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Disdain for Richardson City a misunderstanding

BY CONNER PATTERSON
BOONE CITY

Richardson City has quickly taken up the mantle of Missouri Boys State's most hated city. But is it all a misunderstanding?

When confronted about his city's opinion of Richardson City, Boone City Mayor Keith Farmer couldn't point out any personal grievances. But Farmer did take issue with at least one thing.

"(Richardson City) is disruptive and doesn't hold themselves to the same honor that everyone else in Boys State have been," Farmer said.

Farmer said he's heard from other mayors about Richardson City's "capture the flag antics,"

referring to an incident Sunday in which a Richardson citizen stole Boone City's flag at supper.

Farmer went on to say he does not personally hate Richardson City and believes it to be a joke, but he still believes that some people do take it seriously.

Lewis City Mayor Brady O'Hara, however, had harsher words to share.

"Overall, Richardson city is a terrible city and is an 'earsore' to the citizens of Boys State," O'Hara said.

O'Hara named some other transgressions behind his dislike for the city, from disturbing the peace and excessive loud noise to stealing Lewis City's dining chairs at meal time.

But O'Hara also claims, much

the same as Farmer, that there's no true hate for Richardson City — it's more of a running joke, and he hopes the city's make amends soon.

"It's a gag," O'Hara said. "It was a little annoying (when they stole our chairs) the first time, but it was just funny and a joke."

Weyer City Mayor Wyatt Loar said he personally doesn't have a strong stance on Richardson City.

"I need to look into why they're getting all this hate before I decide whether they deserve it," Loar said.

While he wants to remain unbiased, he said sometimes it's important to just "go with the flow." As the 14 other cities freely express their hate regarding Richardson City, Loar said he doesn't

want to lean toward either side and also believes the jeers are a running joke instead of actual malice.

Richardson City Mayor Noah Warner said he's confident in his city's worth.

"I think it is the best city in Boys State, I mean that in the ways of energy, in the ways of excitement and in the ways of ideas," Warner said. "We have some big candidates and some big plans and we are ready to go. We are ready to support not only our city but Gamble County and all of Boys State."

Warner said he thinks the hate just makes his city stronger, because "the more they hate on us, the more they are putting themselves down and we just

keep building ourselves up."

"We never boo, you'll never catch us booing anybody, you'll never catch us showing any disrespect," Warner continued. "You'll only see us putting ourselves up. When they boo, that is a big hit to their character."

Warner also talked about how he loves all the cities and loves all the mayors. That falls in line with some common phrases uttered by citizens in Richardson City, things such as "Dark Visor Down" and "No matter what, we love all" as they face down controversy and hate.

Phillip Kackley (Weyer City), Uriah Koester (Lewis City), Caleb Wright (Richardson City) and Caleb Brownly (Richardson City) contributed to this story.



U.S. Sen. Eric Schmitt addresses the citizens of American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State during Monday night's joint assembly at Hyland Arena.

MGS cities find common bond with mascot

BY ABIGAIL WODKE
ADREON CITY

There's been a union of two cities at ALA Missouri Girls State, from competition to compassion.

A coincidental similarity of mascots has sparked a unique and special bond between the two cities of Johnson County. During one of their first city meetings Sunday, both Adreon and Drake cities discussed mascots. Although the two cities had no form of communication at that time, they both decided to become "The Dragons."

During the following assemblies, both cities became confused at the overly abundant chanting surrounding their mascot. Discussion sparked out of the confusion, as citizens both laughed and sighed.

Anna recounted their reaction, saying, "When I first heard it, I was kind of concerned," Anna, of Drake City, said. "I thought maybe there would be this constant rivalry all week or like everybody would get panicked about trying to pick a new mascot."

Many hoped perhaps the city colors were different, that one had chosen a pink dragon. However, many found it laughable when it was revealed both cities had chosen purple and green as their colors.

At the county meeting Sunday, it was decided the two cities would fully embrace their identity as a unified county, dubbing themselves "The Johnson County Dragons" in honor of their harmony. Katie of Adreon City explained they believe the

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Life as a family man

U.S. Sen. Schmitt joins joint MBS, ALA MGS assembly

BY IRIS ALVAREZ
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AND CALEB WRIGHT
RICHARDSON CITY

U.S. Senator Eric Schmitt joined American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State and American Legion Missouri Boys State citizens Monday night for their first joint assembly of this year's session at Hyland Arena.

Honored to speak, Schmitt captured the attention of the audience and commanded the room. Originally from

Bridgeton, Mo., Schmitt said he grew up with dreams of becoming a lawyer. He said his father was a key role model in his life growing up.

"I grew up in a hard-working, blue-collar family; I'm proud of that," Schmitt said.

Schmitt advocates for working families, people with special needs and the importance of Missouri on a national level. One part of his speech to that point resulted in a lot of participation — when he mentioned countless successful Missourians of acclaim, from Harry S Truman to Brad Pitt.

"Not so fast — Missouri is the best state," Schmitt said.

After his remarks, Schmitt told the Leader his work schedule is busy — typically 16 hours a day. He starts with a staff meeting, a community hearing

and consultations with constituents. But he said while he works hard, he plays even harder.

"I have been practicing for the Congressional baseball team. ...Practices are at 4:45 (a.m.)," Schmitt said.

It is apparent he works diligently to serve the people. Schmitt said he strives for success in his political career, but family is always his top priority. He said he tries to make time to do as much as he can with them and wants to be there for his wife and kids.

"It is the most important job I'll ever have is being a husband and a father, so I take that very seriously," Schmitt said. "We are deliberate about the time when I am (in Missouri)."

Audrey Mitchell (Crowder City) and Xavier Wilson (Richardson City) contributed to this story.

Miss Sandy makes MGS like home

BY KATELIN TIPTON
CARVER CITY

At ALA Missouri Girls State, Miss Sandy makes an impact as a House Mom for the citizens of Rauch Memorial Hall.

House Moms like Miss Sandy make a difference at MGS by helping set the atmosphere in their dormitories. Miss Sandy said she took part in this year's session because said her daughter — who previously attended the program and currently is a part of staff — asked her to.

Miss Sandy said yes because she knew how great of a time her daughter had at MGS and wanted to see it in motion and help make a great experience for other girls. Her responsibilities include doing laundry for the Junior Associate Counselors and Junior Counselors, handling Walmart requests and

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Editorials and commentary

A day later, Brazile's words still inspire

BY CONNER HILL
WHITFIELD CITY

I'm a very lucky person to have sat in the same building as Donna Brazile.

I'm even more lucky to be able to sit and listen to a presentation from Brazile about sharing love and helping others.

Brazile is a veteran political strategist born and raised Louisiana, previously served as interim Chair of the Democratic National Committee and was the first Black American to serve as the manager of a major-party presidential campaign, running the campaign of Vice President Al Gore. But that doesn't tell you half of what she's done.

While sitting and listening to Brazile, I could feel that her energy, enthusiasm and demeanor are one of a kind.

A few points of her presentation were about her dad and how he served in the Korean War and how, when the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks happened, he still wanted to serve his country again even though he was in his mid-70s.

Brazile also used a story about her family as an allegory for how the American party system should be. She described how she and her sisters have different opinions on how to make gumbo. One makes it with ham, another makes it with oysters. Though Brazile said she doesn't like oysters and doesn't like ham, she said "we still love each other."

In the same way, Americans might have different opinions about how to do things but they still should have one goal in mind — to serve the people.

Another story from her that really

moved me was when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans.

"I called the president and said I wanted to help and was I unpopular with the Democratic Party? Yes," Brazile said. "People asked 'Why do you want to help him?' Because he's the president and he can make things happen."

She said she had to take off her blue coat and wear a red, white and blue one instead. That really moved me. She disregarded the quarrels of the two-party system to help the people of America.

Part of my favorite quote from her speech was this: "Whenever you're caught in a situation, when people are drowning — literally drowning — on their roofs begging for help begging for water, you don't sit and say 'Well, are they Republican or a Democrat? Is she from Mars or is she from Venus?' No! You go and help."

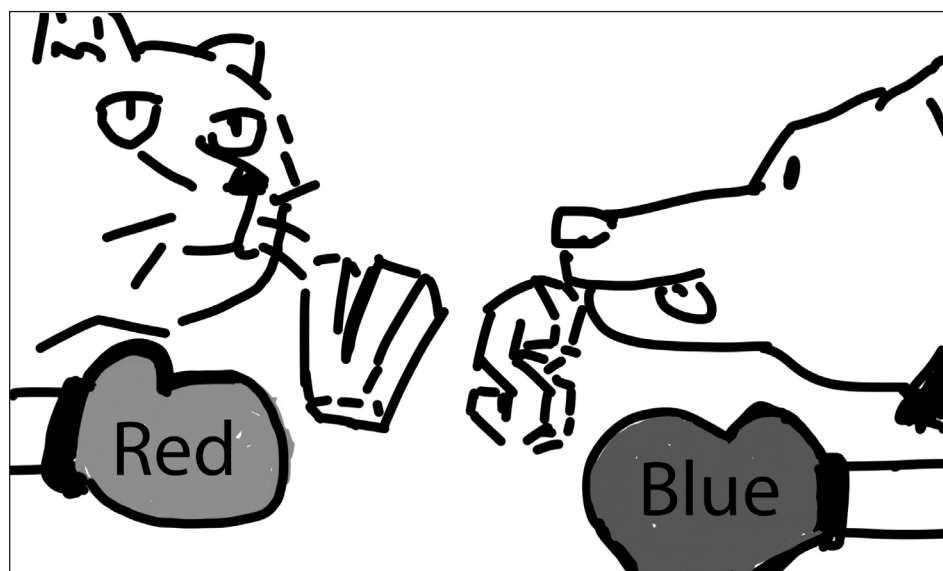
She said people have to open their homes, their wallets and their hearts because that's what Americans do.

"When things are bad, we lift each other up," she said. "When you see a storm or a blizzard or a whatever catastrophe, don't sit back and look. Figure out a way to help because that's what we do as Americans."

That really touched me, that we should disregard our differences to help our fellow Americans.

Her kindness, passion, and patriotism rang out in Hyland Arena as all of Boys State got up from their seats and started shouting "USA!"

I don't know about you, but I felt inspired to live my life the way she did — with kindness and passion.



MBS citizens weigh in: Do you favor cats or dogs?

BY MAC PROSSER
CROWDER CITY

AND SANDEEP MAHARJAN
CROWDER CITY

Cats and dogs are two very common pets and it is often debated which is better.

Out of roughly 20 people interviewed Monday, reporters with the Leader discovered that young men at this year's session of Missouri Boys State prefer dogs over cats. Polling results were converted into a percentage and figured that 88 percent of people preferred dogs.

Those who chose dogs provided a common reason that they were allergic to cats. Another common response was that cats are not energetic enough for their

lifestyle. Those who chose cats decided on this answer because they believed cats are cuter, they require less maintenance and they are less energetic.

While campaigning for MBS governor, Michael Teschner, of Clark City, said he personally preferred dogs because they're more loyal.

Crowder City Mayor Bryson Saathoff said that he preferred dogs due to his cat allergy.

One individual commented that his girlfriend really likes cats, and he picked dogs simply because it would make his girlfriend mad.

After conducting numerous interviews and asking many questions, it has been determined that the winner of today's poll is dogs.

How to be an informed voter at ALA MGS

Aligning actions with values, seeing results from promises

BY OLIVIA HASKAMP
BROEG CITY

ALA Missouri Girls State has seen two elections so far this week, with polls revealing citizens preferences and voting habits. Across Lindenwood University's campus, "I Voted" stickers are rapidly appearing on badges and t-shirts.

The voting lines are long and the lists of potential candidates even longer. With so many people to pick from, choosing a handful of winners will be hard. This week, make sure to gather information on candidates before voting so as to make decisions you firmly believe in.

Voting for the first person to approach you isn't always the smartest route to take. Look for signs of a leader in the people you choose. Before casting your vote, ask yourself, "Does this person exhibit the qualities needed in an elected official?" or "What does this person stand for and do their beliefs correlate to my own ideologies?"

The only thing better than an active voter is an informed active voter. Making sure you know about the person you plan on electing into office is not technically

required, but strongly encouraged, as it is more likely you will form a government you are proud to be a part of.

So what can you do to become an informed voter? To begin, ask candidates questions such as what they're running for and how they are qualified for the position.

Now, think about the information you've gathered and use it to help guide you to a final decision. After you vote, — which hopefully you will be doing — keep track of who wins and if they follow through with their ideas and promises. As the week progresses, keep these things in mind.

Actually voting is just as important, if not more so, than being an informed voter. Even if you know all the information possible about the candidates on the ballot, none of it will matter if you don't make it to the polls. While voter turnout at ALA Missouri Girls State thus far has been high, there are still delegates not showing up to vote.

On Sunday during the Municipal Election, 99.42 percent of citizens voted with the number decreasing on Monday at the Senate and House of Representatives Election with a voter turnout of 99.13 percent. To create the best government possible here at MGS, it is crucial that everyone does their best to make it to the polls and vote for each and every election. Stay informed and keep on voting, citizens!

BY XAVIER WILSON
RICHARDSON CITY

Much to their dismay, any independently minded citizen, still unsatisfied by their preordained party placement, will find no hope for consensus in Nationalist and Federalist Party platforms.

Prospective candidates all seem to be one in the same, parroting the talking points that elicited the loudest applause of the previous day. Furthermore, speeches by these candidates are a scrapbook of niche political ideology, ranging from right-wing libertarianism to kleptocratic dog whistling and an unsettling push to privatize government.

Anyone lucky enough — or, rather, unlucky enough — to sit through the thousand elections of the past couple of days have heard the same tired takes with the only distinguishing feature being color of tie. These takes, some worded

more eloquently than others, all call for the same basic points: lower taxes, with the more zealous pushing for complete abolishment; business-friendly government, which has become an innuendo for opening casinos; and an appeal to nationalist loyalties. But in this race for most liberal of tax rates, nobody has stopped and asked why taxation is so key. What's to become of a government indentured and neutered by the wave of economic individualism sweeping Missouri Boys State?

This forming culture of hive mind politics and the race to amplify extremist policies is no doubt perilous to the institutions of the state, not unforeseeably moving it from a sturdy democracy to a something of a Wild West-style free-for-all. One can feasibly see, in the coming week, a gubernatorial debate consisting of canines simply trying to one up each other on anti-tax policy. The only difference? Color of tie.



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Isabella Hankins
Zoe Johnson
Ayiana Baynes
Kya Pope

Drake City Representatives

Serena Sartin
Piper Keltner
Abigail House
Allison Lam
Abigail Munie

Price County Senators

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Mikayla Hammer
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Anna Stevens

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Gretchen Schmitter
Cora Oelrichs
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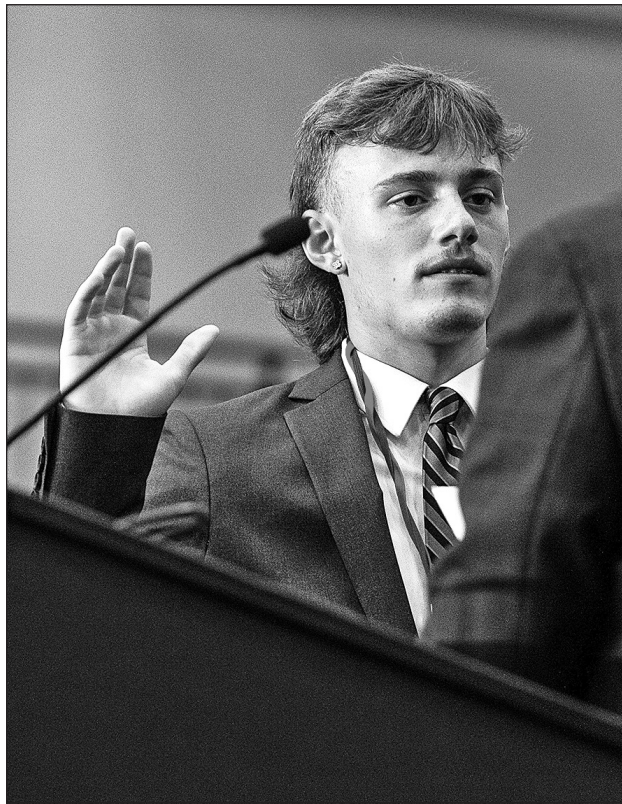
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MBS governor delivers State of the State

Plans to prioritize economy, transparency this week

BY STEVEN COX JR.
WHITFIELD CITY

Missouri Boys State Gov. Cooper Barron delivered the State of the State address to the MBS General Assembly Monday morning at Harmon Hall.

In the address, Barron spoke a great deal about the current and future plans of MBS, and revealed that his administration's top priority is economic development.

"My director of economic development will move quickly to deploy several important grant programs included in last year's MBS budget," Barron said. "This included grants for small businesses and city beautification."

Barron also announced tax credits will be given to small businesses with five or more workers, and his administration is working to improve the economy for future sessions of MBS by submitting new proposals that will foster economic growth.

"Together, we will provide new tools and resources and encourage businesses to promote workers' compensation for MBS citizens," Barron said.

Not only is Barron looking to help small businesses, he is also aiding every other citizen through a tax cut that will keep more money in citizens' own pockets.

Finally, Barron said he's looking to make life easier as MBS citizens work with their state government.

"We will look for every opportunity to cut the red tape and get the government out of the way for our innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders who are working for change at MBS," Barron said.

During a press conference later in the day, the governor's press secretary, Matthew Wehling of Carnahan City, offered some additional comments on that front. Wehling said Barron is looking to reduce complications in government processing to get the economy flourishing faster, and also to provide as clear a government as possible that hides nothing from its citizens.

"New constituent offices will be opened up and available to every person to provide as (much) transparency as possible," Wehling said.

Casinos a big hit at MBS

Gambling picks up early steam as economic driver

BY KEITH RORABAUGH
CROWDER CITY

AND JOHN COOKE
CROWDER CITY

In the few days Missouri Boys State has been in session, almost every man in power has planned to implement gambling as the main source of economic growth in their respective cities.

When asked if gambling was part of his economic plan, Lewis City Mayor Brady O'Hara said he's planning for multiple gambling halls.

"Anyone can pretty much start their own gambling (hall) as long as they clear it with us so we know it's happening and stays legal, obviously," O'Hara said. "They

are allowed to take out the funds, subtract the funds and pay out."

This isn't unique to Lewis City. Carver City Mayor Jacob Hicks also sees gambling as an easy source of revenue.

"We are promoting businesses in our city and that is an easy source because everyone in the state is for gambling," Hicks said.

Bryson Sathoff of Crowder City, Keith Farmer of Boone City and Miles Schwab of Pershing City can also be added to the list of mayors who condone gambling as a significant economic element in their city, along with multiple others.

But there is, of course, opposition to this opinion, such as from Blair City Mayor Harjas Athwal.

"We were planning on (gambling) in the beginning but since so many other cities are doing it we don't think it will grow like we want it to, so we are going to go for other business opportunities," Athwal said.

It would also seem as though every citizen

will be participating in these various casinos. When prompted, however, some citizens had a mixed response. KC Culbertson of Clark City is one citizen who's for the venture.

"It brings in money and people will be happy when they are rich," Culbertson said. "I know I'm happy when I have money, so gambling equals happiness in my eyes."

But another citizen who spoke with the Leader said citizens shouldn't be trying to win money, at least not in large amounts. Instead, they said citizens should be betting maybe \$20 BSB or \$30 BSB instead of hundreds of their hard-earned wages, and only between others in their city for fun during free time.

Mayors all across MBS plan to implement gambling as a major economic priority in their cities. This, however, could be harder to implement than most politicians might first think. When Preston Brown, the lieutenant colonel of the MBS Highway Patrol, was asked if gambling was even legal, he said it requires a license.

Richardson citizens plan to open casino

BY BENJAMIN TUCKER
RICHARDSON CITY

Plans are in motion in Richardson City to start Gamble University, a university dedicated to teaching Missouri Boys State citizens to gamble.

The initiative is headed by founder William Sheuring and planned University President Aiden Wilson, who say they hope to open the university by Wednesday.

"Gamble University exists to make sure that everyone is included and given equal chance to throw their money away gambling," Sheuring said. "I started it because I don't know how to play some of these games, and I wanted to make sure that not only I knew them, but that every student here at MBS has the opportunity to learn them."

When asked about funding, Sheuring said there are several government grants dedicated to universities funded by MBS.

But at the question of tuition costs, Sheuring and Wilson could not give an exact number but stated that it would be cheap.

"Nothing that you can't win back," Sheuring added.

Gamble University plans to partner with other casinos throughout MBS to ensure they are teaching the right games.

At the moment, the university is still looking for staff members, especially teachers for some of the games.

"Education is a passion of mine and I wanted to pursue that with my city," Sheuring said.

Gamble University is part of a larger push within Richardson towards gambling. The Gamble County lottery has been established, and a casino is in the works for Richardson City.

MBS citizens largely in support of gambling

BY JEROME VIANA
KOHNS CITY

A survey conducted Monday at the J. Scheidegger Center revealed an overwhelming majority of Missouri Boys State citizens polled support gambling and

would partake in it themselves.

Out of the 30 individuals surveyed, 24 of them openly supported gambling, citing its major benefits like generating revenue for their respective cities and creating a fun pastime where one can "start low and go high."

However, not everyone backs the movement to legalize gambling, with many fearing that the cons may outweigh the pros. Concerned citizens who oppose the movement believe it is morally unethical, and

that it'll negatively affect the MBS economy in the long term as the majority of gamblers will lose their spendings and their ability to spend elsewhere, concentrating the wealth into those who own these operations.

Both views aside, lawmakers in both the Nationalist and Federalist parties are set on legalizing the controversial practice and it doesn't seem to be going away any time soon with cities like Whitfield already in the process of opening their own casinos.

After early stress, citizens turn to gambling to relieve anxiety

BY LANDON JARRELL
BOONE CITY

Coming into Missouri Boys State, many citizens were stressed prior to attending.

These citizens worried about many things, whether it be the many options or the packed schedule. This caused citizens to start

casinos within their cities.

Even on the first day, many were breaking out decks of cards and starting the games.

"It only took two hours for people to turn to gambling," Kael Holloway, of Boone City, said.

Since then, gambling's popularity has erupted. Many attendees have planned on profiting off of gambling as a business. The anxiety many felt before the session began was eradicated after choosing to spend their Boys State Bucks.

As the week has progressed, many cities have even created their own casinos for the enjoyment of their citizens.



Athletic competitions begin at MBS

BY LUCAS PATTERSON
KOHNSVILLE CITY

Missouri Boys State athletics are finally here.

MBS basketball kicked off Monday, and the results are as follows:

- Gambrel City lost to Ingle in an amazing game.
- The Kohn City basketball team defeated Lewis City in a nail biter, winning by four points.

Outside of basketball, all other athletics included at Missouri Boys State started Monday as well, including softball, pickleball, soccer and tennis.

The results for softball are as follows:

- Blair City defeated Boone City in the first game.
 - Carnahan City defeated Carver Monday in another awesome game.
- The pickleball games got interesting:
- Pershing City and Richardson City played to a tie.
 - On the other hand, Weyer City defeated Whitfield City in their contest.

Soccer had two contests Monday:

- Crowder City defeated Clark City.
- Doniphan City defeated Duggan City in a great contest.



Mystery player shows up for soccer match

BY KC CULBERTSON
CLARK CITY

Monday morning was the start of athletics at Missouri Boys State.

It began with soccer, with one match between Crowder City and Clark City. As players scored with speed, it appeared to be going smoothly. Crowder City ended up victorious, but some Clark City players and staff felt like something was off.

One player for Clark City, Wyatt Meldrum, recalled one surprise in particular.

"I thought we had this game in the bag," Meldrum said. "...I saw this player come in and I was wondering why he didn't play in the first half because he was so good and kept scoring goals."

It turned out to be a prospect player from Richardson City. "It was ironic because as we were talking about it, he scored," Pranav Palaniappan, an Assistant City Counselor for Clark City, said. "I think the irony should be taken into account."

Crowder citizen Keith Rorabaugh said it wouldn't be good if his city's team had indeed subbed in the player.

In response to the controversy, Clark City lawyers are planning a civil suit against a Crowder City assistant city counselor.



What's happening in Schools of Instruction?

ALA MGS citizens are learning and growing as the week continues to unfold

BY LILLIAN CLYMER
BOONE CITY

The different schools offered at ALA Missouri Girls State vary in many different ways. On Monday, MGS citizens spoke with the Leader about what they are doing in their classes and how it is impacting their future decisions.

Looking into the different schools shows the opportunities MGS offers and a few of the things citizens are learning.

The School of Commerce is designed to teach its citizens all about how to open and operate their own business. One student, Hilary Yang of Benton City, said she's learning all about how to start a business and about e-commerce. Yang said her class is also creating a business plan for Andy's Frozen Custard, which is influencing how she views the economy and how to work around it with a business.

"This class is intriguing and really catches my interest," Yang said. "It really goes beyond what I expected."

She added that the class is very hands-on and plays an important part in how the economy runs at MGS.

The School of Law teaches citizens all about the courts and how to pass the Bar exam. Kalea Snow of Boone City said for now, the main focus in class is focused on what to know for that exam, along with the basics behind law. Snow said there is really unifying feeling in the classroom for her and the other participants.

"I think that honestly, the school aspect of it has brought us all together," Snow said.

The School of Law shows one example of how much Schools of Instruction influence MGS citizens.

Another class is Campaigning and Political Operations. This class is especially designed for those who are ambitious enough to run for governor or other state-level positions. It teaches them how to successfully campaign and earn people's votes. Avery Smith of Covington City said the class material for now is focused on learning the pillars of a campaign, like fundraising, drawing attention and votes and using media like commercials to spread a message.

Smith said the class has already had a big impact on her.

"So I think political operations is definitely something I've always been interested in," Smith said. "I'm currently interning for a political consulting firm, so this is something that is actually helping me in my job because it's going to be very helpful in these next few weeks while I'm finishing up this internship, but it's also not just inspiring me to go into law or politics or something but to actually go into the campaign management side of things."

For Smith and many others, there is constant inspiration coming from the classes offered at MGS.

Lastly, the School of International Affairs is taught to show the citizens how the influence of America's presence in other countries is helpful. Kerrigan Hand of Clark City learning in that class and deciding exactly how it is shaping what she wants to do in the future.

"Today we were talking about the different philosophies such as Hamiltonism, Jeffersonism and then recently we've just been trying to get a feel for foreign policy," Hand said. "We were looking over the different diplomats and how that occurs and how you get chosen as a diplomat."

Today, Hand said the class will be shifting gears to an activity focused on what foreign policy they'd create if they were a secretary in a related office.

Hand said has always been interested in international affairs, a big reason why the class is having an impact on her during her early time at MGS.

"In my career, I really just want to do something somewhere else really," Hand said. "I would love to be able to help people and I feel like this would be a great way to learn about different cultures' experiences and learn how their government works and learn how to work in an area that's not the same as mine."

MGS offers a variety of Schools of Instruction, and these are just a few of the options on offer. As the week continues, MGS citizens will surely continue to expand their knowledge and change their lives.

Clearing up the drama in Cronin City

BY ELLA GRACE
CRONIN CITY

On Sunday, June 25, the city of Cronin elected Nationalist Destiny Stevens as their city postmistress.

But following the election, there was rumored backlash from other women that ran for the position and did not get elected.

Addressing Allegations

Cronin City Mayor Emma Brower, a Federalist, was the overall decision-maker of the election. Brower said it wasn't ultimately a tough decision to make, though.

"Destiny Stevens was the one person who really put their name out there, they were very prepared at the meeting and had a letter written that provided multiple details," Brower said. "The other two candidates seemed a bit unprepared at the meeting."

As a city, Cronin is known for hosting supportive citizens. They even have their very own mascot — the crabs. Although crabs are in their name, being crabby is not in their game. Or so we thought.

Shayleigh Whetstone, a Nationalist from Cronin City, ran against Stevens for the postmistress position. Though disappointed, she was still supportive.

"I feel defeated," Whetstone said. "However, I think Destiny will make a great mailwoman."

Trouble in Paradise?

There were also rumors of tensions rising in the Nationalist Party due to poor sportsmanship in the election.

But Stevens but that rumor to rest Monday. While confident in her being the right candidate for the job, she was also quick to compliment the other citizens who ran.

"It is an amazing feeling knowing that two other people applied and my qualifications outshined theirs, despite them being great candidates and being great at what they do," Stevens said.

Although we may never know the true drama within the city, it sounds like Cronin is still supporting its citizens and most — if not all — of the drama allegations are false.

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Compton mayor proposes city-wide ordinances

BY ANNA HERMAN
COMPTON CITY

On Sunday, Compton City residents voted for municipal positions.

Madeline Morris won the mayoral election and plans on implementing new rules and concepts to help benefit her city's sense of community and fellowship. One of Morris' ideas was to organize city hall — specifically, seating arrangements so that everyone feels like an equal participant in the discussion.

"Spreading the idea of everyone having

their own voices is a top priority," Morris said.

Morris was inspired to campaign for this position due to her love for leadership roles, including dance captain for multiple teams.

"I love working with people and helping people," Morris said.

Morris also highlighted her aspirations for equality while maintaining a sense of diversity. Morris's excitement is an excellent kickoff for her new role as mayor, and Compton citizens are interested to see what she will bring to their city.



Mascot: Cities keep own chants

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decision was "kind of inevitable." The choice was fronted by the community as a whole and completely endorsed by Adreon City Mayor Abigail Locke and Drake Mayor Hofman.

Locke described the situation as "very fortunate" and said the deciding factor in not changing the mascot to something else was "a power move and it makes a statement."

Of course despite their newfound col-

laboration, each city still retains their respective chants that can be heard booming throughout campus, but now they have added a new one to their arsenal.

"As a parks and rec director, I'm all about the cheers and the chants and the pride for our city and our county," Anna said. "And I think it is just so fun that we get to be our Johnson County Dragons and roar together."

Now louder, and even prouder, Johnson County stands as the dragon Capital of MGS.



Miss Sandy: Checks on citizens

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runs, providing first aid materials, giving out snacks and, most importantly, just being a mother figure who is there for the citizens to talk to or get a hug from if needed.

Whenever citizens pass by, Miss Sandy always gives a friendly smile and wave. She often checks in on their well being by reminding them to smile or drink water. But she said her favorite part of her role is meeting the citizens and watching them grow.

"There is such a difference already from when you all walked in the door on Saturday to now when you guys walk in and out the door," Miss Sandy said.

She really enjoys getting to know the girls from Rauch Memorial. The girls love getting to know and having her there, too.

Many citizens living in Rauch feel that she makes the building like home by being very welcoming and checking on everyone. They especially appreciate the snacks passed out each morning.

Miss Sandy even has some advice for MGS citizens.

"I would just make sure they're all giving their 50 percent and know that each day is a new day to start something different, to start over," Miss Sandy said. "And it's OK if you fail. You try tomorrow and you'll do something different."



Race is on for MGS Model City

BY SASHA BOYD
COVINGTON CITY

EMMA BROWNING
STEPHENS CITY

AND ELAINA CECIL
COVINGTON CITY

Parks and Rec Director, said.

Pershing and Boone have become the first two cities to earn the Spirit Flag. They have come up with various chants and slogans and have shown their unity as a city.

It was a consensus amongst both winners that cleanliness, rule following and decoration will be their keys to winning Model City.

The two have cited the Benton Bulldogs and the cities in Bacon County as other strong contenders to become Spirit Flag bearers.

"Don't be scared to ... yell and have nobody respond," Claudia Wieberg, Boone City's Parks and Rec Director, said. "Just put yourself out there completely."

The race will be tight, the competition steep, but those who show up and show out will ultimately rise to the top.

The race for ALA Missouri Girls State Model City has kicked off and two candidates have already taken an early lead.

In just two days, Pershing City and Boone City have distinguished themselves from the crowd with their loud chants that often can be heard echoing across the Lindenwood University campus.

"I think the first day, we all just brought the energy," Grace Edney, Pershing City's



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Warm welcomes ‘Kohntagious’ at Boys State Incoming citizens encouraged with cheers upon arrival

BY JAYENN WARFIELD
KOHN CITY

Residing on the campus of Lindenwood University, Missouri Boys State cities like Kohn City welcomed each new incoming citizen with encouraging cheers and a warm welcome.

From the moment citizens walked into the doors of Kohn City, they were met with warm welcomes and inclusive games. Within seconds of meeting total strangers, these citizens had already developed a feeling of camaraderie, inclusion and overall connection. Kohn City welcomed its citizens with a heartfelt meeting on day one.

But even before the meeting had started, people were forming friendships whilst bonding over games of hangman. This was just the beginning of the friendships that will grow within just one city during this week's session of MBS.



Stolen flags cause worries between cities

BY XAVIER RICE
RICHARDSON CITY

Flag wars have officially started at Missouri Boys State.

On Sunday, MBS citizens witness the first instance of this in the dining area — a flag was taken from a citizen in Boone City but was quickly given back.

Since then, however, more incidents have occurred, with most people blaming the citizens of Richardson City for all of the attacks, which has not been proven.

On Monday, even Richardson City would be invaded by unknown assailants in search of their flag during athletics. That search ended up unsuccessful.

The ‘Andy’s Boys’ look to spread happiness at MBS

BY CALEB WRIGHT
RICHARDSON CITY

A group of Missouri Boys State citizens with the School of Commerce are kicking off the week with frozen custard. It sounds surprising, but it's true.

All these boys are going around wearing Andy's Frozen Custard clothing and spreading Andy's cheer.

"Our objective here is to sell Andy's, make people happy and increase the knowledge in the Boys State community," the group said.

They also stated that while it is great to earn money, it is even better to be able to

make people happy. The members of the group got to know each other better after they all enrolled in the same School of Instruction.

"If we can unite, we can accomplish more and do something better to better the whole Boys State," the group said.

The "Andy's Boys" have even been hired by the CEO of the company himself, Andy Kuntz. The group paid him for royalties to be able to sell Andy's frozen treats.

But they will be selling more than just frozen custard. They will also be selling hats, shirts, gift cards and much more.

The "Andy's Boys" have displayed how to collaborate together for a common goal — to spread happiness through MBS.

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