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Buckeye Girls' State

By Christopher Janosz

This summer, girls from Fairless left for The University of Mount Union to attend Buckeye Girls' State. Girls' State is a one week program sponsored by the American Legion that teaches young women about state, county and city government and it also provides them with the opportunity to be part of a mock election process. Buckeye Girls' State empowers ladies with the confidence that a woman in politics is not odd or strange. The program went on from June 14th to June 20th.

A few women from the Brewster American Legion Auxiliary Unit were interviewed for their opinions on their time at Girls' State.

When asked, "Why did you go to Girls' State?"

Anastasia Nelson stated, "Because I am very interested in pursuing a career in the government. It was worth it and I made some great friends."

And when asked, "What do you think of Girls' State?"

Dresden Wilson declared, "If you have the opportunity to do Girls' State, **JUST, DO IT!**" Fearon Himes also commented "Girls' State is a program that empowers women and teaches them that it is okay to pursue careers in the government."

Fairless sent six girls to Girls State this year -- Fearon Himes, Anastasia Nelson, Dresden Wilson, Madison Baltzly, Alexis Lanier and Lauren Dickey.



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Buckeye Boys' State is a government simulation, sponsored by the American Legion, where young men come from all around Ohio to learn about the government. They attempt to establish a mock reality where they run city, county and state governments respectively.

We interviewed Jacob Bruce about it. He was asked, "What did you do at Boys' State?"

He said, "In the beginning, we campaigned for political offices, like trying to be a city council member, county sheriff or even governor. I was elected to be a city council member. Within the council, I was elected to be the president. We had a bit of fun with it, we made a law where if you passed through our city you have to make car noises or you would be fined \$250. I got arrested for running over a police officer, then I went to jail for 5 minutes.

Bruce was also asked if he recommends Buckeye Boys' State, he said, "Definitely, even if you don't enjoy government you get to have a lot of fun and it's still a blast. Like the city law for car noises, you get to do fun stuff like that. There was a kid who got sent to court for having a yellow shirt; it offended someone."

Boys' State commenced during June 14th to June 20th. It was held at Bowling Green State University. Fairless sent three young men this year, Nathan Kennedy, Jaret Quinn and Jacob Bruce.



Falcons March at the Stark County Fair. (Photo/Staff)

The Best Band in the Land

By Amber Borell

The Fairless Falcon Marching Band has been up to some impressive things this summer; dedicating several hours of practice. They performed at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 9th. Melissa Dale, of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, asked Dr. Chambliss if the band would participate in this event. This was an exciting event for band members as well as the band director Mrs. Barkan. "They actually came into brief contact with the enshrinees of the Hall of Fame!" said Barkan excitedly.

That is not the only accomplishment that The Falcon Marching Band has achieved, they were also in The Ohio State Fair Parade. The Ohio State Fair Parade was held on Friday, July 31st. This event has been a Falcon Marching Band tradition of kicking off the band season since 2005. The band members got to enjoy food, rides, fun and they even got the opportunity to enjoy the butter cow while they were there. Senior clarinet player, Leeann Furney said she enjoys the Ohio State Fair every year, "There's always so much to do, and so much fun to have there," noted Furney, "It is something that I always look forward to."

Last March, Mrs. Barkan and Mrs. Salisbury planned all five shows for the marching band season; Fairless is one of the few schools still able to make a new show for every home game. The band officially started practice on July 23rd. They work every day and continued practice after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. This year for the first time in 30 years there are two field commanders, Senior Ashley Stokes and Junior Matthew Fowler.

Currently, the leadership group is working on making the band a closer knit family and promoting positive change. They are planning activities before Friday night games, having a few "meet the band" nights sponsored by the Music Boosters and are also planning to help the community doing various service projects. So, the next time you're at a football game, pep rally or one of the various other events where band plays, take a moment to appreciate the Falcons who put their time into giving us the gift of music, and added spirit.



By Erika Lear

Nowadays, Labor Day is full of fun, but it has not always been like that. Labor Day originated in Canada when there were many work disputes in Toronto during the late 1800's. Union workers went on strike fighting for 8-hour workdays. Soon after, they got their wish. This quickly spread to the USA. In 1894 President Cleveland claimed Labor Day as a federal holiday.

People today spend the weekend with family and friends. Take this time to relax and unwind. Some even have cookouts or parties. Make sure to have a fun and safe holiday, Fairless!