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### NO LOCAL HOMESTEAD CREDIT GIVEN FOR 2009!

*By Jamie Grabert, Publisher*

Tis the season to pay property taxes. In taking a look at this year's Vanderburgh County property tax statements, one may notice something missing – the local Homestead Credit.

Numerous Evansville residents have raised questions to City-County Observer within recent days about the absence of the annual credit. Because of the current status of the housing market, and the fact that the trending values have not caught up to the decline, people are more concerned than ever about their property taxes.

In diving into this issue, we discovered that the Homestead Credit is determined by “a political subdivision.” Indiana Code spells out, in IC 6.1.1-20.4, the requirement of the adoption of an ordinance or resolution annually in order for property taxpayers to receive the local tax credit. This is done at the local level.

It should begin with the local political subdivision, which in this case is the City of Evansville, asking the county tax council or board for an ordinance or resolution to establish the percentage of credit to be allowed. These credits can be given because of the county's imposed local option income tax, which is also set and maintained by the county tax council. Once the City Council receives the recommendation, they can choose to give the credit or not.

Prior to the 2008 pay 2009 taxes, there was no mention of the Homestead Credit at an Evansville City Council meeting. After reading the minutes from each and every Evansville City Council meeting, there was no mention of the Homestead Credit by 2008 Evansville City Council President Keith Jarboe. No discussion was held, so no credits were given. According to tax council members, no meeting was called discuss

the credit in 2008.

In reading minutes as far back as 2004, the City Council passed the resolution establishing the rate for Homestead Credits. This was typically done at the first meeting in May.

At the May 14, 2007, Evansville City Council meeting, members of the city council held a discussion for the 2008 Homestead Credit. At that time, the council entertained the second reading of Resolution C-2008-8, which was “a resolution of the common council of the City of Evansville approving an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage of credit allowed for Homesteads for 2008 and casting the votes of the common council of the City of Evansville on said ordinance.”

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### IS IT TRUE...



**we are *still* wondering about the status of the  
McCurdy Condo Project?**

# Walker selected member of the Evansville City Council

*By Don Counts, Staff Writer*

Don Walker is a former President of the Central Labor Council who served as business agent and business manager for Carpenters Local 90, prior to that was a union carpenter. While working, he didn't seek public office, but now since he is retired he is ready to serve.

When asked his opinion of the Downtown Arena, he said that he believes that the public should have had a chance to vote by referendum, but feels this is a done deal. He would still support a public vote on the project. He thinks that the people should have a choice. He doesn't like the location of the D-Patrick Ford lot on Walnut Street for the Arena. He said the City has spent a lot of money to buy property instead of using property that the City already owns, such as the property behind Roberts Stadium or the back 40 of the Civic Center parking lot. He is not against a Downtown arena, but doesn't think that this will bring the business downtown that we are being told it will.

When asked about his opinion on the smoking ordinance, he said he has not read the proposed ordinance. He doesn't smoke and doesn't allow smoking in his home. When the ordinance comes up for a vote he believes that there should be exclusions, for bars, restaurants, and the labor temple. He has heard people say that they will not go to places that allow smoking. He said they would be free to go to places that prohibit smoking. He believes that the people that own a business should be able to decide if they want to allow smoking

or not.

Walker is 70 years old and has been a lifelong Democrat and has voted Democrat ever since he was 21 when he first became eligible to vote. He has been a Democratic volunteer for over 30 years. He was appointed and has served on the Evansville Parks Board for five years. When he was elected by caucus, he had to resign that position because you cannot hold two positions at the same time.

Have you ever wondered what the City Council does? When researching this story I found that information on the City's web page:

According to the Indiana Code, the Common Council serves as the Fiscal Agent of the City of Evansville. The Council approves all budgeted expenditures by the City and also considers all resolutions and ordinances of the City. The Council is composed of nine members, six (6) of whom are elected from districts, or wards, of the City and three members who are elected at large.

City Council meets Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center.

All business before the Council must be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. The Clerk is the keeper of the record for the Council and maintains the City Code of Ordinances. The Clerk also supervises the City Parking Meter Department.

To contact the Common Council or the City Clerk, please call the City Clerk's office at 436-4995, fax to 436-4999.



## Posey County Community Foundation Awards Grants and Scholarships at Annual Dinner

Posey County, Indiana – “This has been a challenging year—you’ve heard that a lot lately,” Ken Meyer, president of the Posey County Community Foundation, told about 140 people who attended the Foundation’s annual meeting on June 3. “The good news is the Posey County Community Foundation continues to have an impact and be a leader in our communities. This fiscal year, we have already received donations of more than \$182,000.”

It is these donations and the many others like them given during the Foundation’s 17-year history that allow the Foundation to carry out its mission to improve the quality of life in Posey County, and grantmaking is an important part of that mission. Twenty-two nonprofit organizations serving Posey County received grants totaling more than \$72,000 to strengthen their ability to meet community needs and to support their charitable programs.

Also presented at the event were scholarship awards totaling more than \$200,000 to 20 local students. These awards are made possible by people who’ve created endowed scholarship funds as well as the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program. Todd Seibert, who received the Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship this year, surprised the scholarship’s founders, Herb and Betty Curry, by performing a musical piece that he wrote especially for the couple.

Meyer announced the establishment of two new charitable funds this year: the Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, established by the Smithville Charitable Foundation

to support the Foundation’s discretionary grants program, and the Hovey Lake Youth Activity Fund, established by the Posey County Community Foundation’s board of trustees to support youth education in outdoor recreation and conservation activities.

Meyer ended the evening by acknowledging the Foundation’s all-volunteer board of trustees. “Our board members have done a remarkable job of helping our residents invest in Posey County in a way that serves the community forever. They are all to be commended for their hard work and dedication,” he said. Meyer announced the retirement of trustees Mike Cash, Barbara Givens, Ray McConnell, Mel Levin, Jill Isaac, Donald Williams and Jim Swinney as well as the addition of new trustees Tracy Planty, Susan Benton, Bret Moye, Bob Bourner, and Jeff Greenwell, who were elected to a three-year term.

To learn more about the Posey County Community Foundation, call Director Julie Eickhoff at 812.838.0288 or visit [www.poseycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.poseycommunityfoundation.org).

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## Where's the Local Homestead Credit?

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While attempts to view the May 21, 2007, minutes were made we were unable to actually view them. We were unable to confirm the final passage by using the minutes, so the facts were confirmed by DLGF documentation.

On May 8, 2006, the Evansville City Council approved Resolution C-2006-12, which established the percentage rate for Homestead Credits for the City.

Resolution C-2005-14 was passed May 2, 2005. This established the percentage of Homestead Credit allowed for 2006.

After a history of electing to offer Evansville property taxpayers the Homestead Credit, the City Administration is now failing to give the Homestead Tax to local property owners. That's right. We found it even more interesting that at this time, the city has not discussed a Homestead Credit for 2009 pay 2010.

After learning this, we decided to take a look at the numbers. After obtaining the COIT (County Option Income Tax) Distribution reports for 2008 and 2009 from the Department of Local Government Finance, we found the following:

- In 2008, the Homestead Rate Increase was **1.1795**.
- In 2008, the Homestead Credit equaled **\$5,785,396**.
- The 2008 Certified Distribution of COIT money for Vanderburgh County was **\$34,750,083**.
- The 2008 Distributive Shares were **\$28,964,687**.
- In 2008, Vanderburgh County received **\$12,603,840** from COIT.
- In 2008, the City of Evansville received **\$12,810,022** from COIT.
- In 2008, the total moneys Vanderburgh County received in Certified Shares was **\$28,964,687**. (This includes all the city, county, all townships, library system and levee authority.)
- In 2009, the Homestead Rate Increase was **0.0000**.
- In 2009, the Homestead Credit equaled **\$0**.
- For 2009, the Certified Distribution is **\$36,206,236**.
- For 2009, the total Distributive Shares are **\$36,206,236**.
- In 2009, Vanderburgh County is set to receive **\$15,448,589** from COIT.
- In 2009, the City of Evansville shall receive **\$16,217,589**.
- In 2009, the total Certified Shares for the county are **\$36,206,236**.

Here's what that means for property taxpayers. As a whole, Vanderburgh County residents are paying over **\$5.7 million** more this year than last year in property taxes. This year, the City of Evansville will receive **\$3,407,567** more than last year from the COIT tax, while Vanderburgh County (for operation, not as a whole) will receive **\$2,844,749** more this year.

This begs the questions of:

- Why did the Homestead Credit disappear this year?
- Who is responsible for the omission of the tax credit?
- Who is responsible for convening the tax council?
- Where is the money going, besides the General Fund?
- What is the purpose of taking away the Homestead Credit?
- Who is really benefitting from the omission of the credit?
- Who will stand up and ask the powers that be for the credit?
- When will the pillaging stop?
- How can the people make sure those they elect give them the credit they deserve?

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## USDA SECRETARY ANNOUNCES \$11.45 MILLION FOR INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4, 2009—USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack visited Indiana on June 2, 2009 to announce national and state funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

In Terre Haute, Secretary Vilsack announced the first national selection of 289 applications for floodplain easements under ARRA to include 36 states and covering 36,000 acres. Among this list the USDA selected 13 floodplain easement applications in Indiana for a total funding of \$8,150,472 for 3,016 acres. Floodplain easement applications were selected in Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Posey, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, and Warren counties.

State Conservationist Jane Hardisty of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) said, "We were honored to have Secretary make his announcements in Indiana, and are very pleased about the floodplain easements selected in Indiana which will restore flood-prone areas to their natural state. Our partners, including The Nature Conservancy and the

local Soil and Water Conservation Districts played a tremendous role in helping us get the word out quickly for landowners to apply."

In addition, Secretary Vilsack announced that the USDA will provide nearly \$42.3 million in additional funding to 14 states to improve water quality, increase water supply, decrease soil erosion, and improve fish and wildlife habitat while creating jobs in rural communities as part of ARRA.

Through ARRA, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has a key role in creating jobs for Americans in areas of our nation that are most impacted economically and by natural disaster. By working closely with local community sponsors to identify projects that are ready for implementation, NRCS will direct technical and financial assistance available toward improving public safety and the environment as well as relieving stress on local economies through job creation and retention.

For more information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).



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# Carnival of the Fire-Breathers



By  
**Kathleen  
Parker**  
*Washington Post  
Writers Group*

WASHINGTON -- Prior to recent events, I intended to write about the GOP's message problem with the headline: "Shoot the Messenger."

Sunday's murder of abortion doctor George Tiller makes my title inappropriate, but the idea remains relevant.

The adage, of course, is "Don't shoot the messenger," meaning we shouldn't necessarily blame the person who delivers bad news. For the GOP these days, however, the problem isn't so much the message. It's the messenger.

By grotesque coincidence, Tiller's murderer furthers the point.

It has long been a problem for the GOP that some of the party's cherished positions are embraced most enthusiastically by people whose grip on reality is sometimes ... tenuous. This is especially true with regard to abortion.

There are certainly compelling secular arguments against abortion that one might be perfectly willing to hear. Then Randall Terry shows up.

Terry, the colorful founder of Operation Rescue, doesn't represent the Republican Party, but he is nevertheless the most familiar face of the anti-abortion movement. When President Obama recently gave the commencement address at Notre Dame, who showed up to lead the protest but Terry and the equally odd carnival performer Alan Keyes.

Rather than convincing people to think differently about abortion, the Terry-

Keyes act makes one want to write checks to Planned Parenthood. And smart Catholics, who were perfectly capable of articulating their objections to the president's invitation to America's premier Catholic university, were suddenly stuck in the frame with rabble-rousers who demean the message.

Such is the continuing dilemma of the GOP: How do you get out the message when the messengers keep getting in the way?

Now comes a fanatic with a gun. Let me be clear: I don't mean to compare Terry or Keyes to the shooter. The former are passionate protesters; the latter is a murderer.

Nor do I join those who accuse talk show host Bill O'Reilly and others who have spoken out against Tiller as somehow responsible for his murder. The man who pulled the trigger is responsible for Tiller's death. Period.

That said, fire-breathers on the right don't help, whatever the cause. They may warm the base, but the Republican base is becoming a remote island in Mainstream America. Everyone else is paddling away.

Accurately or not, the right-wing wacko contingent increasingly dominates the public perception of the GOP. And, fairly or not, that perception makes it easier for characters such as Scott Roeder, the suspected shooter, to become associated with the party.

Already, Roeder's story is emerging to reveal a right-wing character from central casting. Previously arrested on explosives charges, Roeder was once attracted to the Montana Freeman, best known for engaging FBI agents in an armed standoff in 1996. Roeder's ex-wife told The Associated Press that he had become "very religious, in an Old Testament, eye-for-an-eye way. ... That's all he cared about is anti-abortion. 'The church is this. God is

this.' Yadda yadda."

Indeed.

Some Internet commentary even refers to Roeder as a "Christian terrorist." Let's see: Christian, pro-gun, anti-government, pro-life. Sounds like a Republican, right? Oh, and he's suspected of being an assassin. Connect them dots.

No, it isn't fair. The GOP can't control who joins the party, and Republicans don't have a corner on random crazies. But what the Democrats have that the Republicans lack is a moderating voice to neutralize the party's more strident characters. While Democrats have Obama, Republicans are stuck with the squeakiest wheel du jour.

One can convincingly argue that the media have a hand in perpetuating the conservative caricature, but the GOP has contributed to the distortion by pandering to its less rational elements. Still fresh in our minds is the last presidential election -- a strange season that might be attributed to desperation if not for a prior history in times of political prosperity.

Two words: Terri Schiavo. During that 2005 Operation Rescue debacle -- complete with death vigils and lamentations -- Bill Frist, then the Senate majority leader and a practicing physician, lent credibility to the circus performers by diagnosing Schiavo via video and challenging other medical opinion that she was in a persistent vegetative state.

And let's not forget how the GOP handled the 2004 U.S. Senate race in Illinois against one Barack Obama. They inserted their own African-American, none other than Alan Keyes. That worked out well.

We should never shoot the messenger, it should go without saying. But until the Republicans marginalize those who belong in the margins, they won't be attracting many new recruits. And the messengers will continue to obscure the message.

EDITORIAL

# IS IT TRUE?

Is it true after many requests by our readers to obtain the travel expenses of Mayor Weinzapfel, we have concluded that his travel expenses were justified? Is it true that we were extremely pleased and surprised about how he used good judgment concerning his travel expenses over the last five years?

Is it true that it is time for the County Commissioners to discuss and approve, in some form, the employment contracts for our hardworking, professional and dedicated Sheriff's Deputies? Is it true this issue is brought up for a vote, it shall pass 2-1?

Is it true that Rick Riney is putting together his campaign staff to run for Perry Township Trustee? Is it also true that he has seven fundraisers planned? Is it true some of his supporters are already wearing Riney for Perry Township Trustee T-shirts?

Is it true if Ellis Park gets approval to have slots machines on site, Aztar Gaming Boat shall take a major financial hit? Is it true that if this happens, a major funding source for the new arena will be in trouble also?

Is it true that the Mayor and City Council President B.J. Watts (6th Ward) are indeed backing away from the Westside Annexation issue by only annexing the commercial area? Is it true that Westsiders know how to fight City Hall and win?

Is it true that Urban Blight is a city-wide problem? Is it true that Urban Blight is a city-wide problem? Is it true that Urban Blight is a city-wide problem? Is it true that Urban Blight is a city-wide problem? Is it true that City Councilman John Friend (5th Ward) is the only councilperson to state it publically? Finally, is it true we wonder what is Keeping Evansville Beautiful is doing about this extremely important community issue? Is it true that we think the Front Door Pride Program should be open to the entire city?

Is it true the Boys and Girls Club new home on Bellemeade Avenue is impressive? Is it true that this move was made possible by the Mayor of Evansville, Evansville City Council,

Berry Plastics and other corporate types? Is it true that this is a good prospect place for the Redevelopment Commission grant money (\$200,000) in order to pay off the building debt?

Is it true it's time for someone in the Evansville Parks Department heed suggestions past Evansville Parks Board member Don Walker made concerning the "Urban Blighted" Tepe Pool? Is it true that Dan Schall, Parks Director, will now listen to new City Councilman Don Walker when he talks about the health and safety problems at the old Tepe Pool?

Is it true we are extremely happy to hear that one of the best charter schools in Indiana, Joshua Academy finally has a new home? Is it true that the move to the old St. Joseph School Building shall enhance the overall academic performance of the fine students that attend Joshua Academy? Finally is it true we encourage you to donate your time, energy and money to this academy?

Is it true that the new downtown arena shall be located at the D-Patrick Property? Is it true that the Evansville Redevelopment Commission members, John J. Kish and the Mayor know the answer? Is it true that it is highly feasible for a new hotel to be built next to the arena?

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## EDITORIAL-GAVEL GAMUT

# AS THREATENED

by Judge Jim Redwine

If you read last week's column you were probably hoping that I might grant a reprieve from the drudgery of political science and write about baseball or even better, nothing. Unfortunately for you, I am keeping my promise to discuss the Enlightenment's influence on the Constitution of Indiana. You are forewarned.

The United States Constitution has been interpreted, by the United States Supreme Court, to require that the three branches of our government be independent and equal. What this has come to mean is that no branch may encroach upon the functions of any other branch.

In fact, the State of Indiana in our 1816 and 1852 Constitutions made the theory of separate and equal explicit:

"Article III

Distribution of Powers

1. Three separate departments

Section 1. The powers of the Government are divided into three separate departments; the Legislative, the Executive including the Administrative, and the Judicial: and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments, shall exercise any of the functions of another, except as in this Constitution expressly provided."

Our state made plain, ab initio, what the federal government gave birth to through the legerdemain of our country's most famous Chief Justice, John Marshall. Although many legal schol-

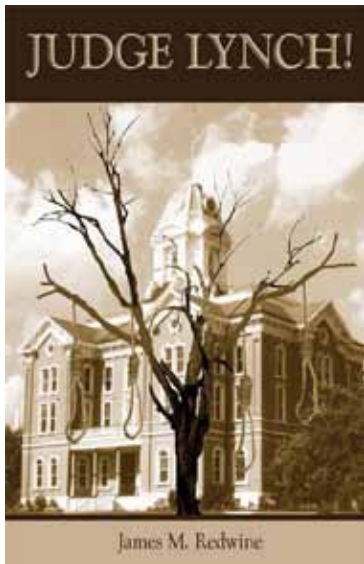
ars and theorists had long argued that the Judicial Branch was the proper entity to interpret the Constitution, there was not, and still is not, anything in the U.S. Constitution that provides for judicial review.

Chief Justice John Marshall simply grabbed for the U.S. Supreme Court the power to declare laws unconstitutional. In the case of *Marbury vs. Madison* (1803), our second President, John Adams, who was a bitter rival of our third President, Thomas Jefferson, made numerous last minute judicial appointments just before he had to turn the presidency over to Jefferson. One of those appointments was that of William Marbury to a lowly justice of the peace position. These appointments infuriated Jefferson who instructed his Secretary of State, James Madison, not to deliver the certificate of appointment to Marbury. Marbury filed an action with the United States Supreme Court against Madison in an effort to have the court order Madison to deliver the appointment to Marbury.

Although Jefferson strongly disagreed with the Supreme Court's authority to declare acts of Congress and the Executive Branch unconstitutional, he had to choose between accepting Marshall's bold power grab or accept William Marbury. Jefferson's rivalry with Adams was stronger than his disdain of what he believed was judicial imperialism.

Indiana, on the other hand, wrote the separate lines of legislative, executive and judicial authority into our Constitution.

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Without this demarcation of powers and especially the Judiciary's right to interpret the legality of the acts of the Legislative and Executive branches, judges might soon become the mere handmaidens of the other branches.

The Legislative Branch controls government finances and the Executive Branch has the guns. The only way the Judicial Branch can remain on an equal footing is through its power to declare legislative and executive actions illegal.

Well, now, isn't this more exciting than dodging Buffalo Gnats? Can't you just feel the strong connection to our Founding Fathers? I thought so. Therefore, next week we will continue our scintillating journey.

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

# GRANTS PRESENTED TO PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY ACROSS STATE

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage through annual federal grants it administers to local communities and not-for-profit groups that these organizations use toward preservation projects.

This year, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has awarded 16 federal grants for historic preservation and archaeology in Indiana communities (see list below). The grants, totaling \$494,793, provide a match of \$473,756 in local and state funds, for a total projected investment of \$968,549.

The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$16.5 million to Indiana communities through this program.

"Preserving our state's historic and cultural resources is a vital part of our mission," said DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Robert E. Carter Jr. "These worthy projects help revitalize communities, provide local jobs and investment, and allow Hoosiers to explore the cultures and people of Indiana's past."

The projects for the 2009 funding cycle are:

**Allen and Hamilton counties:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$48,939 grant to conduct an archaeological investigation of three sites in Allen County. All three sites represent large and important elements of the Late Prehistoric Western Basin settlement system. [Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, (260) 481-6892].

**Adams County:** ARCH, Inc. received a \$27,472 award for a countywide survey to document historic sites, structures and landscapes throughout Adams County. The survey will cover 339 square miles, and is expected to document approximately 1,850 sites for the state's historic sites and structures database. [Contact: Angie Quinn, ARCH, Inc., (260) 426-5117].

**Carroll County:** Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana received a \$26,719 award for a countywide survey to document historic sites, structures, and landscapes throughout Carroll County. The survey will cover 402 square miles, and is expected to document approximately 2,300 sites for the state's historic sites and structures database. [Contact: Suzanne Stanis, Historic Landmarks Foundation, (317) 639-

4534].

**Clark County:** The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$43,730 grant to conduct archaeological investigations in Clark County, including two major Mississippian sites. This area contains important resources ranging from the Paleoindian to historic periods and is experiencing rapid development pressure. [Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, (260) 481-6892].

**Fort Wayne:** The City of Fort Wayne Community Development received a \$27,929 grant to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Brookview-Irvington Historic District, which will include approximately 315 contributing properties, and to design and print a brochure about the district and its history and architecture. The project will also prepare a nomination to the National Register for approximately 41 parks and 12 boulevards/parkways in the historic Fort Wayne Park and Boulevard System. [Contact: Don Orban, City of Fort Wayne, (260) 427-2160].

**Franklin County:** Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana received a \$26,735 award for a countywide survey to document historic sites, structures, and landscapes throughout Franklin County. The survey will cover 386 square miles, and is expected to document approximately 1,400 sites for the state's historic sites and structures database. [Contact: Suzanne Stanis, Historic Landmarks Foundation, (317) 639-4534].

**Hancock County:** The American Military Heritage Foundation received a \$50,000 grant for the replacement of the right engine on the PV-2 Harpoon aircraft, also known as "Hot Stuff." The PV-2 Harpoon was a medium maritime anti-submarine patrol bomber used by both the Navy and the Marines throughout the Pacific in World War II. Replacement of the engine will return "Hot Stuff" to flying condition. [Contact: Penny Litz, American Military Heritage Foundation, (317) 835-7529].

**Huntington:** The Huntington Historic Preservation Review Board received a \$50,000 grant to rehabilitate several masonry features at the 1923 Sunken Gardens in Huntington. The gardens were created in a former quarry and feature fieldstone bridges, columns, ponds and decorative plantings. [Contact:

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Cathy Wright, Historic Landmarks Foundation, (260) 563-4534].

Indianapolis: Footlite Musicals, Inc., received a \$36,750 grant to rehabilitate the exterior masonry, including 12 chimneys and the roof parapet, and the four iron balconies and fire escape on the Hedback Community Arts Center. [Contact: Carol Kirk, Footlite Musicals, Inc., (317) 232-1807].

New Albany: The City of New Albany received a \$3,500 grant to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Hedden Park/Hedden Court Historic District, which includes approximately 45 contributing properties; and to prepare an individual National Register nomination for the William Young House. [Contact: Laura Renwick, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, (812) 284-4534].

Parke, Tipton, and Union counties: Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana received \$15,829 to publish the results of the countywide historic sites and structures survey of Parke, Tipton and Union counties conducted in 2008-2009. [Contact: Suzanne Stanis, HLF, (317) 639-4534].

Petersburg: The Pike County Commissioners received a \$46,050 grant to stabilize and restore the stained glass dome of the Pike County Courthouse. The stained glass panels are deteriorated, the dome has structural flaws, and metal fatigue has weakened the supports, all of which were exacerbated by an earthquake in the area last year. [Contact: Lisa Gehlhause, (812) 367-8455].

Posey County: Indiana University's Department of Anthropology received a \$24,751 grant to conduct investigations at two reported but uninvestigated Yankeetown phase archaeological sites: Dead Man's Curve and the Squirrel Hunter Site, and will also conduct reconnaissance survey in the area. If eligibility is determined, one of the sites may also be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. [Contact: Susan Alt, Indiana University, (812) 856-5260].

Spencer County: The DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs was awarded \$9,974 to conduct archaeological research at Lincoln State Park in Spencer County. Archaeological testing will focus on three areas significant to Lincoln's life in Indiana: Colonel Jones' property, the Gordon Homestead, and the presumed location of the Gordon horse-mill, and will include opportunities for public participation and educational presentations. [Contact: Vicki Basman, DNR, (317) 690-6566].

Wells County: ARCH, Inc. received a \$6,415 award to pub-

lish the results of the countywide historic sites and structures survey of Wells County conducted in 2008-2009. [Contact: Angie Quinn, ARCH, Inc., (260) 426-5117].

Whiting: The City of Whiting Parks & Recreation Department received a \$50,000 grant to update the obsolete and unsafe electrical systems in the 1923 Whiting Community Center. The Center was built by the Rockefeller family and Standard Oil Company as a memorial for those who fought in World War I and to provide a recreation, entertainment and social activity venue for Whiting, home of the oil company's largest refinery. The facility covers more than 70,000 square feet and includes two gymnasiums, an indoor track, a 12-lane bowling center, indoor swimming pool, billiards room, a 700-seat auditorium, a ballroom, two banquet halls, and a variety of fitness areas. [Contact: Marty Jakubowski, City of Whiting, (219) 659-0860].

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# Local residents honor the heroes of D-Day

*By Don Counts, Staff Writer*

Saturday June 6, 2009, became a day of remembrance, patriotism and honor to the people who served in WWII and those that stayed at home working to supply the needed war materials.

As we entered Marina Pointe Drive off of Waterworks Road, we were met with cars parked along the road and WWII displays. There were displays of equipment used by the Germans and Americans. There was a tent with a display from the Baltimore Sun in tribute to one of the papers that covered the war. There was a manual typewriter, which was interesting in the fact that most of us are so used to computers we would have a rough time using a manual.

As we moved down the road and curved toward Marina Pointe there were displays of vendors selling WWII memorabilia, both American and German. There was also a tent paying tribute to the POW/MIAs from Vietnam with a replica of a cage the Vietnamese used to keep Americans prisoner.

The parking lot was full and at the far end of the lot there was a static display of jeeps and guns used during the war. There was also a tent sponsored by the MVPV Vehicles of Time Convoy to Evansville IN. They were passing out information concerning the 100s of restored Military Vehicles that will be on display August 5-9 in Evansville IN at the Vanderburgh 4-H Fair Grounds.

While walking around visiting with the re-enactors, I asked where they were from and discovered there is a national group that travels to events such as this. Their web site is [www.re-enactor.net](http://www.re-enactor.net). There were groups from the national organization as well as groups from all over the Country. After I got home I looked at the website and found the following information:

## **“World War II Reenacting”**

Reenacting WWII has come a long way since its origins in 1975. Back then, it wasn't “cool” to cut your hair short or even to wear military uniforms. However, there were groups of guys who wanted to understand what it was actually like, to really be in WWII. They rejected the “Hogan's Heroes” view of the war -- instead, doing research, interviewing veteran's -- it was a hard row to hoe and there were many pitfalls and false starts.

Now, almost 30 years later, WWII is going well and strong,

gaining momentum every event. Unlike Civil War or Rev War, WWII is not done for the crowds, so there isn't this “built-in” base of people who know about it, AND... we have to pay our own way we don't get free food ammo and t-shirts nor are we



paid to come to events -- there is no large spectator base to pay for this. We have to pay our own way, but then again, we are free to do it OUR way!

The parking lot was filled to capacity and bleachers were set up for the D-Day war reenactment. As time drew near for the reenactment people became anxious with anticipation for the battle to begin. The Germans came in from the left and the Americans advanced from the right. If you have never seen the D-Day reenactment you have missed an important part of history done in a very professional way.

The reenactment was part of the fourth “Operation LST D-Day reenactment. There was more that 150 re-enactors participating which marked the 65th anniversary of the June 6, 1944 landing in Europe. They fought two battles that lasted about 30 minutes each. There wasn't much moving around or talking by the crowd, they were all fascinated by the excitement of the battle.

After the battle a reenactor came to the crowd and asked if there were any WWII veterans asking them to stand and he saluted them. He did the same thing for the Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom veterans.

At this time we all headed over to tent that was set up to

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honor WWII veterans and the people that worked in the factories during the war providing supplies. This was hosted by Senator Gail Reiken and the main address was given by County Commissioner Steve Melcher who is also the Commander of the Vanderburgh County Veterans Council. The Marine Corps League #1090 provided a very impressive color guard and provided a 21 gun salute at the completion of the program.

While waiting for the program to start I had a chance to visit with two veterans that had sailed on LSTs. Bill Denham served during the Korean War and Bill Dyar served during WWII.

Bill Dyar is 83 and lives in Bloomfield, Michigan. He said there is another LST in Michigan but it is dry docked. The LST 325 is the only one in the United States that is still sea worthy. He told me about transporting soldiers back to England. He brought a stack of applications for the United States LST Association. This organization is open to all active and inactive LST sailors and their children. The dues are \$19.00 and can be mailed to the United States LST Association, PO Box 167438, Oregon, OH 43616-7438.

The next item on the agenda was on board the LST for the swearing in of three graduates of the University of Southern Indiana ROTC program. Eric Moffit, Brent McDonald and David O'Neil were sworn in as Second Lieutenants by Major Shelley, Commander of the ROTC program. The new Second Lieutenants then gave their first salute to an enlisted man giving him a silver dollar. Each new officer then gave a few remarks. O'Neil quoted General Patton saying this is his motto

too, "Lead Me, Follow Me or Get Out of the Way".

Following the swearing in ceremony we were given a guided tour of the LST. We were taken below deck touring through the living quarters which housed twenty sailors per room. It was hot; remember during WWII there was no air conditioning. We saw and were told about the guns and saw the cargo area where equipment was carried to be offloaded when the men hit the beach. In that area we saw how mail was transferred from one ship to another. Mail was very important, sometimes mail was sent to the wrong ship and due to ships moving from one place to another mail was slow in reaching the men. We saw how the ship was driven. Went through officer country and to the kitchen and saw the counter where the men were served chow. The tour ended back on deck where we saw the 3,000 pound anchor.

This was a long day but was so well worth being able to give tribute to these men and women that are known as the "Greatest Generation".



# Vectren receives ENERGY STAR Leadership in Housing Award

Evansville, Ind. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded Vectren Energy

Delivery (Vectren) with a 2009 ENERGY STAR® Leadership in Housing Award. This award recognizes

Vectren's efforts to promote energy-efficient construction and environmental protection by sponsoring an

ENERGY STAR for new homes program in its Indiana service territory last year.

Vectren offers rebates up to \$750 for homebuilders within its service territory that construct natural gas

ENERGY STAR homes. For the past two years, dozens of builders have chosen to partner with Vectren and construct homes that utilize environmentally friendly natural gas and meet the stringent EPA standards.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet strict guidelines for energy efficiency set by EPA. These homes are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than homes built to local code and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20 to 30 percent more efficient than standard homes.

"As part of our Conservation Connection initiative, which focuses on helping customers use less natural gas through a number of tools and resources, we've partnered with willing homebuilders throughout the state on this type of construction for nearly three years," said Doug Petitt, Vectren's vice president of marketing and conservation.

"This award is certainly a testament to our successful partnership, both with homebuilders and the EPA, to ensure our customers are using energy wisely through efficient homes.

Additionally, we are excited about being able to now offer the same partnership with the home builders in our Ohio service territory."

ENERGY STAR qualified homes offer homebuyers all the features they want in a new home, plus energy-saving features like effective insulation systems, high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, properly-sized and efficient heating and cooling equipment, efficient products and third-party verification.

"EPA is privileged to work with a diverse group of utilities, state programs and home builder associations who effectively support ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes," said Sam Rashkin, national director of ENERGY STAR for Homes.

"Thanks to the leadership of these sponsors, home buyers across the country have greater access to ENERGY STAR qualified homes that cost less to own while improving comfort, indoor air quality, durability and our environment."

Vectren is seeking regulatory approval of an electric ENERGY STAR for new homes program in its electric service territory.

To learn more about Vectren's Conservation Connection program and other high-efficiency appliance rebate offers, visit <http://www.vectren.com> or call (866) 240-8476.



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## USDA ENCOURAGES LANDOWNERS TO LOOK AT OPTIONS WITH GRP

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 2009—USDA conservation agencies in Indiana encourage landowners to look at their options within the Grassland Reserve Program, a conservation program that was continued in The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners and operators protect, restore, and enhance eligible grassland, including pastureland, shrubland, and rangeland. This conservation program emphasizes support for working grazing operations, enhancement of plant and animal biodiversity, and protection of grassland and land containing shrubs and forbs under threat of conservation.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) jointly administer this program.

"Though GRP is on a continuous sign-up basis, to be ranked for fiscal year 2009 funding, applications must be sent to USDA's national headquarters by June 26, 2009," said NRCS State Conservationist Jane Hardisty. "This means that interested landowners need to contact their local

USDA Service Center now to get their applications ready in time."

The 2008 Farm Bill requires a grazing management plan for participants. The Bill also provides priority for enrollment of expiring acreage from the Conservation Reserve Program, limited to 10 percent of the total acres enrolled in any year.

USDA requires a minimum acreage of 18 continuous acres to apply in GRP. Landowners can apply for GRP assistance through rental contracts or conservation easements.

Rental contracts can be 10, 15, or 20 year contracts; and the rates are \$16.50 per acre per year. For rental contracts, applicants must provide proof of ownership or control of the land for the length of the contract.

Easements are permanent and will be considered at the appraised value, not to exceed \$5,000 per acre. Only landowners can apply for easements on their property.

For more information, go to <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP/GRP.html> on the Indiana NRCS Web site.

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## Free Lunch Locations, Times and Offerings Updated

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation is once again offering a summer meals program at 12 schools throughout the community. Meals will be served Monday through Friday running through July 2 at most schools; and running through July 24 at locations hosting the Summer Parks and Recreation Programs for youth. Meals are free to all children and youth, ages 18 and younger. Adults 19 and older the cost is \$2.50 for lunches and \$1.75 for breakfasts.

Specific locations and times meals will be served are as follows:

**Central High School:** June 1 – July 10, serving breakfast only, 7:30 – 8 a.m.

**\*New breakfast and lunch time -- Cedar Hall Elementary School:**

June 1 – July 2, serving breakfast from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

July 6 – July 24, serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**\*New meal offerings/lunch time change--no breakfast -- Culver Elementary School:**

June 8 – July 2, lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

July 6 – July 24, lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Tekoppel Elementary School:**

June 8 – July 2, lunch served from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

July 6 – July 24, lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**\*New lunch time -- Fairlawn Elementary School:**

June 8 – July 2, lunch served from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**\*New location offered -- Lincoln Elementary School:**

June 8-July 2, lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Evans Middle School:** June 8 – July 2, lunch served from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Caze and Howard Roosa Elementary Schools:**

June 8 – July 2, lunch served from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

July 6 – July 24, lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**\*New lunch time -- Dexter Elementary:**

June 8-July 2, lunch served 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

July 6-24, lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Delaware Elementary School:**

June 8 – July 2, lunch served from noon – 1 p.m.

July 6 – July 24, lunch served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Harwood Middle School:** June 8 – July 2, lunch served from noon – 1 p.m.

**McGary Middle School:** June 8 – July 2, lunch served from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Summer meal programs at EVSC schools are funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and monitored by the Department of Education Office of School and Community Nutrition.

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## RFC to partner with EVSC Healthy Outlook Summer Adventure program

University of Southern Indiana will once again partner with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's Healthy Outlook Summer Adventure program, starting Tuesday, June 9. This is the second year USI's Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness is participating in the program.

The Healthy Outlook Summer Adventure program encourages an active lifestyle for middle school students. Mary L. Schweizer, director of Coordinated School Health for the EVSC, said, "The summer adventure program will expose students to a healthier way of doing things."

Krystle Roudebush, administrative assistant in the Recreation and Fitness Center, will be working directly with the students. "We enjoy having the kids on our campus on Tues-

day and Thursday each week for four weeks. The middle schools students can swim, play board games, participate in team- building activities, or tour campus," she said. Indoor group activities will be held in the newly renovated center.

Grant money for the summer adventure program comes from the Carol White Physical Education Program, Welborn Baptist Foundation, and St. Mary's Foundation. The Healthy Outlook Summer Adventure Program can accommodate 24 EVSC schools.

The RFC's motto of Get Fit, Have Fun, and Live Well parallels the goal of the summer program. Roudebush added, "This is what we want to instill in these students. We enjoy being involved in the community and look forward to showing the students healthier ways of living."

# EVSC Announces New Leadership at Several Schools

## *Staff Report*

In an effort to better align leadership practice and improve student achievement Superintendent Vince Bertram has announced that several Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation schools will have new leadership for the 2009-10 school year.

New leaders include:

### • **Harrison High School:**

~Elizabeth Wells, principal at Evans Middle School for the past three years, will become the new principal at Harrison this fall. Wells served as assistant principal at Evans for two years and as an English teacher and department head at Central High School from 1993-2004. She holds a BA degree and an MS degree from the University of Southern Indiana and will complete her EdS degree from ISU this summer and is working toward a PhD in educational leadership at ISU. Wells will replace Janet Leistner, who will work with the Office of Instructional Technology on the one-to-one laptop initiative for EVSC schools.

~Andy Ice, former assistant principal will move to teacher of mathematics at the School of Academic and Career Development.

### • **Evans Middle School:**

~Brent Stevens will replace Wells as principal at Evans Middle School. Stevens will move to Evans from the assistant principal position at Perry Heights Middle School where he has served since 1996. Prior to Perry Heights, Stevens began in the EVSC in 1990 as a social studies teacher at Harwood Middle School. He holds a BA degree from Purdue University; an MS degree from the University of Southern Indiana; and an EdS degree from Indiana State University. He is also in the PhD program at ISU.

### • **McGary Middle School:**

~Mary Schweizer, currently director of coordinated school health and formerly principal at Plaza Park Middle School, will become the new principal at McGary. Schweizer has been with the EVSC since 1986. She has served as a teacher at Glenwood, Stockwell and Helfrich Park; as assistant principal at Helfrich Park from 1999-2000; as principal of Plaza Park Middle school for eight years and this year as project director of coordinated school health. She has a BA and MA degree from the University of Evansville and an MA +30 hours from Indiana State University and expects to complete her EdS. in December from ISU. Schweizer will replace Don Mosbey.

~Sgt. Kenneth Walker, formerly with the JROTC program at Harrison, will become Assistant principal/dean. He replaces Fred Cooper who will move to Harwood as an assistant principal.

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### • **Christa McAuliffe Alternative Middle School:**

~Don Mosbey replaces Bob Tinner, currently program administrator at Christa McAuliffe Alternative Middle School, who will become a social worker at Henry Reis Alternative High School.

### • **Delaware Elementary:**

~Todd Slagle, currently principal at West Terrace Elementary, will become the new principal at Delaware Elementary School. Slagle has been at West Terrace since 2005. Prior to West Terrace, Slagle was principal at Daniel Wertz for five years and from 1995-2000 taught mathematics at Delaware. He holds a BA degree from the University of Southern Indiana and an MA degree from Indiana State University. Slagle replaces Jennifer Garland who will be lead instructional coach at McGary Middle School.

### • **Thompkins Middle School:**

~Bryan Perry, currently assistant principal at North High School, will become principal at Thompkins Middle School, replacing Terry Yunker following his retirement this spring after 19 years in the position. Perry has served as assistant principal at North High School for the past eight years. Prior to that he was a social studies teacher at North from 1993-1994 and again from 2000-2001 as department head. He was also teacher for six years at Central High School. He has BS and MS degrees from the University of Southern Indiana.

### • **Glenwood Middle School:**

~Cleo Walker, formerly assistant principal at Bosse High School, will take the same position at Glenwood. Walker replaces Darrin Carnahan, who is moving to assistant principal at Perry Heights Middle School.

### • **West Terrace Elementary:**

~Katherine White, currently assistant principal at Highland Elementary, will replace Todd Slagle as principal at West Terrace. White has been the assistant principal at Highland Elementary School since 2007 and prior to that fifth grade teacher for two years at the school. She also has been a special education teacher at Stockwell Elementary and the Mulberry Center. White has a B.A. degree from the University of Evansville and an M.S. degree from Walden University.

### • **Highland Elementary:**

~Cyndi Carneal will become the new assistant principal at Highland, replacing Katherine White. Carneal formerly was a counselor at Hebron Elementary.

# Kapteyn Drafted By Detroit In 24th Round Of MLB Draft

University of Evansville junior pitcher Wade Kapteyn (Lansing, Ill./Illiana Christian) has been selected in the 24th round of the 2009 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Detroit Tigers. It marks the second year in a row and the third time in his baseball career in which Kapteyn has been selected in the Major League Baseball Draft.

Kapteyn was taken with the ninth pick in the 24th round, pick number 720 overall, by the Tigers. Kapteyn was a 40th round draft pick of Minnesota last summer as a draft-eligible sophomore at UE, while also being a former 20th-round selection of the Chicago White Sox out of high school in 2006.

Kapteyn showed his promise on the mound this past March, earning NCBWA/Pro-Line Athletic National Pitcher of the Week honors after posting a pair of victories and tossing 11 consecutive scoreless innings in two starts against Cal State Northridge and Pepperdine. He finished the spring season with a 2-10 record and 5.71 ERA in a team-leading 15 starts, however, he was the victim of low run support, as the Purple Aces averaged just 3.6 runs per game in his 15 starts, including just three runs a game in his nine losses as a starter.

"I am extremely happy for Wade and I am happy to see another Purple Ace selected in the Major League Draft," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "I am also proud of the job that pitching coach Josh Reynolds did with Wade this season, as I feel as though he had a big impact on helping Wade develop this year as a pitcher.

"We have built a strong tradition of sending players on to the next level here at Evansville, and I am happy to see Wade possibly get a chance to take his game to the next level. Hopefully, we can continue that success of helping young men realize their dream of playing at the next level in the years to come."

Kapteyn is the 28th UE player to be selected in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft since UE entered the Missouri Valley Conference in 1995, and should he sign a professional contract, he would become the 47th professional player produced by UE since 1984. Kapteyn now has until August 15 to decide on either signing a professional



*Detroit Tigers draftee Wade Kapteyn*

contract or returning to UE, where he has one year of eligibility remaining at the college level.

## Mastroianni named FSL All-Star

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Former University of Southern Indiana baseball player Darin Mastroianni was named a Florida State League All-Star in a release on Wednesday. Mastroianni will represent the Dunedin Blue Jays of the Toronto organization on the FSL's North Division squad in the All-Star Game on June 20.

The former All-American second baseman for the Screaming Eagles has made a successful move to the outfield in the Toronto system and is batting .301 in 49 games this season with 10 doubles and 28 stolen bases. He also has 20 RBIs this season.

Mastroianni was drafted in the 16th round by Toronto in 2007 after leading the Eagles to their first NCAA Division II regional championship and a third-place finish in the Division II World Series. He batted .409 for the Eagles in 2007 with a school record 97 hits and 64 stolen bases.

Dunedin, which is Class A Advanced team, is 20-29 this year.

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## SPORTS

### Cunningham shines as Eagles finish fifth at GLVC meet

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Senior Tom Cunningham (Bridgeport, Illinois) became the first sprinter in school history to win an individual conference title Saturday as he finished first in the 200 meters to help lead the University of Southern Indiana men's track and field team to a fifth-place finish at the GLVC Outdoor Championships this weekend.

After posting the top time in the preliminary heats Friday, Cunningham returned to the track Saturday to post a time of 21.84 seconds to edge Lewis University's Chris Leibrand, who was second with a time of 22.00 seconds.

In addition to his first-place effort in the 200 meters, Cunningham was third in the finals of the 100 meters with a time of 10.89 seconds Saturday. Cunningham, who posted a time of 10.77 seconds in the prelims Friday, was just a one-hundredth of a second away from Missouri University of Science & Technology's Brett Vessell, who was second with a time of 10.88 seconds. He also helped USI's 4x400-meter relay team to a fifth-place finish.

Joining Cunningham with first-place efforts was junior

Brandon Campbell (Portage, Indiana) and freshman Dustin Emerick (Elmwood, Illinois). Campbell was first in the steeplechase with an NCAA II provisional qualifying time of nine minutes, 24.02 seconds, while Emerick was first in the 10,000 meters with a GLVC Outdoor Championship record mark of 31 minutes, 12.34 seconds.

Emerick also completed the sweep of the GLVC Freshman of the Year honors as the coaches selected him as the league's top freshman in outdoor track. He earned the same honor in cross country and indoor track.

As a team, the Screaming Eagles had eight top-five efforts and 18 top-10 finishes. Sophomore David Goodman (Valparaiso, Indiana) was second in the steeplechase and fifth in the 5,000 meters, while senior Bryan Phillips (Kokomo, Indiana) finished third in the 5,000 meters.

Joining Cunningham on USI's fifth-place 4x400-meter relay team was senior Austin Inge (Ossian, Indiana), sophomore Wes Masterson (Danville, Indiana), and sophomore Andrew Nalin (Evansville, Indiana).

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### USI women's golf signs a pair for 2009-10

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The University of Southern Indiana women's golf team announced the signing of Amanda Buchanan (Evansville, Indiana) and Jessica Collins (Seymour, Indiana) for the 2009-10 seasons. Buchanan and Collins are the first to sign with USI women's golf and Head Coach Don Bisesi this spring.

Buchanan, who will be a junior next year, transfers to USI from Rend Lake College where she lettered in golf the last two years. She was a member of the 2008 All-Region team and finished 42nd nationally at the NJCAA Tournament.

Prior to beginning her collegiate career, Buchanan lettered in golf and softball at Evansville North High School (Evansville, Indiana). She was a four-time All-Conference and All-City performer and qualified for the state tournament in 2004.

Collins starts her collegiate career next year after spending last year at Methodist University as a student. She graduated from Seymour High School (Seymour, Indiana) where she lettered in golf and helped lead the Owls to the

sectional championship in 2004 and 2005. Collins also was named All-Conference in 2005, 2006, and 2007 and was SHS' Most Valuable Player all four seasons.

In addition to her high school credentials, Collins won the Plantation Junior Golf championship and the Sportsmanship Award winner in 2007.

We are looking for sports stories that haven't been told. The City-County Observer is looking for any kind of sports information you would like us to publish. Have a tournament coming? Did your T-Ball team win a game? Do you have an interesting sports story to tell, email it to us at [citycountyobserver@live.com](mailto:citycountyobserver@live.com).

SPORTS

# Four Baseball Aces Earn All-MVC Status

Four members of the University of Evansville baseball team earned all-Missouri Valley Conference honors on Tuesday, as sophomore third baseman Cody Fick (Freeburg, Mo./Fatima H.S./Jefferson College), junior designated hitter Andy Pascoe (Traverse City, Mich./Traverse City Central) and junior pitcher Tom Heithoff (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper Catholic H.S./NIACC) all earned second team honors, while senior reliever J.R. Carbonell (St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles East) earned honorable mention status in a vote of the league's coaches.

Fick captured second team all-MVC honors at third base, after being one of the top newcomers in the Valley this spring. Fick, a transfer from Jefferson College in Missouri, finished his first year at UE hitting .307, while pacing the squad and ranking among the Valley's leaders in doubles (2nd-19), home runs (6th-nine), total bases (3rd-120), hits (7th-70), runs scored (9th-44), and RBI (7th-46). He recorded 17 multi-hit games in his first season at UE, while also leading the squad with 13 multi-RBI contests, and his 19 doubles rank as the 10th-highest single-season total in UE history.

Pascoe earned second team all-Valley laurels at designated hitter after pacing the Purple Aces in hitting with a .331 average, while also knocking nine doubles, a home run, and 21 RBI. Pascoe was at the heart of UE's surge during the month of April, as he hit a team-best .388 during the month with five doubles, a home run, and 11 RBI. Overall, he finished the year hitting a team-best .363 from March 27 on.

Heithoff was UE's third second team all-MVC selection, as he earned second team honors as a relief pitcher for the Purple Aces. Heithoff was the anchor of the UE bullpen this spring in his first year back from Tommy John surgery, as he factored into 12 of UE's 25 victories on the diamond with a 4-3 record, eight saves, and a 2.87 ERA in 23 appearances as UE's closer. Heithoff held opposing teams to just a .217 average on the year, while recording 32 strikeouts against just seven walks in 37.2 innings of work. His eight saves rank second-best in the MVC this spring, and rank as the seventh-highest single-season total in UE history.

John Carbonell captured honorable mention all-MVC status in his senior season at UE after an outstanding season out of the UE bullpen. Carbonell ranked second on the team and fourth in the MVC with 28 appearances this

spring, while posting a 3-1 record, two saves, and a 3.14 ERA. Carbonell struck out 53 men in 51.2 innings of work this spring, while holding the opposition to a .231 batting average. He finished the year ranked fourth on the team in innings pitched despite being a relief pitcher, while also ranking third on the squad with 53 strikeouts.

The four all-conference selections are the most at UE since 2007, when the Purple Aces had seven men earn all-MVC honors. Overall, 22 Purple Aces have captured all-MVC honors over the last five years. Evansville finished the 2009 season with a 25-30 overall record. UE's 25 victories under first-year head coach Wes Carroll rank as the second-highest victory total by a first-year baseball coach in UE history. Evansville will return 20 players from this year's squad next spring, including Fick, Pascoe and Heithoff.

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Office	1,500	1,250	Retail	1,500	938	Warehouse	4,200	1,750
Office	3,000	2,500	Retail	3,000	1,876	Warehouse	5,700	2,375
Office	7,200	6,000	Retail	12,000	3,500	Warehouse	12,000	3,000

Office: \$10/sfNNN

Retail: \$7.50/sfNNN

Warehouse: \$5/sfNNN

NNN: \$.65/sf

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