

FEDERALIST SWEEP

News from election central had the Federalist Party with almost a clean sweep of the top elected positions available at Buckeye Girls State. Ashley Ann Futrell from Toldeo Christian High School had big coat tails. Madam Governor had nothing but praise for her campaign team and slate. "The Federalists were incredible! They stuck by me from the beginning." stated Ms. Futrell. Heather Jones was campaign chairman for the Governor from her City of Merritt. Ms. Futrell credits Ms. Jones awesome hard work and enthusiasm, along with the City of Merritt for winning the election. Which is the first election that Madam Governor has ever won. She learned in the seminars to be seen everywhere. Reaching out to the delegates of the Nationalist Party was a major goal of Ms. Futrell.

The newly elected Attorney General, Erika Little, who attends Emmanuel Baptist High School, is best friends with the Governor as they live down the street from one another in their home town of Toledo. This is an amazing, incredible adventure for the two delegates. Ms. Little requested from the Governor's mother to please bring her favorite dish to BGS, macaroni and cheese. Ms. Futrell in return requested fried chicken from the Attorney General's mother.

Nyleia Page, Auditor of State, from Hubbard High School was amazed by the support she received from all citizens of Buckeye Girls State. Her theme was "Independent Women" which struck a cord with the electorate.

The Treasurer of State, Oriana Pietrangelo is from Rittman and attends Hoban High School in Akron. She was shocked by the peer support that she received from her fellow citizens in Stowe City. Ms. Pietrangelo decided to run for Treasurer of State after attending the Auditor/Treasurer Workshop.

The Lt. Governor, Becky Sovol, attends Padua Franciscan High School in North Royalton where she is on the dance team. She is hoping for a career in Politics.

Andrea Berchowit, Secretary of State, takes half of her classes at Ohio University while attending Athens High School. Madam Secretary promised Nancy Brown and Honey Lou Bendervich, their sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit members that she would be famous someday, making them proud they sent her to BGS.



Buckeye Girls State Governor Ashley Futrell



Other elected officials (left to right): Treasurer of State Oriana Pietrangelo; Secretary of State Andrea Berchowit; State Auditor Nyelia Page; Attorney General Erika Little; Lt. Governor Becky Sovol.

CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SWORN IN

Close to 950 delegates from across the state gathered on Wednesday evening for the City Government Assembly. The 25 newly elected mayors were escorted in by their Resident Assistants, then took their place of honor on the stage. Following the opening invocation, Pledge, and singing of the National Anthem, each mayor was presented to the audience by her Government Advisor. After her introduction, girls gave a brief speech about who their city was named after.

Ashland's Mayor Douglas E. Cellar swore the girls into office. Cellar also swore in the city council members, auditors, treasurers, law directors, municipal judges, and school board members. The assembly continued with a motivational speech by Pat Vivo and the announcement of the general election results.

PAT VIVO RETURNS TO BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

Pat Vivo spoke to a captivated audience of Girls Staters, staff, and visitors on Wednesday evening in the Upper Convocation Hall at Ashland University. Vivo is a renowned speaker who has been coming to Girls State for the past 23 years.

Vivo used humor throughout her speech to help get her point across. She joked about her children and experiences she has had while speaking at other places to set the mood for her speech. She then spoke about the signs in that are in every person's life.

Stop, red light, danger, and curves ahead are the four signs that Vivo said we can find in both the road and in our lives. At the stop sign and red light we have four choices, go forward, go back, turn left, or turn right. She went on to say that when we come to a stop at a problem we can turn right at the problem or turn wrong. Everyone is going to turn wrong more than once in their lives, but it is the right turns that matter.

As the mother of eight children, Vivo knows the hardships that children go through during the seventh and eighth grades. When she decided to return to the teaching profession, Vivo decided to be a substitute teacher for those two very difficult grades. She helped the children, when their parents and teachers had let them down. "God does not create zeros," she said and then encouraged everyone in the audience to reach out to those young adults who are a little different than themselves.

When closing out her speech, Vivo stressed the importance of showing your loved ones that you really do care for them, because when they are gone there is nothing that can be done. People are not mindreaders and need to know that they are loved for.



ELECTION DAY

Director of Ashland County Board of Elections, John Walker, and a team of Board of Elections Officials arrived on campus yesterday to aid the Buckeye Girls State Board of Elections with both the primaries and general elections held in the gymnasium. This is the fourth year that Mr. Walker has been coming to BGS. "What a GREAT opportunity to assist the approximately 1000 girls in their first voting. I only wish that more of today's youth could have this experience." he commented. Mr. Walker explained the optical scan ballots used at BGS and Ashland County versus the illustrious punch card ballots used in the presidential election in Florida. "This is the best voting system in the world." he explained. 69 Counties in the state of Ohio still use the punch card system. Their chief reason is the initial outlay of money for the optical scan system. However, if they were to

replace their punch card system with the computer system it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more than the optical scan system and there would be no recounts, neither of undervotes or overvotes. Assisting Mr. Walker was Ben Kunkel, Kathy Howman and Shannon Leinniger.

Chairman of the Nationalist Party's Board of Election, Sarah Lane, was excited by how everything just came together. Watching the delegates cast their votes for the candidate of their chose was an experience she will not forget.

Destiny Morrow, Director of the Board of Elections of the Federalist Party was enthused about the amount of knowledge she was learning about the voting system. The opportunity to serve in this position has been a worthwhile one.





BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- All citizens must have a valid BGS driver's license (lanyard with nametag)*
- No speeding (running)
- No alcohol consumption (any open drink, except water)*
- No drag racing (two people walking side by side)*
- All vehicles (the person) must be driven on the right side of the road
- All vehicles must come to a complete stop at every intersection marked with a solid tape or chalk line
- All vehicles must signal before passing, turning, or stopping

SIGNALS

- Left turn – hand and arm fully extended straight out
- Right turn – hand and arm extended upward
- Stop – hand and arm extended downward
- No parking on the highway (stopping)
- No driving on the berm (the grass)
- No cutting through the grass
- No littering*
- No "U" turns*
- All vehicles must have tires (shoes on both feet)
- No noise pollution (yelling)
- No obstruction of official State Highway Patrol business
- Maximum of 8 people in an elevator*

(* indicates offense is punishable by jail time)

A Smile

*Let others cheer the winning man,
There's one I hold worth while;
'Tis he who does the best he can,
Then loses with a smile.
Beaten he is, but not to stay
Down with the rank and file,
That man will win some other day,
Who loses with a smile.*

-Author Unknown

WEDNESDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

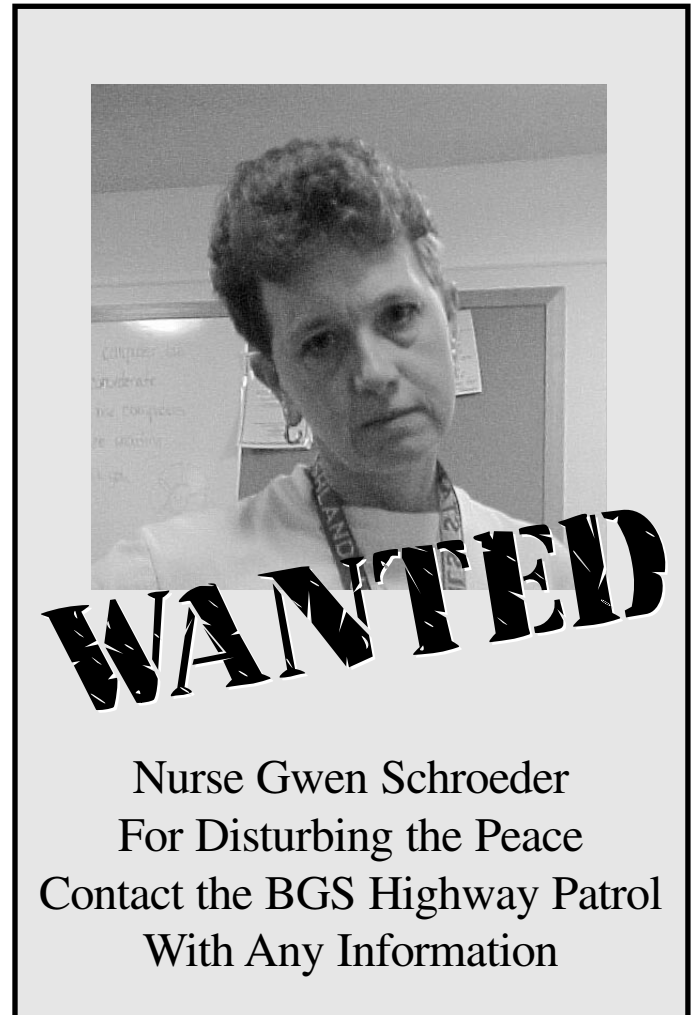
1.Kennedy 2.Washington 3.Johnson
4.Ford 5.Regan 6.Adams 7.FDR
8.George Bush 9.Truman 10.Clinton

Winner: **Cook City**

BGS BANK
CLOSING!
BGS Bank will close
by 6pm on Friday.

Don't forget to get your money.

**Come early
and beat the rush!**



**Nurse Gwen Schroeder
For Disturbing the Peace
Contact the BGS Highway Patrol
With Any Information**



Quick Jokes

1. What kind of cats like to go bowling?
Alley cats.
2. What kind of eggs does a wicked chicken lay?
Deviled eggs.
3. What kind of ties can't you wear?
Railroad ties.
4. What lies on its back, one hundred feet in the air?
A dead centipede.
5. What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a red car?
A red car-nation.
6. What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a pink car?
A pink car-nation.
7. What would the country be called if everyone in it lived in their cars?
An in-car-nation.
8. What's gray, eats fish, and lives in Washington, D.C.?
The Presidential Seal.
9. What's green and loud?
A froghorn.
10. What's round and bad-tempered?
A vicious circle.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER



PARTLY CLOUDY;
CHANCE OF RAIN
HIGH 83°F
LOW 63°F



FRIDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Raising	7:15am
Government Functioning	9:00am
Expense Statement Filing	9:00 – 11:45am
Government Tours	1:30 – 4:45pm
Mock Trial	1:30pm ONLY
University Seminar	5:00pm
Stars of BGS/ Variety Show	8:00pm
City Meeting	10:30pm

SUCCESS

**IF YOU HAVE TRIED
TO DO SOMETHING
AND FAILED,
YOU ARE VASTLY
BETTER OFF
THAN IF YOU HAD
TRIED TO DO NOTHING
AND SUCCEEDED.**

HEALTH TIP

Remember to wear your shoes, both inside the dorm and outside. The clinic has seen a lot of cuts on peoples' feet as a result of not wearing shoes.

If you are on the State Highway Patrol, remember to drink plenty of fluids. Keep a water bottle with you and USE IT. Make sure your name is clearly marked on it and don't share with others.