

# Tiger Tales



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## Spanish trip to Puerto Rico!

By: Chloe Knapp

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On April 15, 36 kids and 9 chaperones are set to leave for a week-long trip to Puerto Rico. They will experience a completely different culture. They will have to defeat the extreme language barrier and overcome many fears. However, these students have been taught Spanish for 2-4 years from the best Spanish teacher around, Señora Soto.



While in Puerto Rico, the students will be busy with many amazing activities. Hiking to a waterfall, riding banana boats, visiting some of the most pristine beaches, learning authentic dance styles, trying various foods, and volunteering at an orphanage are just a handful of the events.

The students have been working very hard to raise enough money for their trip and are doing very well so far. Their next fundraiser will be the Reverse Raffle which will take place February 15th. If your parents are interested in going, find a student going on the trip and let them know! They will also be continuing to sell breakfast burritos every Thursday in the Home-ec room for \$2. Keep reading every month for new updates on the trip! Gracias !



### **HOT OR NOT**

By: Brittany Atkinson  
& Andrea Weirauch



#### **HOT:**

- **Joggers**
- **Snow Days**
- **Bowling Team**
- **Digital Academy**

#### **NOT:**

- **Full week of School**
- **Exams**
- **Under Inflated Footballs**
- **Icy Roads**

### **Choir**

By: Hailey Ley

This year, like any other year Liberty Center Chamber Choir and Women's Choir are going to District competition. The choirs will have a choice of singing on March 6th, and 7th or 13th, and 14th. Each group will sing a minimum of three songs. At least one song has to be a required song selected by the District. Chamber Choir will be singing in Class B which is at the semi pro level.

The three songs that have been picked out are "Shut de Do," "The Road Home," and "Alleluia." "Shut de Do" has a Latin feel to it. The song has English lyrics and is a uplifting song. "The Road Home" is a spiritual and slow song. The last song is "Alleluia" which is a repetitive song because the choir sings the word alleluia the whole time throughout the song and at the end they sing amen a couple times. It is a beautiful, moving song.

**Mystery Person****By: Conner Strauss**

He/She is a junior

He/She will be going to Puerto Rico

He/She is not single

He/She likes the Tampa Bay Buccaneers

He/She has dark hair

He/She wears some nice kicks

If you think you know which you probably do not see Conner Strauss for a super duper prize



This month in history for January

- \* January 2nd 1995- most distant galaxy found
- \* January 7th 1953- President Harry Truman announces the making of the Hydrogen bomb
- \* January 11th 1949- first snow in Los Angeles
- \* January 15th 2011- Wikipedia turns 10 years old
- \* January 21st 1979- gold is \$850 an ounce
- \* January 24th 1986- Voyager 2 makes first fly by of Uranus
- \* January 31st 1958- U.S. launches first satellite Explorer 1

**Tiger Wrestling**

By Vinny Pospisil

The Tigers wrestling season has been going well so far and the wrestlers are having a pretty good season. The season is about half way over and the senior Tiger wrestlers are hoping that they will be able to finish strong. They recently went to the Gold Medal Duals and are preparing for the Brian Stultz Memorial Duals coming up soon on January 24. That event will be held at Delta at 9 AM. Some other matches coming up soon are Swanton/Montpelier held at PH, Wauseon/Montpelier held at Delta, and The Sally George Tournament. The Tigers are looking forward to ending their season strong. So, come out to support and cheer on the Tiger wrestlers.

## Debate

### **We Should Not Raise Minimum Wage**

By Rita McLaughlin

No

Raising the legal minimum wage seems like a great idea at surface level; however, this will cause more problems than it will solve. An increase of \$0.15 per hour may not seem like much, but it is substantial. Companies will have to compensate for the increase in wages with higher prices to maintain profit levels. This means that although people may earn more they will also spend more for common goods and services.

In reality, the two increases will even out for the people who earn minimum wage. The people who have higher paying jobs will not be quite as lucky. People who earn a salary or simply more than minimum wage will not receive the pay increase. Therefore, they will only be spending more for the same goods and services without compensation. It is also unfair because many minimum wage jobs do not require a high school diploma, higher education, or an extensive amount of skill. Yet these people are still receiving a pay increase. The minimum wage in Ohio should be left at \$7.95 per hour because the wage increase will not actually help anyone.

By: Tyler Keller

Yes

I think that minimum wage should be raised to at least \$15 an hour. Since most teenagers work minimum wage jobs in the first place, more teenagers would be able to save a decent amount of money. With this money, they could save to buy things such as cars and gasoline, or simply save up for a college education. With more teenagers earning more money, more people would be able to get a college education and then move on to a higher paying, more fulfilling career in the future.

A higher minimum wage would also help people without a college education unable to get jobs that require a degree to make a decent living working a minimum wage job. All in all, raising minimum wage would benefit everyone by making it easier to save money for college and easier to make a decent overall living.

# Sports

## Girls Basketball

By: Andrea Weirauch

The Liberty Center Lady Tigers traveled to Bryan on Friday, December 19 to take on the Lady Golden Bears. It was a very close back and fourth game until midway through the 4th quarter. The Lady Bears came out on top by a final score of 51-38.

On Monday, December 22 the Lady Tigers made the short drive to Napoleon to take on the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Tigers battled hard but the Wildcats got hot from the 3-point line and came away with the win by a final score of 54-29.

After Christmas the Lady Tigers traveled to Defiance to take on the Lady Bulldogs on Saturday, December 27. The Tigers fell to the Bulldogs by a score of 49-31.

The Lady Tigers got back into league action on Friday, January 9 when they traveled to Wauseon to take on the Lady Indians. The Lady Indians ran away with the contest by a final score of 83-46.

The Lady Tigers played again on Thursday, January 15, hosting the Lady Vikings of Evergreen. Evergreen won the league contest by a score of 63-36.

On Monday, January 22 the Lady Tigers traveled over to Monclova Christian to take on the Lady Thunder. The Lady Tiger came out on top by a final score of 55-41.

Saturday, January 24 the Lady Tigers hosted the Edgerton Bulldogs. The Lady Bulldogs won the contest by a score of 45-40.

Monday, January 26 the Lady Tigers made the long haul to North Central and got the win! The final score was 45-40.

Thursday, January 29 the Lady Tigers hosted the Lady Patriots of Patrick Henry. The Lady Patriots came away with the victory by a final score of 52-34.

On Saturday, January 31 the Lady Tigers played the Lady Rams of Tinora. The Lady Rams came out on top by a score of 66-36.

## Boys Basketball

By: Olivia Kundo

The Liberty Center Boys Basketball team is nearing the halfway point in their season with a varsity record of 6-5. The boys began their season with an early win against North Central to start off the season. That was followed by a loss to Bryan, which they came back from only 48 hours later to defeat Edon. This was followed by a three game losing streak by the Tigers, being defeated by Tinora, Paulding, and Wauseon.

Some of the boys most recent games include a 65-47 win over Otsego and a 55-44 win against Antwerp. These victories were followed up by a loss to Evergreen. The Tigers are currently on a two game winning streak with big wins against Holgate and Stryker earlier this week. The Tigers currently have one league win and are looking ahead to their next game at Patrick Henry on January 30, 2015, with the JV game be-



# Sports Cont.



## Bowling

By: Rita McLaughlin

Both bowling teams have continued to dominate this season. The boys have a record of eight wins and two losses total, but are 7-2 in the conference. The girls remain undefeated with a record of 9-0 in the conference and 10-0 total. Both teams are looking to continue their success and the path to their ultimate goal: state.

The boys and girls defeated the Wauseon Indians, Delta Panthers, and Swanton Bulldogs. A number of the many talented bowlers on the teams who helped forge the path to victory include: seniors Zac Metzger, Sierra Richardson, and Brook Nelson, juniors Justin Hadley and Erin Lange, sophomore Taylor Snyder, and freshman Jacob Woessner.

The boys fell to Bryan in a close match of 2343-2428. They came back with a strong win against Evergreen, but could not repeat the success against Patrick Henry. The Patriots narrowly took the victory with a score of 2360-2398--only 38 pins more. The boys won by a landslide in a rematch against the Panthers, 2323-1968.

The girls won an exciting match against Bryan, with a difference of only 3 pins and a score of 2263-2260. Evergreen and Patrick Henry provided easy victories for the girls with final scores of 1815-1652 and 2117-1985. Nothing could compare to the win against Delta. The girls took the lead by a whopping 487 pins at 1940-1453.

## **Opinion Column**

### **Is Homework Effective?**

By: Olivia Kundo

I personally do not believe that homework is effective in teaching kids. The problems and worksheets given to kids, kindergarten through high school, are not necessary or useful to education. It can be frustratingly difficult or easy enough to be considered brainless busywork, and for most people, it makes no difference.

Students either understand a topic, or they do not. Sending work home for them to do on their own will be useless either way. If the individual understands the topic, forcing them to continue to work on it does not make sense. On the other hand, when students do not understand a topic, having them work on the homework alone will be frustrating and will often-times be done incorrectly. In this case, it will require teacher intervention anyway and the frustration of the homework could be avoided.

Another problem that comes with homework is cheating. The work is done away from the teacher and it cannot be monitored. These circumstances create an environment where it is very easy to cheat on homework. If one student in a class does the homework, it is incredibly easy for classmates to simply copy down the answers. When this is the case, nothing is being learned from the activity.

In almost every case, homework is not effective. I believe that the work should be done in class and topics should be taught from the teacher. Worksheets done to reinforce an idea or topic can easily be done during the school day to avoid cheating and also the frustration that comes when a homework topic is not understood. Homework does not do much, if anything, to help improve education.

## World News

By: Paul Clawson and Logan Vicars

With the terrorist attacks in Europe many eyes have been turning toward ISIS as the main victim and mastermind of the attacks. The hunt has begun for the head honcho, Abdelhamid Abaaoud. Police in Germany have raided several homes to look for the rumored suspect. One of Abaaoud's henchman was wounded and then captured for questioning. In France, five men with Russian origin were arrested for terrorist like activities. On January 7th, many suspects completed terrorist activities in Paris, France. Many people have protested over the killing of Charlie Hebdo workers. With the murder and killing of Charlie Hebdo employees, the terrorist group Al Queda is taking full responsibility for it.



### **Brain Teaser**

By: Olivia Kundo

**Q:** A man was outside taking a walk, when it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

(Answer on page 12)

TRUE  
LOVE

## **Couples Corner**

TRUE  
LOVE

By: Abbi Barnes & Jordan Smith

### **Chase Hill and Aubrieana Frost**

In this issue, our star couple is Chase Hill and Aubrieana Frost. They first met in gym class shortly after Aubrieana moved to Liberty Center. Their first date was at the movies. For fun, they like hanging out at Aubrieana's house. Aubrieana's idea of a "perfect date" is to go to a waterpark, and Chase says all dates are perfect with Aubrieana. You can find this couple mainly at Aubrieana's house watching movies. Their favorite thing about each other is everything. This couple is very cheesy and are a very cute couple.

### **Quiz Team**

By: Connor Strauss

The quiz team came away victorious over Wauseon and Swanton on Tuesday, January 20. Alec Miller told me they have made good strides throughout the year and will look to keep climbing the ladder to success. He also said Alyson Lauter led the way in this quiz team win. They are having troubles in their tournaments, but they are hoping in the big one they have toward the end of the year, that they will have a lot of success. Keep up the wins LCHS Quizzers!

## Human Interest Story

By:Brittany Atkinson & Andrea Weirauch

### Randy Roberts

Randy Roberts is his name and sports journalism is his game. Randy has been working for The Northwest Signal for a year and a half now, and has also worked at WMTR radio station out of Archbold for 12 years now.

Roberts graduated from Evergreen High School in 2000. He then chose to major in communications at the University of Toledo, although all his friends attended Bowling Green State University.

Randy really enjoys his job with his favorite part being, getting paid to watch sports. He gets to cover all kinds of high school sports.

Randy has been married for a little over 6 months to his wife Michelle. They have two dogs named Shelby and Sadie. Randy is a big Toledo Rockets fan and regularly attends football and basketball games. You can find Randy hovering around at various LC sporting events waiting to get the latest inside scoop.



## Answer to Brain Teaser

A: The man was bald.

## **Big News in Liberty Center**

By: Monica Mann



The building of a new school in Liberty Center has been a popular topic here in town. Recently there have been meetings to discuss the topic of a new school. Building committees are visiting other new buildings in the area. On their visits they will tour the schools with architects to gain further knowledge on the building of the new school. The committees have visited Lakota, Hicksville, Pettisville, and Hopewell-Louden schools. After visitations, the committees will meet to examine more building ideas.

The school board met this month to talk about the Spanish trip to Puerto Rico. The board approved Mrs. Soto and the students and chaperones going on the trip. The set dates for the trip will be April 15-21. In the meantime, the Spanish club will be having fundraisers to get money for their trip. They will be having a daddy daughter dance, taco dinner, a breakfast, and a reverse raffle.

The Liberty Center district superintendent has resigned. While in a meeting, Miss Thompson announced her resignation. Along with Thompson, two other board members resigned. Until further notice there will be a temporary school superintendent and interviews will be held for the two other board members. Along with the board members resigning, bus and custodian supervisor, Kevin Sonnenberg, stepped down from his position. For the time being, Clarence Weirauch will be in charge. New information will be out soon.

A big dilemma in the Village of Liberty Center lately has been the search for water. The Liberty Center council agreed at their last meeting that the water search was not going anywhere. The council is planning on meeting with the City of Napoleon for updates on proposals. Liberty Center, Malinta, Florida, Napoleon, the Henry County Water District, and the Henry County

commissioners had signed a contract two years ago agreeing to build a new water plant. Since then, Napoleon has decided to work on their current water plant instead, putting this project on hold. So far there is no resolution. The council hopes after their meeting with Napoleon the issue will be sorted out.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By: Chloe Knapp

Name: Jason Hadley

What are your plans for after graduation?

-University of Mount Union for nursing and run Cross Country.

What's your favorite part of being a senior?

-I get to study things I actually care about next year.

Least favorite?

-Not being able to see my friends everyday.

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year?

-Run Cross Country.

What was your favorite year of high school?

-Sophomore.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mr. Grim and Mr. Miller.

What's your best high school memory?

-At Prom when Ashley said to the waitress "We need some more waaatta."

What do you do in your spare time?

-Run and read.

Describe high school in one word.

-Redundant.

Name: Austin Smith

What are your plans for after graduation?

-That's a good question.

What's your favorite part of being a senior?

-Schedules aren't as hard.

Least favorite?

-Graduating.

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year?

-Stop being so busy.

What was your favorite year of high school?

-Junior and Senior.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mr. Vogts.

What's your best high school memory?

-Slushy fight 9th grade.

What do you do in your spare time?

-Don't have spare time.

Describe high school in one word.

-Entertaining.

Give some advice to underclassman.

-Make sure every class is fun and run Cross

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Brook Nelson

What are your plans for after graduation?

-University of Findlay, Japanese major and Air Force.

What's your favorite part of being a senior?

-Hanging out with friends.

Least favorite?

-Working on stuff I won't ever need.

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year?

-Take college courses.

What was your favorite year of high school?

-Junior.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mr. Ressler.

What's your best high school memory?

-English 9th grade year.

What do you do in your spare time?

-Run, write, read and draw.

Describe high school in one word.

-Bearable

Give some advice to underclassman.

-Take as many college classes as you can

Name: Nathan Grine

What are your plans for after graduation?

-OSU for communications.

What's your favorite part of being a senior?

-Knowing I won't see many of these people again.

Least favorite?

-Senioritis.

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year?

-Study harder for Biology.

What was your favorite year of high school?

-Sophomore.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mrs. Mericle.

What do you do in your spare time?

-Sleep and Scholarships.

Describe high school in one word.

-Basic.

Give some advice to underclassman.

-Be your own person!

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Sierra Richardson

What are your plans for after graduation?

-College, Biology pre med and track.

What's your favorite part of being a senior?

-Free days, field trips and teachers are more lenient.

Least favorite?

-Last year and everything will change.

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year?

-Focus on grades.

What was your favorite year of high school?

-Sophomore.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mrs. Mericle.

What's your best high school memory?

-Going to State in Bowling.

What do you do in your spare time?

-Bowl and Shopping.

Describe high school in one word.

-Stressful.

Give some advice to underclassman.

-Keep your grades up so you don't regret it later.

## Would You Rather

By Monica Mann

Would you rather have cheese from Cheetos on your fingers or popcorn stuck in your teeth for the rest of your life?

Cheeto fingers: 11

Popcorn: 6

Would you rather be invisible or be able to fly?

Invisible: 7

Fly: 10

Would you rather have one wish now or three wishes in 10 years?

Now: 0

10 years: 17