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FRIDAY AT A GLANCE

- 7:15 am **Flag Ceremony**
- 9:00 am **Government Functioning**
- 12:00 pm **Blood Drive begins**
- 1:30 pm **Government Functioning**
- 2:30 pm **Government Tours**
- 5:00 pm **University Seminar/Choir & Band/Recreation**
- 7:30 pm **Government Functioning**
- 10:00 pm **City Meeting**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm."

-Charles M. Schwab



FRIDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 83°F · LOW 67°F

WELCOME HOME NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Desi Stoy, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, returned to Buckeye Girls State at Ashland University this week. Stoy was elected at the 88th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona last August.

President Stoy's theme is "HOPE: Honoring Our Promise Everyday." When elected, the President said, "I ask you to remember why you joined, to reflect on what energizes your batteries and join me in renewing your commitment to our mission."

As former Director of Buckeye Girls State, Stoy selected this week to make her official visit to Ohio as the National President. She said, "I can't think of anything more important to me than having the opportunity to come back to Buckeye Girls State." She added, "This is really old, home week for me."

Stoy said she knew that the delegates would meet and make friends that would last a lifetime. Her wish for the citizens of BGS is that "they take more home with them than what they had when they came," and she hopes "they share all of it with their communities."

President Stoy shared that she had visited West Virginia Girls State this year and was glad that she had. She said that there were many similarities at that Girls State, but some things were a little different and only applicable to their area. She admitted that she took some notes while there and was happy to visit.

Stoy has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary since she was a young girl in the Juniors



Desi Stoy with the Mayor of Stoy City, Anastasia Jaeb

Program. She has held many positions at the Unit, District, Department and National level of the American Legion Auxiliary. She also served as the National Vice President representing the central states in 1995-1996.

Stoy is employed by Ashland University in the Auxiliary Services Department. She is an honorary life member of Irvin Hiskey, Unit 535, in her hometown of Bellville. Desi is married to Timothy Stoy and has two adult step-children and five grandchildren.

STOY KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CITY GOVERNMENT CELEBRATION

Newly elected mayors were given red, white and blue corsages and accompanied by their resident advisors as they marched down the aisle. Last night was the City Government Celebration, where all city officials were sworn into office.

Last night, however, was unlike other City Government Celebrations in the past. Anastasia Jaeb was sworn into office as the first mayor of Stoy City, named in honor of Desiree Stoy, American Legion Auxiliary National President.

Stoy was the keynote speaker of last night's City Government Celebration. During Stoy's speech, a word was mentioned to the delegates many times: "one." Stoy emphasized that it only takes one word to make a significant impact on a human being.

"Authenticity, leadership and responsibility, and the ability to accept failure are the three key characteristics that one must attain to be successful in a leadership position," said Stoy.

Stoy, in conclusion, encouraged delegates to get involved in their local auxiliaries, and also to take the challenge of impacting one. "Impacting one may be difficult when one



means each of you," added Stoy.

The finale of last night's celebration was the announcement of the results of the general election.

Tonight at 7:45 p.m. is the County and State Government Celebration where elected county and state officials will be sworn into office and Governor Srinivasan will present her inaugural address to delegates.

SRINIVASAN IS GOVERNOR OF BGS 2009

Nandini Srinivasan from Zeller City was announced Governor of Buckeye Girls State 2009 last night. Miss Srinivasan is from Beavercreek, Ohio and attends Beavercreek High School. Governor Srinivasan was asked why she ran for the position and responded, "The opportunity to lead such an incredible group of ladies, even for only two days, is a chance that I would never be able to forgive myself for giving up."

One of Governor Srinivasan's goals included to simply "have a functioning state. Anything above and beyond that would blow my mind." She also would like to try to please many people and to get them into positions that they really want and can excel in.

After high school, Miss Srinivasan would like to double major in Biology and Physics. She would love to attend Duke or Yale Universities. Srinivasan thanks everyone for the opportunity and the support they have given her in last few days. Good luck in all you do here at BGS 2009, Governor Srinivasan!



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOVES POLITICS

The Lieutenant Governor of Buckeye Girls State 2009 is Anjana Venkatesan! Lt. Governor Venkatesan is from Mason, Ohio and attends William-Mason High School. When asked about why she ran for the Lt. Governor position, she replied, "I actually do want to go into politics. Politics is my future. I ran for governor at county caucus, but didn't get it. So I went for Lt. Governor and vowed to support whatever Governor we had. I will try to do my best as Lt. Governor."

Venkatesan's biggest goal is to find out the "inner workings of politics." She says that this is a good opportunity to get an inside view of an executive position. "I really want to support the Governor, Nandini, and leave an impact on BGS. Hopefully it leads to bigger and better things."

The Lt. Governor plans on going on to college to major in Pre-Law or Pre-Medical, with a minor in Political Science. Venkatesan's "reach school" is Stanford or Case Western.

Some of the Lt. Governor's hobbies in school include speech and debate. She has participated in these for three years. She says that she hopes to go to Girls Nation this summer. Congratulations Lt. Governor Venkatesan!



SARAH ESCAPE IS SECRETARY OF STATE

Hayes City is where the new Secretary of State, Sarah Escape, is from. Secretary Escape had first tried to run for Governor and was defeated early on. She said, "I'm one that never wants to back down; so I decided to try again." She is hopeful to go away from Buckeye Girls State with a new understanding of the true duties of her newly elected position.

Miss Escape calls Westerville home and attends Westerville South High School. Although she did not have an interest in politics before coming to Girls State, Sarah hopes to leave here with "a passion in politics."

Secretary Escape is still deciding between The Ohio State University, Notre Dame or Yale for her college choices. Her plans include double majoring in Pre-law and Business.

The secretary concluded that she has met the friendliest girls ever in her life here at Buckeye Girls State and wished that every girl had such an opportunity. Congratulations Secretary Escape!



ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS HIGH ASPIRATIONS

Santoria Sawyer was named Attorney General of Buckeye Girls State 2009. She hails from Toledo, Ohio and attends Waite High School. Attorney General Sawyer was asked why she ran for this BGS position. Her response was: "the honor to represent the cream of the crop. This can help build self-confidence. I love competition, debate and law."

Sawyer's goals this week include planning to represent the Governor and the people. She also plans to protect people rights, some that they do not even know they have. Sawyer wants to encourage other girls and build self-esteem. Another goal of hers is to be a role model and an inspiration.

After graduation, the Attorney General would like go to an undergraduate school, possibly an Ivy League institution, like Stanford or the University of South Florida. Sawyer wants to major in Pre-Law and Business. Later she would like to go to law school to be a Prosecuting Attorney.

Sawyer is currently valedictorian of her high school with a 4.4 GPA. She is considered a leader in her school, attending several leadership conferences so far. Congratulations and good luck to Attorney General Sawyer!



PICKETT PLANS ARE SET HIGH

Rachel Pickett, of Kings Mills, is the State Treasurer of the 2009 Buckeye Girls State session. When asked why Pickett went after the position, she said, "I am really good at math and like math." She continued to explain that math has always been a part of her life. Pickett attends Kings Local Schools.

Treasurer Pickett is interested in learning more about the position of State Treasurer and as well as her new responsibilities and the system that she has joined. She hopes to maintain a balanced budget and fairly distribute the funds at hand.

After high school, Pickett plans to major in Finance and Marketing at The Ohio State University. After completing said degree, she hopes to go on to law school. While at college, Pickett hopes to be a part of a sorority like other women in her family have done. Rachel would like say "thank you to everyone who helped campaign." Good luck on everything in the BGS 2009 session, Treasurer Pickett!



AUDITOR OF STATE IS NAMED SCHMITMEYER

Kate Schmitmeyer is the newly elected Auditor of State of Buckeye Girls State 2009. Kate is from Ansonia, Ohio and attends Ansonia High School as a junior. She added that there are less than 60 students in her graduating class.

When asked why she wanted to become Auditor of BGS, Miss Schmitmeyer said, "I guess because...I'm extremely organized, and I like math." She admitted that she has a fear of public speaking. However, she hopes this position will help her to overcome that.

Although the new State Auditor knows she wants to attend college, she is unsure of which one. She thinks she will probably end up in a math or science field. She stated, "I think the knowledge I have learned here at Girls State will help me in whatever I do." Good luck and congrats, Miss Schmitmeyer!



MERRITT IS NAMED CHIEF JUSTICE

Chief Justice, Amanda Merritt, is interested learning about her new position at Buckeye Girls State. Her sister suggested that she run for Chief Justice, after she expressed an interest in attaining one of the top offices. Merritt is from Lebanon, Ohio and attends Lebanon High School. She hopes that her experiences this week at Chief Justice will spark her interest in pursuing a law career.

This week Merritt hopes to learn about the responsibilities of the Chief Justice to gain new knowledge. She also hopes to "have a fair and honest court." Chief Justice Merritt plans to attend college next year, but is currently undecided on which university she will pursue; she is considering The Ohio State University and the University of Virginia. While Merritt is undecided on a career path, she is considering pursuing psychology.

Amanda would like to thank "everyone who voted" for her. She is excited about her new responsibilities as she loves leading and being a leader. Congrats, Chief Justice Merritt, on your accomplishments already!



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Thursday's Contest

1. What was the first state motto of Ohio? _____
2. What is the current state motto of Ohio? _____
3. How long did Ohio go without a state motto? _____
4. When was this current motto adopted? _____
5. What is the state bird of Ohio? _____
6. When was the state bird adopted by Ohio? _____
7. When was Columbus decided as the capital of Ohio? _____
8. How many cities has Ohio had as its capital? _____
9. Name all of the former capitals of Ohio. _____
10. Who was Ohio's first governor? _____

Inspiring Quote- Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.!

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Answers will be in tomorrow's Buckeye!



BGS VIPs

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CREATING A GOVERNMENT CAN BE CHALLENGING

By Marissa Alfano, Vivo City, Lehnert County

Debating issues, creating committees, listening to speeches, crowding into rooms, and campaigning- these are all trying tasks, but necessary when reaching one common goal, which is electing government officials.

So far at Buckeye Girls State, we have had the opportunity to experience what it takes to institute a functioning body of government. However, while it is quite obvious it is impossible to compose a campaign in a matter of two days, I believe that we have been provided with the framing works of this master project.

On Monday, we elected our city, county, and state chairpersons within each political party, in order to get the ball rolling. That night, each representative worked tirelessly to hammer out a party platform.

The Nationalist party thought it was most important to "Improve Our State with E's"- Environment, Education, and Economy. Within each "E," the issues at hand range from energy sources, to fine arts in primary schools, to unemployment.

From there, each party began the tedious, but exciting, caucus process, where candidates were endorsed for primary elections. The chairmen, at this point, began brainstorming their rallies in order to baffle the opposing party with pertinent questions during the debate.

I have found that while the procedure for establishing a centralized government may be stressful and time consuming, hopefully we as BGS citizens will witness it all pay off in the end, when we call to order an organized, professional, and reliable government union.



2009 GOVERNOR'S CABINET

2009 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

- Adjutant General- Megan Blandford
- Administrative Services- Emma Foltz
- Aging- Janelle Wilson
- Agriculture- Kate Cline
- Office of Budget and Management- Ashley Comer
- Commerce- Olivia Sherck
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- Caroline Johnson
- Insurance- Megan O'Sullivan
- Lottery Commission- Christine Carlo
- Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities (MRDD)- Stephanie Shoenfelt
- Natural Resources- Jessica Coggins
- Rehabilitation and Correction- Jennifer Stretton
- Taxation- Hannah Grace
- Transportation- Amy Buck
- Youth Service- Hanna Dasenbrock
- Works' Compensation Bureau - Katylyn Alesci

- Deputy Chief of Staff- Abigail Sorrenson
- Director of Communications- Rebecca Humberger
- Press Secretary- Nikki Lanka
- Director of Legislative Affairs- Jessie Kuo
- Senior Policy Advisor- Abigail Whisler
- Administrative Assistants- Jessi Patterson and Amira Elsayy



FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By
BGS Highway Patrol

Emcee

Amelia Fraser, Oakley City,
LaBounty County

Pledge

Ashley Hicks, Rice City,
LaBounty County

National Anthem

Madeline Brady, Rice City,
LaBounty County

Reading

Sarah Metzger, O'Connor City,
LaBounty County

Auxiliary Moment

Leah Horne, Resnick City,
LaBounty County

Thought

Melissa Redick, Stowe City,
LaBounty County

Wednesday's Contest winners will be announced in tomorrow's paper. At the time of press, there was no winner.

1. Moina Michael; 2. YMCA volunteer; 3. 1920; 4. Silk;
5. War widows and orphans in France; 6. Unemployed and disabled Veterans; 7. No;
8. 9; 9. Veteran's welfare, or for the well being of their needy dependents and the orphans of veterans; 10. Vickie Koutz

AU BOOKSTORE

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped the campaign process team. Working together made the process a success. A special thanks is given to Sharon Gandee and Pam Dimmerman; your talents and time are greatly appreciated.

-Colleen Phillips, Campaign Process Team



**Congratulations to
DAVIDSON CITY,
Wednesday's Ideal
City!**

QUESTION OF THE DAY

What is the most significant issue facing young women today?

"Leadership. We're still not prominent figures in leadership positions."

– Kaitlyn Rider, Deal City

"Confidence is the most significant issue. We need confidence so we can go out in the business world."

– Megan Welker, Oakley City

"Raising the next generation. Trying to work in a leadership position and have a family can potentially be difficult. Sometimes a woman has to choose between having a family or fulfilling a leadership role."

– Ashley Brewster, Benson City

"Finding jobs that follow their career in the economy."

– Jessica Weller, Taft City

