



# THE *Celebrating our 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* BUCKEYE

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## SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

7:15 am Flag Ceremony

9:00 am Government Shuts Down

10:30 am Band and Chorus Rehearsal

11:00 am Joint Session

12:00 pm Certificates/Pins

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."*

Mark Twain



## SATURDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS  
HIGH 90°F · LOW 64°F

## NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR HAFT PRESENTS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Cheers, tears and applause poured from the Upper Convo last night as the BGS County and State celebrated their recent election results. Department Commander Lou Dimmerman asked the citizens to call the "miracle number" of 1-888-762-8762 to contact their congressmen and senators. He believes this can make a difference. He left the girls with this recommendation, "Do all the good you can do, to all the people you can, in every which way you can, for as long as you can."

Just before administering the oath of office, the Honorable Lynne S. Callahan said "I don't have a crystal ball, but I see the future as I look out here."

Deputy Director of County Government Diann Long took the podium for the purpose of recognizing the four Past Department Auxiliary Presidents in attendance that have 2010 BGS counties named for them. Proudly waving from the stage were Phyllis Nickoson, Donna Ray, Rene' Reese and Helen Peeples. As each of their prospective counties were announced the Convo erupted with applause and appreciation of these women's contributions to the American Legion Auxiliary and Buckeye Girls State program.

Newly elected Governor Stephanie Haft addressed the BGS delegates and guests. She touched on her platform of the Economy, Education and the Environment. Then she said, "Although our road has had some potholes of late, we must continue to fill them." She continued, "You are on a journey of your life. I believe in all of you."

Special Entertainment was beautifully provided by the BGS Band, Chorus and Stephanie Zyzak, pianist. However, after presenting gavels to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, it was Grand Chef de Gare John Montgomery who brought down the house with his emotional remarks complimenting the delegates.

The evening ended with the mayor of Benson City presenting the Ideal City flag to the mayor of O'Connor City. With O'Connor being in Ray County, this perfect evening ended in a most perfect way.



## DELEGATES GIVE HOPE AND LIFE

The third annual Blood Drive is being held today in the Upper Convo. "The American Legion Auxiliary motto is 'Service, not self'" said Vicky Buck, Director of Music and Recreation. "It is the perfect program for our organization's program of Community Service. In the first two years 380 useable units of blood were given with the potential to help 1140 individuals. At registration Sunday, 268 Delegates signed up and Vicky anticipates we will have up to 275 Delegates this year.

The American Red Cross of Northern Ohio supplies blood to 19 counties and 57 hospitals. The majority of the blood units will go to the Cleveland Clinic.

The Blood Drive will run today from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm. The Red Cross will be assisted by the 25 City Recreation Commissioners. The Commissioners will be helping out in the canteen and registration areas.

## FOUR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS VISIT BGS

Phyllis Nickoson, Helen Peeples, Donna Ray and Renee Reese visited their namesake Counties at BGS on Thursday. They spent time visiting with the citizens of their county. It was hard to tell who had a better time—the delegates or the Past Presidents. Wherever they went, the girls were excited to see them and wanted pictures with them. It reached the point that only one camera shot per grouping was taken. Citizens need to check their Facebook pages to see them!



## A LEADER IS BORN

Federalist Stephanie Haft, also known as "Steph the chef", was sworn in yesterday as the Governor of Buckeye Girls State and official leader of her people. Though a Nationalist, I truly admired Stephanie's articulation and passion. She utilized grassroots campaigning and made friends with many a delegate, myself included. I am sure we are all anxious to see in what direction she will take us and what changes we will see happen. No matter what Stephanie does, I know we are all proud of her and will benefit from her unforgettable drive and determination. *Submitted by: Kathryn Brickner, Bombeck City*



## FIRE AND BURNING

What is fire? Why is it hot? How is it made and how can it be extinguished? These are the questions that Fireman Bill and his crew asked and explained to the new BGS fire recruit. Knowing fire and the factors causing or affecting fire will help us to control the fire as we need and benefit from that safely. The new recruits also got firsthand experience in using a fire hose.

## "RAISE YOUR VOICES, RAISE THEM HIGH!"

That's what this year's choir is doing. Director Cassie has the girls working hard on selections for the 2010 BGS celebrations. The choir members give up much of their recreation and lunch time so the BGS citizens can be entertained. Band Director Anita travels from Arizona to conduct the BGS Band. The band, like the choir, also works hard. Both give up their free time for practice.

Many of the choir and band members have aspirations of majoring in music and musical theatre. Being BGS musicians gives them a chance to work with musicians other than their usual school and church choirs. Choir member Miyin Hamblen of Merritt City plans on carrying a double major in music and theatre at UCLA or Baldwin Wallace. Deal City's Lisa Stefan loves choir and was pleased to see choir was offered at BGS. Trombonist Sarah Croley of Stoy City is also an accomplished bassoonist and vocalist. She would like to major in Music Education with teaching being her primary goal.

So, "Sing to Girls State" and these wonderful BGS citizens will make sure you sound great!

## YOUNG GIRLS COME TOGETHER AT BGS

Thursday morning's Flag Raising Ceremony at Buckeye Girls State took place because of many people working as one. Several young ladies assembled on the Quad to greet the citizens of Peoples County. The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol stood at attention while the color guard raised the American flag. Tasha Allen of Junge City gave the welcome and Julie Schmersal of Jones City led the Pledge of Allegiance. The beautiful singing of the National Anthem, by Mimi Klipstine-Dickof Kaptur City, could be heard clearly through the fresh morning breeze.

The poem "American" was read by Rebecca Kisiday of Kaptur City; Auxiliary Moment for the day was given by Jessica Williams of Merritt City and to conclude the ceremony Candace Caruthers of Montgomery City left us with the thought of the day.



## BGS FEELS MUCH SAFER NOW

Cadence announced the arrival of State Highway Patrol Trooper cadets at the Upper Convo Thursday morning. A silence fell over the room as the colors were advanced. Sparkles from a toe tapping flip flop flashed like fireworks across the hall as the BGS Band and Choir performed *This Land is my Land*. You knew this was to be a wonderful celebration.

Highway Patrol Detail Commander Sgt. Tina Jackson introduced BGS Director Desi Stoy and BGS Lt. Governor Melissa Prax. Both women commended the cadets for all their hard work. "We all feel much safer now at BGS," stated Lt. Governor Prax. Keynote speaker, Staff Lt. Marla Gaskel of the Office of Special Operations, challenged the cadets to make a difference in both their work and

their communities. "The most important gift you can give is your time," said Gaskel. Class member Mollie Sebald of Withrow City was the class speaker. She told how her classmates had a good time and learned so much in spite of Sgt. Tina instilling the "fear of God" in them.

Twenty five black capped cadets stood in unison, raised their right hand and took the Oath of Office as administered by Magistrate Deborah Matz. "These 25 dedicated and motivated young ladies have completed numerous hours of training in the areas of Military Drill, Traffic Law, Crash Investigations, OVI Enforcement, Officer Violator Contacts, Drug Interdiction, Leadership Development, Core Values education and Self Defense," stated Sgt. Jackson. "Each one understands the important role the Highway Patrol plays in apprehending criminals and assisting the public. They have demonstrated the exemplary values that are required to be a Buckeye Girls State Trooper."

The 2010 graduating class was introduced individually and the following commissions were presented: Troopers Kaitlyn Miller and Audrey Flores to Sergeant; Trooper Chelsea Spears to Lieutenant; Trooper Megan Ketchum to Captain; Trooper Julie Poyar to Major; Trooper Mollie Sebald to Colonel; The BGS Executive Protection Unit consists of Troopers Courtney Dezee, Allicia Hill, Jameliah Brown, and Emily Barhorst. Teddi Jo Maslowski is the Sergeant in charge of the Unit.

After the graduation ceremony, Deal City citizen Elizabeth Sampson performed "Free Falling". Sgt. Jackson then thanked Sgt. Karla Taulbee and Trooper Dora Gonzalez for all their hard work and dedication. "It is due to their countless hours of instruction and guidance that these BGS Troopers are standing tall and looking good," stated Jackson.

As BGS Director Desi Stoy stated, "Sgt. Tina, Sgt. Taulbee, and Trooper Gonzalez are true role models for our BGS citizens." She is so right!

## WAY TO GO, COURTNEY!

The citizens of Taft City went all out to show their support for one of their own. Courtney DeZee graduated Thursday morning with the State Highway Patrol. Courtney was appointed to serve on the Executive Protection Unit. Her fellow citizens of Taft City had signs showing their unanimous support of her. The signs spelled out her name and had words of encouragement and support. Courtney took a minute to pose with them.





## FLAG CEREMONY

**The Flag Was Raised By**  
Ohio State Highway Patrol

**Emcee**  
Katie Dodds, Taft City,  
Reese County

**Pledge**  
Ellen Turk, Stoy City,  
Reese County

**National Anthem**  
Sophie Wirt, Vivo City,  
Reese County

**Reading**  
Sibani Mangal, Vivo City,  
Reese County

**Auxiliary Moment**  
Lauren Shull, Withrow City,  
Reese County

**Thought**  
Maryssa Cook, Zeller City,  
Ray County

## THURSDAY'S CONTEST ANSWERS

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.

***Congratulations to Withrow  
CITY, Thursday's Contest  
winners!***

## THE PROS OF STOWE

On Sunday, the thirty two citizens of Stowe City met for the first time. We did not know each other and none of us knew quite what to expect of the week we were about to embark upon together. The week began with shy introductions but we quickly became a family.

Throughout the week, we have encouraged, assisted and supported each other in the campaigning and government processes. Stowe City has several city, county and state elected and appointed officials, including judges of the court of appeals and a member of the House of Representatives just to name a few.

Our city's theme is cookies and our logo is the "Cookie Monsters". Our various businesses incorporate this theme. We have formed quite the delicious community and are quite proud of our City of Stowe and know that we are the cookies at the top of the jar.

*by Allison Gaier and Caitlin Dudenhoefer*

## ONE WEEK AT BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

One week at Buckeye Girls State  
No one knew what to expect  
A week full of excitement, a week full of fret  
Then we arrived here at this beautiful place  
How can anyone remember all these faces?

Cities and Counties; meeting new friends;  
Learning the rules, which ones to break or amend  
Federalist and Nationalist, campaigning and rallies  
Imagine all the votes that had to be tallied

Finally working together as one  
Now us girls can have some fun  
New jobs for everyone in this state  
Hopefully no one got a job they hate

But our week is almost over  
And soon we must part  
Yet we'll always remember these times  
In our hearts

*Alicia Balog  
Montgomery City  
Peoples City*



## BGS CITY'S THEMES

Allen	Where's Allen?
Benson	Under the Sea
Bombeck	Disneyland
Cook	Mall Food Court
Davidson	City Fair
Day	Communication is Key
Deal	Games
Flowers	Flower Power
Hayes	Disney
Hobart	A Hobart Holiday
Jones	Heroes vs Villains
Junge	It's a Small World
Kaptur	Kaptur Culture
Merritt	Communication is Key
Montgomery	Countries
Oakley	Ladies of Liberty
O'Connor	Into the Wild, O'Connor Zoo
Resnick	Bears
Rice	Games
Stowe	Cookies
Stoy	Toy Stoy
Taft	California
Vivo	TIVO VIVO
Withrow	Walking down Withrow Way
Zeller	Candy

**Congratulations to O'Connor City,  
Thursday's Ideal 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 goal remains high and lofty— a vision, like the stars, always unattainable, yet always a glowing 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.

