over a lot of girls with this gesture. Other citizens running for office chose to make posters during their free hours, and many of them chose to go around to their counties and advocate for why they should be elected.

The city and county elections ran smoothly; however, the state elections are known to be much more competitive, hence why the campaigning was significantly increased across the board for most of the candidates. Citizens met with their political parties statewide, which unified some of the girls who hadn't had the opportunity to meet each other yet. Those who were running for positions were asked to stand up in front of their party and give a brief speech about why they should be nominated as the party's candidate in the primary elections, and although this may seem nerve wracking, the girls handled this with sophistication, maturity, and grace. These speeches provided more insight into the lives of the KGS girls, which was an interesting experience that was enjoyed by many people.

Since many girls have been campaigning for the statewide elections, it has been difficult to keep track of all of the candidates and their particular strengths and platforms. Thus, in order to truly make an impressionable mark on a city, one has to offer more than just a quick "Vote for Me" speech and should actually try to connect with the girls on a deeper level. One candidate who was incredibly impressive in her efforts to advocate for her character and natural leadership abilities was Hannah, a KGS citizen running for governor of Keystone.

Hannah entered Reinhard City with only one small poster, and instead of trying to just paint the picture of her personality on the surface level, she placed her poster down and sat down in one of the lounge chairs. She stated that she genuinely wanted to meet all of Reinhard's citizens and connect with them so she could truly develop relationships with as many girls as possible, which really showed her dedication and overflowing amount of kindness, compassion, and friendliness. Hannah listened with authentic interest while each Reinhard citizen said her name and gave a fun fact, and all of the girls felt that they had made a genuine friendship with her in the amount of time she entered the city to when she left. Hannah's campaign style felt so much more genuine and sincere than many of the others, and although other girls had effective campaigns, Hannah left our city being viewed as not only as someone who we would vote for, but she left as a true friend.

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A Growing Community

Kyra Watts

Monday Krumrine city grew as a community. They became closer together and learned more about each other which only brought them closer. However, as a county, there was not much communication between Reinhard and Krumrine. However, on Tuesday morning, everything changed. They began to realize that they were all White County, strong and united. This was demonstrated during breakfast, lunch, and dinner when they all sat together and mingled, talking about where they are from, their successes and struggles as a city, and how they can work together as a county to keep honors city White! Amber Henry, Mayor of Krumrine City explained that “At first I expected us to separate into our own cities, but I ended up making great friendships with the girls from the other city.” It is great to see what can be accomplished by keeping an open mind and staying positive!

Doughnuts for honors!

After a full day of hard work and determination, Krumrine City pulled through and achieved the title of Honors city! It was a group effort that paid off in the end and only time will tell to see if they can maintain this title. Desirae, one of the two Council women of Krumrine city felt that her fellow citizens deserved a reward for their perseverance. She took it upon herself to walk to Dunkin’ Donuts and bought two dozen doughnuts to share with everyone! She was even kind enough to offer left overs to members of different cities and other people that walked by our lounge. When asked about why she decided to get doughnuts, she said “I decided to buy out city doughnuts because we won honors city and I feel like we have presented ourselves as a united front and deserved a reward!” Desirae is the embodiment of Krumrine city’s core values of kindness, peace and volunteer service because of her actions and is a strong figure to look up to during the rest of the week at Keystone Girls State.

Keystone Runs on Dunkin

Laura Finnell

Luckily for the girls at Girls state, there’s a Dunkin’ Donuts on campus. There’s also a Starbucks, but *come on*. Every girl has a thing for Dunkin. A group of girls today from Krumrine City went there and got their Iced Coffees and Cappuccinos, and let’s just say it was so worth it. Who would have known that Dunkin could bring together girls to be even closer friends than they already were. Hopefully for the rest of the week, more and more girls will bond over getting *highly* caffeinated drinks. Here’s to more Dunkin runs!

Feds are Seeing Red

Miranda Guthrie

In the state of Keystone, the parties split to campaign for the primary elections. At the end of the campaigning, the Hype Committee Chairwoman, Anna Iacocca, and the State Party Chairwoman, June Park, led the Federalist Party in the Boom-Chicka-Boom cheer. Leading the whole party can be a very demanding job, but Krumrine resident Anna Iacocca felt very comfortable filling the leadership role. Anna says, "It felt overwhelming yet empowering to be leading such a passionate group. It was truly impressive how quickly the Federalists evinced their vigor and commitment to their cause.

Ascendancy of White County in Party Primary Elections

Alyssa Hayes

Suppressed anxiety saturated the atmosphere of the Federal Party primary campaigning period. As hopeful candidates navigated through the seemingly endless sea of onlookers, they attempted to temper their desire to employ cutthroat political moves to advance their campaign with a facade of amicability. Assuming the role of political seagulls, vying individuals inserted themselves into surrounding conversations to present their promotional spiels with the hopes of persuading the support of their audience. Exchanges were intermixed with false promises as candidates aimed to undermine their opponents and buttress their own political clout within the party.

With the conclusion of campaigning, an entirely new breed of competition was spawned within the spirit of the candidates. Previously friendly formalities were abandoned as candidates took the stand, laying their dreams of political office in the hands of their fellow party members. The headquarters of the Federalist Party became an involuntary recipient of the unrelenting lure of charismatic promotions. One by one, candidates stepped upon their ephemeral soapboxes, aiming to amalgamate an abundance of qualifications into an effective narrative that would captivate their audience while avoiding redundancy. The universal quest for unquity manifested themselves within the candidate pool as they strived to break apart from their competitors to establish themselves as qualified individuals, unparalleled in their capabilities

Contemporary with the conclusion of campaigning, a figurative sigh of relief emanated from the congregation of politically empowered young women as the burden imposed by potential scrutiny was replaced with a renewed motivation to wield their political prowess. Reassurances were administered to restore any compromised confidence in the candidate's potential of election. Commandeering the arsenal of political enthusiasts, the voting board strategically carried out the voting procedure with immense efficiency, continually reaffirming the strength of White County.

Pent-up anticipation was shattered with the arrival of the election results. The epitomization of the White County-dominance was revealed with the declaration of the electees. Despite the intimidating size of the Supreme Court Justice campaign pool, the White County remained impervious to any apprehensions, reigning supreme over the other counties, claiming five out of the seven Supreme Court Justice positions to belittle any competing county representation. The concerted efforts of these determined young women speak to the strength of the union fostered by this program, ultimately contributing to inevitable moral development.

Counselor Immunity

Anna Iacocca, Krumrine

As members of their cities, counselors receive the protection and service of their government and thus have an obligation to adhere to the laws of the city that grant them the order they survive by. However, some ordinances may deter counselors from their obligations as city leaders, such as their need for alacrity and concentration, which begs the question: should counselors be exempt from city ordinances?

Krumrine City was faced with this dilemma during the trial of Counselor Abby Daniels. As the state troopers cited, Ms. Daniels' heinous crimes included the following: refusing to turn 360° underneath two separate exit signs and refusing to return a "peace" gesture upon being given one. Clearly, these infractions endangered the citizens of Krumrine; luckily, action was taken immediately by the cities adept law enforcement. However, despite the officers attempts to enforce the city's ordinance, Ms. Daniels offered that immediate attendance was required from her at a staff meeting, claiming that the exigency of her duty warranted her disregard for city law.

Granted, Ms. Daniels' citizenship in Krumrine implies a necessity to follow all laws and regulations stated, as their primary purpose is to promote the flourishing of the city. Without adherence to the legislature that founds the rudiments and framework of the city, Krumrine would be sent down an inescapable spiral toward discord and indigence. As the Fifth Law of the Navy asserts, "On the strength of one link in the cable dependth the might of the chain." Evidently, all residents of cities, counselors and citizens alike, must remain accountable for the city's growth by heeding all ordinances set by their law enforcement.

However, in Ms. Daniels' case, her reasoning for ignoring the laws were valid; her immediate attendance was required at a staff meeting, so she opted to forsake her duty to city order as a means to acquire information that could be crucial to the future of Krumrine city. Ms. Daniels' actions were completely warranted; she made the executive decision to place the holistic needs of the city above her own needs to follow ordinances. In fact, Ms. Daniels even offered to compensate for her lack of immediate incarceration by postponing her imprisonment to a later, more convenient time. Evidently, Ms. Daniels' choices proved her utter devotion to her city and its ideals, corroborating that she ought not to be punished for her infractions.

Protect this House

Madison Niebish

Today on June 18th, it was the second house meeting and, let me tell you, it was awesome. All of the delegates were efficient and worked like a well oiled machine, passing five total bills. What really stuck out was when a STEM bill was presented to hype up women to continue with what they want to do educationally. The support from everybody was amazing, even people who had con points. Everyone was respectful and uplifting which was extremely inspiring. It was only the second day of the house and everybody feels like they have grown as a person and are supported by their fellow girls state citizens.

KGS is More Than Meets the Eye

Lily Wilson

It was the middle of May when I first discovered that the ALA offered a program called Keystone Girls State. I honestly did not know what to expect. I knew that it was a prestigious and honorable program, and I began to worry that I might not be well suited to KGS. I had fears that every girl would be smarter, bolder, and better than I was. To make matters worse, I was not very well-versed in politics and parliamentary procedure. My biggest fear was that I would not make any friends and that I would feel alone.

On Sunday when I arrived at Shippensburg and met with the girls in my city, I immediately felt a huge rush of relief. The girls that I would be spending the next week with were funny, kind, and amazing young women. We could all feel that we were going to work extremely well together. It was the most comfortable environment I have ever experienced away from home. We all began to work on our city song and flag right away with enthusiasm and vigor. We all felt at home with friends.

I think a perfect example of this was how everyone acted in the House today. We began to discuss a bill and we all banded together to support our friend while she spoke in front of the entire House of Representatives. It is always nerve wracking to speak in front of other people and the support of others can really go a long way. The love and support that girls from different cities, counties, and backgrounds provided for a girl that they barely knew was simply empowering.

It is amazing to know that this week I have been and will be surrounded by a community of young, empowered, and inspiring women.

Curbing Keystone Cravings

Elise Chough

I would like to comment on the ability to have businesses open at night for the hungry, hardworking girls. After a long day of stressful campaigning and delegating in the House and Senate, we girls get hangry for a late night snack. With meals at abnormal times, we tend to get hungry between our meal times. I and my fellow girls in Krumrine find the night businesses very convenient as it satisfied our increasing hunger. We appreciate the idea of having businesses open for the Keystone state so it can encourage girls to work harder and smarter.

Our Fair City

Elise Chough

Throughout the past couple of days, I have become impressed with Krumrine city's teamwork and unison. It has been said that other cities have had issues and other problematic occurrences within their cities. Krumrine city has been fortunate enough to have no problems and each girl respects each other. We work well together, are hard workers, and are friendly towards each other. We work well as a team because each person is motivated and determined to be the honor city.

Potential Best Friends

Meg McCafferty

Before I came to Keystone Girls State, I tossed and turned at night, afraid that I would have a hard time making friends. However, after walking under the welcoming distribution of streamers and decorations, I was glad that I was placed in Krumrine City. Arriving on Sunday, June 16th, I got to see all of my potential best friends already chatting it up and breaking the ice with one another. Watching them curiously and thoughtfully asking questions about their roommate and their neighbors set my mind at ease. Jumping into the conversations, I learned how one girl astonishingly lived only a couple minutes away from where I lived. Without arriving at Keystone Girls State, I would not have met these wonderful girls. My biggest hope is that after this experience together, we stay as tight as we have been so far.

Running in the Rain

Abbey Glavin

Yesterday, Maddie and I went on a run in the rain; we had debated it for a while, because we knew that the two of us were extremely tired. We needed to make sure that we stay in shape while we were here, and we knew that Monday would set the tone for the rest of the week. We were determined. As we walked outside to go on our run, it was pretty humid and was raining a decent amount. Because of this, afterwards, we were soaked when we got back. We also did some small workout stuff on the football field, forgetting that being wet makes turf stick to you more. When we were walking back to Naugle Hall, we felt accomplished and were really excited to get and the shower and rinse off!

The Trepidation of the Trek

Anna Iacocca, Krumrine

Your alarm rings: 5:25AM. Oh, how you wish to lay in bed, to resume your dream of running your campaign, of winning your most desired state position. Alas, you must face the daunting road before you. You slide yourself to the cold, hard floor, dropping like the exhausted slinky you are. As you adorn yourself in your trek's raiments, wary that they'll soon be dressed in your blood, sweat, and tears, you attempt to mentally prepare yourself for your voyage.

Entering Naugle's first floor lobby, you wonder if it's too late to retreat--to avoid the pain ahead. But you've already been spotted. What would they say if you backed out now? They'd deem you a coward, too weak to join them as they challenge the inexorable force before them. It's determined. You are going. You will approach your foe with an enigmatic combination of fear and bravery.

As a unit, you and your squad approach the enemy, fearful of the event to come. You're confident that your multifaceted technique will be to your advantage; you all have different skills, all crucial to defeating the beast you fear most. Working unrelentingly, you devote all of yourself to crushing your adversary.

After a seemingly infinite period of grueling effort, each of you as accomplished your individual goals and, with them, the common rival they once feared. They leave the track feeling relieved and proud of their accomplishments.

Trash Fine Act
Gwenn Strasser

After lunch on Monday, the first full day of KGS 2019, girls arrived at the Science Center of Shippensburg University with a full belly, but still hungered for something beyond food. They were going to their first legislature. They filtered into the separate rooms for House of Representatives and Senate, and so began the first House meeting. After Robert's Rules of Order were explained to the delegates, elections for Speaker of the House and Clerk commenced. Candidates gave it their best in speeches, naming impressive feats and honors they have accumulated in the past as to convince delegates of their abilities. Eventually, after a nail-biting voting process consisting of "putting your heads down and hands up," Mikayla was voted the Speaker of the House, and Maura was named the Clerk, and appropriately nicknamed themselves "M&M." Soon after the election, the first bill to be debated was shown on the screen. Alexandra from Peterson, the sponsor of the bill, rose and explained to everyone the purpose of her bill, called the Trash Fine Act. She gave a speech about Peterson being located on the Deleware, and how the river affects their community. While the Deleware can be impressive at first glance, Alexandra told the delegates it is the fifth most polluted river in the United States. She suggested that a \$250 fine be put in place to any who are found to be littering, and added that recycling would be seriously enforced. However, some were apprehensive about aspects of the bill. Questions such as, "What if people aren't educated about what's recyclable?" and "How will you target people who litter?" arose, and the sponsor of the bill answered these questions, saying that generally, litterers would have a chance to go to court and plead if need be. Several delegates stood and gave support for the bill, reflecting the idea that litter is a problem in many cities, and fines discourage people from littering. Those opposing the bill were of the opinion that many low-income families would not be able to pay a \$250 fine, making the bill unfair. An amendment to the Trash Fine Act was suggested by a delegate from Heald, saying that cameras should be placed 20 yards apart all along the Deleware to prevent people from getting away with littering. However, many believed that this would impose upon both people's privacy and the beauty of nature standing alone. Mikayla ended the debate after a short time, and the bill was passed, but the amendment to the bill was not.

United Front: STEM Law passing
Abbey Glavin

Today in the Senate, I sat in on the attempt to pass the STEM Bill in the House of Representatives. This bill outlines the hardships women have had to face in the STEM workforce. This is a field that is dominated by men (90%). The bill that was passed allows more education for women in this field, so they are able to stand up for something they are passionate about and aren't turned away by intimidation. It was amazing to see that almost all the women in the room were so supportive of each other and that everyone had everyone's backs whenever someone new got up to speak. I was proud to be part of the city that created the bill.

HEALD CITY

A Thank You Goes a Long Way... So Let's Send it to the Staff

6.17.19

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Through all of the excitement that comes with Keystone Girls State, it is easy to miss all of the tiny details that go into making this wonderful program run smoothly. It is easy to let those tiny details pass us by. While all of the citizens are busy with important work -- writing bills, campaigning, having fun (of course) -- a great amount must be done behind the scenes to allow all of this to happen. Yes, it is true that we can congratulate ourselves for putting in the time, work, and effort that brought us here -- but then what? We cannot take credit for the amazing amount of work our counselors have done to not only carry themselves into their futures, but help guide us into ours. Every citizen should find some time to truly appreciate and thank all of the people that help us make the most of this incredible opportunity.

Our senior counselors, our junior counselors, and our mentors. These wonderful women deserve our thanks for all of their hard work, ranging from ushering the girls all over campus to educating us on each step of this academic process. The three women presiding over each city have certainly given us the tools to succeed.

Adjacent to our leaders, I don't have to tell anyone that this campus is gorgeous and the food is delicious. We would not be able to enjoy such privileges without the graciousness of Ship and the hardworking staff. Each day brings a buffet for each meal, with plenty of options for everyone (this coming from a picky vegetarian). We should definitely all be grateful for the extensive preparation and labor that Ship has to go through to keep us.

Finally, we all must give thanks to the American Auxiliary Legion and all of the lovely ladies who chose to dedicate their time to recruiting us, funding us, helping us, allowing us to have such an amazing experience. I'm sure I'm not the only one who was touched by much of what was said in the opening ceremony, and I truly believe that I have taken things from the experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Overall, gratitude is due to many people -- too many to mention in one article. It is my hope that each citizen takes the time to appreciate all that has gone into making Keystone Girls State 2019 happen, and find ways to promote this program to as many people as possible. In our own ways, we should do our best to repay the time and work that has been put in by all our leaders here at Keystone. And we can start with a simple thank you.

When Not to Amend
The Senate session of June 17

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The senate room was a whirlwind of chaos this monday afternoon. Counselors attempted to teach a group of thirty-six odd Keystone-Staters the rules and etiquette of Pennsylvania senate sessions. Needless to say, this was going to be interesting.

The first event that occurred was the election for the presiding officer in the Senate (the President Pro Tempore). Several girls proudly stated their reasons on why they should be placed in the position. Following the road laid out by our government, the ladies who decided to promote themselves for this position made the most of their thirty second speeches. We see -- time and time again -- that everyone who is brave enough to attempt in the strenuous act of persuading the straight faces of the Senate makes the most of their opportunity. It is with a silent walk and hopeful soul that these young adults leave the room for the senators to democratically vote for the aspiring young woman who they believe would promptly fit the role.

The passion present in the election set the mood for the rest of the lively session. The room was presented with a bill created by Krumrine city that focused on education. Robert's Rule of Order was used to determine and organize the process of the complicated and complex discussion over the bill; many of the Senators excitedly awaited their chance to put in their two cents. As a sponsor rose to defend her city's decisions, it became evident that the room was filled with critical thinkers and passionate future politicians as they jumped at the opportunity to pick apart the proposed bill piece by piece. Our delegates presented astute questions and soon became enthralled in spirited pro and con arguments. It was with the graceful influence of our democracy and the insightful perceptions of the senators personal (yet logical) beliefs that debate was sparked. This debate continued to go back and forth again and again -- as if it were ticking away on a pendulum of Keystone Girls State government.

Although the listed rules were not precisely followed (which of course they were not -- this is a learning experience after all), the complexity of the bill's issue and the strong assessments of the freshman senators kept the session moving at a brisk pace. But they later found themselves screeching to a stop. A standstill.

The ground came to a halt when the chance to amend the bill presented itself. The senators got caught in the net of arguments going against the amendment; this continued to such a degree that an *amendment* was written *for* the amendment. This carried the senate deep into discussion on the tiny and miniscule pieces of the amendments with great precision. The senators would simply

not overlook the details. However, so much time had been spent deliberating that the amendments could not be ratified in the time remaining. Two hours were reduced down to the last thirty minutes of the senate session. The original bill, accompanied by sans amendments, was swiftly struck down, leaving the girls with numerous questions about the process of passing bills. As the final minutes of the session made their debut, the counselors answered concerns and ensured that Tuesday's session would run smoothly and efficiently. The young senators proceeded to leave the senate room with a feeling of pride at completing their first session and with excitement for the following meetings that would occur within the next four days. With future sessions right around the corner, the points explained and practiced on Monday, June 17th, were encouraged to be used by the girls of the senate to further mimic the Pennsylvania Senate floor.

With hope, our senators will utilize this important experience to amend and pass future bills. The goal of every girl at Keystone State is to help their cities, and other cities, in as many ways as they can.

And where is the greatest opportunity for this to happen?

The Senate floor.

BEISTER CITY

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Beginning on Monday evening Beister City rules were posted, our favorites being, number one: no shoes allowed, number 2: salute Rae, number 7: all apologies must be responded to with “its chillin”, and number 9: Any citizen from another city must spin down the hallways. Beister city troopers Madison Horning and Hailey Sella have made many arrests since the institution of Beister rules including the arrest of blue county district attorney Bailey Riley. In order to receive freedom after being placed in jail any keystone citizen must entertain the citizens of Beister city with the performance art piece of their choice. District Attorney Riley chose to amuse Beister city with slam poetry, a form of poetry that combines the elements of performance and writing. Bailey choose to recite humpty dumpty in the most dramatic fashion possible. The citizens of Biester were thoroughly entertained and Bailey was released to resume her city work. Many other arrestees have chosen similar performances including but not limited to, Yankee Doodle, The National Anthem. Bister city bail procedures have even began to migrate to other cities. A heald city prisoner was spotted singing Party In The USA by Miley Cyrus in order to be released from prison. Clearly Beister City is setting trends that are beginning to spread across Keystone. Beister bail procedures have inspired other cities to challenge tradition and create procedures that lighten the mood and encourage girls to bond within their cities.

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Throughout the Blue County Election on Monday morning, candidates in the Federalist and Nationalist parties gathered in city lounges to discuss the upcoming election. Starting with numerous candidates in all categories, it was not long after till the list boiled down to the strongest, most notable characters. The positions up for election were three county commissioners, treasurer, magistrate, clerk, district attorney, and sheriff. The morning started with many decisions. Who was running for what position and how were you going to advertise yourself throughout the already patriotic hallways of blue county. Some people spent days before arriving at girls state printing up campaign posters, and some spent minutes drawing stick figure people to advertise their running. Regardless of how long it took to draw up posters, excitement filled the blue counties hallways. With campaigning in the works, the blue county, consisting of Heald and Beister, began their primaries. Both the Federalists and Nationalists lined up along the walls and one by one checked in to the voting room to pick the candidates who stood out most. After a few minutes spent with this voting, both cities patiently awaited the results, every candidate crossing their fingers that the 30 second speech they made was enough to impress their fellow citizens. An announcement came through the speakers announcing the results, leaving some excited and others left to support their counties candidates. Regardless of the results, the new chosen group of candidates started the process again. Short speeches, posters, and even more posters. In the entire county, campaign slogans were being spewed off left and right. Only hours later the voting rooms were once again filled with eager candidates and excited citizens. As the roar of campaign speeches silenced throughout the blue county, voting came to a close. Eventually once again both cities awaited the final decisions. Eventually over the loudspeaker we heard the phrase we had all been accustomed to “attention girls state, attention girls state.” After all the lists were read aloud, cheers were heard all across the county. Besiter city racked up big positions with two county commissioners, the county clerk, county treasurers, and the county magistrate, while Heild city came away with three positions. Ultimately, Beister city took the majority in the county elections and celebrated their second night at keystone girls state successfully.

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One stormy evening, Monday night to be exact, a very tragic event occurred. Madeline Wickel, senior counselor for Beister City of Blue County, started speaking in a scratchy tone. Being the outgoing person she is, not many people realized that anything was wrong. By Tuesday morning, Maddie had completely lost her voice. Fellow Keystone Girls Staters can find Maddie walking around the state with a tea cup in hand and ricolas slipping out of her pocket, taking all measures to cure herself. While Maddie works hard to get better, the *Keystone Gazette* will delve into the reason for her predicament.

If you know Maddie, you will know she is an outgoing, boisterous person. Because of this, she tends to talk... A LOT. This makes the Beister City experience an unforgettable time. From repeatedly introducing herself to the KGS citizens, to teaching her city how to run things, her voice has been overused. By constantly having to lead the Beister City count off and the dining hall table competition, her vocal cords have been stressed. Her herbal tea remedies have been no match for this severe ailment. Maddie has been seen throughout the hallways using exaggerated hand gestures to communicate with fellow councillors and citizens of Girls State. Unfortunately, due to her rather wacky motions, many girls have teased her for losing her voice. It is all with a light heart though, because Maddie is very loved and well respected here at Keystone Girls State. Not only did she attend the Keystone Girls State program last year, but she also went to Girls Nation. The Keystone State is astonishingly proud of all of her accomplishments. The loss of her voice was bound to happen at some point throughout her life, but all the girls have her support and hope she gains it back soon.

Throughout this traumatic experience, Maddie has learned the importance of her voice projection. Does that mean that she will start speaking softer in the future? The *Keystone Gazette* strongly believes that she will not, but that is up for you to decide. For more entertaining stories about Maddie, continue checking the *Keystone Gazette* for more updates.