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Courageous Conversations About Race **By: Ian Burbach**

The Monday Kimball panel began Courageous Conversations About Race; featuring Don Wesley, Judi Gaiabshkibos, and Thomas Christie at Kimball Recital Hall. Each member shared their own real world contexts of how race is seen in America and especially within Nebraska. Don Wesley started off with a brief discussion about Critical Race Theory (CRT) and how it is used in Nebraska by people running for elected office. Wesley also shared with the boys here the real definition of Critical Race Theory, pointing out the difference between what it is versus how it is portrayed in the media.

Judi Gaiabshkibos gave a similarly toned speech with a different message. Gaiabshkibos, being from her own Ponca tribe, gave the boys a view into her own experience while in Nebraska. Gaiabshkibos has done amazing work in research and education about the boarding schools erected and utilized from 1884 to 1934 in assimilation and cultural erasure of Indigenous peoples; the main goal being to create awareness about the issues of the past in order to correct them in the present.

The final speaker was Thomas Christie who spoke on the experiences of being not only black, but being any other race besides Caucasian. Christie showed the boys here how vast the difference was in the number of boys who identify as Caucasian or not. The total number of those boys here who were not, came to be four. Christie had soon after stated: "Now imagine you are one of them. A minority here in this room."; Comparing that number to the 200 other boys here gave immense perspective to everyone in the room. Overall, Christie shared the idea that as a collective, everyone in the room has the power to make the changes that past generations failed to successfully accomplish.

A Lesson on Law

By: Jaxen Sellers



Attorney Steve Gealy spoke on the procedure of the courts of America. This oration was imbued in vast information on the topic and also a great deal of humor. Those stateres that sought to attend this event were introduced to the hierarchical status of the courts of Nebraska. Each court was given grand character through the voice of Mr. Gealy, ranging from the power of municipal courts and the adroit nature of the Supreme Court in comparison. Furthermore, he also discussed minor concepts, from arguments to jury duty, that compose the body of law. Mr. Gealy presented to the stateres a story of his daughter, for example, wherein she was the sole juror who questioned the situation at hand. This case featured a man who had been accused of swiftly buying an illegal substance from an undercover officer. The undercover officer who had allegedly sold it to this man was cross examined, and it was found that he could not truly identify features of the man at the time of the transaction. This story alone had thereby supplied the stateres with information regarding certain tasks and further knowledge on the procedure of the court. Overall, the entire discussion over the judicial process was a brief, but fascinating delve into the purview of it.

Senator Visits Boys' State

By: Hayden Nagel

This morning, Senator Suzanne Geist came and talked to the boys who are interested in the state legislature. Nebraska is the only state to have a unicameral legislature and Sen. Geist talked about some of the good and bad things that come along with it. One of the good things she mentioned is the bipartisan, due to there being no party affiliation of the state legislature. A bad thing that comes along with it is that there is no way of punishment for senators who say that they will vote in favor of a bill just to lie and change their vote to disagree for said bill. She gave a really interesting speech about our unique form of state government and we are very grateful for her time.



Yorktown Town Report

By: Cameron Scheet

The citizens of Yorktown have elected a new City Council and they are eager to work on new laws to improve everyday life of all residents of Yorktown. They are also dead set on cracking down on frequent substance abuse by implementing new laws to prevent people from obtaining Cocaine and other Central Nervous System Stimulants. Overall the town's government is running smooth as butter. We know Yorktown will win!!!

Alamo Town Report By: Carter Sears

Alamo hit the ground running this morning. The city council met and proposed ordinances requiring town counselors to use the stairs with the members of the town, rather than using the elevator. The school board also met and decided on a mascot, the alpacas, and a color scheme, baby blue and black.

Bataan Football Dreams By: Jacob

The spirit to succeed is fervent within the town of Bataan. With the knowledge of Bataan competing today in football, everyone is anticipating to win the event. Everyone is also excited for upcoming elections in higher offices. This behavior is prevalent among the group and shows the desire to come out of this week better, and on top of it all.

Vaccination in Bunker Hill By: Thomas Kaus

The city council for Bunker Hill began today, led by newly elected Carston Knobbe as mayor. The other three councilmen elected were Micheal Begley, Jack Guthmann, and Tanner Theis. Together, this council passed two important ordinances as it learned to operate together as a united team, leading the town of Bunker Hill. The first ordinance was simple, but important. This banned the use, possession, and sale of cocaine within Bunker Hill. The second ordinance that hit the floor was one limiting the language used in chants. This one became a very debated topic amongst the council and constituents. It was argued that an ordinance such as this was too vague and could possibly be unconstitutional due to the first amendment. It was also discussed to amend the presented ordinance to only ban hate speech and to provide a more specific definition for what would be banned. However, this ordinance was eventually voted out, unanimously. The last agenda presented at Bunker Hill's city council was a mask and vaccination mandate requiring masks or vaccination in any city government building. This passed the council unanimously after a short discussion about the specific limitations of the ordinance. The city council in Bunker Hill seems to be moving forward quickly aiming to serve the citizens there.



Congratulations to our 2022 town mayors!



Gettysburg: Thomas Neal
Manilla Bay: Will Peterson
Yorktown: Brooks Armstrong
Alamo: Thomas Roth

Bunker Hill: Carsten Knobbe
Belleau Wood: Alex Rico
Bataan: Joshua King
Valley Forge: Trey Quick