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Contractual transparency... Evansville-style

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

The City-County Observer was recently challenged by numerous readers to look into the underlying costs of the new arena. In accepting that challenge, we have spent weeks reviewing contracts, resolutions and presentations. Over the next few weeks, we will present our findings to our readers based solely on the information we have been able to locate. This week, we are reviewing the

Populous, Browning Investment and A & F Engineering Contracts.

Populous, Inc.

On April 21, 2009, John Kish, project manager, went before the Redevelopment Commission to ask for approval on Resolution 09-ERC-14-"Approving Agreement for Architectural Services."

Architectural Services."

Kish stated, "This is the first phase of the Professional Services Agreement. The contract is a unified contract including the Architectural, Geotechnical, Environmental and Engineering aspects of such. The Schematic Design is slightly less than \$1 million, which represents approximately 10% of the whole contract fee.

Commission Vice President Ted Ubelhor asked who was responsible for paying expenses incurred by changes made to the original plan.

According to the minutes of that same meeting, "Kish stated that if the cost is incurred because of an error of omission, it will be the responsibility of the architectural firm. If the cost is incurred because of a change such as a phone line having to be located in a different area, not determined until they were actually doing the work, this cost would become the city's."

At that time, Commission President Bob Goldman questioned the blank miscellaneous expenses.

Resolution 09-ERC-14 states, "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission as follows:

An Agreement with Populous, Inc. (formerly HOK Sport) is hereby approved. Populous, Inc. is authorized to perform only initial work to include the development of conceptual layouts, program verification and schematic design phase of the Project with the following compensation and fees:

• Schematic Design fee of \$960,000, plus;

- Reimbursable fees not to exceed \$160,000 for Environmental Phase I & II, Geotechnical Investigation and Site Survey; plus:
- Unitemized miscellaneous expenses not to exceed \$200.000.

The President of the Commission and the Executive Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development

> are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement Between Owner and Architect on behalf of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission."

In essence, the city (or the taxpayers through one of the three revenue streams) will pay up to \$1,320,000 to Populous Inc. (formerly HOK).

This was just for the schematic design phase.

This resolution was adopted by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission on April 21, 2009 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

On July 15, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission approved Resolution 09-ERC-32 – "Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement Between Owner and Architect."

According to the resolution, "the Architect should be authorized to proceed beyond the schematic design phase to the Design Development phase and the beginning of the Construction Document phase at a fee of \$2,977,425 through September 30, 2009."

The resolution also allows for an additional \$100,000 to "develop an operating proforma and related analysis." Populous Inc. can also receive an additional \$500,000 for expense reimbursements.

Resolution 09-ERC-32 was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The city will pay up to \$3,577,425 to Populous Inc. for the Design Development phase of the project.

Populous' contract with the city, dated May 6, 2009, lists Richard Martin, Jim Swords and Brent Roberts as the authorized representatives for the design firm.

According to page 10, Section 1.12, "the project will proceed on a fast track basis, with different portions of the work to be designed, bid and performed in a phased sequence consistent with the schedule."

The contract also states on page 59, Section 12.9, "The Archi-

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NEWS - FIRE STATION

Changes to Improve Fire Service

Fire Chief offers an explanation

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) is in the process of executing a plan that will improve its service and at the same time help keep insurance rates low for local homes and businesses. The plan is the result of a recent review by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

The ISO provides data to help establish fire insur-

ance premiums for residential and commercial properties. It collects information on the major elements of a city's fire suppression system and then assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating from 1 to 10, with 1 meaning superior property fire protection1.

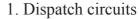
During its recent review, the City of Evansville received a 66.99 rating which is a Class 4 PPC. The City's previous rating, based on an ISO review in 1995, was 70.19 which is a Class 3. However, the City has received notification from

the ISO that no reclassification will take place at this time. The EFD, as lead agency in this review, has until February 26, 2010 to develop and begin to implement a program that will ensure retention of its current class 3 rating.

"We have notified the ISO of our intent to devise a plan to correct the Department's deficiencies and we have started to make changes that will not only retain a Class 3 PPC, but will also improve the department in order to help provide the best possible service to the community," said Fire Chief Keith Jarboe. "Some additional expenditures will be necessary in order to improve our ISO rating, help keep insurance rates low for homeowners and businesses, and help us improve as a public safety agency."

The EFD has informed the ISO that it has identified eight areas it intends to address in order to improve its

> rating. They are listed below as well as the changes that are already underway:



•The EFD will be adding a second dispatch circuit for fire stations and apparatus. This will enable the EFD to receive runs in the event of a primary dispatch circuit failure.



•A quint will be placed in service on Evansville's north side within the next 60 days. Two dedicated ladder companies will be added on the east side

•This will be accom-

plished by reassigning resources currently within the department

•The first reassignment will take place in January 2010. The second will occur after the Knight North annexation is complete.

3. Distribution

•In addition to the changes in ladder service listed above, the EFD will be relocating two engine companies to improve its distribution score.

1. Station 14 – Willow Road and Lincoln Avenue



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NEWS-FIRE STATION

Changes to Improve Fire Service

Currently responds to 700 +/- runs per year.

Engine 14 will be reassigned as an engine company at Washington and Villa.

Station 14's approximately 1.9 runs per day will be covered by 4 stations:

- •Station 1 at SE 8th and Gumm
- Station 4 at Oakhill and Weinbach
- •Station 15 at South Weinbach and Covert, and
- •Station 16 at Washington and Villa.

Changes will meet the ISO standard of 1 ½ miles of travel and the NFPA requirement for first engine on scene within four minutes.

2. Station 10 – Columbia and Heidelbach

Currently responds to 1050 +/- runs per year.

Engine 10 will be reassigned to Station 9 at Keystone Drive- relocation will take place after Knight North annexation is complete.

Station 10's approximately 2.9 runs per day will be covered by 4 stations:

- •Station 1 at SE 8th and Gumm
- •Station 4 at Oak Hill and Weinbach
- •Station 3 at N. Fourth Avenue, and
- •Station 8 at N. Kentucky Avenue.

Changes will meet the ISO standard of 1 ½ miles of travel and the NFPA requirement for first engine on scene within four minutes

- 4. Reserve ladders and service trucks
- •Reserve ladders and service trucks: upgrade equipment on the reserve ladder companies.
- 5. Engine companies
 - •No credit was

given for two new recently purchased engines.

- 6. Reserve engines
- •By adding two new engines, reserve fleet will be better equipped.
 - 7. Training
- •Looking at new software to track and record all training at EFD; developing and implementing new training programs and requirements.
 - 8. Equipment and documentation
- •The ISO identified areas where EFD's rating could be improved by reallocating equipment. As far as documentation, the EFD is utilizing FleetMate software to schedule equipment maintenance on apparatus.

It is important to remember that according to the ISO, the PPC should not be used for purposes other than insurance rating. It is only one of several elements used to develop fire insurance rates for individual properties. Other features specifically relating to individual properties such as construction, occupancy, processing hazards, exposures, and private fire protection devices have similar importance in the development of insurance rates.



EDITORIAL - FIRE STATIONS

It's All About Response Time

By Don Counts, Staff Writer

As I travel about town and talk to people I hear "Why are they closing two fire stations?" Is this best for the City of Evansville? The city-county observer took to the road to find the answer to these questions.

The news release from the City of Evansville, Major Jonathan Weinzapfel and Fire Chief Keith Jarboe states in part: The Evansville Fire Department is in the process of executing a plan that will improve its service and keep insurance rates low for local homes and businesses. This is a result of a recent review by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

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During a visit to Hose House Number 10 at the corner of Heidelbach and Columbia I saw a flyer which states: Help Save Your Neighborhood Fire Station! Due to the annexation of the Knight Township Volunteer Fire Department, Evansville Fire Department Station 10 may be closed and moved to the eastside. Station 10 provides coverage to not only your house, but also to several business, schools, and churches. Station 10 is a vital part of your immediate community. Are you willing to risk your safety? Contact Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and





Evansville Fire Chief Keith Jarboe and voice your concerns. Demand to be heard-this is YOUR neighborhood. It is time to take action and protect your protectors!

Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel: (812) 436-4962

Mayor's Office, 302 Civic Center Complex, 1 N. W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47708

Fire Chief Keith Jarboe: (812) 436-4413

Fire Administration, 550 S. E. 8th Street, Evansville, Indiana 47713 Petitions are being circulated that state: SAVE FIRE HOUSES 10 & 14 PETITION:

We, the following citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana, hereby respectfully request that fire houses number 10 and 14 remain open and continue to protect the citizens in the neighborhoods which surround these fire houses. Closure of these active fire houses will put citizens at greater risk for the dangers of death, burns and loss of property. The wise leaders of our past understood the terrible suffering and loss that results from inadequate or slow response to fire; it

is unconscionable to reduced fire protection coverage by eliminating these neighborhood fire houses and spreading the burden on the remaining fires houses.

I talked to Captain Bob Shipman at Hose House number 10. He said that response time will increase for medical and fire. Shipman said, "If the fire stations (that will be covering our area) are on another run that will increase the response time even more." If that is only a minute or two it can make a big difference. At present when you call 911, your emergency calls go to Central Dispatch. If it is a medical call, dispatch calls (American Medical Response) AMR who decides if they will take the call, if not the call will be sent to the Fire Department. AMR's response time is 12 minutes. This policy was put into affect several years ago, prior to that the Fire Department got the call. Hose house number 10 covers an area of older homes that are close together. This makes response

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time even more important. He is thankful that under Chief Jarboe's plan that none of the firemen will lose their jobs. He said that it is hard to annex for more coverage without more people. Small fires or large fires response time makes a big difference. Shipman said in referring to the ISO rating that if dispatch had a direct line to the fire station it would reduce response time. He wonders if this will happen before the fire houses close. Shipman said the ISO recommends they have 13 pump trucks, we have 10; 6 dedicated ladder trucks, we have 1; and currently there are 5 ladders that could be used as either pump or ladder. He also stated that when outlying trucks have to go to a fire in another area, that leaves their area not covered. At present, the City uses 10 and 14 to go to other areas to cover and still other areas have to cover 10 and 14. He said their response time averages about 2 minutes or less. Under the proposed closure the routes that the other stations will have to use to get to 10 and 14 will slow response time. He believes that the entire city's response time will increase especially when you consider the East and West annexations. He said "we are currently under the National Response time, will we be able to maintain this?" Last year, Fire House 10 had arson fires, will the stations covering this area be able to get there in time.

When I arrived at Hose House number 14, I saw a couple of signs that read "Stop and Think in 14 there are 3 schools, Churches, Little Sisters of the Poor, Historical Homes, Business. In 10 there is Deaconess Hospital and is the busiest fire station in the city". In front of the station was a table with petitions opposing closure. There was a plastic sheet over them to protect from the rain. Debra Holmes stopped and said that she wanted to sign the petition. Standing in the rain she signed and said "We need to keep (the hose house), there are two day schools and I live near here. They need to think about the people that elected them".

Upon entering the station I met Private Brian Webber. He has only been at the station for 6 months and has a total of 2 years with the department. He said that previously he had been a Fire Chief in Mount Vernon for 7 years. I asked why he changed jobs. He said that Evansville offers better pay and benefits. He had always wanted to serve in Evansville. Mount Vernon only has about 400 to 450 fires per year. He

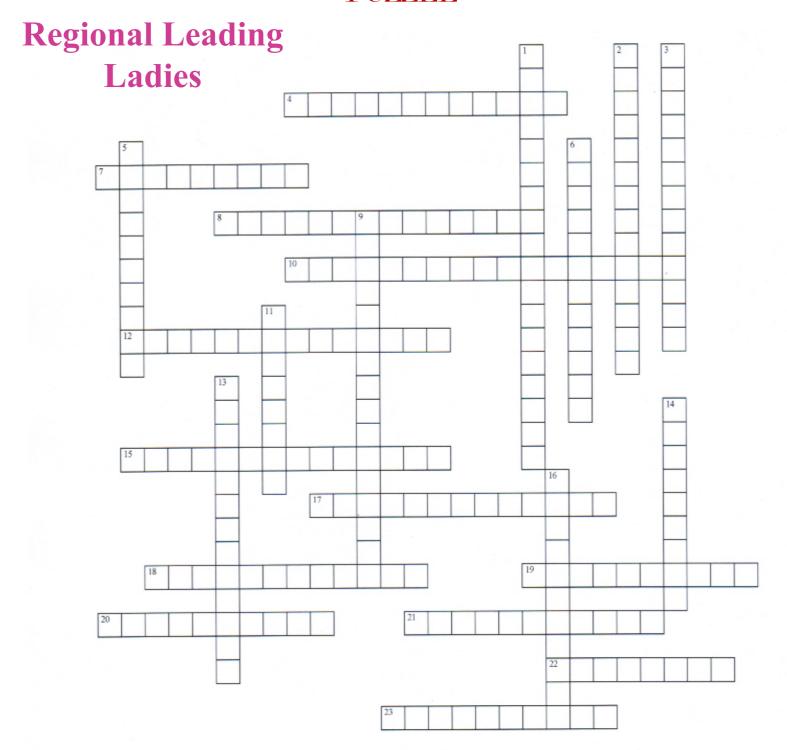
said that he supports Chief Jarboe. He said that he understands the need to cover more areas and a tight budget. He is in the middle of areas covered by other stations, namely 16, 1 and 4. He said they need better response time, theirs is about 2 ½ minutes. He would hate for response time to go up. He thinks that the City needs to look at a different avenue. He admits that response time will go up, but (Jarboe) has a decision to make to care for other areas. He has full faith in the man and is thankful that he is saving their jobs. He said with better built homes and home fire extinguishers available homes are safer. Editors Note: Those things are not necessarily true in areas covered by 10 and 14. In referring to the ISO rating he said that lower ratings will bring more

business to an area because of lower taxes. Webber said "As times change we need to be a step ahead". He said we are in a no win situation and must do what is best for the majority.

As I was leaving I met Debra Westinghouse. She said she doesn't live in the area but her daughter does and wants to know if she can sign the petition. I told her the petition says we "citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County." She said take money from someplace else and not the fire station. Her daughter is taking care of her nephews, their Mother died in a fire and the nephews were scarred. Debra sees the results of fire everyday when she sees them. The members of this fire house saved the nephews lives.

Photos courtesy EFD

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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

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OVERFLOW CROWD

IS IT TRUE that this coming Monday the Evansville City Council Chambers will over flow with people angered over the plans to close two fire stations within the city? IS IT TRUE if the Mayor would had called for opened public hearings in the affected areas he could have saved himself and the city council members a great deal of stress and political problems?

WRONG JARBOE

IS IT TRUE we don't believe for one minute Fire Chief Keith Jarboe's statement that he personally (not Mayor Weinzapfel) made the final decision to close Evansville neighborhood fire stations 10 and 14?

FUTURE PLANS

IS IT TRUE we wonder why the Mayor Weinzapel in his speech entitled "A Report to the Business Community" he gave to The Chamber Of Commerce of Southwest Indiana on Oct. 19, 2009, he left out his future plan to close two fire stations?

THANKS FOR RESPONDING

IS IT TRUE we would like to publically thank Evansville Council members, Wendy Bredhold (3rd Ward), Don Walker (At-Large member), Curt John (At-Large member), Dr. Dan Adams (At-Large member), and Dan McGinn (1st Ward) for taking a public stand against the closing of two (2) fire stations located in city? IS IT TRUE that we are extremely disappointed in

City Council members B. J. Watts (6th Ward), Connie Robinson ((4th ward), Missy Mosby (2nd Ward), John Friend (5th Ward). for not responding to our e-mail requests concerning their stance on the closing of two fire stations? IS IT TRUE not only will our reader's hold them accountable for not taking a public stand but also the voters in the next election cycle?



The Mole

BEER OR BUILDING?

IS IT TRUE that not only can \$10.00 buy you a 12-pack of beer but you can also buy the former Welborn Baptist Hospital building located downtown? IS IT TRUE we are extremely pleased to learn the KUNKEL GROUP is the new owners of this property? IS IT TRUE we know they will do an outstanding job with this project? IS IT TRUE the answer is yes?

PROUD OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE FORCE!

IS IT TRUE we are extremely proud of the outstanding work our city firefighters and police department do to protect us 24-7? IS IT TRUE we hope that one day a City Administration will come along and appreciate the job they do and compensate them for a job well done?

ZERO INTEREST LOAN ANYONE?

IS IT TRUE on July 17, 2009 the Evansville Redevelopment Commission entered into a loan agreement with GAGE for \$280,000? IS IT TRUE that the interest rate for this loan was zero (0)? IS IT TRUE that this loan was unsecured (no guaranty)? IS IT TRUE the note will become due on November 17, 2009? IS IT TRUE we wonder from what funding source will GAGE (a not-forprofit organization) find \$280,000 to repay to the lender? IS IT TRUE we wonder when the last time was your borrowed money without security and without paying any interest? IS IT TRUE we wonder who is the Chairmen of the Board of Gauge? IS IT TRUE we wonder who is the other elected city and county officials serving on the GAGE Board of Di-



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MORE IS IT TRUE?

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rectors? IS IT TRUE we wonder if a board member (who is a banker) would ask his bank to give me a ZERO INTEREST loan at his bank, so I can buy a new house?

A CALL TO JOIN CHANNEL 14 TV!

IS IT TRUE we join Channel 14's call for the "Majestic Place" study committee to open its door and allow area media to enter the meeting on November 7, 2009? IS IT TRUE we ask all members the area media to show up in support of Channel 14's request for "Majestic Place" study committee to open its meetings? IS IT TRUE we ask all citizens who support the State of Indiana "OPEN MEETINGS" laws to join us at this study committee meeting on November 7, 2009?

ANNIVERSARY

IS IT TRUE today marks our first year anniversary in the

newspaper business? IS IT TRUE we thanks our loyal advertisers and readers for all the support your have given us during this most interesting time? IS IT TRUE we are now postioning the CITY OBSERVER for new next level? IS IT TRUE WE CAN'T WAIT TO ANNOUNCE THE NEXT MOVE the CCO WILL BE TAKING IN JANUARY-2010? IS IT TRUE we say THANKS AND CONTINUE TO ADVERTISE AND READ YOUR HOME-OWN AND HOME-GROWN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER? IS IT TRUE we will continue to write about good and bad public policy? IS IT TRUE we will continue to support our 1st and 2nd Amendment rights! IS IT TRUE we strongly support our open meeting laws? Finally, we respectfully ask you e-mail the CITY COUNTY TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND CO-WORKERS?

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FEATURE

African American Museum proves vital to Evansville

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

The knowledge of yesterday is vital to tomorrow's growth. History books tell us what scholars and editors want us to know. Museums offer the truth through eyes of people who survived the events and trials of life. The significance of history lies with the people who are willing to share the tales of their suffering and triumph.

In a paragraph, that's the basic mission of a museum. But the mission of Evansville's African American Museum goes much deeper. Museum founder Sondra Matthews came up with the idea for the museum after returning from a mission trip to Africa in 1995. When she returned home, she found out that Lincoln Gardens was about to be demolished. She began lobbying the Evansville Housing Authority to preserve a vital piece of Evansville's history and small glimpse into the lives of African Americans fighting to succeed in the city.

In 2007, the museum opened its doors in what was formerly known as Building 7 of Lincoln Gardens. The area was transformed not by the demolition of the 12 other buildings, but by the preservation of an important, yet little observed, piece of the city's history.

Current Museum President Lana Burton graciously agreed to a private tour of the museum this week. Nancy McClure, the Administrative Assistant at the African American Museum, came to the door and offered an introduction to the facility. After a few brief statements about the building, she played a video that gave insight to the cultural center. The video was brief but left a lasting impression as it took you on a journey through the history of African Americans in Evansville. The images of men and women working in fields, in factories, in the shipyards and serving in the military showed the very struggles faced throughout the years. Photos of children playing and friends gathering in the yards of Lincoln Gardens showed a united and loving community.

After the video, the tour moved into a room filled with nostalgia. Photos of people living their lives in an oppressed state moved to a people of victory. A timeline of important events in the lives of African Americans throughout the country filled the gaps in time as those in Evansville were showing a transformation of their own also explained in the timeline. Few people probably realize the vital economic impact that the Lincoln Gardens area had on the local



Lana Burton stands among a few of those honored at the museum.

scene. This area thrived in times when others struggled. The people had their own communities that seemed to form a city within a city.

On the other side of the room were photos and brief biographies of African Americans from Evansville who not only left their mark in this city, but went on to make great contributions to society as a whole. The uniform of the first African American Fire Chief, George Flowers, is neatly preserved in a special case. Photos of the men serving at Fire Station 9, which was the only African American Fire Department, are also on display.

At the end of the hallway, past the quaint gift shop, was an apartment. This apartment was furnished with time-period specific items, many of which were graciously donated by museum supporters. Everything from the set-up of the apartment to the radio, couch, and refrigerator were authentic. The small, albeit cozy quarters were immaculate and amazing.

Upstairs there is a room dedicated to schools and athletics. The Lincoln Lions sit ready to pounce as though they are protecting the room, its contents and its people. A great many accomplishments

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FEATURE

African American Museum continued from page 10

adorn the walls in this room. The trophy cases are full of feats of glory and power.

As you walk down the hallway, there is an interactive setup with a board that talks about the different communities surrounding the museum's grounds. Important and little known facts provide even greater visions of history.

To close the tour, we entered another room. One Burton hopes will soon have the capabilities for multimedia and conference use. But for now, it holds an amazing display of hope, faith and grace and the church's instrumental role in the history of Evansville. In this room, a circle is completed by easels holding photos and descriptions of local African American Churches. The circle has photos of two churches with the longest histories in the African American Community – Liberty Missionary Baptist Church (which is the oldest church in its original location) and Alexander Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (the oldest African American Church that was founded in 1843).

One thing that is apparent as you walk through the halls of the Evansville African American Museum is that no matter your background, race, creed, or social circles we are all in this together. While African Americans undoubtedly had to fight for their freedom and equality, we all experience struggles and hardships, but coming together and working side-by-side without prejudice or malice, this community has the power, through its people, to thrive once again.

We encourage each of you to visit and support the Evansville African American Museum. This Friday, October 30, 2009, the mu-



The amazing apartment setup as part of the museum.

seum is hosting a gala in efforts to continue its work and grow as it must. The gala will be held at Casino Aztar. For more information, contact the museum at (812) 423-5188. It is located at 579 S. Garvin Street

We would like to take a moment to thank Sondra Matthews for her time and dedication to making this museum a reality.

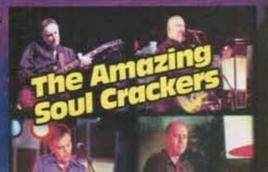




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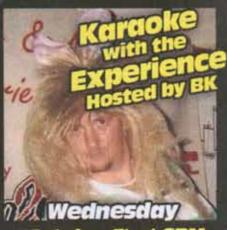
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EDITORIAL

City-County Observer respondes to Fire Station Closings with a challenge

By Benjamin Clark, Political Analyst

We would like to express our disappointment and dismay of Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and Fire Chief, Keith Jarboe's behind closed doors decision to close two (2) neighbor fire stations in the very near future.

We also are taken back by the fire chief public statements this move and decision to close these fire houses was solely his idea. We also don't buy his spin that closing these neighborhood fire houses will keep our insurance costs from going up.

It seems that Mr. Jarboe thinks he is still President of the EVANSVILLE City Council where he seemingly could wheel some political leverage over the Mayor. When we last recall, Mr. Jarboe resigned his seat on the city council when the Mayor appointed him to the Fire Chief position following an expensive National search.

In case Fire Chief Jarboe doesn't understand, the people know the Mayor makes the final decision to close fire stations 10 and 14, not him. Just in case the Mayor thinks by letting Chief Jarboe speak publically about this issue, it will take you off the political hook, forget it! Mr. Mayor if you think the people of Evansville believe for one moment you have left this important public policy decision for a Department Head to make, we have a bridge to sell you in New York City.

When the local HOME STEAD TAX Credit and the public admission by select city councilmember's (majority members) that they attended 8 political caucuses (or meetings behind closed doors) to discuss the people's business, it was during the time Chief Jarboe was President of the Evansville City Council.

It seems that history does repeat itself. It seems like the Mayor and Chief Jarboe made another behind close door decision concerning the closing of our neighbor fire stations.

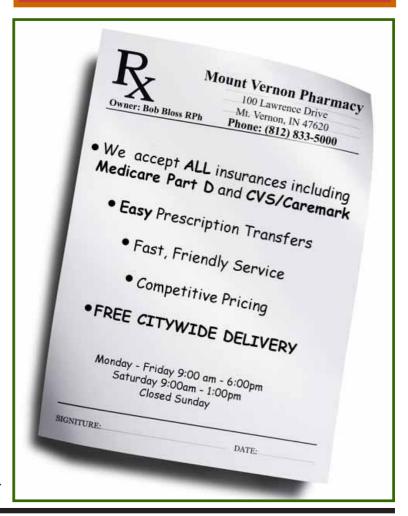
We want to hear the Mayor and Chief Jarboe defend the real reasons why they want to close both neighbor fire stations. We look forward to seeing the Mayor and Chief Jarboe's public presentation to the overflow crowd that will attend next Monday's city council meeting!

We call for the City Council to step up to the plate once again and make the right decision for the people. The people want to see ALL city council members veto the closing of our neighborhood fire stations.

The City-County Observer hereby challenges the Evansville City Council to join us and the people to keep fire stations 10 and 14 open. The public good demands it.

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."



COLLEGE EDUCATION

Robert Clark Named President of Husson University

University of Evansville's Robert A. Clark, Ph.D., has been identified as the next president of Husson University in Bangor, Maine, both institutions announced Thursday morning.

Clark, who has served at the University of Evansville since 2003, is currently the Schroeder Family Dean and Professor of Finance and International Business at the University of Evansville's Schroeder Family School of Business Administration. He also serves as the University's Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and as the Director for the Institute for Global Enterprise in Indiana.

He will assume leadership of the Maine institution on January 1.

"During Dr. Clark's seven years here, he has helped lead the transformation of our business programs," said University of Evansville President Stephen Jennings. "He led the efforts to earn AACSB International accreditation for the Schroeder Family School of Business Administration, completed a major transformation of our business curriculum, engaged the University community in strategic initiatives, and guided efforts to extend global understanding on UE's

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campus and beyond. Through numerous external efforts, he has successfully connected the School and the Institute for Global Enterprise in Indiana to the community, the region, and the state. Collectively, these efforts have aided in the growing reputation of the University of Evansville and its Schroeder Family School of Business Administration and, most importantly, the fulfillment of our mission and vision.

"Dr. Clark's background as a strategic thinker and visionary, engaging public speaker, and incisive leader in matters related to sustainability proved to be very attractive to the search committee at Husson, which pursued him for this opportunity," he added.

Clark is the fourth University of Evansville vice president to rise to a presidency during Jennings' administration at the institution. Stephen G. Greiner, a former vice president for academic affairs was named 15th president of Virginia Intermont College in 2001. He is currently president of North Carolina's Brunswick Community College. Another former UE vice president for academic affairs, Stuart Dorsey, became ninth president of the University of Redlands (Calif.) in June 2005. That same month, former executive vice president John W. Byrd became the 22nd president of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

Husson is a private university of approximately 3,500 students offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, health, education, and professional studies.

"It has been a professional goal to become a university president at the right place and time," said Clark. "Husson provides the unique opportunity to do so in my home state of Maine, and at an institution with many of the same values I have found compelling at the University of Evansville, including a focus on experiential learning outside the classroom and emphasis on the search for ethical truths in a changing world."

Clark holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maine. He earned his Ph.D. in Finance from Purdue University.

He is married to Tricia McGarry Clark, Music Director for Newburgh United Methodist Church, and they have two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth.

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COLLEGE EDUCATION

Dempsey named Distinguished Nursing Alumna

Kelli S. Dempsey of Evansville is the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award presented by the USI Nursing Alumni Society.

Dempsey holds certification as an Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP). She is a nurse practitioner in the Oncology Department of Deaconess Clinic.

Victoria Piggott, special projects director for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "Kelli has demonstrated the core values of the College of Nursing and Health Professions in her practice as an acute care nurse practitioner in oncology. She has given back to the college by mentoring students, giving lectures, developing an oncology program for health professionals, and teaching others to care for patients with cancer. She has lived the commitment to lifelong learning and encourages fellow nurses to reach their full potential. She is the kind of nurse USI had in mind when the program was developed."

Dempsey earned a bachelor's degree in 1998 and a master's degree in 2000 from the USI nursing program. In addition to making presentations in both undergraduate and graduate nursing classes, she has served since 2001 as a preceptor for students in the acute care nurse practitioner program.

In 2008, she made a presentation on "Chemotherapy-Induced Cardiotoxicity in Women" at the national conference of the American

College of Nurse Practitioners. Her paper on that topic was published in the September 2008 issue of the professional journal Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America. She previously served on speakers bureaus for pharmaceutical companies Amgen and Novartis. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and served six years as president of the national organization's local interest group.

Dempsey joined Deaconess Clinic this year. Previously she was associated for nine years with American Cancercare of Evansville. She also has experience as a staff nurse in the cardiac telemetry unit of



Kelli S. Dempsey

the neurotrauma intensive care unit at Deaconess Hospital and as a graduate nurse in Deaconess' Progressive Care Center.

She was honored October 20 at the annual dinner of the USI Nursing Alumni Society.



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COVER STORY

Contractual Transparency...from page 1

tect shall not make any public disclosure, press release or other public presentation containing information relating to the Project without the prior written consent of the Owner." Is the new arena not owned by the people?

According to Exhibit B of the city's contract with Populous Inc., the budget for the "Building Costs" as defined by the contract "shall be \$90 million," while the budget for the affiliated project costs has not yet been determined.

Browning Investments, Inc.

On July 15, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission approved Resolution 09-ERC-34 "Approving Agreement with Browning Investments, Inc. for Professional Services." The resolution states that Browning would "provide the ERC with professional services in connection with the design, development and construction of a multi-purpose arena in Downtown Evansville." It then refers to the agreement as "Exhibit A."

According to the agreement signed by Commission President Goldman on July 31, 2009, Browning was to be paid \$35,000 for their services. Under the Scope of Work, number 1 states, "Assist Client, John J. Kish and Associates, Inc., and any others retained by Client in the design, development and construction of a multi-purpose arena in downtown Evansville."

Number 2 states, "Subject to any statutory restrictions, to sell to Client, at a price not to exceed the purchase price paid by Professional [Browning], any real estate acquired by Professional and deemed necessary by Client for the development and construction of a multi-purpose arena in downtown Evansville."

On July 13, 2009, Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel announced that the city would be partnering with Browning Investments. In a press release from the Mayor's Office, it states, "Browning will raze the portion of the Executive Inn property that occupies the site of the future arena including the 6th Street hotel tower, the pool area and the atrium. Demolition work will begin in mid-August 2009."

The press release also notes, "The agreement between the City and Browning will provide for the purchase of the property needed for the arena... The payment for the arena site and financial support for the hotel and loading dock area will cost the City a total of \$10 million plus the cost of demolition of a portion of the Executive Inn."

On August 4, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission passed Resolution 09-ERC-41, which is an addendum to the agreement with Browning Investments, Inc. According to the resolution, the addendum will allow Browning to help the city "meet the scheduled opening of the multi-purpose arena in downtown Evansville, Indiana in the fall of 2011, Browning Investments, Inc. for professional services, to provide additional preliminary engineering services to advance the multi-purpose arena in an amount not to exceed \$265,000.00"

It states, "Now therefore, be it resolved by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission as follows:

The Executive Director of Deputy Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development is hereby authorized to execute the Addendum to the Agreement with Browning Investments, Inc for professional services to provide additional preliminary engineering services to advance the multi-purpose arena in downtown Evansville, Indiana, for a net increase of \$265,000.00, bringing the total not to exceed amount to

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)."

The resolution passed with a vote of 5-0.

On October 6, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission passed Resolution 09-ERC-66. This was the agreement to purchase the Executive Inn property.

According to the "Contract for Purchase of Real Estate," the transaction called for \$50,000 in earnest money to be put down with Hamilton Title Security, LLC. Under Purchase Price, it states, "On the Closing Date, Purchaser [Redevelopment Commission] shall pay an amount equal to Eleven Million Nine Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$11,900,000.00) (Purchase Price) for Real Estate, less the Earnest Money and other credits, reductions and prorations for which this contract provides."

A & F Engineering, Inc.

As part of the additional preliminary work, A & F Engineering Company was contracted by the Redevelopment Commission. The Indianapolis-based firm originally entered into a contract with the city "for engineering services for the preparation of construction plans for the modernization of traffic signals in the Downtown Redevelopment Area." This agreement was approved on September 6, 2006, and adopted by the commission as Resolution 06-ERC-64.

On June 19, 2007, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission adopted an amendment to the original agreement, which was "for major additions to the work plan that were not included in the original contract." (This is all the information we have on this statement at this time.)

On May 12, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission adopted a second amendment to the agreement with A & F Engineering. Again, the reason was "for major additions to the work plan that were not included in the original contract or first amendment." According to a resolution, "because of federal funding A & F Engineering, Inc. has encountered further major additions to the scope of work...in that A & F Engineering must assess the project's effect on cultural resources in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has proposed a Third Amendment to compensate for the additional work."

This came with merely a few questions about the need of this resolution from the commissioners as to the need. They noted that the city has its own Historic Preservation Committee. Kish quickly put an end to the discussion by stating that A & F Engineering was more qualified to preserve local history than the people who live here.

On June 2, 2009, the Redevelopment Commission, through Resolution 09-ERC-20, stated, "Now, therefore be it resolved by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission as follows:

The Executive Director or the Deputy Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development is hereby authorized to execute the Third Amendment to the Agreement with A & F Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the preparation of an assessment of the project's effect on cultural resources in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act...for a net increase of \$29,370.00 bringing the total not to exceed amount to Three Hundred Forty Eight Thousand and Ninety Dollars (\$348,090)."

The resolution was approved with a 5-0 unanimous vote.

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SPORTS

UE Swim Splits At Eastern Illinois

CHARLESTON, Ill.--The University of Evansville swimming and diving team competed at Eastern Illinois on Saturday where the women beat the Panthers 162-100 and the men fell 153-109 in Charleston, Illinois.

"Both teams started out a little slow, but did get better during the race," said Evansville head coach Rickey Perkins. "I'm happy with the way we raced and showed up to compete. Naturally we are disappointed with the loss, but we will just go back to the pool and see where we are going."

On the women's side, the Aces posted 10 first place finishes. Sophomore Hannah Quast took two top times in the 100 and 200 free while also finishing second in the 50 free. Sophomore Alex Howard placed first in the 100 and 200 back. Freshman Jill Enge took first in the 100 breast and second in the 200 breast. Freshman Michea Reinitz placed first in the 100 and 200 fly. Sophomore Alex Spata placed first in the 400 IM with sophomore Murphy Barry following in second. Junior Chris-

tina Schmidgall finished first in the 500 free and second in the 200 free.

The 200 medley relay teams came in second and third while the 400 free relay teams finished first and third.

The men's team also collected seven first-place finishes of its own against EIU. Sophomore Brandon Long placed first in the 1000 free and followed by sophomore Bryan Hamann in third. Junior Chris Nash had a top time in the 100 back with junior Wil Fernandez finishing third. Freshman Alex Seward had top finishes in the 100 and 200 fly and a third place ranking in the 100 free. Sophomore Jake Harrington took first in the 200 back and 400 IM while freshman Kyle Tiemann had a first place finish in the 500 free.

The men's 400 free relay also took second in the meet.

UE's next competition will be November 1 at the IUPUI Invite in Indianapoli



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IHSAA BLUE HORSESHOE AWARD

Blake Ress, Commissioner of the IHSAA

In my nine plus years as Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA), I often have spoken about one of the primary missions of academic-based athletics being to develop "good Americans rather than All-Americans."

While it is true that an impressive number of Indiana high school student athletes graduate and move on to play a sport at the collegiate level, very few become "All-Americans." Additionally, very few get an opportunity to compete professionally. However, all are expected to take their rightful place as a productive member of society.

By their very nature, high school athletics already are designed to teach life lessons that foster stronger, more vibrant communities. Personal discipline, respect for authority, responsibility to others, the development of leadership skills, and role model opportunities, all of which are essential parts of being a student-athlete. The combination of these traits plays an important role in teenagers' development into active, responsible citizens.

And now, thanks to a new partnership between the IHSAA

and the Indianapolis Colts, added emphasis is being placed on the importance of community service as well.

This week, every high school football team in Indiana (a total of 318) is receiving an invitation to compete for what some might consider an award as coveted as a state championship. We call it the IHSAA Blue Horseshoe Award, and it will be presented to the high school football team in Indiana that completes what a panel of judges deem as "the best" community service project during this coming off-season.

Every high school that fields a football team, regardless of its size, will have an equal opportunity to compete and an equal opportunity to win. Teams that have not enjoyed great success on the gridiron this season can still be crowned a champion. Lessons learned on the field can be implemented in the community. And most importantly of all, every student who participates will have the opportunity to experience the satisfaction that goes along with helping others.

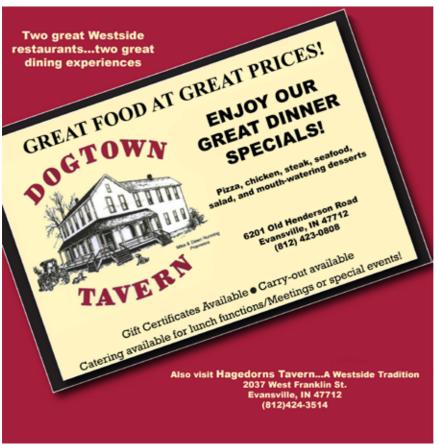
This is a landmark program in two significant ways. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time a professional sports team has become the corporate partner of a state high school athletic association. So hats off to the Indianapolis

> Colts. And we also believe the IHSAA Blue Horseshoe Award is the first state-wide community service project ever sanctioned by a high school athletic association.

> When you do the math, the possibilities are staggering. If all 318 high school varsity football teams in Indiana commit to a service project in their home communities that requires a mere two hours of time per player, assuming team sizes average approximately 60 teenagers each, communities in our state would benefit from a combined total of over 38,000 hours of productivity. And this doesn't take into account projects that require more time to complete or the projects that include junior varsity and freshman squads.

The IHSAA Blue Horseshoe Award is a program where everyone is a winner. It's about preparing high school students to be "good Americans" as well as good football players. And it helps us all understand the positive things that can be accomplished through corporate partnerships.

You might say it's a touchdown, home run, and a three-point shot all rolled into one.



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SPORTS

First league tournament appearance for USI since 2005

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The University of Southern Indiana women's soccer team begins the 2009 post-season at noon Sunday when it travels to Quincy University for the first round of the GLVC Tournament. USI is the seventh seed and a part of the league tournament for the first time since 2005, while Quincy is the second seed.

The Screaming Eagles (9-7-3, 7-5-2 GLVC) have gotten hot at the right time of the year, getting three wins and a tie in the last five GLVC matches. USI also has won four of its last six matches.

During the stretch run of the regular season, the Eagles have caught fire offensively with seven different players scoring a goal. Senior midfielder Rachel Caksackkar led the way with four points on one goal and two assists.

For the season, freshman forward Susan Ellsperman ranks first on the Eagles and 10th in the GLVC with 18 points on seven goals and four assists. The seven goals also are a team-high and tied for sixth in the conference.

Second on the team in the points column is sophomore forward Meagan Kempf, who has 14 points on four goals and a team-best

six assists. Kemp's six assists also rank sixth in the GLVC.

Between the posts in the last six matches, the USI defense has done the job by holding the opposition less than one goal a match. Sophomore goalkeeper Stephanie Bodamer is 3-1-1 during stretch the with a 1.15 goals against average and two shutouts. Bodamer also leads the Eagles for the season with a 1.41 goals against average, six shutouts, and a 8-7-3 record in goal.

The GLVC Tournament appearance will be the seventh for the Eagles, who are 4-6-0 in league post-season play.

The Hawks of Quincy (12-4-1, 10-2-1 GLVC) have been on a roll throughout most of the season and have won nine of the last 11 matches before ending the regular season with an 8-0 win at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Quincy features forward Jenna Boyko, who is second in the GLVC with 25 points on 11 goals and three assists.

The winner of the USI-Quincy plays the winner of third-seeded Bellarmine University and sixth seeded Drury University in a semifinal match on November 6. The opposite side of the bracket includes top-seeded Northern Kentucky University against eighth-seeded Rockhurst University and fifth-seeded University of Wisconsin-Parkside versus fourth seeded University of Indianapolis. The GLVC Tournament semifinals and the champion-ship match (November 8) will be played at the highest remaining seed following the first round.



SPORTS

UE Women Swim & Dive Have Stellar Showings At ISU Triangular

he University of Evansville women's swimming and diving team had strong swims at the Illinois State Triangular on Friday, as the Aces faced off with host Illinois State and Iowa State.

"I thought that we fought very hard," said Evansville head coach Rickey Perkins. "Our team score doesn't represent us at all because we had fantastic swims. We were very resilient and kept fighting throughout the entire meet."

The Aces had two first place finishes at the ISU Triangular. Sophomore Hannah Quast won the 200 free while also placing third in the 100 free. Freshman Michea Reinitz placed first in the 50 free and second in the 200 fly. Quast and Reinitz also helped the 200 free relay finish third along with Annie Shackelford and Anna Luecke.

Junior Christina Schmidgall took second in the 1000 free and fourth in the 500 free for UE. In the 200 IM, freshman Jill Enge finished second followed by sophomore Kassandra Beseau in third. Enge also placed fourth in the 200 back.

On the diving boards, freshman Sadie Wells placed



The Lady Aces return to the pool on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. to face off with Eastern Illinois.

fourth in the 3 meter and fifth in the 1-meter dive while junior Jennifer Childers finished fifth in the 3-meter board.

The women will join the men Saturday at Eastern Illinois for a dual meet with the Panthers at 1:00 p.m.



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Hoosiers Care initiative offers weatherization tips

October is national weatherization month, and in the spirit of saving money on electric bills, the Hoosiers Care coalition of six Indiana state agencies is offering household tips to help reduce wasted energy.

One of the easiest ways to cut back on electricity use is by installing timers, motion sensors and/or dimmers on light fixtures. Any item that can minimize or turn off lighting will help reduce electricity waste. And less electricity used is money in the bank.

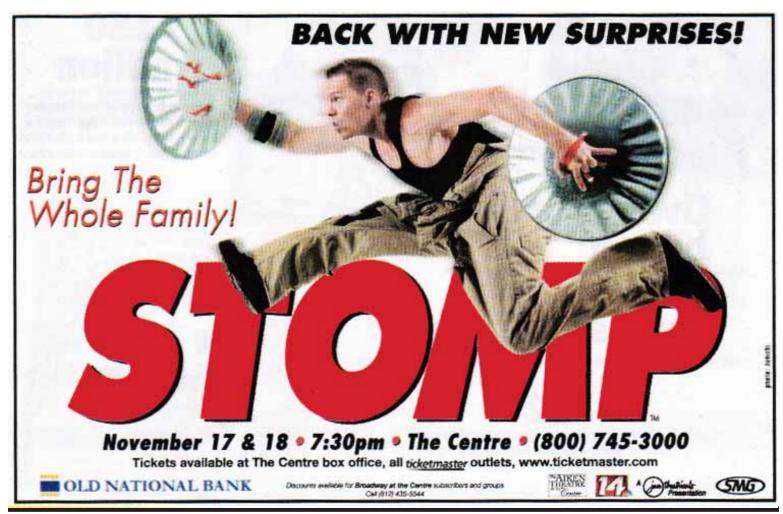
"We know that everyone is looking for ways to save money right now," said Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) Director Sherry Seiwert. "By making a few simple changes around your home, you can reduce your utility bills significantly and keep that money in your pocket."

For individuals having difficulties paying electricity bills, there are resources available. IHCDA administers the state's Energy Assistance Program, providing financial assistance to low-income households to help with utility services during the winter heating and summer cooling seasons. The program is implemented through the Community Action Agencies statewide, with outreach offices serving

every county. Heating assistance runs from November 1 to May 31, and interested residents should contact their local Community Action Agency to see if they qualify. For more information, visit www.ihcda. IN.gov/files/CAPS.pdf.

The Home Energy Conservation Program, formerly the Weatherization Assistance Program, provides comprehensive weatherization services to low-income households. Activities may include, but are not limited to: furnace and water heater health and safety evaluation, repair and replacement; insulation of the attic, sidewalls or other uninsulated areas; and air sealing of the structure. Services are designed to reduce energy consumption and utility costs for heating low-income homes.

To qualify for energy assistance, a household's annual income cannot exceed 150 percent of the poverty guidelines. A chart describing the current income maximum allowable per household is available on IHCDA's Website, at http://www.ihcda.in.gov/. For additional information about the Hoosiers Care program, visit http://www.hoosierscare.in.gov/.



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BUSINESS

Mead Johnson Reports Solid Third Quarter Results; Narrows Full-Year 2009 Guidance to Top End of Range

(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 22, 2009-- Mead Johnson Nutrition Company (NYSE: MJN) announced today its financial results for the third quarter ended Sept. 30, 2009, including:

- * GAAP earnings of \$0.48 per diluted share, down from \$0.61 a year ago, reflecting the impact of higher interest expense and shares outstanding in 2009.
- * Non-GAAP(1) earnings of \$0.53 per diluted share, up from \$0.50 last year, driven by lower commodity costs, partially offset by the impact of a stronger dollar and greater investments in advertising and promotion
- * GAAP sales down 6 percent quarter-over-quarter; non-GAAP constant dollar sales down 1 percent, as growth in emerging markets in Asia and Latin America was offset by customer inventory adjustments and lower demand in the United States and Europe.
- * Full-year 2009 non-GAAP EPS guidance narrowed to \$2.20 to \$2.25, the top end of the previous range of \$2.15 to \$2.25. This compares with non-GAAP EPS of \$1.90 in 2008.
- * GAAP EPS guidance narrowed to \$2.06 to \$2.11, which compares with GAAP EPS of \$2.32 in 2008.
- (1)Mead Johnson, formerly a wholly owned subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMS), completed its initial public offering (IPO) in February 2009. Results for 2008 and 2009 have been adjusted for the factors affecting comparability due to the IPO and other specified items and are, therefore, adjusted non-GAAP (non-GAAP) financial measures.

"Our solid performance in the third quarter reflects the success of our global growth strategies," said Mead Johnson Chief Executive Officer Stephen W. Golsby. "Our sales performance in constant dollars reflects continued double-digit growth in Asia and Latin America, as we continue to launch new products, strengthen our marketing programs and expand our distribution footprint in China. In the United States, we brought three more product innovations to market, including Enfamil Premium in a new, recyclable package. This offering saves the consumer money and reduces packaging waste, while providing the same trusted nutritional product parents have come to expect from Mead Johnson. We are also using television advertising for the first time in the United States to communicate Enfamil Premium's clinically proven Triple Health Guard™ benefits of brain and eye development, immunity and growth."

"Our cash balance at the end of September stood at \$597 million, up from \$577 million at the end of June," Golsby added. "The increase was driven by a combination of strong earnings and good working capital management, which more than offset the \$86 million in dividend payments and pension plan contributions made in the quarter. Looking at our balance sheet, we are considering options to refinance approximately \$1.75 billion of debt, which is held by Bristol-Myers Squibb, to take advantage of the current lower interest rate environment. Our ability to access the capital markets marks another important milestone for Mead Johnson as a public company."

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this news release are forward looking as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, which are identified by words such as "expects," "intends" and "believes," involve certain risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations as of the date of this news release. These risks include, but are not limited to: (1) the ability to sustain brand strength, particularly the Enfa family of brands; (2) the effect on the company's reputation of real or perceived quality issues; (3) the adverse effect of commodity price increases; (4) increased competition from branded, private label, store and economy-branded products; (5) the effect of an economic downturn on consumers' purchasing behavior and customers' ability to pay for product; (6) inventory reductions by customers; (7) the adverse effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates; (8) the possibility of changes in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program, or increases in levels of participation in WIC; and (9) the ability to develop and market new, innovative products. For additional information on these and other factors, see the risk factors identified in the company's periodic reports, including the annual report on Form 10-K for 2008, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, filed or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, available upon request or at meadjohnson. com. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



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LOCAL POLITICS

USI accounting team wins second in statewide competition

A four-member team of accounting students from the University of Southern Indiana College of Business has won second place in the annual Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) Case Study Competition.

The team made an oral presentation in Indianapolis October 16 and was recognized that evening at the organization's CPA Celebration at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. As second-place winners, each of the USI team members received a \$750 award from INCPAS.

The team from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis finished in first place the team from Indiana University Bloomington finished in third place.

The 2009 USI team included Matt Garza, a senior accounting major from Evansville Jamie Perry, a junior accounting major from Winslow, Indiana Anna Shade, a senior accounting and finance major from Henderson, Kentucky and David Ubelhor, a senior accounting major from Evansville. Ubelhor was a member of USI's first-place team in 2008.

Jeanette Maier-Lytle, USI instructor in accounting, was faculty coach of the accounting team for the sixth year.

The USI team qualified as one of six finalists to give an oral presentation after preparing a written case study. Other teams in the finals represented Bethel College, Purdue University Calumet, and Saint Mary's College.

The case study for this year's competition required the teams to evaluate the effect of the economy on a CPA firm. They researched and made recommendations on issues such as recruiting, employee morale, client relations, and efficiencies. Team members posed as partners in a fictitious accounting firm to deliver a 20-minute presentation in the final round of competition. A 10-minute question-and-answer session followed the presentation.

Maier-Lytle said the judges indicated that a minuscule difference separated first and third place in the competition. USI teams brought home first place in the competition five straight years from 2004-08.

"Our team excelled again this year," Maier-Lytle said. "The students did an excellent job in the question-and-answer session and gave a first-rate presentation."

Prior to the competition, the USI team practiced in a formal setting in front of representatives of the BKD accounting firm in Evansville.

The INCPAS case study competition is designed to challenge students with a practical project requiring them to use their knowledge, skills, and judgment. It provides the kind of practical experience they might use as CPAs in today's business world.

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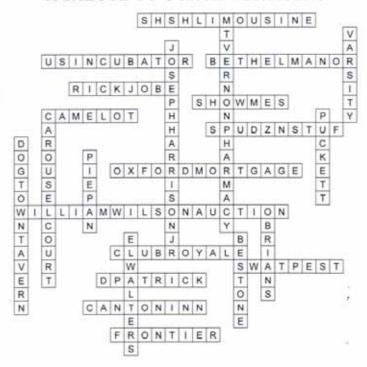
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