

THE EAGLE EYE WATCH

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ALASKA GIRLS STATE

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CITY OF KENAI

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City Life

City life here at the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is very different than normal city life. We are definitely still a tight knit community and work together to complete certain goals, despite being in different parties or different groups. Some of our city members are even running against each other and yet we still all get along. Now the less here is your exclusive look into the life of the city of Kenai.

Inside our city we have mayor Audrey Winterton, Secretary Elena Butler, Councilwomen Molly Frati and Morgan Bolan and Reporters Ta'Mariah Jenkins and Malin Marios. Our counselor is the wonderful Kierra Hurn.

The city itself is six beds with mattresses wrapped in plastic, two chairs, and a table. Sleeping on a plastic wrapped mattress is a loud experience. Every time any citizen in our city moves during the night, the crinkle sound of the plastic is loud enough to be heard by all.

During the talent show our city had to contribute an act. Because we are creative, we decided to do an interpretive dance to the cotton-eyed Joe which ended in human bowling.

It also just so happens that the Girls State choir is made up entirely by the city of Kenai. Not just that, but every member of the City of Kenai - including

Our counselor Kierra— is also a member of the choir. As a matter of fact we had our singing debut today during chores. The dishwasher broke so we had to wash the dishes by hand.

Because of this, we broke out of song while doing chores to entertain ourselves.

Our city has only known each other for four days, but it's clear that we are a real community.

— Malin Marius

City of Kenai

DAILY PUN

— I used to be afraid of hurdles...
but then I got over it —

Food for thought
Which flower makes the prettiest
bouquet?

CONGRATS CITY OF EAGLE! Each city has the opportunity to be featured on the front page each day by winning the "FIRST COMPLETED" contest but the newspaper will remain to be called The Eagle Eye Watch all week in honor of the City of Eagle winning the contest on the first day! Congrats once again City of Eagle

THE KENAI KILLER

PAPERS

Thursday June 19th 2019 By **Ta'Mariah Jenkins**

Waking up to a cloudy day the girls get ready for another amazing day at the American Legion Auxiliary. The morning starts as usual with flags and a delicious breakfast from our kitchen staff. We then proceed the day with the following legislative sessions consisting of the following bills between the House and Senate.

Wanna Know a Secret??

I heard. . .that the choir is doing something EXTRA special for the graduation?

Wanna know more? Stay tuned (:

*AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ALASKA GIRLS! PLEASE BE WORKING
ON POSTERS AND CITY SONGS!!!*

As the days are slowly coming closer to graduation, these strong females work harder to finish with a BANG as the staff is the one lighting the fuse. Only 3 full days have progressed and most

people would be surprised to find that these females came in simply not knowing each other. However the STRENGTH, INTEGRITY, and GRIT this program has bestowed upon them has each and every girl being grateful. The importance of this program is not only just about the importance of America and its veterans, but the citizens and families. These girls have grown in a matter of days than a whole summer could give. Lessons such as leadership and political procedures have made a difference to the girls and staff. Stories from visitors and general speeches resonate within each and every girls heart leading them to want to know more. To not be afraid to ask questions and to be able to state their opinion. The American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State, makes a person truly love their country and be grateful for what God has given us. The feeling itself. . . is just amazing and I wish to share this with others so they could realize this stupendous program. –Ta’Mariah Jenkins

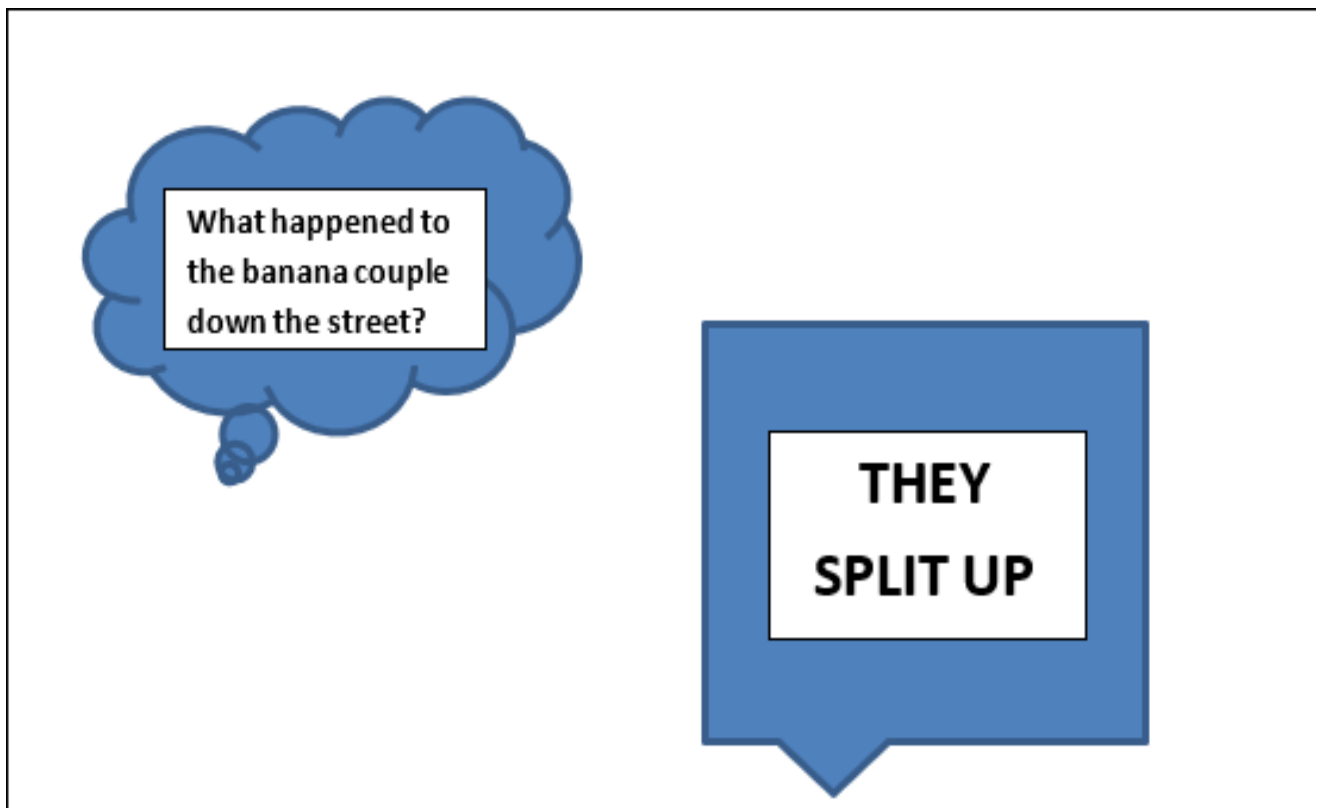
SPEAKING OF STUPENDOUS by Ta’Mariah Jenkins

Words cannot describe the amazement and proudness of the primary speeches the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State girls had introduced later in the evening. Staff highly impressed. Counselors beaming with love and happiness towards these young women. The potential future leaders of something world changing. GOOD JOB!!!!

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By Ta'Mariah Jenkins



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Exclusive Interview with Ann Peeples

Well, this was more of a talk than an interview; so she talked while I took notes. So I'm just going to write as much as I can about her life story.

Ann Peeples has been a member of Post 35 for about 70 years maybe even more; she couldn't remember exactly how long it was. She has been helping with American Auxiliary Alaska Girl State for many years, but she had to take a few years off, because her and her husband had some health problems, which I'll discuss later. Once a month Ann and her husband volunteer out at Fisher, a on base hospital for military families. Ann told me about this one girl, she was about seven years old. The girl had to have chemo treatments all the time, but her mum or dad couldn't be with her all the time. She had nine other kids to take care of. So Fisher set up a place for the entire family to stay while the girl had her treatments. According to Ann, she's doing great now and that's really good to hear. Speaking of chemo treatments, her husband just finished his this week, today was the first he had been out of the house in six weeks. (Excluding treatments and such) So they were both excited about that. On top of that Ann is recovering from a heart attack she had a few weeks ago, her doctor yesterday cleared her to travel. As we were talking about the miracles that keep happening in her life she said the most amazing quote ever. "The lord's been providing for us, so we can keep providing for others." I smile every time I read it, I just love the quote, it just really stuck with me. Last October Ann decided to go on a few long trips by herself. Of course everyone told her not to. But oh boy was she determined to go by herself, well almost by herself Ann of course brought cookie along. An adorable eight year old teacup poodle that they rescued from Georgia when he was two years old. So Ann, true to her word went on the trips with her and Cookie. They went to West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois, and North Carolina. She wanted to go to California too, but that was when she had her heart attack. When Ann was telling me her story I couldn't help but notice her shirt. It said "Being a wife is a choice. Being a wife to a veteran is a privilege." In my opinion that was a beautiful saying, 'cause it's true. Although speaking of veterans, her father served



in World War Two, he very sadly died while in a concentration camp in 1967, he is now buried in France. As sad as that is Ann said that she was moved on since then. She even started a family of her own; in fact her son was the first graduating class of Bartlet. How cool is that?! Also random fact about Ann, she and her husband quit drinking in 1973, they go to Post 35 to help vets and for the friendships she has made there. That's all I could get, I didn't get to talk her very long, if I did though I would probably make a whole book about her life. Hope you enjoyed the story of Ann Peeples.

-Elizabeth King

Legislative Sessions

Can you guys believe we had three whole sessions today?! They felt like they went on forever, but I hope everyone got at least some stuff done today, I know we did. I love the debates and discussions we all have, it lets us see another point of view of the bill/issue. I really like the fact that everyone is open to other points of view and yet not afraid to speak loud and proud about their opinion on the subject at hand. Thank you and have a wonderful evening.

-Elizabeth King





Girls having fun at rec on the lake



The girls going for a boat ride