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FEDERALIST PARTY PLATFORM

Bringing Back the Buckeye

Education Reform

- Funding
 - Knowledge of where the peoples' money is going
 - Pay-to-play
 - Replacing levies with a mandate of how the people pay their taxes
- Academics
 - More electives and a broader curriculum
 - Schools start at a later time

Environment

- Alternative Fuels
 - Make use of the abundance of corn (Ethanol) and construct windmills
 - Tax benefits for schools "Going Green"
- Improving and expanding recycling facilities
 - Developing and spreading availability

Economics

- Road improvements
 - Solely state-made products to improve roads and buildings
 - Lowering unemployment rate
- Auctioning for schools
 - When a new school is built, its old supplies are auctioned



Rachel Bourne, Federalist State Party Chair

Enforcement

- Texting while driving
 - Make it illegal, large fine as penalty



NATIONAL PARTY PLATFORM

As Nationalists we believe in "Improving our State with Es": Environment, Economy, and Education.

Environmental Policy

- Finding alternative energy sources (ex. Wind power, solar power)
- Regulating emissions produced by businesses
- Proposing establishment of Department of Environment.

Educational Policy

- Improving Fine Arts and Foreign Language development at a younger age.
- Developing statewide mentorship program
- Making higher education more affordable for the general public

Economy

- Developing incentives for small business owners
- Instituting government accountability for all state spending.
- Establishing job training for the unemployed



Alexandra Nardo, Nationalist State Party Chair

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WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER



ISOLATED T-STORMS
HIGH 73°F · LOW 58°F



GIRLS FLOCK TO LEARN CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES

Rene' Reese, the Government Director of Buckeye Girls State, and her assistant, Kristen Little, opened the workshop of Party Politics and Campaign Strategy to an over-packed room of nearly one hundred. "Eighty-five delegates attended the first session, and more than twenty-five had to be turned away at the start of the second session, due to lack of room," she announced.

When asked how many girls had chosen this workshop because someone had recommended it, not one hand went up. Then Reese asked, "How many of you came because you are thinking of running for an office?" Immediately every hand in the room was raised. Both Reese and Little were pleased that the girls were attending for the right reason.

Then the delegates were walked through the strategic processes of running for an office. The girls were advised to only run for an office that they truly were interested in achieving. They were told to use their own talents and abilities of what they already have learned to help them to get elected. Speaking tips of projecting one's voice, speaking clearly and loudly and speaking only on what qualifies one for the office were given. The girls were advised to give their name at the end of their campaign speech. Brittany Utz, a citizen of Vivo City asked, "How many candidates are endorsed for each position?" She was informed that only one candidate from each county would be endorsed for state offices.

The girls were reminded about the importance of having enough signatures on their petitions and then filing them on time. Reese closed the session by saying, "BGS will teach you a lot about citizenship and government, which will be critical in improving your life," and the delegates rushed to their next workshop.



COLLEGE CREDIT FOR BGS SEMINAR

More than 200 Buckeye Girls State Citizens crowded into the Ashbrook Center Monday to not only learn about democracy, but also earn college credit for doing so. More delegates than ever before are attending the Introduction to Statesmanship seminars this week said Professor Peter Schramm, who teaches the 1-credit course with Professor Chris Burkett. Participants may transfer the credit later to the colleges they attend.

The professors use the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the presidency of Abraham Lincoln to help the girls understand the genesis of the American form of government. Professor Schramm hopes participants will come away with "The central idea of the American republic – equality and liberty – and how the Constitution secures liberty," he said. The two workshop sessions continue daily through Friday.

CITY GOVERNMENT SEMINAR DISCUSSES CITY ROLES

Amanda Rader, Deputy Director of City Government, kicked the City Government workshop off on Tuesday morning, discussing City positions and campaigning rules.

Positions on the City level that delegates can run for include mayor, city council, city auditor, city treasurer, director of law, director of public service, director of public safety, fire department, police department, board of health and other significant municipal administrative agencies. For detailed job descriptions, refer to the *Ohio Government Digest*.

The City Government Celebration will take place at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday in the Upper Convocational Center. City officials will take an oath of office and Desiree Stoy, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be the keynote speaker.



PRE-REGISTERED AUDITIONS OFFER IMMENSE TALENT

Whether it was singing tunes from Phantom of the Opera, Wicked or State Fair, the pre-registered auditions offered a vast amount of talent this year.

Delegates have been chosen and will showcase their talents throughout the week at special events. These delegates are:

Nicole Baringer, Kaptur City, Junge County
 Ashley Brewster, Benson City, Curl County
 Sarah Escape, Hayes City, Holcshum County
 Dina Farah, Hayes City, Holcshum County
 Samantha Givens, O'Connor City, La Bounty County
 Caroline Johnson, Stoy City, Lehnert County
 Faith Myers, Withrow City, Lehnert County

Delegates have also been selected as soloists to sing the National Anthem for County Flag Raising. These delegates are:

Christina Terry, Bombeck City, Curl County
 Marrett Laney, Day City, Holcshum County
 Leah Hively, Jones City, Junge County
 Madeline Brady, Rice City, La Bounty County
 C'ierra Beckham, Vivo City, Lehnert County
 Alexa Macri, Taft City, All County

WONDERFUL OHIO WOMEN OF BGS



WOW! Wonderful Ohio Women, the Gift of Service is the theme for American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio President, Cyndi Underwood. This name WOW is certainly applicable to BGS staff members Pat McLaughlin and her daughter Kelly.

Pat had been an American Legion Junior Auxiliary member and in 1962 came to BGS as a typist for a former secretary to the BGS director. At the time, she was a young married lady with no children. She realized a couple days into the week that she was expecting her first child, Kelly. After the first year Pat took a few years off to raise her two young daughters.

Several years later, Pat returned to work, and she used her vacation time to return to BGS to help out her dear friend Marilyn Warner, who was then the Buckeye Girls State Director. Pat continued to volunteer at BGS, and in 1979 her oldest daughter Kelly was selected as a delegate to Buckeye Girls State, which was then held at Capitol University in Columbus.

Kelly's government advisor was Elaine Hoover, who is still on the Buckeye Girls State staff today. Kelly ran for the high office of Attorney General and won with the slogan, "Someone You Can Look Up To," due to the fact that she is tall. Kelly graduated, became an attorney and today has her own private practice in family law. In 2006, she returned to BGS as a Judicial Assistant and in 2008 became the Deputy Director of the Judicial Branch.

Both Kelly and her mother speak very highly of each other. Kelly said that the family got together and had a meeting before her mother decided to return to Girls State. They divided up the household chores, and Kelly said, "I never minded my mom leaving, but I was always happy when she returned."

Kelly shared, "I am so proud to participate in BGS. I love the program. I enjoyed my time at BGS, and I know how important the program has been to my mom throughout the years. Mom should have gone to Girls State."

After asking what she thought her mom would have done at Girls State, Kelly replied, "I don't know what she would have done, but she would have done it well."

FROM DELEGATE TO VOLUNTEER

Pat Dunlevy knows what Buckeye Girls State Citizens are going through this week. She's been there, although it was 58 years ago. She is one of many BGS staffers who attended BGS themselves.

Dunlevy, an Information Center assistant this week, got a gleam in her eye when she recalled her campaign slogan for county coroner as young Pat Price: "Put 'em On Ice With Price."

The desire to pay it forward is what brings many types of alum back as volunteers, said Rosemary Schlievert, a Resident Advisor in Jones City this week. Schlievert lived a sheltered life on a farm in Ottawa County when she was chosen to attend BGS in 1957. Her week of learning about government not only made her a life-long voter, it broadened her horizons and helped give her the confidence to pursue a career as an elementary school principal.

"I was very bashful so it helped me to meet new people," Schlievert said.

Cyndi Underwood remembers watching such transformations.

"You saw people who were even wallflowers come out of their shell," said Underwood, BGS staffer and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President, who attended BGS in 1974.

Underwood was outgoing even as a teen-ager, she said, but the experience helped her develop leadership skills.

"It gives you inspiration and power to believe in something you want to continue and pass it on to someone else," Underwood said.

In the 1950s, an era when many women did not participate in the political process, BGS was a powerful influence on girls such as Dunlevy and Schlievert. The women enjoy returning to BGS now to watch a new generation of girls grow into leaders.

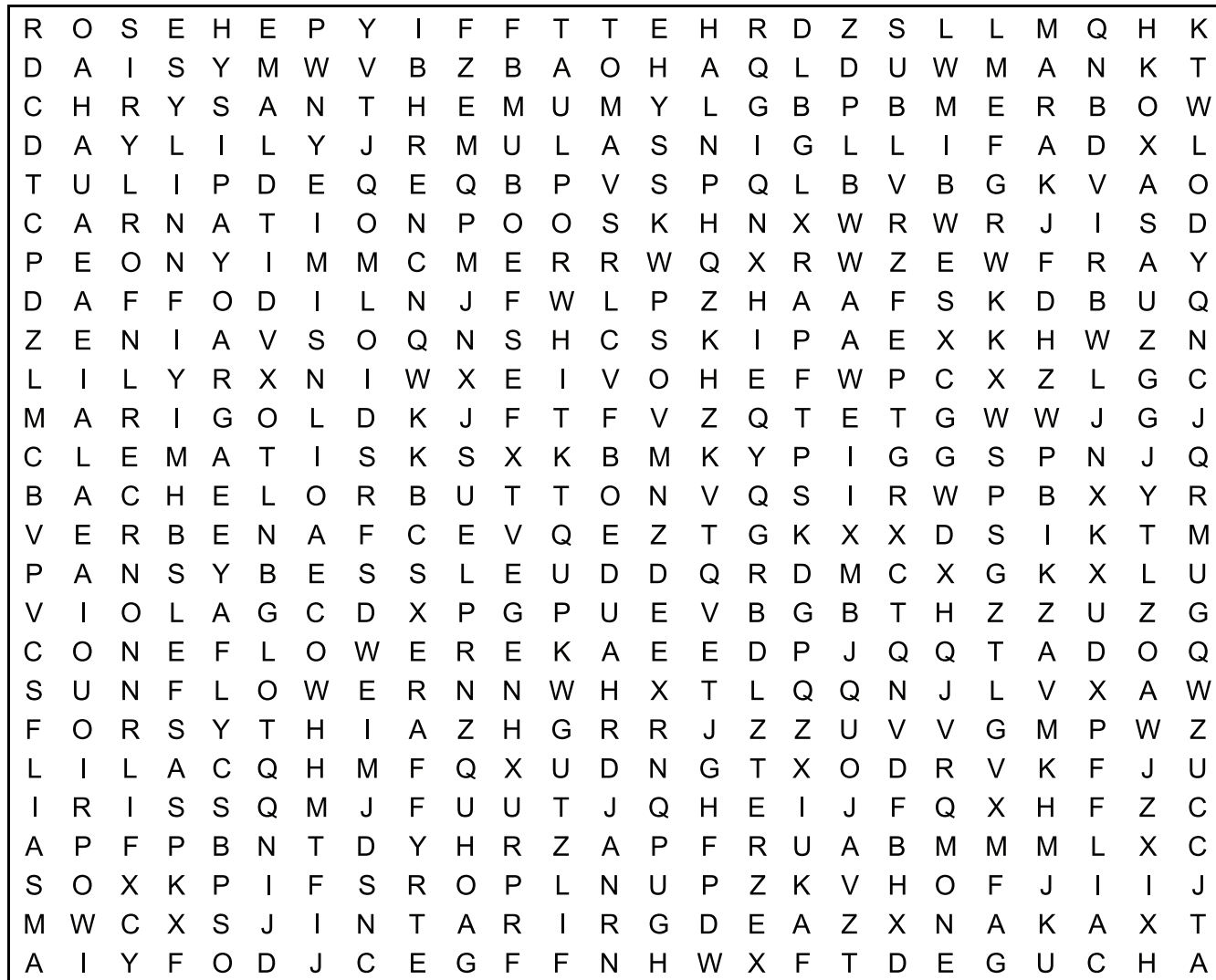
"I think by the end of the week here you can walk into the Convocation Center and feel girl power in the air," Schlievert said. "It does give them a sense of power."





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PLATFORM FORMATION WORKSHOP HELPS DELEGATES BRAINSTORM IDEAS

The platform formation workshop began by speaking about the etiquette of public speaking in order to have the delegates hold effective caucuses.

Several of the delegates were asked why they were interested in attending the platform formation workshop. One delegate stated, "I came because later on we will have caucuses and will have to form a platform."

Others stated they wanted to learn about platforms. There were Central City Committeewomen who attended the platform formation workshop in order to set up platforms.

The platform formation workshop has been created because platforms can prompt people to vote one way or the other. Also, delegates were asked to divide into groups based off of their status as a Federalist or Nationalist and create topics for platforms.

The delegates have been asked to avoid crafting platforms about pro-choice/pro-life and homosexual/anti-homosexual issues due to the sensitivity of the topic.



2009 BGS BAR EXAM

Participants:

9:00 am	108
10:00 am	108
11:00 am	110
1:30 pm	126

Total Participants: 452

Passed: 435

% Passed: 96.2%

**City with most girls who passed:
Allen 30**

FOUR WORKSHOPS IN ONE

A workshop covering the duties of the Sec. of State, Attorney General, State Auditor and State Treasurer was held in Room 227 in the Dauch Building yesterday morning. Pam Dimmerman, Deputy Director of the Executive Branch, introduced three State employees who were on hand to give the girls an insight into the responsibilities of each office.

Cynthia Stewart, from the office of the Secretary of State, explained that her office oversees the board of elections, all elections and the voting rights of everyone in Ohio. They also maintain offices in Cleveland and Columbus and assist in the opening of new businesses.

Charlie Maier, from the State Treasurer's office, referred to this as the "people bank" for Ohio. He stated that this office is obligated to "maintain the funds, but also grow the funds." He informed the girls that most of the people's money is invested in trust. "It's safe, but able to earn some interest," said Maier.

Representing the State Auditor was Kim Blake of Clyde, Ohio. She said that the Auditor is "responsible for overseeing anybody who receives state money." The Department is divided into three divisions: financial audit, performance audit and fraud.

Dimmerman spoke on the duties of the Attorney General of Buckeye Girls State and referred to the job as the "lawyer" of BGS. In reality, she is responsible for the collection of debts, she said.

Dimmerman thanked the guest speakers and credited them with being the "backbone of their offices." She advised the girls: "if running for one of these state offices and you don't win, you should apply for a position in that office."





THE ABC'S OF JUNGE CITY By Jessica Shea, Junge City, Junge County

Only the Alphabet can cover the diversity of Junge City.

- Athletes
- Bassist
- Creativity
- Dancing
- Entertainers
- Farmers
- Gifted
- Happy
- Intelligent
- Justified
- Kind
- Lyricists
- Musical
- Noble
- Opinionated
- Performers
- Quirky
- Restless
- Singing
- Theatre
- Unicyclist
- Variety
- Wild (in a good way)
- X-cited
- Youthful
- Zany

WEDNESDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Raising	7:15 am
State Rallies	9:15 am
County/State Primary Election	11:00 am
County Rallies	2:15 pm
Debate and Party Demonstrations	3:30 pm
University Seminar/ Band & Chorus	5:00 pm
County/State General Election	6:00 pm
City Government Celebration	7:45 pm
City Meeting	10:30 pm

SUNDAY ARRIVAL By Marissa Alfano, Vivo City, Lehnert County

ASHLAND, OH: The University of Ashland welcomed almost 900 of Ohio's most promising high school juniors to the prestigious program of Buckeye Girls State Sunday, June 14th. The girls have been selected from all over the state to learn, experience, and to run a student simulated government in a way no classroom environment could ever allow. The day commenced with registration, which went smoothly or all involved. After checking into the dorms, each city (floor) proceeded to hold its own mixer, which included icebreakers to get everyone acquainted, and tours to familiarize the girls with the Ashland campus. Each city also brainstormed chants and established themes for the week. Vivo City, in Lehnert County, decided to embrace the theme, "Vivo Las Vegas" by painting their windows with pictures of cards and plastering poker chips on the hall walls. All of the dorms decorated their doors as businesses coordinating with their theme.

After this, city pictures were taken, and dinner was served. In formal attire, the girls then all attended an official opening ceremony, at which they took an oath to become recognized Buckeye Girls State (BGS) Citizens. Prominent members of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as Miss Harter, last year's BGS governor, all spoke and the BGS song was taught to the new citizens. Back at the cities a few hours later, daily reflections were written and a final meeting was held before light out. Upon turning in for the night, one thing was absolutely certain: if the rest of the week would be reflected by the first day, it was going to be memorable.



Tuesday Contest

1. Who designed Ohio's state flag? _____
2. What year was Ohio's state flag designed? _____
3. What is Ohio's state flag shape named? _____
4. Why is the red carnation Ohio's state flower? _____
5. What do the 17 arrows on Ohio's state seal stand for? _____
6. Why is tomato juice Ohio's state beverage? _____
7. What year did Ohio become a state? _____
8. Where did the Wright Brothers own a bicycle shop in Ohio? _____
9. Where was Neil Armstrong from in Ohio? _____
10. Where was John Glenn from in Ohio? _____

Riddle of the Day

A Man in an Elevator

A man who lives on the tenth floor takes the elevator down to the first floor every morning and goes to work. In the evening, when he comes back; on a rainy day, or if there are other people in the elevator, he goes to his floor directly. Otherwise, he goes to the seventh floor and walks up three flights of stairs to his apartment. Can you explain why?

Phrase Scramble Answer

The road to a friend's house is never long.

Danish Proverb



FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By

BGS Highway Patrol

Emcee

Victorialyn Keay, Day City,
Holcshuh County

Pledge

Felicia Laube, Hobart City,
Holcshuh County

National Anthem

Marrett Laney, Day City,
Holcshuh County

Reading

Dina Farah, Hayes City,
Holcshuh County

Auxiliary Moment

Kari Rea, Flowers City,
Holcshuh County

Thought

Teresa Hess, Deal City,
Holcshuh County

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the beginning, I have to admit I was a little unsure of how my experience at Buckeye Girls State would be. However, the moment I stepped off the elevator onto my floor, I felt right at home. I was quickly asked what my name was and where I was from. The girls in my city all were great, and we bonded instantly! I've learned so much more about how Ohio's city, county, and state governments all function. I've definitely learned more here about Ohio's government than in any class offered at my school. I look forward to making more friends and the opportunity I have to learn at Buckeye Girls State.

Yours truly,
Brianna Sheridan,
Stowe City, LaBounty County

Congratulations to COOK CITY, Tuesday's Contest winner!

TUESDAY'S CONTEST ANSWERS

1. John Eisenmann;
2. 1902;
3. The burgee;
4. It is in memory of President William McKinley;
5. Ohio was the 17th state in the Union;
6. Ohio produces the most tomato juice in the U.S.;
7. 1803;
8. Dayton;
9. Wapakoneta;
10. New Concord

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Who is the most influential woman in U.S. history?

"Condoleezza Rice." -Theresa Burwell, Bombeck City

"Susan B. Anthony." -Julie Guseman, Merritt City

"Eleanor Roosevelt." -Sarah McKibben, Hobart City

"Amelia Arehart." -Hannah Pacholski, O'Connor City

"Sojourner Truth." -Jasmine Pierson, Flowers City



Congratulations to Vivo City, Monday's Ideal City!

AU BOOKSTORE

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