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VOTE

Living in a Democracy with the freedom to vote for the candidate of your choice carries with it certain responsibilities. The responsible good citizen always takes the opportunity to cast her ballot considering the qualifications, ideals and principles of each candidate for the various offices. A political election is not a popularity contest but one that you choose the candidate whom best reflects your views on the issues at hand. Many voters have anguished when choosing not to vote for the candidate of her party

but it is the wise voter who casts her ballot for the issues rather than the label.

The right to vote is not only a right and also a privilege but also your duty as a citizen. In the 1960, Presidential Election John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected by a mere one vote per precinct making him the 35th president of the United States.

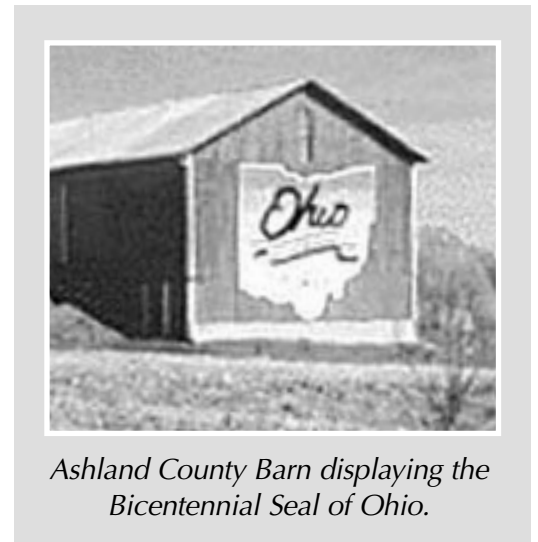
Make sure that you are a responsible citizen, follow directions and cast your vote for the candidate of your choosing tomorrow.

WED. AT A GLANCE

- 7:15 am Flag Raising
Curl County
- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 9:15 am State Rallies
- 11:00 am County/State Primary
Elections
- 11:30 am Lunch/Primary
Results Posted
- 1:15 pm Elected City Official
Orientation
- 2:15 pm County Rallies
- 3:30 pm Debate and Party
Demonstrations
- 5:00 pm Recreation Period/
University Seminar/
Band & Chorus
Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Dinner/County and
State General Election
- 7:30 pm Band & Chorus
Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm City Government
Celebration
- 10:00 pm Cabinet Applications
Due/City Meetings
- 11:30 pm Lights Out

GENE D. JARMAN

Buckeye Girls State is proud to have Officer Gene Jarman as Wednesdays keynote speaker. Officer Jarman is a 20 year veteran police officer and currently serves as the D.A.R.E. Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Juvenile Officer, and hostage negotiator for the West Carrollton Police Department. He has been commended by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association for his cable television show "Police Beat". In 1999, he was recognized as the Ohio American Legion's "Child Abuse Prevention Specialist of the Year", and was named as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America". Officer Jarman resides in Dayton, Ohio with his wife, Angie, and their two children Miranda and Nicholas. Welcome to Buckeye Girls State Officer Jarman.



Ashland County Barn displaying the Bicentennial Seal of Ohio.

A VIEW OF LIFE

All across the Buckeye State young girls and their families are getting ready for the same reason. Their minds are racing, as are the butterflies in their stomachs. The girls are nervous, anxious, curious and excited. They are about to attend the 2003 session of Buckeye Girls State in Ashland, Ohio.

It seems many girls have the same thoughts when thinking about how they will spend the upcoming week. Will the activities be boring? Will the authority figures be strict? Will they fit in with the other girls? In only a few hours, the girls are realizing that they had been worrying over nothing. No one can be prepared for BGS because as our wonderful keynote speaker at orientation told us no one can ever describe the event completely to someone else. Each girl has her own reasons for being here; no matter

what they are, we are all here! Friendships develop quickly and nervousness turns to excitement.

By early evening of the first night, the halls were filled with giggles and chatter about the decorations, campaigning and the upcoming elections.

Who knows what the week will bring? Can our feet stand the footbridge? Can some of us survive without the male species for six days? How long will the sweetness of the delegates and staff last with little or no sleep? Will the "delicate fifteen" pounds prove true from the buffet food and dorm snacking?

The week has just begun and the challenges are just beginning. It will be over in a blink of an eye so we will be here to remind you how far you've come and the possibilities in the future.

Author: Kara Leonakis & Brittney Bailey, Glenn City

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER



THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 78°F · LOW 59°F



Girls at the workshop

WORKSHOPS

The sun shone down on Ashland University this morning to start the first full day of Buckeye Girls State 2003. The highlight of today's program was the twelve workshops varying from the Bar and State Patrol Exam, Choir and Solo audition, to Board of Education and Platform Formation.

Approximately 600 delegates who learned about the various elected and appointed positions available on the city level attended the City Government Workshop. Delegates shared ideas for city themes and businesses and learned the criteria for which the "Ideal City" will be selected daily. Buckeye Girls State citizens are excited about creating their city books and look forward to the "City Government Celebration" on Wednesday evening.

The County Government workshop discussed the duties and responsibility of the following elected county officials: county auditors, commissioners, coroners, engineers, sheriffs, treasurers, prosecuting attorneys, clerk of court and county recorder. Did you know the county coroner is the only person who can arrest the county sheriff? The attendees also viewed a video on the relevance of county government in their daily lives.

The delegates had the privilege of hearing from Christa Luttmann, Regional Public Affairs Director and Kelly Sweeney, one of 357 Assistant Attorney Generals for the State of Ohio. Kim Blake, Senior Audit Manager and Susan Verble, Northeast Regional Liaison represented the State Auditor's office. How lucky the delegates were to hear from The Chief of Staff to Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell, Sherri Dembinski. Joining her to give informative presentations were Merissa McKinstry, Legislative Affairs and Jessica Spears, an intern. All the presenters' information was interesting and enlightening. Do you know what our Secretary of State did before politics? Or, the difference between a check or warrant? Delegates who attended this workshop can answer these questions.

The Legislative Workshop run by Diane Morgan, Elaine Hoover and Karen Miller cover the following six topics:

- House and Senate Appointed Positions
- How to write a Bill
- The Difference between a bill and a resolution
- How a Bill becomes law
- Parliamentary Procedures
- House and Senate elected leadership positions

For further information, consult your Government Digest. The attendees left enthused and ready to enter the Legislative Branch races.

The Party Politics and Campaign Strategy Workshop was pleased to have Matt Miller, County Commissioner for Ashland County. Commissioner

Miller started by greeting the girls and telling them about various political figures in our nation's government, and about his first campaign experience. Commissioner Miller talked mostly about former president Bill Clinton, who is a former Arkansas Boys State and Boy's Nation participant. The Commissioner brought up the point of networking by mentioning that even before his first election the former president collected business cards and scraps of paper with different phone numbers, so when he ran for his first office, he knew whom to contact for support, campaign contributions, and other support. The Commissioner went on to tell the girls about his own first experience with the election process, "Your reputation and name is on the line." The Commissioner also reassured the girls that you do not have to be well known or rich to start campaigning. "I spent \$900 on my first campaign. I just made a bunch of signs and started going door to door," explained the Commissioner. The Commissioner encouraged the girls and told them that it's "never too early to get involved!"

In the first floor of Founders Hall, the future governor of Buckeye Girls State attended the workshop for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Cabinet. A member from Governor Bob Taft's office was there to answer any questions the girls had. The girls were told to "Sell yourself in 30 seconds," when they were making their speeches for appointments. Delegates asked questions about how real the issues they will be running on were and who they can appoint to cabinet positions. "The Governor appoints loyal party members."

Tax cuts were debated in the Platform Formation workshop. The girls were split into their respective parties, and asked to choose a representative to debate for their party. The girls worked furiously to start their arguments with their opinions for the first round of debates. Each party did a wonderful job defending on their own opinions, and the debates later in the week should be exciting!

An often-overlooked workshop at Buckeye Girls State is the Choir and Solo Auditions. Girls slowly filed into the Arts and Humanities Room 242 visibly nervous. Choir Director Jolene Moody put the girls at ease by doing some warming up exercises. Then the solos began, each girl did a wonderful job singing her own version of the Star Spangled Banner, and selections will be made for solos later.

Back for another year is the University Seminar. This is a quick look into the constitution and other points of history, as well as a great example of what a regular college classroom setting is going to be like.

The learning process was taken to a higher rung on the ladder at the well-attended and motivating workshops.

TINY TIDBITS



HIGHWAY PATROL INVOLVED IN LOCKOUT

Monday Morning, Patrolman Stacy of the OSHP at Buckeye Girls State became "frantic," as was told to our sources, when she discovered her keys were locked in her room.

Help was summoned from the campus security and soon arrived to aide her in her dilemma. Since this incident Trooper Tracy is required to wear her keys close to her heart.

FEDERALIST PARTY PLATFORM

These are the topics to review and to make more specific –

1. Education
 - funding
 - committee to oversee the budget, spending of schools
 - promote well-rounded education
2. Environment
 - waste management
 - pollution prevention
 - conservation of forestry
3. Health care
 - cap on malpractice lawsuit
 - prescription care
 - specialized infant care
4. Victims rights
 - domestic violence, rape, etc.
5. Political Ethics
 - clean campaign money, buying support is bad



*Megan Lane
Federalist Party Chair*

6. Alternate Resources
 - hybrid engines, alternative fuels

NATIONALIST PARTY PLATFORM

The four main party platform issues are education, environment, health care, and humanities.

EDUCATION

The education budget is dysfunctional – while one school district thrives continually, a short distance away, another school district is suffering due to lack of funding. The Nationalist Party will reform the education of budget to no longer be solely based on local property taxes. State taxes will establish a minimum funding for each school to reach a set standard of education. If an individual community wishes to further improve their municipality's educational facility, then a local property tax can be passed to supplement state funding.

ENVIRONMENT

The Nationalist Party will be making a passionate effort to eliminate Ohio's waste; primarily focusing on providing large corporations with an opportunity to join together in an effort to convert harmful biochemical waste into useful products. Constructive uses for landfill waste include energy production, recreation programs, and recycling initiatives.

HEALTH CARE

The Nationalist Party supports the increase of the funding of medical service programs. These programs will provide the necessary health services,

such as Medicare and Medicaid to those who are unable to afford it. This will be accomplished by transferring funds from federal grants to state and local programs.

HUMANITIES

The Nationalist Party believes in providing specific services to under-privileged, homeless, unemployed, and abused citizens of state. Specific services will include employment and job training services, temporary shelters, therapy, and rehabilitation. The Party will accomplish this by making existing programs more effective, efficient, and fair. Also, monitoring will be established to ensure approved usage of funds.



*Joy Hall
Nationalists Party Chair*

POETRY CORNER

*Hey good-looking,
Whatcha got cookin.*

*We're Buckeye Girls with Spirit
So come on girls lets hear it
Let's go Cook,
We're off the hook!*

Author: Cook City

STAFF ODDITY OF THE DAY

Amidst the hammering, dust and men (OH NO!) of Kem Hall, three women are tirelessly working to get the County Government of Dickson County up and running. You are probably thinking, I have at least three staff members on my County Government too. Although you don't have staff members who's last name differs by one letter. Working on Platform Formation, is Rebecca Biggs, Resident Advisor, Anna Lee Griggs, and last but not least the County Advisor, Shelley Riggs.

MUSIC & RECREATION

Residents of Cooper County raised the flag on the Quad Tuesday. Robin Valpey of Flowers City led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Amanda Ford from Day City served as emcee. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Liz Harrison of Deal City. "Lines For a Flag Raising Ceremony" was read by Brittainy Martin of Glenn City. The thought of the day was given by Paula Lehman of Hayes City. The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol raised the flag. Wednesday's flag raising will be led by residents of Curl County.

**BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE
HIGHWAY PATROL**

- Alyson Cotter
- Shannan Miller
- Megan McQueen
- Julie Frase
- Sarah Roberts
- Stephanie Hamilton
- Holley Williams
- Tamekia Henderson
- Jessie Caraway
- Adriene Sluga
- Emily Kesman
- Ashley Cox
- Alissa Thomas
- Samantha Kreais
- Molly Volz
- Alicia Goddard
- Leann Schumacher
- Mandy Meyer
- Haylie Meyers
- Susan Rebrovich
- Raeven Herold
- Kelsy Hollon
- Debbie Keiser
- Rachel Williams
- Brittany McKee
- Courtney Cefus
- Meagan Smits
- Mary Sivulich
- Jackie Risner
- Jennifer Kirk
- Jesica Valentine
- Kayla Rabich
- Natasha DeWitt
- Megan Skaggs
- Allyson Hovance
- Meryl Smith
- Amy Doup
- Rebekah Anderson
- Megan Miller
- Anna Bixler
- Holly Weiss
- Brandy Draper
- Megan Oltmann
- Christina Zizzo
- Katy Kerkian-Wintun
- Jennifer Dulac
- Megan Royalty
- Elizabeth Allison
- Melissa Gibson
- Jennifer Midkiff

AU BOOKSTORE

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

TUESDAY CONTEST

THE WINNER OF MONDAY’S CONTEST WAS **Ali Mirolo - Hobart City.**

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN TO THE NEWSROOM BEFORE 9AM WEDNESDAY.

FILL IN THE NAME OF A WOMAN IDENTIFIED AND REPRESENTED HERE AT GIRLS STATE.

1. She helped organize the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and while first lady, she had over 3,000 Cherry Blossom trees planted in Washington D.C.
2. She absolutely loved wearing hats, wrote an estimated 2 million poems, and worked for the Gibson Greeting Card Company.
3. She wrote the Ohio Government Digest used at both Buckeye Boys and Girls State, and has degrees from both Hunter College and Ohio State University.
4. She wrote the first communications book as National Communications Chairman, and was considered the middle woman between the Auxiliary and the Federal Government.
5. She started her involvement in the Auxiliary when her brother died in World War II, and became the first African American female investigator to serve on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
6. She was named one of the “25 Most Influential Women in America” and held sixteen honorary doctorates.
7. She was a reporter for the Toledo Blade in 1944 and authored over 130 books including the Nancy Drew Books under the pen name Carolyn Keene.
8. She represents Toledo’s 9th District in Northwest Ohio and is serving her 10th term.
9. She was a long time Buckeye Girls State keynote speaker, and author of Turn Right at the Next Corner.
10. She was the author of Pink and White Tyranny and aided the escape of numerous slaves through the Underground Railroad.

MONDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

- 1.8 2.Taft 3.McKinley 4.Grant 5.Hayes 6.Garfield 7.Harding 8.Wm Harrison 9.Wm Harrison 10.Republican

LOSING

To contribute dedication to the art of gracefully losing is a far greater task than anyone can ask. Think about it, however, losing gracefully to an opponent of whom you might have had horrible feelings towards just a few seconds before, to me, is quite impressive.

I believe in the practice of losing with dignity. It is one thing to know your limits; it is an entirely different task to congratulate the champion.

It hurts the heart to say “Congratulations” after we lose and to walk away with a smile. This is something that must be learned not taught. Something that is observed and copied through out politics.

This art is the utmost joy for your ego besides the ultimate prize of winning.

When you boost yourself into the clouds that pushes you into the world of people that appreciate your sincerity you are elevated to another level. Others will remember the truth in your handshake if you should ever run for office again.

The next time that you are put into a position of being forced to grin and bare it, remember that it is not winning that counts but the fact that you ran.

Author: Carrie Cleland, Rice City