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## Pursuit Institute, Conner Prairie & INDEX show 250 students they all have places in manufacturing

### The REPORTER

The Pursuit Institute hosted its inaugural student event, Advanced Manufacturing Day, on Friday with middle school robotics club students from three different schools.

Approximately 65 students visited Conner Prairie to learn about the history of manufacturing, followed by a visit to **INDEX Corporation's** Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) 2022 event in Noblesville. Schools participating included Creekside Middle School, Carmel; Hamilton Heights Middle School, Arcadia; and Legacy Christian School, Noblesville.

As a living history museum with extensive ties to the community, Conner Prairie uses the past to shine a light on the future. This included providing students with a wide variety of tailored experiences focused on the evolution of manufacturing

in Indiana. While at INDEX, the students visited a variety of stations learning about the use of technology, automation, and robotics in advanced manufacturing settings.

Students attending INDEX's MFG Day event were welcomed by the company's president and CEO, Cris Taylor, who focused on the potential for tremendous career growth within the industry. Then, students were split into small groups and toured INDEX's facility. These tours included stops at eight distinct learning stations where experts provided information on and demonstrations of advanced machine tool technology, automation, additive manufacturing, software and more.

"As someone who forwent university and instead continued my education in a German

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Photo provided by Invest Hamilton County  
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## A ghost writer's brush with evil

A few years ago, a woman I did not know called and complimented the columns I write for a small newspaper in my Indiana hometown. Then, niceties out of the way — she was merely softening the beaches, you see — she asked if I could help her with a personal writing project.

She told me she had written a letter to her granddaughter for an upcoming birthday. The letter was written in Spanish, but her granddaughter could only read English. She hoped I might be able to rewrite the letter in English based on a translation she would provide. She had faith that I could make the letter understandable for the girl and perhaps presentable enough for framing. I agreed to help.

She said, "How much will I have to pay?" "Nothing," I said. My county had developed a noticeable Hispanic population over the previous decade, drawn in large part to jobs at a turkey processing plant. Living in a predominately white community, I admired these immigrants for their courage to willingly start new lives where they clearly were the minority and would face communication issues. I had always wanted to help them out in some way with my writing skills to help bridge obvious language gaps, though I had just never found the time. But this woman's call dropped an opportunity into my lap. It was a sign.

"I'd be glad to help," I said. I won't lie; I agreed in part because it made me feel good. Sometimes we help others to feel good just to help ourselves feel good.

She said she would drop the letter by my office the next day, but before that, she called again. She wanted to come clean. The letter wasn't written by her, she said, but by her son. She added, "He's in prison." He had been arrested, found guilty, and sentenced for his role in a methamphetamine-related conspiracy.

An uncomfortable silence ensued along the telephone line. My initial instinct was to want to renege on the earlier agreement as

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## Carmel Clay superintendent earns state award

### The REPORTER

Congratulations to Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford, who has been named the District 5 Superintendent of the Year by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents.

Dr. Beresford was selected by his peers for his professionalism, communications, community involvement and leadership demonstrated over the past year.



Beresford

## Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities recognizes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Keynote speaker Fishers Fire Lt. Brandon Anderson shares tragedy to hope

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) welcomes Lieutenant Brandon Anderson of the Fishers Fire Department to kick off its first National Disability Employment Awareness event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Grand Park Event Center.

In 2017, Lt. Anderson became an amputee after a motorcycle accident. He will share his story of tragedy to hope and his positive outlook on his new life as a disabled man and talk about

how he managed to maintain his position as a firefighter.

"I never realized the struggles that individuals with disabilities have to deal with daily until I became disabled," Anderson said. "From dressing and bathing, reworking your home or place of employment with the necessary accommodations and modifications, accessing restaurants and buildings that are accessible to receiving equal opportu-



Anderson

light supported employment services, pre-employment transition services, and transition programs available in Indiana. Best Buddies will provide an overview of their job placement

nities ... it has ALL be a huge wake-up call. By sharing my story, I hope communities will better understand all the issues, like employment, that impact the disability population."

Vocational Rehabilitation will high-

light supported employment services, pre-employment transition services, and transition programs available in Indiana. Best Buddies will provide an overview of their job placement

program. Westfield Washington Schools Shamrock Project will discuss the transition program open to students aged 18 to 22. The event ends with success stories from employees and employers from Westfield and surrounding cities.

"The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities mission is to make a positive impact in the lives of people with disabilities in Westfield and hope that this National Disability Employment event provides insight to

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## Go Purple with Prevail!

Survivors have reported that if domestic violence shelters did not exist, the consequences for them would be dire: homelessness, serious losses including loss of their children, actions taken in desperation, or continued abuse or death. Partnerships with community agencies are extremely important to Prevail and those we serve.



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## ANDERSON

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resources and programming available to those searching for meaningful employment," Mayor Andy Cook said. "Here in Westfield, I proclaim the month of October as Disability Employment month to recognize the need for quality employment opportunities for all individuals in our community."

The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed

to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

**About the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities**

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD), established in 2022, proactively addresses barriers impeding the lives of people with disabilities in Westfield through education, advocacy, and events. For more information, visit [westfieldmcd.com](http://westfieldmcd.com).

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## MFG DAY

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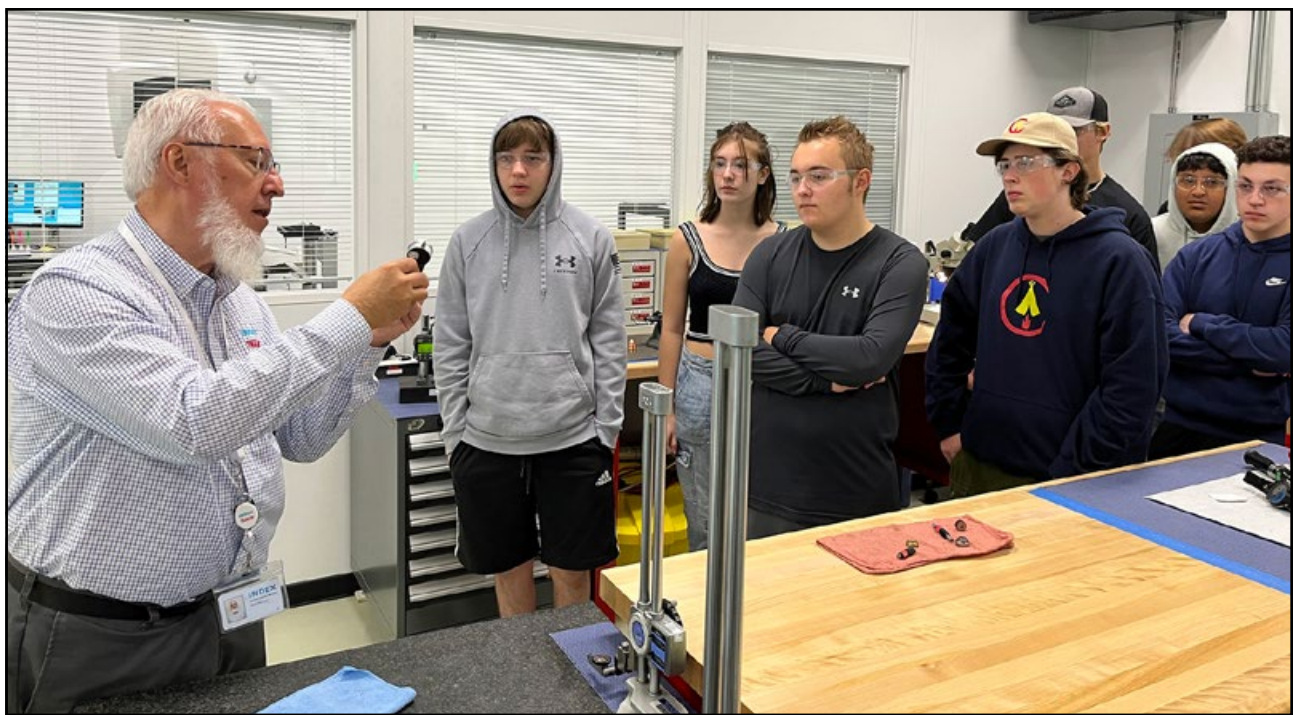


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**Quality technician Bob Metzger provides students with an overview of the tools and processes used to measure parts and ensure accuracy. See more photos online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).**

apprenticeship program, I am very passionate about making sure young people understand the potential our industry offers," Mr. Taylor said. "In the U.S., I find that some educators are becoming keener to make sure their students are aware of the opportunities in manufacturing. It's on us, American manufacturing companies, to engage with the schools, the students and the parents. A MFG Day event provides a great vehicle to drive that engagement."

At the close of their visit, students heard from Jose Zamora, training and development manager at INDEX. Mr. Zamora previewed initial details of an in-development internship-to-apprenticeship program for high school students that will launch in 2023.

"This is a great example of the innovative approach The Pursuit Institute incorporates with career and technical education," The Pursuit Institute Deputy Director Kyle Marshall said. "Centered on collaboration with Conner Prairie, INDEX, Helmer Scientific, RZ Automation and Schafer, we are engaging middle school students from across Hamilton County in a truly one-of-a-kind experience centered on advanced manufacturing and innovation. Today is a showcase of tomorrow's talent actively connecting the dots and developing future career aspirations."

In addition to the group from The Pursuit Institute, INDEX hosted 250 students from Noblesville High School, KIPP Indy Public Schools, Vincennes University and the Aviation Institute of Maintenance. Other organizations that presented at the event include Helmer Scientific, RZ Automation and Schafer Industries.

Each year, MFG Day is held on the first Friday in October to show students, parents, and the public what modern manufacturing is all about. Industry 4.0 technologies bring about whole new careers, requiring a skilled workforce interested in pursuing them. From bio-engineers to data analysts to robotics technicians, there is a place for everyone in manufacturing.

In conjunction with all six public school systems in Hamilton County, The Pursuit Institute works to expand public-private partnerships to create a pipeline of skilled and credentialed students to directly impact the local economy.

### Hello, Hamilton County With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

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# GHOST

gently and believably as possible, make up some type of excuse. Her revelation took me aback. My life had been privileged in the sense that I had no friends or relatives who had served jail time or even been on trial. Even the jail space in Monopoly was never really a factor in our games as kids. This woman’s world, through no fault of her own, was far from the sheltered reality of my own.

I found myself with one foot planted in the comfort of an orderly, ordinary life while the other foot dangled over the discomfort of someone’s disorderly, unordinary life. It would’ve been easy to change my mind, pull the foot back and keep it planted where it belonged. I didn’t know the woman. She had no idea what I looked like. We would never knowingly encounter each other in public. No awkward moments would arise.

But, like her son, I was the father of a daughter. Empathy’s weight lay upon my mind. I felt bad for the grandchild of a woman I didn’t know, for the convict’s child I didn’t know, while my foot hovered in the awkward airspace of a world that I didn’t know and in which I didn’t belong. I couldn’t help but imagine the heavy importance this girl would find in a heartfelt letter written by her locked-away father, a felon, but a father just the same. How terrible it must be for all involved: the dad, the daughter, the grandmother. I could not imagine the hellishness that surely existed for this family. I was free to see my daughter anytime I wanted.

I was also touched that a stranger had bravely sought assistance for something she respected in me, my writing abilities, though in this case, the letter was already written – the hard part already done. I was simply given an opportunity to help make things better for a little girl I didn’t know. How could I say no?

She delivered her son’s letter to me the next day. Scribbles of her English filled the spaces between each line of her son’s Spanish.

I didn’t expect much from the original draft, so I was pleasantly surprised by its meaningfulness (if the translation was true; how I wanted it to be true) – the father’s unabashed sentiment, his shame, and life’s lessons learned the hard way.

*“I was desperate. I had no money. I did what I thought was necessary to put food on the table. I made an unwise choice. I started selling drugs, which was so very wrong. My mother, your grandma, cried so much over my behavior. She begged me to stop. She never wanted to see me the way I am now. I did not listen. I’m paying for it, baby girl;*

*I’m paying for every single tear shed for me. I was a bad dad. I know that. Someday, perhaps you will understand the situation, though there is no legitimate excuse for what I did. Thanks to God, you are very smart. You will understand.”*

I fixed the grammar and the punctuation, and I moved sentences around for more effective flow. I added some words to make the transitions better, making this man a better writer than he was but careful to not make him a better man than he was. The man in the letter had to mirror the man behind bars. The content, drafted with pen by a man in the pen, remained true to its creator. Though I have always loved a byline, I strived for invisibility this time. My role was a fixer of sentences, not a fixer of the fragility that existed between father and daughter. I kept my distance. I wrote as ghostly as possible.

I will not tell you that I tried to put myself in this man’s shoes. That was not possible. My empathy derived only from the one thing we held in common, only one thing: We were both fathers. I do not know if he bought his daughter flowers when it rained, as I often did for mine when she was four or five. I do not know if he shared a couch with his daughter while repeatedly watching *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* like I did with mine – or how the movie’s “Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head” nearly brings me to tears even to this day when I hear it on the radio. I do not know if he experienced the great joy of watching his toddler daughter being chased by the white, foamy nips of a Gulf Coast tide during a foggy Florida dawn. But, thanks to the letter, I do know this: *“Your birth was the best moment of my life. I still remember pushing you on a park swing near Grandma’s. You looked so cute when you’d laugh and show the world your mostly toothless smile. My friends, when they saw you, would say, ‘Your daughter is so precious, like a diamond,’ and I would say, ‘Yes, I know.’ Now you are probably losing your baby teeth – huh? My baby is growing without me watching. I can do nothing. If you are mad, I understand.”*

Riding shotgun with this letter’s tender spot was plenty of gristle, tough things for a young mind – or even an old mind – to chew on: poverty, desperation, a humbling admittance of wrongdoing. Despite evidence to the contrary, he wanted to be a positive influence for her. He offered sage advice.

*“Face problems wisely. Make good judgments. Bad choices bring bad consequences – always. Control your destiny. Do not fear*

*making decisions on your own, but always remember that when you do this, you must accept responsibility for your actions. When in doubt, ask your grandmas for direction. Listen to them. They are wise. You can be nice without others taking advantage of your niceness. You can be brave without risking your life. Respect from the enemy is better than a friend’s flattery. Respect yourself. You were born to be a champion. You have value beyond your imagination. Do not accept insulting, humiliating or demeaning behavior from anyone. Do not endure verbal, emotional or physical abuse. If you are subjected to such behavior, seek help immediately ... In good or in bad, here or there, I am with you – like any good papa. You are not alone in this world.”*

The letter filled me with hope that once this man served his time, he would return to his daughter, rehabilitated, and start life over in promising fashion, that he would become the good father and provider he promised, a man by virtue of darkness finding light. And perhaps his letter would still be hanging on her bedroom wall, the letter I had had a small hand in making clearer for her. I wanted this to be true. I am a sucker for a fairy tale ending, maybe more than normal in this case since I had an indirect, albeit insignificant role, in its making.

The next day, I read the touching, touched-up letter aloud to the prisoner’s

tortured mother. I wanted to make sure the letter read true. Her reaction, her tears, told me it met her expectations. She thanked me. We never spoke again.

Years passed. I’m fuzzy on just how many. Five years? Six years? I had long forgotten the letter, the daughter, the grandmother, and the prisoner until last November, when I noticed the man’s highly unusual first name in an online news report. He had beaten his girlfriend to death after his release from prison a few months earlier. He had been sentenced to prison again, this time for 65 years.

Court records said that the nature of the injuries indicated “a brutal, extended beating. She was viciously beaten in the head, sufficient to cause the temporal muscle to be torn from the skull. And the injuries to the right side of her face included multiple skull fractures and were severe enough to have caused death from internal bleeding or the resulting swelling of the brain. (The victim) had bruises on her intestines and a hematoma on one of her kidneys. Her ribs were not only broken, but so damaged that they literally came apart and injured her lungs. This sort of injury requires a significant amount of force. Moreover, her liver was not only lacerated, but almost severed in two.”

I remembered how my minor role had made me a major believer in this man’s letter, how his words had the power to heal past wounds, to bridge a familial gap.

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*“When I get out, I’ll dedicate myself to raising you in the proper way that you deserve. I will try to send you to college so you won’t go through what I did. You have created within me a special feeling that will never leave in my lifetime.”*

As ghostly as I attempted to be in my role to help this father reach his daughter through the written word, I cannot help but feel haunted by one particular line that touched me then in a different way than it touches me now: “Do not endure verbal, emotional or physical abuse.”

I, too, am guilty of something: possession of a delusion of grandeur. A woman I did not know called me to help her with

something I have always loved to do: write. Certainly it was fate, my involvement destined to be a seed for a fairy tale ending, I thought. I was wrong. Fate actually revealed itself years later, when I just happened to be reading a particular out-of-town online newspaper that I rarely read, and a headline caught my eye. Suddenly, I didn’t feel very good about helping with the damn letter.

There is no fairy tale here, only a nightmare, one from which we cannot awaken, one that makes it very hard to sleep.

*This story appears in Scott Saalman’s column collection, “Mr. Serious,” available on Amazon. Contact: [scottsaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsaalman@gmail.com).*

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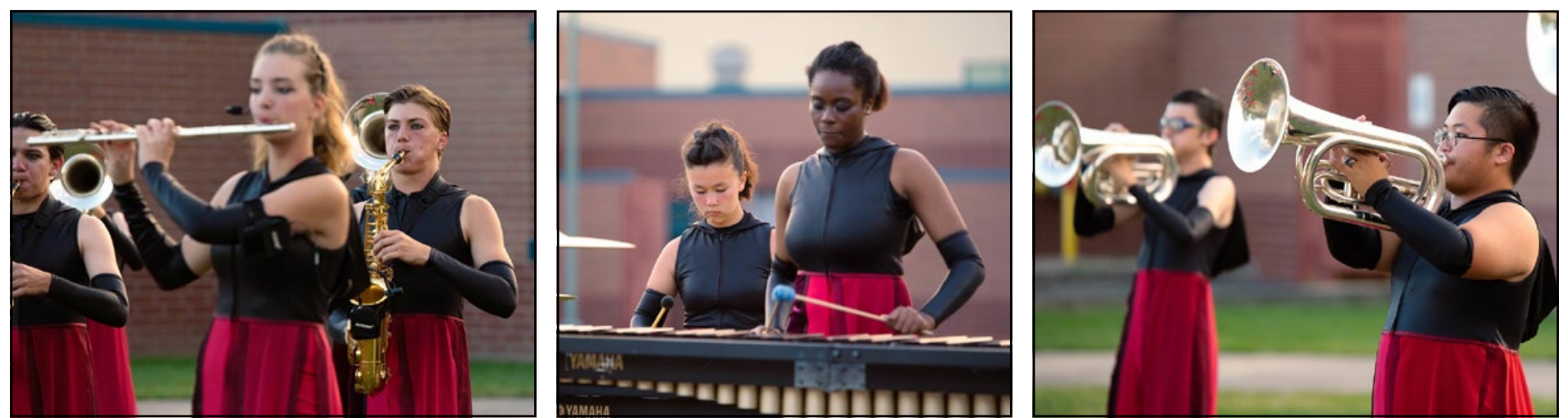
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Pride of Westfield makes it to finals



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
The Pride of Westfield had an incredible weekend at the Bands of America Regional Championship in Louisville, Ky. This was their first ever Bands of America competition. They made finals and placed ninth among competitors with long lists of national championship awards. Congratulations to Band Director Andrew Muth and to all the talented student musicians and guard members.

Want to join Westfield’s Winter Marching Band?

**The REPORTER**  
Do you have a child in grades 4 through 12 who would like to be a part of The Pride of Westfield's winter programs? Bring them to the call out meetings and consider joining the team.  
• Westfield Color Guard: 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 in the High School Band Room. Enter through Door 39 (grades 4 to 12)  
• Westfield Percussion: 7 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the High School Large Group Instruction Room. Enter through Door 39 (grades 7 to 12)  
• Westfield Winds: 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the High School Band Room. Enter through Door 39 (grades 8 to 12)

Workers’ compensation rates to decrease in 2023

**The REPORTER**  
Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) Commissioner Amy L. Beard recently approved a decrease of 10.3 percent on average for Workers’ Compensation rates recommended by the Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau (ICRB), effective Jan. 1, 2023.  
Individual employers may experience a rate change different from the 10.3 percent decrease depending on their rating class (classifications based on the type of business) and other rating factors. There are approximately 150 such industry types.  
“The 10.3 percent decrease represents a savings to Indiana businesses of approximately \$80 million,” Commissioner Beard said. “We are pleased to approve a rate decrease that helps support Indiana businesses and Indiana workers.”  
The 10.3 percent decrease can be attributed primarily to the long-term decline in workers’ compensation countrywide claim frequency, and the recent favorable experience in average costs per claim in Indiana for both indemnity and medical benefits.  
Workers’ compensation insurance covers medical costs associated with workplace injuries and provides wage replacement benefits to injured workers for lost work time. ICRB and the National Council on Compensation Insurance jointly make a rate filing with IDOI proposing loss costs and rates for the coming year of policies. In 2021, there were approximately 350 different insurance companies writing workers’ compensation insurance in Indiana, representing approximately 120 different insurer groups.

**Northern Hamilton County GOP Club**  
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Jim Buck voted for record funding increases for Indiana schools which has allowed local schools direct more dollars to the classroom and give teachers raises. He trusts parents to make the decisions for their children’s education and voted to guarantee them a voice at school board meetings.

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# Looking to rebuild, Ukrainian mayor visits Noblesville hospital

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
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A Ukrainian mayor with an eye toward rebuilding his city toured Riverview Health’s cancer unit in Noblesville on Friday.

Noblesville Communications Director Emily Gaylord said the visit to Riverview by Serhiy Sukhomlyn, the mayor of Zhytomyr, Ukraine, was not announced in advance for security reasons. Sukhomlyn only visited the hospital and no other places in the city, Gaylord said.

Zhytomyr is about halfway between the borders with Belarus and Moldova in western Ukraine. Its 2021

population was more than 263,000.

The Ukrainian city has not escaped the war with Russia. Photos from Getty Images show rubble left in Zhytomyr when a bomb on June 7 damaged a school and other buildings. Photos taken in February show roads leading to the city littered with destroyed and burned Russian tanks and other military equipment.

Noblesville hopes to add Zhytomyr as a Sister City. The Washington, D.C.-based Sister Cities International matches U.S. communities with foreign entities to foster broad-based, long-term partnerships.

Zhytomyr would be



Mayor Chris Jensen hosted the Zhytomyr, Ukraine Mayor Serhiy Sukhomlyn Friday in Noblesville. Mayor Sukhomlyn wanted to tour Riverview Health, specifically the cancer unit, as his city looks to rebuild.

part of the first four-party government, the Mission to Ukraine organization, the Ukrainian Society of Indiana, and the International City agreement could be formalized sometime in 2023.

## Letter to the Editor

### Noblesville voter: Proven leaders are the future for the school board

Dear Editor:

As a graduate of Noblesville High School, who purposefully moved back to Noblesville to raise my family, I can attest to how important educational opportunities are for our children and young adults. A strong school board can make all the difference in what programs are available for our students and what funding is obtained. I attribute much of my success in higher education to the multitude of experiences I had throughout my career at Noblesville High School – academically and athletically.

When I think about who will best lead our school board, there are qualities that those members must possess. Leadership is imperative to achieving goals and working together for a common cause, and experience in leadership is a must. Chuck Haberman has leadership experience. Whether it was leading his troops while working in the Marine Corps, teaching English to Japanese schoolchildren, serving as a board member for the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce or continuing his community involvement with the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Chuck has the leadership experience to guide our school board over the next four years.

I’ve had the pleasure of talking with Chuck Haberman several times. As a parent with two young boys in the Noblesville school system, I wanted to know who he was and what he brings to the table. He too has young children and a vested interest in the Noblesville school system. He was very approachable and listened to my concerns. Having attended school board meetings, where there is little to no conversation, rather one-sided statements, I would like to see board members be accessible to parents. We need board members who are available, approachable, and will listen. Chuck is exactly that person.

Chuck’s current role in workforce and economic development brings a new fresh perspective to the board. His path to his degrees were not “conventional” and he can bring that insight to the board. The importance of providing opportunities and programs that prepare our children and adolescents for both higher education and the workforce is imperative. He has been on the employee development and retention side within the private sector and knows what training and life-skills our graduates need to succeed after high school.

Chuck is a leader with experience. He knows how to collaborate for the common good. He is a listener. He is caring. He is a parent.

I’d like to take a moment to thank Joe Forgey for his service. He was my dentist growing up, and I can’t think of a more enthusiastic individual who genuinely cared for every single patient. As a teenager deciding on a career path, I was drawn to dentistry as a possibility because of my interactions with him over the years. He was a leader in our community then, whether it was sponsoring an athletic team – we all wanted to be Forgey Flossers – or donating his time to teach kids about the importance of oral health. His true love for our community, kids, and schools is unmatched. I remember any time you were in the *Ledger* he would cut out the article and mail it to your home, congratulating you. He is passionate about the future for our children and is a natural leader, and he has been for nearly 40 years.

Our future is our children, our schools are a quintessential component to our future, and we need strong, proven leaders to continue Noblesville’s excellence. I support Chuck and Joe. These two men won’t let our schools, teachers, and students down.

Natalie Muir Eden  
Noblesville

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# Three Carmel school board candidates pledge to give their stipends back to teachers

**Submitted**

Carmel Clay School Board candidates Jenny Brake, Dr. Adam Sharp, and Greg Brown announced Thursday that if elected, each of them will donate their school board member stipend to Carmel Clay teachers for use in enhancing the academic experience for their students.

There is no denying that teachers spend money out of their own pockets to provide children with a creative and engaging learning experience. Brake, Sharp, and Brown recognize the efforts of local teachers and are springing into action to help.

“The donations can be used for supplemental supplies they may need to provide the best classroom experience,” Sharp said. “We want to help them eliminate their out-of-pocket expenses for items that the system should be able to provide to them.”

Brown added, “We are calling on the other school board candidates to pledge to donate their stipend as well. Imagine if we all



Photo provided

(From left) Greg Brown, Jenny Brake, and Dr. Adam Sharp have all made the pledge to give their school board stipends back to the district if they win.

worked together and multiplied our efforts ... We would be able to provide thousands of dollars annually to our teachers.”

When asked why they chose to donate the funds, Jenny Brake, a former business administrator and volunteer coordinator, stated that the common goal is to

elevate Carmel and return the focus back to the classroom and academics.

“What better way to help our children grow in the classroom academically than to provide their teachers with more resources?” Brake said.

If elected in their three respective districts, Brake,

Sharp, and Brown would donate their total stipend for Carmel Clay teachers over their entire four-year terms. Should the stipend be increased at any time, they further pledge to donate all those funds as well.

For more information on the campaign, please visit [ccsboardcandidates.com](http://ccsboardcandidates.com).

## Local Democrats to hold meet & greet at Carmel VFW

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Democratic Party will hold a candidate meet and greet for all Democratic candidates on the ballot in Hamilton County. This will be a social event where the public will have a chance to meet candidates running in their district.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Carmel VFW, 12863 Old Meridian St., Carmel.

With the election just over 30 days away, it is important for the public to have opportunities to meet candidates and talk about their concerns and the issues important to them. This will be a great opportunity to

have several candidates in one location.

The VFW is a non-partisan organization and agreed to host one event for each of the two main parties leading up to the election.

To date, the candidates who have confirmed attendance include: Tom McDermott (U.S. Senate), Destiny Wells (Secretary of State), Jessica Paxson (Hamilton County Prosecutor), JD Ford (Indiana Senate District 29), Josh Lowry (Indiana Senate District 21), Matt McNally (Indiana House District 39), Victoria Garcia Wilburn (Indiana House District 32) and Joey Mayer (Indiana House District 24).

## Letter to the Editor

### Noblesville voter: Forgey & Haberman are leaders we need on the school board

Dear Editor:

School board elections. There is a reason these are not based on political parties.

Under Dr. Joe Forgey’s leadership, Noblesville Schools have one of the best career and workforce development programs in the state. He has recognized that college is not for everyone and has helped create solid options for that very significant part of the student population. Is that not exactly what we should be doing?

I have known Dr. Forgey professionally and personally since my wife and I moved to Noblesville in 1977. We served many of the same patients over those years. I can firmly attest to the strong character of Dr. Forgey. He has coached youth sports and served on numerous boards and committees in our community. He is passionate about what he does and what he believes in. He is passionate about Noblesville as a community and wants what is best for it. Nothing is more important to him than the quality of education of our youth. The only reason that I can imagine that one would question his character would be to further one’s own agenda at his expense.

Joe Forgey understands and monitors the budgeting and spending processes. As I read some of the proposals of others running for school board, I see suggestions of not accepting federal funding. I do not believe this has been well thought out as to the unintended consequences. In Indiana, schools are funded by property taxes and supplemented with state and federal funding. The suggestion that Noblesville city government should make up the loss of federal funds suggests a lack of understanding of school funding. That, in itself, would suggest that this person should not be a school board member.

With one exception, Dr. Forgey has had the solid support of the current board and administration.

American politics today, in my opinion, has devolved into representation by people with a limited agenda that they want to force upon the rest of us. Too often, we have allowed this to happen. Chuck Haberman is running for School Board following the same principles and is in support of Joe.

I am confident that Dr. Forgey and Chuck Haberman come from the right place of doing what is best for the students, teachers, and community. Shouldn’t we all want that? I ask that you support them in the upcoming election.

Walt Beaver M.D.  
Noblesville

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## Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 8 General Election, the Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and will be published on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Nov. 2 edition will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 4 and will be published in our Saturday, Nov. 5 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

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Uncle Fester (Kurt Perry), center, recruits the Addams ancestors to help Wednesday's newfound love survive her family in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *The Addams Family*, now on stage through Nov. 20.

## The Addams Family creeps on stage at Beef & Boards

### The REPORTER

*The Addams Family* is haunting Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre this fall! The creepy, kooky, mysterious, spooky and altogether ooky Tony Award-nominated macabre musical comedy is creeping out audiences through Nov. 20.

Few things frighten the eerie Addams clan. But Gomez Addams faces a nightmare when his daughter, Wednesday, falls in love. What's worse, she loves a boy Gomez has never met — who is from a respectable family. To complicate matters even more, Wednesday pleads with him not to tell her mother, Morticia, and Gomez must do something he's never dared — keep a secret from his wife.

Everything changes forever for the famously frightening family when they are put to the test hosting a dinner for the “normal” boyfriend Lucas and his parents.

Based on the cartoon characters created by Charles Addams that later inspired a television series in the 1960s and several films, *The Addams Family* opened on Broadway in 2010. The Beef & Boards production stars Eddie Curry, who reprises his role from B&B's 2015 production as Gomez Addams, and Jill Kelly Howe (*Million Dollar Quartet*, *Ring of Fire*, *Lend Me A Tenor*) as Morticia. Shelbi Berry (*Honky Tonk Angels*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Phantom*) plays the role of Wednesday



Photo provided by Beef & Boards

Gomez Addams (Eddie Curry), center, is caught between the demands of his daughter, Wednesday (Shelbi Berry), left, and his wife, Morticia (Jill Kelly Howe).

Addams, while Ray Gleaves (*Escape to Margaritaville*, *Kinky Boots*, *Newsies*) plays her boyfriend, Lucas. Also returning to reprise their 2015 roles are Jeff Stockberger as Lurch, Amanda Butterbaugh as Grandma, and John Vessels and Sarah Hund as Mal and Alice Beneke, Lucas' parents. Eli Neal and Kurt Perry makes their Beef & Boards debuts in the role of Pugsley and Uncle Fester, respectively.

*The Addams Family* is on stage for 53 performances through Nov. 20 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$51 to \$76 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages.

To purchase tickets on-

line, visit [beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com). Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more; contact the Group Sales Department at (317) 876-0503 for more details.

*The Addams Family* is rated PG. For more information, including complete show schedule, visit [beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com).

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## Westfield parents create special education advocacy council

### The REPORTER & WISH-TV [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) parents have created a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC).

It's a district-level parent group that provides input to the local school district on system-level challenges for special education-related services. It's being touted as one of the first at a central Indiana school. The committee includes 12 to 15 parents and staff.

The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** of 1990 requires each state to establish and maintain a statewide **Special Education Advisory Council**. This isn't the same as a local special education parent advisory council.

**Article 7** is the part of the Indiana Administrative Code that regulates the state's compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

“This is an advocacy council. Something that Article 7 and the Individuals with Disabilities Act, the federal laws recommended, but it's not mandated and it's a parent-driven council,” said Mendi Cooley, a Westfield Washington parent and newly appointed parent lead for the district's SEPAC. “There are other school districts in the country that have them and there's actually one other really active one in Indiana in Plainfield.”

Cooley, along with WWS Student Services Director Chase Stinton and Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser, started early discussions about the council back in February. She started learning more about the national SEPAC from other parents in the community who wanted

the council to exist, so they worked with all WWS principals to identify a parent in each school who would be great for the council, along with staff members. Although the Westfield SEPAC is parent-driven, the council also has school staff to create a collaborated group.

“For parents it's a huge learning curve,” Cooley said. “I mean, my son is four. He transitioned out of early intervention into the school system last year and that's when I started looking at what an IEP [Individualized Education Program] is and what Article 7 says, and there's just so much to learn.”

If a child has a known disability that's identified before they're three years old, they qualify for early intervention that consists of different types of therapy (i.e., occupational, physical, developmental). Because her son Ian was identified with a disability, he was in intervention from birth to age 3. After age 3, the school system takes over to support his learning.

The **Individualized Education Programs** is a blueprint or a plan for a child's special education experience at school designed by parents and educators in the district.

504 Plans are blueprints for how schools will provide support and remove barriers for a student with a disability. It's under the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a federal civil rights law. Both can offer formal help for K-12 students.

Cooley calls an individualized program a passport to education because some students with disabilities have trouble accessing general education.

Stinton says special education for Westfield students can start from age 3 and

continue until they're 22 years old.

Depending on a student's pathway to graduation, WWS has programs that can help beyond graduation to set special needs students up for jobs and learning how to be actively independent.

“With SEPAC, it's that parent relationship and having another layer to be transparent with services, celebrate our strengths, obviously talk more about things that we can have opportunities for improvement on,” Stinson said.

He said the SEPAC offers parents a better understanding of programs and services while teachers and the district can critically look at the strengths and weaknesses of what they offer special education students. He's already seeing the benefits of the council with recent meetings.

“I think about waiver services, Medicaid, (and) Article 7 which is Indiana's legislative language when you really think about how we provide services beginning at age three all the way to 22,” Stinson said.

The council will hold a community event with **In\*Source**, a special education parent support effort for Indiana. The council will conduct training and introduction on Article 7. Parents within the school district are invited to take a survey if they have questions on what they need to learn.

For more information, or to find out how to register for the community event, email [SEPACWestfield@gmail.com](mailto:SEPACWestfield@gmail.com).

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# Bard Fest’s *Lysistrata* still hits home after 2,500 years

By **CARRIE NEAL**  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

Bard Fest continues its inclusion of “The Prestige Project” in the Indy-area fall theatre festival, which is to say, presenting a play that is not written by Shakespeare alongside other Elizabethan-era offerings. In the past, this piece has typically been a modern theatre classic, but this year we go all the way back to ancient Greece for the source material, with *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes, and a topic that could not be more timely.

The scene: the men of Greece (actually, Greek-named characters in an unspecified modern-day U.S. locale), are at war. Again. They are unceasingly going into battle, and the women are fed up! The females may not be schooled in the traditional arts of war, but they possess a weapon that may

just be the most powerful one of all: withholding sex until the men stop fighting.

Director Holly Hathaway-Thompson chooses to set the action of the play in the fall of 2020, which seems fitting given the chaos that COVID brought into all our lives that year. The juxtaposition of modern dress against a backdrop of traditional Doric columns is pleasing and gives a subtle nod to the timelessness of the play’s subject matter. Hathaway-Thompson also wrote the adaptation, which must have required a major effort given the plethora of contemporary references in the script.

The play is bookended by a prologue and epilogue between a grandmother (Miki Mathioudakis) and her granddaughter (Missy Waaland), both of whom are utterly natural and delightful. Together they look

back on the tumult of 2020 from an unnamed date in the future. Mathioudakis also plays the character Calonice, and when she emerges at the top of the first scene with a more youthful look and demeanor, we realize we’d gone into the past before heading into the main body of the play.

*Lysistrata* is a brisk 90-minute piece including intermission, and the action gets moving right away. As we begin Act I, the women are greatly dissatisfied to find their husbands off at war once more, and it doesn’t take much for Lysistrata (Carrie Reiberg) to convince them that her plan to deny sex to their men is the best way to proceed. As expected, the male contingent is not at all pleased by this turn of events. They express their displeasure in various ways, but the most vocal are the Leader of Men



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](http://IndyGhostLight.com)  
The women unite in Bard Fest’s *Lysistrata*, playing now at The Cat in Carmel.

(Robert Webster) and the Magistrate (Eric Bryant), both of whom are most effective as buffoons expressing their outrage.

We get an insight into just one marital relationship and the specific frustrations brought about by this sexual withholding, ably portrayed by Matthew Socey as Cineasias and Jessica Hawkins as Myrrhine. The wife exults in tempting and teasing her husband, so much so that we almost feel bad for him. Almost. This seems like a good time to state that this isn’t a show to bring the kids to, which is also stated clearly on the Bard Fest website. There is quite a bit of sexual innuendo, groping, and grabbing of one’s own body parts. These things are absolutely essential to the storyline, but not something that all may be comfortable with.

I cannot express strongly enough how pertinent this play, first mounted in 411 B.C., is to contemporary life and politics. Honestly, though it’s a bawdy satire intended to shock and amuse, it made me a little sad. Perhaps a play that’s well over 2,000 years old shouldn’t feel quite so relevant in the year 2022. But it does, and like the best comedies, it is thought-provoking and does so much more than make us laugh.

Addressing political issues without being preachy can be a difficult balancing act, and Hathaway-Thompson’s adaptation succeeds more fully in some scenes than others. “The Great Dream,” a scene towards the end of the show where all the women are hopeful about the changes that may yet come to pass, feels a little forced. But the preceding scene, “The Great Insect,”

feels honest and true. In it the Leader of Men (Robert Webster) and the Leader of Women (MaryAnne Mathews) are arguing about the women’s tactics. He is unable to see her perspective at all yet is filled with gratitude when she removes a bug from his eye. Given the current political climate, her line “things do seem so much bigger when they directly affect us” brought a lump to my throat when I least expected it.

**Bottom line:** while it may not be for everyone, *Lysistrata* is an entertaining, fast-paced romp that is well worth seeing. It runs through Oct. 16 at The Cat in Carmel, located at 254 Veterans Way. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at [indybardfest.com](http://indybardfest.com).

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then went on to obtain her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine. She attended Ball State University for her undergraduate degree in Biology.

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The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet to discuss E911 operations at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, in the Mayor’s Conference Room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	The Noblesville Common Council will meet for a council retreat at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
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## Dennis Wayne Wyatt April 7, 1942 – October 4, 2022

Dennis Wayne Wyatt, 80, Noblesville, passed away peacefully at home and went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 4, 2022. He was born in Middlesboro, Ky., on April 7, 1942, to parents, John D. & Edith M. (Williams) Wyatt.

On November 21, 1962, Dennis married his lifelong sweetheart Rebecca J. (Fulton) Wyatt. Dennis and Becky would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Dennis was a graduate of Noblesville High School, class of 1960. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served as part of the Strategic Air Command from 1960 to

1964. Upon leaving the Air Force he moved back to Noblesville where he began his career with Firestone Industrial Rubber Products where he worked as a supervisor until he retired in 1992. Dennis then took a position with Noblesville Schools where he was an integral part in the growth of the facilities and grounds over his nearly 18-year tenure with the school system.

Dennis was very active in the Noblesville community over his lifetime. He was involved in youth athletics and volunteered his time to various other organizations throughout the Noblesville community. He was also a member and Past Master of Noblesville Masonic Lodge 57. In his spare time Dennis was an avid car aficionado. He enjoyed buying and restoring classic cars including dozens of Corvettes, which were his true passion.

Dennis was the embodiment of a Christian and a family man. Few things brought him as much joy as his grandchildren and he was the ultimate loving grandfather, which earned him the title of “Best Papa/Papaw” by all of his grandchildren. Dennis worked diligently in all aspects of life to ensure that his family could enjoy and reach their own success in life. He passed along a great work ethic and family values to everyone he met. After his retirement he replaced work with family. Dennis valued family above all else and took every moment possible to be with them. Anyone who knew him was aware that out of all his accomplishments, the one he was most proud of was his family.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, John D. Wyatt; his mother, Edith M. Wyatt; his sister, Mary Helen Hall; and his daughter, Denise Marie Wyatt.

Left to carry on Dennis’s legacy is his wife Rebecca “Becky” Wyatt; children, Chris (Leah) Wyatt, Holly (Jack) Tipword (Wyatt), Jeff (Shayna) Wyatt and Leslie (Mike) Salud (Wyatt); grandchildren, Charles Wyatt, John (Jessa) Wyatt, Natalie Tipword, Emily Tipword, Morgan Wyatt, Chase Wyatt, Bella Wyatt, Emma Salud, and Mason Salud; and great-grandchildren, Connor Wyatt, Brantley Wyatt, Adeline Wyatt, and Declan Wyatt.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 9 with a Masonic Rites service starting at 4 p.m. The funeral service celebrating Dennis’s life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 10. All services will be held at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, located at 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Pastor Dave Rodgers will officiate the services.

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# IU School of Medicine gets grant to expand nurse care & reduce burdens on families

## The REPORTER

The **division of general and community pediatrics** at Indiana University School of Medicine recently received funding from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration/Office of Medicaid for expansion of a primary care embedded nurse care coordinator project.

The project will focus on improving the quality of care for people with complex health and social needs while also lessening the burdens that families experience in navigating complex health systems.

“The key innovation that we are creating is to coach and train care coordinators so they get up to speed as quickly and efficiently as possible,” said **Mary Ciccarelli, MD**, Morris Green Professor of Pediatrics and professor of clinical medicine. “Nurse care coordinators oversee a registry of patients with high care needs to provide them

with healthcare and community service facilitation, cross-team communication and family education.”

Ciccarelli, as the principal investigator of this study, works within a transdisciplinary leadership team and statewide advisory organizations. Over the next two to three years, the Indiana Complex Care Coordination Collaborative (ICCC) team will support the hiring of 30 nurses to embed into primary care practices across the state. This will include pediatric practices which serve children with medical complexity covered by Medicaid and adult practices which serve adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are receiving Bureau of Developmental Disabilities waiver services.

The \$4 million grant is made possible through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) enhanced Federal Medical As-

sistance Percentage (FMAP) funds from the American Rescue Plan. The money will fund the training model and hiring of nurses.

As part of a 10-state collaborative funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, this project was initially piloted in 2019 in three pediatric practices at **All IN, Witham and Riley Children’s Health primary care** across rural, semi-rural and urban communities. This curriculum

and coaching model showed improved satisfaction from families as well as the health care team.

“We learned that families are thrilled with the opportunity to have help managing and organizing complicated care needs,” Ciccarelli said. “We’ve equally learned that the primary care teams are thrilled to have this assistance and it helps them feel like they can approach the care of these children with more confidence and ability.”

## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.*

*For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.*

2 Peter 1:12-18 (NIV)


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# Blackhawks get tough test from Eastern Comets

Sheridan prevails in Hoosier Heartland Conference play

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**SHERIDAN** – After three straight shut-outs, the Blackhawks finally had someone score on them Friday when Sheridan hosted Eastern in an important Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Not that the ‘Hawks were complaining afterwards. First of all, they won. Sheridan held off a comeback by the Comets in the second half to get out of Bud Wright Stadium on Senior Night with a 35-27 win, keeping the Blackhawks unbeaten in conference play at 6-0.

Secondly, Sheridan got a good test by a good Eastern team. The ‘Hawks also have a chance to play for the conference championship, which Sheridan will do next week when it travels to Carroll. The Cougars beat Clinton Prairie 42-6 on Friday and is also perfect in the HHC at 6-0.

“It’s been good to have a defense score on us to show a reality check of what we need to work on,” said Jacob Jones, one of the seniors on Sheridan’s team.

The Comets scored first, using a short pass to go up 6-0 midway through the first quarter. The Blackhawks got their first score with 26.7 seconds left in the period, when senior Peyton Cross punched the ball in from the one-yard line.

Cross was just getting started. Early in the second quarter, he took off on a 69-yard run for another touchdown. Cross then delivered Sheridan’s third touchdown of the game with no time left in the second period, scoring from the three-yard line. Owen Bell made all three extra-point kicks.

“I think it was pretty good, but I couldn’t



Photo by Si DeVaney III

**Sheridan’s Peyton Cross leaps into the end zone to score one of his four touchdowns during the Blackhawks’ 35-27 win over Eastern. The victory keeps Sheridan unbeaten in the Hoosier Heartland Conference at 6-0.**

have done it without my line,” said Cross. “My wings and my tight ends, couldn’t have done it without them. They blocked really hard for me and I fed up behind them.”

The ‘Hawks led 21-6 at halftime, and Cross made a four-yard touchdown run with 6:40 left in the third quarter to expand Sheridan’s lead. Bell made the kick that put the Blackhawks up 28-6.

Then Eastern began to come back. Jayden Eagle took off on a 67-yard run to cut Sheridan’s lead to 28-13.

“When they go wide out and they got that speed, it’s hard to stop sometimes,” said ‘Hawks coach Bud Wright. “He broke through a couple times and then they threw a couple passes, and they threw a couple picks that got in there.”

The Comets scored again on a six-yard catch by Gabe Monize to get within eight points, 28-20. But Sheridan responded right away, as Eli Kolb zoomed down the field on a 92-yard kickoff return. Bell made the kick – he was 5-of-5 for the game – and Sheridan led 35-20.

Eastern scored the only points of the fourth quarter, when Monize caught a 16-yard touchdown throw with 5:24 to go. The Comets made one last drive, but Sheridan’s defense stopped them with under a minute to go.

“I think the young guys really rallied together,” said senior Keegan Hampton. “We’ve had a lot of young’uns step up this year. It’s been rough, but we’re coming along really good and I think we needed

## SHERIDAN 35, EASTERN 27

Score by Quarters			
Eastern	6	0	14
Sheridan	7	14	14
Team Stats	EAST SHER		
First Downs	16	21	
By Rush	4	21	
By Pass	10	0	
By Penalty	2	0	
Rushes-Yards	24-115	61-409	
Yards Passing	280	0	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	23-35-2-3	0-1-0-0	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2	
Penalties-Yards	6-45	12-103	
Punts-Average	2-31.5	3-47.3	

Sheridan Scoring	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
0:26 – Peyton Cross 1-yard run (Owen Bell kick)	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
10:12 – Cross 69-yard run (Bell kick)	
0:00 – Cross 3-yard run (Bell kick)	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
6:40 – Cross 4-yard run (Bell kick)	
2:20 – Eli Kolb 92-yard kickoff return (Bell kick)	
<b>Sheridan individual stats</b>	
<b>Rushing:</b> Cross 49-367, Caleb Alexander 5-19, Jacob Jones 3-15, Zach Bales 4-8.	
<b>Passing:</b> Alexander 0-1-0.	
<b>Receiving:</b> none.	

a pass-dominant, heavy team to really test us.”

Cross totaled 367 yards in 49 carries. “We came back, we fought, we held our cool and we won the ball game,” said Wright.

Sheridan is 7-1 for the season.

# No. 4 Royals cruise at Franklin Central to stay unbeaten

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern Royals hit the road on Friday and were dead set on keeping their winning streak alive for a shot at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship next week at home against Brownsburg.

Class 6A fourth-ranked HSE had no trouble at all, scoring early and often in a big road game in defeating the Franklin Central Flashes, 38-14.

Ty Bradle and the Southeastern offense took control right away. Bradle tossed a 23-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Hamilton for an early 7-0 lead.

Just into the second quarter, Cole Earlewine ran in a one-yard score to make it 14-0. Carter Gutt nailed a 26-yard field goal with 0:44 left in the second that gave the Royals a 17-0 lead at half.

The Royals made a big statement by scoring three times in the third.

Jalen Alexander took a Bradle handoff and sprinted 48 yards to lengthen the margin to 24-0.

The Flashes finally scored on a 97-yard kickoff return from Jayon Harvey. The two-point pass failed, cutting the HSE lead to 24-6.

Azariah Wallace made his presence known as a threat in the Royals’ backfield late in the third, scoring two rushing TDs, from 13 and 16 yards, pushing the HSE lead to 38-6.

The Flashes scored a second TD, again by Harvey on a pass from Nevan Tutterow for the final score of 38-14.

The loss is the second in a row for Franklin Central (3-5, 2-4 HCC). The Flashes close out their regular season on the road at Westfield (5-3, 4-2 HCC). The Shamrocks won at Fishers on Friday, 28-17.

Southeastern got two backs over 100 yards on the ground. Jalen Alexander carried 14 times for 141 yards and a score and Azariah Wallace scored twice in his 101 yards on 14 rushes. Ty Bradle also threw for 110 yards and a TD.

Next week, the fourth-rated Royals (8-0, 6-0 HCC) host the top-ranked Brownsburg Bulldogs (8-0, 6-0 HCC) at home to decide the HCC championship. Brownsburg held off Noblesville at home last night, 45-28.

## HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 38, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 14

Score by Quarters			
Southeastern	7	10	21
Franklin Central	0	0	6
Team Stats	HSE FC		
First Downs	19	16	
By Rush	11	5	
By Pass	7	9	
By Penalty	1	2	
Rushes-Yards	36-247	27-57	
Yards Passing	110	177	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	14-23-0-1	18-32-0-1	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	4-45	4-61	
Punts-Average	5-38.6	4-33.8	

Southeastern Scoring	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
9:06 – Donovan Hamilton 23-yard pass from Ty Bradle (Carter Gutt kick)	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
11:22 – Cole Earlewine 1-yard run (Gutt kick)	
0:44 – Gutt 26-yard field goal	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
8:53 – Jalen Alexander 48-yard run (Gutt kick)	
3:24 – Azariah Wallace 13-yard run (Gutt kick)	
1:07 – Wallace 16-yard run (Gutt kick)	
<b>Southeastern individual stats</b>	
<b>Rushing:</b> Alexander 14-141, Wallace 14-101, Chandler Weston 2-6, Alex Billman 2-2, Bradle 1-1, Earlwine 1-1, Sam Forrest 2-minus 5.	
<b>Passing:</b> Bradle 14-23-110.	
<b>Receiving:</b> Clayton Wilke 5-42, Hamilton 3-33, Jack Osiecki 2-22, Silas Newton 2-15, John McCoy 1-0, Alexander 1-minus 2.	

# Warren Central late score dooms Carmel on the road

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Greyhounds were riding high and confident with a five-game winning streak heading into their matchup with the Warren Central Warriors.

It was a low-scoring game with each kicking two field goals to tie at halftime 6-6, but it was the host Warriors that were able to prevail late in a 20-13 win over the Greyhounds.

Midway through the first, Carmel put the first points on the board with a 26-yard field goal from Ben Sponsler for a 3-0 ‘Hounds lead.

The Warriors tied it early in the second with an Elijah Silbeck field goal from 27, 3-3.

The two traded field goals again in the second, Sponsler from 41 and Silbeck 34 yards out for a 6-6 halftime tie.

Warren Central was the first to find the end zone. The Warriors went 54 yards in eight plays, using just 2:55 off of the clock in the third. Chris Jordan, Jr. crossed the goal line from one yard out, to make it 13-7, Warriors.

The hosts had the ball in good shape at the Carmel 40. Then, Greyhound line-backer Tim Haas strip-sacked Warren

quarterback Keith Jackson, returning it 45 yards to the Warrior one.

That set up a one-yard TD run by Carmel QB Jack Kazmierczak, knotting the game at 13-13.

Using home field to their advantage, Warren responded to the Greyhounds’ score, marching 84 yards in 11 plays to take the lead with 7:20 left. They managed to do so on a 20-yard TD pass by Keith Jackson to Devaon Holman for what became the final score of 20-13.

Warren Central moves to 4-4 ahead of their final regular season game. They head to St. Louis to face Christian Brothers (6-1). The Cadets dominated Vianey on Friday, 64-6.

Carmel drops to 5-3 on the season and hosts Lawrence Central (4-4) on Senior Night next week. The Bears lost at Ben Davis on Friday night, 29-28.

## WARREN CENTRAL 20, CARMEL 13

Score by Quarters			
Carmel	3	3	0
Warren Central	0	6	7
Team Stats	CAR WC		
First Downs	19	15	
By Rush	11	9	
By Pass	6	6	
By Penalty	2	0	
Rushes-Yards	32-149	38-185	
Yards Passing	109	146	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	15-25-1-0	12-17-0-1	
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2	
Penalties-Yards	3-18	4-92	
Punts-Average	2-34.5	1-36.0	

Carmel Scoring	
<b>First Quarter</b>	
6:08 – Ben Sponsler 26-yard field goal	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
5:33 – Sponsler 41-yard field goal	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
11:40 – Jack Kazmierczak 1-yard run (Sponsler kick)	

Carmel individual stats	
<b>Rushing:</b> Alijah Alfayyad 19-124, Levell Stewart 5-18, Kazmierczak 6-6, Christian Peterson 1-3, Aidan McFall 1-minus 2.	
<b>Passing:</b> Kazmierczak 15-25-109.	
<b>Receiving:</b> Reece Bellin 8-56, Blake Matthews 3-3, Nathan Rodgers 2-25, Alfayyad 1-14, Cade Williams 1-11.	

**Guerin Catholic dropped an away game to East Central 41-7 on Friday. Stats were not available at press time and will run in Sunday’s edition of the Reporter.**

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- Whiteland 45, Plainfield 14
- Winamac 33, Caston 12



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville kicker Jack Letourneau was 4-for-4 in extra points during the Millers’ game Friday at Brownsburg.

# Millers fall in tough play against No. 1 Brownsburg

## The REPORTER

Noblesville had a tough assignment on Friday, taking on Class 6A No. 1 Brownsburg in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at the Bulldogs’ field.

The Millers held their own, eventually falling to Brownsburg 45-28. The Bulldogs led 28-14 at halftime.

Noblesville started the game with a 16-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in

a five-yard touchdown run from Gabe Bellin. The Millers opened the second quarter with Gage Gulley catching a 75-yard pass from Landon Hughes.

“We played very well offensively,” said Noblesville coach Dave Sharpe. “Very proud of our crew. They were able to do it through the air and on the ground. Landon Hughes had a tremendous game.” The coach said the Hughes had a

“connection going with Gage Gulley on the passing game.”

Sharpe also was proud of his defense. “We got them into numerous third and longs,” he said.

The Millers scored twice in the fourth quarter. Hughes threw a six-yard pass to Gulley, then Gulley later punched in the ball from the one. Jack Letourneau was 4-for-4 on extra-point kicks.

Sharpe said his team was

pleased with its performance, saying that they “competed as well as they could against the best team in the state.” He also credited linemen Toby Barnes, Merek Helvey and K.J. Harvey with coming into the game and filling in for injured starters.

Stats were unavailable at press time due to technical issues. The Millers are 2-6 and host Avon next week for their regular-season finale.

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# No Husky bows to a King

## Heights fights for division win over Lewis Cass

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights got a hard-fought division win on the road Friday, as the Huskies beat Lewis Cass 27-20 in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

The Kings led 6-0 after one quarter, although Heights did not make it easy: The Huskies made an early goal-line stand, with Cass starting on its eight-yard line, but Heights holding the Kings to just one yard.

The Huskies' offense got going in the second quarter with two touchdowns. Trey Ehman broke the ice with a six-yard touchdown run early in the period, then Bodie Derrer scored on a 10-yard run with 3:50 left in the half. Teigan Scoles made both extra-point kicks, and Heights led 14-6 at the break.

"We were able to get things going in the second quarter," said Huskies coach Jon Kirschner. "We put two nice drives together. Our defense did some really good stuff in the first half."

The third quarter was uneventful until the end. Cass punched the ball in from the one-yard line with five seconds left. But on the kick-off, Heights' Jaylyn Pugh received the ball and cruised 78 yards into the end zone. Scoles made the extra-point kick, and the Huskies held a 21-12 lead.

"We played with some real grit tonight against a quality opponent," said Kirschner. "All three phases of our football team at some point tonight stepped up in a huge way to turn the game in our favor."

Heights essentially put the game away when Derrer threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Champion with 6:05 left to give the Huskies

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS 27, LEWIS CASS 20

	Score by Quarters			
Heights	0	14	7	6-27
Lewis Cass	6	0	6	8-20
Team Stats	HH	LC		
First Downs	17	10		
By Rush	11	7		
By Pass	6	3		
By Penalty	0	0		
Rushes-Yards	40-177	41-175		
Yards Passing	142	83		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	11-18-0-1	6-17-0-1		
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1		
Penalties-Yards	2-15	5-36		
Punts-Average	2-14.5	5-33.0		

Heights Scoring	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
10:12 – Trey Ehman 6-yard run (Teigan Scoles kick)	
3:50 – Bodie Derrer 10-yard run (Scoles kick)	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
0:00 – Jaylyn Pugh 78-yard kickoff return (Scoles kick)	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
6:05 – Tyler Champion 56-yard pass from Derrer (kick failed)	
<b>Heights individual stats</b>	
<b>Rushing:</b> Ehman 29-162, Derrer 6-10, Owen VanHaaren 3-4, Eric Balcom 2-1.	
<b>Passing:</b> Derrer 11-18-142.	
<b>Receiving:</b> Champion 5-95, Cooper Vondersaar 3-16, Pugh 2-21, Evan Tilton 1-10.	

a 27-12 lead.

"It was a beautiful pass by Bodie and a great catch and finish by T.C.," said Kirschner.

Derrer finished the game 11-of-18, totaling 142 yards. "Bodie threw some pretty nice balls tonight," said Kirschner. The coach noted that Derrer had time to throw, and gave credit to the offensive line, saying that the "o-line gave him that time."

The Kings scored again on a short pass with 2:47 left, but Heights got the first downs it needed to clinch the game. Ehman helped out with some big runs; he totaled 162 yards.

"He was just dragging people tonight," said Kirschner.

The Huskies finished 3-1 in East Division play and will take on Lafayette Central Catholic next week in the conference crossover game, playing for third place. Heights is 6-2 overall.

# Huskies cross country takes MIC championship



Photo courtesy Meg Hite

Hamilton Heights Middle School boys and girls cross country teams finished the season by bringing home the hardware as the MIC Champions. Ayla Madara was the top girls finisher for Heights with a third-place finish. Will Monnin led the boys team with a sixth-place finish. All runners did a great job and fought for every position. The following finished their season with PRs: Zane Pritsch, Levi Heuer, Jonah Wolfgang, Lily Schuler, Olivia Higgins, Mia Linville, and Lilly Higgins. Congratulations to all runners on a very successful season!



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