

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag was Raised by
The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol

Emcee
Caroline Shafer, Jones City/Verbeke County

Pledge
Casey Beacom, Yunge City/Verbeke County

National Anthem
Alisa Bishop, Hobart City/Verbeke County

Reading
Kelsey Wenning, Kaptur City/Verbeke County

Auxiliary Moment
Amy Belknap, Merritt City/Verbeke County

Thought
Lyndsey Earnest, Yunge City/Verbeke County



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If people offer their help or wisdom as you go through life, accept it gratefully. You can learn much from those who have gone before you."

-Edmund O'Neill

AU BOOKSTORE

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

WEDNESDAY CONTEST

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

1. What was the first major road in Ohio? _____
2. Johnny Appleseed's real name is _____ and his occupation was _____.
3. _____ and _____ were the two major groups of Native Americans living in Ohio.
4. What does the name Ohio mean? _____
5. The designer of the Ohio Banner was _____.
6. _____ was the first governor to be elected to three terms.
7. What city in Ohio was the first city in the world to be lighted electrically? _____
8. What is the name of the Ohio inventor of the wire flyswatter and beer can? _____
9. Anne Oakley's real name was _____, her sister preferred to call her Annie. _____
10. What native Ohioan was known as king of the cowboys? _____

TUESDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

1. The county's terrain 2. Lake Erie 3. Johnny Clem 4. Barney Oldfield 5. Steamboat 6. Pennsylvania 7. \$15.00 per mile 8. Hang on Sloopy 9. Mountains 10. Charles Carroll

THE WINNER FOR TUESDAY'S CONTEST WAS JONES CITY!! CONGRATS!

IDEAL CITY

Congratulations to HAYES CITY – Tuesday's Ideal City!

QUESTION OF THE DAY

What does the American Flag mean to you?

- "The flag is a concrete symbol of our patriotism."
– Alex Kalbli, Hobart City
- "A symbol of home. I never took so much pride in it until lately."
– Molly Lautzenheiser, Withrow City
- "Freedom, the freedom to make our own choices."
– Janet Downs, Glenn City
- "It represents the freedom and choices that we can chose our own religion and politics. Other countries are not as fortunate as us. They are very limited."
– Stephanie Sobek, Rice City
- "A symbol of our country. It represents our American ideals and what we stand for."
– Mariah Dunsing, Davidson City



THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

- 7:15 am **Flag Ceremony**
- 9:00 am **Government Set-up, Orientation, and Functioning**
- 10:30 am **State Patrol Graduation**
- 12:30 pm **Band & Chorus Rehearsal**
- 1:30 pm **All Levels of Government Functioning**
- 5:00 pm **University Seminar/ Recreation Period**
- 7:15 pm **Band & Chorus Rehearsal**
- 8:00 pm **County & State Government Celebration**
- 10:30 pm **City Meeting**

THURSDAY'S WEATHER



PM THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 85°F · LOW 59°F

CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES

FEDERALIST PARTY

Governor: Faith Ferbrache, Jade Noble

Lt. Governor: Rachel Frantz, Katie Dahlinghaus

Attorney General: Julia Goff, Janell Heggins

Secretary of State: Margaret Byrne, Kendolyn Shankle

Auditor of State: Emily Chappie, Martika Finch

Treasurer of State: Jenna Dancer, Carol Foster

Chief Justice and Associate

Justices: Kyra May, Hannah Allsup, Corrylee Drozda, Katie Miller, Shawna Leonard, Amanda Franklin, Amy Pasternak, Rachel Chandler, Natalie Huebner, Shayn Roeder (not pictured)

NATIONALIST PARTY

Governor: Lesley Fisher, Olivia Avsec

Lt. Governor: Kaitlyn Dvorak, Samantha Balfe

Attorney General: Allison Basile, Melinda Ramey

Secretary of State: Elyse Dierking, Mai Anna Pressley

Auditor of State: Amber Garrabrant, Melissa Lubert

Treasurer of State: Emilee Fraizer, Heather Robison

Chief Justice and Associate

Justices: Rebecca Rak, Rachel Petri, Gina Louderback, Sarah Owen, Pamela Ban, Emily Winn, Jessica Wright, Vanessa Stagliano, Katherine Lyons, Madeline Shanko



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WORKSHOP

The duo team of Diane Morgan, Deputy Director of Legislature, and Mrs. Hoover, Advisor of Senate, directed four rooms full of girls on how the legislative branch operates. The important topics covered were how to pass a bill, the number of positions available, and other job opportunities. The objective of the week is to have a bill passed through the Senate and the House of Representatives, and eventually the bill is forwarded to be signed by the governor.

The process of running for a senator or representative is very similar. Only eight from each party are able to run for senator, while twelve from each party are able to run for the House of Representatives. After the primary vote, the number is decreased to five from each party for Senate, and nine from each party for the House of Representatives. The final vote will limit the number to five senators and nine representatives.

At the end of the workshop, the team told all delegates to not be discouraged since these fourteen positions are not the only opportunities in the legislative department. Pages, secretaries, a Chaplin, and other jobs are greatly needed in this area.

UNIVERSITY SEMINAR

Many delegates have registered for the University seminar here at Buckeye Girls State. The seminar will cover what exactly American politics are and what it means for all humans to be equal. There are four specific topics that will be introduced; discovering the declaration and the fundamental principle of equality; what the Declaration of Independence means and Thomas Jefferson's contribution to it; and, the Constitution of the United States and the challenges of the civil war. Dr. Peter Schramm and Christopher Burkett are the instructors for the course that covers several basic American rights.

SPECTACULAR SITE IN CITIES THIS YEAR

From "Under the Sea" to "Harry Potter" this year's Buckeye Girls State delegates have put forth tremendous effort in the short forty-eight hours that they have been here. They have cut, glued, hung, and assembled decoration on their doors, which has brought the cities to life. Each citizen was responsible to open their own business. They are required to obtain a license in order to operate.

Merritt City delegates chose a theme of popular designers and invented their own boutique. The girls have worked very hard incorporating each business into the floor's theme. "Juicy Couture: Cars Forever More", pictured to the left, is just one of these inventive designs in Merritt this year.

Resnick City was unique with an Artic design. They represented each business with Eskimos, penguins and polar bears. The Post Office, pictured to the right, was just one of many "cool" companies in Resnick. Congratulations to all the girls; your cities look fabulous!



CITY GOVERNMENT

City government is composed of many offices that carry out specific duties. The city central committees hold a vital role in city and county elections. Their main jobs include conducting city and county caucuses, announcing elected and appointed officials, and promoting their respective parties. The mayor is considered the manager and the city councilmen determine the general policies and hold public meetings. The city auditor and city treasurer are responsible for fiscal matters. The law director is responsible for giving legal advice to all office holders of the city.

The city government is also required to prepare a city book which includes; the city's history; a list of officials; and, the city motto, song, seal and cheers. City books should be submitted to the government office no later than Friday night.

There are many other elected and appointed city positions; for a complete listing, please refer to your Ohio Government Digest.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Dianne Long, Deputy Director of County Government, greeted the girls with enthusiasm at the opening of the county government workshop. The delegates discussed the organization of county government.

The county commissioner holds an important position; here at Buckeye Girls State, the commissioner is responsible for one project. Some past project ideas include: a better water supply system, highway construction and maintenance, improving job opportunities, protecting children, waste removal, and improving the 911 calling system. The county auditor assigns values on homes and determines the property tax amount. The Buckeye Girls State coroner investigates the causes of "death" for crime scenes.

BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Katy Briscoe, Sarah McCune (Deal City)

Savannah Burke, Kristine Cline (Davidson City)

Megan Burkwinkel, Brittany Svirebely (Taft City)

Janet Downs (Glenn City)

Brittany Elmlinger (Oakley City)

Erin Garloch (Day City)

Jessica Grimm, Jessica Link (Merritt City)

Katelyn Headrick, Leigh Moffett (Resnick City)

Danelle Hoover (Vivo City)

Laura Landis, Danielle Schnurr (Cook City)

Emily Leary (Withrow City)

Courtney Reither (Flowers City)

Andrea Richards, Kirsten Schaffer (O'Connor City)

Kendra Schulte (Jones City)

Katie Schutzberg (Bombeck City)

McKenzie Spriggs (Kaptur City)

Taylor Summerfield (Junge City)

Marissa Tournoux (Hobart City)

SEEK THE PASSION; SEIZE THE DAY

If there is one word that I personally took from the 2006 BGS Governor, Yosha Gunasekera's speech, it would be "passion." From the moment I stepped into the very realm of Buckeye Girls State, the expression of passion has been thriving. Perhaps it began with the friendly faces of staff members- so eager to help the girls find where they needed to go. Perhaps it began with the meeting of new roommates and fellow city members. Then the passion bolted out into enthusiastic cheers and into the decorations of city hallways. Perhaps for some, the passion started within the official BGS citizenship ceremony in the moments of pure and unexplainable silence before saying the pledge of allegiance, or singing our national anthem.

For where or whenever it began, I have discovered that passion in Buckeye Girls State. I rediscover it every time I walk through my city: Hayes City. The theme to Hayes City is farm-life/agriculture. Every door is decorated with more love and care than one could imagine- especially from girls who claim they have no artistic talent! In the midst of decorating and city meetings, the girls of Hayes City

have become a family. Right off the bat, the girls openly shared their goals and desired positions within Buckeye Girls State. Without hesitation, the rest of the girls gave their best wishes and assured their support during the campaign process. When I sit back and take the time to absorb all of this, it emulates a powerful feeling.

What may be even more powerful is the fact that in order to make it to Hayes City, a girl must climb five flights of stairs. On the way up, however, you can see that the other cities of Toalston County seem to be experiencing those same feelings. It is my personal hope for every girl of Buckeye Girls State that this passion always continues to grow.

If there is one piece of advice that most girls probably took from Gunasekera's speech, it would be to "seize the day." Give it your all in campaigning, dare to face new challenges, and take joy in meeting new and wonderful people; however, just remember that in order to "seize the day," it has to start with PASSION.

- Ashley E. Meinke (Hayes City, Toalston County)

GOVERNOR STRICKLAND ARRIVES AT GIRLS STATE

"The girls at Buckeye Girls State represent the future of America. You girls are a unique gathering because you are the best of the best," Governor Ted Strickland announced to our delegation. Strickland shared many thoughts with the girls, especially how thankful we should be to live in America. "How many would give up everything to be an American Citizen, to have the same opportunities that we have?" Thankfulness is something that the delegates will begin to realize as they make their trek through this week's activities.

We have so many opportunities as American citizens, and Buckeye Girls State teaches us to become active participants in today's democracy.

Strickland closed with encouraging remarks for the girls, "I hope that you learn the importance and responsibility of a participant. The responsibility to be a voter. Prepare yourselves to adapt because you are now competing against young women, not only from the state [of Ohio], but from around our entire country." As Strickland left the caucus he made a personal stop to speak to the BGS staff to thank them for their contribution. If the girls were not inspired before Strickland's visit, they certainly now are energized and excited to make a difference in their cities here at BGS, as well as in their own hometown communities.

TWELVE WAYS TO KEEP SMILING

Hold on to your dreams, and never let them go.

Show the rest of the world how wonderful you are.

Give circumstances a chance, and give others the benefit of the doubt.

Wish on a star that shines in the sky.

Take on your problems one by one and work things out.

Rely on all the strength you have inside.

Let loose the sparkle and spirit that you sometimes try to hide.

Stay in touch with those who touch your life with love.

Look on the bright side and don't let adversity keep you from winning.

Be yourself, because you are filled with special qualities that have brought you this far and that will always see you through.

Keep your spirits up.

Make your heart happy, and let it reflect on everything you do!

- Douglas Pagels

