

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag was Raised by
The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol

Emcee
Krystin Van Horn, Stowe City/Walker County

Pledge
Layal Naserdin, Taft City/Walker County

National Anthem
Amanda Franklin, Vivo City/Walker County

Reading
Sarah Thomson, Withrow City/Walker County

Auxiliary Moment
Olivia Avsec, Zeller City/Walker County

Thought
Libby Ashton, Taft City/Walker County

FRIDAY CONTEST

1. How many Ohio counties have names derived from French words? _____
2. The fictional character _____ is a native of Cleveland.
3. A native of Ohio, _____ is the voice of Bart Simpson.
4. _____ named Fairfield County.
5. _____ is one of 4 founders of the Cleveland Clinic.
6. A native of Ohio, _____ is the oldest person to fly in space.
7. A native of Ohio, _____ was the first woman to run for United States President.
8. Before being adopted the official state flower, the scarlet carnation was President McKinley's _____.
9. _____ county is named for a town in Arabia.
10. _____ county is the only one that has a name referring to a woman.

THURSDAY'S CONTEST WINNER – O'CONNOR CITY

THURSDAY'S CONTEST ANSWERS

1. Sandusky; 2. 18; 3. 9 years old; 4. 8; 5. 1891; 6. William Howard Taft;
7. Great grandson/William Howard Taft; 8. Bob Hope; George Washington; 10. Lake Erie

QUESTION OF THE DAY

What is your most memorable moment here at Buckeye Girls State 2007?

- "The mixer we had within our city because we got to talk to everyone and find out random facts about the girls."
– Chelsey Eldridge, Taft City
– McKenzie Pittman, Bombeck City
- "The late night conversations within our city."
"Running around in a diaper, painting my face, and our Wainwright county rally."
– Lauren Ailes, Resnick City
- "When Jade was elected governor because she is from my city, and we supported her all the way to the top."
– Diana Wieser, Stowe City
– Kara Barker, Withrow City
– Hannah Scott, Merritt City
- "Late night bonding, and midnight games."
"Decorating our city."

GOODBYE



We close with a quote from the first BGS Director, Leta Zeller, and her feelings about Buckeye Girls State in 1946. She said. "...Girls State is more than a fulfillment of a dream; its every accomplishment will inspire a new and higher vision. A nation progresses only as its goals remain high and lofty- a vision, like the stars, always unattainable, yet always a glowing symbol of guidance. Fortunate are we to whom is given this opportunity to inspire anew that vision- a vision plus valor and faith, love and service that insures an ever finer America tomorrow." We hope you enjoyed your week here at Buckeye Girls State, and we wish you a safe journey home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLOWERS CITY – THURSDAY'S IDEAL CITY!

FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART



The Buckeye Girls State Staff would like to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to Public Relations Director, Patty Willams, for all of her hard work over the years. We will truly miss you!

– BGS 2007 Staff

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SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

- 7:15am Flag Ceremony
- 9:00am Government Shuts Down
- 10:45am Band and Chorus Rehearsal
- 11:00am Joint Session
- 12:00pm Certificates/Pins
- 12:15pm Good-bye and Good luck!



KEEPING CONNECTED

The proud citizens of Buckeye Girls State started the evening off with high spirits and loud voices. The BGS band and chorus stirred up the crowd with the famous "Hang on Sloopy." Renée Reese opened the celebration announcing the top seven officials who processed down the center aisle. The elected officers made their way to the stage encouraged by the cheers from friends and family members. The Ohio American Legion State Commander, William "Ed" Anderson, congratulated the elected officers. Anderson commented that the program has grown tremendously from its first year in 1947 with 300 delegates and only thirty volunteers. "You can be, you can do, and you will do whatever you like in life. Be proud," Anderson encouraged the girls, and the City Judges, members of the House of Representatives, and the Senate. Judicial advisor, Amanda Peel introduced the Honorable Patricia Ann Blackmon, Eighth Appellate District Administrative Judge, who administered the oath of office to all the BGS elected officials. She has been

a part of the Buckeye Girls State's oath of office ceremony for the past six years and she believes "that the oath is important for all offices." The oath represents a pledge of responsibility and honor for the respective elected offices. "The oath is a promise of commitment." She then proceeded with the oath of office to all the elected young women.

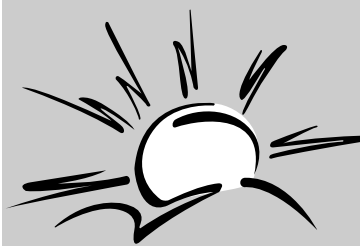
After everyone was sworn in the Honorable Jade Noble was introduced and she began her inaugural address to the citizens of Buckeye Girls State. "If you were an object, you would be a cell phone. Like a cell phone, you keep others connected. You are the links between parties, cities, and counties. You know no boundaries, and you have no limits. Remember, there is a Federalist way, and Nationalist way, and a BGS way."

Many of the speakers on the platform thanked all the volunteers that made this possible. They especially recognized the board of election members, who made this government prosper.

All the delegates would like to thank the Ohio state officials who gave their time and patience to provide a real life experience.



SATURDAY'S WEATHER



MOSTLY SUNNY
HIGH 77°F · LOW 55°F





Judicial Government Officials



County Government Officials



State House of Representatives



State Senate



State School Board

ALLEN BAY: ALL FOR ENVIRONMENT



Allen Bay/City "Frog Pond"

Here at Allen City, also known as Allen Bay, we take pride in finding alternative ways of using energy. Using energy in an environmentally friendly way is extremely important due to the recent events in the use of pollution and global warming. Some of the ways in which we conserve energy in Allen Bay are by using the following: wind energy, by using a colorful windmill; solar energy, by using a creative sun and beach; and a watermill that is surrounded by an interesting frog pond. Other ways we practice environment conservation are by exhibiting nature reserves and throwing recycling parties.

– Janice Johnson, Allen City/Stoy County

ROUGH TOUGH TROOPERS

They could be heard loud and clear. The BGS State Troopers came in marching and chanting in perfect unison. Twenty five cadets proudly represented the State Highway Patrol with trooper hats, shirts, and badges. BGS director Desiree Stoy congratulated those graduating.



Lieutenant Governor Katie Dahlinghaus came to offer both the governor's and her support for the troopers. Each speaker acknowledged the dedication and determination of the participants in this program.

Staff Lieutenant, Susan Rance-Locke, spoke of having dreams and how to achieve them. "It takes just one to make a difference," she stated. "Be that one to step out alone, and don't worry; there will be others that will follow." Judge Damian Vercillo administered the oath of office.

Sergeant Anne Rawlson then announced the troopers that had been promoted to sergeant. The new sergeants are Kristine Cline, McKenzie Spriggs, and Erin Garloch. Laura Landis was promoted to sergeant-in-charge of executive protection for the Buckeye Girls State Governor. Jessica Grimm was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The rank of captain went to Megan Burwinkel. Major was given to Katelyn Headrick, and the 2007 Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol Colonel is Katy Briscoe. Congratulations to all the girls!

NO IDEAL WITHOUT DEAL

Deal City is off to an awesome start! We are learning about city, county, and state government while making new friends and learning to face new challenges along the way. With some of the finest girls who work hard at campaigning, along with the great "sisterhood" bond that the city has formed, Deal is on the way.

Our latest task has been to elect city and state officials, with our county officials to come later. For the Nationalist Party, five out of six delegates from our city who ran for a state position were endorsed in both the county caucus and later furthered at the state caucus on Tuesday. On the Federalist side however, not many ran for a state office from our city. Sadly, none of our Federalists got the chance to move on to the state election.

Kaitlyn Dvorak (NAT), who ran for Lieutenant Governor said, "I'm going for a position with some power and influence while still being in the position to learn and grow." Melinda Ramey (NAT) ran for Attorney General and stated "I think I'm going to different dorms and talk with whomever and see how it goes from there." Each person had a different, but original, plan of attack.

The city of Deal has grown very close. Whether it is through decorating the hallway, working to be the "Ideal City," hanging out in the "party room" (226), or helping each other campaign, we have grown to be like a group of sorority sisters.

Although Deal city may not have the best cheers, (and when we actually do come up with one, it seems to slip our mind,) we do have an awesome group of girls for Buckeye Girls State 2007.

– Abigail Offenbaker, Deal City/Toalston County

THANK YOU



Thank you, President Donna Ray and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, for your hard work and dedication throughout the year and for the opportunity to participate in Buckeye Girls State.

– The 2007 BGS Delegates

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Ten Important Traveling Companions to Take with You on the Journey to Your Dreams

1. Confidence: for when things get tough, when you're overwhelmed, when you think of giving up
2. Patience: with your own trials and temptations, and with others
3. An adjustable attitude: one that doesn't react, but responds with well-thought-out actions and feelings
4. Beauty: within yourself, in your surroundings, and in nature
5. Excitement: new things to enjoy and learn and experience
6. Fun: laughter and smiles any way you can get them
7. Companionship: people to share your happiness and sorrows, your trouble and joys
8. Health: mental, physical, and emotional
9. Peace: with others, yourself, and in your environment
10. Love: pure, unconditional, and eternal

– Barbara Cage

REMINDERS

- Pick-up Car Keys
 - Check Lost & Found
- Visit BGS on the internet site:
www.buckeyegirlsstate.com
Don't Forget to Say Goodbye.



County and State Celebration entertainer, Chelsea Clark, with her song "Letters from War"