



RGS GOVERNOR'S RACE 2016

FEDERALIST



Federalist candidates for 2016 RGS Governor include: (front) Abby Wallace, Randolph; Rhiannon Macom, Northern Panhandle; Erin A. Duffey, Kanawha; (middle) Corrine Zeni, Calhoun; Amanda Vera-Collins, Marion; Samantha Edwards, Northern Panhandle; (back) Jasmine Matheny,



Nationalist candidates for 2016 RGS Governor include: (front) Aubrie Williams, Upshur; Raechyl Beard, Lewis; Taylor Garner, Kanawha; Jazmin Gillum, Monroe; Caroline Humphrey, Randolph; (middle) Mary Griffith, Braxton; Kassidy Daum, Monongalia; Samantha Force, Marion; Samantha Marteney, Monongalia; (back) Mariah Daffaron, Northern Panhandle; Emma Rice, Calhoun;

NATIONALIST





Barbara Kulpa, Rhododendron Girls State's nurse for the week, ensures Nationalist Nicole Gordon's blood pressure is fine.

Kulpa cares for Girls State

By Nicole Gordon, Calhoun Nationalist

Most people mistakenly take the nurses job as, "the only work they do is in hospitals."

Barbara Kulpa is a nurse; with that said, nurses work in places such as hospitals, homes and other places you could probably think of.

Such as right her caring for the citizens of Rhododendron Girls State.

What do the nurses do for us?

For starters they are holistic, which means they take care of

you and watch how your relationship with your family is.

Mrs. Kulpa explained her career sees her working shifts and sometimes full weeks.

The reason why is because she has a "desire to help others and also reach their best state of health."

Mrs. Kulpa expressed it is best to obtain a BSN as an entry level degree because you will have more opportunities in the profession.

Inauguration art contest open to all RGS citizens

All citizens are invited to enter the art contest for the cover of the Inaugural Program, which will be used Thursday, June 16, during Inauguration ceremonies.

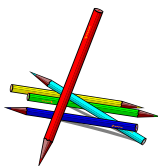
Nancy Farley, Betty Rea and Ashley Parrish will organize the Inaugural Ceremonies and award a prize to the designer of the winning cover.

The slogan this year will be Rise Up! Be Your Best You!"

Deadline for turning in entries is Wednesday, June 15, at noon. Those entering the contest may submit their entry to the Rhododendron Daily staff in Ignatius Hall.

Please remember to sign all artwork before submission. Entries drawn on lined paper will not be considered. Participants are also reminded to refrain from using pencil.

Entries must include the slogan in the design and art should be the created based on the designer's interpretation of this years slogan.



Country Store Open for Business

By Nicky Hubbard, Northern Panhandle Nationalist

Sharon Glassford, manager of the Country Store, enjoys seeing Rhododendron Girls State citizens throughout the week.

Betty Rea, who has worked with the Girls State program for 54 years, serves as Glassford's assistant.

Mrs. Rea also said she enjoys working for the country store and meeting all the citizens from day-to-day.

The main Country Store is located on the first floor of Ignatius and sells many items from tee shirts to campaign supplies. They also sell snacks, which seem a favorite of RGS citizens.

Not to mention, the prices are very reasonable.

Another face citizens will see in the Country Store is Paulette An-

derson, Banker.

In addition to serving RGS citizens as their Banker, Anderson also helps when citizens flood the Country Store.

One Girls State citizen was overheard saying, "The country store is a really good thing to have at Girls State."



MONKEYS WILL HEAR NO EVIL, SEE NO EVIL AND SPEAK NO EVIL - Betty Rea, Sharon Glassford and Paulette Anderson have tons of fun in the RGS Country Store.



Amazing Opportunities

Girls Nation Senators Report to RGS

By Taylor Graham, Kanawha Nationalist, & Rachel Moore, Lewis Nationalist

Senator Jessica Kimble reflected on her time at Girls Nation with tears in her eyes.

"Amazing opportunities," was the first and only two words she could manage to speak before submerging into tears.

After Kimble and Alyssa Bumpus were chosen as outstanding citizens, they were put through a rigorous interview process to be eligible for Girls Nation.

They impressed the staff and were sent on their way to Girls Nation, just outside of Washington D.C.

They were given the opportunity to present a bill, on behalf of handicapped citizens of America.

They felt these people did not have the same opportunity to voice their opinions and needs.

The bill unanimously passed. As you could imagine, this left the girls with much

confidence and pride. During their visit, Kimble and Bumpus visited the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum.

Bumpus when visiting the cemetery, recognized her great-grandfather, a General from the Vietnam War. She found it a very moving experience.

The Girls Nation Senators sang a song to show their appreciation and patriotism for their country.

While singing, they handed out miniature American flags. A deed so small yet leaving such a big impact on the citizens. All could see smiles and pride all over their faces as each received their own small flag.

All of these experiences gave the girls priceless memories and stories to share when back home.

Senator Kimble's favorite memory was meeting and get-



GIRLS NATION SENATORS - Alyssa Bumpus and Jessica Kimble

ting a hug from President of the United States, Barack Obama. "It was my proudest moment," said Kimble.

Now, a year later, presenting their time as residents of Girls Nation to the

2016 Rhododendron Girls State and volunteering their time as junior counselors, they both share their experiences with smiles, laughter and tears.

2016 Rhododendron Girls State Election Officials

Braxton: Commissioners: Ella Brockway-N, Makenna Hefner-F, Emilee Spangler-N, Avery Korne-F; Poll Clerks: Cheyenne Arbogast-N, Kylie Harrison-F

Calhoun: Commissioners: Carson Fisher-N, Selena Rivera-F, Emma Rice-N, Laura Webb-F; Poll Clerks: Nicole Gordon-N, Corinne Zeni-F

Kanawha: Commissioners: Alexis Rumbach-N, Mackenzie Hawkins-F, Abigail Means-N; Poll Clerks: Taylor Barnes-N, Angelica Starcovic-F

Lewis: Commissioners: Haley Fiber-N, Elise Renolds-F, Miguelina McMichael-N; Poll Clerks: Victoria Williams-N, Kaylie Allen-F

Marion: Commissioners: Molly Swartzmiller-N, Katie Preece-F, Josie Raines-N; Poll Clerks: Olivia Conaway-N, Madeline Mitchell-F

Monongalia: Commissioners: Samantha Maidens-N, Taylor McKay-F, Bronwynn Cox-N; Poll Clerks: Serena Wiseman-N, Emily Chewing-F

Monroe: Commissioners: Abby Wadsworth-N, Isabella Reichel-F, Alyssa Bolinger-N; Poll Clerks: Jazmin Gillum-N, Kimberly Fagg-F

Northern Panhandle: Commissioners: Abby Witucky-N, Emily Wilfong-F, Leah Stankus-N, Chelsi Long-F; Poll Clerks: Amber Sturgill-N, Madison Moats-F

Randolph: Commissioners: Caroline

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Party Leaders

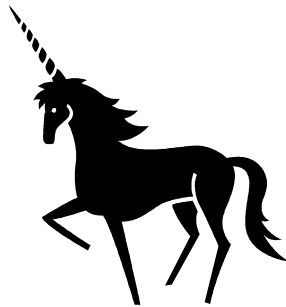
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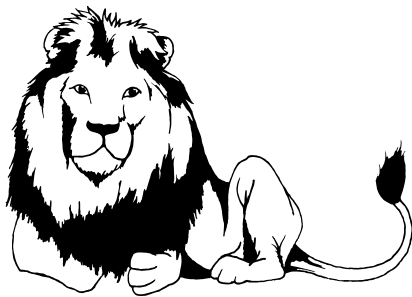
“State Budget”

Slogan:

“Feds for Finance:
Promising Tomorrow”



Nationalist



Platform:

“Equality for
Woman: Better
Ourselves to Bet-
ter Our Future”

Slogan:

“I am a Women;
Hear Me Roar”

Don't forget to order photos

Girls State citizens have the opportunity to order photos from throughout their week at RGS.

From community or party pictures, to parade or Inauguration photos, a variety of shots are available for purchase at: www.p.wvgirlsstate.org

Prices for group photos including Party, Community and Inauguration are:



4x6 = \$5.00

5x7 = \$10.00

8x10 = \$20.00

11x14 = \$38.00

12x18 = \$45.00

16x20 = \$55.00

key chain = \$10.00

Digital Download = \$20.00

Primary Election Candidates

GOVERNOR

Federalist: Ava Ashbury, Monongalia; Jasmine Matheny, Randolph; Samantha Edwards, Northern Panhandle; Rhiannon Macom, Northern Panhandle; Omotayo Oluwafemi, Northern Panhandle; Corrine Zeni, Calhoun; Amanda Vera-Collins, Marion; Abby Wallace, Randolph; and Erin A. Duffey, Kanawha.

Nationalist: Samantha Marteney, Monongalia; Emma Rise, Calhoun; Mary Griffith, Braxton; Aubrie Williams, Upshur; Jensen Kenney, Webster; Raechyl Beard, Lewis; Mariah Daffaron, Northern Panhandle; Jazmin Gillum, Monroe; Samantha Force, Marion; Caroline Humphrey, Randolph; Kassidy Daum, Monongalia; Taylor Garner, Kanawha; and Abi Cain, Kanawha.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Federalist: Isabella Reichel, Monroe; Andrea Idler, Monongalia; Kendal Demarco, Upshur; Cassandra Harvey, Webster; Macall Brummage, Braxton; Kaitlyn Barker, Calhoun; Brianne Covington, Kanawha.

Nationalist: Erin Ramsey, Calhoun; Jillian Childers, Marion; and Allison Patrick, Randolph.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Federalist: Devony Workman, Braxton.

Nationalist: Caroline Ferrell, Upshur; and Kendra Kestner, Kanawha.

TREASURER

Federalist: Hannah Dieffenbaugher, Braxton; and MacKenzie Steele, Calhoun.

Nationalist: Sarah Victory, Lewis, Larrin Shriver, Monroe; and Rebecca Luketic, Monongalia.

AUDITOR

Federalist: Hannah Cummings, Webster.

Nationalist: Sarah Hardee, Braxton; and Sonja Harris, Calhoun.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Federalist: Cassandra Stout, Braxton; and Ashton Rexroad, Northern Panhandle.

Nationalist: Alyssa Bolinger, Monroe, Bailey Gregg, Calhoun, Elizabeth Kocsis, Kanawha; and Destiny Gerrard, Randolph.

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

Federalist: Harleigh McDougal, Lewis; Taylor Miller, Calhoun; Mercedes Hackworth, Webster; Olivia Solcos, Upshur; Rachel Flanagan, Webster; Kylie Harrison, Braxton; Chanya Elkins, Lewis; Lauren Hopper, Randolph; and Brooke Ashby, Randolph.

Nationalist: Claire Baker, Lewis, Tori Swihart, Braxton; Hannah Eshelman, Calhoun; Marlee Hoffman, Marion; Sophia Shumway, Upshur; Erin Guy, Calhoun; and Taylor Graham, Kanawha.

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Something to be proud of!

RGS donates to Veterans Welfare Fund

By Tori Kane, Lewis Nationalist

Everyday our American troops put it all on the line and risk their lives for our beautiful country.

But what happens when their service is over? Where do our troops go and who helps them along the way?

Although there are many aids to our troops, one of the most important is the Veteran's Welfare Fund, to which Rhododendron Girls State donates.

This welfare fund collects Poppy Funds and donations from American Legion Units from across West Virginia.

Proceeds collected support the Vet-

erans Affairs hospitals in Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, Martinsburg and the veterans home in Barboursville.

Proceeds provided by Girls State go toward VA gift shops, cheer parties, comfort items and direct aid to veterans and his or her immediate family.

All Rhododendron Girls State citizens can get involved in this wonderful cause by donating in the country store.

The 2016 RGS Community Service Project is definitely something to get involved with and be proud of.

Hall gives emotional speech; performs rose ceremony

By Rachael Flanagan, Webster Federalist

& Alaska Perdue, Webster Nationalist

Mr. David Hall gave a small presentation on POW/MIA Monday, June 13. He gave a speech and performed a rose placement ceremony in honor of the 88,000 missing war veterans. It was an emotional and very patriotic ceremony.

During his speech he discussed the terrible and flabbergasting facts of wars the United States has been involved in. He gave great detail of war, loss and hardship.

"When the bells of freedom first rang out we were there," he said.

The level of patriotism and grave detail touched every Girls State girl and showed how veterans effect our daily lives. State Troopers Thompson and English were involved in the rose ceremony.

Roses were laid for each branch of the military to represent those we have lost and those who are still missing.

All-in-all the ceremony was a great experience. He was an exceptional guest and we are extremely lucky he chose to attend and speak at Girls State.



**Past Department
Commander
David Hall**

Ballot Commissioners

Braxton: Kate Mullenax-N and Erin Dodd-F

Calhoun: Isabella Vance-F and Kaitlyn Barker-F

Kanawha: Elizabeth Kocsis-N and Natalie Rogers-F

Lewis: Rachelle Hawkins-N, Annie McVey-F

Marion: Megan Stoffel-N and Sara Comer-F

Monongalia: Bellany Young-F and Autumn Christafore-N

Monroe: Rhiana Bobes-F and Abigail Collett-N

Northern Panhandle: Shay Kaminiski-N and Anna Sweilam-N

Randolph: Korri Evans-N and Jasmine Matheny-F

Upshur: Sam Oiler-N and Lexi Deavers-F

Webster: Kellie Schroeder-F and Shayna Rexrode-F

Election Officials

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Humphrey-N, Kallie Perkins-F, Sydney Lipscomb-N, Hannah Dennis-F; Poll Clerks: Korri Evans-N, Jasmine Matheny-F

Upshur: Commissioners: Caroline Ferrell-N, Madison Wagner-F, Jordan Haley-F; Poll Clerks: Aubrie Williams-N, Olivia Sokos-F

Webster: Commissioners: Alaska Perdue-N, Mercedes Hackworth-F, Bayleigh Burge-F; Poll Clerks: Virginia Milleson-N, Paige Leaseburg-F



INSPIRE WEST VIRGINIA - Olivia McCuskey and Kathryn Long.

Inspire West Virginia inspires Girls State

*By Abby Short, Braxton Federalist
& Madison Moats, Northern Panhandle Fed*

Kathryn Long and Olivia McCuskey introduced the Girls State family to the student-led, non-profit, program, Inspire West Virginia Monday, June 13.

Miss Long described the program as a leadership development program, which creates a culture of civic engagement.

As of now, Inspire West Virginia is active in 19 counties though the program is always looking for more participation.

One can apply to be member at www.inspireus/wv.org/2016_application.

The national program is offered to any high school senior or junior with the exception of some sophomores with no particular background just the potential to be a leader!

Members of the program receive several opportunities and awards such as a possible \$500 dollar scholarship, internships and facetime with several legislators.

Recently, the non-partisan organization has begun an alumni program to continue into the members' college careers.



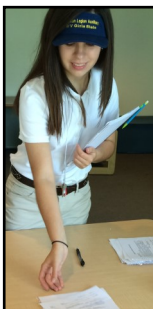
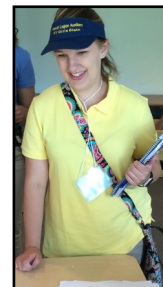
Filing for RGS state offices ...



Upshur Nationalist Kristen Falcone (above) looked on while fellow Upshur Nats, Caroline Ferrall and Sophia Shumway, filed for the state office of Attorney General and Justice of the Supreme Court, respectively.



Federalist Rhiannon Macom, Northern Panhandle, (right) filed for RGS Governor.



Federalist Ashton Rexroad, Northern Panhandle, (left) filed for Commissioner of Agriculture.



Nationalist Raechyl Beard, Lewis (above) filed for the state office of RGS Governor Monday.



Federalist Kendal Demarco, Upshur, (left) filed Monday for the state office of Secretary of State.



Federalist MacKenzie Steele, Calhoun, (right) filed for the state office of Treasurer Monday afternoon, June 13.



Dr. Rosemary Thomas (above) accepts the Candidate Certificate for State Office from Federalist Samantha Marteney3