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Governor candidates selected, share platforms

Federalist

**Bethany Jespersen
& Dena Tarrell**
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Today marks the final full day of Girls State 2026, meaning delegates and journalists alike will cast their votes for governor. Quynn Nielson, originally a delegate from the city of Washington, was nominated as the Federalist Candidate for governor and is working towards an honest and inclusive campaign process.

Throughout her short but sweet time at Girls State, Nielson has formed worthwhile relationships with her fellow delegates. These connections became her main inspiration to run for governor, and their unity and support is most impactful. As elections pass by and new positions are appointed, participants stand by one another, ultimately encouraging Nielson to broaden her goals.

"These relationships have impacted me, because even though there's girls who are going for the same stuff, we're still supporting each other," said Nielson.

Beyond Girls State, Nielsen finds inspiration through family and extracurricular activities. Her dad is a primary role model; he taught Nielson the value in being true to one's self. She strives to demonstrate this trait in every interaction and hopes to pass it on to others. Nielsen's leadership and involvement in theater, NHS, student council, choir, FFA and FCCLA provide her with these opportunities.

"The best way to reach your goals is to be yourself. [My dad has] shown me a great example of what that is, 'cause he doesn't change for anybody. And I like to say I don't either," said Nielson.

Over the past few days of mock governmental procedures and elections, the position of 2026 ALA Girls State governor emerged as Nielson's end target. Her long-standing passion for law and politics is the foundation for her campaign as she plans to pursue a college major and career in political science. Her love for politics is something she cherishes and



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"Defying gravity, uniting the state!"

hopes to carry with her throughout her life. Also, she hopes to represent authenticity for this year's delegates, and become an example for next year's delegates.

"I want to run for governor, so that I can not set an example, but be an example for girls who are just passionate about law [and] passionate about politics," said Nielson.

While an environment of political competition typically generates negative feelings, Nielson makes it a priority to collaborate with and celebrate the successes of her opponent, Amelia Giese. The girls worked together in extracurriculars prior to Girls State and Nielson highlights Giese's enthusiasm, kindness and exceptional conversation skills. All in all, the sportsmanship rooted in this election reflects ALA Girls State's core objectives.

"There's so many motivated women here who have so much passion for what they do, but they all come in different personalities, and it's just really fun being able to bond with people," said Nielson.

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Tuesday at the morning session Amelia Giese was announced as the governor candidate for the nationalist party. Giese is from Clear Lake, South Dakota and is in the Girl State city of Los Angeles.

The platform she is running on is perseverance because girls are often discriminated against and don't have as much of an advantage as guys do. She wants girls to know that they can do whatever they want to do and dream big or small. Giese wants girls to try and push through all the negative comments and do the best they can to reach a common goal.

Giese says that being at girl's state and running for mayor has been the best experience she has ever had even though she has shed a few tears. She loves all the girls here at Girls State so much.

Giese was originally only planning on running for mayor until her Junior Counselor, Bree asked her if she was going to run for governor because she would be amazing and spectacular at it. Giese said she decided to run because one person believed in her and that overshadowed the negative voices in her head saying that she wasn't good enough and there was a better person to be governor. She said that the one voice helped her see that she was good enough and deserved to have the same experience as everyone else.



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"God didn't make me pretty in pink this easy, vote Amelia Giese!"

Nationalist

Some of Giese's goals as governor are to help everyone make great memories, feel included, have fun, make new friends, and feel loved. She also wants Girls State to be a passionate community where we can all turn to each other with concerns or questions.

Giese also wants Girls State to be a place where girls can have someone they can run to. She knows some girls don't have a person like that in their lives and wants them to never have to go through something alone. She wants girls to come to Girls State and make best friends who will run, survive, and back each other up. She said that people you meet on the way are the ones that you cherish and remember for the rest of your life.

Giese felt happy and nervous when it was announced that she would be the nationalist candidate because she didn't think she would get it. She said that someone once told her that butterflies are just little cheer in her stomach and that helped her alot.

Giese loves meeting new people, hearing stories, and seeing a friendly face. She loves to meet people who want to learn about you and want to be one of them for other people. Giese wants girls at Girls State to try everything because you never know what type of opportunity you might get.

"You never know what life may come to; trust your gut, trust your heart, trust God everything is going to be ok in the end," said Giese.

She found out about Girls State from a flyer at school and thought it would be an amazing opportunity to find people her age who will represent her state in both the government and social portions.

"All girls have a role in the world and when they all come together and when they all persevere into this world they are in they will work together to make life better, we can work together to make women's rights better, we can work together to make everything for women better," said Giese.

Giese wants to make women better, stronger, and braver. She has had people tell her that her enthusiasm and spark have helped them come out of their shell and she felt happy because she helped them become better leaders, presenters, and come out of their shells.

COUNTY WATCH

Beadle County

Senators: Abigail Thimgan, Kailyn Hansen, Ginniveve Zorr
House of Representatives: Alexis Christianson, Julia Bauer, Olivia Ryan, Amelia Giese, Abbigil Hegge, Colby Niehoff
County Treasurer: Jewel Gerate
County Auditor: Josslyn Emery
State's Attorney: Madelyn Jensen
Deputy State's Attorney: Ingrid Ready
Sheriff: Sara Burtraum
Register of Deeds: Cydni Mosey
Coroner: Alexis Christensen
Circuit Judge: Madison Walkman
County Commissioners
District 1: Olivia Ryan
District 2: *N/A*
District 3: Taylor Thrift
District 4: Megan Marko
Magistrate Judge: Lucy Swanson
Defendant: Hannah Cawthorne
Bailiff: McKenna Beck
Deputy: Summer Koch
Sheriff Defendant: Sheriff Defendant
Defense Attorney: Cydni Mosey
Delegates: Kaylie O'Connor, Cadence Jorgensen
Forensics Team: Alexis Sodrn, Carmen Meyers

Brown County

Senators: Anna Boyle, Bryn Schooley, Tessa Mollet
House of Representatives: Kezia Mullen, Ava Fox, Miley Adams
County Treasurer: Claire Loufbourrow
County Auditor: Anna Boyle
State's Attorney: Lily Harkemalf
Deputy State's Attorney: Madalynn Holman
Sheriff: Alesix Hoffman
Register of Deeds: Madalynn Lorang
Coroner: Lacie May
Circuit Judge: Evelyn Akkeman
County Commissioners
District 1: Alexis Kellogg
District 2: Tessa Mollet
District 3: Vivian Johnson
District 4: Brooke Heumiller
Magistrate Judge: Paisley LaFave
Defendant: Anna Boyle
Deputy: Jayden Hofer
Defense Attorney: Lander Bell
Delegates: Lauren Ronshaugen, Shyla Tvedt, Kasey Johnson, Claire Loofbourrow
Forensics Team: Hannah Sandgren, Taylor Vetter

Codington County

Senators: Holly Olson, Madilyn Cooper, Quynn Nielson
House of Representatives: Madilyn Jones, Kelsey Sowards, Caitlyn Mudgett, Isabell Wiegand, Chloe Mammenga, Claire McMahon
County Treasurer: Jocelyn Wagner
County Auditor: Bailey Schwagel
State's Attorney: Kendra Wren
Deputy State's Attorney: Addyson Paul
Sheriff: Mystic Erickson
Register of Deeds: Amelia Sjurseth
Coroner: Chloe Mammenga
Circuit Judge: Maryn Berendse
County Commissioners
District 1: Rebecca Connor
District 2: Addyson Rice
District 3: Isabell Wiegand
District 4: Kaylee Lou
Magistrate Judge: Hannah Waldner
Defendant: Hope Wagner
Delegates: Holly Olson, Madilyn Jones
Forensics Team: Clara Hintgen, Jocelyn Rumpca

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Senators: Emma Andrews, Memphis Altena, Isabelle Beeson

House of Representatives: Katelyn Bond, Emeri Hofeman, Makayla Hunter, Gracelyn Lemmer, Anna Kraft, Mia Moon

County Treasurer: Anna Kraft

County Auditor: Kaehlor Hansen

State's Attorney: Mickayla Kavanagh

Deputy State's Attorney: Kiara Clocksene

Sheriff: Regan Davis

Register of Deeds: Emma Andrews

Coroner: Averi Gerfen

Circuit Judge: Macayla Gerlach

County Commissioners

District 1: Emmarie Hilton

District 2: Makayla Hunter

District 3: Autumn Clark

District 4: Maeve Waysman

Magistrate Judge: Mia Moon

Defendant: Kiara Fields

Bailiff: Shea Allaen

Deputy: Izabella Ladner

Sheriff Defendant: Kiara Fields

Defense Attorney: Addison Muller

Delegates: Isabelle Beeson, Makayla Hunter, Katelyn Bond, Kaehlor Hanson

Forensics Team: Alyssa Thompson, Katelyn Tieszen

Minnehaha County

Senators: Emerlee Jones, Isabelle Hotchkiss, Sofia Melo Amortegui

House of Representatives: Teagan Hanten, Tayler Vetter, Kaylee Schmidt, Mia Reiner

County Treasurer: Morgan Lemme

County Auditor: Kaitlyn Fiddelke

State's Attorney: Ella VanLoan

Deputy State's Attorney: Sienna Wieman

Sheriff: Hudson Fouberg

Register of Deeds: Rianna Red Beak

Coroner: Mia Reiner

Circuit Judge: Elaina Bushofsky

County Commissioners

District 1: Tayler Vetter

District 2: Grace Hansen

District 3: Hadley Gjerde

District 4: Haley Harkeness

Magistrate Judge: Lexie Fousek

Defendant: Caroline Carcamo

Bailiff: Grace Hansen

Deputy: Luna Siddens

Sheriff Defendant: Caroline Carcamo

Defense Attorney: Sierra Boyd

Delegates: Lilly Jacobsen, Alexis Moore

Forensics Team: Cassidy Korzan, Tessa Swanson

Pennington County

Senators: Molly Harty, Debrianna Hicks, Kolbi Vincent

House of Representatives: Shaelee Parrish, Bailey Lake, Macey Duffy, Rozlynn Thooft, Regan Bruns, Lola Wells

County Treasurer: Ashlynn Fergen

County Auditor: Lola Wells

State's Attorney: Israel Teseda

Deputy State's Attorney: Aspen Schaaf

Sheriff: Anna Ebbing

Register of Deeds: Layla Brouwer, Bailey Lake

Coroner: Elsa Aarbo

Circuit Judge: Brooklyn Schlimgen

County Commissioners

District 1: Jessica Ung

District 2: N/A

District 3: Annie Connot

District 4: N/A

Magistrate Judge: Kadence Olberding

Defendant: Emerald Wyatt

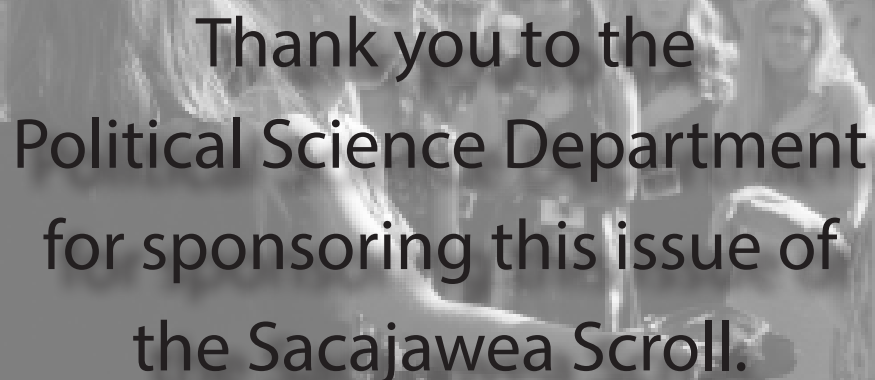
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Deputy: Breanna Hento

Defense Attorney: Macie Roth

Delegates: Norah Waysman, Debrianna Hicks, Kolbi Vincent, Elili Taye

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Mike Rounds enlightens delegates Tuesday morning

Bethany Jespersen & Dena Tarrell

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What does Pierre, SD, population of 13,600, and Washington, D.C., population of six million, have in common? The answer is Mike Rounds. The Senator made an appearance at Girls State to spread the importance of taking political initiative in one's formative years. With an emphasis on productive bipartisanship Rounds balances his personal values and changing diplomacy.

His journey in politics began with family influence; Rounds specifically accredits his career path to his late father, Don Rounds, who worked as the first SD highway safety director, the executive director of the South Dakota Petroleum Council, a staffer for the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and communicated frequently with state legislators. Additionally, Rounds' brother, Tim Rounds, pursued a career as a South Dakota House Representative, further establishing the family name in SD politics.

"...[My father] respected those individuals who were in it not for one single system, but because they wanted to make good decisions all the way around. I also learned, growing up in Pierre, that the governors were normal people," said Rounds.

Rounds began his political climb as a member of the SD Senate in 1991. He served for five consecutive terms before continuing his climb by running for and being elected as the governor of SD. He served two terms as governor before making his latest climb to the U.S. Senate, where he has served for 11 years. Rounds participates in numerous committees, including the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Indian Affairs Committee and the Banking Committee. The committees he serves on keep him busy, as he has more work than he did in his time as governor, yet he embraces the challenges of being a senator.

"The greatest job I ever had... was working as governor... Working in the U.S. Senate is more challenging, but it's an opportunity to learn like never before," said Rounds.

A difficulty of Rounds' extensive tenure is the constant fluidity of the U.S. government. His time in office has spanned from the early days of internet access to the current debates on AI usage in national defense. However, amidst the divisive atmosphere, Rounds prioritizes honoring his beliefs and true personality.

"Number one is you [must] remember your faith. You [must] also remember where you came from and who you are. My mom used to always say, 'Remember who you are...' Remember to respect other people. Remember that even if you disagree with them, they are still good people... You can disagree with people without being disagreeable," said Rounds.

After Rounds delivered his speech to Girls State attendants, a panel of delegates asked questions regarding women in politics, advancing educational resources in SD and concerns about today's healthcare. Consistently, Rounds addressed the necessity of collaboration no matter one's party affiliation.

"Today, with as poisonous as some of the political activity is, I think it's wrong for leaders to try to divide us even more... We can still respect one another, but we don't have to be poisonous..." said Rounds.

Riverfront Roundtable

Allie Hoekman

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Local radio broadcaster Josh Boelter out of Yankton South Dakota communicated with Girls State Journalism City delegates during their roundtable about the fast evolving world within radio journalism and how local broadcasters are overcoming the challenges to keep communities informed at all times.

Boelter started his broadcasting journey back when he was 14 years old in his home state Iowa. When he was communicating with one of his bosses saying "hey when we go live, put the headset on," Boelter's response was, "ok cool." At this time Boelter stated, "of course at the time I've never done this before, but it steered my career path once I did." Later, Boelter attended the University of South Dakota for Broadcasting and later began his journey at Riverfront Broadcasting in Yankton South Dakota, where he is able to interview, and be on the air twice a day from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m..

Boelter later explained that radio journalism often focuses on delivering accurate stories quickly and clearly. Unlike newspapers, which generally publish longer articles, radio stations typically condense stories down to keep

their listeners intact and engaged. He said radio has an advantage because broadcasters can include audio directly from the interviewees allowing listeners to hear the sources themselves in their own voices and perspectives through short soundbites. "We give kind of a cliffnotes version of stories," Boelter said, explaining that most of the radio stories are very brief but still very informative.

Boelter also discussed how local stations usually decide what to cover based on the action taken in the moments that pass by. He explained that Yankton usually tried to cover most things that can receive the public eye and have a significant impact to their interest.

Throughout further discussion, Boelter emphasized the importance of building trust throughout outside resources, as well as the audiences through accurate consistency in reporting, and throughout various community involvement. He encouraged Girls State Journalism City delegates to attend and be in the moment whenever you can, connect with as many sources as you can, and always remain prepared for future interviews.

"Be willing to try stuff," Boelter said. "Being present in the moment, being accurate at all times, and being able to listen are some of the most important parts of journalism."

A Powerful Tribute

Carly Borkowski

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On Monday night, we walked into the Aalfs Hall for the last assembly of the day and the first thing that gained our attention was the table that was sitting in the corner of the stage. At first the table might just look like a place for one person to eat or you may only see a vase with a single rose in it sitting on the edge of the table. To people in the military and their families the table means a lot more.

The table is for the members who are not, with us, the prisoners of war and the military members who are missing in action, the brothers and sisters of military members who have not come home yet. The table is a reminder of the members who are missing and not able to be with us today.

The table is set with a single chair to honor the soldiers and patriots who fought for their country and never made it home. The white table cloth represents

their selflessness, while the single rose honors the families left behind. A red ribbon symbolizes the continued searching for those still missing, and the slice of lemon on the plate reflects the pain felt by loved ones waiting for them to return. The inverted glass shows they cannot join us in a toast, while the candle represents hope. Finally, the flag honors the bravery and sacrifice that gave us the freedom we have today

Shane Skinner made it a priority to show the thought that was put into his speech. He wore a uniform with the "same flag on it that was worn by millions before him." He stood there to show his concern for leadership and life in service. The first thing many will need to learn is how to "serve others well." In order to serve others well it will take discipline, effort, and focus. Serving your country looks different for everyone in the hall. We all have our different skills and talents that lead to different acts of service. But when living a life where you serve others, you will find a kind of "fulfillment that is Near impossible" to find any other way.

There are three things needed in order to serve others. First you need to start with you. You need to be disciplined so you can be healthy whether it's your

mental health or physical health. In order to serve others you have to serve yourself first. Second, take care of each other. Do not just stand around and wait for someone else to help. If you see someone struggling, help them. Third, you need to take action. You need to do something to succeed. Some people may not know what OODA means. OODA means Observe, Orient, Decide and Act. For example if you see someone with a tag on their shirt you observe that something is wrong, you orient that it does not belong, you decide to remove it, then you act on it; few people actually do something after they decide that they should.

Some people may not know the difference between serving others in a transactional and transformative way. When you visit someone's house you do not remember if everything was perfect. You remember how they treated you and that alone can be a powerful experience. Whether it's a small thing or a big thing, it can still change you. Shane Skinner talks about service. How it can change people. Service is when you help others without wanting anything in return. It is a way of life that can make you feel fulfilled.



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Looking toward the future

Jayda Tadlock & Brielle Tesch

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The college fair gave all the students a chance to explore opportunities for their future. Whether the students were still undecided of where or what they wanted to do after highschool, the college gave good insight into future plans. On the other hand, for the students who had a good idea of their future plans, the college fair gave them a better perspective of the college or perhaps opened the door to new colleges.

Going to the college fair we asked the question: what do you enjoy most about your college? The main idea that everyone had was that they enjoyed the people or the environment most.

Another question we asked was: "Do you travel a lot? If so, where?" The response we mainly received was yes. They mainly stick to South Dakota, however, they sometimes get to boarding states.

All of the colleges we talked to had many different career paths or majors to choose from. Many of them even had an exploration major to still get the college experience but not have to stick to only one thing.

At the end of the day students got to explore different majors they may have never heard of. It made the idea of college a lot less stressful, knowing that there is always a place for you somewhere.

Morning fitness fuels delegates

Allie Hoekman

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As the sun begins to rise each morning at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, current active duty ROTC soldiers work to help delegates start their day with active movement. They also work to bring excitement and teamwork through a variety of early morning fitness activities that are sure to kick start delegates mornings.

Beginning at 6 a.m. each day, Army ROTC hosts approximately 30 to 45 minute physical activities designed to encourage delegates to stay active while also working to build team relationships with others. Each morning has a featured surprise activity giving girls something new to look forward to throughout their week at Girls State.

Monday began with a two-mile run, challenging delegates to push

themselves physically while enjoying the beautiful scenery around campus, and the cool morning air.

Tuesday brought a more playful and light atmosphere with a competitive game of kickball that became a very fun and competitive game. Today delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a game of nine-square where laughter and challenge will fill the courts.

The final activity of the week will take place on Thursday morning with an intense game of dodgeball at 6 a.m.. Army ROTC encourages all delegates to attend, saying the more delegates involved, the more competitive and fun the game will become, and why not end the last day with a fun activity you'll remember forever with the girls who shared this amazing week with you.

Army ROTC leaders say the activities are about more

than just physical fitness alone. The morning sessions help delegates wake up, begin each day with a new perspective and positive mindset before heading into their busy schedules at Girls State, and feel more energized.

By creating an environment filled with encouragement, movement, and intensifying fun, Army ROTC has helped make fitness and important and very memorable part of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State experience.



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A nose for crime at Girls State

Carly Borkowski & Allie Hoekman

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Delegates at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State received an up-close insight into law enforcement, officers of the South Dakota Highway Patrol introduced Raya, she is a Belgian Malinois nearly 7 years old and K-9 from Kroasia and has been specially trained in detecting narcotics.

Trooper Dina Johnson, who has served with the Highway Patrol for four years, and she spoke to delegates about her role within the agency and all the responsibilities of K-9 officers across the state. Tori Hertig was also along to Speak about her experiences with being a State Trooper and informing delegates about safety on the interstate and the importance of her profession.

Johnson explained that Highway Patrol currently has around ten narcotics protection dogs specially trained to detect the odor of illegal substances, including cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA, and marijuana. Raya works alongside Johnson during traffic stops and criminal investigations generally to detect any illegal substances that people may be smuggling.

"My job is to find criminals," Johnson stated. "I pay closer attention to the driving patterns of individuals and any suspicious looks or activity they may be projecting."

During the presentation, Johnson demonstrated Raya's detection skills by hiding a narcotic such as heroin odor inside the piano on the stage. Within just a few short moments, Raya alerted to the scent by sitting and staring at the exact location

the narcotic was hidden and signaled to Johnson she found something and then was given a command when to seek.

Delegates also learned how K-9 teams go through a six week training process with their K-9's called odor imprinting, where they are associated with a specific drug and its scents in a toy during repeated training exercises.

Using toys with hidden narcotics odors are placed on the interior, with this the trainers teach the dogs to recognize the toy through a process called reward-based play.

The demonstration gave Girls State delegates a firsthand look into teamworking strategies, discipline, and all the training required in a modern law enforcement world with owning a K-9. Many delegates watched closely as Raya worked throughout the stage, offering an engaging and exciting experience during the week's exciting activities.



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Weather Woman's Forecast

Hannah Cutshaw

Light breeze, sunny skies and no chance of rain. Today looks like a sunny day in Vermillion, SD. Similarly to yesterday it is going to be hot. The morning starts with a low temp of 66°F between 6 am and 7 am with a high humidity level of 74%. The temp slowly rises throughout the day with 77°F at 10 am rising to a high of 90°F at 4:30 pm with humidity dropping to an average of 46%.

There is no chance of precipitation but we will have a light south breeze. Wind speeds will range from 5 to 10 mph, with gusts up to 19 mph. If only we could go tan the UV will be hitting a high of 8 from 12 pm to 2 pm. Sun protection is recommended from 10 am to 6 pm.

Tomorrow's conditions will follow this trend with a low of 63°F and a high of 88°F and a humidity average of 49%. Though we are going to have some clouds roll in with the slightly lower wind speeds that range from 3 to 9 mph with gusts up to 14 mph, but it looks like a pleasant day. With this, have an amazing day at ALA Girls State and remember to stay hydrated and drink lots of water.

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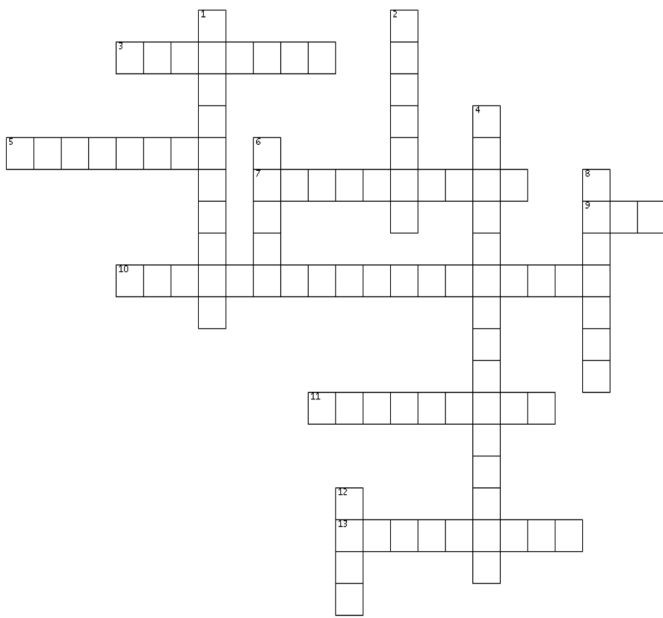
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Press Pass Puzzle!

Bailey Browns & Jocee Krebs



ACROSS

3. Due to this movement we received the 19th amendment, yet this movement is still relevant today
5. Currently Quynn Nielson and Amelia Giese running for ____
7. A large room, hall, or building built to allow an audience to gather, hear, and watch performances, speeches, or presentations.
9. What does the A in the acronym OODA stand for?
10. An expression of loyalty to the United States, we participate in every assembly
11. The model of government the U.S has
13. What is the second word in the acronym B.I.G?

DOWN

1. US senator whose last name describes a circle
2. The First Amendment is the ____ of the press
4. A group who drafted the constitution and America's "dads"
6. What is the first word in the Girls State song?
8. Testing your knowledge over law
12. What is the Girls State mascot? (Hint-The King of the Jungle)

The Honest Opinion

Gabrielle Raasch & Brielle Tesch

Media of the Day: *Off Campus*

Off Campus is a sports romance series written by Elle Kennedy that was adapted into a television series. It follows the messy love lives, friendships, and coming-of-age journeys of a group of Briar University Hockey players and the women they fall for.

We rated it a 9/10.

Off Campus is the TV equivalent of late-night fast food: objectively messy, yet somehow exactly what you crave. It's addictive in the best way possible. Between the fake dating, enemies-to-lovers tension, and undeniable chemistry between the cast, this show feels like a romance book brought to life. Add in an elite soundtrack and the perfect mix of comedy and chaos, and suddenly you're six episodes deep wondering where your entire evening went.

The show definitely has flaws; the Liquid I.V. product placement smacks you in the face, and some scenes feel a little rushed. Fans of the books may also notice the lack of total accuracy, but honestly, most of the changes work well for a modern TV adaptation. The books were written years ago, and the series does a solid job updating the story while keeping the heart of it intact. By the end, season two will immediately become a necessity.

If you love chaotic roommates, messy relationships, and painfully relatable college disasters, this show is for you. *Off Campus* turns everyday student struggles into something hilarious, romantic, and weirdly comforting.

Overall, it's the perfect binge-watch for anyone who loves romance with a side of absolute chaos.

Certified favorite couples from yours truly:
Gabbie: Garrett & Hannah
Brielle: Dean & Allie

Wednesday's Horoscope

Tamara Imhof & GraceLynn Jongeling

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Fire:

Sagittarius, you will make a decision that changes your life.

Aries, you will sleep 8 hours today.

Leo, you will wake up early on Thursday and do the morning workout.

Earth:

Taurus, you will make someone happy.

Capricorn, you will know where you are going on campus.

Virgo, you will have the whole day plans memorized.

Water:

Scorpio, you will meet a new friend.

Pisces, you will get a call from someone unexpected.

Cancer, you will learn a TikTok dance.

Air:

Gemini, you will be more sociable.

Libra, you will know all the information that you need to know today.

Aquarius, you will draw something creative.

Question of the Day

Carly Borkowski

What is your longest talking stage or relationship?

"10 months" - *Olivia Ryan, Los Angeles*

"9 months" - *Vivian Johnson, Detroit*

"2 years" - *Alexis Christensen, Los Angeles*

"1 week" - *Molly Harry, St. Louis*

"6 months" - *Allie Hoekman, Journalism City*

"2 years" - *Emerlee Jones, New York*

Pun of the Day

GraceLynn Jongeling

Why do horses have low divorce rates?

Because they're in stable relationships!

Girls State chorus prepares for inauguration

GraceLynn Jongeling
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There are 17 people in the Girls State Chorus at this moment. Seven people are from Journalism City. We first met at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium on Monday, May 25th. The time and place stayed the same for Tuesday. The duration of these meetings were an hour to an hour and a half. Wednesday we will meet at 12:20 in the hall of the auditorium. This session will last forty minutes until the next event starts.

The coach of the choir is Chris Larson. He picked 5 songs including the following: "God Bless America" arranged by Irving Berlin, "This Land is Your Land" arranged by Woody Guthrie, "My America" arranged by Laura Farnell, "I Ask for One Day" arranged by Jim Papoulis, and lastly "Grand Old Flag" arranged by George M. Cohan.

If you feel confident in most of these songs, I encourage you to join us and sing your heart out.

Governor shares wisdom

Bailey Browns & Jocce Krebs
Sacajawea Scroll

Girls State Governor Madisen Younie emphasized her amazing time at Girls State. In response to the question: What was your favorite memory at Girls State? She replied, "My campaigning process, the day after I was elected as the Federalist candidate was my favorite time. My cabinet, my whole campaigning team, and I went into a little room in Old Maine, and we basically just crafted for a whole day." Madisen explains her experience at Girls State was forever memorable, that it can be a little chaotic but everything comes together.

Governor elections are coming up! When asked what advice Madisen would give upcoming delegates running for governor Madisen advises the candidates, "Be confident in the fact that nobody else can say what you're going to say the way you're going to say it"

She reminds the candidates that no matter the outcome of the election they should be proud of themselves for putting themselves out there and their accomplishments.

"You are the only you who's running" She encourages the candidates to embrace authenticity, her number one virtue.

When asked about her five year plan, Madisen says she plans on attending South Dakota State University, with a full ride scholarship, to pursue political science and global studies. After her time at SDSU, Madisen

hopes to intern in Washington D.C or with other legislative officials. She plans to enter the workforce as soon as possible to continue her passion for politics, she said, quote, "I'm basically just interested in advocacy and policy in any capacity."

To everyone at Girls State, Madisen has some closing words of encouragement:

"If you do make mistakes, what you're bound to do, own up to it, have the guts to say it, and move forward knowing you are not going to repeat the mistake, and you are just navigating. Everybody's just navigating"

"At the end of the day, we are all human and everybody makes mistakes and everybody is having a really unique experience, it's the thing we call life."



JOCEE KREBS
SACAJAWEA SCROLL

A look into political conventions

Jayda Tadlock
Sacajawea Scroll

On Tuesday morning there was a party convention for the nationalists. This convention was held to find the role for each county.

There are nine roles for each of these counties to nominate a delegate from the nationalist. The nine roles are chairwoman, vice chair, secretary, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of school or public land, PUC 1, PUC 2, and PUC 3.

This is also along with the six counties: Minnehaha, Brown, Beadie, Pennington, Codington, and Hughes.

The convention started after the nationalist governor candidate, Amelia, gave a little thank you speech to show her gratitude for the other nationalist who voted for her. She then interviewed for the next lieutenant governor. Which was a process of interviewing the other nationalist that ran for governor.

The next step of the convention was the voting process. This was where the nationalist delegates would be nominated on who got each role between the counties. This was started by one county getting a certain amount of votes. If they got the right amount then they would get to nominate a girl from their county and they would get the role. This happened multiple times until all the spots were full for the county.

COLD CASE CLASSROOM

Marlee Bowers, Peytynne Clevenger, Hope Starwalt
Sacajawea Scroll

The forensic investigation class was held on Tuesday May 26th at 1:00 pm. This class was for the top two students in each of the six counties who passed the law enforcement examination with flying colors. In total, there were 12 students that attended this class. This class was directed by Joe Palleschi and accompanied by detective Alex Taggart and Mariah Koenig.

During this class, the students learned about how to read a crime scene. The delegates were also taught about coagulation, the transfer of blood, what a castoff is, how to read a spatter, the different types of passive blood stains, voids, and livor mortis. They were shown multiple slides and they had to distinguish what kind of blood patterns they were.

After they finished taking notes and learning about the material, the 12 delegates got to watch a demonstration of making a shoeprint mold. They got shown the proper way of performing this and were shown what to do and

what not to do. Sadly, they will have to wait until today at 3:00 pm to see their final results.

The last learning experience that these delegates got the privilege of doing was performing a finger print dusting test. They were shown the proper method and were eventually allowed to do their own. Some were successful on their first try, while others got it a few attempts later.

Overall, this seemed like a very fun class and taught them everything they needed to know about forensics.



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SD Girls State's got TALENT!

Monday night, delegates showcased their talents and junior counselors showcased their roasts at the evening general assembly!



Delegates donned their colorful party t-shirts on Tuesday. Which party styled their shirts the best? Decide for yourself right here!

Tuesday's party t-shirt party

