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Governor speaks to delegates, answers questions

By Mary Beth Rosenauer, Boone City

For all the ladies wondering what it takes to be the leader of an entire state, last night delegates had the privilege of hearing from Governor Jay Nixon at the fifth assembly of Missouri Girls State.

Nixon was elected to office on Nov. 4, 2008, by an overwhelming majority. Many of his goals while in office are geared to make government procedures run more efficiently while being effective and responsive to the needs of Missouri families. He is dedicated to getting Missouri ready for the jobs of the future, making health care more affordable, and placing a college education within reach for middle-class students.

Nixon held the position of State Senator and served sixteen years as attorney general, prior to being elected Governor.

Nixon was raised in De Soto, Missouri, where he was introduced to a life of public service. His mother, Betty Nixon, was a teacher and served as president of the local school board. His father, Jerry Nixon, was elected mayor of De Soto and was also a judge for the community.

Nixon learned at a young age that faith and family come first, and giving back to the community comes next. It is a philosophy that has guided him throughout his entire career in public service.

After speaking, Governor Nixon opened up for any questions that the audience had. Several of the questions were based upon what the state government was doing in areas such as education, jobs, and economic reform.

Although some of his answers caused a bit of controversy among the audience, he made several inspirational points. He stressed that if delegates base their view of government solely on how much money it puts out, and takes in, then government will never be satisfactory, and thus, fall flat.

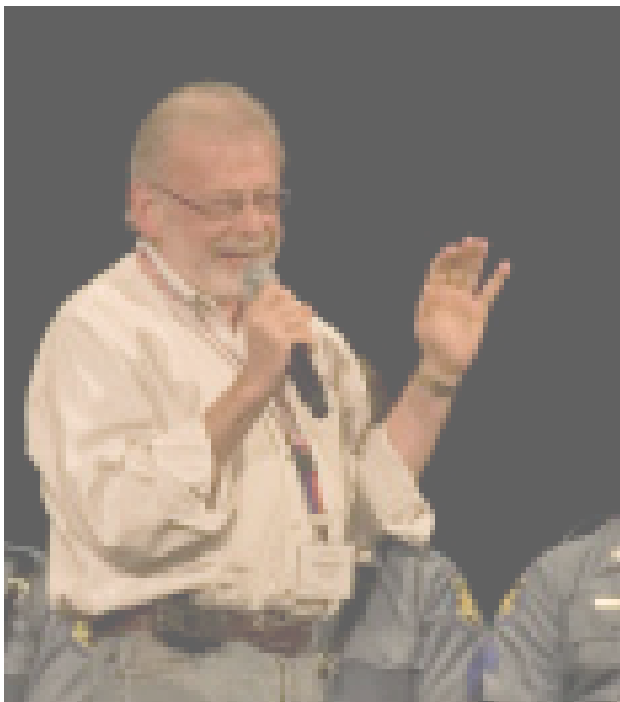
However, he encouraged girls to regard the importance of based the reform that is occurring throughout given communities, and the changes being made.

At the end of the night, everyone agreed that getting to meet the Governor, asking him face-to-face questions was an unforgettable experience.



Communication Media Speaker Biographies

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Jennifer Reeves has produced newscasts in newsrooms, such as KBAK-TV in Bakersfield, California and KSBW-TV in Salinas, California, for seven years. Her teaching career began as Executive Producer at KOMU-TV at the Missouri School of Journalism. Using technology, she changed the structure, organization, and work flow of the KOMU newsroom and became interested in finding other ways newsrooms can use technology it. She is now the KOMU's Media Manager and leads the developments at KOMU.com. She graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri. She also earned a master's in management from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mary Kay Blakely has taught Advanced Writing in the magazine sequence since September, 1997. Since 1981, she has been a contributing editor to Ms. Magazine and former Hers columnist for the New York Times. She wrote "Wake Me When It's Over" and "American Mom". The New York Times, The Washington Post, Mother Jones, LIFE, Vogue, Family Circle, Self, Parents, Newsday, as well as other national publications have used her articles. Her work has been published in Australia, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and Japan. She was previously on the Board of Directors for the Journalism and Women's Symposium. She is currently on the National Advisory Board for Women's ENews, the National Writer's Union, MOMbo (syndicated radio program), and is serving on its Minority Mentor Program. She has received the EMMA and Sigma Delta Chi Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. Blakely established the Journalism School's partnership with the New School University in 2000.

Sandra Davidson teaches communications law at the Missouri School of Journalism and serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri School of Law. She is also the attorney for the Columbia Missourian, the daily newspaper produced at the School of Journalism. She has been a panelist for the Information Police Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures, Investigative Reporters and Editors, the Associated Press Managing Editors, the Society of Newspaper Designers, and the National Association of Science Writers as well as other groups. Davidson has also written books, two of which include "Blood Money: When Media Expose Others to Risk of Bodily Harm" (1997) and "Statutory Language for a Model Statute for Access to Government Records" (2003).

Social networking sites, safety online

By Chelsea Robbins, Linn City

The multitudes of technology in the past two decades alone have been moving at a fast pace. With the new developments of these technologies, young adults and teens have begun share personal interests and information, not only with friends and family, but the whole world.

Facebook, Myspace and Twitter are just three of the many social networking websites. A majority of adolescents in today's society have one of more of these pages. On these websites, users can post pictures, join groups, chat with friends and even meet new people. This is ultimately causing concern among parents. These web pages are open to all people of all ages, and due to the lack of limitations, many young teen girls are getting requests from people they do not know. Not only is this dangerous, but most of the time, these unknown people are added just so girls can say, "I have 723 friends on Facebook."

Tips for Social Networking Safety

1. Keep your personal information and interests private.
2. Don't add people you think you know.
3. Don't post any pictures you might regret putting up just to be cool, future employers and college scouts see them.
4. Try to be as modest as possible.
5. Even if the guy sending you a request is the most gorgeous thing you've ever seen, the profile could be fake.

Campaign tactics, finding an affective approach

By Crystal Trudell, Crowder City
Gentry Fowler, Coontz City

As many of delegates work diligently on their campaigns, and others try to assist them, no one can help but wonder who is going to be triumphant. Will it be those ladies with big personalities? Or will some of the more quiet and reserved ladies take the honor? There are so many different personalities present that it's hard to tell.

There are those girls who know neither shyness nor reserve. Some stick to sidewalk chalk, gigantic posters that span the wall of a stairwell, and some even drop their name and game in questions to the speakers. No doubt that they will be remembered, but is it for their intended reasons?

On the other hand, there are the candidates who are softer in their tactics. These girls have the smaller, less flashy posters. They greet you with a polite hello and may even give you a piece of paper as you pass in hopes you will remember their name. Does their politeness do more harm than good? Will their names be remembered when it comes time for the ballots to be cast?

Some voters like the "in your face" tactics as it shows more personality and gumption. However, others may not appreciate their intensity for they may feel that the candidate is too overbearing or possibly intimidating. Acts of kindness from the quieter ladies also bring attention, making them seem more approachable and genuine.

No matter how they campaign, a major asset to any candidate is the ability to publicly speak. The quality of the given speech can easily change the outcome of the vote, much to everyone's surprise.

Both personality types have their pros and cons, but the only way to tell which is most effective is by the polls.

County general election, votes counted

Scott County

Presiding Commissioner: Teryn Greer
Assoc. Commissioner: Lenzi O'Connor, Julia Witthaus
Sheriff: Cassie Roberts
County Clerk: McKenzie Robinson
Presiding Circuit Judge: Paige Childs
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Lydia Whitacre, Savannah Stuckey
Clerk of Circuit Court: Charmaine Banez
Assessor: Amber Harris
County Collector: Elizabeth Campbell
County Treasurer: Hayli White
Recorder of Deeds: Lanie Hurt
Prosecuting Attorney: Hannah Selby

Price County

Presiding County Commissioner: McKenzie Wheelington
Assoc. County Commissioner: Kara Bullock, Stephanie Rice
Sheriff: Kim Luedecke
County Clerk: Karter Denman
Presiding Circuit Judge: Rachel Green
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Brooke Smith, Ali Barrett
Clerk of Circuit Court: Megan Houseman
Assessor: Karianna Bergland
County Collector: Lesley Carlisle
County Treasurer: Anna Cate Clayman
Recorder of Deeds: April Dobrinske
Prosecuting Attorney: Brittany Donnellan

Johnson County

Presiding County Commissioner: Kari Schram
Assoc. County Commissioner: Emma Wheat, Sydney Lawrence
Sheriff: Molly McGraw
County Clerk: Chels Emery

Presiding Circuit Judge: Katherine Scheidt
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Kaley Brenneke, Ashley Nowak
Clerk of Circuit Court: Cat Standley
Assessor: Hailee McCarty
County Collector: Megan Layman
County Treasurer: Ashley Standiford
Recorder of Deeds: Chloe Davis
Prosecuting Attorney: Grace Priest

Dewitt County

Presiding County Commissioner: Paige Davis
Assoc. County Commissioner: Molly Martin, Caitlyn Springer
Sheriff Jessica Jewell
County Clerk: Emily Blocker
Presiding Circuit Judge: Jasmine Alade'Fa
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Morgan Westhues, Taysom Wallace
Clerk of Circuit Court: Katie Page
Assessor: Chelsea Roberson
County Collector: Tara Drosset
County Treasurer: Kallie Hilsabeck
Recorder of deeds: Alicia Clark
Prosecuting Attorney: Tanya Budler

Davidson County

Presiding County Commissioner: Kelsey Brown
Assoc. County Commissioner: Mary Beth Rosenauer, Shelbie Wooten
Sheriff: Val Trenary
County Clerk: Lauren Bell
Presiding Circuit Judge: Yasmine Evans
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Sara Clarke, Erin Russell
Clerk of Circuit Court: Elle Fowler
Assessor: Madison Paszkiewicz
County Collector: Katie Ockel
County Treasurer: Brooke Turrell
Recorder of Deeds: Kathy McCormack
Prosecuting Attorney: Savannah Peterson

Barton County

Presiding County Commissioner: Ariel Foley
Assoc. County Commissioner: Courtney Johnson, Nicole Gramlich
Sheriff: Lauren Pruiett
County Clerk: Kyeon Stone
Presiding Circuit Judge: LeAnn Verhoff
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Hannah Schweissguth, Katie Brinkley
Clerk of Circuit Court: Whitney Wilburn
Assessor: Mary Drenon
County Collector: Alyssa Renaud
County Treasurer: Liz Wook
Recorder of Deeds: Sarah Jean VandaVeer
Prosecuting Attorney: Abbey Schoenrade

Bacon County

Presiding County Commissioner: Ashley Lynn
Assoc. County Commissioner: Sarah Neal, Jill Riley
Sheriff: Amber Asbury
County Clerk: Hannah McClellan
Presiding Circuit Judge: Ariel Van Sickle
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Rachel Hough, Lydia Ness
Clerk of Circuit Court: Candie Hill
Assessor: Liz Shumard
County Collector: Webber Walters
County Treasurer: Rachel Ramsey
Recorder of Deeds: Karissa Rollins
Prosecuting Attorney: Taylor Parks

What's your sign? Horoscopes for delegates

Aquarius (January 30-February 18): Listen closely in class. The speaker today will say something that will make you feel inspired. Don't sleep through it!

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Head over to a different city. There are a couple girls there you'll have great conversation with.

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may want to rethink those high heels. Walking today will be rather difficult.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Being around all the girls this week makes you miss your boy today back home. Write him a letter tonight.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): The girl you sit next to in class wears great perfume. Sneak a whiff when she least expects it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You need to take the singling in the shower down a volume level. Your suite mate is very close to having her eardrums burst.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Even though you're really tired, DON'T DRINK THE COFFEE! You won't have time to go to the bathroom later. Instead, have an apple, they also have a strong jolt of energy.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Wear your favorite color today. It'll give you that extra boost of confidence you need to make an important decision.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Keep smiling today. You'll need to develop those muscles for when you get home.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): You have been forgetting things that you promised yourself you would remember. Now might be a good time to invest in a girls state journal.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Hanging out with that one girl is great and you have been building a lifelong friendship, but remember to reach out to another girl who has the same potential for the "best friend position".

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your shoe is untied...

Describing the world in six words or less

Walking into the Communications and Media class, students may encounter several guest speakers, including Mary Kay Blakely. The past *New York Times* journalist challenged delegates to write "six word autobiographies." This project was started by Larry Smith and Rachel Fershleiser, the editors of a compilation anthology, *Not Quite What I Was Planning: Six Word Memoirs*.

Delegates had the option to submit their autobiographies. The newspaper is opening this challenge to **ALL** delegates! Submit them to the newspaper room and have them published in tomorrow's paper!

"One necessary surgery. Changed lifetime forever."
-Jayme Reynolds, Crowder City

"Can't stop laughing. Ow. Side cramp."
-Lanie Hurt, Stephens City

"Oh what I have to learn."
-Kaitlynn Smith, Broeg City

"All my mistakes have become masterpieces."
-Mary Beth Rosenauer, Boone City

"This is not what I expected."
-Gillian Moon, ???

"Killed my car. Fixed my problem."
-Alison Ingram, ???

"Why? Shoulda, coulda, woulda. My life."
-Jennifer Kieser, ???

"I went crazy, for the better."
-Mallory Huck, ???

"Unexpectedly the kindergardeners taught me instead."
-Gentry Fowler, Coontz City

"Did I tell you, you suck?"
-Kelsey Forqueran, Broeg City

"Not as blonde as I look."
-Sydney Lawrence, Drake City

A glimpse of Thursday at Girls State

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Current conditions (as of 10:35 AM)		Today's forecast °F °C	
 Heat advisory 86°F Clear Feels like: 93°F		Today  Hi: 95° Lo: 69° T-storms	
Barometer: 30 in \pm Wind: 14 mph SSW Dewpoint: 73° Sunrise: 5:51 AM Humidity: 66% Sunset: 8:44 PM Visibility: 10 miles UV Index: 10+ Extreme Precip in last hr: NA Precip last 24 hrs: NA		6 PM  92° T-storms	
Observed at Skyhaven Airport.		9 PM  83° T-storms	
		Midnight  77°	

THURSDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

SCRAMBLED EGGS, BISCUITS, HASH-BROWNS, SAUSAGE GRAVY, BUTTER, BLUEBERRY MUFFINS, DONUTS

LUNCH

BUFFALO CHICKEN MELTDOWN SANDWICH, POTATO SALAD, VEGETABLE QUICHE, CORN, JELLO CAKE, PEPPERONI PIZZA, CHEESE PIZZA, SALAD BAR

DINNER

PICNIC, BBQ BRISKET, TEXAS POTATOES, PRE-DRESSED GREEN SALAD, GREEN BEANS, ROLLS w/ BUTTER, LEMONADE, ICED WATER, ICED TEA, BUTTER, BBQ SAUCE, BROWNIES, HORSERADISH

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