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Readers' Forum 7-30 | Mentoring initiative needs volunteers

Submitted by Readers

— Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley (GICV) thanks Publisher Robin L. Quillon, Editor Chip Minemyer and the staff of The Tribune-Democrat for meeting on July 23 with youth from our Goodwill GoodGuides Youth Mentoring Program.

Their presentation provided 15 youth with valuable insight about careers in the newspaper industry and what it takes to produce an issue.

Having youth hear firsthand from people working in different careers helps them to make informed decisions about their futures.

And a special thanks to Chip for becoming a GoodGuides mentor.

GoodGuides is a national mentoring initiative designed to help youth ages 12–17 who face risk factors such as school failure, delinquency and other disadvantaging barriers. Through structured and supportive relationships with adult mentors, youth are encouraged to build career plans and skills as they prepare for school completion, postsecondary training and productive work.

Each youth enrolls voluntarily.

Locally, GoodGuides is operated by GICV through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, serving Cambria, Bedford and Blair counties.

We work with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and with many community partners.

I encourage increased participation from community members and businesses by becoming mentors or hosting career activities. They may contact our GoodGuides program manager, Cindy O'Connor.

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