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Sarah Castle speaks on stage to American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State citizens during Sunday night's presentation at Scheidegger Theatre. Castle, a circuit court judge in Kansas City, is also a silver medalist in the Paralympic Games.

A call to action

Lt. Col. Rooney speaks to MBS about going for their goals

BY STEVEN COX
WHITFIELD CITY

While in St. Charles on Saturday's first day of Missouri Boys State, many citizens may have been wondering what this week was going to entail.

"Will this just be another week where I have to wake up and go to classes for a week?"

A big wake-up call came in the form of Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, who gave citizens an understanding that they need to wake up, not just at MBS but in the real world as well.

One of the lieutenant colonel's biggest messages was citizens need to stick to plan A and go for what they really want. Don't settle for the second choice, he urged — go for the largest goal instead.

Rooney said in his message "complacency is the devil's weapon to keep us stagnant." With this message, he inspired many to finally get going on their plans for MBS. He sparked a flame in the hearts of people who were unsure of what they were going to do with their experience, and maybe some finally get a hold on what they want to do with their life and who they want to help.

Rooney told the story of how he was called to action after one fateful flight where the body of a fallen soldier was carried off the plane he was riding. That night, he thought of the idea to take action and start the Folds of Honor Foundation. He took action for something he truly cared about.

The future of this state, the country and the world "starts with you," Rooney said.



Lt. Col. Dan Rooney speaks to Missouri Boys State citizens during Saturday night's assembly at Schiedegger Theatre. Rooney, an F-16 fighter pilot, is the founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Sharing her experiences

Judge Castle gives inspirational speech at ALA MGS

BY IRIS ALVAREZ
CROWDER CITY

AND AUDREY MITCHELL
CROWDER CITY

Circuit Court Judge Sarah Castle joined American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State citizens and staff Sunday for the opening ceremony at Scheidegger Theatre. With a successful career in law and sports, Castle is a role model for all girls at ALA MGS.

Castle's many different experiences have provided her with diverse discussion

points including an uncommon childhood, participation in multiple Paralympic Games and an unplanned calling to law school and the judicial bench. Her stories touched the hearts of many in the audience, which resulted in extensive audience participation through questions and applause.

Within her responses to questions posed by ALA MGS citizens, Castle gave many wise pieces of advice for success.

"Being a good winner is as important as being a good loser," Castle said.

Shortly after Castle's on-stage speech, she explained some of her typical duties in the courtroom, including civil, criminal and domestic cases that rotate frequently. To maintain a healthy work-life balance and mentality, she enjoys exercising, listening to 1990s and early 2000s

music and visiting her counselor when necessary.

"I think it is really important that you reach out to someone ... when you need to find guidance," Castle said.

To manage her mental health, Castle said she likes to watch Harry Potter and Marvel movies, especially any involving Iron Man.

"Anything with Iron Man in it is literally my favorite," she said. "I love Tony Stark; if Tony Stark showed up at my door, I'd marry him."

As much as ALA MGS enjoyed Castle's presence, she equally appreciated the opportunity to speak to and with the citizens. She was enthused to see young women committed to making changes in their communities, cities, states and nation.

Many strategies are in play to attract voters

BY KATELIN TIPTON
CARVER CITY

ALA Missouri Girls State citizens have a lot to say when it comes to what influences them to vote for certain candidates.

Most citizens prefer characteristics and skills over physical posters and devices. Citizens in Carver City, for example, mentioned some attributes

they look for in their primary election candidates. They favor people who show devotion and have a strong cause to focus on. Voters in that city say they want someone who is ready to put plans into action.

Citizens also like to vote for candidates who have experience and want to hold similar positions in the future. Candidates who also have a genuine interest in their fellow citizens

draw more possible voters.

According to Clark County citizens like Kailyn Porter, candidates who are very open, outgoing and speak well are also admirable. Porter said she prefers a face-to-face campaigning rather than physical materials.

Others are finding success in social media campaigns. Katie Bernicky, who is running in the primary election, mentioned

she was using Instagram as a way to promote herself. The citizens she mentioned this to showed great interest.

Transitioning to the more material side, other voters mentioned that giving things away for free definitely helps sway their vote. Posters and just getting their name out there a lot was also mentioned as an important influence in voting decisions.



Donna Brazile addresses Missouri Boys State citizens during Sunday night's assembly at Hyland Arena. Brazile, a political strategist, served as the manager on Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign.

Brazile shares message about helping others, sharing love

BY STEVEN COX
WHITFIELD CITY

Political strategist, author and media contributor Donna Brazile came to visit Missouri Boys State on Sunday to share a message about helping others, showing how to spread love and helping anyone you can at any given moment.

Brazile brought a lot of life to the room at Hyland Arena, and the crowd bought in to her upbeat and passionate message. A diehard patriot who anyone could tell loved her country, Brazile said she was a woman who thought she had her life figured out. She said she thought the law field was the place for her, and she hoped to become a lawyer and help those who had less.

But after attending Girls State in her

youth, that changed.

"When leaving Girls State, I thought that I could help more people by not just choosing one profession but choosing an admission that I could help my society at large," Brazile said. "... When you can't decide on what to do, open up and be open to change and be open to listen to others and find another way to reach your goal and pursue it to the maximum of your ability."

That is the lesson she teaches — to help anyone you can and do everything in your power to help the people around you who need it.

Brazile is an ambitious woman, to say the least, and that shows in how her aspirations changed in her youth. She said at

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ALA MGS City Election Results

Bacon County

Bradley City

Mayor Katrina Tilawen
Municipal Judge Ava Tebo
Councilwoman Ward 1 Cefronia Shortell
Councilwoman Ward 2 Hailey Zhang
Councilwoman Ward 3 Natalie Tomanio

Compton City

Mayor Madeline Morris
Municipal Judge Rachelle Perez
Councilwoman Ward 1 Hannah Batts
Councilwoman Ward 2 Soma Hoooper
Councilwoman Ward 3 Carmen Holt

Barton County

Benton City

Mayor Addison White
Municipal Judge Mallory Taylor
Councilwoman Ward 1 Tonya Biston
Councilwoman Ward 2 Christian Assefa
Councilwoman Ward 3 Chelsea Ostermann

Broeg City

Mayor Katrina Thomas
Municipal Judge Aisley James
Councilwoman Ward 1 Mia Fernandez
Councilwoman Ward 2 Catherine Cline
Councilwoman Ward 3 Caitlyn St. Clair

Davidson County

Boone City

Mayor Grace Madu
Municipal Judge Zoe Clark
Councilwoman Ward 1 Lauren Hutcherson
Councilwoman Ward 2 Kalea Snow
Councilwoman Ward 3 Laylah Doty

Clark City

Mayor Molly Jeppsen
Municipal Judge Kailyn Porter
Councilwoman Ward 1 Elle Zinn
Councilwoman Ward 2 Madeline Holland
Councilwoman Ward 3 Megan Berger

Dewitt County

Carver City

Mayor Emerson Rankin
Municipal Judge Kathryn Whittaker
Councilwoman Ward 1 Morgan Wedekin
Councilwoman Ward 2 Christina Turpin
Councilwoman Ward 3 Claire Ashley

Cronin City

Mayor Emma Brower
Municipal Judge Ellie Primm
Councilwoman Ward 1 Caroline Donnell
Councilwoman Ward 2 Ann O'Reilly
Councilwoman Ward 3 Jazalyn Bailey

Johnson County

Adreon City

Mayor Abigail Locke
Municipal Judge Lauren Kennon
Councilwoman Ward 1 Delaney Thurston
Councilwoman Ward 2 Ayiana Baynes
Councilwoman Ward 3 Reese Johnson

Drake City

Mayor Lola Hofmann
Municipal Judge Sydney Lockridge
Councilwoman Ward 1 Carys Shelley
Councilwoman Ward 2 Alieah Youngblood
Councilwoman Ward 3 Lauren Homan

Price County

Covington City

Mayor Lillian Rotert
Municipal Judge Sophia Bhoria
Councilwoman Ward 1 Gretchen Schmitter
Councilwoman Ward 2 Isabella Henderson
Councilwoman Ward 3 Avery Smith

Lewis City

Mayor Anna Barnhart
Municipal Judge Lauren Nageotte
Councilwoman Ward 1 Samantha Irwin
Councilwoman Ward 2 Emma Scudder
Councilwoman Ward 3 Lillian Teichman

Scott County

Pershing City

Mayor Mary Kimmerle
Municipal Judge Amber Hutcherson
Councilwoman Ward 1 Noelle Innes
Councilwoman Ward 2 Heidi Self
Councilwoman Ward 3 Mya Seek

Stephens City

Mayor Elizabeth Luecke
Municipal Judge Susan Boyd
Councilwoman Ward 1 Ainslee Lisk
Councilwoman Ward 2 Marin Zink
Councilwoman Ward 3 Nidhi Tangirala

Truman County

Anthony City

Mayor Julia Lipp
Municipal Judge Liberty Hoerr
Councilwoman Ward 1 Delaney Quick
Councilwoman Ward 2 Faith Moore
Councilwoman Ward 3 Grace McClellan

Crowder City

Mayor Zoe Martonfi
Municipal Judge Ellie Reinken
Councilwoman Ward 1 Kennedy Ogle
Councilwoman Ward 2 Emily Lucas
Councilwoman Ward 3 Allison Zhang



Get to Know ALA MGS Staff

Best Advice from Staff:

Try something new!
Kelsey Whitt

Be the citizen who changes another delegate's experience for the better! You can be that friendly face in your city!
Angela Lopez

It's okay to not know what you want to go to college for, it'll probably change anyways.
Molly Kell

If you think you might want to do something, go for it! No regrets.
Lynnea Wootten

MGS is what you make of it! Participation is going to make or break your week.
Samara Lewis

Make friends! Do something new! You only get Girls State once. The power is in your hands to make this a great year.
Grace "Jimmy" Vandall

Just be you and you will encourage others to be themselves and be courageous and adventurous to open new doors and opportunity.
Adalyn Davis

Run for everything you can and never stop trying. Use this week to better yourself. You have the opportunity to be a new you.
Sylvia Harding

This week will create memories! This week will establish friendships! This week will make you a better person.
Jackie Dunn

CORRECTION

A mug shot in Saturday's MBS & MGS Leader had an incorrect picture of the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State governor.

Pictured at right is ALA MGS Gov. Cecilia Barton.

The MBS & MGS Leader deeply regrets the error.



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CITY ELECTION RESULTS



Judge Corey A. Carter (second from left) swears in the 16 mayors from Missouri Boys State on Sunday at Scheidegger Theatre.

Municipal election results roll in

BY LUCAS PATTERSON
KOHN CITY
AND ELLIOT YOUNG
WHITFIELD CITY

Municipal elections wrapped up Sunday, and the results left both Federalist and Nationalist parties happy.

The Federalists and Nationalists split the mayoral vote 8-8, despite Federalists leading in early results with seven elected mayors to the Nationalists' three. This should guarantee a fair and just Missouri Boys State, free from one party being too powerful.

A fair amount of city councilmen, municipal judges and treasurers were also elected Sunday. Now, city governments are set and ready to lead MBS and to help their cities to succeed.

Even mayoral split could cause tensions

BY JOHN COOKE
CROWDER CITY

Missouri Boys State's municipal election results are in, and the mayors' parties are an even split down the middle, with eight Nationalists and eight Federalists.

But that leads to a slight problem — some MBS citizens are concerned nothing will get done.

If nobody has the majority, some are worried that nothing will be passed, especially if there are conflicting views. If the two parties can't compromise on certain issues, it can become a major concern as mayors are trying to work across cities in any kind of joint operation.

Some issues could be laws, gambling, taxes and wages.

MBS takes shape

Blair City

Mayor Harjas Athwal
Treasurer Thomas Good
Municipal Judge Austin Felton
Councilman Ward 1 William Worobec
Councilman Ward 2 Luke Gentry
Councilman Ward 3 Michael Emerson
Councilman At-Large Brayden Cox
Councilman At-Large Haris Hadzic
Senators Rayan Khan, Benton Struchtemeyer
House of Representatives George Fisher, Alexander Kumpula, Roy Briggs, Weston Crawford, Nicholas Divine, Tevin Eldridge

Boone City

Mayor Keith Farmer
Treasurer Isaac Dierker
Municipal Judge Mabry Madden
Councilman Ward 1 Jackson Thomas
Councilman Ward 2 Zachary Gullick
Councilman Ward 3 Marshal Gollaher
Councilman At-Large Kaden Carter
Councilman At-Large Jayden Maggert
Senators Patrick Martin, Alex Rice
House of Representatives Cooper McLaren, Camden Fallon, Charles Campbell, Levi Wilhelm, Andrew Herbig, Ben Livak

Carnahan City

Mayor Ethan Habel
Treasurer Landon Ely
Municipal Judge Liam Hall
Councilman Ward 1 Landon Edinger
Councilman Ward 2 Stephen Meisel
Councilman Ward 3 Dawson Peters
Councilman At-Large Andrew Campbell
Councilman At-Large Ryan Ervin
Senators Jack Kidnie, Elias Oerly
House of Representatives Santosh Sahoo, Collin Taylor, Shay Zinzuwadia, Noah Frank, Luke Holmes, Jordyn Wells

Carver City

Mayor Jacob Hicks
Treasurer Ariel Vanegas
Municipal Judge Oscar Bash
Councilman Ward 1 Michael Middleton
Councilman Ward 2 Joseph Burks
Councilman Ward 3 Cooper Smith
Councilman At-Large Jackson Trout
Councilman At-Large Nathan Schneller
Senators Ethan Bittle, Sam Ellenhorn
House of Representatives Oscar Bash, Robert Sutton, Ethan Holtman, Daniel Bunge, Trey Hutton, Cruz Lewis

Clark City

Mayor Daniel Hodson
Treasurer Nathan Russell
Municipal Judge Cody Dearborn
Councilman Ward 1 Solomon Anderson
Councilman Ward 2 Arik Quackenbush
Councilman Ward 3 Samuel Riley
Councilman At-Large Braden Engelage
Councilman At-Large Kaden Kimbrough
Senators Will Feng, Seth Weeks
House of Representatives AJ Heuszel, William Moreland, Noah Abeln, Cameron Erickson, Prithvi Nagarajan, Reily Berroteran

Crowder City

Mayor Bryson Saathoff
Treasurer Elias Tucker
Municipal Judge Jishnu Biswas
Councilman Ward 1 TIE
Councilman Ward 2 TIE
Councilman Ward 3 Dawson Hoagland
Councilman At-Large Dawson Havens
Councilman At-Large John-Paul Sauer
Senators George Freeman, Jacob Penn
House of Representatives Kolby Reinhard, Gary Kenedy, Ryan Morrow, Nicholas Bull, Ryan Cooper, Jacob Schremp

Doniphan City

Mayor Jack Buerck
Treasurer Trevan Ehrhart
Municipal Judge Connor Miller
Councilman Ward 1 Stone Jackson
Councilman Ward 2 Jackson Mordica
Councilman Ward 3 Bryson Rhine
Councilman At-Large Trey Lintner
Councilman At-Large Tatum Davis
Senators Ian Stephenson, Mason Heller
House of Representatives Zane Huffman, Gavin Carnett, Evan Kenedy, Drew Hawkins, Dylan Hoyt, Quinn Shultz

Duggan City

Mayor Charles Rubin
Treasurer Samuel Wortham
Municipal Judge Jacob Williams
Councilman Ward 1 Eric Pinson
Councilman Ward 2 Gage Fulk
Councilman Ward 3 Devin Carter
Councilman At-Large Mason Hayes
Councilman At-Large Andrew Baca
Senators Cody Kampeter, Ethan Cox
House of Representatives Anthony Johnson, Kush Maheshwari, Nicholas Rice, William Wright, Charles Rubin, Brandon Callahan

Gambrel City

Mayor Jason Dieckhaus
Treasurer Dwayne Watts
Municipal Judge Sebastian Michaud
Councilman Ward 1 Ernest Batsell
Councilman Ward 2 Jesse Dunn
Councilman Ward 3 John Fiene
Councilman At-Large John Garside
Councilman At-Large John Young
Senators Cody Leung, Jude Johnson
House of Representatives Christopher Brown, Daniel Adams, Samuel Grout, Jesse Moore, Kenny Barnard, Coehn Boyer

Ingle City

Mayor Cole Peters
Treasurer Jaren Smith
Municipal Judge Ismail Botchway
Councilman Ward 1 Andrew Gardner
Councilman Ward 2 Collin Vorwerk
Councilman Ward 3 Marlo James
Councilman At-Large Tarayle Wallace
Councilman At-Large William Warren
Senators Carson Todd, Tanner Brock
House of Representatives Raphael Realina, Maliek Heywood, Corey Terryberry, Bryan Cooley, Great Obianinwa, Alex Dzierwa

Kohn City

Mayor Trevor Johnson
Treasurer Gabe Stark
Municipal Judge Aidan O'Donnell
Councilman Ward 1 John Ficus
Councilman Ward 2 Michael Walzi
Councilman Ward 3 Tyler O'Hare
Councilman At-Large Kade Hudson
Councilman At-Large Micah Federwitz
Senators Tommy Walker, Garrett Scheier
House of Representatives Trevor Young, Ryan Domsalla, Andrew Blankenship, Cole Brodeur, Spencer Irvin, Jonathan Eckstein

Lewis City

Mayor Brady O'Hara
Treasurer Daniel Reid
Municipal Judge Narek Balabekyan
Councilman Ward 1 William Richardson
Councilman Ward 2 Parker Stanley
Councilman Ward 3 Javahn Watkins
Councilman At-Large Martin Olmedo
Councilman At-Large Joseph Tietze
Senators Mark Hayes, Jude Wyant
House of Representatives Aidan Koch, De'Shawn Walker, Quinn Decota, Nigal Turner Jr.,

Eden Enlow, Lucas Bonnegent

Pershing City

Mayor Miles Schwab
Treasurer Hayden Royer
Municipal Judge Luke Richey
Councilman Ward 1 Cameron Settle
Councilman Ward 2 Reed Layton
Councilman Ward 3 Camden Hilbrenner
Councilman At-Large Antonio Taylor
Councilman At-Large Spencer Todd
Senators Dominick Lawson, Alexis Anguiano
House of Representatives Mazin Nadaf, Aiden Norman, Benjamin Cardetti, Benjamin Foree, Jace Bohn, Benjamin Oesterly

Richardson City

Mayor Noah Warner
Treasurer Evan DeJournett
Municipal Judge Roberto Salas
Councilman Ward 1 Eli Bray
Councilman Ward 2 Gabriel Baker Jr.
Councilman Ward 3 Kyler Ryun
Councilman At-Large Jakweli Gist
Councilman At-Large Leo Huang
Senators Nicco Giangrosso, Adam Lupton
House of Representatives Oliver Oates, John Chapman, Brendan Huntsman, Kelvin Saffo, Hayden Kissinger, Xavier Wilson

Weyer City

Mayor Wyatt Loar
Treasurer Logan Compton
Municipal Judge Grant Kilen
Councilman Ward 1 Lucas Poulsen
Councilman Ward 2 Jackson Jacobson
Councilman Ward 3 Tyler Hinkle
Councilman At-Large Bradley Thumbi
Councilman At-Large Joseph Wyman
Senators Ali Habila, John Holt
House of Representatives Maxwell Casey, William Parish, Steven Calandro, Hudson Miller, Sam Schisler, Ezekiel Pyland

Whitfield City

Mayor Moe Farmer
Treasurer Joshua McCullough
Municipal Judge Nicholas Russell
Councilman Ward 1 Ibrahim Elnour
Councilman Ward 2 William Albus
Councilman Ward 3 An'davantae' Bussey
Councilman At-Large Zeke Sisk
Councilman At-Large Brock Huffman
Senators Brayden Pirrung, Seth Ford
House of Representatives Ibrahim Elnour, Ethan Cho, Jaxson Jobe, Deacon Lipsmeyer, Luca Giacolone, Andrew Gray

Richardson City citizen steals Boone City flag

Flag was returned, all is well in the end

BY BENJAMIN TUCKER
RICHARDSON CITY

During Sunday's first dinner shift, the unthinkable occurred.

A Richardson citizen of approached Boone City and stole their flag. He ran to the other side of the dining hall, where he was cornered by Boone citizens.

In a single desperate gambit, he jumped and grabbed the flag off the flagpole and ran out of the cafeteria for a few minutes after the incident.

The flag was returned to Boone City shortly after.

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MBS in action

MBS app goes down, citizens left in the dark

BY CONNER HILL
WHITFIELD CITY

As Missouri Boys State citizens unpacked and got ready for an exciting week Saturday, with some waiting in line with bags in tow, an assistant city counselor was having trouble with the Missouri Boys State app.

The app is used during the registration process for incoming MBS citizens. As the assistant city counselor was trying to get the app to work, citizens were growing frustrated. They drove a long way and were ready to unpack and unwind. What was happening?

Earlier Saturday, as citizens were making their way to the Lindenwood University campus, the app stopped working. Many citizens were left unidentified and had to get their photos taken past the call for lights out.

A day later, that has some asking whether MBS officials are unprepared to handle this many citizens and, if so, how they will overcome that obstacle.

Gambling, tax cut debate grows at MBS

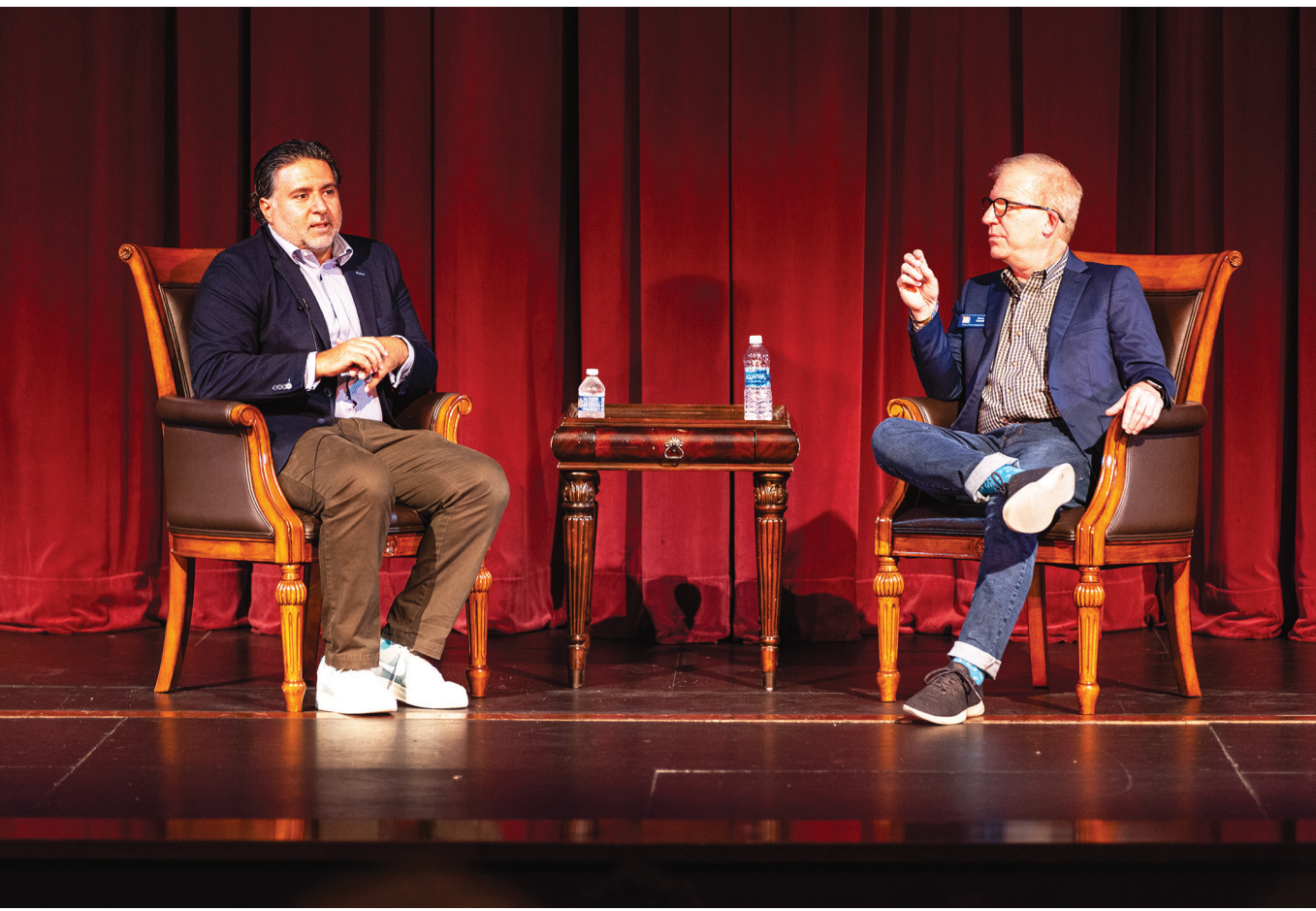
BY XAVIER RICE
RICHARDSON CITY
AND CALEB BROWNLEY
RICHARDSON CITY

Unanimous support for tax cuts are becoming more popular among Missouri Boys State citizens.

Some would even like to create a new type of tax on gambling. The need for a new system has arisen from supporters of lowering taxes and their concern surrounding how the government will collect taxes under any new regulations.

Citizens will continue to push for lower taxes in the coming days.





Brazile: Went to Girls State

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Girls State, her initial goal was to become a sheriff, and then later in life to become a lawyer as an adult. But then she went to law school and saw a better goal down a new path — helping to elect a governor. She said that meant changing not just her career path but learning even more, both about the legal process and about politics. Brazile said Girls State had a big impact in that realization.

“Girls State implanted a seed in me and it sprouted and kept growing and turned me into what I am today,” Brazile said.

During her remarks, Brazile spoke extensively about her family, explaining the reason she loves to give and to spread love in the first place is because of her immense love in her family. One of the lessons her family taught her was that in order to be a leader, you “have to have a heart.”

“... You have to provide for everyone, you have to give the facilities to help people get to grow and show them that you truly care about them,” Brazile said.

Brazile even went as far as to invite everyone listening to spend a day with her and her family to experience that love and trust firsthand.

“The love you put out into the world is the greatest part of helping others because you get shown that love back,” Brazile said.

Sunday conversation

Steve Grand (right), the dean of the Campaigning and Political Operations School, speaks with Dennis Vega during Sunday afternoon’s Missouri Boys State assembly at Scheidegger Theatre. Vega, currently the chief of staff for the U.S. Agency for International Development, previously worked for Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign.

Broeg citizen aims to launch henna tattoo business

BY MYNAH WELDON
BROEG CITY

Broeg citizen Geneva Clark is working to start a henna tattoo parlor in Broeg City.

Clark said she hopes to use this opportunity to create friendships and business relations.

“My goals with this business are, and have always been, to meet more people and make more connections,” Clark said.

She also hopes to help out her community and help to provide funds for her political party.

“Once I met more people in my party, I realized where I wanted my revenue to go: my community,” Clark said. “I absolutely adore the creative aspect of my career in henna and tattoos, as well as the economic aspect of utilizing my money towards my community.”

Business will soon be booming at Missouri Boys State

Investors sought for commerce

BY KEITH RORABARGH
CROWDER CITY

Sunday marked the birth of many different and unique businesses as the first session of Missouri Boys State’s Commerce School class commenced.

Casinos, music studios, businesses offering karaoke and more will come into the public eye before long. Not only will MBS citizens be opening their own businesses, but they’ll also be investing in others’ businesses.

Crowder citizen Simisola Dodolewa may become one of these investors, and he has some ideas about how the various businesses getting their starts this week can grow and flourish.

“(It takes) connections,” Dodolewa said. “Basically, you need to go out to other cities and pitch your idea to them so that they will pitch it to other cities. You want to bring energy so they will listen to you.”

Citizens across MBS are working to help push their economy, receiving Boys State Bucks in envelopes to inspire an active and flourishing economy. Only time will tell what useful or wacky businesses citizens will create during the course of the next few days.

Late nights could be breaking point for ALA MGS citizens

Motivation and productivity on rise

BY KENNEDY HEIL
CARVER CITY

While efforts to keep ALA Missouri Girls State members engaged and alert have been in motion for more than 80 years, this might just be the first year controversy is rising about one issue of productivity in particular.

“The unexpected late nights — such as (Saturday) night — really drain a person as the long days unfold ahead with limited to no breaks,” Grace Mitcheltree, of Carver City, said.

Mitcheltree is not the only one admitting this struggle, as many other girls have shared the same or similar feelings. But while Mitcheltree and others have admitted to a stressful and mentally-draining start to the week, there are benefits behind this newfound controversy.

Motivation and productivity seem to be on the rise due to the lack of breaks in the ALA MGS schedule. From the time you crawl out of bed to the time your head hits the pillow at night, there is no time in between to take a rest. Research shows people are more productive if their mind stays engaged throughout the day, rather than taking breaks to nap.

An adjustment seems to be in store for all Carver City girls, however, as we represent the 81st ALA MGS session.

MGS House, Senate voting on docket this morning

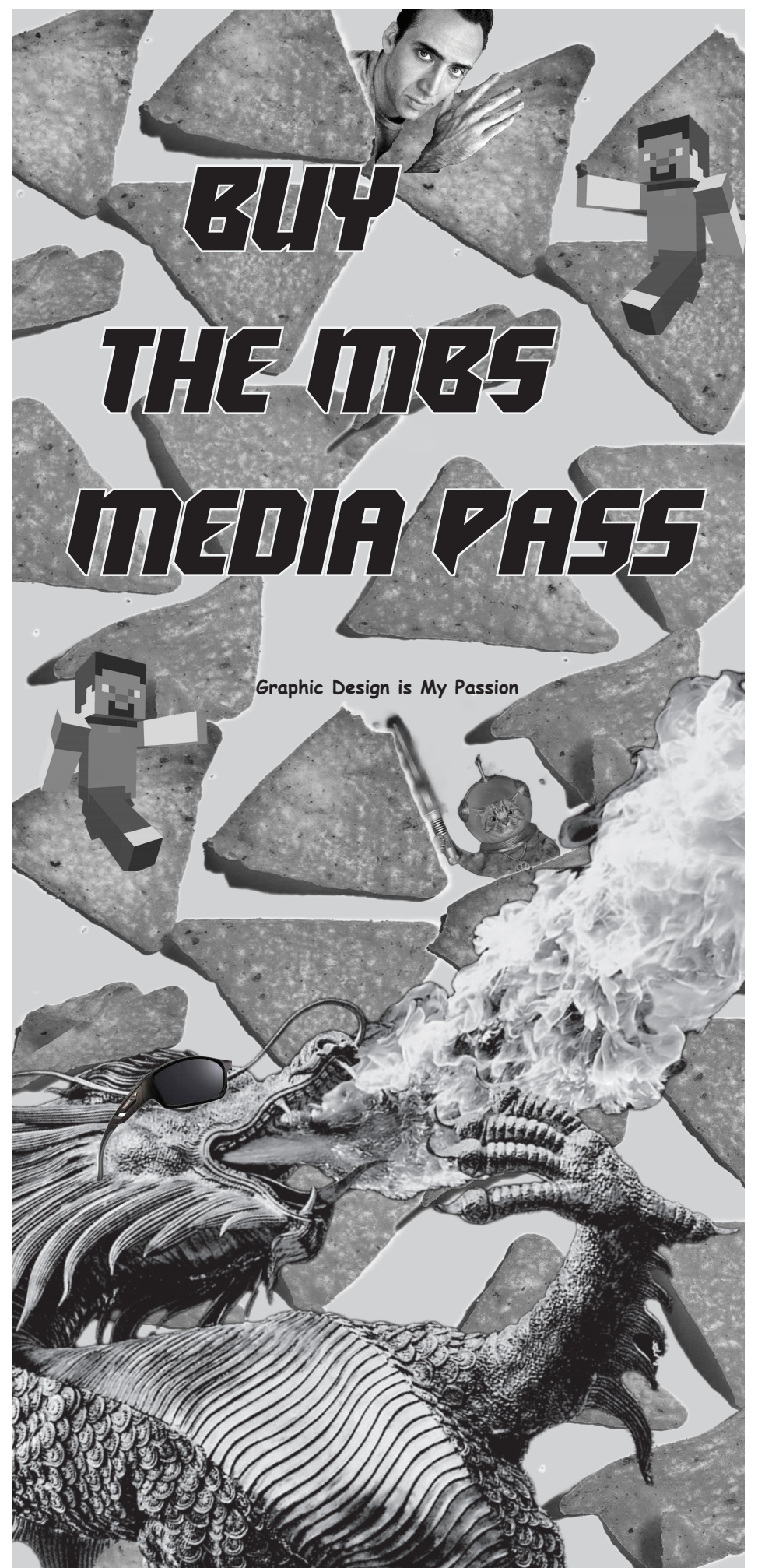
BY DONNA LYNCH
DRAKE CITY
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DRAKE CITY
AND ABBIGAIL HOUSE
DRAKE CITY

This morning, polls for the House of Representatives and Senate elections are open from 7-9:45 a.m. in Spellman Hall, located on ALA Missouri Girls State’s Main

Street.

It is encouraged that all citizens vote in this election. Voting will not only give a voice to the people citizens want to see in power, but it can also be a great way for each city to boost its chances of earning the Model City title.

Furthermore, the people you elect represent you, and the legislation they write and approve will affect everyone’s MGS experiences.



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