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won for the best written business plan. In all she took \$1,750 in prize money with her. Finishing in second place was junior Mike Farrell whose business plan was for a new venture that would combine sports fitness, personal training, chiropractic services, and massage therapy all under one roof. Third place went to sophomore Germaine Wilson for his plan to provide computer and network consulting services to home offices and medium and small businesses.

Fourth place award went to sophomore Tamara Holder for her business plan to sell hand made scarves from India to customer bases in the United States. The second place prize paid \$1,000, third was \$750, and fourth was \$500 in the annual event. "The students who chose to enter this competition have been working on their plans since last October," said Garrison. He said students entered to gain experience, show their skills, and go through the entire learning experience. "I think it is always a good point of reference on their resume, and of course the

possibility of winning the money always keeps them interested," he said. Judges for the event were Tony Eichstadt, plant manager of DuPont's Circleville site, Calvin Gebhart, president of the Citizens Bank, and Carly Neff of Rhodes Garden Center. "We saw some tremendously well prepared business plans," said Eichstadt. "I was looking at the written preparation and from a practical standpoint, how well it 'flowed' from point to point." Gebhardt said he wanted to see a definite "who, how, what, and why" to the presentations. "I thought each plan should have a clear purpose and objective," said

Gebhardt, "and the majority of them had those things." Neff said she looked for "financial and logistical sense" in the students' work. "We saw some incredible work," she said, "but the young lady who won presented lots of numbers that made sense, and it was very evident she had done a ton of research." Garrison said the students displayed a "tremendous amount of ingenuity and solid thought" in researching and completing the plans. "Other colleges have sponsored similar competitions that have resulted in wildly successful businesses such as Raisin' Cane and Cardinal Health," he said.

Briefly

Logan Elm schools on 1-hour delay

The Logan Elm School District will delay the start of school for students by one hour today. This hour will be used by the teaching staff to plan for student instruction. School will begin at 8:40 a.m. for high and middle school students and at 9:45 for all elementary schools.

Children's charity to hold meeting

The Children's Charitable Foundation will hold its annual board meeting at 6 p.m., March 9 at J.R. Hooks, 115 Watt St.

Any person or group who has contributed \$5 or more is a member and encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Trustees for the CCF is also invited to attend and may submit their name to be elected to the Board of Trustees. The regular monthly meeting will follow the annual board meeting.

Free country music jam on Tuesday

A free country music jam will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 10 at the American Legion Hall in Williamsport. Soup, sandwiches and pie available. Bring a canned food item for the local food pantry.

Stamper

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liver, she said. "He's extremely lucky," Stamper said. "The doctors keep saying it's just a miracle he's even here." Jacob has already been through one surgery to place a rod in his right leg and screws in his hip, leg and knee. He also is struggling with some small amount of memory loss, she said, including details of the accident that landed him at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. "He doesn't really remem-

ber it," Stamper said. "All he remembers is that he was going to the Marathon station to get some pop for him and his sister. He was crossing the street and eating his sub and got hit." Stamper said she was told the accident remains under investigation, and officers from the Ashville Police Department are scheduled to interview Jacob on Thursday at the hospital. Stamper said there are conflicting reports about the vehicle involved and where Jacob was on the roadway when the accident occurred. "A lady pumping gas at the Marathon station said she saw

him right before it happened and he wasn't crossing where you're not supposed to be," she said. "There's no marked crosswalk there, though, and really, Ashville doesn't have very many crosswalks or sidewalks as it is. Jacob said yesterday he hopes they put one there now, because a lot of kids go there before and after school. The driver of the vehicle, Dennis A. Rathburn of Ashville, has not been cited in the accident. Stamper said Jacob likely will need additional surgery and will be discharged from the hospital into some kind of rehab program before being

completely released from hospital care. In the meantime, he has appreciated the support he has received from his friends and classmates through his Facebook page, as well as personal visits and cards. Anyone wishing to send Jacob well-wishes by mail can address it to Jacob Stamper, c/o Nationwide Children's Hospital, Trauma Unit Room 4609, 700 Children's Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43205. Friends may also create an e-card and send it directly from the hospital's Web site at www.nationwidechildrens.org.

Budget

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traffic between units on the road. "We're down to four dispatchers," said Gray. "That's one for each shift and one to float and cover days off. However, that doesn't fill all the 'holes' so we will have to pull an officer off the street," he said. The police department has always tried to maintain two dispatchers on duty at "peak" times to handle the myriad of duties they are assigned, but Gray admitted there would only be one dispatcher now whether it was a "peak" time or not. Dispatchers answer all phone calls coming into the police station, are responsible for any prisoners which includes a physical check on them at least every half hour, they dispatch all police, fire, and EMS personnel and equipment to and from emergency scenes and stay in contact until units return to their headquarters, and deal with persons who come in to the station off the street. "So if one person is dispatching, do they answer the phone, or talk to the units on the radio, or check on the prisoners, or see what the person at the window wants?" said Gray. "There's a world of pressure in that room."

and respond to the scene of the domestic violence." Domestic violence calls are not the only culprit. "We have the same officers responding nearly everyday to burglary and robbery calls and 'shots fired' calls, all without a backup officer. It's dangerous," Gray said. Saying he was all for balancing budgets, he wasn't interested in "doing it at the possible expense of officer safety." Gray said the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office and Post 65 of the Ohio Highway Patrol "are great" about responding as backup whenever they are asked, but he asked, "what if they are eight or ten minutes out?" Joe Hegedus, an attorney for the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association which is the union representing the Circleville police, addressed council Tuesday prior to the vote. Hegedus blasted council for the "total lack of communication" displayed by council toward the police during the proposed budget cuts. "There was no asking," said Hegedus, "you just took from them." Hegedus particularly found fault with "city budget negotiators" who "demanded" a representative from the police union be present at a budgetary meeting the day after the fatal shooting by police of a robbery suspect in February. "The only problem with that is that the union representatives who could have gone to the meeting were either on administrative leave or they were involved in the investigation of the robbery that led to the shooting," said Hegedus. Saying "we'll have a tough time keeping up, but I suppose we'll have to find a way," Circleville fire chief Tim Tener was dismayed at how his

department was budgeted on things "I have no control over." Tener said there are many things such as benefits in union contracts and the cost of fuel that were beyond his ability to control, "and they budgeted me the same amount as last year in some of these areas with no attention paid to inflation or the whims of the marketplace," he said. The largest segment of the city budget is for safety forces, Fouch said, and personnel is the largest single expense. "In creating the budget, we tried to be fair and make all departments in the city feel the pain. The safety forces, however, represent the largest percentage of the budget." In terms of the firefighters under his command, Tener said they were now "authorized" at five people per shift, but the reality was "there will many times be four per shift." Like the police department, Tener said his personnel also have days off, sick days, and vacation days coming to them. "They have earned that time" and they should be able to take it," said Tener. The chief said four firefighters responding to a fire scene puts the responders "in a defensive mode." "The rule is 'two in, two out,'" said Tener. That is not a Circleville fire department rule but a state of Ohio rule, he said. Tener cited section 4123:1-21-07 c1 of the Ohio Administrative Code regarding occupational safety and health of municipal fire departments, whether paid or volunteer: "...the employer shall provide an adequate number of personnel to safely conduct emergency scene operations... employees operating in hazardous environments at emergency incidents shall operate in teams of two or more ..."

Tener said that until another person arrives on the scene of the emergency to assume incident command, that is why the department is relegated to "defensive mode." He commented defensive firefighting causes a lot of damage because instead of entering and extinguishing the fire, responders "just push it around until you finally get it extinguished." If two firefighters are on a squad run, the other two will respond to a fire run. Tener said that is what happened on the morning of the Mason's Furniture store fire. "We had two firefighters respond on an engine and they were able to get some knock-down, but until more people arrived they just couldn't do much," said the chief. While mutual aid with area departments is "good," he also noted sometimes in the daytime hours when volunteer departments have most of their people working it "could be a problem." Tener said the Circleville fire and EMTs will operate as an "either or" department because "that is what we've been given." "Essentially, that's what we're doing now," he said, "if it's a squad run or if it's a fire run, we'll take whatever is first until we can get more help." The "out" for council is already in place, according to Council President David Crawford. "As tax receipts begin rolling in, I fully expect the safety forces to be the first to see the influx of capital," he said. "I just don't know if this will be three, six, or nine months. I also know this is something that all council agrees with." Circleville Mayor Chuck Taylor did not return four telephone messages on Tuesday.

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Perry Dean Jenkins
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