



# Crawfordsville Community School Corporation The Athenian Oracle

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## CHS seniors gain job fair experience

Crawfordsville High School senior students were able to test out the job market here in Montgomery County during the Crawfordsville Job Fair that took place just before spring break. The event, sponsored by local businesses, was held at the National Guard Armory with tables throughout the gymnasium displaying the community's wide range of businesses.

A variety of opportunities awaited job fair visitors that included full-time, part-time, internships, and seasonal positions. Not only were these opportunities available, but the day offered students practical experience networking and exploring the options within the workforce.

"The partnership with the City of Crawfordsville to put on a job fair was about more than just connecting employers and future employees. While that was one of the main purposes, we also wanted to provide all students, regardless of their post-secondary plans, with an opportunity to practice networking skills and other soft skills that will translate into both work and education. At some point in time, a student is going to need to be able to introduce themselves, answer a question on the spot, and prepare a resume," said Sara Nicodemus, West Central CTE Director.



Photo by Nick Wilson/Journal Review

CHS students and community members visited the job fair gaining networking skills and potential job leads.

Nicodemus also said Wabash College representatives assisted any interested students prior to the fair so they could practice skills and sharpen their resumes.

Students were grateful for the opportunity and employers took note of potential future employees. Nicodemus said some employers kept a list of students to interview in the near future.

"The employers were very complimentary of the students' engagement and ability to hold conversation," Nicodemus said.

## Nicholson triples goal for AHA

The Nicholson Elementary community has raised \$9,251.94 for the American Heart Association in their recent fundraising efforts.

This marks a record amount raised since physical education teacher, Mrs. Laura Newman, brought the fundraiser to the school in 2014-15.



Throughout the project, students discussed heart disease and complications, the importance of taking care of our hearts, and how we can help others with heart defects or issues. Heart education will continue through the rest of the school year.

Nicholson set a goal of \$3,000, but the Nicholson Knights and Crawfordsville community tripled the amount! Students spread the word about the American Heart Association through social media, phone calls, and emails to friends and family reaching donors from Texas, Minnesota, Kentucky, and several other states.

Principal Jennifer Coyle was impressed, to say the least, "I am always blown away by the caring hearts here at Nicholson. Students are always looking for ways to show kindness and compassion to others. I am so proud of them!"

## Hoover students shine at Fine Arts performances



Hoover Elementary students have been sharing their fine arts talent and hard work during their performances over the last several weeks. Students have been working very hard using both traditional and non-traditional instruments to perform musical pieces, which primarily focus on rhythms and public performance skills. They also have been spending music class time learning about how music relates to their general education classroom curriculum, such as studying music and composers from the American Revolution and Civil War.



# CCSC and Community Fill the Bus for Ukraine

When a local connection was made between the CCSC's Transportation Department and a Ukraine pastor, it didn't take long before staff rallied together with ideas to help the Ukrainian people while also supporting the family of co-worker, Luke Brinkerhoff.

CCSC's transportation department mechanic, Luke Brinkerhoff, recently welcomed his brother Levi, along with his wife, who is native to Ukraine, and their four small children back to Montgomery County. After living 17 years in Ukraine, Pastor Levi and his family were thankful to escape the country, as Russia began the invasion, and return to safety in Indiana. However, their hearts are with those remaining in the country and for those who have become refugees in surrounding countries.

Levi began collecting items and making plans to see the deliveries through to Poland. The CCSC transportation department wanted to help collect items and announced the "Fill the Bus" Donation Drive. The event was Saturday, April 9 at the CCSC Bus Barn parking lot.

Transportation Director Betsy Hamm said, "When we saw the [Journal Review] article about Luke's brother, we all agreed we wanted to help and join Levi's efforts to get items back to Ukraine."

Many people dropped by Saturday to donate items and show their support for the Brinkerhoff families and Ukraine. He plans to ship the items on April 20 and expects them to arrive by the end of the month.



The CCSC transportation department collected items Saturday, April 9 to Fill the Bus with items to send back to Ukraine.

"It was a good turnout. We were able to raise a few hundred dollars and people donated critical items such as emergency blankets and medical supplies for the frontlines," Levi Brinkerhoff said.

If you missed the drive and would still like to help, monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be dropped off at St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church with a memo relating to Ukraine. Monetary donations are tax deductible, and can be made online at <https://bit.ly/GivetoUkraine>. Another link, dedicated to Levi's church in Ukraine, Calvary Chapel Svitlovodsk, is providing food and shelter for refugees heading west, <https://bit.ly/give2ukraine>.

"I'd like to thank everyone who came and is supporting Ukraine. Please continue to do so as the war is only intensifying and such supplies like we gathered and finances will be critical for the military as they continue to fight for the freedom of Ukraine," he said.

## Academic team ready for Area Contest

Congratulations to the Crawfordsville High School Academic Super Bowl Team that recently competed at the Sagamore Conference Invitational at Danville High School.

The teams competed in the five subject rounds and a sixth-round of competition, the Interdisciplinary. In their respective rounds, the Science team received 4th place, the Math team received 3rd place, the English team finished in 2nd, and both Social Studies and Fine Arts won 1st place. The Super Bowl Team will compete again in the Area Contest at Attica High School on Tuesday, April 19.

English Language Arts teacher and CHS Academic Teams Coordinator, Mag-



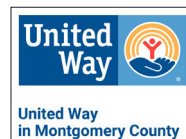
The students who competed at the Sagamore Invitational are back row, left to right: Elizabeth Bowling, Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, Jacob Burke, Aidan Mason, Mia Freeman, and Evan Tyler. Front row, left to right: Declan Maurer, Claire Edwards, Elizabeth Turner, and James Novak.

gie Bryant, said the students practice one to two times weekly and have been studying content based on this year's theme, "Canada: Our Neighbor to the North."

The recent invitational was a practice competition in preparation for the Area Contest coming up in April. A high score at the Area Contest could qualify the Super Bowl Team for the state finals, which will be in May at Purdue University.

## New K-Camp to prepare students

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation and United Way in Montgomery County are collaborating to bring Kindergarten Countdown Camp, or K-Camp, to Hose Elementary during the month of June.



This free camp focuses on preparing incoming Kindergarten students, who have had little to no preschool experience, by practicing skills necessary to get their school career started on the right track. K-Camp is taught by licensed and experienced teachers.

Hose Elementary Principal Carol Starlin said, "The children will meet some Hose Staff and other students that could be in their classrooms in the fall."

K-Camp will run from June 6th to June 30, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hose Elementary.

Parents can register students for camp at [www.uwlafayette.org/montgomery/k-camp](http://www.uwlafayette.org/montgomery/k-camp) or during Kindergarten Round Up on April 22 at Hose Elementary.



## Preschoolers dress up for Willson Preschool Prom

Willson Preschool recently hosted a Preschool Prom for all Willson students and their families. Families were treated to an “Encanto”-themed evening, based on the popular Disney movie. Festivities included family prom pictures, crafting a crown complete with jewels, designing a magic door, refreshments, and of course dancing. Preschool teacher, Mr. Joey Gerold did great putting his DJ skills on display. The guests enjoyed participating in the Chicken Dance, the Limbo, and a Conga Line. The evening concluded with everyone playing the pinata party game. Willson families and staff alike all experienced a magical prom night.

## Athletic department offering physicals for student athletes

The Crawfordsville High School Athletic Department is offering student athletes of Crawfordsville Community School Corporation the opportunity to obtain a physical exam for the 2022-23 school year. The physical exams will be given by a team of professionals from Crawfordsville. The physical will be given on Thursday, June 2nd at 6 pm in the Crawfordsville High School gymnasium. Physicals will be available from 6:00-8:00 pm that evening. The cost of the physical is \$20.00.

Any student athlete who does not get an exam on June 2, 2022 will be responsible for getting a physical before he/she may participate in any workouts/conditioning during the 2022-23 school year. This allows our athletic training staff to treat injuries and medical conditions that could arise during the summer months. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Physical forms are available on the “CHS athletics page” of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation website. Physical forms are also available in the main office at CHS.

This year Crawfordsville Community Schools will be using Final Forms to collect signatures for Emergency Contact Information, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion acknowledgment forms, and other required information by the state of Indiana and our school corporation. Both parents and students must complete these forms ahead of participation. An instruction sheet and link to Final Forms can be found on the athletics page of Crawfordsville High School at <https://www.cville.k12.in.us/Page/324>

Mark your calendars!



- June 2, 2022
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- CHS Gymnasium
- \$20 per physical

## County and Conference Champions! 2022 CMS Swimming & Diving Team celebrates a great season

The Crawfordsville Middle School swimming and diving team concluded the season with both the county and conference championship titles. The girls ended with a 10-0 record and the boys were 7-3.

Marie Hesler broke three school records (100 IM, 50 Fly, 400 Free) and a county record in the 100 IM. Matt Miller broke the school record and county record in diving.

Katherine Novak, Maesa Horton, Marie Hesler, and Matt Miller all achieved at least one CMS Top 10 time/score.

Congratulations to all the CMS Athenian swimmers and divers!



# Barton, Hedrick, Dowd receive service award

INDIANAPOLIS – The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) has named the Crawfordsville High School and Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau staffs as this year’s recipients of the Dr. Thomas Kearns Service Award.

They will be formally recognized at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car GLVC Spring Awards Reception in St. Louis on Tuesday, May 24.

The Dr. Thomas Kearns Service Award is presented to an individual or group that has contributed to the success of the GLVC as it relates to the NCAA Division II attributes of learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion, and service.

The 2022 honorees this year include: Crawfordsville High School Athletics Director, Bryce Barton, Aquatics Director, Kevin Hedrick, Assistant Aquatics Director, Sarah Dowd, and Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director, Heather Shirk.

Barton, Hedrick, Dowd, and Shirk were instrumental in the development and success of the GLVC Swimming & Diving Championships. The league hosted the inaugural meet at the Crawfordsville High School Aquatic Center, in 2014, which ultimately became home to this event for seven consecutive years from 2014-2020.

Following months of exploring potential venues in Indiana, Missouri, and Illinois, with no success, the league was nearly committed to hosting the event at an aquatics center in Topeka, Kansas, before former UIndy coach Gary Kinkead suggested a site visit to the



A joint effort between Crawfordsville Aquatics Center, the Montgomery County Visitors & Convention Bureau and community volunteers received the Dr. Thomas Kearns Service Award from the Great Lakes Valley Conference for exceptional hospitality and professionalism while hosting the GLVC Swimming & Diving Championship for seven years.

Crawfordsville Aquatics Center. After a meeting with Barton and Hedrick, a decision was made to bring the event to the pool at CHS.

These gentlemen, along with Dowd, were instrumental in the planning and implementation of the GLVC’s largest and most successful Championship event. Their commitment and dedication to working with the GLVC staff and coaches prior to and during the Championships proved to be an invaluable resource for the league. From being involved in scheduling, the entry declaration process before the meet, to timing during the meet, to providing results at the end of the meet – and several other duties in between – their staff went above and beyond. They also provided pool upgrades over the course of the seven-year hosting span to enhance the student-athletes’ experience, while also being involved in setting up and tearing down signage that helped the league office brand the venue.

“This award is truly an award that belongs to our school corporation and community. Kevin Hedrick, Sarah Dowd, and the rest of the aquatics center staff spent countless hours running the GLVC Championships. Our custodial, food service, and maintenance staff put in a tremendous time showcasing one of the best facilities in the Midwest to visitors from all over this country. Finally, without the support of our community volunteers, business owners, local government officials, and Heather Shirk and her staff at the Montgomery County Visitors Bureau, we would not have been able to pull off this event. So many community members gave up their time for seven straight years to make this event special,” said Bryce Barton.

Shirk, and Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton, were also key figures in the success the Conference enjoyed in Crawfordsville for seven years. The community support manifested itself with the largest contingent of volunteers ever assembled for a Championship, a welcome banquet for all the teams at no cost to the participating schools, participant mementos, light pole banners promoting the event, and city employees helping when needed.

Crawfordsville embraced the event like no other community, and Barton, Hedrick, Dowd, and Shirk are the individuals who provided the leadership and vision to make it a reality. Unfortunately, the meet eventually outgrew the facility, which necessitated a move to Elkhart, Ind., in 2021; however, the GLVC staff remains eternally grateful for seven successful years in Crawfordsville.

# CHS wows audience with Guys and Dolls performance

The cast completed their performances during the weekend of March 18-20 displaying incredible music and dancing talents.

