



# Tiger Tales

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## PARCC Testing

By: Levi Wiechers

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There is a new type of testing that Liberty Center and many more schools in Ohio are required to participate in. These new tests are called PARCC tests. This year is the first year that Liberty Center has used these tests. These tests will be replacing the OGTs and the OAAs. The OGTs were the tests the sophomores had to pass in order to graduate and the OAAs were the tests that the junior high students had to pass in order to pass that grade. The students that have taken these tests have informed me that they are much more difficult than the OGTs or the OAAs. There are various grades throughout high school and junior high that have to take these tests. These tests are completely new and test how students apply their curriculum rather than testing their ability to memorize it. These new PARCC tests are surely going to test our students more than the old tests and make sure that they are learning the material they need to be.





### **HOT OR NOT**

By: Brittany Atkinson  
& Andrea Weirauch



#### **HOT:**

- Cancellations
- PARCC Tests
- Spring Sports
- Candy Bar Fundraisers

#### **NOT:**

- LC Parking
- Fire Drills in Frigid Weather
- Conditioning
- Subtweets

## The Big Man on Campus

By: Andrea Weirauch and Brittany Atkinson

Clarence Weirauch has been running the halls of Liberty Center for 19 years now. He was originally a top ten graduate of Liberty Center in the year of 1983. He was recently promoted to maintenance supervisor. His favorite part of his job is helping to improve the children's learning environment. This includes keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear of snow, preparing the building for the school day, and being on look out for any potential threats. His most memorable moment on the job was the day of 9-11. He was painting the football field when he heard the devastating news over the radio. Clarence put his life on the line though and finished his job. He's a warrior. If he could have any other job, Clarence would choose to be an architect or an agriculture teacher. Clarence Weirauch, you are the man.

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

He/She is a junior

He/She wears  
some trendy stuffHe/She has two  
sisters

He/She likes Instagram

He/She likes the Divergent  
series

He/She has blue eyes



This month in history for February.

\* February 4: 1782 George Washington was appointed President of the Constitutional. 1861 the Confederate States of America was formed.

\* February 10: 1763 the Treaty of Paris was signed to end the Seven Years War.

\* February 14: 1929 the St. Valentine's Day Massacre occurred in Chicago.

\* February 17: The first issue of Newsweek Magazine was published in 1933.

\* February 29: 1968 was the first Grammy's Awards.

\* Presidents Day (1885) and Valentine's Day (270 A.D.) also take place in February.

**Tiger Wrestling****By: Tyler Keller**

The boys had a great meet at home on the 12th last week facing off against the tough Bryan and Evergreen teams. Liberty had five wins by forfeit as Bryan didn't have a large spread in weight classes, but both Zane Peterson and Kody Kregulka won their matches. Peterson in 2:45 and Kregulka in a short minute and six seconds. Evergreen was also at the meet with many more wrestlers than Bryan. Zane Peterson and Kody Kregulka again won their matches against Evergreen in 3 minutes and 7 seconds each. Evergreen again had several missing wrestlers in 138 and 160 which led to wins by forfeit for wrestlers Jake Cox and Kody Woods. If you missed this great home meet, then make sure to come out during tournament and the bigger and more exciting meets to come. Keep up the good work wrestlers and good luck!

## Debate

# Are Zoos Humane?

By Rita McLaughlin

No

From the standpoint of a visitor, a zoo seems like a great place to spend the day. There are exotic animals that a person may not ever otherwise see. However, from the view of an animal, zoos are not such a pleasant environment to be in. Zoos should no longer be allowed to exist.

The habitats are not fit to hold the animals in which they contain. Zoos have many big creatures that would normally have miles upon miles to roam instead of a small cage. Size is not the only thing that is lacking with the habitats. It is not a normal environment, so there are no predators or prey for the animal. This means they lack hunting skills and the instincts they are meant to have. The amount of interaction between a creature and others of its species is incredibly limited. The life of an animal in a zoo is not what its life was meant to be.

Although zoos claim to be safe, accidents happen often. These accidents involve both innocent patrons and knowledgeable professionals. This shows just how dangerous the environment is. There is no telling how an animal will react under the stress a zoo causes. It would be a better idea to simply not take the risk of keeping zoos open and operating.

Zoos harm both the animals they contain and the people who visit them. The mental stress and physical harm from lack of space to the animals is unacceptable. Humans get hurt all the time from uncontrollable inhabitants. Everyone would be safer if all zoos were shut down.

By: Olivia Kundo

Yes

Zoos are something that have been a part of almost everyone's childhood. Almost every major city contains one, and they can be a place for families to enjoy together. Due their family friendly atmosphere, many adults have memories of spending time visiting zoos as a child. Lately, zoos have become a point of concern. Some people are concerned that zoos may not be ethical places to hold wild animals. This is a claim that I personally dismiss as being ridiculous.

Current zoos have many standards that they must follow to ensure the safety of the animals. There are also specialists at each zoo to make certain that the animals are being properly cared for. Many zoos have special activities for some of their more active animals that may require more stimulation to maintain their health. The habitats that the animals are contained in are sized so the animals have adequate room to live. In zoos, the habitats that the animals live in are designed specifically for their needs.

The life of an animal in a zoo is safer than a life in the wild. The proper food to keep them healthy and happy is provided, and they are safe from all predators. Any need an animal may have, whether it be food or medical attention, is provided for them at zoos. That's why I believe that zoos are a good option for animals. They provide everything that the animal would need while providing a place for families to spend time together and create memories.

# Sports

## Girls Basketball

By: Andrea Weirauch

On Tuesday, February 3, the Lady Tigers traveled to Stryker to take on the Lady Panthers. The Lady Panthers defended their home court and came out on top by a final score of 48-36.

Senior Night was held on Monday, February 9. The Lady Tigers honored 4 seniors and a foreign exchange student. The seniors honored were, Bre Sharp, Jenna Jeffers, Destinee Hull, Andrea Weirauch, and the exchange student was Jessi Fieder. The Lady Tigers hosted the Lady Eagles of Fayette. The Tigers fell 43-60 to the Lady Eagles.

Thursday, February 12 the Lady Tigers went to Archbold for a league game. The Lady Bluestreaks won the game by a final score of 63-35.

The Lady Tigers made the short trip to Pettisville on Tuesday, February 17 to take on the state-ranked Lady Blackbirds. It was a defensive battle throughout the game. The Lady Blackbirds edged out the Lady Tigers by a final score of 26-13.

On Saturday, February 21st the Lady Tigers took on the Lady Locomotives in Montpelier for a make-up game. This was the Lady Tigers last league game and they sent the seniors out with a league win. This was the first league win since December 2012, they overcame a 23 game drought.

The first round of the sectional tournament was held on Wednesday, February 25 at Defiance High School. The Lady Tigers played the Lady Rams and won in dramatic fashion, it was a very close game all the way through and Andrea Weirauch hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the Lady Tigers to the sectional final game.

In the sectional finals on Saturday, February 28 the Lady Tigers played the Archbold Bluesteaks. The Bluesteaks won and knocked out the Lady Tigers. The final score was 83-27.

## Boys Basketball

By: Olivia Kundo

For the Liberty Center Boy's Basketball team, their regular season is beginning to wind down and the boys are looking ahead toward the tournament part of the season. The boys currently have a record of 11-9 this season. The team has also experienced an eight game win streak the past few weeks, ending with a loss against Archbold. Some of the teams defeated by the Tigers throughout their win streak include Holgate, Stryker, Hilltop, Patrick Henry, Pettisville, Montpelier, and Fayette. The team has been playing hard and working hard to come back from several losses. The most recent of these was the loss the Tigers experienced against Arlington last Saturday evening. The Tigers also were defeated by the Delta Panthers. The boys will begin their tournament journey on Tuesday, March 3.



# Sports

## Baseball

By: Paul Clawson

Liberty Center baseball had its first practice on February 23rd. The team is only missing two starters from last year's team. LC also has a new coach, Ryan Zeiter. Coach Zeiter is a Liberty Center alumni and graduated in 1999. Zeiter was a part of the baseball team when he was in high school. His plans for this year's team is to bring back Liberty Center baseball. He has high hopes for his experienced team of mostly seniors. Coach Zeiter has 11 seniors this year on the team. Returning lettermen for this year are: Logan Meyer, Trevor Geahlen, Dylan Clendenin, Dylan Sexton, Jarren Altman, Paul Clawson, Chase Hill, Zach Sidel, and Jacob Cox. Logan Meyer is ready to go this year on the mound. Logan was the workhorse for the team last year. Trevor Geahlen is also ready back at his catcher's position. Jarren Altman is back for this year's team, as well. Jarren had the best batting average on the team last year and is ready to do the same. These players have a few years of experience under their belt and are very excited for the fun season ahead of them.



## Softball

By: Hailey Ley

This year the softball team will once again play only a varsity schedule. Our first game will be Saturday, March 28 at Maumee. Softball practices started February 23 and the softball girls are ready to practice finally. Since it is still cold in February, we will practice in the gym and at the complex. We had our field redone and hopefully we will be able to play on it when it rains, and it won't be flooded. There will be approximately 15 players on the team. We are happy to say that Mia Gilson, Jenna Jeffers, Lexi Noll, Rachael Culler, Hailey Ley, Libby Ball and Marybeth Thompson will be returning to play yet again this season. The softball girls are hoping to play in the Henry County Classic again this year. We hope to have multiple wins this year.

# Sports Cont.

## Bowling

By: Rita McLaughlin



The bowling teams have continued their success into the post-season. In only a few short weeks both the boys and the girls will, with more hard work, be at the lanes of the state bowling meet. The boys ended the regular season with a record of 12 wins and 4 losses. The girls finished with a record of 14-2.

Both teams defeated the Swanton Bulldogs and fell to Bryan. The boys and girls came back out on top against the Tinora Rams. The girls could not beat Defiance, but the boys managed to knock down enough pins to get the win. The boys could not keep up the winning streak in a match against Wauseon. The girls, however, crushed the Indians.

As the post-season began, the bowling teams brought their A-game. The boys won their conference match after a long fought battle. The girls waivered slightly, with a respectable third place finish. The boys placed second in the sectional match this past Friday and the girls conquered sectionals with a first place finish. The teams will continue their journey at districts with only a couple more stops left on the road to state.

## Teachers Spotlight

By: Sarah Yaney

There are many teachers here at Liberty Center high school, but you may be wondering just who the swagiest one may be. Well this spotlight is for none other than Mr. Ressler. J Ressler has been a teacher here since the good ol' days of 1999 with this being his first full time job. Ressler married his wonderful wife, Mrs. Ressler, 16 years ago, and together they have three kids. His kids are Caely who is in 6th grade, Kellen in 3rd grade and Tessa who is in preschool. When I asked Mr. Ressler what his favorite part about being a teacher is he replied, "My senior speech classes, the staff, and of course carpooling with Mr. Miller." When Ressler is not at school teaching, he spends his time at Napoleon high school coaching Cross County and Track. Along with this, Mr. Ressler refs high school basketball games, and enjoys traveling and exercising. Although Ressler does love his job, if he could be anything else, he would be something that would require him to own a private helicopter. Along with this owning a private helicopter is his lifelong dream.

## "Quiz Team Update"

By: Conner Strauss

On Monday, February 23, the Quiz team had a home meet against Pettisville and Delta. This was an extremely good match as they thought it would be for them. "We are usually always neck and neck with Pettisville," said quiz team member Ethan Johnson. They started off strong Monday blowing out Delta. Pettisville however, was neck and neck as they thought it would be. They fought hard, but in the end they lost by only a single point. Their next challenge will be against Archbold and Evergreen. This is a makeup league meet due to weather earlier. "Archbold will be...a tough one for us," said Johnson. "As for Evergreen, we should be able to compete with them for sure." Earlier this season the Liberty Center Quiz Team had an exhibition match against league opponent Archbold. This match did not go well for Liberty Center as they got a little beat down, but soon they have a chance to make up for this poor performance.

## Perfect Valentine's

By, Chloe Knapp and Monica Mann

### **Question 1: What is your idea of the perfect Valentine's date?**

Cassie M.: Parasailing over the Atlantic Ocean.

Amelia G.: Mountain biking in Nevada.

Lexi N.: Spending time with Hunter and having dinner with him.

Libby B: Candle lit dinner at Mancy's.

Levi W.: Have dinner and see a movie.

### **Question 2: What would be the ideal present to receive?**

Cassie: A puppy.

Amelia: Five kittens.

Lexi: An outfit to wear out on the date.

Libby: A trip to Paris.

## **Spring Musical**

By: Abbi Barnes

The week after Easter is a big week for the Liberty Center High School Drama Department! Over the next few months, Liberty Center High School will be preparing "High School Musical". Our leading actors and actresses are as followed; Troy- Brooks Hinton, Gabriella- Mahala Haughn, Chad- Josh Hadding, Taylor- Lizzie Taft,. Ryan- Jason Hadley, Sharpay- Kayla Murrey, etc. Everyone in this musical, is working their tails off everyday, and is super excited to show the community what they have worked so hard for. If you would like to purchase tickets when the time gets closer, please see one of the high schoolers in the musical for further information.

## **Puerto Rico Trip**

By: Chloe Knapp

Fundraising for Puerto Rico is coming to an end very quickly. On Sunday, February 15 the Reverse Raffle took place. There was an amazing turn out and a decent amount of money was raised. Thank you to all of the parents who participated. Most of the students going on the trip are almost finished raising money for their final payment. The winner of the Ohio State Quilt Raffle was drawn on February 27 and will be announced in the following issue. Meetings regarding the trip are being held weekly on Thursdays in Señora Soto's room.

## World News

By: Paul Clawson and Logan Vicars

There has been a lot that has gone on during the month of February; here is an example of occurrences. There have been terrorist groups getting more dangerous, Al- Shabaab released a video that had urged his followers to attack malls in the United States, UK and Canada. ISIS has also released evidence that showed members of the group carrying caged prisoners around the streets.

Haiti's national carnival had problems when 16 people were killed during an accident. The accident involved an electric shock that happened on a parade float. A government spokesman didn't talk about the happening but 78 other people were injured during the incident. This incident ended in chaos around the area. Those are the most compelling of the news that is going on the world, but it is good that there isn't a lot of bad news to report around the world.



### **Brain Teaser**

By: Hailey Ley

**Q: You are in a cabin and it is pitch black. You have one match on you. Which do you light first, the newspaper, the lamp, the candle, or the fire?**

(Answer on page 11)

TRUE  
LOVE

## Couples Corner

TRUE  
LOVE

By: Abbi Barnes & Jordan Smith

This month's lucky couple is the lovely Lexi Davis and Dylan Sexton. Dylan is a junior, and Lexi is a sophomore and they have been dating officially a year this past Valentine's day. They met Lexi's 7th grade year, as she was a cheerleader during basketball season and he was on the basketball team. Their first date was a trip to the movies. For fun, this couple has movie marathons watching all different sorts of movies. The two of them agree that going out to dinner and then going to see a movie, sounds like a perfect date. Lexi's favorite thing about Dylan is she loves how they are so alike. Dylan's favorite thing about Lexi is that she's "fun size". If you are looking for this couple, you will most likely find them at Lexi's house!

### Would You Rather?

By: Sarah Yaney

Would you rather be rich and ugly: 9

or poor and good looking: 4

Nathan Grine: "I would be beautiful and rich..."

Would you rather be gossiped about: 10

or never talked about at all: 4

Would you rather lose your sense of smell: 12

or taste: 2



### Answer to Brain Teaser

Answer: You light the match first.

### **Big News in Liberty Center**

By: Vinny Pospisil



Throughout this winter, there have been some rough patches that we have had to work through, like our student parking lot! We have missed approximately nine days of school this year. With all of the piles of snow and patches of ice, snow has been plowed to the back of our parking lot. Because of this, we have lost about 30 feet in depth of our parking lot. This brings us to the fact that there are not as many parking spaces for all of us to park where we normally would. Some of us have gone different directions and just have been parking on the pavement so that there is no risk of sliding into another car or hitting someone. The teachers caught on to what some of the students were doing and made the rule that we can't park on the pavement or we will get warned, then a Friday night school. Also, while we are trying to park in the morning, there are parents who don't want to wait in the drop off line for their own kids so they take a short cut through the student parking lot which causes problems with our parking routines. Overall, until it warms up, park where you are supposed to and be careful.

# **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

By: Chloe Knapp

Name: Adam Spieth:

What are your plans after high school? -Nursing at an undecided college

What is your favorite part of being a senior? -Graduation

Least favorite part about being a senior? -Still being in high school

What would you do differently if you could go back to freshman year? -Focus going to Four County

What is your favorite year of high school? -Senior Year

Who is your favorite teacher? - Mrs. Goble

What is your best high school memory? -Triple OT against Tino-ra

What do you do in your spare time? -Basketball and friends

Describe high school in one word? -Disappointing

What advice do you have for underclassmen? -Graduate early

Name: Levi Wiechers:

What are your plans after high school? - UT for Mechanical Engineering

What is your favorite part of being a senior? -Being a senior

Least favorite part about being a senior? -College classes

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

What is your favorite year of high school? -Freshman

Who is your favorite teacher? - Mr. Grim

What is your best high school memory? -Hanging out with friends

What do you do in your spare time? - Contemplate about life while ice skating

Describe high school in one word? - Ugh

What advice do you have for underclassmen? - Don't do stupid things

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Zach Sidel:

What are your plans after high school? -Get money

What is your favorite part of being a senior? -Not doing anything

Least favorite part about being a senior? -still being here

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

What is your favorite year of high school? -junior

Who is your favorite teacher? - Mrs. Tejkl

What is your best high school memory? -Districts senior year

What do you do in your spare time? -Hang with friends

Describe high school in one word? - ....

What advice do you have for underclassmen? -Do the right thing

Name: Matt Oberhaus:

What are your plans after high school? -Open a taxidermy store

What is your favorite part of being a senior? -Not seeing the h8rs

Least favorite part about being a senior? -Leaving the h8rs to prove them wrong

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

What is your favorite year of high school? -junior

Who is your favorite teacher? - MGrim

What is your best high school memory? -kicking for the football team

What do you do in your spare time? -bathe

Describe high school in one word? -Ew

What advice do you have for underclassmen? -Study