

## THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

*Arzabala, Moore make last pitch for MGS governor*

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On Wednesday, the ALA Missouri Girls State Gubernatorial Debate took place in the Scheidegger Theatre as citizens attentively listened to the two governor candidates as they discussed their ideas.

As the two governor candidates — Nationalist Party candidate Breleigh Moore of Covington City and Federalist Party candidate Citlali Arzabala of Broeg City — entered the stage, a cacophony of applause and cheers rang through the auditorium.

During the debate, both girls presented their platforms before Moore began with her opening statement. She stated,

“I want to make Girls State a legacy.”

Moore further explained she would like to see more religious services, competitive athletics and clear communication with scheduling at Girls State.

Arzabala agreed, despite being a Federalist, yet still expanded on her own platform. She discussed better mental health services and took an ecological standpoint on the amount of waste Girls State produced from the cafeteria.

As the debate unfolded, it was clear the two candidates, while

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Gambrel City's Keilan Johnson (standing), the Federalist Party's candidate for State Auditor, takes the stage to address the Missouri Boys State citizens during Wednesday night's joint party rally at Hyland Arena.

## MBS statewide candidates take center stage

BY MILES BRANNAM  
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WEYER CITY

Statewide candidates presented their campaigns to Missouri Boys State citizens at the joint party rally Wednesday night at Hyland Arena.

The governor candidates were Nationalist Hayden Hradek of Clark City and Federalist Brookson Ware of Doniphan City. Hradek started his speech by thanking the audience and a committing to avoid false promises. He went on to speak about his five pillars: community develop-

ment, promoting small businesses, radical changes to infrastructure, cutting fat in the budget and bipartisanship. Brookson started his speech with talks of humility and emotional strength. He went on to share a story about his perseverance — quality he promised to exhibit as governor. Earlier at the gubernatorial debate, he had talked about government funded small businesses and low taxes.

The attorney general candidates were Nationalist Ethan Domenech of Blair City and Federalist Jaxon Kelly of Weyer City. Domenech fought for the right to transparency in government. He went

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## Opening accounts

*MBS Central Bank holds \$25,000 BSB raffle for citizens*

BY ELI FERGUSON  
CARNAHAN CITY

The MBS Central Bank is holding a \$25,000 BSB raffle for one lucky citizen or city who creates a checking or loaning account.

The idea was created by the president of Central Bank, Arjun Garikapaty of Weyer City, to create more traction for checking and loaning account signups. Garikapaty said in years past, Central Bank has held flash sales, but he wanted to do something different.

“We thought, ‘This is our week, why would we do something other weeks had done?’” Garikapaty said.

According to Garikapaty, the winner of the raffle will be announced by today.

The entrant will need to maintain his account until today to stay in the raffle.

“We’re hoping that it will get people to come out and show up,” Garikapaty said.

Central Bank has had success in the raffle so far, according to Nathaniel Kauffman of Carnahan City.

Kauffman is the head of marketing at Central Bank and said there currently are about 35 people with checking accounts. But, there are also opportunities for entire cities to open a checking account and gain an advantage in

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ALA Missouri Girls State citizen Citlali Arzabala sings “I Ain’t Got You” by Alicia Keys for her performance during Wednesday night’s Talent Show at Scheidegger Theatre. For more photos from the Talent Show, please see Page 7.

## Shining in the spotlight

*Citizens perform during ALA MGS Talent Show*

BY EMMA THAYER  
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ANTHONY CITY

Wednesday night, a variety of very talented women took the stage as the ALA Missouri Girls State Talent Show kicked off. Though already having proven they are united in everything, ALA MGS proved once again Wednesday night that support and love is not withheld from anyone.

To start off the night, the ALA MGS band opened with a performance they have been practicing

in the early mornings for the past few days. Their opener was the well known tune “Sweet Caroline” and they got the whole crowd going. To keep the energy up, they followed with a set list of popular Taylor Swift hits, and ended with the original ALA MGS song.

Before long-awaited talent show acts performed, Baringer followed the band with an inspirational speech about the power of women and equality. Her main message for the night was to inspire women to go do great things in the world, and to be who they are.

“Who you are, is what you’re supposed to be,” Rep. Donna Baringer said.

This was the perfect way to start off the night, as the citizens of ALA MGS were eager to see their fellow city members per-

form what they do best.

The ALA MGS citizens put on an amazing show, as they performed different acts that were unique to themselves. The crowd saw original poems, original choreography, classical music performances, and many great singers throughout the night. There was such a wide variety of participants from different cities, and it was amazing to see a mixture of different women while having the same big, positive energy from the crowd.

Before and after each act, ALA MGS citizens cheered, danced, and put up supportive hearts using their hands, despite not knowing the participants personally. The entire crowd would erupt loudly in support, giving each girl the confidence to truly be themselves.

## Morning rain postpones athletics for programs

*ALA MGS finds other activities to fill the time*

BY LUCIE EPEMA  
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Missouri Boys State citizens participate in alternate activities during athletics time. With the recent rain canceling morning athletics, citizens were forced to find other things to do.

Athletics has been a staple of Missouri Girls State mornings this week, but some citizens have other commitments and interests. Kaylee Michelin of Bradley City has been participating in band in the early morning hours. Her dedication will pay off when the band plays at inauguration Friday.

Adeline Nichols has been attending the Parks and Recreation director meetings to ensure the spirit and participation of Ben-

ton City. Other citizens of Girls State enjoy each other’s company in the city hall to chat. Reagan Heath is among these, saying that Lewis City is a great place to hang out.

A few lucky citizens have enjoyed the extra time to rest in the mornings. This time is rare and valuable to them, so they wish to stay anonymous. The MGS & MBS Leader’s own General manager Reese Cook said, “I use athletics time to write for the newspaper.”

Former campaigner Kaylen King of Stephens City said, “I actually went to athletics to campaign and used it as a way to display my signs and meet people.”

When these women took on extra responsibility, they had to create their own time to accomplish their goals. Abigail Shanahan of Lewis City studied diligently for her Law School bar exam during the designated athletic hour. The

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## Athletic directors at MBS caught by surprise

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LEWIS CITY  
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WHITFIELD CITY

Wednesday’s sporting events at Missouri Boys State were canceled due to rainy weather.

While some were disappointed with the decision, others utilized the time and made the most of it. Throughout the state, cities used the time to begin their beautifica-

tion projects.

William Hunter of Carnahan City had this to say about this change of events: “I am a fan of sports, and I enjoy them. But I think it was good that they were canceled because it gave my city and county more time to work on achieving our overall goals.”

The rain began around 7 a.m. Wednesday and was projected to be at its worst at the start of athletics. This led to the decision being made by the MBS staff early in the morning, before breakfast.

However, it still came as a shock as the city athletic directors were not informed of the decision, so they could not relay the information to their city.

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# Getting the inside scoop on the ALA MGS counselors

BY SAMANTHA LYELL  
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As members of ALA Missouri Girls State, we find ourselves looking to our counselors for direction and guidance. We find ourselves leaning on them so heavily, we forget to ask, who are they?

In the search to find out who our counselors are, I sought out some of the best Missouri Girls State had to offer.

Miss Tanna, from Stephens City, said she finds being a counselor a rewarding experience. She finds a strong sense of satisfaction watching the girls come out of their shells and make new friends. She continues returning to not only enjoy the presence of the girls and reminisce on the past, but to watch the program grow.

Miss Tanna spoke about how the new speakers each year keep her intrigued with the growing program. As we discussed her

favorite and least favorite moments, she had words of advice for current citizens.

“Really lean into the other people you meet here, because there are still girls I met at my year that I still talk to and it’s really cool to network with girls all over the state, especially for college,” Miss Tanner said.

Her words ring true as we continue to meet and grow with the girls here.

I have also had the honor of speaking with Miss Annabel, Counselor for recent Spirit City winner Anthony City. To Miss Annabel, being a counselor is the most rewarding thing she has done.

With our busy schedules, it’s hard to take the little time we have to speak one on one with our Counselors. Along with the many other unsung heroes, Girls State counselors not only make this program, they keep it running. They are the backbone to this program. They guide us through our busy schedules while ensuring we can have a productive and fun time here at Girls State.

## Raffle: Dean touts ingenuity

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the raffle.

“People love free money, and we love people opening free checking accounts,” Kauffman said.

Charles Flint, dean of the Commerce School, notes the novelty of this raffle and the ingenuity of the Central Bank team in the face of low checking account signups.

“They got together and said, ‘How can we be innovating, understanding our consumer and drive them to open an account?’” Flint said. “This is an initiative that they thought of the bring it to life.”

According to Flint, the bank has seen a 20 percent increase in accounts as of Wednesday.

## Girls: Passing the bar exam

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extra time proved beneficial as she received her passing score.

On the other side of Lindenwood’s campus, a Boys State citizen who participates in alternate activities during athletics is yet to be found. Assistant athletic director Michael McAuliffe of Kohn City said he and the rest of the guys from his city “go every day.”

Patrick Green of Weyer City and Elijah Fry of Gambrel City confirmed this statement by reporting they always participated as athletes. Each morning activity, whether athletics or not, provided citizens with a start to their day that they chose. This benefit allows for higher spirits and statewide progress and development.

## Boys: Athletics made up Friday

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Despite being saddened by the decision, MBS persevered through the postponement. Wednesday’s athletics will be made

up on Friday in place of the scheduled free time. Athletics will pick back up this morning and MBS will resume its regular schedule.



# A tale of two highway patrols

BY ANDREW HIGGERSON  
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AND LEANDRA KENNEDY  
DRAKE CITY

Some recent discussions have pointed out differences between the Highway Patrol of Missouri Boys State and ALA Missouri Girls State, most notably laws regarding ALA MGS citizens walking on their own.

Upon interview, MBS Troopers Shea Perkins of Blair City, Grayson Thompson of Whitfield City and Ethan Thompson of Lewis City all provided their insight and thoughts.

On the MBS side, the troopers regarded their roles as promoters of the law throughout not only the streets, but also individual counties and cities if necessary. However, they were unaware of certain restrictions upon ALA MGS citizens. When it comes to ALA MGS, citizens are only allowed to walk alone within their city hall. Otherwise, they would have to at least be accompanied by a buddy. Trooper

Perkins agreed it was a “safe measure,” but agreed there were potential solutions that enforced less restrictions upon citizens.

For one ALA MGS trooper, similar sentiments were found.

When asked, trooper Emma Karnes of Anthony City affirmed her duties all covered the same bases, along with an additional mention of directing traffic on the ALA MGS side. Additionally, their jurisdiction is considered exactly the same as MBS. When asked about the walking restrictions, though, Karnes expressed discontent.

“I completely understand why this rule is in place. However, I don’t completely agree with it,” she said. “If I want to go somewhere in my free time, I don’t want to have to make someone else walk with me or try and find a group of others walking to the same place.”

When it comes to both Highway Patrols, they both completely understand the reasoning of the restriction, but not all people necessarily agree on the solution chosen for the problem.

## Changes coming to MBS handbook

BY KAI DIXON  
INGLE CITY

Ingle City’s Nikhil Guduri and Rahi Patel started working Tuesday to update the Missouri Boys State handbook.

Patel and Guduri are updating the handbook for the better, after a review revealed many issues and inconsistencies in it.

“Right now, the handbook has many discrepancies. There are parts of the handbook where it says one thing about a law and says one thing about a precedent, but later in the book it changes completely,” Guduri said.

Their plan is to re-do the handbook entirely, getting rid of the discrepancies and adding new information.

“This information should be concise and modern, rather than outdated and unprofessional,” said Guduri.

When asked how they plan to change the handbook, Patel said, “So we already have a bill in place, that we’re trying to get passed in the house and the senate. We have been pushing that.”

Nikhil added, “We have already

started working on our bill. The main thing about this bill is that it is not just us, it is the senators and house representatives working on it together. It is a collective issue that discrepancies in the bill and in the book, are not valid. By working together and making sure we get rid of this, we can solve this problem.”

Guduri and Patel made a lot of progress. On Tuesday night, they presented their bill, and are waiting to find out if their legislation was passed.

“We have approval from the house of representatives and approval from the senate; and we have approval from the (ALA Missouri) Girls State. Girls State has talked to us about many things and their handbook is one of them. Their handbook is precise and it’s modern, when you click on one of the icons, takes you exactly to where you need to be,” Guduri said. “Unfortunately, the Boys State Handbook was made a long time ago and we do not have that luxury. When we have to go through, we have to find the new bills, find the new amendments, and it’s a very tedious process.”

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Where you get your morning news at MBS and ALA MGS.

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# Cookie criminal cripples county

BY LEANDRA KENNEDY  
DRAKE CITY

Emma Karnes of Anthony City shared a startling story of several thefts which have occurred in Truman County.

“First, my roommate’s Crumbl cookie was stolen (on Tuesday morning)... they left a little tiny piece of it left for her,” Karnes said. “And then, last night (Tuesday), a girl had her energy drink stolen.”

When asked if she had any idea of who this thief could be, Karnes said, “I really do not.”

There is speculation as to whether this theft issue is occurring solely in Anthony City, or if it includes the county’s other city, Crowder.

“There’s no leads at all,” Karnes said. “I can’t sleep at night anymore. I’m paranoid that someone’s just going to come in ... and they’re going to get me.”

Citizen concern is rampant in Anthony City, with many concerned if the thief will strike them next.

“What if they come in and steal my bag of sour skittles?” Karnes said. “When will the theft end? How far will they take this?”

# Clark Cities cursed, citizens concerned

BY ALYSSA CARVER  
CLARK CITY

ALA Missouri Girls State’s Clark City suffered a flood on Tuesday night.

Following a flood in Missouri Boys State’s Clark City. ALA MGS citizens from Clark City were woken up late at night to a flooding bathroom which began to overflow into their rooms. Although nobody’s belongings were ruined, it was definitely inconvenient and irritating for the citizens to be kept up late at night by floods

“I was so confused to be woken up to such a disaster and it was definitely a traumatizing moment” Katherine Bolte of

Clark City said.

Prior to the flooding, Clark City had been having previous issues with their plumping. The toilets have been acting up — not flushing properly since the first day citizens arrived at MGS.

“We had suspicions of how well our toilet had been working all week, but it was super surprising that something like this actually happened to us,” Ephrata Endalkachew of Clark City said.

The clean up of a flooding is never easy and takes a village. Clark City had multiple citizens and councilors stepping in to help them control the flood.

“It was a super stressful situation, but we all worked together to get it figured out,” Ms. Kaycee the Clark City Counselor said.



# More than just a trophy, an honor

BY CHARLOTTE CANOTE  
CLARK CITY  
AND GLORY MOKUA  
CLARK CITY

At ALA Missouri Girl’s State, the coveted ‘Spirit Flag’ is more than just a daily award; it’s a symbol of unity, enthusiasm and collective excellence. Each day, one city earns this flag for demonstrating outstanding spirit and camaraderie.

“The Spirit Flag is the greatest honor,” Morrisey said. “Our strategy was not just the cheering, but also how we presented ourselves as well and our overall individual character,” Tuesday’s winner Mary Morrisey of Carver City said.

The Spirit Flag is more than a trophy or prize; it’s a beacon of what ALA Missouri Girl’s State strives to embody—a vibrant, supportive community where every voice is heard, and every effort is celebrated. As cities continue to compete for this honor, they do so with the understanding that true spirit comes from within. But what does it truly mean to receive this honor and how can a city strategize to achieve it?

According to Morrisey and her fellow citizens, the flag is not just about cheering the loudest or having the most colorful decorations, it’s about showing respect, teamwork and genuine support for one another.

“I feel like we’re all very connected and we don’t have an issue speaking out if we think something needs to change to make our city better,” Kenyan Martin of Carver City said.

To secure the Spirit Flag, both Morrisey and Martin suggested strategies that go beyond superficial displays of pride. Other members of the surrounding cities including Drake and Clark advocated that the best strategy also involves consistent encouragement and positive reinforcement. Celebrating each other’s successes, big or small, and maintaining high energy throughout the day.

“First and foremost, we focus on inclusivity,” Counselor Miss Vivian said. “Making sure everyone feels involved and valued, from the quietest member to the loudest cheerleader, is at the forefront of their overall plan.”

# Citizens show state spirit surprising staffers

*Despite differences ALA MGS and MBS are unified by shared state spirit*

BY SAVANNAH DENISON  
ADREON CITY  
AND HANNAH CARLSON  
ADREON CITY

Throughout the week so far, there has been a lot of spirit shown by both ALA Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State to express pride in their cities, counties, and states as a whole.

“It’s really nice seeing all the pride here” said Nyah Davis, a citizen of Adreon City. Many girls at Girls State have

taken time to show their city pride by decorating their city halls, chanting loudly, and dressing for the occasion in order to win the city spirit flag. The city flag is awarded each night by Gov. Gwak to the city that shows the most spirit. This is something that isn’t a part of the Boys State program.

“You guys have a spirit stick and the guys don’t, and I think that you guys are so much more prideful for that,” Lestat Smith of Carver City said.

The girls have been more focused on

city spirit, while the boys have been more athletics-driven. The boys city chants tend to be more “brutal.” For example, Carver City’s chant of, “Carver City; we carve them up,” is far more aggressive than MGS city cheers.

Overall the staff has noticed that this session of both MGS and MBS has been the most spirited yet.

“Seeing a crowd of teenagers cheering and being united...that’s something special,” Miss Cecilia Thomas of the newspaper staff said.

# Struggles of trying to become governor

*A desperate search for a campaign manager leads to new networking opportunities for one candidate*

BY ELLIANA GRIFFITH  
STEPHENS CITY

As Saturday morning dawned, many citizens arrived at ALA Missouri Girls State and Missouri Boys State with high expectations and even higher hopes for the positions they were going to run for, especially the position of governor. However, reality crashed in and it soon became clear running for governor was not for the weak-willed. From having your campaign manager quit, to rewriting your entire speech, the road to governor can be a rocky one.

Federalist Party candidate Kaylen King of Stephens City thought her campaign with her new manager was off to a smashing start, until she quit. King’s campaign manager had applied for several positions in commerce and was therefore required to attend the School of Commerce.

At this point in time it had not been made widely known that your campaign manager

could go to a school other than the School of Campaigning and Political Operations. This put King into a panicked frenzy as she tried to find a new campaign manager. King said she was “texting everyone I know, texting the GroupMe, asking everyone I saw with a red lanyard, and going around the lunchroom talking to random people. At this point I was no longer campaigning, I was begging for a campaign manager.”

This is similar to what would happen in a real-life campaign. A campaign manager is responsible for handling a candidate’s affairs and trying to make you the best candidate you can be. Finding a good campaign manager is key to winning. However, King was able to turn this disruption into a beneficial experience. As she was searching for a new manager, King was able to get signatures for her governor application form and said, “it was a good networking opportunity.”

Nationalist Party candidate Sophia Maddock from Boone City had struggles with her campaign as well. As she prepared for

the primary elections, Maddock set to work writing her speech and finishing it, only to be told it was only allowed to be 90 seconds long.

Maddock quickly set to work amending her speech so it would fit the required time frame. While that was far from ideal, she chose to look on the bright side and said, “A little bit got cut out, but honestly I think it made it a little bit better because it’s more to the point now.”

It’s admirable how when things went wrong these candidates were able to keep their heads and turn their mistakes into strengths. It takes drive and determination to run for a position, especially governor. So applaud and congratulate the candidates that lost in the primary election for truly representing the spirit of Missouri Girls State.

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# Flag-stealing scandal at Rauch Memorial Hall

## Carver City's spirit flag was taken in the middle of the night, then later returned

BY SOPHIA JAMES  
CRONIN CITY

Who would have thought citizens at ALA Missouri Girls State would be spending more time plotting to steal rather than studying or focusing on candidate debates?

Late Tuesday night, Rauch Memorial Hall was devastated when someone from one of the cities in the building — either Cronin City or Clark City — stole the spirit flag from Carver City not long after they had just won it. The spirit flag was returned early this morning, although no one has any idea on who returned it or why.

Accusations have been made on which girl stole the flag but no one has come forward with any additional information.

When speaking with Carver City, multiple girls said they feel betrayed by their county and feel as if they can't trust anyone in their dorms anymore. Rebekah Douglas of Carver City said she can't believe "they would do something so childish." When asked how she feels over the loss of their flag Rebekah replied with, "I'm sad, I trusted you, I voted for you and you betrayed us."

Everyone in Carver City just wants to know why? Why did someone do something so radical in front of eyewitnesses? Two Carver City counselors, Vivian McFadden and Miss Eva, were lucky enough to notice a girl stealing their newly won flag. The two counselors were holding a city meeting on the second floor of Rauch Memorial Hall when they noticed someone sneaking up the stairs and reaching for the flag.

When asked about the traumatic experience, Miss Eva said, "My immediate reaction was to jump out of my seat and see where they were going. While Miss Eva chased after the thief, Vivian yelled 'Hey!' very loudly and then I ran to my troopers and told them the information."

The smuggler was too quick for even the ALA MGS Highway Patrol. All citizens of Carver City were kept up all night worrying they would never get the beloved spirit flag back.

Emaline Little, an attorney at Carver City, said she had no idea what was going on when the flag was stolen. She said she has now been informed of what happened

and said, "Carver is considering all of their options." She also said she wants to make it known that if they do decide to take action, "they will be completely ready."

Even though Carver City's attorney wouldn't share who she believes stole the flag, Mya White and Danielle Cortez have already made accusations as to who did this.

White said, "Cronin was most likely the ones who took our flag." Cortez had a different opinion. When asked "Who do you think stole the flag?" she said, "I think it was the people above us, Clark." She then stated since the beginning of Girls State, Carver City and Clark City have had issues. This mainly being because they are in the same building.

When Cronin City heard Carver City was accusing them of this scandal, they asked if they could say a couple things. Abigail Adair from Cronin City was on the verge of tears during her interview. She stated, "We are DeWitt County, we would never commit a crime against our own friends." Multiple citizens of Cronin City reported bed checks had already happened and there was no way they could have snuck out of their rooms and stolen something so precious to one of their own. The girls all made very clear they are afraid the accusations being made from the other cities are going to cost them Model City.

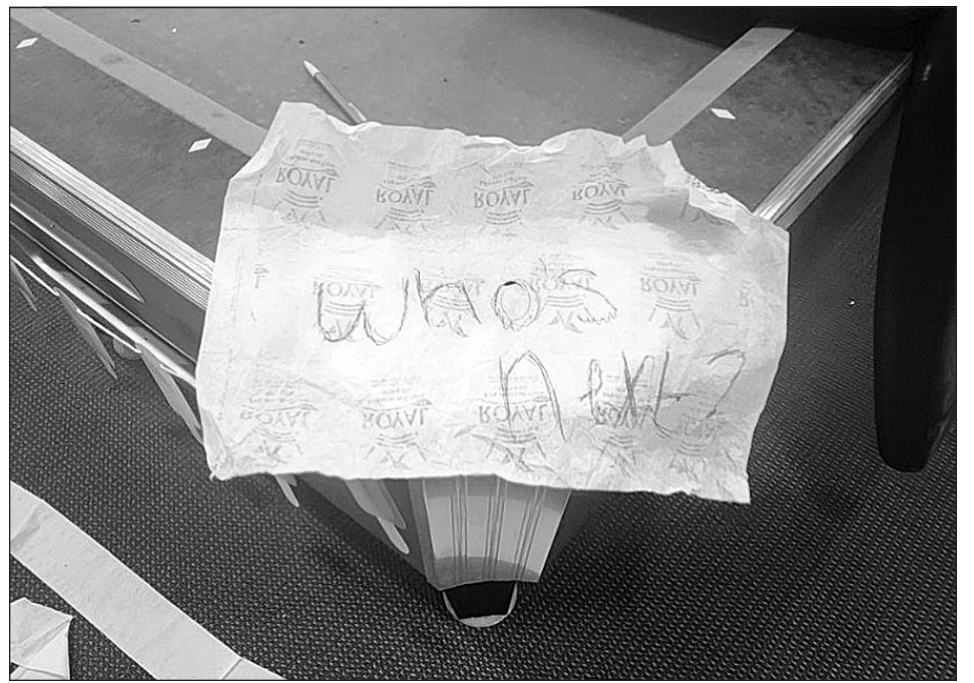
Lily Leaman of Cronin City said before this event, "I thought we had a great group of girls that could totally win Model City and then this happened and now I feel like we have no chance, and my heart is breaking that someone would go through all this trouble to frame us."

Apparently the only girls in Cronin City who wasn't in their rooms during the incident was the Parks and Rec director of Cronin City, Molly Johnson. She said she was "taking pictures of the beautification of our city hall trying to win points for Model City." Johnson then showed pictures of Cronin City's city hall that night and then the next morning when one of the cities trashed their city hall.

Johnson believes someone in Rauch Memorial Hall definitely did this but she has no idea who.

Jaelyn Woodley, a citizen of Cronin City and a senator, explained what she was doing last night as the flag was being stolen. "I didn't even know the flag was being stolen, I heard some rumbling going on outside and I opened my door and I just see people running away from City hall past my room, I felt unsafe and confused."

Woodley added, "When I came down here to City Hall to meet before breakfast, I



walked in a just saw it trashed with a threat on our pool table that said, who's next?"

Woodley expressed how afraid she is of these girls in Rauch Memorial Hall and said she wanted to warn all the dorms, "They're coming for us."

Carver City citizens said, "this is the start of war." Carver City citizens plan to take legal action and will not attack any other city until they are attacked first. Cronin

City citizens have all expressed how scared they are and when asked, "Is this the start of war?" they all replied with an immediate, "No!"

Do you have any idea as to who stole the flag? The pot is brewing and one anonymous city is stirring it. If you have the spirit flag, remember to protect it at all times. So girls be safe. Remember to protect yourselves, your flags and your cities.

## Then and now: Citizen positions

BY HARPER COOK  
GAMBREL CITY

During the week of Missouri Boys State, citizens pursue different personal and career paths. Citizens have a wide variety of paths to choose, whether that is going for governor or just helping the city. Some citizens know exactly what they want to do at the beginning of the week and they try their best to get there, but sometimes it doesn't go exactly as they planned.

"At the beginning of the week I was going for Governor, but then I got elected to the Senate. After that, I was elected to the Pro Tempore position in the Senate. I then decided that I wanted to go for Lieutenant Governor. I am now the Federalist Party Lieutenant Governor nominee. Even though I was trying for Governor, I am still glad that I made it this far," Garrett Flack of Kohn City said.

Several citizens started the week sort of knowing what they wanted to do, but not exactly what.

"I started the week wanting the management position for the newspaper, but then I realized that position wasn't for me. I am now still a part of the newspaper, just as a writer. I am also taking pictures for my stories," William Hunter of Carnahan City said.

Other citizens came to MBS not knowing what they were going to do and just let fate decide their path.

"When I came to MBS I really wasn't looking to go for a specific position or to be elected as anything. Now that we are five days in I am a journalist for the Newspaper and attending the Journalism and Media school," Cole Vogel of Whitfield City said.

As the citizens move towards the end of the week, they will find out what they accomplished during their Boys State.





# ★ VOTE ★ NATIONALIST

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## PARTY PLATFORM

### ★ VETERAN APPRECIATION ★

*A day of Missouri Boys State and an Andy's fundraiser will be dedicated to remembering veterans who have fallen*

### ★ CLEANLINESS ★

*We will sue the Dean of Operations for underequipped dorm rooms and a lack of adequate recycling/trash services*

### ★ TAX TRANSPARENCY ★

- 1. Stop corruption*
- 2. Lower taxes*
- 3. Curb spending*



# Debate: Both worked tirelessly

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running against each other, were not concerned about party labels. Both girls worked tirelessly with the citizens of Girls State and listened closely to what each had to say, especially as the platforms for both parties are nearly identical.

Even though basic principles were shared, there were some ideals that set the two candidates apart. Arzabala's stance on food waste was something that set her apart, and the same was true of Moore's stance on diversity counseling.

Arzabala would like to incentivize zero waste behaviors, saying, "I represent every single one of you, and this is an issue. I also care a lot about reducing our waste."

On the other hand, Moore would like there to be a diversity council and embed better training into Girls State for the fore-

seeable future.

When asked about the differences Boys State has, both candidates gave similar responses and focused greatly on the lack of funding for MGS compared to MBS. Issues such as expanding the Girls State school for education in the same way that Boys State has more roles in education. The same was also said about funding and the size of Girls State.

In their closing remarks, Arzabala stated she wanted to be the voice for Girls State and make a lasting impact using her platform. Moore ended the debate with a thank you to all of the girls who helped her build her platform and with a thank you that Girls State is still one state, no matter the political party.

Girls State will be voting today for governor and the other statewide offices.



Covington City's Breleigh Moore, the Nationalist Party candidate for ALA MGS governor.

# Rally: Ronald Johnson plays jazz

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on to criticize Dean of Operations Jerod Breit for the lack of recycling facilities, describing a lawsuit which was being pursued. Kelly claimed to be "the one to represent those without a voice" and drove home his belief the Federalist Party "wins."

The state auditor candidates were Nationalist Brody "Big Man Brody" Adkison of Blair City and Federalist Keilan Johnson of Gambrel City. Adkison's speech was strongly anti-tax and anti-corruption. He claimed Boys State should be able to "gamble to your hearts content!" Johnson from Gambrel City claimed he always "put his hand up first" and would continue to do so as state auditor. He also shared a story of a time he cut an immoral friend out of his life, while helping an elderly woman.

The state treasurer candidates were Nationalist Brody Von Wave of Crowder City and Federalist Ronald Johnson of Gambrel City. Wave described his "Charlie Hustle" mentality, where he works so hard he doesn't have time to change into a suit. He described having fun working with fine details — receiving a 35 on his ACT. Johnson played his saxophone, filling the room with sonorous smooth jazz. He asked if the audience would prefer to hear more of his speech or more of his tunes, ultimately delivering what the people wanted — more sweet music.

The secretary of state candidates were Nationalist Philip Shimon of Kohn City and Federalist Solomon Narraine of Lewis City. Phillip claimed he was not spoiled by the pride of politics, promising transparency in how tax dollars are spent. Narraine

shook the room by detailing a bribe he had received to keep quiet about how much members of the news outlet KMBS were being paid \$1000 BSB. This claim has yet to be confirmed or denied.

The lieutenant governor candidates were Nationalist Garrett Flack and Federalist Ridwan Osman. Flack appealed to the patriotism of Boys State, yelling that citizens "Bleed red, white and blue!" Osman talked about his relationships as a brother and son. He then described a sacrifice he had made, choosing Boys State over another prestigious opportunity. Ridwan ended by taking a bold step, blaming the staff for dividing us into red and blue — claiming all citizens should be united.

Throughout the rally, the Nationalist Party showed solidarity with their candidates and leaders by raising their right fists — a gesture started by Nationalist attorney general candidate Domenech.

Federalist Party Chairman John Honnold fired shots at the nationalist party throughout the rally, mostly concerning their attempted lawsuit against the news outlet KMBS.

Nationalist Vice Chairman Mason Long said this lawsuit was motivated by "Actions that they (KMBS) made last night (Tuesday) that were unfair to our party specifically; only allowing the Federalists to get ads and not the Nationalist party after we asked multiple times for those ads."

The Nationalist Party also claimed to have proof of this infraction against them. Unity was found between the two parties and the case was dropped later in the day— Wednesday — during governmental activities.



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Doniphan City's Brookson Ware, the Federalist Party candidate for MBS governor.

# Candidates clash at debate

*Ware wants funding for veterans, Hradek calls tax an injustice*

BY AYDEN MARSHALL  
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Nationalist Party candidate Hayden Hradek and Federalist Party candidate Brookson Ware were firing back and forth in Wednesday afternoon's Missouri Boys

State gubernatorial debate at Hyland Arena.

Ware promised funding for veterans, low taxes for more gambling, expanding the police force and equality with ALA Missouri Girls State by calling for better food and coffee in the morning.

Hradek brought up the big and loud question: "How? How will you make these programs while lowering taxes?" Hradek called his plans "realistic" and asked for unity, calling a cross county tax an injustice, investing taxes into banks, thinking about the future MBS and taxing non-excessively but effectively.



Clark City's Hayden Hradek, the Nationalist Party candidate for MBS governor.



Missouri Boys State Gov. John Holt delivers the State of the State address to the General Assembly on Tuesday night at Harmon Hall.

# Holt gets pushback in State of the State

BY TONY DeARMITT  
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Missouri Boys State Gov. John Holt delivered the State of the State address to the General Assembly late Tuesday night in Harmon Hall.

In the address, Holt discussed several MBS policy changes. Casinos are to be limited to one per county and there is to be a 25 percent state tax on all gambling earnings and profits. Business licensing

costs will decrease from \$10 BSB to \$25 BSB, promoting local business.

Funds have been allocated for beautification grants, in an attempt to increase city spirit. Water access has been address with a mandate for reusable water bottles.

Holt's mandates related to casinos have received pushback by the General Assembly. With many MBS citizens adoring gambling, previous proposals have been made for gambling tax breaks.







### *Wednesday across ALA Missouri Girls State ...*



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