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Warsinger Wowed Crowds with Her Story



Susan Warsinger

described her experience during the Holocaust through a child's eyes.

She told of the horrible treatment she received as a Jewish child growing up in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. After Kristallnacht her family decided to smuggle her brother and her to France in hopes of escaping the horrors

Black River Technical College in collaboration with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) hosted Holocaust survivor Susan Warsinger (Hilsenrath) for three presentations October 28-29. Warsinger held the attention of over a thousand school students and community members as she

in Germany. While the Nazis followed into France, Warsinger and her brother were able to immigrate to the United States. Her story, unlike most, ends with her being reunited with her parents. The rest of her family was not so lucky.

While speaking in Pocahontas she was joined by Frank and Eleanor Hilsenrath of Fairfield Bay. Frank also survived the Holocaust. While they are not positive, they believe they are related since both families can tie themselves back to Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

Ms. Warsinger enjoyed her time in Pocahontas. She visited local museums, shops and even learned about farming! She is also an avid birder, so she enjoyed seeing the different varieties of Arkansas birds.

Sponsors of the event were: SEAS Project of the BRTC Foundation; Mike and Barbara Dunn; First National Bank of Walnut Ridge, Hoxie, Pocahontas and Bono; Dean and Brenda Gillogly; and Integrity 1st Bank.

Important Dates

- November 14**
Law Enforcement Graduation
- November 20**
BRTC's Got Talent
- December 1**
Community College Work\$, Pocahontas
- December 2**
Fun Before Finals, Pocahontas
- December 3**
Community College Work\$, Paragould
- March 7**
9th Annual Foundation Gala

Once Again IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament is a Huge Success

The 21st Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament had another great year with wonderful weather and raised over \$47,000 to help fund BRTC student scholarships. The tournament was held on October 3 at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas.

"We can't thank our sponsors enough for their wonderful support," stated Karen Liebhaber, VP of Institutional Advancement. "This is our largest fundraiser for student scholarships. We are thankful that our sponsors believe as much as we do in giving our students the opportunity for a quality education."

Winners of the morning Championship Flight were, in 1st place, Carl Tune and Jeremy Haynes; 2nd place, Keith Sutton and Steven Southard; 3rd place, David Steimel and Jacob Thielemier. A Flight winners were, in



1st place, Kelly Scoby and Greg Ward; 2nd place, Darrell Kelley and Frank Kelley; 3rd place, Kris Pankey and Jason Steimel. B Flight winners were, in 1st place, JD Davis and Casey Sowell; 2nd place, Darrell Fears and Tom McClain; 3rd place, Matt Noles and Bob Puckett. Closest to the pin winners were Darrell Kelly, N. Ray Campbell, Jacob

Thielemier, and Stephen Malone.

Winners of the afternoon Championship Flight were, in 1st place, Tommy Campbell and Raymond Jackson; 2nd place, Brett Massey and Chris Couch; 3rd place, Jade Wells and Joey Pfeffer. Winners of the A Flight were, in 1st place, Brett Liebhaber and Dr. Joe Jones; 2nd place, Carl Tune and Jeremy Haynes; 3rd place, Jeff O'Donnell

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ARI Donates Metal to Program

American Railcar Industries (ARI) donated a shipment of scrap metal to Black River Technical College's welding program on the Pocahontas campus. Welding students use the metal to practice and improve their skills.



Welding students stand with the metal ARI donated to the welding program.

ARI, a railcar manufacturing group with two facilities in Northeast Arkansas, one in Paragould and another in Marmaduke, periodically provides metal to help train students. The size of the ARI donations varies and at times ARI donates as much as five to six thousand pounds of metal at once. These gifts allow BRTC's welding program to purchase necessary equipment instead of spending money on scrap metal.

Ricky Gunn, BRTC Welding Instructor, explained that Jessie Weaver, Weld Engineering Manager for ARI, has been a great asset to area schools. Jessie "knows how much the metal [costs], and it takes a lot out of [BRTC's welding] budget if we have to buy it."

For more information about BRTC's welding program on the Pocahontas campus, contact instructor Ricky Gunn at (870) 248-4000 ext. 4155. For more information about ARI, visit their website at <http://www.americanrailcar.com/>.

Personnel Changes and Additions

The Department of Human Resources at Black River Technical College has announced several personnel changes and additions.

John Janeos of Maynard has been hired as Institutional Services Assistant for the evening shift on the Pocahontas Campus. Previously he worked as Safety Director and Human Resources Manager at Tweedy Transport. He also worked for the Randolph County Road Department.

Shawna Leopard of Maynard has been hired as Administrative Specialist I for Institutional Advancement. She earned her AAS from BRTC in May of 2014. She previously worked for Neilson Bainbridge as an accounting clerk. Before that she worked for KIDS FIRST.

Trent Ingram of Pocahontas has been promoted to the Director of Physical Plant. He has been working for BRTC for the past 6 years as a Skilled Tradesman. Before coming to BRTC he worked as a plumber. He is a Journeyman Plumber.

Mendi Bowen of Pocahontas has been named Career Coach. This position is shared with Pocahontas School District. Bowen received her BS in Earth Science from the University of Arkansas in 2005. She interned with both the National Audubon Society and Yellowstone National Park. Recently she taught Environmental Science and Biology for the Eureka Springs School District.



John Janeos



Shawna Leopard



Trent Ingram



Mendi Bowen

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and Al Pearson. Winners of B Flight were, in 1st place, Mike Richardson and Allen Baltz; 2nd place, Chris Robinson and Michael Dickson, 3rd place, Steve Schmidt and Ronnie Palmer. Closest to the pin winners were Raymond Jackson (for 2 holes), Russ Gamblin, and Jack McCord.



The scratch-off cards were a hit again this year. The winners and their prizes for the lowest score were, for 1st place, Alma Massey, a beach vacation in Okaloosa Island, Florida, compliments of Fosters on the Beach; 2nd place, Mike Richardson, an iPad, compliments of Melissa Davis; 3rd place, Brad Snyder, a Ruger American Rimfire Rifle, compliments of Jana Caldwell of Carter Realty; 4th place, Angie Caldwell, a North American Arms 22 MSC-P Mini Revolver, compliments of Quality Floors and More.

Winners and their prizes for highest score were, for 1st place, Joe James, a Hot Springs Package; 2nd place, Joey Huffman, a Bosch Cordless Drill/Driver, compliments of S-B Power Tool Company; 3rd place, Buddy Harrison, a Gaston's White River Resort \$100 gift certificate.



This event would not be possible without the help of all the volunteers including the BRTC Foundation Board members, BRTC faculty and staff, members of the BRTC President's Leadership Council and Student Government Association, staff and board members of

the Rolling Hills Country Club, and employees of IBERIABANK, Baltz Chevy-Olds, and Integrity 1st Bank.



MSSPS Recipients for Fall 2014

The Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship (MSSPS) is a scholarship for single parents that reside in Randolph County, Arkansas. In Fall 2014, 12 BRTC students were awarded this scholarship. Recipients include Kara Davison, Morgan Doyle, Sabrina Godwin, Katrina Newmen, Emily Anderson, Mary Richardson, Stephanie Searcy, April Wellborn, and Amber Wolf of Pocahontas; Mikayla Morrow of Renyo; Brandy Mull of Maynard; and Lacy Wheelless of Imboden.

Scholarships vary depending on if the recipient is a full-time or part-time student. This scholarship is made possible by sub-grants and matching donations from Arkansas Department of Higher Education, United Way, and Entergy along with the help of various fundraising events and contributions by BRTC faculty and staff. To date, the MSSPS has awarded \$175,323 in scholarships.

Mull and Newmen are designated as ADHE recipients, Anderson and Richardson are designated as United Way recipients, and Searcy, Wellborn, Wheelless and Wolf are all designated as Entergy recipients.

Davison and Mull both are attending BRTC to receive their Associates of the Arts. They both want to start a career in teaching, though in different ways. Davison, who received her GED, wants to teach private art classes and eventually own a small business supporting local artists. Mull, who graduated from Maynard High School, wants to become an elementary school teacher.

Doyle, Richardson, and Wolf all are attending BRTC to complete the Respiratory Care Program. Doyle and Richardson both plan on furthering their education to receive a BSN. Doyle graduated from Maynard High School, Richardson graduated from Couch High School, and Wolf graduated from Pocahontas High School.

Godwin, Morrow, Anderson, and Searcy all attend BRTC to later enter into health care. Godwin, a graduate of Corning High School, wants to become a Nurse. Morrow, also a graduate of Corning High School, and Anderson, a graduate of Granite City High School, plan to become LPNs. Searcy, who received her GED, plans to become an RN.

Newmen received her GED and is attending BRTC to receive a degree in Micro Computer Repair Tech. She hopes to further expand into servers and programing in the future.

Wellborn is attending BRTC to acquire a degree in Criminal Justice. She hopes to become a youth probation officer. She earned her GED.

Wheelless graduated from Maynard High School. She is now attending BRTC to gain her Certified Dietary Manager Certification. She plans on using this degree in the nutrition career field.



Emily Anderson



Brandy Mull



Kara Davison



Mary Richardson



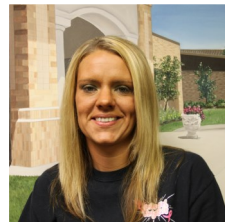
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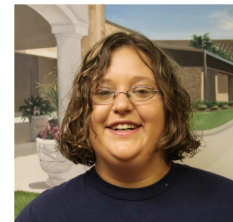
Amber Wolf



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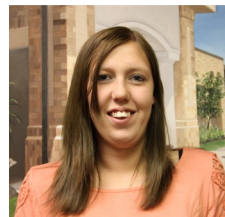
Stephanie Searcy



April Wellborn



Katrina Newman



Morgan Doyle



Lacy Wheelless

To qualify, individuals must residents of Randolph County, Arkansas; be a high school graduate or equivalent; be the single head of household; be pursuing an undergraduate course of study; and meet certain income guidelines. For application deadlines and other information, contact Janna Guthrie, MSSPS at 870-248-4000.

NTHS Fall Induction

Fall induction for BRTC's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) was held October 23 in the Randolph County Development Center. NTHS recognizes the accomplishments of students in BRTC's technical education programs. Students must have a 3.5 GPA on 12 credit hours and a faculty recommendation to be invited to join. Students from both the Paragould and Pocahontas campuses were inducted.

New members inducted were Ashley Nicole Ahle, Layonda Mae Bagwell, Chandra Lynn Camp, Jonathan Loyd Dunnam, Deborah Marie Grady, Amber Brooke Green, Misty Lynn McCord, Wendy Bernette McDonald, Janine RaShae Mitchell, Ashley Ann Melton, Tiffany Renee Parks, Amber Michelle Pentecost, Amber Nicole Pinkston, Brenda Sue Smith, Teresa Ann Thomas, Rachael Lauren



Weekley, April Ruth Wellborn, Jillian Mary Whitson, and Cheryl Renee Wince.

NTHS advisors are Nanette Carter, Phlebotomy instructor; Alan Haskins, Fire Science instructor; Gary Meier, Machine Tool Technology instructor; and Mack Downey, Business instructor.



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*Blending tradition, technology and innovation
to educate today's diverse students
for tomorrow's changing world.*

BRTC Fire Science Tower Demolition

Black River Technical College held its Fire Science Tower Demolition ceremony at the BRTC Fire Science Center in Walnut Ridge on Thursday, October 16. The current tower was built in the early 1980s by fire department volunteers from several areas within Lawrence County. Today, the tower is becoming unsafe for multi-story fire and rappelling training.

The new tower will comply with National Fire Protection Academy guidelines for live burns in a multi-story construction and will be four stories, have a simulated basement for basement fire training, and will include a Standpipe System and sprinkler system.



BRTC Board of Trustees, President, Vice Presidents, and Elected Officials pictured, left to right: Doug Cox, Frank Bigger, Brenda Gillogly, Dr. Eric Turner, Angie Caldwell, Dr. Roger Johnson, Martha Nelson, Senator Robert Thompson, Karen Liebhaber, Representative Scott Baltz, Representative James Ratliff

Many of the funds for the new fire tower were procured by Senator Robert Thompson and Representatives James Ratliff and Scott Baltz.

BRTC's fire science program trains many of the paid and volunteer fire fighters in Northeast Arkansas. For more information, contact Renee Davis at (870) 2458-4000 extension 6000.

Make Reservations for the 2015 Gala

This will be the 9th year for the Gala and the venue will once again be at Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas.

The date will be Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 in the evening. Save the date now and reserve your tickets by contacting the BRTC office of Institutional Advancement at 248-4000. Ask for Ann Savage, ext. 4025, or Jessica Bailey, ext. 4189. Tickets are \$125 per couple and are limited.