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OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony of Buckeye Girls State officially kicked off the weeklong affair in the Convocation Hall at Ashland University. After Buckeye Girls State Director, Sara Huceby, called the ceremony to order, the colors were brought into the hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Beth Toalston, President of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, welcomed the girls to Buckeye Girls State and Dr. G. William Benz, President of Ashland University, welcomed the girls to Ashland University.

Sara Huceby introduced the keynote speaker of the evening, the 2001 Governor of

Buckeye Girls' State, Ashley Futrell.

The strength of Miss Futrell's speech was her ability to connect to the delegates. Futrell captured the girls' attention with stories from her Girls' State experience. Miss Futrell stated that, "the most important thing is YOU." She challenged the girls to do their personal best, play fair, and make the most of their time here. In accordance with these comments, the delegates were encouraged to focus on the positive and avoid the negative. She motivated the citizens to stand strong as Miss Futrell focused on the strength of America through the September Eleventh tragedy. Contrary to the hopes of the

terrorist's actions, this event could not destroy the spirit, values, and unity of our great land. With fine leaders like the delegates of BGS, the future of the country is in good hands. In conclusion, she challenged the women to boldly go where no woman, or man, has gone before. "You are our future, make us proud."

Director Huceby closed the evening with a challenge to the delegates to reach for the stars and be all that they can be as she counted out the hours, minutes, and seconds that the girls had remaining in their exciting week of the 2002 Buckeye Girls' State.

DELEGATES ARRIVE

The campus of Ashland University was transformed Sunday afternoon into the home of Buckeye Girls State with the arrival of 936 delegates from across the Great State of Ohio.

They were ushered through registration by the volunteer staff with the utmost ease and directed to their new city and county for the upcoming week. Their Resident Advisor and Government Advisor greeted them in their cities. After unpacking their belongings they took part in a city mixer and city orientation.

Learning to work as a team the delegates took part in Campus Exploration, cheering and singing songs introducing their individual cities to the Buckeye Girls State Community. The purpose of Campus Exploration was to familiarize the girls with their surroundings, as they will be using many of the facilities throughout the week.



WHAT IS FLAG ETTIQUETTE?

Flag etiquette is the code which describes the proper respect shown our National Flag. Of all the signs and symbols of our country there is none that evokes more powerful emotions than the flag of the United States of America. Jubilation is expressed by a sporting event audience when the Flag is raised and the Stars and Stripes sung so the game can begin. Many are angered when people display their discontent with the actions of our Government by burning the flag. The nation mourns when a fallen soldier's flag draped casket is returned to American soil. Tears and pride are shown by a mournful family of a deceased veteran when they are presented with an American Flag to honor his service to the Nation.

When the Stars and Stripes are passing in motion, remove your hat and place your hand on your heart. Your left hand should be empty and left at your side.

During Flag Raising or Lowering you must salute (place right hand on heart).

The Flag when flying at night must be illuminated.

Old Glory shall never be dipped but held straight and high.

When carrying or lowering the flag never let it touch what is beneath it, i.e. the ground, a table.

When placed with other banners, the American flag is always higher.

The Flag is only hung upside down to denote distress.

TUESDAY'S WEATHER



PM THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 79°F · LOW 61°F

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Desi Stoy, Director of Government, petitioned the court on behalf of the delegates selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Units of the Department of Ohio vouching for their character, willingness to learn and participate as good citizens of Buckeye Girls State. The petition was presented to the Honorable Damien Vercillo, Ashland County Juvenile-Probate Court Judge by American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio President, Beth Toalston. What an awesome, emotionally inspiring sight to see the 938 delegates raising their right hand to swear their oath of allegiance to Buckeye Girls State.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Being a member of your city's school board is a great job that will be a learning experience for real life.

The city board of education is a policy-making body, which sets the course for its school district, in order to provide the best possible learning environment for its students. Since students are the future of our country, it is extremely important that they receive the best possible education.

Here at Buckeye Girls State, you will have the opportunity to make policy and set regulations that you feel are important for today's students. There are five school board members to be elected in each city. This is a non-partisan position. Those board members will then organize themselves, elect a president and vice president, and appoint a superintendent and treasurer. An orientation will give more detailed information and ideas for the work to be done.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education is the policy-making body responsible for setting the course of education in the state. This includes establishing state standards for everything – curriculum, class sizes, pupil-teacher ratios, qualifications for teachers and administrators, and everything else having to do with elementary and secondary education in the state.

Each city has one representative on the State Board of Education, and it's essential to fill that position. This is a non-partisan position, so it is not on the primary ballot; only on the non-partisan ballot at the General Election.

This is a very important position and a personally rewarding one because you are guiding the path to ensure that all children in the state are prepared for adult life and have the skills needed to enter the world of work or go on to further education. As students yourselves, it is an opportunity to create policy and resolutions that you feel are important to today's students.

ABSOLUTELY INSPIRING

What other words could describe Ashley Futrell but inspiring? Not only through her invigorating speech given at the Official Opening, but her great achievements and tributes to her community truly moved me, and I feel I am speaking for all the girls here at Buckeye Girls State. We could only hope to share the same experiences she did.

I am proud to say we have survived the first day! The ride down was rather nerve-racking, yet soon did I realize every other girl was in the same shoes. The excitement of meeting roommates and fellow citizens has easily calmed with simple icebreakers in our city mixers. The anticipation of running for offices was calmed with a beginning introduction to each position available. Even worries about shower and phone time

were smoothed with equal and organized scheduling.

So could Miss Futrell have been right? Will we have a memorable week with "life lessons to pack up and take home" with us? I guess it depends on the individual. We must make the most of this experience. Whether winning or losing, we are just here to have fun. So kick back and relax a little; in the end, we will all come out on top. Congratulations Buckeye Girls; go out and give it your best shot!

*By Crystal Loftus
Resnick City, Balzhiser County*

EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

Citizens of Buckeye Girls State who decide to run for office have the choice to campaign for whichever office they choose. Campaigning is a process used to allow the electorate to know your name, the office for which you are running and the accomplishments you wish to achieve in that office. Many girls take part in campaigning by making posters, creating pins/name tags for their supporters to wear, meeting the citizens of BGS and giving speeches that receive the attention of their fellow citizens. All citizens should be involved. Candidates supporters can lend excitement and fresh ideas to your campaign helping to get you elected. In our accelerated session you will begin campaigning Monday.





BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Our form of Government has three branches.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor:	The governor is the chief executive officer of state government. The governor is responsible for proposing the state budget, appointing state department directors and signing or vetoing bills, passed by the legislative branch of BGS.
Lieutenant Governor:	The lieutenant governor is a member of the governor's cabinet and presides at its meetings in the absence of the governor.
Secretary of State:	The secretary of state is the chief election officer for the state. The secretary is also charged with safely keeping the laws and resolutions passed by the General Assembly and recording articles of incorporation for BGS businesses.
Treasurer of State:	The treasurer's primary responsibilities are to collect, invest and protect state funds. The treasurer collects most state taxes and manages the investments. The treasurer maintains an accurate accounting of all state and custodial funds.
Auditor of State:	The auditor of state is the constitutional officer responsible for auditing all public offices in the state including the cities, schools and counties as well as many governmental departments.
Attorney General:	The attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer for BGS and all its departments. The attorney general appears for the state in the trial and argument of all civil and criminal cases in the Supreme Court. Therefore you must pass the Bar Exam.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

House of Representatives:	There are 45 elected members of the House of Representatives. Nine are elected from each congressional district which is comprised of the five different counties at Buckeye Girls State.
Senators:	There are 5 senators from each of the congressional districts for a total of 25 Senators making up the Senate.

The House of Representatives and the Senate make up the "General Assembly." The General Assembly proposes and debates bills for adoption into laws. Most bills require a majority vote in both houses. If a bill passes both chambers it is then presented to the governor to be signed into law.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Buckeye Girls State Judicial System like Ohio's is a four tier court system.

Supreme Court:	The Supreme Court is known as the court of last resort. It is comprised of the Chief Justice and 6 Associate Justices. Most cases the Supreme Court hears are brought from the Court of Appeals.
Court of Appeals:	There are 3 Court of Appeals Judges hearing cases drawn from the Common Pleas Court and the Municipal Court.
Common Pleas Court:	Criminal felony and civil cases over \$500.00 are heard at the Common Pleas Court. It is the only trial court created by the constitution.
Municipal Court:	The Municipal Court is in all 5 counties and is authorized to conduct preliminary felony hearings, traffic and non-traffic misdemeanors and can rule on some civil cases up to \$15,000.00.

ATTENTION:

America has a flag
In Afghanistan it was used as a rag

It symbolizes freedom to us
And in God we Trust

Everywhere the flag is seen
People will carry the dream

That our nation will fight
To Keep things right

Sometimes the meaning is forgotten
But remember how our freedom
was gotten

People gave their lives
But the flag still flies

So remember the
red, white, and blue
Because it will always pull
through for you!

*Alisa Fellhauer
Davidson City
&
Nichole Foltz
Wainwright County*

TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Raising	7:15 am
County Caucuses	9:00 am
Platform Development	11:00 am
Rally/Debate Planning	11:00 am
Attorney Orientations	11:00 am
State Caucuses	2:30 pm
University Seminar	5:00 pm
Petition Pick-up/Filling	6:30 pm
Rally & Debate Planning	8:15 pm
Chorus & Band Rehearsal	9:00 pm
City Meeting	10:00 pm

MONDAY CONTEST

THE WINNER OF YESTERDAY'S CONTEST IS SARAH ROVITO, ALLEN CITY.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE NO LATER THAN 10AM TUESDAY.

OHIO'S PRESIDENTS

1. The State of Ohio is tied with the State of Virginia for being home to _____ Presidents.
2. The 27th president of the United States great-grandson is currently Governor of Ohio. _____
3. President _____ was from the Niles, Ohio and was elected in 1896 & 1900.
4. This Civil War Hero became the 18th President of the United States. _____
5. The 19th President nickname was the "Dark Horse President" _____
6. This President followed the above two and was born in Orange, Ohio. _____
7. The 29th President of the United States received 404 electoral votes. _____
8. This President caught a cold on his Inauguration and died a month later, the first to die in office. _____
9. The 23rd President of the United States was the grandson of the 9th _____.
10. Which party did 7 of the Ohio Presidents belong to? _____

SUNDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

- 1.88; 2. Ashtabula; 3. Lake; 4. 7 5. Cleveland & Cincinnati; 6. Chillicothe; 7. Oberlin College; 8. Marietta; 9. Lady Bug; 10. Cardinal and Carnation

MOCK TRIAL

Buckeye Girls State Mock Trial is not like the Mock Trials that are done in your local High School. Unfortunately, we neither have the personnel nor the time to engage in such a complicated trial.

Our mock trial is a trial by jury of a traffic case held in a Municipal Court setting.

Auditions are being held this afternoon for a Municipal Judge, a Prosecuting Attorney, a Defense Attorney, a Bailiff, and of course a Defendant. The Jury is chosen from the audience by Judicial Director Betty Robaszkievicz. The Mock Trial will be held at 1:30pm on Friday afternoon in the Redwood Building.



MONDAY FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"

— David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

AU BOOKSTORE

The AU bookstore is open for business. Check out the BGS items for purchase.

It's Up to You

- One song can spark a moment,*
- One flower can wake the dream.*
- One tree can start a forest,*
- One bird can herald spring.*
- One smile begins a friendship,*
- One handclasp lifts a soul.*
- One star can guide a ship at sea,*
- One word can frame the goal.*
- One vote can change a nation,*
- One sunbeam lights a room,*
- One candle wipes out darkness*
- One laugh will conquer gloom.*
- One step must start each journey,*
- One word must start each prayer.*
- One hope will raise our spirits,*
- One touch can show you care.*
- One voice can speak with wisdom,*
- One heart can know what's true,*
- One life can make the difference,*
- You see, IT'S UP TO YOU!*