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SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

- 7:15am Flag Ceremony
- 9:00am Government Shuts Down
- 10:30am Band and Chorus Rehearsal
- 11:00am Joint Session
- 12:00pm Certificates/Pins
- 12:15pm Good-bye and Good luck!



NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR SRINIVASAN PRESENTS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

When asked how many delegates were interested in going into a government career after attending Buckeye Girls State, several hands popped up into the air.

Last night was the County and State Government Celebration. The honorable Michelle Early swore each county and state elected official into office.

After the newly elected Governor Srinivasan was sworn into office, Srinivasan presented her inaugural address. "Our policies are focusing on the economy, environment and education," said Governor Srinivasan.

Governor Srinivasan added, "We want to reform employment policies to help the system. We would also like to establish a committee to answer questions about unemployment."

In addition, Governor Srinivasan's committee is working on an education policy to increase foreign languages in the classroom because of the increased need of knowing a second language. Also, the committee would like to increase the amount of advanced arts classes.

"We are also focusing on the environment and looking into different types of fuel and establish organic waste drop-offs," said Governor Srinivasan.

Governor Srinivasan ended the address by stating how much support the delegates for the remainder of the week need. However, this should not be an issue because as Governor Srinivasan was taking her seat, many delegates shouted from the crowd, "I love you."

The program ended with Samantha Givens from O'Connor City singing "Anyway" by Martina McBride.

The next event is the Joint Session of the House of Representatives and Senate at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Day by day, what you choose, what you think, and what you do is who you become. Your integrity is your destiny...it is the light that guides your way."
-Heraclitus

SATURDAY'S WEATHER



AM THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 81°F · LOW 62°F



PATRIOTISM

Here at Buckeye Girls State, we learn that patriotism plays a huge part in our everyday lives. Whether we have patriotism in our cities and counties by screaming our chants or for our country by saluting to our flag, we love America.

I could not help but smile in amazement on Sunday when I saw almost 1000 girls stand and put their hands over their hearts to say the Pledge of Allegiance. And when the National Anthem was sung, seeing people sing at the top of their lungs with pride for their country made me feel even more proud to be an American citizen. What made me even more amazed was that the delegates of Buckeye Girls State kept singing the National Anthem and saying the Pledge of Allegiance all week with the same amount of pride in their voices that they did on Sunday.

Here in Rice City, we have pride and love for our city, county, and state. When we have a delegate go up to the stage to speak, Rice claps and cheers. We march with pride by screaming out chants and cheers for our city and county. We decorated Rice with bright, happy, patriotic love for our city. I hope and pray that each delegate of Buckeye Girls State will leave here with more patriotism for their homes, cities, counties, state, and more importantly, for our country than ever before! I know that the delegates of Rice City will. God Bless you all!

– Ashley Hicks, Rice City, LaBounty County

STOWE SOARING TO GREATER HEIGHTS

Since Sunday afternoon, Stowe City from LaBounty County has set the standard. They planned to be “Super Heroes” of Buckeye Girls State and later they instated super heroes as the theme for their city. The businesses, like “Incredible Hulk Go Green Recycling,” “Justice League Gym,” “Cat Women Candy Shop,” and “Batman’s Bank,” in Stowe City have shown their super hero status.

Now, it is the middle of the week, and these girls have proved to be extremely successful. Stowe citizens have been working hard to make their city government run smoothly. City council has made up laws, such as “When city members pass the taped Superman on the wall, they must act out the ‘Superman pose.’” The city courts have been working on cases, such as a divorce between roommates. The city mayor has been keeping Stowe in an orderly and classy fashion. The auditor and treasurer have been working diligently on the budget and payroll. The school board has been working on the annual budget.

Stowe City has planned to continue to soar to greater heights. Stowe hopes to embody the courage, bravery, and heroism of our cities role model, Harriet Beecher Stowe.

– Allison Jeffries, Stowe City, LaBounty County

HOBART HAS NEW ATTIRE

Hobart City in Holcshuh County on the fifth floor of Clark Hall has been up to some exciting decorating! Not only have they been decorating their doors and hall, but something else too- their girls! Each elected candidate receives an outfit specially made for their position. Natasha Kakananatt created all the uniforms from construction paper. So far she has constructed attire for the police and fire chiefs, a sash for the mayor, robes for judges, and much more! Hobart City plans to showcase their apparel this week. Stop and check out their crazy outfits specially made by our very own Natasha Kakananatt. Go Hobart!

– Sarah Wilson, Hobart City, Holcshuh County



Government Cabinet



State Board of Education



Supreme Court Justice



Treasurer's Office



Senate

YOUNG GIRLS COME TOGETHER AT BGS

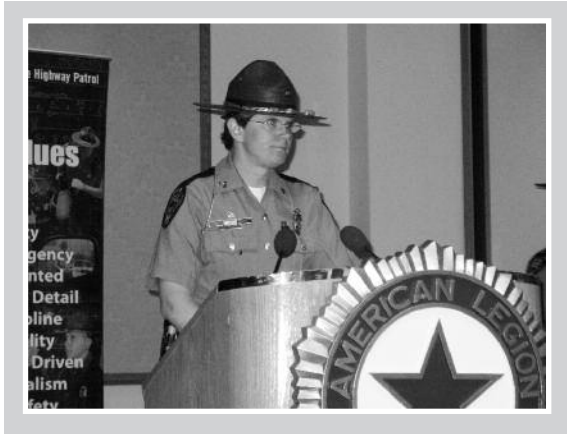
The Flag Raising at Buckeye Girls State Thursday morning took place because of many people working as one. The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol stood at attention while the color guard raised the American flag. Several young ladies from Kem Hall assembled on the Quad to greet the citizens of La Bounty County. Amelia Fraser from Oakley City gave the welcome and Ashley Hicks, of Rice City led the Pledge of Allegiance. She said, "I was really proud because I love my country. I want to go into the Air Force after graduation." The beautiful singing of the National Anthem, by Madeline Brady, Rice City, could be heard clearly through the fresh morning breeze.

The poem, "America" was read by Sarah Metzger of O'Connor City. Sarah attends Shelby High School and said she volunteered because she reads at her church and has been in plays at her school. She said, "I'm glad I did it; I really liked the poem." All the citizens have been trying hard to create a beautiful flag raising ceremony every morning. Buckeye Girls State is filled with young ladies coming together.

BGS TROOPER GRADUATION THRILLS

As delegates looked on the 2009 Buckeye Girls State Troopers entered the Upper Convocation Center Thursday morning, as Trooper Brittany Twigg of Day City called cadence. Twenty-five young ladies, dressed in caps, black shorts, and official State Highway Patrol gray shirts, marched in unison to their seats. The colors were carried by Erin Brubaker, Torrie Decker, Terra Sayre, Cali Thomas, and April Clark. Chelsey Bruce of Flowers City gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem were done by Kate Hodgson and Jina Brighton. The vocal and flute ensemble of Buckeye Girls State performed a musical selection.

Sergeant Jackson of the State Highway Patrol and Director of BGS, Gloria Verbeke, welcomed all those attending the graduation ceremony.



Captain Michelle Henderson was the keynote speaker of this important occasion. She gave a brief synopsis of the history of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the role that women have played in it. From the first female trooper graduating in 1976 to the patrol today where there are 137 female officers, about 10% of the Patrol's sworn officers are women. She said, although she did not see many smiling faces in 1989 when she joined the 118th Academy Class, she knew she was up to the challenge. She asked the girls "Are you up to the challenge?"

Captain Henderson told them, "this week you have strengthened your foundation and have allowed yourself the opportunity to become stronger, more confident women." She advised the girls that when faced with adversity, they grab their bootstraps, get on with life and to pursue their dreams.

Emily Schroeder, from Montgomery City, was the class speaker. After being selected as a BGS trooper, she said they were lined up and told "Stand up straight, eyes forward, hands at your side, no smiling, no laughing and no talking." She added, "The last three were the hardest to follow." Schroeder believes they were taught "core values" in the Academy: honesty, teamwork, adaptability, professionalism and attention to detail. She believes they will apply these values, not only to Girls State, but to their everyday lives. She said, "As troopers we will patrol the highways of the Buckeye Girls State campus applying what we have learned. We will keep the citizens safe and see that all laws are obeyed."

The 2009 graduating class were introduced individually, and the following commissions were presented:

- Troopers Lily Watson, Raytricia Weatherless to Sergeant;
- Trooper Erin Bogan to Sergeant in charge of the Governor;
- Trooper Chelsey Bruce to Lieutenant;
- Trooper Rachel Dannemiller to Captain;
- Trooper Victoria Hendricks to Major;
- Trooper Torrie Decker to Colonel

The BGS Executive Protection Unit consists of: Troopers Kate Wegert, Chelsey Love, Paige Guenther, Tierney Margraf and Heather Schier.

The 2009 graduating class of BGS Troopers marched out standing tall and looking first-class.

THANK YOU

Thank you, President Cyndi Underwood 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 2009 BGS Delegates

BGS REVEILLE AND TAPS

- Christi Barch
- Christine Corfman
- Megan Jashinski
- Paige LaBove

FRIDAY FLAG RAISING

The Flag Was Raised By
BGS Highway Patrol

Emcee
Alyssa Miller, Stoy City, Lehnert County

Pledge
Brittany Utz, Vivo City, Lehnert County

National Anthem
C'ierra Beckham, Vivo City, Lehnert County

Reading
Tamika Tompoulidis, Taft City, Lehnert County

Auxiliary Moment
Megan Kumm, Withrow City, Lehnert County

Thought
Melissa Wasser, Zeller City, Lehnert County



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THURSDAY'S
IDEAL CITY,
OAKLEY CITY!**



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone here at Buckeye Girls State, including staff and delegates, for all of your effort and work this year at BGS 2009. I am very proud of the work my staff has done this year with our addition of four more pages to "The Buckeye" Newspaper. I hope I did my job as an editor to convey correct information and generate interest in activities in which you might not have been involved. I wish you all a good summer and a blessed coming year.

- Carrie Cleland, "The Buckeye" Editor

Unfortunately, there were no contest winners for Wednesday or Thursday's contests.

1. "Imperium in Imperio" (An Empire within an Empire);
2. "With God All Things Are Possible;"
3. 91 years;
4. October 1, 1959;
5. Cardinal;
6. 1933;
7. December 1, 1817;
8. 3;
9. Chillicothe, Zanesville, and Columbus;
10. Dr. Edward Tiffin.

Thursday's Scrambled Message Answer:

"Positive thinking is the key which unlocks the doors of the world."
-Samuel McChord Crothers

QUESTION OF THE DAY

What has been your most memorable moment at Buckeye Girls State?

"Bombeck Idle, where delegates sang songs and danced. The judges were very funny too,"
-Kelsey Lindsley, Bombeck City

"I have loved hanging out and making new friends,"
-Erin Bir, Withrow City.

"Caucuses and meeting new people. Also, our city won the Ideal City,"
-Kayla Collins-Scott, Flowers City.

"Meeting new people in our City and people from other cities who have visited,"
-Jenni Richard, Montgomery

"Staying up until 2 a.m. and talking about just nothing at all,"
-Miranda Steed, Withrow City.

"The excitement of everyone getting elected,"
-Miranda Indorf, Resnick 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.