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Carol T. Robinson

WELCOME TO BGS FROM PRESIDENT ROBINSON

On behalf of the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all delegates to the 2008 Buckeye Girls State Year.

Your active participation in this week's planned events will enhance your knowledge and understanding. Make the most of this outstanding learning opportunity and have fun while you are learning.

OPENING & NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES

Rene Reese opened the 62nd session of Buckeye Girls State to a room of 880 enthusiastic delegates. The colors were advanced by Jess Phelan of Allen City and Alicia Erben of Benson City. The invocation was given by Cyndi Underwood, First Vice President American Legion Auxiliary. Martha Lee Thatcher, Second Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was led by Donna Ray, National Executive Committeewoman.

Carol T. Robinson, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, welcomed the delegates to BGS. The girls were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Damian Vercillo. The girls promised "to be true to yourself, your country, and your constitution." Carol T. Robinson petitioned the court on behalf of the delegates selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio,

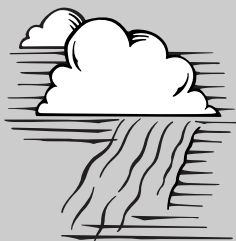
Dr. Frank Pettigrew, Ashland University Provost, welcomed the BGS delegates to Ashland University. He encouraged the girls to "experience the Ashland campus and its' beauty."

Jade Noble, 2007 Governor of BGS, was the guest speaker. Jade reminded the girls that "almost every position at BGS requires some sort of campaigning. A few tips: 1. Make sure you have an entourage. You cannot campaign alone. You do not have enough time. 2. Pick a slogan. You can have more than one, but make sure that it's unique. 3. Reward your supporters, if they are elected. 4. Have fun!" She challenged the delegates to be better than previous years. "Government is like a pyramid: the highest positions cannot remain erect if it weren't for the lower positions forming a base upon which the entire state stands."

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	8:15 pm
City Meeting	10:00 pm

TUESDAY'S WEATHER



PM SHOWERS
HIGH 69°F • LOW 51°F





DELEGATES ARRIVE TO BGS 2008

Ashland University greeted 880 delegates on Sunday afternoon to Buckeye Girls State, accompanied by their families. The girls were guided by the Girls State staff throughout the campus buildings and parking lots. Parents and delegates were directed effortlessly by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The delegates were able to purchase BGS apparel and items from the AU Bookstore, which was conveniently located in the Physical Education Center. The ladies were also able to purchase city photos and yearbooks from Gerald's.

After each delegate finished the check-in process, she traveled to her dorm to find her room. Each girl met with her city government advisor and city counselor in her city, and began the unpacking process. After an exhausting, but educational day, the girls were ready for the week ahead at Buckeye Girls State.



Gloria Verbeke

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

The American Legion Auxiliary is honored to have Gloria Verbeke as our 2008 Buckeye Girls State Director.

Director Verbeke is a dedicated 54 year American Legion Auxiliary member. She has held every office on the Unit and District level. She was the 1995-96 Department President and her theme for the year was "Heart of it All." In 1996, Gloria was the Buckeye Girls State Public Relations Assistant. From 1997 until 2007, she was Buckeye Girls State Director of Counselors.

Gloria is a collector of porcelain dolls, loves children, and is an excellent child care provider. Verbeke has two children and four grandchildren.

Congratulations Gloria and we wish you a successful week at Buckeye Girls State and many precious memories.

FOLDING THE AMERICAN FLAG

Flag Day was Saturday, June 14th. That day, in Xenia, Ohio, the Greene County Dailies Newspaper printed an article called "Flag Folding." Here is this article:

"As an Army and Navy custom, the flag is lowered daily at the last note of retreat. Special care should be taken that no part of the flag touches the ground. The Flag is then carefully folded into the shape of a tri-cornered hat, emblematic of the hats worn by colonial soldiers during the war for Independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are finally wrapped into the blue, as the light of day vanishes into the darkness of night. This custom of special folding is reserved for the United States Flag alone.

How to Fold the Flag

(Step 1) To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.



(Step 2) Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise over the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.



(Step 3) Fold the flag again lengthwise with the blue field on the outside.



(Step 4) Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.



(Step 5) Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.



(Step 6) The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.



(Step 7) When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible."



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

*"Be what you are,
and become what you
are capable of becoming."*

—Robert Louis Stevenson



FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By
Ohio State Highway Patrol

Emcee

Anna Fortkamp, Allen City,
Warner County

Pledge

Grace Francisco, Benson City,
Warner County

National Anthem

Annie Kinkle, Bombeck City,
Warner County

Reading

Jenna Bittner, Cook City,
Warner County

Auxiliary Moment

Jenna Peper, Benson City,
Warner County

Thought

Megan Bachelder, Davidson
City, Warner County



The ladies of Montgomery City create new friendships through their city mixer.

AU BOOKSTORE

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

MONDAY CONTEST

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE NO LATER THAN 9 am TUESDAY.

1. Who is the chief legal officer of the state? _____
2. Which state official is limited to two consecutive four year terms? _____
3. How many county commissioners are there per county? _____
4. Who is the chief executive of the state, chosen for a four year term? _____
5. Who is responsible for the state budget? _____
6. Who appoints the city Board of Health? _____
7. Who succeeds the office of governor of state, in case of death? _____
8. Who is the chief law officer of the county? _____
9. Who is the director of all state audits? _____
10. Who represents the legislative branch of the city? _____

Congratulations to BENSON CITY, Sunday's Contest winner!

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

MONDAY'S QUESTION OF THE DAY

What do you hope to gain from Buckeye Girls State?

"Meeting new people and having new experiences."

– Emily Maurer, Hobart City

"Getting to meet everybody from all different places and learning about government and the elections for the different positions."

– Sarah Ahler, Deal City

"The experience in itself. Getting to experience the government for myself."

– Whitney Ellis, Deal City

"Getting to know new people and learning about different parts of government."

– Abby Price, Oakley City

"Learning more about Ohio politics."

– Julia Aromatorio, Kaptur City

"Everything! Getting to learn more about government. I think it will be cool to learn how to run government and be a part of it."

– Alezah Armbrust, Resnick City