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## Governor Jay Nixon Makes Appearance

by Jess Salmond; Stephens City, Scott County and Kelsey Potter; Drake City, Johnson County

Last night, our Missouri Girl State Governor introduced our Missouri State Governor, Jay Nixon during the fifth assembly. The crowd exploded with applause, then silenced as he took a quick sip of water and spoke, calling Girls State a “wonderful tradition.”

**“Don’t go home as the same person who came here,” said Nixon.**

Governor Nixon began his speech talking about his past saying he was born and raised in Desoto, Missouri. He went on to talk about his elementary education and his college experience where he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, earning his undergraduate and law degrees. His father was the Mayor of his hometown and his mother was President of the school board. It was Jay’s job to answer the phone for his parents

and tell them what the citizenen needed help with. His parents would then discuss the best ways in which they could give their help.

He went on further to discuss his main issues.

He is trying to help college students from middle class families to pay for college. He shared that he believed training workers better would lead to getting better health care. He elaborated on his view that the government needed to provide certain services.

Governor Nixon then went on to express his views about the current politicians. He believed that the leadership quality needs to be improved, and our generation will be crucial to that improvement. He said that too many politicians argue and fight over one single issue instead of

debating. Being a one issue voter is not productive, in the governor’s opinion.

“The opportunity to come to Girls State comes with responsibility,” told Nixon. “Your generation will be the first fully functioned digital generation,” he explained. He then elaborated on this statement, telling us that this responsibility should

not be a crutch and that we should use all the information available to us.

“True leadership, true service is people who have values and beliefs for the collective,” he said. “You are the cream of the crop from across the state,” he stated. He then encouraged us to take this opportunity to meet others.

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**Leaders Alike.** Governor Nixon takes time to pose with MGS Governor Brewer after his speech. *photo by Karley Jones*

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# MGS Staff & Delegate Spotlights

## Jenna Smith

Cockrill City, Dewitt County

**1. Who has been your favorite speaker and why?** “Claire McCaskill, because she is so highly ranked in government and she has come so far with so many experiences and she encouraged all of us girls.”

**2. What has been your favorite city activity?**

“Decorating for our city banner parade to-night!”

**3. If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?** “I would like to be able to see into the future so I can know who I’m going to marry.”

**4. What is your favorite invention?** “Definitely the internet! I miss facebook.”



## Miss Joan

Transportation



**1. Who has been your favorite speaker and why?** “I liked McCaskill because she was very forth-coming. She talked to the girls so they could understand it.”

**2. What has been your favorite city activity?**

“The best ones are yet to come because the talent show is coming up and I like seeing the cities present everything and all their talent.”

**3. If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?** “I would have no aches or pains.”

**4. What is your favorite invention?** “I like the cell phone and the games on the computer.”

## Emily Griffin

**1. Who has been your favorite speaker and why?** “Claire McCaskill because she was really informative and she gave us a lot of good inspiration for everyone to look up to.”

**2. What has been your favorite city activity?**

“Doing our cheers on our ways to assemblies.”

**3. If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?** “I would like to fly so I could get to places faster.”

**4. What is your favorite invention?** “Air conditioning!”



Crowder City,  
Dewitt County

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All of the MGS delegates were silent and respectful during his speech.

After a few questions from our girls, Nixon began to wrap up his session for the night. “Don’t go home as

the same person who came here,” he commanded, “but as leaders in the community.”

## Important Announcement!

The Anthony City Bees are trying to clean up cities across Girls State. They have placed boxes designated for recycling in the dining hall for easy access.

Anthony Bees challenge you to drop off all of those empty bottles and cans, and help them make Girls State a truly beautiful and green place to live!

Thank you,  
Sara Ramsey  
Anthony City Manager

# A Simple Heart

By Emma Hawes; Bradley City, Dewitt County

Humble words came out in every sentence of Lynda Smith Baumgartner's speech. She was not afraid to admit that she grew up poor. As proof, she brought her doll that was the only purchased Christmas gift she had as a child. Baumgartner simply stated, "If you are not happy with your life, then fix it." Hardwork is a character builder of what you want in life. During her college years, she started traveling overseas to do mission work. On one of her trips, they took a group of children, who had never been out of their village, to Lake Mary: Baumgartner declared,

"It was a blessing to see children smile about something simple." The children are constantly looking over their siblings and cannot enjoy their childhood. Children who participate in the foreign exchange student program in Columbia can find a home in the Baumgartner Household. One former student not only visits them frequently but was in her son's wedding. After her speech, girls walked up to her like she was a rock star to ask questions about religious and non-religious mission work. Baumgartner never plans on retiring.



"It's a joy to serve others." Lynda Baumgartner's speech motivated and inspired MGS delegates to get out and help less priviledged individuals. photo by Karly Jones

## General Assembly Preps for Jefferson City

By Mykah Murphy; Duggan City, Johnson County

It was merely three days ago that 766 girls from across the state were bursting with excitement, awaiting their arrival for the 2009 session of Missouri Girls State. Today, however, 133 of those girls are experiencing a similar anxiety and anticipation of leaving. Those girls made up the 2009 Missouri Girls State House of Representatives and Senate, and they spent today at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City.

"Honestly, the trip is the whole reason I decided to run for House of Representatives,"

...the trip is the whole reason I decided to run," said Brianna Schnakenberg

says delegate Brianna Schnakenberg of Blair City, Davidson County. "I've taken a trip similar to this with my school, and I'm excited to get a more in-depth experience by returning with Girls State." Those young women will move through a very full schedule today, including activities such as touring the Capital building, interacting with numerous Missouri State Representative, eating at the American Legion Hall, and participating in a mock session held on the official floor of the Missouri House of Representa-

tives. This is an honor reserved for only a few organizations, including MGS, and the House itself.

When asked what about the trip she had been looking forward to, Taylor Jordan of Compton City, Bacon County replied, "Meeting the most powerful people in Missouri." Allie Mends also from Compton City, Bacon County, said simply, "The food!"

Today will surely make a lasting impression on these ladies. Who knows? This may end up being the first of many trips to the Capital for the future Missouri Legislatures among us.

## First Filing

By Mollie Blum; Cockrill City, Dewitt County

Beep. Beep. Beep. The sound many girls heard just after sunrise yesterday morning. As they got ready for another day at MGS, some girls made their way downstairs to file for a state office.

In the midst among eager delegates, Madeline Brick of Cockrill City, DeWitt County, who filed for the state office of Governor. Madeline explained that she came from a town of 1000 people so filing for such a high position was exhilarating.

"This would be a fantastic way to meet amazing girls from all over the state!" exclaimed Madeline.

Today was the final day to sign up for state position. The final slate for each party will be announced in tomorrow morning's assembly.

# How To....

## talk your way out of a ticket

by Kayleigh Ellison; Crowder City, Dewitt County

After recently being “pulled over” by a county law enforcement official, being citation, and being able to talk it down to a warning, delegates provide tips to help you talk your way out of a potential ticket.

### 1 STEP

Demand to know your accusation because it’s your right to know anyway.

### 2 STEP

Contest the validity! For example, when a delegate was accused of illegal chalk use, they informed the law enforcement officer that she was within her legal grounds.

- If they then change their accusation, question “Why me?” as dramatically as possible and move to step 3.

### 3 STEP

Shameless begging and pleading! When it’s clear they are ticketing for the sake of ticketing, what else can you do? Using phrases such as, “So why am I getting this ticket?” with a look of a broken heart and astonishment.

- Officer: ”Look, my friends made me leave my ice-cream cone to ticket you so I’m sorry but I have to.”

Accused: “Oh, umm, ok (make eyes water here) yeah I understand I just didn’t know I broke a rule and I don’t typically get in trouble (fidgeting is a nice touch...makes you seem emotionally distraught) I totally get it though, we’ll stop and we’ll leave now.

(Leave in the most pathetic way humanly possible).

# “No One is Better Than You & No One is Worse!” Guest Speaker Inspires Delegates

by Amber Taylor; Adreon City, Johnson County

After this morning’s guest speaker Rachel Storch walked to the podium, she began her speech talking about, not politics, but about goose bumps. Storch said her goose bumps came from thinking about all the opportunities and excitement that come along with MGS.

Storch found her first opportunity to work in politics several years after graduating from college and taking a job with Senator Mel Carnahan and then his wife, Jean Carnahan. From there, Miss Storch was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives.

Since starting her position in the House of Representatives, Storch served on various committees where she learned that despite differing opinions on certain subjects by political parties, neither party is right and neither party is wrong because no one party has a monopoly on the truth.

Storch advised delegates to take knowledge gained from MGS and utilizing all the opportunities that cause her goose bumps to use; She encouraged participants to seek internships and opportunities and be aggressive when working toward a meaningful goal.

“No one is better than you and no one is worse than you,” Miss Storch said. “You have just as much voice as the next person.”



**Goosebumps!** Rachel Storch talked to MGS delegates about how many chills she had returning this year to speak. Storch encouraged participants to seek internships and opportunities and be aggressive when working toward a meaningful goal. *photo by Karley Jones*

# 2009 MGS General County Results

**Bacon County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Taylor Ortiz  
 Assoc. County Commissioners: Morgan Frogge & Jessi Struckhoff  
 Sheriff: Jackie Henry  
 County Clerk: Meagan Reid  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Jenna Holt  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Ellie Holtman & Hannah O'Neal  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Katelynne Haun  
 Assessor: Nichole Conger  
 County Collector: Morgan Collier  
 County Treasurer: Nicole Adams  
 Recorder of Deeds: Joy Homer  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Autumn Lewis

**Barton County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Taylor Ross  
 Assoc. County Commissioners: Claire Ackiss & Kathryn Polizzi  
 Sheriff: Autumn Brower  
 County Clerk: Jordin Bryant  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Alissa Eagen  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Amber Brawley & Paige Wattenbarger  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Elyse DeLaney  
 Assessor: Haylea Craigmiles  
 County Collector: Paige Wallace

County Treasurer: Jessica Foglesong  
 Recorder of Deeds: Debby Huebert  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Danielle Jablanski

**Davidson County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Dawn Schillinger  
 Assoc. County Commissioners: Shelby Catalano & Rachel Finney  
 Sheriff: Kara Heath  
 County Clerk: Deanna Barger  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Sarah Bohlman  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Patricia Barra & Shelby Hewerdine  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Hilary Stuver  
 Assessor: Mandi Riddle  
 County Collector: Kristen Wright

County Treasurer: Lauren Johnson  
 Recorder of Deeds: Sarah Cast  
 Prosecuting Attorney: MeMe Harris

**DeWitt County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Kelsey Kupferer  
 Assoc. County Commissioners: Kayleigh Ellison & Katie Martin  
 Sheriff: Deanna Fitzgerald  
 County Clerk: Holly Cone  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Khari Bisby

Assoc. Circuit Judges: Hillary Enloe & Kara White  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Ally Preston  
 Assessor: Mollie Blum  
 County Collector: Hillary Temple  
 County Treasurer: Ally Brasier  
 Recorder of Deeds: Aerial Minor  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Megan Green

**Johnson County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Emily Mazzoni  
 Assoc. County Commissioners: Kirstie Thompson & Trish Mantia  
 Sheriff: Gina Rowden  
 County Clerk: Kristen Wolfe  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Brittney Barrick  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Alexa Smith & Margaret Cleveland  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: April Beissenherz  
 Assessor: Karlie Swan  
 County Collector: Chelsey Cook  
 County Treasurer: Brittany Cardwell  
 Recorder of Deeds: Melanie Ware  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Andrea Lane

**Price County**  
 Presiding County Commissioner: Elizabeth You  
 Assoc. County Commissioners:

Soo Yang & Alexa Welch  
 Sheriff: Lucy Ferguson  
 County Clerk: Addisyn Derks  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Olivia Watkins  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Shelby Murdock & Marissa Steimel  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Clair Amick  
 Assessor: Katlyn Hall  
 County Collector: Aubrey Norton  
 County Treasurer: Marilyn Wang  
 Recorder of Deeds: Alexa Walker  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Heather Leake

**Scott County**

Presiding County Commissioner: Jess Salmond  
 Asso. County Commissioners: Anna Wiley & Anitra Evans  
 Sheriff: Rayce Heck  
 County Clerk: Liz Hanes  
 Presiding Circuit Judge: Belinda Choi  
 Assoc. Circuit Judges: Leanne Mathew & Vera Haynes  
 Clerk of Circuit Court: Leandra Patochek  
 Assessor: Alyx Dull  
 County Collector: Sierra Bangs  
 County Treasurer: Meghan Fuller  
 Recorder of Deeds: Elizabeth Callen  
 Prosecuting Attorney: Jerica Henry

## The Mission Well

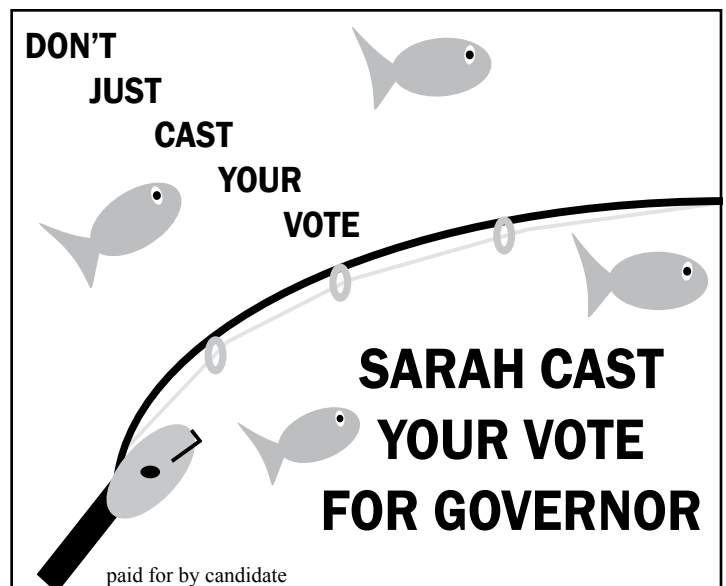
by Emma Hawes; Bradley City, Bacon County

In the dear town of Bradley, the center of the town displays a fountain. Once a member of our county takes a drink the water will flow for 15 minutes.

We have passed a law that no one can use this fountain because it is not eco-friendly and it is

wasteful. But for now, it is the new home for the Mission Well.

If you come by Bradley, please put your change in the fountain. Don't worry it goes to a great cause. We will donate our change to The Mission Continues.



# Advertise Your State Fair Booth 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 Thursday will not come out until late Thursday night) Ads must be submitted with money.

State office candidates should utilize this form of campaigning. Tomorrow is the last day to advertise for your campaign office. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get more people to notice your business or State Fair as well.

## Thursday's Menu

### Breakfast

-Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Hash browns, Sausage Gravy, Blueberry Muffins and Donuts

### Lunch

-Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Corn, Dinner Rolls/Butter, Ice your own cupcakes, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza and Salad Bar

### Dinner

-PICNIC: Bbq Brisket, Baked Beans, 7 Layer Salad, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Lemonade, Iced Water & Tea, and Brownies

## Did You Know?

- Kite flying is a professional sport in Thailand
- A piece of french toast partially eaten by Justin Timberlake was sold on ebay
- Approximately fifty bibles are sold each minute around the world
- It takes on average about 63,000 trees to make the newsprint for the Sunday Times each week
- The sun shrinks five feet every hour
- According to scientists, it has not rained for nearly 2 million years in the dry regions of Antarctica
- Only 1 out of 3 people wash their hands after using a public restroom
- The human liver performs over 500 functions
- The average driver will honk 15,250 times in their life

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## Weather in Warrensburg

Thursday, June 24



Isolated Thunderstorms

High: 97 ° F

Low: 76 ° F

\*Remember to stay HYDRATED\*

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