



Tiger Tales

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Graduation

By: Logan Vicars

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Graduation is a huge deal for the seniors at Liberty Center, which means their schedule for the last two weeks of school is packed. On Monday, May 11, 2015 seniors had Senior Award Night. Senior Award Night is for seniors to receive awards based on their academic performance or they will be commended for the scholarships they have received. Then the seniors had a class trip on Wednesday, May 20, to Cedar Point. The day for graduation then is Sunday, May 24. This will be a very big moment for the seniors to have finally completed their education at Liberty Center High School.



What are you doing this Summer?

"I'm going on a mission trip, working, and going to soccer camps. I also plan on playing a lot of FIFA." -Conner Strauss



"Work." -Rita McLaughlin

"I am going to my cousin's wedding and my brother is coming home." -Simon Hartford

"I am working with fair animals and going to fair shows." -Alaina Kessler



"Working." -Parker Wiley

"Maybe I'll get a job, I don't really know." -Haley Oehler

"I'm going to Cedar Point and to a lake." -Lexi Noll

"I am going to New Mexico and to Colorado." -Colin Burns



HOT OR NOT

By: Brittany Atkinson
& Andrea Weirauch



HOT:

- **Summer**
- **Grad Parties**
- **Prom pictures**

NOT:

- Bipolar weather
- Summer jobs
- Blocking Netflix on the wi-fi

Memorial Day

By, Monica Mann

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States to remember all of those who served the armed forces. Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May every year. The holiday was formally known as Declaration Day and originated after the American Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate soldiers that died in war. The poppy flower, which was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," has become a symbol of Memorial Day. People will wear poppies to honor all who died serving the nation during war. Many people visit cemeteries to honor all who died and will place an American flag on each gravestone.

"We cherish too, the poppy red

That grows on fields where valor led,

It seems to signal to the skies

That blood of heroes never dies." - Moina Michael

Mystery Person

By: **Conner Strauss**

He/She has red hair

He/She is bald

He/She is too old to be
in school

He/She does not like apple juice

He/She is "the coolest," said he/she



Brain Teaser

By: Chole Knapp

Q: What is as light as a feather, but even the world's strongest man couldn't hold it for more than a minute?

(Answer on page 12)



This Month in History

By: **Vinny Pospisil**

April 1, 1891 The Wrigley Company is founded in Chicago, Illinois

April 1, 1976 Apple Computer Company is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak

April 7, 1906 Mount Vesuvius erupts and devastates Naples

April 10, 1912 The Titanic leaves port on its voyage

April 19, 1919 The first successful parachute jump and free fall is made

April 23, 1616 William Shakespeare died

May 2, 1933 The first modern sighting of the Loch Ness monster is reported

May 6, 2004 The last episode of the TV show Friends airs

May 12, 1997 The Angels score 13 runs in a single baseball inning

May 14, 1973 Skylab, the United States' first space station, is launched

May 20, 1902 Cuba gains independence from the United States

May 25, 1977 The movie Star Wars is released



Debate

Should We Keep the Penny?

By Rita McLaughlin

We Should Keep the Penny

Have you ever tried to get the gas pump to end on a solid dollar amount to bypass digging around your car to find that pesky penny in an attempt to avoid even more coins? Situations like this might make the penny seem like the enemy, but what you don't realize is that the penny is actually a hero. According to a 2014 poll by Americans for Common Cents, 68 percent of people in the study were in favor of keeping the penny around. Other polls have found the same opinion over the last several years. People who want the penny to stay know just how much the copper Lincoln helps to keep the prices of every day items in check.

Removing the penny from wallets and pockets everywhere would end up costing both the government and the citizens an enormous amount of money. According to the U.S. Mint's Annual Report for 2014, Nickels cost eight cents to create, but are only worth five cents; without the penny there will be an increased number of nickels in circulation to cover for the loss. Pennies cost less than two cents to create, so the U.S. Mint loses more money from the nickel than they do with the penny. The difference seems small, but the big picture of a year's worth of distribution creates a much bigger gap and cost inefficiency.

You still aren't convinced that the penny won't cost you anything personally? Businesses will have to round up prices, which will cost America millions. Think about it; even with only a few purchases a day, the money lost adds up quickly. Not to mention that the people who have the least amount of money will be effected the most. If a purchase is made electronically, with a credit or debit card, rounding won't matter, but many low income families don't have those resources available. They will be forced to give up the extra change when every cent matters in their budget.

The penny is more important than most people realize. Getting rid of the penny will cost the consumer and the government tons of money. It will hurt those who physically can't afford it most. We need the penny.

By: Olivia Kundo

Pennies are the most pointless piece of United States currency. They can be found lying on sidewalks, sitting in jars, and jingling around in the bottom of purses and wallets across the country. They are viewed as a pain by store clerks everywhere. There is nothing you can buy that costs a penny in today's economy. Parking meters, vending machines, and toll booths don't even accept pennies. In all reality, the penny is completely useless.

Pennies are not only completely impractical, they actually cost the government money to make. According to CNN it costs 2.4 cents to make each penny. Every year the government produces close to 13 billion pennies. Over time this can become a major cost to the government. Not only do pennies lack an important role in the United States economy, they actually take money away from the government. Pennies should be eliminated from being a part of the United States currency.

Sports

Baseball

By: Paul Clawson

The Tigers are going into tournaments now. The Tigers beat the Delta Panthers in the first round of sectional play with a score of 8-1. The Tigers will play Genoa for the sectional championship.

The baseball team of Liberty Center High School traveled to Defiance County to face the Tinora Rams on March 30th. The Tigers coach, Ryan Zeiter, sent senior Stephen Walter to the mound. Walter unfortunately got the loss in the game. The Tigers dropped the season opener to Tinora with a score of 12-2.

The next day the club traveled to Edgerton to face the Bulldogs. It was an action packed game with the game being 0-0 in the 7th inning. The game was headed into extra innings to decide the winner. The two teams battled it all the way until the 9th inning, when the Tigers finally scored a pair of runs and held the bulldogs to nothing in their bottom half of the inning. The team was full of high spirits after the great pitching performance put on by senior Trevor Geahlen.

The Tigers then heading home for their home opener. The LC Tigers would play the visiting Holgate Tigers. The game was on Friday April 3rd. The two teams played hard and the LC Tigers got the victory. On April 6th, the team would open up to league action at B.A. Miller field to face the invading Montpelier Locomotives. The team seemed like they were in a trance the whole game. The Tigers took a loss to the Locos. Making them 0-1 in the league and 2-2 overall.

The next matchup the Tigers had, were the Wauseon Indians. The Indians took a tough loss to Swanton. The Tigers as well were coming off a tough lose. The Tigers struck first with a pair of runs in the early innings. Wauseon soon answered and tied the game. By the time of the fifth inning Wauseon went up by 10 and mercy ruled the visiting Tigers. The Tigers were 0-2 in the league and 2-3 overall.

The Tigers would then pick up a win over visiting Ottawa Hills on April 11th and a league win on April 13th over the visiting Delta Panthers. The Tigers were 4-3 overall and 1-2 in the league. The Tigers would then face the Stryker Panthers. The Tigers were down in the seventh by a few runs. The team tried to rally but failed. The Tigers fell to the visiting Panthers.

Two days later the Tigers would face a rolling Swanton team. Swanton was 9-1 coming into the game. The Bulldogs struck first with 4 runs in the first inning. That is all they had the rest of the game. The Tigers had a rally in the 5th inning with 5 runs. The Tigers won the game to improve their record to 2-2 in the league and 5-4 overall.

The Tigers fell to the Ayersville Pilots, the Napoleon Wildcats, and the Evergreen Vikings. Each of these games the Tigers lost by one run. The record for the Tigers is now 5-8 overall and 2-3 in the league. The Tigers would pick up two wins over Fayette, a loss to the Bryan Golden Bears, a win over the Pettisville Blackbirds, and a loss to the Bluestreaks of Archbold. The Tigers posted up close to 30 runs over the Fayette Eagles in two games. The Tigers suffered a lost to the very talented Bryan team. Everybody on the team played well against the Blackbirds and got the win. The Tigers suffered a defeat to Archbold. The team was flat and couldn't get anything going. The team was 7-10 overall and 2-5 in the league.

The Tigers would beat the invading Hilltop Cadets and Henry County rivals of Patrick Henry. The Tigers beat the Cadets 10-0 in five innings, and beat the Patriots 11-2. The team had high spirits after the PH game. Record for the Tigers was now 10-9 overall and 3-5 in the league

It was senior night at B.A. Miller Field and the Tigers were facing the Fairview Apaches. The Apaches took the lead early and held the Tigers down. It took seven innings for the Tigers to get their first runs. Zach Sidel had a bomb to left field to score the only two runs. The team is now 10-10 overall.

Sports

Softball

By: Hailey Ley

This year the Tigers finished their season with 2 wins. They played very hard and played with confidence. The Tigers will be losing 2 seniors this year Amelia Gilson and Jenna Jeffers. Everyone is every excited to see what next year brings.

On April 3 girls softball played a home game against Holgate. Liberty Center knocked off the Tigers with a win and the score was 10-3. Amelia Gilson had and RBI, Sydni Altman had 3 RBI's and Lexi Noll had a RBI. Sydni Altman had 2 singles and a triple, Amelia Gilson had a single and a double, Libby Ball had 2 singles and Hanna Jeffers had a single. Hailey Ley hit a triple. Olivia Leatherman, Hailey Ley, Lexi Noll, Jenna Jeffers, Rachael Culler, and Hanna Jeffers scored our points. Libby ball and Amelia Gilson scored twice.

On April 6 girls softball played a home game against Montpelier. Montpelier won and the score was 9-0. Sydni Altman hit a double and single. Lexi Noll hit a double. Amelia Gilson, Hailey Ley, Olivia Leatherman, Libby Ball, Rachael Culler, Jenna Jeffers, and Mary Thompson all hit singles.

On April 10 girls softball played an away game against Wauseon. Wauseon knocked off the Tigers with a win and the score was 7-6. Amelia Gilson hit a homerun, a single, and got 2 RBI's. Libby Ball hit 3 singles, and got a RBI. Hailey Ley got a RBI and a double. Sydni Altman hit a single, and got a RBI. Lexi Noll hit 3 singles. Jenna Jeffers hit a single. Rachael Culler hit a single. Amelia Gilson, Libby Ball, Sydni Altman, Lexi Noll, Olivia Leatherman, and Rachael Culler all scored 1 run.

On April 13 girls softball played a home game against Delta. Liberty Center lost and the score was 8-4. Amelia Gilson, Lexi Noll, and Hailey Ley hit a double. Lexi Noll and Libby Ball both hit 3 singles, Sydni Altman hit 2 singles and Jenna Jeffers hit a single. Hailey Ley got a RBI and Libby Ball got 3 RBI's. Amelia Gilson, and Sydni Altman both scored a run.

On April 16 girls softball played a home game against Swanton. Swanton knocked off the Tigers with a win and the score was 8-7. Sydni Altman and Lexi Noll hit singles and Hanna Jeffers, Jenna Jeffers, Libby Ball, Amelia Gilson, and Mary Thompson all hit a single. Amelia Gilson, Jenna Jeffers, Rachael Culler got a RBI and Hanna Jeffers got 2 RBI's. Libby Ball, Lexi Noll, Rachael Culler scored a run and Jenna Jeffers and Olivia Leatherman both scored 2 runs.

On April 20 girls softball played a home game against Evergreen. Liberty Center lost and the scored 0-14. Amelia Gilson, and Rachael Culler hit a single and Olivia Leatherman hit 2 singles.

Liberty Center Track and Field

By: Andrea Weirauch, Sarah Yaney, and Brittany Atkinson

This season the Liberty Center Tigers have had a pretty successful year on both the boys and girls side of things. In most recent news, the boys took home a 5th place finish at the NWOAL league meet, while the girls finished 3rd. First place finishers for this meet were, Brittany Atkinson in the mile and two mile, Sarah Yaney in the long jump, and the 4x800 team of Olivia Kundo, Emma Babcock, Cheryl Davenport, and Brittany Atkinson.

In the 2015 Diller Invitational at Ayersville High School the girls team finished in 3rd place and the boys had a 4th place finish as a team. First place finishers for the meet were Josh Carpenter in the shot, Brittany Atkinson in the two mile, and Emma Babcock in the mile.

The Tigers traveled to Archbold High School to participate in the Walker-Dilbone Relays. The girls distance medley got first. The team consisted of Brittany Atkinson, Cheryl Davenport, Jenna Vollmar, and Emma Babcock. The boys 4x800 relay also took first place. Members of the relay included, Jason Hadley, Matt Baker, Joel Studer, and Colin burns.

World News

By: Levi Wiechers

In today's world news, the Liberian president has been arrested by Croatia for trespassing in "no man's land." Croatian authorities could not be reached for comment to confirm the arrest of the president. The Shiite-led government in Iraq has begun training Sunni tribal fighters in the western province of Anbar. This initiative has been backed by the U.S. and is meant to stem recent advances by Islamic State. The setbacks in Anbar have exposed the need for trusted and equipped Sunni fighters to help turn momentum against Islamic State and dry up the extremists' pool of potential recruits. Shiite rebels in Yemen claimed Monday to have shot down a Moroccan F-16 fighter jet taking part in a Saudi-led coalition targeting them and their allies, just a day before a five-day humanitarian cease-fire was set to begin. Morocco's military, however, would only say that the jet had gone missing early Sunday evening, but a Moroccan online news site with close ties to the kingdom's royal palace and security and intelligence services said the downed aircraft was one of two that flew out of a base in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday on a reconnaissance mission over the Yemeni side of the border with Saudi Arabia.

Teachers Spotlight

By: Hailey Ley

Ms. Mericle

What made you want to become a teacher?

-Getting to work with students.

What is the best part of being a teacher?

-The ideas students come up with.

The worst?

-The state regulations that change.

Favorite memory as a teacher?

-When people bring me flowers.

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

-Nursing, or just a job working with people.

What did you do in high school?

-I was in choir, the band, orchestra, pep and marching band, key club, NHS, and student council. Also, I was class president.

Favorite movie?

-Finding Forrester.

Favorite singer?

-U2

"The 2014-2015 Tiger Tales Staff"

By: Conner Strauss

It was our job to try to bring the readers of "Tiger Tales" the best school news possible. This meant keeping everyone updated on anything from sports to other interesting school stories we as a staff have covered. This year's staff consisted of the seinors as following: Vince Pospisil, Brit-tany Atkinson, Paul Clawson, Logan Vicars, Jordan Smith, Levi Weichers, Sarah Yaney, Abbi Barnes, and Andrea Weirauch. The juniors on staff are listed as follows: Cassie McHugh, Monica Mann, Tyler Keller, Olivia Kundo, Chloe Knapp, Hailey Ley, and Conner Strauss. This year's editor was Andrea Weirauch. She did a majority of the formatting of the paper while everyone would submit their articles to Mr. Bryan and her. Everyone else on staff usually had a set article depending on what sports season we were in or they could have something like "Hot or Not". Aside from that, everyone also had to write one debate article (taking the opposite side to someone else on staff on a subject) and an opinion column about some-thing going on in the news new. I do not know how much better of a staff Mr. Bryan can ask for, but whoever is in Tiger Tales next year better give as much, if not more effort, to give Liberty Center the best school news possible.

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.

Liberty Center News

By, Monica Mann

At Liberty Center's latest council meeting, the new school was talked about. They are talking about extending the south drive at State Route 109 to provide a new student drop-off area. It was also suggested that 10 trees be removed along the route and that Young Street becomes a two-way street again. Funds to do work to Young Street have not yet been decided.

Liberty Center High School recently had their National Honor Society induction ceremony. The ceremony was held on April 24 and took place in the little theatre. New members have started meeting to discuss volunteer and fundraising activities. They will be holding a smoothie sale in May, working the blood drive held at the high school, participating in adopt a highway, and many other activities over the summer.

TRUE
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Couples Corner

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LOVE

By: Abbi Barnes & Jordan Smith

This month's couple is Sarah Yaney and Jordan Smith. They have been dating for a year and a half. They met each other after a football game their junior year. Their first date was at the movies. Jordan's favorite thing about Sarah is her pretty eyes, and Sarah's favorite thing about Jordan is his curly hair. Their idea of a "perfect date" is anything that ends with getting ice cream. They enjoy anything outside and also pestering Andrea at the Dugout. If you're looking for this cute couple, you can find them anywhere and everywhere.

Would You Rather?

By: Chloe Knapp

Would you rather be able to lie without being caught or always be able to tell when someone is lying?

-20 of the 30 people surveyed would rather always be able to tell when someone is lying.

Would you rather have a tattoo with a deep meaning or a heroic scar?

-This question was a breeze for everybody as 28 people would want to have a heroic scar instead of a tattoo.

Would you rather save the polar bears or find a cure for cancer?

-Polar bears and cancer are a dead split with 15 and 15 votes.

Would you rather sweat soy sauce or have greasy fingers for the rest of your life?

-Surprisingly, 18 people would prefer to sweat soy sauce as to the other 12 people who wouldn't mind having greasy fingers.

Puerto Rico Trip

By: Tyler Keller

This year's Spanish trip to Puerto Rico was an enormous success. After months of hard work fundraising, Mrs. Soto was able to take 44 people out of the chilly Ohio April to the sunny beaches of Puerto Rico. The group left on April 15th and landed in San Juan to kick off a busy week touring the Island. The group was led by veteran tour guide Bernardo first to La Parguera where their first hotel was located. Here, they visited Playa Sucia, or the dirty beach, and experienced the natural wonder of one of Puerto Rico's bioluminescent bays.

While in La Parguera the group also experienced a live fishing show in which Tito caught many different exotic animals to show, and in some cases touch. The group went to repaint and touch up murals on a local Jump Start program building for local kids, and went to a special dance show in which they were shown several traditional Puerto Rican dances and learned the culture behind them.

Halfway through the trip, the group travelled to Old San Juan where they were shown the University of Puerto Rico, and allowed to spend the day in a Puerto Rican marketplace. The group visited Fort San Cristobal and several other beaches with banana boat rides. On the last day they went on a catamaran tour to a smaller island off the coast of Puerto Rico to snorkel and see the vibrant colors of the coral reef below.

The Puerto Rico trip was by far the best experience of my school year, and I'm sure the same can be said for most of my classmates who went. While we have a great Spanish teacher at Liberty in Mrs. Soto, there is really no better way to learn a language than to be completely immersed in the culture and it's people the way we were in Puerto Rico. All of the students are extremely grateful to the chaperones who gave up their time to come along, to Mrs. Soto for organizing the trip, and to all of the staff at Vamanos tours for making it such a memorable experience.

Brain Teaser Answer: His Breath

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By: Sarah Yaney

Name: Zac Graber

Plans for after graduation?:

* Hobo

Favorite part of being a senior?:

* Almost over

What is your most memorable high school moment?:

* None

Who are you seen with most and where?:

* The boys, in a gym near you

What will you miss the most after graduation?:

* a lot

Who is your favorite teacher?:

* Mr. Readshaw

What was your favorite year of high school?:

* Sophomore

What advice would you give to the underclassmen?:

* Don't dwell in the past

Name: Jarren Altman

Plans for after graduation?:

* Attend Toledo University

Favorite part of being a senior?:

* It is my last year

What is your most memorable high school moment?:

* winning sectionals

Who are you seen with most and where?:

* Logan, Jared, Clen, Zac, Adam

What will you miss the most after graduation?:

* Sports

Who is your favorite teacher?:

* Ryan Miller

What was your favorite year of high school?:

* Senior

What advice would you give to the underclassmen?:

* It goes by fast so make the most of it

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Logan Myers

Plans for after graduation?:

* Work at UPS

Favorite part of being a senior?:

* bouta graduate

What is your most memorable high school moment?:

* playing on the B-Ball team/
winning celebrity jeopardy

Who are you seen with most and where?:

* The guys just anywhere

Who is your favorite teacher?:

* Mr. Miller

What was your favorite year of high school?:

* Senior

What advice would you give to the underclassmen?:

* Just do it.

Name: Jared Dishop

Plans for after graduation?:

* Attending Trine University

Favorite part of being a senior?:

* playing basketball with my
friends/teammates

What is your most memorable high school moment?:

* winning a sectional championship

Who are you seen with most and where?:

* Logan, Dylan, Trevor, Jarren, Kyle

What will you miss the most after graduation?:

* hanging out and seeing my
friends everyday

Who is your favorite teacher?:

* Mr. Miller

What was your favorite year of high school?:

* Sophomore