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TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Raising	7:15 am
County Caucuses	9:00 am
Platform & Rally	11:15 am
State Caucuses	2:30 pm
University Seminar	5:00 pm
Petition Filing Deadline	6:30 pm
City Rallies	7:30 pm
Rally & Debate Planning	8:15 pm
Chorus & Band Rehearsal	9:00 pm
City Meeting	10:00 pm

OPENING CEREMONY

The 59th session of Buckeye Girls State opened with an excited and enthusiastic group of girls. The call to order, given by BGS Director Desiree Stoy, composed the assembly of delegates. The presentation of colors was advanced by Meghan McDevitt (Cook City) and Lauren Ludlow (Davidson City), both of Miller County. A calming invocation was given by Shelley Riggs (First Vice President of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary). Gwen Schroeder (National Executive Committeewoman of the American Legion Auxiliary) led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.



Many objectives were given to the delegates at the opening ceremony of Buckeye Girls State 2005; addressing the importance of getting involved, taking risks, making new friends, and gaining new experiences. Distinguished speakers included in the program were Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President, June Stas; Ashland University President, Dr. G. William Benz; Judge Damien Vercillo of Ashland County Juvenile Probate Court; and our own 2004 BGS Governor, Kristina Short.

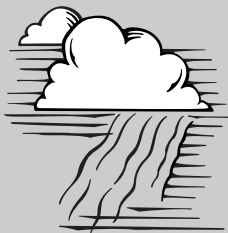
In closing, the BGS Director encouraged citizens to make the most of their time here at Ashland University. "...every passing second is gone forever."

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

June Stas, Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President, 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. What an awesome, emotionally inspiring sight to see the 866 delegates raising their right hand to swear their oath of allegiance to Buckeye Girls State.



TUESDAY'S WEATHER



PM THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 86°F · LOW 64°F

FLAG RAISING RAISES MORNING SPIRITS

Old Glory began her flight today with the girls of Miller County on the quad. At 7:15 this morning, the Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol presented the colors and raised them respectively. The pledge was lead by Nora Mahoney from Benson City, and a lovely rendition of the National Anthem was performed by Kourtney King of Bombeck City.

If the flag ceremony of Monday was missed this morning, Flag Day is tomorrow - same time, same place. In preparation of this holiday, U.S. Flag Etiquette should be mentioned and followed. These include:

- "The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal." *
- "The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose." *
- "The flag should never be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except a flag patch may be used on the uniform of government personnel." *
- "When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object." *
- "The Pledge of Allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag." ^
- When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention;
- Gentlemen should remove their caps when the flag is presented; and
- A hand over your heart should be used when the National Anthem is sung.

Please come and join the rest of the Girls State Delegates and staff Tuesday morning at 7:15 on the quad. Also, remember- as the flag waves in the wind, she stands for freedom. Old Glory is a symbol of so many dreams that came true- a symbol of a nation.

* USA Flag Site, <http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml>
 ^ Raptor's Nest/P.O.W., http://www.p-o-w.com/us_flag.htm



EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

Citizens of Buckeye Girls State running for office have the choice to campaign for whichever office they have aspirations for. 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 and giving speeches that receive the attention of their fellow citizens. All citizens should be involved. Candidate supporters can lend excitement and fresh ideas to any campaign helping to get you elected. In our accelerated session you will begin verbal campaigning Monday evening.

DELEGATES ARRIVE

The Ashland University Campus was transformed Sunday, June 12, 2005 into the mythical Buckeye Girls State with the arrival of 866 young delegates from across the great state of Ohio. The delegates were ushered through registration by the volunteer staff with the utmost ease and they were directed to their new city and county locations for the upcoming week.

With mom and dad accompanying them, the young ladies made a quick shopping stop at the BGS Boutique at the Ashland University bookstore. They also took advantage of the opportunity to visit the table to order BGS city pictures and yearbooks. The resident advisors and government advisors greeted the delegates upon their arrival in their respective cities. After unpacking their personal belongings and saying goodbye to their families, the delegates took part in a city orientation and social mixer to get to know one another.

Learning to work as a team, the delegates took part in "Campus Exploration". The purpose of this exploration was to familiarize them with the campus and locate buildings where all the action takes place.





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 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.

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!

MONDAY QUOTE

*"Our flag is our national ensigns,
pure and simple, behold it. Listen
to it! Every star has a tongue,
every stripe is articulate."*

– Robert C. Winthrop

1809-1894

US Senator from Massachusetts

MUSIC & RECREATION

Taps

Kari Miller, Cook City/Miller County
 Stacey Danso, Montgomery City/Ray County

Reveille

Anna Kyaio, O'Connor City/Ray County

Flag Raising Emcee

Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol
 Jordan Angel, Allen City/Miller County

Pledge

Nora Mahoney, Benson City/Miller County

National Anthem

Kourtney King, Bombeck City/Miller County

Reading

Jillian Hacker, Cook City/Miller County

Thought

Audrey Taylor, Davidson City/Miller County



MONDAY CONTEST

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was written by _____.

Our flag is also known as _____ and _____.

When the flag passes by, you are to stand at attention, _____ and place your left hand at your side.

When the flag is flown at night, it must be _____.

The Flag is only hung upside down to denote _____. On _____ the Pledge of Allegiance was written

The proper way to dispose of a flag is to _____ it.

When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should _____ the flag and _____.

The flag of the United States is always the _____ flag raised and the _____ flag lowered.

The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon _____ and _____ order.

Congratulations BOMBECK CITY Sunday Contest Winners.

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

HIGHWAY PATROL

Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol is operated by Officers and Troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Delegates who have taken the Highway Patrol Exam, are able to meet the rigorous physical demands and are fortunate enough to be selected for the BGS Highway Patrol will receive a comprehensive training in Ohio Law, Law Enforcement and the role, duties, and responsibilities of a police officer.

You will enforce the highway laws of BGS, apprehend and arrest suspects for factious trials, and Post the Colors at Flag Raising. Following the conclusion of Buckeye Girls State, approximately 20 Girls State Citizens are selected to attend Junior Cadet Week at the Highway Patrol Training Academy in Columbus. This program is cosponsored by both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Today's question is:

What do you hope to gain at Buckeye Girls State?

"I think I'll know more about how government works and what's involved with holding office."
 -Delaine Farr, Jones City

"A better understanding of local and state government" -Allison Bornam, Benson City

"I hope to meet new people and learn more about campaigning." -Cynthia Miller, Benson City

"I would like to become more outgoing." -Chalee Bevilacqua, Flowers City

"Some good friends and some interesting experiences." -Amy Krebs, Oakley City

"Knowledge of the way state and local government works" -Carly Kasberg, Oakley City

AU BOOKSTORE

The AU bookstore is open for business. Check out the BGS keepsakes as well as Ashland University items.