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The Athenian Oracle

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Share feedback with Superintendent, Dr. Ryker
We'd love to hear from you!



Class of 2026

Crawfordsville High School completed the 150th graduation celebrating the Class of 2026 on Friday, May 29.

Class president Jayden Callejas welcomed guests to the event followed by assistant principal, Kris Sims, who introduced Katherine Novak, Valedictorian, and Isla Seward, Salutatorian, prior to their speeches.

Following the speeches, Choir Director, Jennifer Swick, led the C-Ville Singers, and Dynamic Expression in two songs.

Principal Jay Strickland introduced the school board trustees and presented his speech to the class before the awarding of diplomas.

Superintendent Dr. Ryker spoke to the class before instructing graduates to move their tassels.

Finally in closing, class vice president, LiLi Yeung shared a heartfelt message before the CHS Wind Ensemble led the recessional. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!





Valedictorian Katherine Novak(top) and Salutatorian, Isla Seward (bottom) deliver their speeches.



Retirees include Shelle Wheeler, left, Stacey Guard, Rhonda Bacon, Gary Bacon, Mary Scheidler, and Sandy Dickerson.

CCSC honors teacher retirees at end-of-year celebration

Teachers and administrators gathered yesterday at Crawfordsville Middle School to celebrate a great 2025-26 school year! Performances from the C-Ville Singers and the CHS Jazz band kicked off the morning. Dr. Ryker shared highlights about graduation and successes at each building within CCSC. Employees were recognized for their years of service and a special recognition was given to our retirees.

Our 2026 retirees include Shelle Wheeler, 24 years at CCSC; Stacey Guard, 34 years at CCSC; Rhonda Bacon, 22 years at CCSC and 29 years in education; Gary Bacon, 23 years with CCSC and 39 years in education; Mary Scheidler, 13 years with CCSC and 27 years in education; and Sandy Dickerson, 40 years with CCSC.

Our teacher's year's of service include the following:

5 Years of Service Award: Hannah Ponto, Kayla E Gardner, Marlowe G. McVay, Steffanie L. Brumett, Wendy D. Schmitzer-Torbert, Nathan W. Mason, Emily N. Daley, Seth M. Nunan, Brad R. Clark, Jonathan W.R. Huber, Jonathon E. Tebbe, Angela N. Ludlum, Andrea K Schroeter, Meredith L. Boaz.

10 Years of Service: Kelsey J. Conkright, Morgan A. Thompson, Alisha N. Hauk, Chastity N. French, Carrie M. Jones, Megan N. Corbin, Paula R. Pardue, Lacee C. Melevage, Sarah E. Newton

15 Years of Service: Amber M. Johnson, Angela M. Hale, Cara J. Caplinger, Kevin L. Hedrick

20 Years of Service: Carla K. Frazier, Dana M. Garvin, Russell R. Grotewold, Terry L. Baker, Sean A. Gerold, Mark A. Melton, Brett A. Motz, Jay Strickland

25 Years of Service: Lisa E. Warren and Cameron Lain

30 Years of Service: Kristi M. Bowker, Maggie F. Bryant, Shelley Clouser, Keri M. McDonald

35 Years of Service: Susie Weliver

40 Years of Service: Sandy S. Dickerson

We're thankful for your service!

CCSC would also like to congratulate retirees Linda Ross and Carolyn Baer!

Ross has worked at CCSC for a total of 24 years in a combination of roles in the kitchen and business office.

Baer is retiring after 23 years at West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative.



Linda Ross



Carolyn Baer





Sectional Champions!

The girls tennis team is once again Sectional Champions for the 6th year in a row! The team defeated Southmont 4-1, North Montgomery 3-2, and lastly Western Boone, 4-1.



Golf team advances to Regionals on Friday

Team is also County Champs

The CHS golf team is headed to Regionals after finishing third at Sectionals at 342. Scores were as follows: Caiden Murry, 81; Colton Custer, 86; Owen Pierce, 87; Jordan Archer, 88; Jude Hurt, 92. Regionals will be at Coyote Crossing Golf Course in West Lafayette on Friday, June 12.

Earlier in the season, the CHS Golf team defeated both North and South to claim the County Champion title! The Athenians finished with a 315 while South was at 326, and North, 342. The top four finishers for CHS were Murray, 74; Hurt, 75; Custer, 79; and Kent Calvert, 87.

Athenians once again County Chase Champs

Crawfordsville High School has once again won the Montgomery County Chase Title, a county-wide competition between CHS, North Montgomery, and Southmont.

The Athenians earned 53 points to win the title. Southmont was in second with 41 points, and North Montgomery finished third with 31 points.

Let's go, Athenians!



BACK TO BACK track Sectional Champions

The girls track team is the 2026 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS for the second year in a row and only the third time in school history.

The following qualified to Regionals.

Regional Qualifiers: 13 trackletes

4x800m: K Novak, C Novak, Horton, Melevage (3rd)

4x100m: Abney, Strickland, Swick, Seward (2nd)

4x400m: Melevage, Johnson, Horton, Seward (Champions)

100m Hurdles: Lowe (2nd)

200m: Seward, Champion & Swick (2nd)

400m: Melevage (2nd)

1600m: K Novak (3rd)

3200m: K Novak (2nd)

Long Jump: Elizondo (2nd)

High Jump: Elizondo (2nd) & Jett (3rd)

Discus: Schroeter (2nd)

For the boys' team, junior Josh Inskeep was the 3200m champion and placed 3rd in the 1600m which advanced him in both events for Regionals.

FIELD DAYS!











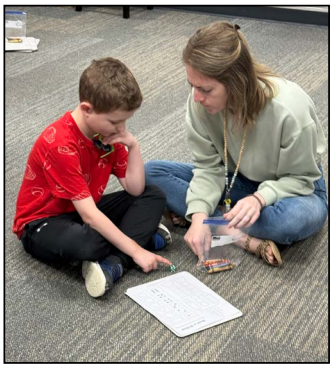


Hoover Elementary students celebrated the end of the year with their Field Day filled with activities including the parachute, a dunk tank featuring Mrs. Jones, scooters, visiting animals, and much more!











The Nicholson Elementary Field Day was themed around *The Wild Robot*, the book the school read for One Book, One School. Students participated in a variety of activities with the help of teachers, staff, and a many parent volunteers.







Preschool graduates ready for kindergarten

Smiles, cheers, and proud family members filled the gymnasium at Hose Elementary in May as preschool students celebrated their graduation and are preparing for the exciting journey ahead to kindergarten. Willson Preschool Academy had the honor of graduating 80 preschool students. The preschool students wore blue caps and gowns as they walked across the gym floor to receive their certificates.

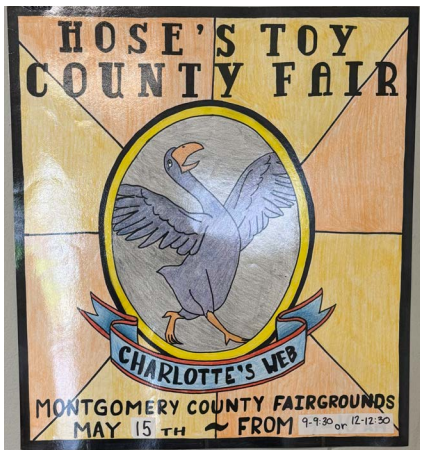
Throughout the year, the children learned important skills that will help them succeed in kindergarten, including letter recognition, counting, social development, and classroom routines. Teachers reflected on how much the students had grown academically, socially, and emotionally since the beginning of the year. Willson Preschool Academy is so proud of everything these students have accomplished, and we know they are ready for the next step in their educational journey.

Hose hosts annual Toy County Fair

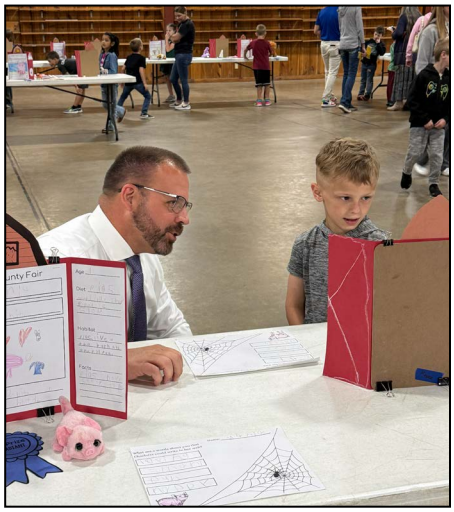
Once again the month of May brought the Hose Elementary Toy County Fair as a follow up to the kindergartners' reading of Charlotte's Web!

Each student chose a toy farm animal to draw and write about. Students told fair visitors details about their animal including what they eat, where they live, what sound the make, and answered questions about the Charlotte's Web book.

Check out the video to see the fun from the fair!











Hose Heroes for Quarter One. Left to right: Olivia Clark, Kennedy Clem, Dayana Hernandez Flores, Ramsey Hatch, Korben Ellsbury, Halston Wright, Everett Cole,and Everleigh Dale.



Hose Heroes for Quarter Two. Left to right: Abel Runyon, Veronica Dominguez Munoz, Delilah Steele, Henry Logan, Leo Roman, Gunner Lyons, Lizzie Euvino, and Callum McCrary.



Hose Heroes for Quarter Three. Left to right: Greyson Wyant, Mateo Torres, Ellie Pack, Abram Delawter, Henry Meeks, Memphis Ritter, Camryn Gerold, and Royce Townsend.



Hose Heroes for Quarter Four. Left to right: Jameson Mefford, Everlee Dinius, Neveah Gutierrez Palmer, Layne Golladay, Jackson Crews, Sophia Torres-Saucenda, Yaretzy Sanchez Arechiga, and PJ Hodges.

Congratulations to the 2025-26 Hose HEROES

These students earned the Hose HEROES award for their outstanding job being **H**elpful, **E**ncouraging, **R**espectful and **R**esponsible, and **O**utstanding citizens!

Summer Art Camp offers variety of art activities

Around 35 elementary aged students had a great time participating in the Wabash Summer Art Camp which was a partnership between Wabash College and CHS art teacher, Amanda Ellenberger. Students explored many art form activities including portrait painting, sketching, polymer clay, mask-making, air-dry clay, watercolor abstraction, metal jewelry design, and others. The students also enjoyed a field trip to the T.C. Steele Home in Waveland.





Athenians celebrate a great Spring season

CHS spring sports athletes and their families gathered in the high school commons for light refreshments before moving to the auditorium for awards.

Athletic Director Bryce Barton began the evening recognizing impressive milestones of the spring teams.

Overall Barton announced that the Athenians won the County Chase contest for the third year in a row. CHS earned 53 points, South came in 2nd with 41 points, and North finished with 31 points.

The girls tennis team won it's 6th straight sectional title before losing to top-ranked Carmel. Of the last 50 years that girls tennis has been recognized as an IHSAA sport, Crawfordsville has won 28 of the sectional titles.

The girls track team won the first Monon Athletic Conference title and were also sectional champions for the second year in a row and only the third title in school history.

Barton thanked the hard work and dedication of the head coaches, assistant coaches, and our athletic trainers, Doug Horton and Ally Wemer.

Horton, who has been at CHS for 17 years, will be the new athletic trainer at North Montgomery providing more opportunities to see his children participate in sports. Replacing Horton will be Mark Elizondo, husband to track and field coach and CMS physical education teacher, Amanda Elizondo.

The following are the list of awards beginning with **First Time Letter-Winners:**

Baseball- Cole Strickland

Track & Field- Sebastian McCann, Kolton Jones, Izaya Melvin, Ariah Richards (mgr), Namet Macegoza, Italia Espinosa, Alayna Parker

Girls Tennis- Abby White, Gabe Elizondo (manager)

Boys Golf- Jordan Archer, Gage Frazee,

Softball- Addison Hauk, Kareena Shuler, Josslynn Simmons

Boys Volleyball- Dominic Morrical, Karli Hirt (mgr)

Conference/Sectional Championship Team Patches:

Girls Track & Field- Camy Cutcliff, Maesa Horton, Aubrey Lowe, Aime Macegoza, Caroline Melevage, Caroline and Katherine Novak, Ally Strickland, Bea Swick, Melanie Dowd, Alea Seward, Olivia Abney, Namet Macegoza, Italia Espinosa, Alayna Parker, Ada Simmons, Sydney Elizondo, Olivia Jett, Ally Johnson, Jazmen Russell, Alayna Schroeter, and Isabel Gerdes

Girls Tennis- CC Cox, Mabel Hoar, Keira Toomey, Caroline Bowling, Alayna Hall, Isla Seward, Sarah Melevage, Elliot Baker

Boys Track & Field -Josh Inskeep- Sectional Champion in 3200.

Mental Attitude Award Winners:

Baseball- Landon Gerold

Boys Volleyball-Alan Campos

Track & Field- Daniel Surface & Katherine Novak

Girls Tennis- Isla Seward

Boys Golf- Jude Hurt

Softball- Laken Suitors

MAC All Conference Team

Boys Golf- Owen Pierce & Jude Hurt

Girls Tennis- CC Cox, Alayna Hall, Isla Seward

Track & Field- Josh Inskeep, Alea Seward, Aubrey Lowe, Olivia Abney, Ally Strickland, Bea Swick, Caroline Melevage, Ally Johnson, Maesa Horton, Katherine Novak, Caroline Novak, Olivia Jett, Sydney Elizondo,

Baseball-Henry Bannon

Academic All-State & Honorable Mentions:

Boys volleyball- Andrew McCoy and Pujan Patel, Gold, Nolan Watt silver

Andrew McCoy IBVCA 2nd team All-Region

Track & Field-

First Team: Andrew Turner & Katherine Novak

Honorable Mention: Alayna Schroeter, Dylan Wolcott, & Caroline Novak

3-Sport Senior Letter Winners: Colten Custer, Camy Cutcliff, Rowan Gambrel, Maesa Horton, Aubrey Lowe, Mason McCarty, Caroline Melevage, Caroline Novak, Katherine Novak, Molly Pierce, Daniel Surface, Bea Swick, Nolan Watt, Diego Velasco.