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Nationalists and Federalists: Similar *Yet* Different

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On Monday, May 29th, the Nationalist and Federalist parties formally accepted and adopted their respective party platforms. The Nationalist platform convention was able to smoothly run through and adopt the party-endorsed list of policies, while the Federalists, by contrast, chose to adopt a second version of their platform after the first was overwhelmingly rejected. The two platforms are objectively similar but also possess key differences.

Commonplace is a high amount of support for an Alabama state lottery. Both parties firmly believe that the implementation of the aforementioned will generate millions of dollars in revenue. The two will strive to have the resulting revenue diverted to education; however,

the Nationalist Party believes that a small amount of the funds should be diverted towards treating gambling addiction. Also commonplace is an effort to reform the prison and judicial systems, with the Nationalists emphasizing on a goal to reduce repeat offenders.

Healthwise, the two parties are unanimously in favor of stricter regulation on narcotics and opioids. Furthermore, the Nationalists will be aiming to tackle mental health issues by enacting limitations and regulations on social media use.

Each party possesses somewhat of a "wild card" policy. The Federalists, in an effort to increase tourism and generate additional revenue, will be striving to bring more professional sports teams to Alabama. Additionally, the



Federalists would like to pass legislation in order to bolster the fields of science, engineering, technology, and math within state lines. The Nationalists, in an effort to preserve the environment and bring benefits to those working for the State Parks Department, are planning to charge inexpensive general admission to all parks.

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By: Herrington Hobbs

A revolution of uproars moved Smith Hall Monday night, May 30th, 2023. An hour before, a man by the name of Clint Usher had several of the Boy Staters eager to listen. Some were told to expect a spectacle; others didn't know who he was. However, all were astonished with the ability this man possessed: perseverance. Born with cerebral palsy, he's faced many difficult challenges throughout life. From running a fifty meter dash to facing the challenge of accepting paralysis from the waist below, Usher has had no easy journey.

But this disorder does not conquer Usher. He does not let it own him. "Clint Usher does not suffer from Cerebral Palsy.

Cerebral Palsy suffers from Clint Usher," he states. While most of the Boy Staters do not suffer from a rare disorder like that, many can fall behind in grades. Usher's top point of motivation was only one breath: 4.0.

o succeed in school, his philosophy was to constantly remind himself of the phrase, "4.0" "4.0 should be the goal. 4.0 should run your life. 4.0 is now my lock-screen."



4.0 rocked the building. Now, Usher has engraved 4.0 into the minds of everyone.

5 DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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82° 65°	86° 68°	81° 67°	85° 67°	87° 67°



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The Federalist Convention: A Real Rollercoaster

Sunday afternoon the party conventions began. The Federalist marched into Monday morning ready to develop a platform for their party. A committee was elected to draft a proposal for their idea and that committee spent their time in the party convention drafting their legislation. The party committee announced their platform to lukewarm reception. After long deliberation and polling, the platform was rejected. The complaints about the platform levied were based on the vagueness of a small business tax break, as well as a divergence of opinions on prison reforms. After the General assembly that afternoon, a new platform was drafted. The amendments to the platform consisted of a pullback on small business tax breaks that transitioned to a general endorsement of small business. Another Amendment was a focus on judicial reform for sentencing rather than prisons themselves. The platform was shakily accepted. During the convention, many delegates within the federalist party chose to run for office, but by far the governor's race was the most competitive. There were secret negotiations and deals behind the scenes regarding the candidates and their cities. This race was getting heated. The primary arrived and there were many fiery speeches and roars from the crowd. After the initial primary election, the governor's race came down to a run-off between two candidates, Brody Mazingo and Thomas Fleming. After the nail biting run-offs were complete, the candidates for governor were announced with Thomas Fleming coming out on top.

By: Logan Hines, Jordan Ernest

Sports Close Games and Blowouts

Greetings, Alabama Boys State attendees! Here's the latest sports recap, highlighting the overall records achieved by the participating cities throughout the day.

City 1 emerged as the frontrunner with a dominant record of 5-1, highlighting it with a 3-0 blowout in Soccer. City 7 displayed their prowess in soccer as well with a remarkable 4-0 victory, ending their day 3-3 overall.

Basketball witnessed some intense battles. City 3 came back from 2 10-point deficits, leading to a 46-41 win in OT, and finishing 3-3 overall. Encountering challenges due to player absences, City 4 still persevered with a 1-5 record. City 10 faced tough competition, as well, ending the day 2-3-1.

Volleyball saw City 5 dominate their matches, winning 25-17 and 25-22 and achieving a 3-3 overall record for the day. City 6 also saw dominance, winning 25-12 and 25-14 and finishing the day 2-4.

Lastly, Cities 2, 8, and 9 showcased their strength with impressive 4-2 records.

We applaud the determination and sportsmanship demonstrated by all the participating cities. As the competitions continue, we eagerly await the next round of matches. Stay tuned for more updates on the Alabama Boys State sports events!



By: Xavier Henderson and Jackson Tingle

The Music That Makes Us

By: Jackson Angiulli

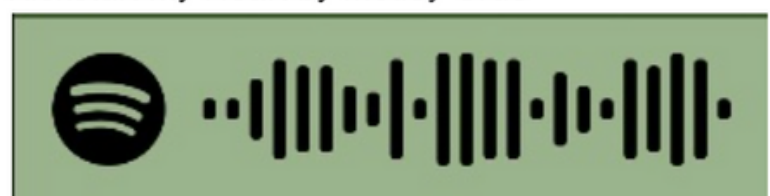
Music is something that unites us all. As teenagers we are surrounded by music and its influences. I asked delegates here at Boys State what their favorite songs were. Their results do not disappoint! We all have different genres here ranging from Rap, rock, alternative, R&B and country. With that being said, enjoy these four songs picked by your fellow delegates at Boys State!

Scan the Links on Spotify to access the songs

Jackson Moore
Family Business by Kanye West



Thomas Flemming
Kickstart my Heart by Mötley Crüe



Andrew Giadrosich
Sweet Home Alabama by Lynyrd Skynyrd



Andrew Suggs
Sarah by Alex G

