



Speechwriter Sarah Hurwitz (right) answers a question on stage as Missouri Boys State Gov. John Holt (left) and ALA Missouri Girls State Gov. Claire Gwak (center) moderate a discussion during Sunday night's joint assembly at Hyland Arena.

Women of the court

Supreme Court trio discusses obstacles in the workplace

BY KENDALL RAMSEY
CARVER CITY
AND ALYSSA CARVER
CLARK CITY

On Sunday, ALA Missouri Girls State citizens had the opportunity to hear from three of the four women currently serving on the Missouri Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Mary Russell, Judge Robin Ransom and Judge Kelly Broniec shared their personal experiences with working in a male-dominated field and the mental obstacles they've had to overcome in their careers.

Russell opened the panel by discussing how it was difficult growing up without any female role models — specifically lawyers — to look up to. She opened up about how she never dreamed of becoming a lawyer and started college on a journalism path instead. Russell eventually found her love for law and has now served almost 20 years on the Supreme Court.

"Someone's got to do the job, why not you?" Russell said, motivating ALA MGS citizens to try something new.

After three years on the Supreme Court, Ransom has discovered how to maintain a healthy mindset during challenging times.

"I take 'nos' as 'maybe next time,'" Ransom said. "Keep moving forward."

Ransom also encouraged the audience to look on the bright side, even as they encounter harsh conditions. She highlighted the importance of staying true to yourself while also being respectful to those working alongside you.

Newly elected Broniec shared her ideas about creating a humble work environment. Because of her experience attending an all-girls school, she said she feels strongly about fostering close-knit relationships in the workplace.

"Be the person that others want to work with," Broniec said.

Broniec encouraged ALA MGS citizens to not give in when they shouldn't and stay true to who they are while still supporting others around them.

These powerful women left an inspiring impact on many ALA MGS citizens. Their moving life stories and strong words of encouragement left citizens leaving Scheidegger Theatre feeling excited about the upcoming week and their futures.

Making shifts, taking risks

Hurwitz talks about varied career during evening joint assembly

BY GLORY MOKUA
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AND HARPER COOK
GAMBREL CITY

On Sunday evening, speechwriter Sarah Hurwitz shared her knowledge and advice with the citizens of ALA Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State at Hyland Arena.

As both programs moved into their second day, they had their first combined assembly with a guest speaker, one of three such assemblies this week.

Hurwitz spoke to citizens about the successes and failures that have led her to where she is today, accompanied on stage by ALA MGS Gov. Claire Gwak and MBS Gov. John Holt.

Hurwitz shared experiences and stories about different events throughout her career. For example, she spoke about shifting



from being a lawyer to starting a career as a speechwriter, before eventually becoming a part-time chaplain and publishing a book. She also gave advice to citizens about how

she manages stress within her career.

"You've got to take care of your body," Hurwitz said. "Exercise, sleep, eating well, just those basic things. It's not always easy, and you can't always do all three of them, but you can always do two."

Hurwitz talked about how, in environments like law school, she sometimes found herself not being the best student in the group. Instead, she tried to be the hardest worker.

She also spoke with the Leader, in an interview following her remarks, about her support system of friends. They were the ones who encouraged her to reach out to a publisher and secure a book deal.

"They were right in the end, I was really proud of what I wrote and that's something that you have forever," Hurwitz told the Leader. "It's still selling, people still come talk to me about it. That's really special to me."

Hurwitz spoke about the doubt she felt regarding her book deal and being a speechwriter overall. Despite those doubts, she still encouraged citizens not to shy away from taking risks.

"Sometimes the risky thing is the safe thing," Hurwitz said.

Marriage licenses early topic of discussion at ALA MGS

BY WHITNEY GMERK
BOONE CITY

Counselors around ALA Missouri Girls State are talking about the potential of marriage licenses

— and marriages within ALA MGS.

This could be quite an entertaining activity to participate in. There's even been talk around ALA MGS of a divorce firm

booth opening at the State Fair scheduled for later this week, accompanying a traditional marriage license booth.

"In my week at Girls State, I married the (former) mayor of

another city," Boone Assistant Counselor Grace Wright said.

While there is no word yet about this occurring at Missouri Boys State, look for a follow-up story in a future edition of the Leader.



Anthony Robles delivers the keynote address to Missouri Boys State citizens during Saturday night's assembly at Scheidegger Theatre. Robles, who was born with only one leg, won an NCAA Division I wrestling national championship in 2011.

Robles inspires MBS citizens to pursue goals, greatness

BY ISAIAH KUTRIP
BOONE CITY

Wrestling national champion Anthony Robles brought Missouri Boys State citizens many motivating and wise words about overcoming obstacles during Saturday night's assembly at Scheidegger Theatre.

When such obstacles appear — "and they will appear," Robles said — you have to keep your eye on the prize. Robles told MBS citizens "the greater the prize, the greater the price."

It is necessary to keep the right mindset when going through challenges, and challenges will be plentiful when participating in a democratic-style government like MBS.

Sometimes citizens face struggles. Sometimes they lose elections. Sometimes they

are passed up for opportunities they were completely qualified for. Robles encouraged citizens to remember that "when your finish line is moved farther away, you need to find a new path to your goals."

Robles also encouraged citizens to write a goal down if it's clear to them, a practice that can be put into place this week. He told citizens that could take the form of deciding on a desired position and taking steps toward that goal.

"A real leader knows the way, goes the way and shows the way," Robles said.

These words of wisdom — about overcoming obstacles, forging new paths and pursuing greatness — will follow citizens this week as they pursue their goals, advice that's especially useful for those selected to leadership roles.

ALA MGS city election results

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Bradley City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Kaylee Gibbs & Alana Lemon
Councilwoman Ward 3 Kloiee Wagner & Jenee Jarman
Senators Samrita Sivasankar & Gwynivere Newbrough
House of Representatives Ella Fliege, Violet Davis & Laynie Stone

Compton City

Mayor Keonnia Morgan
Municipal Judge Anagha Garikapaty
Councilwoman Ward 1 Sienna Lorenz & Grace Artz
Councilwoman Ward 2 Megan Johnson & Lina Spark
Councilwoman Ward 3 Lynn-avery Crowley & Evelyn Walton
Senators Isobek Shriver & Natalie Young
House of Representatives Rachel Tran, Madison Lawrence, Makayla Yaple, Charli Hinton & Abigail Stovall

Barton County

Benton City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Dana Harden & Alanna Jones
Councilwoman Ward 3 Avery Eldred & Natalie Carroll
Senators Maddison Beals & Isabella Hernandez
House of Representatives Addisyn Warren, Zadie Moyer, Baylee Elliot & Triya Gudipati

Broeg City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Elliya Adkins & Jayla Jordan
Councilwoman Ward 3 Citali Arzabala & Josephine Portell
Senators Aveline Baldwin & Mary Russell
House of Representatives Amyah Graybill, Amy McCurdy, Izzy Dodd & Athena Kuczynski

Davidson County

Boone City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Anwita Kuddavalli & Harper Karr
Councilwoman Ward 3 Emma Michael & Kate Petzoldt
Senators Raeven Wilcox & Sophia Lister
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Clark City

Mayor Chasey Mitchell
Municipal Judge Skai Peterkin
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Councilwoman Ward 2 Allie Benoist & Emma Arnold
Councilwoman Ward 3 Layla Pobst & Sophia Mckamely
Senators Allie Cross & Anna McDonald
House of Representatives Kiera Espinosa, Danni Mcvicker, Aaliyah Lee, X'Laysia Brown & Kendyll Gethers

Dewitt County

Carver City

Mayor Norah Zink
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Councilwoman Ward 2 Abigail Kim
Councilwoman Ward 3 Jordan Pedersen & Hailey Henderson
Senators Jaelyn Woodley & Ava Clifton
House of Representatives Laney Bise, Sydney Graves, Abbie Harms, Marisa Enke & Audrey Moore

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Renee Chapman & Rebekah Roberts
Councilwoman Ward 3 Jayden Beussink & Lydia Thieman
Senators Jaelyn Woodley & Ava Clifton
House of Representatives Rylee Irwin, Abby Schutte, Layla Cranston, Adrianna Morin & Lilah

Gardener

Johnson County

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Natalie Hodges & Bailey Fleer
Councilwoman Ward 3 Avery Johnson & Savannah Denison
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Councilwoman Ward 2 Addison White & Melia Hardee
Councilwoman Ward 3 Ruby King & Madilyn Ellmaker
Senators Tatum Bohl & Saleena Denny
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Councilwoman Ward 2 Cecilia Meppiel & Mary Salanski
Councilwoman Ward 3 Anna Pearl & Ruth Shackelford
Senators Preslie Todd & Karista Algieri
House of Representatives Anvi Talyan, Lilli-Ann Mayes, Bobbi Frisch, Franki Farmer & Katie Farrington

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Miakoda Rhodes & Addison Ratliff
Councilwoman Ward 3 Morgan Swedkamp & Julia Walsh
Senators Eliza Wysong & Gianna Curdt
House of Representatives Ava Morton, Cristal Opara, Kylie Stewart, Avery Fuller & Brooklyn Spencer

Scott County

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Councilwoman Ward 1 Micaela Garcia & Yoo Jung Lee
Councilwoman Ward 2 Amy Gates & Hanna Casada
Councilwoman Ward 3 Taylor Carpenter & Riley Holt
Senators Kohyn Wood & Katie Ruffing
House of Representatives Taylor Von Wolfseck, Piper Lincoln, Mackenzie Helms, Khloe Boyack & Rylee Davis

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Municipal Judge Avaya Hall
Councilwoman Ward 1 Hope Sinclair & Bernadette Speers
Councilwoman Ward 2 Ashlyn Mahoney & Ysabella Patrice
Councilwoman Ward 3 Georgia Gray & Alex Frerking
Senators Taylor Thomason & Kaitlyn Taylor
House of Representatives Zella Berberich, Isabella Windmiller, Ashlyn Russell, Ruth Goldkamp & Isha Chaudhari

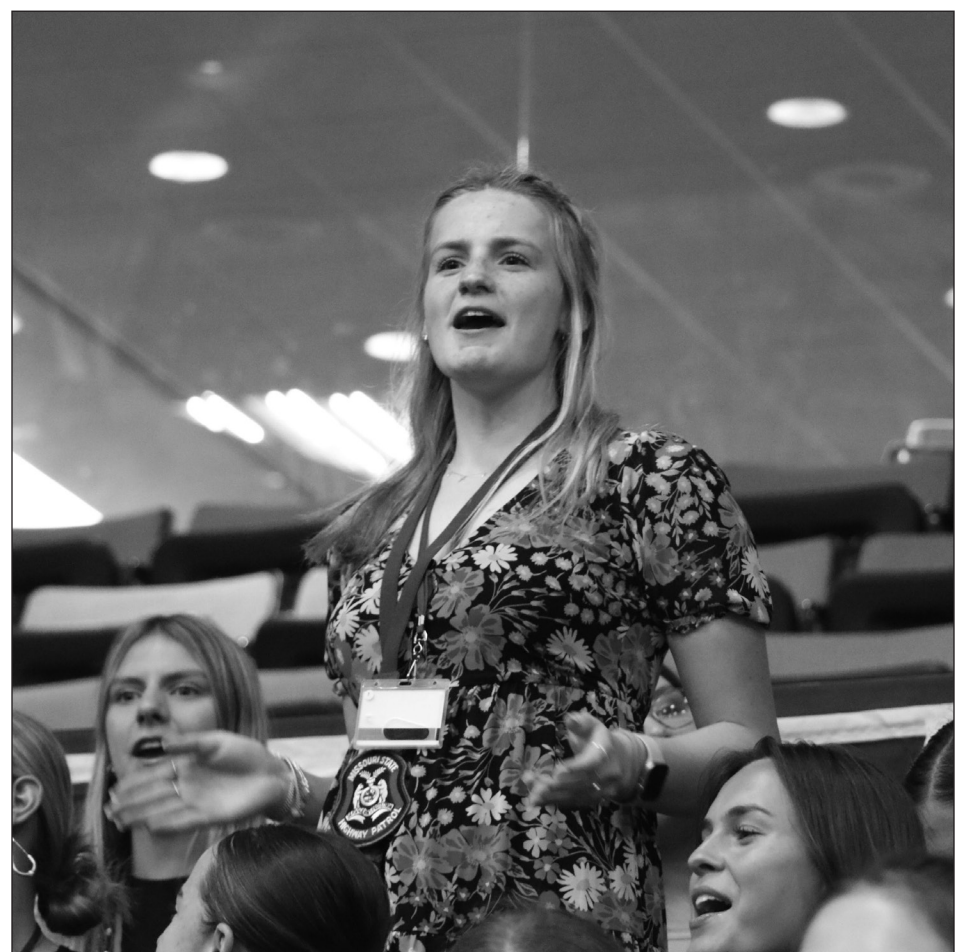
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Anthony City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Meredith Stone & Raquel Herrera
Councilwoman Ward 3 Logan Sumner & Taylor Carroll
Senators Aseel Ayesch & Anika Jain
House of Representatives Lauren Nickel, Sivani Vasireddy, Morgan Clark, Kathryn Broeking & Emma Goetz

Crowder City

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Councilwoman Ward 2 Haley Weinhardt & Emily Lee
Councilwoman Ward 3 Kynlie Jackson & Gabby Escandon
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CITY ELECTION RESULTS



Eight plus eight equals sixteen

MBS mayors are even split evenly down party lines

BY MILES BRANNAM
CLARK CITY

Missouri Boys State's 16 cities had an even split down party lines for mayor in Sunday's municipal elections, meaning Federalists and Nationalists currently lead an even number of cities.

MBS cities led by Federalists include Clark, Duggan, Gambrel, Kohn, Pershing, Richardson, Weyer and Whitfield cities.

Cities led by Nationalists, meanwhile, include Blair, Boone, Carnahan, Carver, Crowder, Doniphan, Ingle and Lewis cities.

In Ingle City, that party line split presents an especially interesting situation. Ingle City Mayor Hezekiah Hanks works with a city council composed entirely of Federalists: Leopold Bucholtz, Kai Dixon, Carson Wheeler, Carter Blackburn and Aiden Watts.

MBS takes shape

Blair City

Mayor Jackson Houston
Treasurer Chase Young
Municipal Judge Hunter Scott
Councilman Ward 1 Spencer Ousley
Councilman Ward 2 Althusser Proano-Davila
Councilman Ward 3 Caleb Bircher
Councilmen Cameron Cooper, Nathaniel Melvin
Senators Charles Mathis, Aromal Kozhikal
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Councilman Ward 2 Ji'Keiss Walker
Councilman Ward 3 Ethan Smith
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House of Representatives Andrew Liu, Garrett Snider, Drake Murrell, Jacob Eischen, Maddox Thornton

Carnahan City

Mayor Lucas Starks
Treasurer Ethan Francis
Municipal Judge Max Angle
Councilman Ward 1 Jacob Dance
Councilman Ward 2 Emerson Rensing
Councilman Ward 3 Peyton Arnold
Councilmen Royce Liu, Cody Morgan
Senators John Honnold, Samuel Shaw
House of Representatives Ridwan Osman, Luke Schmidtberger, Lucas Alexander, Grant Jacobsmeier, Conner O'Hara

Carver City

Mayor James White
Treasurer Christian Shaffer
Municipal Judge Nathaniel Clark
Councilman Ward 1 Warren Zitzow
Councilman Ward 2 William Guerra
Councilman Ward 3 Mason Bertrand
Councilmen Lance Pyron, Quillen Spurling
Senators Sheras Anis, William Hazlewood
House of Representatives Luke Blömquist, Ronnie Moore III, Sam Grothoff, Grayson Mueller, Noah Hartmann

Clark City

Mayor Aaron McClellan
Treasurer Conner Strickland
Municipal Judge Cooper Simkins
Councilman Ward 1 Colin Parrett
Councilman Ward 2 Hunter Lang
Councilman Ward 3 Miles Weicht
Councilmen Micheal Hudson, Harrison Park
Senators Brody Clark, Nicholas Ruggeri
House of Representatives Hayden Hradek, Alexander Prudhomme, August Bash, Luke Koening, Gabriel Simbro

Crowder City

Mayor Jacob Spoor
Treasurer Brody Wave
Municipal Judge Foster Dunlap
Councilman Ward 1 Ian Pfeiffer
Councilman Ward 2 Jeffthan Glaster
Councilman Ward 3 Gavin Fritts
Councilmen Henry Wood, Sammy Smith
Senators Isaac Johnston, Trevor Bayless
House of Representatives Michael Pfeifer, Jacob Morrill, Elijah Cook, Preston Williams, Charles Campbell

Doniphan City

Mayor Levi Jones

Treasurer John McCreary
Municipal Judge Malachi Imrie
Councilman Ward 1 Daniel Meyer
Councilman Ward 2 Waylon Moore
Councilman Ward 3 Michael Poterbin
Councilmen Harsh Patel, Adam Kopp
Senators Joseph Cook, Maxwell Strode
House of Representatives John Giocondo, Winfield White, Brookson Ware, Avnith Kumar, Luke Bates, Cole Harlan

Duggan City

Mayor Chase Braden
Treasurer Ayden Gleitz
Municipal Judge Bryce Allen
Councilman Ward 1 Ty Carman
Councilman Ward 2 Micah Bacher
Councilman Ward 3 Kaiden Pool
Councilmen Brayden Hill, Tejus Krishnan
Senators Layton Shafer, Samuel Rhodes
House of Representatives Cooper Mitchell, Josiah Broyles, Parker Hinman, Luke Mauchenheimer, Brady Sheppard

Gambrel City

Mayor Zach Clark
Treasurer Grant Mueller
Municipal Judge James King
Councilman Ward 1 Nolan Winkler
Councilman Ward 2 Quentin Stubbs
Councilman Ward 3 Max Power
Councilmen Amin Gozal, Ben Luebbert
Senators Cash Sawyer, Garrett Hoyes
House of Representatives Jaxson Deckard, Christian Siegel, Shaun Dobratz, Andres Gonzalez, Jeremiah Haile

Ingle City

Mayor Hezekiah Hanks
Treasurer Chris Ferrare
Municipal Judge Garen Simpkins
Councilman Ward 1 Leopold Bucholtz
Councilman Ward 2 Kai Dixon
Councilman Ward 3 Carson Wheeler
Councilmen Carter Blackburn, Aiden Watts
Senators Nikhil Guduri, Rahi Patel
House of Representatives Logan Hinds, Zachary Hilzinger, Trent Stroud, Logan Johansen, Christopher Reimer, Anikait Rawat

Kohn City

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Councilman Ward 2 Alexander McGruder
Councilman Ward 3 Brett Crockett
Councilmen William James, Zachary Naeger
Senators Garrett Flack, Jack Brennaman
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Treasurer Carson Weber
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Councilman Ward 1 Samuel Sapp
Councilman Ward 2 Reuben Winans
Councilman Ward 3 Solomon Naraine
Councilmen Zeidan Reza, Owen Mellinger
Senators Rithvik Divyakumar, Jayden Thankamani
House of Representatives Solomon Naraine, Micah Baker, Sameem Oriakhail, John Malter, Ian Tomney

Pershing City

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Treasurer Nathan Rosenblum
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Councilman Ward 1 William Edwards
Councilman Ward 2 Cole Shepard
Councilman Ward 3 Drake Govea
Councilmen Blake Dickerson, Justin Finley
Senators Jace Hennemann, Corbin Moyer
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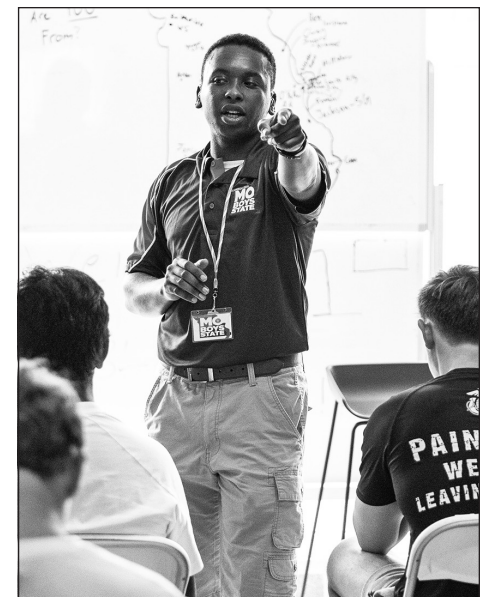
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Treasurer Aaron Simon
Municipal Judge Matias Hernandez
Councilman Ward 1 Gus McFann
Councilman Ward 2 Adewale Osibamiro
Councilman Ward 3 Christopher Clark
Councilmen Nathan Boyack, Andrew Hayes
Senators Mason Brooks, Jake Farmer
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Weyer City

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Municipal Judge Otto Reitenbach
Councilman Ward 1 Connor Claspille
Councilman Ward 2 Charles Lamer
Councilman Ward 3 Ian Parai
Councilmen Landen Kriete, John Glaude
Senators Jemuel Lee, Benjamin Mason
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Whitfield City

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Treasurer Isaac Bales
Municipal Judge Jonathan Brackett
Councilman Ward 1 Chase Howald
Councilman Ward 2 Scott Johnson Jr.
Councilman Ward 3 Andrew Ely
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