



DECEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Christmas Break:
December 23 – January 8
- End of 1st Semester:
December 22, 2022
- Beginning of 2nd Semester:
January 9, 2023
- Applications for
23/24 school year
CTE program due on:
April 3, 2022



From our Director:

Today there are great opportunities for skilled workers across our region. Our students continue to learn and investigate new opportunities each year when they finish their programming at Pathways.

Pathways, the Wawasee Area Career and Technical Cooperative, is committed to working with local students, educators and industry leaders to fill the talent pipeline and prepare our students to fill the need of our future workforce. We are excited to serve the hundreds of students from our cooperating school districts, Whitley County Consolidated Schools, Wawasee Community Schools, and Fairfield Community Schools. We are also fortunate to get students from neighboring districts such as Goshen Community Schools and West Noble School Corporation. Students have the opportunity to enroll in one of our fourteen blocked programs, ranging from Automotive Technology to Cosmetology and from Welding to Culinary Arts. The outcome is always the same: students graduate with hands-on, real world experiences that will help them in whatever comes next, whether it's college or starting their career.

I am confident in our highly qualified teachers, as they display a passion to help our students learn at a high level within their respected field. Our students get a chance to learn from industry experts on a consistent basis. If you are interested in learning more about what we do at Pathways, whether you're a prospective student or parent, a business leader or simply an interested community member please give me a call at 574-457-3147 or send me an email at vbeasley@wawasee.k12.in.us.

Respectfully,

Vince Beasley
CTE Director

For further information visit our website at <https://pathwayscte.com/>
Or contact our Director at 574-457-3147 or vbeasley@wawasee.k12.in.us

Trading Places

November brought some unusual students to Mr. Kenneth Long's welding shop. Mrs. Long, WHS Social Studies teacher, and Mrs. Tackitt, WHS Science teacher, enjoyed the opportunity to visit the **Welding Technology Program** as students.

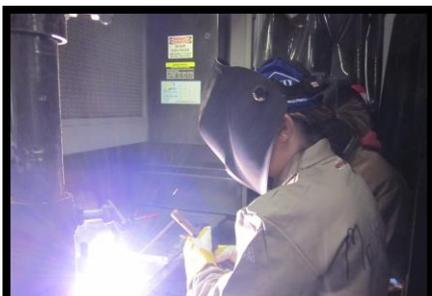
Mrs. Long's interest in attending the welding class came from a conversation she was having with Mr. Kenneth Long, Welding Instructor. Her husband is a self-taught welder and as they were discussing their mutual interest, Mr. Long invited her to come visit. She said, "it wasn't long before every student that I had in class knew I was going to the welding class on Wednesday." "It was an absolute blast," she states. "I did not realize how many kids that I had in the welding class, so that was really cool. It was really fun to see some of these kids in an environment that they really enjoy." Mrs. Long's students taught her two different welds. She remarked, "it was fun with the students teaching me." Mrs. Long would love to eventually go and visit all of the CTE classes before year end.

Mrs. Tackitt was seeking to engage her students and linking what she is teaching in class with real world examples, when one of her students mentioned that they used physics in welding. "I was instantly interested. I asked him how they use Ohm's Law in welding, but it wasn't easy to understand at first. He suggested that I come to see welding in action, which I thought was a wonderful idea."

Mrs. Tackitt continued, "Mr. Long was very receptive and my two students that I have in physics class that are also in welding were excited for me to come to class. It was such a cool experience to see my students in a different setting, doing something they love. The pride they showed in themselves and their work, when they explained to me what they do in the class and what their goal is, was different from what I normally get to see.

"When I asked my students about Ohm's Law prior to the welding class I couldn't get a concrete answer as to how it works but they knew the basics, but during welding I asked Colton how Ohm's Law works in welding and I was happy to hear him explain it with great detail. He accurately described the relationship between the voltage, current, and resistance, and how changing the variables cause different things to happen, good and bad, during the welding process.

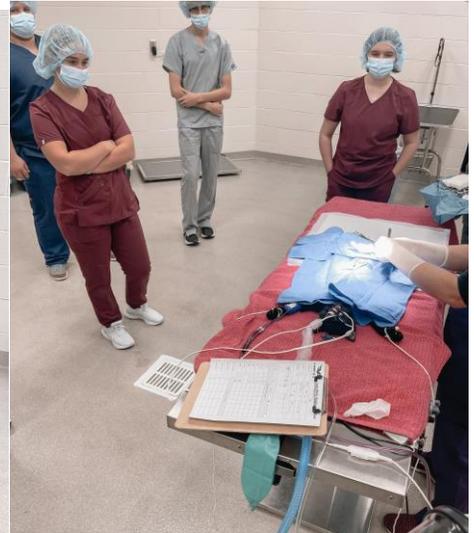
"What I did not expect to get out of this experience was the teacher-student relationship that I gained with these students. I knew the benefits of sharing parts of your life and taking interest in their lives, and the impact that it can have on the student, but I got to experience it firsthand. Not only did I build a relationship with my students, but students I have never met or had a chance to talk to, stopped by to see me while welding or talk to me now in the hallways. Showing students that we do care about them, not just in our own classroom but all aspects of their lives, has a really large impact on them."



What's Happening

On December 2nd, the **Vet Careers Classes** did their 2nd surgery day. Dr. Hilary Christner from LaGrange Animal Clinic donated her time and supplies to come and perform spays and neuters on 12 cats. This is a great way for the students to gain knowledge and experience before going out to their externship sites during their senior year. It is also a great way for them to get an inside look at what a surgery day at a clinic is like.

The Veterinary Careers Class is unable to take in outside pets for services. They ask that you please contact your normal vet clinic for all veterinary needs.



The Pathways **Digital A/V Media Production** program is once again broadcasting live Wawasee Football, Girls' and Boys' Basketball games. This year, we have two students providing play-by-play and color commentary for the varsity boys' basketball team home and away. Grant Flora (West Noble) and Zac Bowen (Wawasee) are doing an amazing job calling the games. We also have other students working behind the scenes with our live TV broadcast, on our YouTube Channel CPGTV and the IHSAA Champions Network, as well as on our radio station 93.7 FM The Mix.



Auto Tech

Ashdon Lortie is installing new front brakes



Evan PeConge installing a heater core



Colin Huntley refurbishing a rim

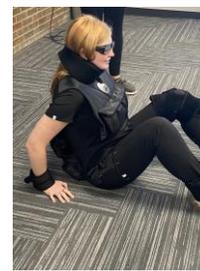


On November 22, Kimberly DeOrto of the Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Center (NEI-AHEC) visited the **Health Science** and Biomedical students for a session of hands on learning. AHEC is an organization dedicated to bringing fun, hands on learning activities related to healthcare careers in the classroom.

In this session, students were able to experience what it is like to be a geriatric patient! Using a specialized "suit" that simulated age-related changes in the body, they attempted to do everyday activities and learned about how these changes restricted normal movements. They also were able to use sets of eyeglasses that mimicked common age-related eye diseases and discovered how difficult it is to do basic tasks with vision impairment. This activity was designed for the students to learn how elderly patients may need extra assistance in certain areas and to gain empathy for those who are aging.



Health Science



The **Building Trades Program** has been busy packing and wrapping Thanksgiving Dinners and Christmas Presents for children and families in our community.

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