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WEATHER

Today will have a high 74 degrees and a low of 62 degrees. Showers expected in the late afternoon so pack accordingly.



SCHEDULE

- 6:30 AM-8:15 AM: Gubernatorial Candidates pick up petitions
- 6:45 AM-8:45 AM: Breakfast
- 8:15 AM: Candidates buy campaign materials
- 9:40 AM-10:20 AM: Fill City Office Vacancies
- 11:45 AM-1:10 PM: Lunch
- 12:15 PM-2:00 PM: Museum Trip Bus 1
- 12:30 PM-2:00 PM: Gubernatorial Primary Election
- 12:30 PM-2:15 PM: Museum Trip: Bus 2
- 12:45 PM-2:30 PM: Museum Trip: Bus 3
- 2:40 PM -3:00 PM: General Assembly
- 5:25 PM - 5:45 PM: Retreat Ceremony
- 5:45 PM - 7:05 PM: Dinner
- 7:20 PM - 9:00 PM General Assembly Band
- 9:15 PM - 11:15 PM Municipal Courts

D-Day Program 2022

Henry Thyrum

ALJBS legionnaires presented an impactful and educational lesson for Boys State delegates through their incredible D-Day Presentation. Opening with the notoriously gruesome depiction of the storming of Omaha Beach from Saving Private Ryan, the statesmen saw disturbing, realistically-portrayed depictions of the brutal and extremely grisly war injuries sustained by young American soldiers. Despite the smell of burning flesh, rivers of flowing blood, screams of the wounded, merciless thunderstorm of bullets raining down, and cracking artillery shells booming around the sands, the brave soldiers pressed on, determined to eliminate the evil totalitarian regime of the Nazis that threatened the existence of the free world. Upon finishing the movie, the boys gained a new perspective on the hellish conditions and harrowing battles

that soldiers endured in order to liberate millions from the oppressive grip of Nazi totalitarianism. Afterwards, real veterans and soldiers were brought up on the stage, describing their extraordinary achievements and their brave service. Upon listening to real experiences from active and retired military personnel, the students gained a new appreciation for the heroic men and women who put their lives on the line daily to preserve and protect the sacred country of the United States.



We give thanks to the current and former members of the armed forces for their dedication and service to our country

POLITICS

NATIONALIST PARTY STATE CONVENTION

Matthew McDonald

The Nationalist Party was in a rowdy mood as it made its way to the Cavalla room for its State Party Convention. Most were feeling energetically patriotic following the D-Day presentation, and as the party gathered to elect their chairman from the eight candidates there was little cohesion or calm.

The candidates quickly moved to exploit the demeanor of the audience, riling up their party members with partisan cries against the Federalists. Candidates tried to outdo one another in showmanship: tactics included jumping off the stage to engage audience members more and tossing Moleskine 75th Anniversary Boys State notebooks to crowd members.

With his confident speeches and friendly demeanor, Benjamin Caves of City #4 Madison was elected to serve as State Party Chairman. Mr. Caves' hecklers quickly turned into supporters once they heard his intelligent reasoning. A proponent of compromise with the Federalists and of promoting respect within the Nationalist Party, Mr. Caves was a leader who would act not just as a guide of policies and party programs, but as a moderator who would keep tensions at a low. The Nationalist Party is certainly in need of such a figure after losing 6 straight gubernatorial elections to the Federalist Party. The Nationalists' Party Convention was satisfying for all, providing evidence of a bright future in their later race against the Federalists.

The National Party entranced by one of Ben's speeches

FEDERALIST PARTY STATE CONVENTION

Kavish Arora

Yesterday, the Federal party elected its State Party Chairman. In approximately 2 hours, the 8 candidates screamed about their credentials and why they should be elected for the position. Each had their unique statements and positions.

For example, Jackson, one of the calmer candidates, explained why he won't vote for himself: integrity. The next candidate, Ray, based his run on clear and consistent communication. Adi, the Nimitz county candidate, pulled out a notebook, which made the audience go absolutely wild! Adi campaigned on the platform of unifying the entire Federalist party and "kicking the Nationalist party's rear end."

Ben, another calm candidate, related his campaign to his love for both his mother and anthropology in a beautiful personal anecdote. Ian, the only candidate with an outlined plan, screamed (enthusiastically) about his ideas: outreaches, clear communication, and "posters that will blanket the campus." At one point, he mentioned that people should be bombarded with posters in the bathrooms. Gibbs (Gibby), won the election by repeatedly telling everyone how much he loves us. At one point, during a moment of peak excitement, he almost yelled "F-k Federalists." Close call Gibby! The speeches all had diverse moods, making for a unique convention. After it was over, the audience erupted into song, singing classics.



POLITICS

"WASSUP" With Fraternity

Row?

Spencer Howard

For many, college is supposed to be a time of development and personal growth, as young adults are thrown into a completely new way of life. Almost every aspect of college is new to the average young adult, whether it be living situations, meal quality, or even work load. To aid in this difficult transition, college students often turn to extracurriculars which allow them to partake in recreational activities. Such extracurriculars that a student might turn to include club sports, the performing arts, or even greek life. These activities allow students to relieve stress from the intense conditions of college living.

At Wellington-Arnold State University of Polk (WA'SUP!), however, fraternity and sorority hazing poses a threat to the very same students that confide in it for stress relief.

The university is infamous for its unruly partying and a culture of sexual assault among greek life on campus. Not only are these two entities encouraging dangerous party culture, but WASUP fraternities continue to utilize hazing methods, despite countless efforts made by school officials to stop it. Just the other day, four fraternity pledges were severely injured after being forced to consume alcohol and "cage fight" during a hazing ceremony on campus. The events were then live streamed by other fraternity members. The university has yet to address the issue, and the fraternity members will appear before a council on Thursday, June 23rd. Polk city officials are supposedly planning a tax proposal which would increase taxes for the university if they do not substantially decrease the rates of sexual assault and hazing incidents on campus immediately.

Partisan Flames Engulf

Harrison City

Henry Thyrum

Last Monday, Harrison City transformed into a political battlefield due to the mayoral election. Eager to seize the position, the statesmen underwent intense infighting to decide the nominee in a lengthy debate. The candidates discussed high taxes, surveillance scandals, and environmental extinction, but the most intense topic proved to be the spreading forest fires. The fires triggered controversy that spread through the nominees, provoking numerous personal attacks and frequent ad hominem. The Federalists and Nationalists were split between pragmatists and idealists, represented by Tyler and Eshaan respectively.

Tyler proposed common sense measures to prevent fires, citing numerous infrastructure based solutions such as safer building materials. Eshaan strongly disagreed with Tyler's method, arguing for an innovative solution that utilized the neighboring Van Buren City. Eshaan's plan was essentially a public service exchange: trading police to Van Buren City (desperately in need of law enforcement) in exchange for use of the Van Buren's fire department. After an exhausting battle of logical warfare, the boys decided to hold a vote. Tensions were high, and anger was permeating through the air. Hours seemed to pass until the EBOs announced a winner. Everybody's heart stopped. "The winner is Tyler!!!" the EBO yelled. Erupting in a celebratory uproar, Tyler's supporters cheered, rejoicing in their victory, a crucial step in their mission to dominate the Boys' State.

ABOUT TOWN

Can you say that in English

Please?

Crosby Sayan

Technology has become a necessity in modern day enterprise, yet in this ever connected world, those who create and manage these systems still seem like wizards to corporate heads. The delegates interested in pursuing IT careers were presented with what this miscommunication often feels like by those in the field. The floor was held by Brian Epstein, Jeff Berliner, Bryce Liskovec, Ty Clark, and Jas Singh all of whom are deeply entrenched in the tech scene and broke down how they adapted to succeed.

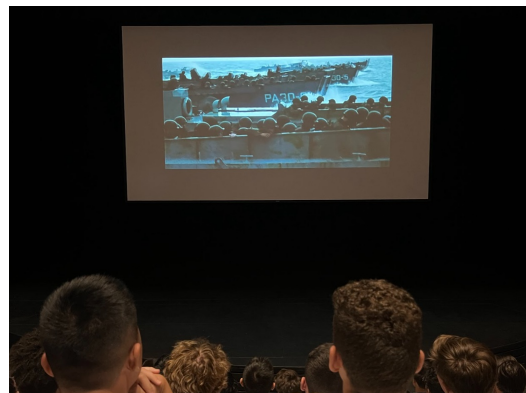
Everyone is familiar with that one TV trope where the tech savvy person will say technical jargon which quickly gets rebuked by another character by just saying, “Um in English please.” While obviously scenes like these are played for laughs, the seminar, Careers in Information Technology, picks apart at this very real language barrier between the two sectors of a company. IT workers are expected to fix any technical problem which may sound like common sense, but because those assigning the work are not technically literate oftentimes they do not understand the complexity of different tasks. Liskovec regaled the delegates with stories of how often he works with menial tasks like replacing computers more than making something that he was actually trained for. Stories like this were similar among all speakers and their point in doing so was educating delegates that working in a technical space means advertising your services effectively. IT work is as much of being a salesperson as it is technical work. People do not know that they want your services if you never explain what you are capable of. Speaking in a human tone rather than a technical tone can help bridge that gap letting IT workers focus in areas they are both knowledgeable and passionate about as well

as building a rapport between the other parts of the business.

The delegates who were excited to pursue careers in information technology left the seminar with wisdom from experts who have spent decades in the field. Hopefully with this advice Boys State delegates will enter the IT workforce with the right mindset to work with their non-technical counterparts.



Ty Clark, Brian Epstein, Bryce Liskovec, and Jeff Berliner take a photo together after completing a technology seminar.



Delegates watching the D-day presentation

SPORTS

STANDINGS

- 1) Eisenhower (700)
- 2) MacArthur (400)
- 3) Vandenberg (600)
- 4) Bradley (800)
- 5) Halsey (100)
- 6) Ridgeway (500)
- 7) Nimitz (300)
- 8) Marshall (200)



Last Place Nimitz Beats First Place

McArthur From the Brink of Defeat

Collin Morales

On Monday, June 20th, the sports standings were read, and Nimitz (300) was declared last place out of all the counties.

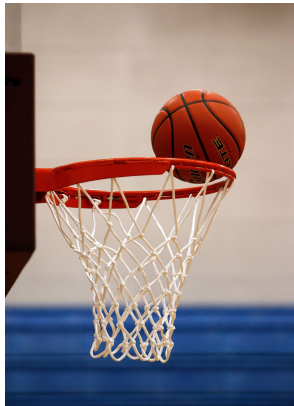
But that didn't discourage Nimitz from participating in sports events. The next day, thirteen motivated young statesmen marched to the football field, ready to win a game. Walking onto the field, they rolled up their sleeves, and looked around to try and find out which county they would face. While searching, a group of boys clad in blue shirts caught their eye. As one of the boys in blue turned around, the members of Nimitz County read the name on his back: "MacArthur."

MacArthur (400) was declared first on the same day in which Nimitz (300) was declared last place the night prior. The gap between the two cities felt immeasurable, as if Nimitz County were facing the Los Angeles Rams. However, the group did not lose spirit. They paraded onto the field, their heads held high, prepared to try their hardest. Their dedication showed in their gameplay: Nimitz County got an early lead, having quickly brought the score up to 6 - 0 in their favor.

But they weren't able to hold the momentum, the match quickly turning against them. MacArthur scored two consecutive touchdowns, quickly raising the score to 6 - 12 in their favor. And they were on a roll: in addition to the two touchdowns they had just scored, MacArthur had gained control of the ball and were closing in on the endzone. MacArthur's quarterback wound up the football and released; it flew perfectly straight for his teammate in the endzone.

Then suddenly, it wasn't. John from Nimitz County intercepted the football and ran as fast as he could, suddenly reinvigorated from having saved the game. Nimitz County's team maintained their momentum and rushed the endzone, tying the game at 12 - 12. Due to a 2-point conversion, Nimitz was able to come out on top. This week's first David had toppled Goliath.

HIGHLIGHTS



When fellow delegates first saw Dyaln from Adams City, "Basketball" was the last thing anyone thought of. Shockingly however, "The White Mamba ", a name Dylan unwillingly earned, carried Halsey county towards a now 3-0 winning streak against Vandenberg county all from behind the three point line. Although his teammates would rather him pass more often, this menace of the court has consistently scored a majority of Halsey's points in every game thus far.

Gavin Chamberlain, a well respected statesman of Polk City, came onto the flag football field today with explosive speed. Halsey County was dumbfounded with the level of precision Gavin performed, and led them to an avoidable loss. Time and time again this varsity athlete representing Belvidere highschool scored touchdowns and caused angst among his opponents with his 'shifty' movements on the field. Gavin isn't all muscle however, he recently formed a movement at his highschool to save the job of a beloved teacher facing expulsion due to budget cuts.



Cornhole is quite possibly the most underrated sport at ALJBS. The amount of hand-eye coordination, and muscular endurance required for success in this sport isn't something to be undermined. Two powerhouses from Halsey County, Vincent Castellano (left) and Alex X have now gone 2-0 in Cornhole and impressed a number of fans. These two have began to bring an audience to a once vacant sport at ALJBS and that is something to truly be proud of.

Ryan Allen proved his skills as a quarterback prior to even approaching the field! Showing his fellow members of Halsey County his Junior year football highlights really raised team morale. Once on the field, despite the point deficit thanks to Gavin Chamberlain, Ryan kept everyone's hopes up. Halsey's team was composed of a lot of casual players, while Ridgeway County was out for blood, ripping Ryan Allens shirt to shreds in the process (Shown in image on right).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



AMERICAN LEGION JERSEY BOYS STATE COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

76th Session

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

to take advantage of the ALJBS - Rider University College Credit Program. However, time is growing short.

To receive three transferable college credits for your Jersey Boys State experience, you must enroll in and complete the requirements of Rider University's "POL 200, New Jersey Politics and Government" course.

Contact Dean of Education Dr. Greg Wilson
credit@aljbs.org with any questions.

Applications due June 30

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To begin your on-line application go to: www.rider.edu/boys-state-credits and follow the instructions for enrolling in "POL 200, New Jersey Politics and Government" by June 30th. The course cost is \$250. If you cannot afford the POL 200 tuition, go to aljbs.org/collegetcredit to check eligibility and apply for an ALJBS Scholarship. Students who enroll before June 18th receive a \$25 discount. If you do not apply for credit by June 30th, you will be ineligible to receive ALJBS college credit.

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Shirts!
Hoodies!**

**Have you bought your American Legion Boys State Alumni
Pin?**

**If not, you can buy them for \$5.00 each during all meals at
the front of the Daly Dining Hall.**

Running for State Office?

**Gubernatorial: Don't forget to pick up and complete your
petitions!**

**Senators: Don't forget to inform your senior counselor of
intention to run!**

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HUMAN INTEREST

Anarchy at Eisenhower

County Elections

Matthew McDonald

Depraved, insensitive, and absurd: these are three words which best describe the County elections for Eisenhower county, made up of City #13, Pierce, and City #14, Buchanan. If Socrates truly did believe that democracy is the unwise, corrupt rule of the mob, then there is no better example to prove him right.

Events got off to a rough start when Buchanan arrived late for the County elections. The EBOs began elections with a lengthy roster of candidate-commissioners who seemed intent on outdoing one another in their antics. The morning began with a description of a candidate's various infractions, ranging from eating raw cream cheese to disrespecting a drill sergeant, resulting in his municipal trial on Wednesday night that is expected to draw a large crowd. City #14 continued its bizarre streak of nonsense with Ben McClaine, a candidate who offered a kiss to each delegate in exchange for a vote, which riled the audience into accusations of prostitution and shouts to elect the county's sheriff as soon as possible to arrest McClaine and Spool for their crimes.

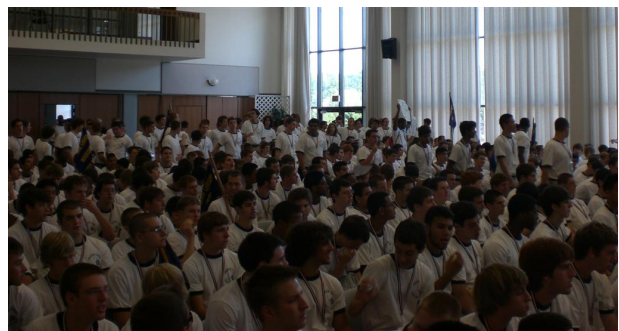
It was the election of assemblymen which brought the ridiculousness of the event to new heights. One candidate, City #13's Peleg Wolfsohn, successfully won a seat in his County election using highly questionable tactics. When prompted by an unidentified audience member, Assemblyman Wolfsohn screamed at the top of his lungs to prove to the audience that he was the loudest candidate and would therefore be able to hold his own on the Assembly floor. Later, another assemblyman, Aaron D'Alessandro centered his pitch on his Fortnite skills, using his ownership of the original Black

Knight skin as evidence of his gaming prowess (In case you were wondering, his KD ratio is 1.05 and his win percentage is 2.5%). Although Wolfsohn's city wasn't into his eccentric skill, it seemed that Buchanan voters were more appreciative of his talents, responding with excitement to his stats. Nick Penza, a fellow City #13 candidates later rode Mr. D'Alessandro's coat tails when he also delivered a Fortnite-centric speech.

Though the Senate elections were tame compared to those of the assemblymen, City #14's guidon created a ruckus when he was recorded breaking ALJBS code by leaving his city flag on the ground.

Last but not least, Sheriff Nate Bunting won his seat by promising to assign fewer tickets than Jack Mosier, the previous candidate, a blatant example of mass bribery.

Though considered by some a mockery of the US political system, the Eisenhower County debacle is perhaps a perfect symbol of local politics: rough and tumble, very personal, and always unpredictable.



Delegates listen to their candidate speak to the party.

HUMAN INTEREST

The Notebook Craze That Has Taken Over Boys State

Tyler Paluzzi

So far, the 76th American Legion Jersey Boys State has started off with a bang. We have had various elections, a presentation on D-Day, a college fair, and a lot more that does not include much sleep. One thing, however, has captivated our Statesmen in a way most didn't see coming.

At our first General Assembly, ALJBS Executive Director David S. Bagatelle wanted to show the American Legion Department of New Jersey State Commander Steve Fisher Boys State's appreciation for taking the time to speak to all the young men in attendance. Fisher was then presented with his very own 75th Anniversary Edition Jersey Boys State Moleskine Notebook. At first, the murmurs around the room were ones of banter and indifference, but by the time night had fallen the feeling was different. Kay LiCausi and Matt McDermott had taken the stage to speak about their lobbyist careers, and upon presentation of our now beloved notebooks, the crowd rang out in chants of "Notebook!" and stomps of approval. Thunderous cheers filled the Alumni Gymnasium after our stellar guests received their tokens of appreciation, and it was quite the sight to behold.

This phenomenon would continue, and reach its height at our latest assembly, when Statesmen couldn't wait for the presentation of notebooks to speakers Assemblyman Brian Bergen, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson, and Assemblyman Raj Mukherji. With the assemblymen hyping up the crowd, the delegates erupted at a level of excitement that would rival a Super Bowl crowd.

In the years before us, Statesmen have been fixated on different mementos from socks to

shirts, given out to guests when accidentally ordered in excess. This year feels different, with a strong backing behind the fan favorite notebook. The only question every delegate has asked is where they can get their own.



Matt McDermott addresses statesmen at the Careers in Government Seminar



Matt McDermott addresses questions of the statesman during the first General Assembly on Sunday