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# REP. SUE PETERSON SPEAKS ON EDUCATION, WOMEN IN LEGISLATURE

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Tuesday evening's General Assembly provided a unique experience for Girls State members: Republican South Dakota House Representative Sue Peterson gave her personal story, offered words of encouragement for the young delegates and answered panel questions from different city members.

With a history in banking, Peterson spent four years on the Appropriation Committee and currently sits on the Taxation Committee. When her house term expires in 2024, Peterson will run for Senate in hopes of replacing the expiring Senator in her district.

"The biggest thing to meet people during the campaign is door-to-door," Peterson explained. "It's been really great to just go meet people where they are."

Peterson affirmed that meeting people and making connections is the best way to find one's true calling. Her entrance into politics and the South Dakota House of Representatives was attributed to making past connections and being asked to run for a position.

Peterson then motivated other young women to follow in her footsteps.

"Women are fifty percent of the population, but not fifty percent of the legislature," Peterson said. "We need both the male perspective and the female perspective. Women are different than men – we think differently, we approach things differently. I think both approaches are needed in legislature and in life."

Peterson continued by saying that for women to become more involved, they must first "become a student of the issues." This connects back to Peterson's true passion: education. As a mother, Peterson took great care in the upbringing and education of her own children, and she now focuses that attention on all children throughout South Dakota.



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For the last seven years, Peterson has used her commitment to education as exigence for her work, both on the Appropriation and Taxation Committees. She's supported several bills to benefit students at all levels. However, when asked about her upcoming endeavors, Peterson was excited to share that she is "venturing into some new things."

For instance, she's helped carry several bills for both pro-life and pro-Second Amendment ideologies. Peterson promotes a campaign slogan of "Strong families, strong communities, and a stronger South Dakota." Through her prolife ideals, she helps keep strong families as the building block of society.

While maintaining her firm opinions, Peterson asserts that "everybody needs to stand up for what they believe." Even if those beliefs prove to create turmoil or debates, "as long as everyone approaches the debate with respect and approaches it in good faith," we as a state and a nation can overcome our differences.

Peterson reminded delegates they are the faces of the future. To build that future, they must overcome differences. If they "do the work, study, and show [themselves] the proof," Peterson claims we can gain the confidence to make our future a bright one.

# REP. LINDA DUBA EMPOWERS GIRLS STATE DELEGATES

#### Reese Duncan, Kate Matthes

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Democratic
Representative Linda
Duba spoke to delegates
Tuesday evening about
the importance of
women in government,
emphasizing the
necessity of involvement,
bipartisanship and her
own work in South Dakota
politics.

During her visit, Duba touched on issues such as mental health, education, reproductive rights and childcare.

As a Democratic lawmaker in a supermajority Republican state, bipartisanship is essential. Duba finds that relationships are the basis for compromise and collaboration in the legislature.

"I work really well with my Republican colleagues," said Duba. "I don't do it because I have to, I do it because they are people. If I look at them as enemies, then I've already set myself up for failure."

Despite the fact that there are sometimes political differences, Duba works with her fellow representatives consistently and believes that South Dakota's legislature is not particularly polarized; however, it does take courage to propose ideas that may not be well supported.

"It brings challenges.
So, what I try to do is always find opportunity and common ground with other legislators," said Duba. "I'm always willing to listen and find where we do agree and where we can make good policy."

Women make up half of the population, but unfortunately, much less than half of government and legislative positions. Duba believes in the importance of a fully representative government; so, she urges the women around her to get involved.

"Women have got to have a voice in women's health care, education and laws that govern our state. It's very important. [We are] 50% of the population, let's represent," said Duba. "It's more than just reading the news online and listening to what you hear. It's showing up...it's digging in and understanding the process and becoming engaged rather than sitting back and saying 'somebody else can do that."

Duba also spoke on the pink tax and period poverty in South Dakota, including her attempt to eliminate the tax on feminine hygiene products.

"I sit on a committee in the house with eight men, I moved to pass that bill [to eliminate the pink tax] and it died for lack of a second. After that statement was made I said, 'well of course not, there are eight men here and you should all be ashamed of yourselves because you have wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and this was important.""

As Generation Z grows older and becomes a larger voting demographic, new ideas are on the rise. Duba believes this is a positive trend that will determine the direction of the future.

"You've grown up in a time where you're more accepting, where you see the world differently," said Duba. "I have tremendous faith in your generation, that things will change organically... I am counting on the youth to make a difference in this country."



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# **CITY WATCH**

### Pennington County

**Senators**: Rebecca Feldhaus, Emma Riggs, Cassidy Woerner, Ashley Bondesen

House of Representatives: Sarah Juelfs, Bailey Hunstad, Alexa Morin-Baxter, Jenae Christensen, Ellie Cruz, Megan Raschke, Bina Nelsen, Emma Kraft

County Treasurer: Madeline Cross
County Auditor: Cassidy Ewing
State's Attorney: Sapphire Wyatt
Deputy State's Attorney: Sophia Hoeft

**Sheriff**: Morgan Scoggins **Register of Deeds:** Jordyn Williams

**Coroner:** Joslyn Voegele **Circuit Judge**: Shahed Wahbi **County Commissioners** 

District 1: Elsie Thomas District 2: Jenae Christensen

District 3: Ellie Cruz
District 4: Sarah Juelfs

Magistrate Judge: Emily Torgerson

Defendant: Elsie Thomas Bailiff: Imogen Bengs Deputy: Ciara Somsawat

**Sheriff Defendant:** Elsie Thomas **Defense Attorney:** Josee Compton **Delegates:** Jayna Handel, Megan

Raschke, Bina Nelsen

Forensics Team: Kailey Thompson,

Maryjane Clark

# County Senators: Mackenzie Bentz, Caro

**Senators**: Mackenzie Bentz, Caroline Irvine, Tara Schofield, Morgan Schroeder

Minnehaha

House of Representatives: Elle Johnson, Makenzie Kuyper, Sidney Garcia, Eloise Hayes, Sofia Losure, Olivia Schneider, Kiara Perkins, Emma Brewer, Emily Hill, Matti Scott

County Treasurer: Eloise Hayes County Auditor: Caroline Irvine State's Attorney: Emily Marshall Deputy States Attorney: Gabriella

Dodway

Sheriff: Maria Quale

Register of Deeds: Nadia Logue

Coroner: Emma Brewer

Circuit Judge: Brea (Skighe) McCann

**County Commissioners** 

District 1: Ashley Crouch
District 2: Makenzie Kuyper
District 3: Jennifer Barnett
District 4: Kiara Perkins

**Defendant**: Emily Hill **Bailiff**: Emma Brewer **Deputy**: Anna Bisbee

**Defense Attorney:** Brit Wheeler **Delegates**: Sofia Losure, Jaclyn Wiik, Eloise Hayes, Elle Johnson, Sydney

Reimers, Ava Haussmann Forensics Team: Mya Determan,

Rayna Schoenfelder

### **Brown County**

Senators: Rylie Gossen, Sage Wilson, Nicolette Hoffman, Rylie

#### **House of Representatives:**

Madison Meier, Jarynn Schelhaas, Anna Leuning, Amaya Camp, Quinn Terkildsen, Makayla Fuoss, Cadence Feist, Morgan Hasselhorst, Lilly Nelson, Ryli Thompson

County Treasurer: Jasmine

Jennewien

**County Auditor:** Anna Leuning **State's Attorney:** Winter McMahon Deputy State's Attorney: Lindsey

Bellow

Sheriff: Mikayla Browning
Register of Deeds: Ryli Thompson

Coroner: Amaya Camp Circuit Judge: Camryn Kurtz County Commissioners

> District 1: Madison Meier District 2: Emily Knodel District 3: Angela Engle District 4: Alyza Pike

Magistrate Judge: Emerson

Wermers

**Defendant**: Tevan Erickson

**Bailiff**: Yareni Montes **Deputy**: Britney Lende-Hanson

Sheriff Defendant: Tevan Erickson Defense Attorney: Lilly Paxton Delegates: Emma Vandenbark, Nicolette Hoffman, Morgan Hasselhorst, Sage Wilson, Rylie

Gossen

Forensics Team: Taylee Schramm,

Quinn Hewitt

### Hughes County

**Senators**: Levin Maddox, Emily Hua, Quinn Alt, Baylie Somsen

House of Representatives:

Madalyn Tuttle, Alakiir Gak, Kaia Day, kaitlinn Melllem, Isabella Martinez, Alivia Bickett, Dakota Flanery, Megan Reiner, Kyla Schaunaman, Chloe Carder

County Treasurer: Megan Reiner County Auditor: Baylor Somsen State's Attorney: Emily Borkowski

Sheriff: Sarah Cremer

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District 2: Madalyn Tuttle
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### Brookings County

Senators: Amber Pisano, Madison Hill, Natalie Smith, Nevaeh Rusher House of Representatives: Olivia Hadrick, Hadley Luke, Jerica Stark, Bridgett Lemmel, Isabelle McConniel, Grace Robb, Jenna Connot, Abigail Studt, April Phillips, Christens Reed County Treasurer: Hadley Luke County Auditor: Jerica Stark

Sheriff: Claire McElroy

Register of Deeds: Nevaeh Rusher

State's Attorney: Rylley Behrens

Coroner: Ella Kessler Circuit Judge: Cindy Khuu County Commissioners

District 1: Laura Ge

District 2: Audrey Akkerman District 3: Isabelle McConniel

District 4: Savannah Rawden

Magistrate Judge: Brooke Schwagel

Defendant: Jodessa Wiehr Bailiff: Rebecca Bich

Defense Attorney: Mattie Duffy Delegates: Jenna Connot, Olivia Hadrick, Madison Hill, Mattie Duffy Forenscs Team: Jaclyn Heisler, Mackenzie Hollenbeck

### Beadle County

Senators: Amelia Heald, Whitney Payne, Ava Nilsson, Sydney Olson House of Representatives: Kylie Ramlo, Adisynn Fink, Allison Schwarz, Reagan Weisbeck, Valerie Norby, Malayna Hemmen, Kadence Bowne, Siyanne Redda, Emily Clark, Sofie Guthmiller

County Treasurer: Heidi Olson County Auditor: Sofie Guthmiller State's Attorney: Payton Kemnitz

Sheriff: Katelyn Ryan

Register of Deeds: Kadence Brown

Coroner: Delaney Hefty

Circuit Judge: Lauren Marcuson

**County Commissioners** 

District 1: Lillie Eide
District 2: Danica Heibult
District 3: Anializ De Jesus
District 4: Coryn Wolff

# Codington County

**Senators**: Elsa F, Sunday R, Eva M, Sophie S

House of Representatives: Aspen H, Brooke P, Breanna W, Paige S, Lily F, Sienna K, Claire P, Brooklyn L, Aspen B, Rachel K

County Treasurer: County Auditor:

**State's Attorney:** Jayden Bender **Deputy States Attorney:** Racqual

Sheriff: Kendyl Locken

Register of Deeds: Aspen Hickey Coroner: Madeline Bartscher Circuit Judge: Katie Stange County Commissioners

> District 1: Hannah F District 2: Payton Noem District 3: Paige Schmidt District 4: Lily Fods

**Defendant**: Brooklyn Larsen

**Deputy**: Hannah F



# Feeding Girls State

Tamia Oliver, Ashlyn Triplet, Kaytlyn Triplet

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Have you ever wondered about food service?

For some the definition of food service is the preparation, delivery, serving, etc., of ready to eat foods.

However, for ALA Girls State Head Chef Christy and Sous Chef Xander, it is a passion.

Food has been such a passion for Christy that she started at just eleven years old and has held that passion for twenty-two years.

Xander has been in the industry for nine years. When asked why they love cooking, Christy and Xander both said they love the rush of being in the kitchen. Just as much as they love being in the kitchen, the ALA Girls State delegates have loved the food.

Wednesday, May 31st, delegates were asked some questions about the food. Many had different favorites.

Two delegates, Sophie Spier from Washington, and Jacey Irwin from Seattle, both loved the asparagus. When asked what her favorite is Irwin says,

"Spaghetti, probably with asparagus. The asparagus was really good."

Citizens also love the diversity from the many options they get to choose during mealtimes. One of the many favorites, chicken stir fry with white rice.

Delegate
Anializ Rassel from Cleveland
said, "I like the white rice stir
fry." Delegate
Mariana Pitlick from Los
Angeles states, "I really enjoy
the stir fry too, because it's
very well-seasoned."

Speaking of favorite meals, Head Chef Christy, and Sous Chef Xander have their favorite dishes to make.

When asked if you had all the supplies to make a dish, what would you make? Christy responded saying that jerk chicken wings would be her go to, she specified that she only would want to cook it if the wings were flat.

When asked the same question Xander said

that he loves making spinach and goat cheese stuffed pork loin, which is a recipe of Head Chef Christy. However, it's not just the food that makes the cafeteria great, it's also the atmosphere.

"I think it's a good atmosphere to mingle and to meet new people, there is no pressure and it's not too loud," said Washington Delegate Sophie Spier.

Many of the other interviewees felt the same way. Many said they would miss the ambience and the diversity of girls to sit with. Some whose schools don't offer the same type of atmosphere really enjoyed it.

As Delegate
Mariana Pitlick form Los
Angeles said, "I like the
booths. The seating is very
comfortable. But it's also
open to like sitting with
other groups and stuff like
that. At my school, our tables
are very small. So, you end
up sitting with a lot of the
same people all the time."

It is crucial that the delegates feel comfortable in the cafeteria which has been accomplished the short time we have been at ALA Girls State for this week. That is the spiel on the Cafeteria Madness please remember to say thank you to the chefs next time you see them and compliment them on the hard work they do to make sure our girls are well fed for our adventures throughout the day.



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A USD Muenster University Center Dining Hall worker serves a Girls State delegate.



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State session!

Don't forget to send video submissions for an end-of-week recap!

# Star Sniffer



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delegates were starstruck when they saw the presenters Wednesday morning.

The presenters, in question, were Raya, a three-year-old Belgian Malinois, who was accompanied by her handler, Trooper Deanna Johnson.

Demonstrating her instinctive drive, Raya was able to quickly find the cotton ball soaked in psilocybin mushrooms her handler had previously hidden underneath a chair. Johnson went on to describe how dogs can distinguish scents in a way that humans are not able to.

The dynamic duo has been confiscating contraband together for the majority of Raya's life. The most common types the pair comes across are methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl. Before being able to work out on the field, each party had to go through rigorous

training to fully prepare themselves.

Raya endured a six-week course where she learned to identify drug odors. Her training involved finding the source of the odor and alerting their handler. These actions are to be promptly followed by rewarding the dog with a toy.

It is important to
note that these training
exercises use a safe
version of the intended
drug, in order to limit the
K-9's exposure to it, yet still
achieving the intended results.

Johnson explains this exercise is building a correlation for the dogs between finding an odor and getting a reward. At the end of the course, all dogs must pass the practical certification before going on to work with agencies.

Johnson went on to talk about her own experience in this career. She was able to receive special training in Pierre and get her certification in the state of South Dakota. Alongside the fact that the program was in its early stages, she felt the opportunities available to her were limitless.

When asked if she would ever consider a different job, Johnson replied saying:

"I wouldn't go anywhere else!"

# Philadelphia's Biggest Fan

Flizabeth Rassel

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All cities have their own fan base through their community and followers, but there's no other enthusiast quite like Philadelphia's.

Being the only male allowed at this year's ALA South Dakota Girls State, it can be rather difficult. However, Philadelphia worships him. He is their mascot, their pride and joy, and their everything. Whether it's him sitting through every single one of the meetings or supplying comfort with his soft skin, he's always there for Philly. This little man is none other than Phil the dinosaur of Philadelphia!

If it wasn't too obvious from his little cute name or the people he represents, Phil is from the beautiful city of Philadelphia.

Senior Counselor, Ashley Gustafson brought Phil along to Girls State before handing him off to the zookeeper of the group, Mikayla Browning.

If you ever need emotional support, definitely contact Mikayla so she can provide Phil to you anytime you need.

He's amazing at listening, for he is a sit-down man. He's usually found in his little backpack for rides around campus, eating with fellow delegates in the food court, or lazing around in the dorms with friends.

Believe it or not, Phil is actually a little intimidated by women. He can be a little shy, so don't be offended if he doesn't talk to you. He still respects all the women around him, though. He believes that every single woman here at Girls State is her own boss, and he loves interacting with them.

Everyone who meets him can agree as well. The moment

eyes are laid on him, people light up with similar reactions to "Phil! Oh my gosh, it's Phil!".

So to those of you who ever end up spotting him, don't be afraid to go up and give him a little bit of a pet.

The main thing you should know about Phil is that he despises the powdered eggs for breakfast! He also makes money on the go by picking up what he can on the ground around campus.

Phil has a copy of the US Constitution, so you can find him avidly reading it once in a while.

Lastly and most importantly, Phil would like you to know one more thing: he has an instagram page! Check it out @phil\_philadelphia.

so it's like witnessing your first

court case in live action when

you get there. The State Supreme

experience from what i've heard.

So any delegates that

Court also will come and argue

cases in the Autumn months, which is honestly an exhilarating

are looking to be a cutthroat

lawyer like Elle Woods, look no

further than the USD School of



ELIZABETH RASSEL I **SACAJAWEA SCROLL**Phil enjoying a meal with delegates.

# Thursday Horoscope Ashlyn Triplet & Kaytlyn Triplet

Aries (March 21-April 19): A lot is happening today! You may feel like everyone is so confrontational but that's ok. You will gain tons of powerful insight. Make sure you don't cut back on your efforts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You're in for a day of thinking and introspection. Others appear to be attempting to place pressure on you. Will you give in, or will you heed to your inner voice? You'll know the answer by the end of the day!

Gemini (May 21-June 21): The day may provide you with vital insight into future decisions. It's time to figure out what's most important to you. Do you want to start a profession right away or do you want to continue your education?

Cancer (June 22-July 22): The best is bound to happen. Make sure you are manifesting the right things. Be proactive and always make sure you work diligently.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You may find today boring but always put your best foot forward. These opportunities are once in a lifetime. Try to enjoy today!

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Don't be so logistical! Try to enjoy today and have fun. Relax your shoulders and put a smile on your face. Today will be great!

Libra (September 23-October 23): Make today all about you. Try to stand out and make friends. We don't always have to be secluded. People are friendly! I promise.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Add some fun into your life. People understand you. They realize that you have the right to live life how you want.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): If you see something that may be right or wrong don't fixate on it! It will hurt your mental state. Instead relax, maybe try some yoga.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Have faith in yourself! Look in the mirror and notice how great of a person you are. Look at the way your body has supported you.

Aquarius (January 20- February 18): Protect your mental health. Put your guard up. You may need it today. Tell people if something feels off. You are not alone.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Have a healthy balance today. Whether it's in food or friendship, be balanced. It will help a lot.

### Delegates tour Knudson School of Law

**Tamia Oliver** 

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Wednesday afternoon delegates had the opportunity to tour the Knudson School of Law on the USD campus.

Knudson School of Law is the only law school in South Dakota that prepares attorneys for the state, making it lucrative for those interested in law. Those who have attended Knudson have gone onto do a variety of different things whether that be practicing elsewhere in the state, running for public office, working for state prosecutors office and more.

Lavin Maddox, Mayor of Seattle, was excited to tour the law school as her cousin will be studying law in the fall.

She and other delegates were given an inside look into where law students spend their time. They were also shown the school's offices, the library, the dean's suite and the courtroom where students participate in mock trials.

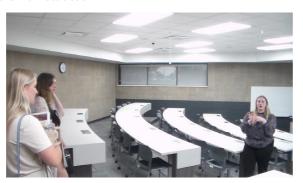
Students are also able to gain mentors their first year at law

school to show them the ropes and lead them down the path to be excellent lawyers.

The faculty lounge is also the place to be as the rooms have an open door policy. Students are welcome to visit the staff anytime to ask them questions about assignments or terms. The staff enjoys helping any student that may wander to their door to seek guidance.

However, as cool as the library was, the main attraction

was the courtroom that is used for mock trials for when students first arrive for orientation. Fun fact, the trials are done by real attorneys



Law.

ELIZABETH RASSEL I **SACAJAWEA SCROLL** Delegates touring the Knudson School of Law.

# Investigating Forensics

Sarah Schmidt, Kennedy Blechinger

Wednesday afternoon featured the first class of Forensic Investigation, housed in the Beacom Hall in the School of Business. Led by Chief of Police Crystal Brady, Detective Matt Davis, and Investigations Lieutenant Drew Gortmaker, the class covered the basics of what it takes to be a forensic detective.

Fourteen girls were privileged to attend the class due to their exemplary marks on the Law Enforcement Test and associated quiz. The top two highest-scoring girls from each Girls State county became eligible for the Forensics team.

Yesterday, these girls learned the importance of properly collecting evidence at a crime scene. Chief Brady instructed the students, "People lie to us all the time, but the evidence never lies."

The experienced advisors led the girls through several scenarios such as car crashes, break-ins, burglaries, and even homicides. They also denoted how DNA and other evidence can be used to solve long-standing cases, catch repeat offenders, or affirm sexual assault.

However, a lot of the work in the investigative department doesn't involve crime investigation. Crystal Brady shared some of the more lighthearted activities that the Vermillion



ANAIS CASTRO I **SACAJAWEA SCROLL**Gortmaker, Brady and Davis

Police Department takes part in each year. This includes a yearly bike rodeo to help kids learn how to ride, a Halloween open house, and the Torch Run for Special Olympics.

These community service activities seemed to lift the delegates' spirits. When asked about what they learned in class today, several girls said they were surprised by how interesting a forensics career could be, and they were excited to see what the rest of the week has in store.

### Thursday's Forecast

By Maria Feiock, Nadia Roux, & Emma Zimmerman

Happy first day of June! Hopefully the Girls State weather has been treating you well so far!

**Daytime Forecast:** 

High of 88°

48% chance of precipitation

Early in the morning we'll see some cloudiness, and later in the afternoon we have chances of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Don't be fooled by the cloudiness as the UV index is still fairly high and sunburns will be likely. A good way to tell the amount of UV exposure you are experiencing is if your shadow is taller than you it is fairly low and if it is shorter than you it is fairly high. This does also flow with the position of the sun because as the day goes on the UV exposure peaks and goes back down.

Nighttime Forecast:

Low of 65°

20% chance of precipitation

There will be clouds although it may be too dark to spot them and the chance of thunderstorms decreases.

# Confessions...

"We will be stealing Abbey's snacks"

~ Chicago

"One time, I lit my school gym on fire during the science fair. It was (maybe) accidental, but I learned how to successfully operate a fire extinguisher!

~ Los Angeles

"We got ding dong ditched by our sister city"

~ Cleveland

"Baylie has a serious peanut butter addiction and was caught bringing 3 jars to Girls State! Every chance she gets she reportedly runs to her room to grab a spoonful! She likes the extra crunchy kind."

~ Seattle

### Daily Dad Joke

What do snowmen do during the summer?



They chill out!

### Fun Fact

When choosing its national animal, Scotland chose the unicorn!



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## Minneapolis takes on Talent



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#### **Chloe Petersen**

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Tuesday, we were all surprised when the "Twin Sisters" were called to audition... and an

entire group came walking up onto the stage. The entire city of Minneapolis and three members from St. Paul performed "Cups" by Anna Kendrick live. Surprisingly, the audition was just as organized as the performance itself. Hats off to the organizers of this group!

### MIDDAY MELODIES

Nadia Roux Sacajawea Scroll As delegates found themselves

tuckered out after a full day of government action, listening to people talk, and running around campus, a short break was much needed.

Seattle delegate Clara Carlson provided just that after she decided to bring her violin down on the drive from Sioux Falls.

Carlson provided the attendees at the May 31st General Assembly with a spunky rendition of Toxic by Britney Spears. She smiled as girls screamed for her in reaction to some beautifully played high notes.

ALA Girls State is not only about government, and that is easy for delegates to forget when caught up in the heat of nominations and elections.

Girls State is also about community and what individuals can provide for their own surroundings. Entertainment is just one of the many services

someone can provide and the talent show does a great job at showcasing that.

If you happened to have missed this beautiful performance, or if violin is not exactly your cup of tea, do



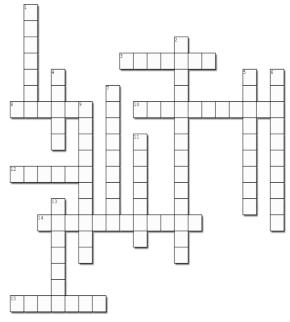
SHELBY TIMM I **SACAJAWEA SCROLL** Carlson performs her violin rendition of "Toxic"

not worry, because there are still many more talented girls waiting to perform at our next few general assemblies.

Thank you Clara
Carlson for blessing our ears
yesterday!

#### **Girls State Cities**

Complete the crossword puzzle below



#### Across

- 3. The Big Apple
- 8. State capital of Minnesota
- 10. Home of the Mall of America
- 12. The first time America spilled the Tea was here
- 14. Home of the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and Cheesesteak
- 15. Home of the Gateway Arch

#### Down

- 1. Automobile and Motown capital of the world; home of the Lions
- 2. The forgotten city of Girls State
- 4. The only U.S. city founded by a woman
- 5. Birth place of Babe Ruth, Michael Phelps, and Edgar Allen Poe
- 6. Named after the first president of the U.S.
- 7. Home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- 9. Call me an Angel because I'm a city full of them
- 11. Has many nicknames such as the 'Rainy city,'
  'Emerald city,' and 'Coffee capital of the world'
- 13. The windy city

### Don't Just Be A Star

By Tamia Oliver

Don't Just Be A Star

Be the brightest shooting star anyone can see Don't Just Stand and Shine Bright from a Corner

Jump From Your Post and

Shoot From the Sky and Crash Into this World Head First Touch Hearts and Minds with Your Splendor

Make Everyone See You and See Hope

Because that is what you are You are the Hope Flashing in the

But You Can't Sparkle from a Corner in the Sky So take that Jump from the Sky and Crash Headfirst into possibilities

> Make Your Mark Leave Your Impact

Force the World to Recognize you as More than Just a Star Because You are not Just a single light shining faintly in the dark

You Are a Shooting Star And the World will Make Constellations About What You Do

# MEET THunior Counselors

# What Brought You Back To ALA Girls State?

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**Harlee Heim** Brown County

"I decided to come back to Girls State to keep developing my leadership experience, and I wanted to give the girls the same opportunity that I had last year."



**Tayah McGregor** Minnehaha County

"I just had so much fun last year with my counselor and my junior counselor, and I wanted to give the same experience to other girls, so I decided to come back when they asked me."



**Alyssa Feather** Beadle County

"I Just loved my experience here so much and I wanted to make other girls expericance good to."



Olivia Hunhoff Journalism City

"I decided to come back as a junior counselor because not only did I have a really great experience and make a lot of new connections, but I also learned so much in one week about Journalism that I couldn't pass up another experience to learn so much."



**Chloe Flahaven**Pennington County

"I had a really good counselor my first year, and really enjoyed it; I had a really great experience. I wanted to give that to other girls, so I came back."