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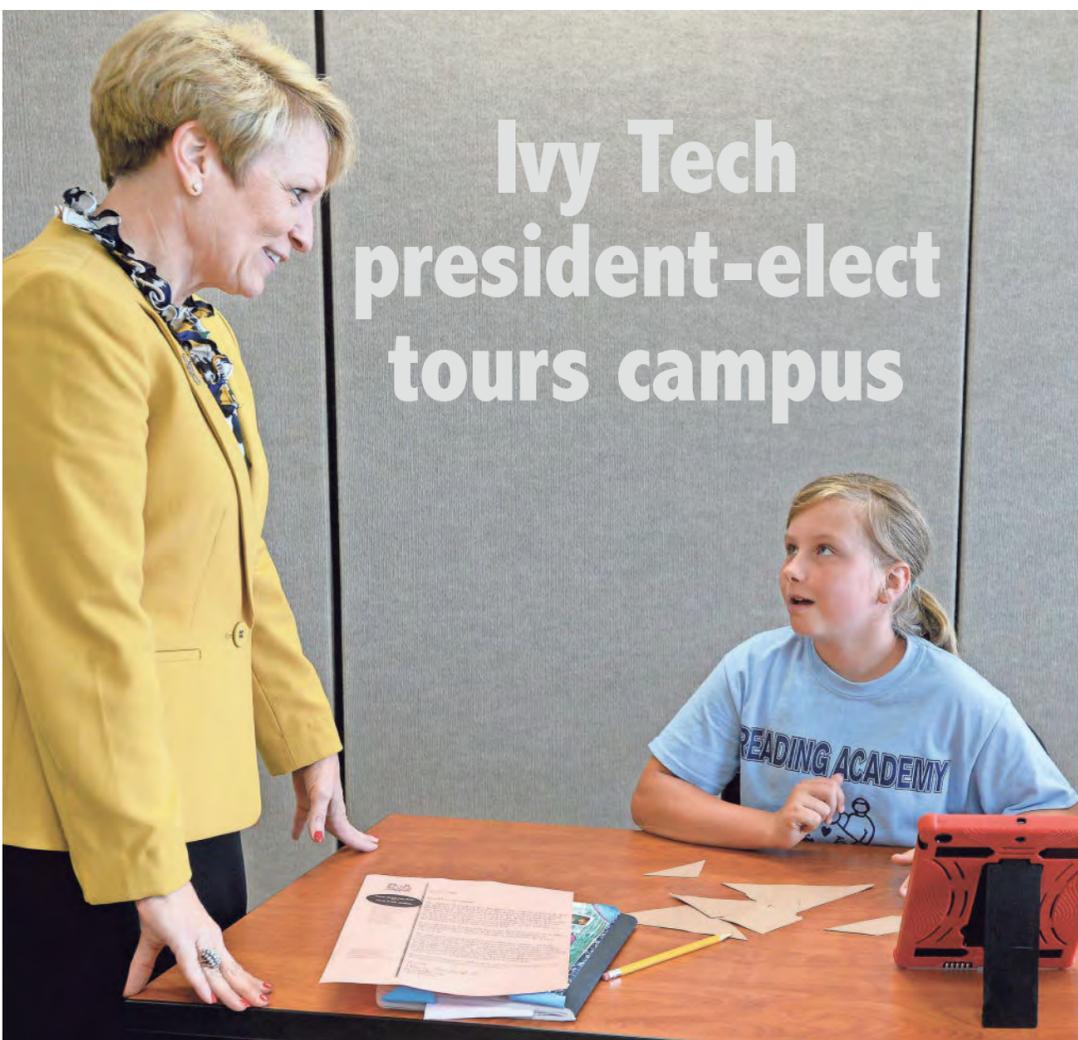


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Ivy Tech Community College president-elect Sue Ellspermann talks with Reading Academy student Abigail Ervin as she visits the Richmond campus Friday.

Ivy Tech president-elect tours campus

Ellspermann plans to acquaint herself with all 32 locations

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Abigail Ervin is excited about Ivy Tech Community College's robotics and automotive technology equipment.

"Can we get her admitted today?" asked Sue Ellspermann, president-elect of Ivy Tech's statewide system, on a Friday tour of the Richmond campus.

However, other students need to be recruited for Ivy Tech's programs first.

Abigail is a student in the Third Grade Academy class meeting at Ivy Tech this month.

"I want to go to the robot lab," Abigail said about being an Ivy Tech student. "I want to be in

there."

In the meantime, recruiting students — from high school graduates to underemployed workers — will be key for the success of Ivy Tech and for the state's economy.

Indiana's goal is 60 percent of Hoosier workers having post-secondary degrees or credentials by 2025, which means a million more need training over that 10-year period. More than half would be expected from Ivy Tech's two-year degrees or shorter-term certificates, Ellspermann said.

Ivy Tech currently awards about 20,000 certificates and degrees per year, so Ivy Tech would need to nearly triple that.

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Sewer proposals take step forward

Combined estimated cost of the two projects is \$19.7M

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Two grant proposals submitted last month by the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, on behalf of the Western Wayne Regional Sewage District, got a green light to submit full grant applications for both projects to the Economic Development Administration in Chicago.

If EDA approves the sewer expansion needed to serve Sugar Creek Packing Co. the waste district will receive federal funds to help with the project's cost.

"We've passed one obstacle," Wayne County Commissioner Ken Paust said. "We need to do an engineering study and Wayne County will pay for the study, which should cost about \$10,000."

One grant proposal would rehabilitate and expand the existing Western Wayne sewage treatment plant at an estimated cost of \$13 million.

The second proposal would send the Gateway Industrial Park's waste to Milton and then to Connersville, at an estimated cost of \$6.7 million. There already is a sewer line in place connecting Milton to Connersville's system.

Western Wayne's sewer plant is adequate now to serve Sugar Creek Packing but more capacity will be needed when future expansion occurs. The company

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Convicted sex offender faces more charges

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A convicted sex offender already facing a plea and sentencing hearing next week for a second case of child molesting now has more charges pending against him.



Ryan E. Davis

Ryan E. Davis, 37, of Richmond, was booked into the Wayne County Jail on Thursday on charges of inappropriate communication with a child, failure to report and failure to register a principal place of residence (all Level 6 felonies).

Davis is scheduled to appear in Wayne County Superior Court I at 2 p.m. Tuesday for a hearing in a case in which he has been charged with Level 4 felony child molesting. According to on-line court records, Davis has notified the court that he intends to plead guilty during Tuesday's hearing.

He was arrested in May 2015 after a complaint from the Indiana Department of Child Services led to an investigation by the Richmond Police Department. That case marked the second time Davis had

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US stocks hammered after 'Brexit' vote

United Kingdom's decision to leave EU rocks markets

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The U.S. stock market suffered its worst drop in 10 months Friday as shock over the United Kingdom voters' move to exit the European Union and Prime Minister David Cameron's subsequent resignation announcement sent global markets into a tailspin.

Amid swirling uncertainty over the impact of the "Brexit," the Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 611 points,

or 3.4 percent, to close at 17,400. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 3.6 percent. The losses dropped both stock measures back into negative territory for 2016. The Nasdaq composite, which already had been in the red for the year, fell 4.1 percent.

The drop erased roughly \$800 billion in U.S. market value, as measured by the Wilshire 5000 index.

The events in Britain startled investors who were counting on early polls as a reliable predictor, showing support to remain in the EU. During regular trading Thursday, investors sent the Dow 230 points higher and the Standard & Poor's 500 index to within 1 percent of a

new record close, betting that a Brexit would be off the table.

Eric Wiegand, senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, said investors had a "false sense of security" that voters would reject a Brexit.

"With last night's result, that's certainly unwinding," Wiegand said Friday. "It caught the consensus on the wrong side yet again. Complacency had crept back into the markets."

That made the impact from the unprecedented decision even more severe. Japan's Nikkei 225 index dropped

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