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## Youngest Woman at Capitol Speaks to Delegates

by Amber Taylor; Adrean City, Johnson County



*"Don't Second Guess Yourself."* Ms. Land discussed her passion for politics and how she was able to succeed being the youngest woman at Capitol. *photo by Karly Jones*

Delegates more year of college. for politics. clapped as Jessica Land Ms. Land immediately Returning to pol-  
 walked up to the podium fell in love with the late itics, Ms. Land is now  
 and began telling the nights, craziness and the youngest person  
 766 MGS participants excitement surrounding employed at Missouri's  
 the story of her winding politics. capitol.  
 journey into politics at a After an intern- "Don't second  
 young age. ship with Kit Bond the guess yourself, believe  
 The 2007 Uni- following year, Ms. in yourself, be confident  
 versity of Missouri Land took a year away and you will able to suc-  
 - Columbia graduate from the capitol at a fi- ceed," encouraged Ms.  
 started her political ca- nancial institute where Land.  
 reer interning with Bill she realized right away  
 Decan during her soph- that her true passion was

## "You Can Do It!" Senator Claire McCaskill Encourages All

by Kelsey Boeding; Boone City, Davidson County

I n d e p e n d e n t , been elected to numerous anyone," can run for pub-  
 strong, compassionate, posts such as being the lic office and succeed.  
 inspirational, these are all first woman prosecutor in McCaskill gave us  
 words to describe Senator Jackson County to State a tidbit of advice, "You  
 Claire McCaskill's climb Auditor. It took determi- really can make a differ-  
 to becoming one of the 17 nation, passion, and forti- ence to make the world a  
 women in the Senate. tude to rise through those better place." Just as Mrs.  
 Through hard- positions. McCaskill had to "break  
 ships, such as her divorce, "Campaigning is down barriers," Missouri  
 second marriage, and giv- ugly," McCaskill stated Girls State is here for the  
 ing birth while in session during her live webcast. same reason. Whether  
 have been challenging, She's knocked on 11,000 success or failure, "You  
 Mrs. McCaskill has also doors and sat on the phone can do it!"  
 had to overcome being the for hours to raise money.  
 minority in a male domi- She wanted to prove that  
 nated field. a "single woman without  
 McCaskill has money who doesn't know

### Inside Today....

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# Importance of Flag Etiquette At Girls State

by Morganne Fisher; Blair City, Davidson County

Showing proper respect and appreciation to our American Flag is very important. Here are a few basic rules to follow involving flag etiquette.

•During both the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem, each citizen should stand facing the flag with her right hand over her heart. •During the ceremonies of flag raising and lowering, each citizen should also have her right hand over her heart, but ONLY while the flag is free flying. Once the flag reaches the top of the pole or is touched by a color bearer at the bottom, it is not necessary to do this. •During the citizenship of the Pledge of Allegiance, there IS NOT a pause after "One Nation." •During the ceremony, do NOT pick up your bags/books until the last color bearer has turned to go inside the auditorium. Please follow these simple rules not just throughout this week, but also back in your communities to show our American Flag respect.

## Raising & Lowering Flag Conduct

**-Facing the flag.** All delegates should face the flag, standing at attention.

**-No talking.** When raising and lowering the flag, it is very disrespectful to talk, use your cell phone, or make distractions. Avoid any unnecessary noises.

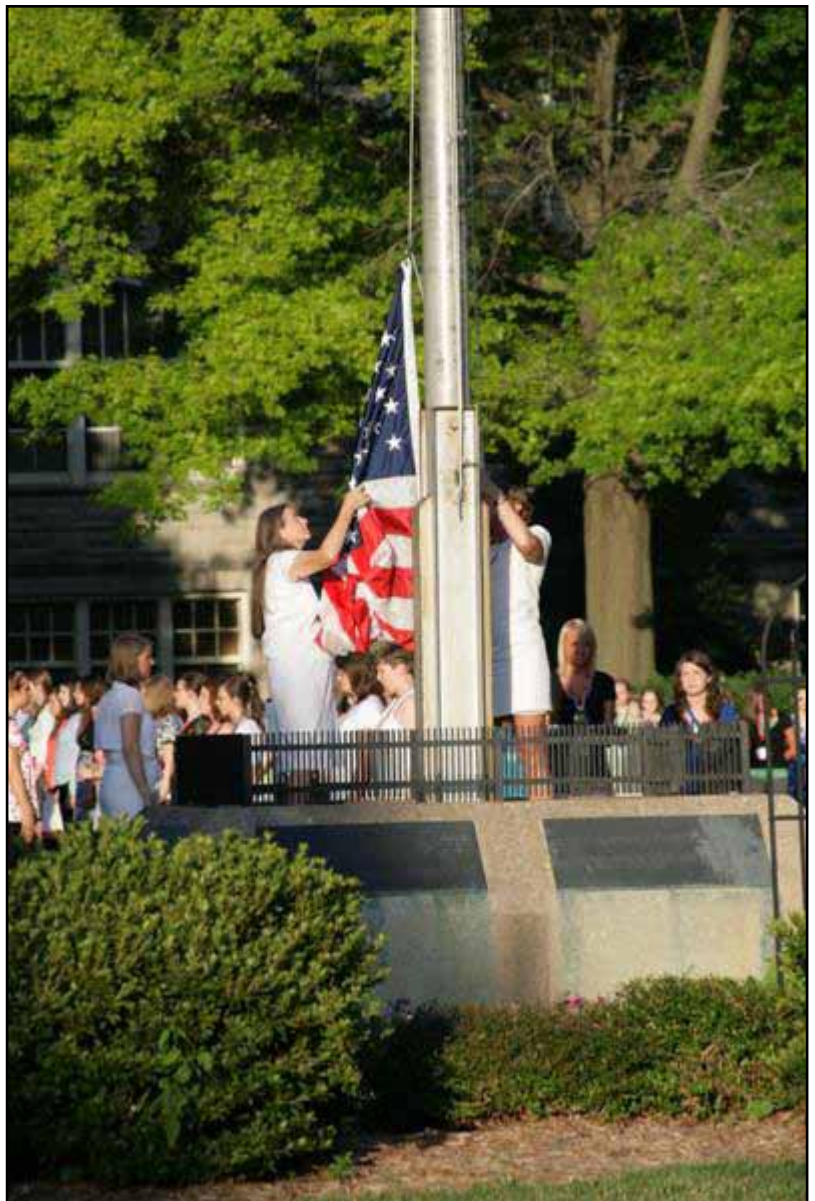
**-Flag should not touch the ground.** City bearers should not allow the flag to touch the ground; this is a very disrespectful act.

**-Never in the dark.** The flag should never fly without some form of light shining on it.

**-Inclement weather.** The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is weary.



*Proper Respect.* Missouri Girls State staff members introduced the proper way to lower the flag on Sunday evening. [right]  
*At Attention.* Newly chosen city bearers stand at attention during the flag lowering last night. Proper flag etiquette is stressed upon at Girls State. [left] *photos by Patty Bolz*



# 2009 MGS General Assembly

## State Representatives

### Bacon County

#### Bradley City

Brook Sherman, Whitney Broughton, Brittney Mormann, Paige Baysinger, & Kelcey Bylo

#### Compton City

Alice Mends, Jaclyn Mephail, Katie Moutray, Taylor Jordan, & Melana Salisbury

#### Truman City

Caylee Russell, Jaide Wright, Hannah Schroeder, Shelby Arnold, & Elena Baluyut

### Barton County

#### Anthony City

Kayla Ellis, Ashleigh Blystone, Jordan Tate, Ellie Schwartz, & Jaycee Haus

#### Benton City

Sydney Sells, Jen Barnes, Ashley Barr, Stacey Norby, & Logan Johnson

#### Broeg City

Claire McMenamy, Hayley Grimes, Sophia Mullineaux, Paige Wilson, & Charli Bultmann

### Davidson County

#### Blair City

Jory Mick, Morganne Foster, Brianna Schnakenberg, Caety Brantley, & Shynnel Bohannon

#### Boone City

State Representatives: Ana Stock, Kelsey Boeding, Bridget Leach, Calli Larson, & Claire Yancey

#### Clark City

Paula Toalson, Mandy Lange, Anchal Sethi, Allie Wolz, & Camille Hackamack

### DeWitt County

#### Cockrill City

Kayla Phillips, Kelsey Dethrow, Tori Knapp, Chelsea Miller, & Jenna Smith

#### Coontz City

Kara Sorensen, Shelby Jasper, Spenser Naylor, Tess Stephens, & Kyscha Turner

#### Crowder City

Emily Griffin, Theresa Mullineaux, Krystal Clayton, Chelsea Stallings, Reagan Collins

### Johnson County

#### Adreon City

Houlie Ibrahim, Devann Gregory, Eleanor Kester, Katie Noah, & Chelsea Urie

#### Drake City

Caroline Kirby, Lexie Cartee, Jennifer McCoy, Lauren Aversman, & Jill Hutchings

#### Duggan City

Mykah Murphy, Jill Irvin, Katie Shannon, Laura Schoonover, & Rachel Sirois

### Price County

#### Hobart City

Alyssa Nelson, Shelby Veit, Chey Dunham, Dakkota Huber, & Sarah Phillips

#### Lewis City

Lara Ellis, Alyssa Whitlock, Mary Catherine Ford, Katie Sucher, & Alexandra Carter

#### Linn City

Carol Kehoe, Kate Grumke, Stephanie Elmore, Kelsy Sackrey, & Christin Ivy

### Scott County

#### Pershing City

Macy Wellendorf, Jasmine Rethmeyer, Megan Yohe, Maria McKinny, & Marie Echelmeier

#### Smith City

Shannon Baker, Meghan Ellsworth, Kerry Elbel, Diane Shen, &

Rebecca Westmoreland

#### Stephens City

Amanda Houts, Tiffany King, Lacey Rice, Kristy Clifton, & Kayla Marsh

## State Senators

### Bacon County

Ashlee Embry, Abbey Ray, Cierra Frederickson, & Maggie Eimer

### Barton County

Jenn Wesley, Abby Glastetter, Jessica Burlison & Lindsey Wickham

### Davidson County

Abby Harper, Nikki Wetstein, Janae Rennaker, & Jenna Libbert

### DeWitt County

Tess Kram, Sarah Doss, Mykesha Jackson, & Susie Dobkins

### Johnson County

Katie Payne, Stevie Spencer, Louisa Mehl, & Yvette Odu

### Price County

Jenny Metzger, Kat McCaulla, Sarah Taylor, & Alysse Fisher

### Scott County

Alexandria Holder, Lynnea Wootten, Olivia Kwan, Zana Ganic

# Delegates Witness Live Case

by Sarah Andrews-Weiss; Broeg, Barton

Citizens of MGS experienced the Western District Court of Appeals yesterday afternoon. All members of Girls State had the chance to listen to an actual court case in Hendrick's Hall.

In this case, different from most, the defendant was bringing the State to trial. Lawyer Ellen Flogan represented the defendant Quin Dale Allen Jr., and Lawyer Mary Lee Crocket represented the State. The trial started with Crocket speaking first and from her explanation, delegates learned what exactly had happened.

An internet task force was granted a warrant to suppress a computer, owned by Quin Dale Allen Sr., that was suspected of having child pornography on it. After being told the computer must be confiscated, he directed Detective Perkins to his seventeen-year-old son, Quin Dale Allen Jr., who had been seated at the modem upon police arrival. When the detective questioned him, he admitted to downloading child pornography. The problem, however, was he was not read his Miranda Rights. Should he still have been prosecuted, even though he confessed when he technically was not in custody? The stunning question left the delegates pondering.



*It's Judging Time.* The Judges of the trial listened intently to the case in yesterday's Western District Court of Appeals and answered questions from the delegates after. Lawyer Ellen Flogan represented the defendant Quin Dale Allen Jr. against the State. *photo by Karley Jones*

# MGS Staff & Delegate Spotlights

by Jessi LaChance; Compton City, Bacon County & Audrey Schroeder; Pershing City, Scott County

**Kelly Capper**



**Bradley City, Bacon County**

*What do you expect to get out of MGS?* “I hope to learn about government and fully understand it, and I want to implement what I learned for the future.”

*Favorite food?* “It would have to be dried mango.”

*If you could go visit any time period, where would you go and why?* “The 1800’s when everything was proper and everyone dressed up all the time.”



**Boone City, Davidson County**

**Miss Brittany**

*Experience from 2008 MGS?* “The support from other girls was what was overwhelming to me, and being able to cooperate with all the girls without any drama was a great experience.”

*Favorite food?* “Ice Cream!”

*If you could go visit anytime period, where would you go and why?* “The making of the Constitution so I could break up the man-party and mix up the founding fathers so it wasn’t male dominated!”

*What do you expect to get out of MGS?* “I want to learn about the government and legislature.”

*Favorite food?* “Fettuccine Alfredo.”

*If you could go back in time, what period would you go to and why?* “The 1800’s, because it was really cool back then.”



*What do you expect to get out of Girls State?* “I want the girls to have as much fun as I had last year.”

*Favorite food?* “White queso dip and tortillas.”

*If you could go back in time, what period would you go to and why?*

“The roaring 20’s because they had cute clothes back then.”

**Highway Patrol**



**Miss Haley**

**Superintendent**

**Cheyenne Blackburn**  
Smith City, Scott County

## Hot & Cold: Nationalist & Federalist Party Compete

by Nicolette Neurauter; Broeg City, Barton County

The Girls State Nationalist and Federalist Parties have been a long running tradition at Girls State.

The parties allow delegates to form both alliances and competitions throughout the week. Each room within the cities contain one Nationalist and one Federalist. So the question remains: Is there any conflict between roommates of opposing parties?

Two Hobart City roommates were asked about the rooming situations.

“Yes,” jokes Megan Wamser as she smiles at her Federalist roommate, Aleka Walker. “I can’t even sleep in the same room as her!”

“No,” Aleka laughs. “We’ve gotten along really well so far.”

Although this is just one example, it is firmly believed that all competition between party members is friendly and demonstrates the maturity of the Girls State delegates.

# Girls Choose Classes Based on Aspirations

by Brittany Brown; Bradley City, Barton County

The excruciating sound of the alarm awoke many of us comfortable bed warmers early Monday morning (or even that of the scratchy voice of our counselors).

After an exhausting first day, at breakfast everyone's attitude toward camp remained open-minded. Monday laid a solid foundation for the journey of Missouri Girls State classes: Law, Law Enforcement, Legislative Procedure, Executive School, Communications/Media are options for the girls state delegates.

The Law class, required for judges, attorneys, or the Supreme Court, "gave an insight to law," said Kathryn Johnson; Anthony City, Barton County "It basically taught us what it means to be a lawyer." Likewise, Brittney Mormann; Bradley City, Bacon County agreed. She brought into focus what the class discussed saying, "we watched a movie about domestic abuse illustrating teenage relationship gone bad." The class, run by Attorney Megan Phillips, deepens the Career path to our potential and aspiring young lawyers.

In addition, the Law Enforcement class, run by two Missouri High-

way Patrol Officers, is designed for our Highway Patrol or Police Chief. However, anyone interested in enforcing laws is encouraged to attend. "We watched videos about the police academies dealing with their duties," says Lyndi Wallace; Bradley City, Bacon County. Officer Dani Brown of the MO Highway Patrol, initiates further response saying, "It was so cool how we were able to listen to real life phone-crisis to the state troopers." Overall the class seems like an enlightening experience for our future law enforcers.

Dr. Shari Bax is extremely passionate about legislative procedure, or in Brook Sherman's; Bradley City, Bacon County opinion, "she's obsessed with politics. But that's what held our attention. When we learned about the House and Senate, she was enthusiastic when she taught us how bills were passed." This class is not only recommended for the desired Senate delegates, but required for those who are elected.

The Executive School relayed information on "how to write a speech and the approach to getting yourself out

there," Ali Stonecipher; Bradley City, Bacon County quotes. "The class is outlined for those girls who wish to strengthen their leadership skills, as well as if she is interested in running for a political office."

Lastly, the Communication/Media Class, ran by Doctor Michael Grinfeld, an overview of Journalism and how it pertains to our world today. Jordan Ashburn; Bradley City, Bacon County uncovered the truth about the media in class. "Reporters take what people

say and use it out of context." According to Dr. Grinfeld, "Reporters do have standards to follow."

Each lucky MGS girl was able to successfully choose the class they wanted to participate in throughout the week. The classes involve a variety of ways to evoke discussion among the girls: guest speakers, side-shows, movies, and more.

Jen Tian

FOR GOVERNOR

"You'll love Tian for Gov"



Jantsen "Dancin" McBride

FOR Lt. GOVERNOR

"Help me dance my way  
into office"

paid for by candidates

# Win an Election: Advertise Today

1/4 page ad - \$1000

1/8 page ad - \$600

Ads must be presented to Newspaper staff by 1:00 that day. (Meaning an ad placed by 1:00 on Tuesday will not come out until late Tuesday night) Ads must be submitted with money.

Those running for state office are encouraged to utilize this form of campaigning. The earliest that a candidate running for state office can purchase an ad is Tuesday morning after they file. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get more people to notice your business or State Fair.

## Wednesday's Menu

### Breakfast

- Scrambled Eggs, Waffle/Syrup, Golden Patties, Bacon, Biscuits, & Coffee Cake

### Lunch

- BLT Wrap, Penne Salad, Potato Chips, Mixed Vegetables, Sausage Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Salad Bar, & Ice Cream

### Dinner

- Spaghetti with Marinara or Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Breadsticks, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Garden Burger, Salad Bar, Cherry Crumble

## Current News Update

**-Today**, Ed McMahon passed away at the age of 86. He was the sidekick of the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson and was the host of "Star Search."

**-Today**, Jon and Kate from "Jon and Kate Plus Eight" filed for divorce. They are separating after ten years of marriage but will still continue with the show.

**-Today**, Washington D.C.'s worst subway accident left nine dead. The crash was said to have been caused by failure to upgrade old trains with recording devices designed to prevent such collisions.

**-Today**, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, announced he will return to work tomorrow after an unannounced four day "vacation." The Governor left the state without contacting his staff, wife or the state leaders. When he called his staff, he told them his whereabouts were in the Appalachian mountains for a hike.

## Weather in Warrensburg

Wednesday, June 24



Sunny

High: 98 ° F

Low: 73 ° F

\*Remember to stay **HYDRATED\***

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