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Susan Kirk: A Lesson in Old School Leadership

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

Blanket statements and stereotypes are never a good idea. Some people run for public office because they really do want to serve people and make a difference. Take Vanderburgh County Clerk Susan Kirk.

She doesn't get involved in political matters surrounding her office. She just does her job and follows the laws and regulations set by the state. There's no political grandstanding in her eyes. She does her job with fairness and integrity, or as she puts it, the way it's supposed to be done.

Susan grew up with an understanding of what politics were supposed to be about. Her father, Frank Tilford, who was elected to serve as Vanderburgh County Treasurer, previously ran for County Commissioner. She was in the eighth grade when she said her father was asked by the Republican Party to run for commissioner. "I remember going door to door talking to people to help get my father elected. Dad was running against Shirley Cox that year. It was an odd time for the party because it was split in two. Of course, my dad lost the election, but a couple of years later, he ran for County Treasurer and won."

Susan's political career began in 1968. At the time, she was working as a dental assistant. Remembering that May and November are typically busy times in the County Treasurer's Office, she recalled the time her father asked her come work for him. While she was doing that part-time, she was offered a full-time position as a secretary at The Centre.

"That was such a boring job. I looked forward to seeing that janitor," she said with a chuckle.

When Shirley Cox was elected Clerk, she asked Susan



**Vanderburgh County Clerk
Susan Kirk**

to come to work for her in the Election Office. Susan leapt at the chance. She talked about all she had seen as an Election Office employee. She said that during the week of the elections she would go in to the office on Monday morning and wouldn't go home until Wednesday.

Why did she want to run for office? "I wanted to make a difference. I want to serve the people in a fair and honest way. I think being fair and honest show you care."

While she has worked in a political atmosphere most of her life, she doesn't consider herself a seasoned politician. She learned from her father the value of maintaining your integrity as a public servant.

"My father always told me 'Don't ever do anything you know isn't right because there are people who will find out and hold it over your head to get you to do other things that aren't right.' That was the best advice I ever received, and I live by it still today," she said.

Susan talked about the old school way of doing things. She talked about the challenges facing all elected officials. "In this office, the biggest challenge is making sure we perform our jobs correctly. A mistake in this office can affect people's lives. Doing what you know is right is required. I know it's very difficult sometimes."

She took a common sense approach to government spending. "I think all of government needs to prioritize spending. When you have no money, you just need to maintain what you have. On the federal level, I think everything should pass on its own merits, with no attachments. As far as Vanderburgh County goes, I think, compared to a lot of other counties, we are doing pretty good."

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While most people may see Susan Kirk as Vanderburgh County Clerk, she's much more than that. Take one step in her office and look around. It's apparent that she is adventurous and family-oriented. Her office is decorated with photos of her son, granddaughter and 97-year-old mother, who incidentally still lives with her. She also has a certificate from a tandem jump from her lone skydiving adventure. And let's not forget her Indiana Women's Golf Association Hole-In-One certificate from a perfectly played hole at Quail Crossing Golf Club.

"I really can't complain. I'm very thankful for the life I have. I enjoy my job, and I have a wonderful, healthy family with my two brothers, my son, my granddaughter and my mother," said Susan softly.

When asked to regale me with her tale of skydiving, she laughed. "Well, I came home from work one evening and the weather girl on the television was doing a tandem jump during the Freedom Festival. I thought that would be an exciting thing to do, and I didn't know you could do that. I called my son, and he talked to a friend that knew all about it. It was a rush in

the beginning because you are free falling at 120 miles an hour. When the parachute comes out and you are just hanging there slowly falling, it's kind of a letdown. What's really funny is that I'm afraid of heights."

A native of Evansville, she likes to hike, especially in the winter so it's not hot and there are no mosquitoes or snakes. She and her dog, Dexter, can be found most weekends at Angel Mounds.

One thing people may be surprised to know about Susan is that she is a pretty good carpenter. She candidly noted that she can also do a little electrical and plumbing work as well.

Susan Kirk is among Vanderburgh County's biggest assets and best kept secrets. She has a variety of accolades ranging from homeless fundraising efforts to excellence in voter registration. In 1986, she was presented an award as by Gov. Robert Orr as a Sagamore of the Wabash. Susan has also been listed on the "Who's Who Among American Women" every year since 1995.

Susan Kirk consistently proves her worth in office. She is among the few true old school leaders.

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Evansville Spends Big with Federal, State Funds

By Franz Schroeder, Staff Writer

Every year, the City of Evansville receives Community Focus Funds (CFF) from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development through the state. Civic organizations, local government offices and non-profits submit proposals for funds. The CFF program is funded with federal Community Development Block Grant dollars, the Emergency Shelter Grant and the HOME Investment Partnership.

In 2009, proposals were sent to the city in hopes money would be given. The proposals are then discussed by the CAC Committee. Recommendations are then made to the mayor. The mayor then makes his own recommendations to the City Council, which has the final say.

The total amount appropriated in the "Public Services" category in 2009 was \$545,136. The total requested for 2010 was \$1,183,390; however, the total amount appropriated \$515,000.

The total amount appropriated in the "Non-Public Service" category in 2009 was \$4,406,715. The total requested for 2010 was \$4,173,398; however, the total amount appropriated was \$2,923,823.

The total amount appropriated in the "HOME" category in 2009 was \$562,780. The total requested for 2010 was \$2,116,301; however, the total appropriated was \$800,000.

A few of the more notable awards for 2010 were as follows:

- \$60,000 for Code Enforcement for Trash and Debris;
- \$20,071 for Ark Crisis Child Care for Crisis Child Care;
- \$21,500 for United Caring Shelters, Inc. for Day Shelter Services;
- \$19,000 for YWCA for operating costs for the Domestic Violence Shelter;
- \$9,957 for HOPE of Evansville for Housing Counseling Services;
- \$15,000 for Focus Neighborhood Community Development Inc. for Neighborhood Association Expenses;
- \$50,000 for Memorial Community Development Corp. (MCDC) for Memorial Market (the original request was \$150,000);
- \$125,000 for Memorial Community Development Corp. for Front Door Pride Youth Employment;
- \$486,282 for Dept. of Metropolitan Development (DMD) for Management and Planning;
- \$32,998 for Historic Preservation Services for Historic Preservation;
- \$7,500 for DMD for Neighborhood Resource Development;
- \$30,000 for Dept. of Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Inspection Services for Code Enforcement/Demolition (the original request was \$230,000, which they received in 2009);
- \$119,328 for Dept. of Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Inspection Services for Code Enforcement – Hearing Authority;
- \$1,021,531 for Dept. of Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Inspection Services for Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Inspection Services;
- \$403,303 for DMD for Front Door Pride/Neighborhood Pride (the original request was for \$737,063);
- \$100,000 for Memorial Community Development Corp. for Emergency Rehab Services (the original request was \$150,000);
- \$98,960 for DMD for Brownfield Services (the original request was for \$118,960);
- \$100,000 for Evansville Brownfields Corp. (the



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original request was for \$400,000, while they were appropriated \$985,000 in 2009);

- \$35,000 for DMD for Redevelopment Disposition;
- \$127,921 for DMD for Redevelopment Services;
- \$68,341 for DMD for HOME Administration;
- \$13,300 for Memorial Community Development Corp. for a Housing Director (the original request was \$50,000);
- \$80,000 for Community Action Program of Evansville & Vanderburgh County for CAPE Housing Development (to construct two new homes in the Neighborhood Pride and other areas);
- \$175,000 for ECHO Housing Corporation for Veterans Supportive Housing;
- \$150,000 for HOPE of Evansville for Living the Dream Homeownership (the original request was for \$215,000, while they received \$225,000 in 2009);
- \$256,759 for Memorial Community Development Corp. for Akin Park Infill New Construction Project (the original request was \$350,900).

Several requests were made for grant funds that were not awarded. Here are a few such requests:

- Memorial Community Development Corp. requested \$100,000 for Access for All (to be used to enhance medical services to the community through the Memorial Clinic);
- Memorial Community Development Corp. requested \$50,000 for Healthcare for Immigrant Communities;
- Carver Community Organization Inc. requested \$16,770 for the operating costs of a senior volunteer service program;
- Sycamore Rehabilitation Services requested \$20,040 for Training for Independence;
- Memorial Community Development Corp. requested \$533,935 for Akin Park Rehabilitation;
- Memorial Community Development Corp. requested \$380,000 for Glenwood Infill New construction Project.

The total amount requested for 2010 was \$7,473,089. The total amount recommended by the CAC was \$500,000. The total amount recommended by the mayor and approved by the City Council was \$4,238,823.

According to the State of Indiana, "The goal of the CFF program is to encourage communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development... determine whether or not your project is a good candidate for the Community Focus Fund based on the following criteria:

- The area to be served has a substantial low- and mod-


erate-income population (51% or greater) or is designated a slum or blighted area by local resolution.

- The project addresses the long-term planning and development efforts for the community.
- The funds granted will have a significant impact on the proposed project.
- The project is ready to proceed and will be completed within 18 months after being awarded.

Eligible CFF projects include, but are not limited to:

- Water projects;
- Sewer projects;
- Storm drainage projects;
- Infrastructure in support of housing projects;
- Senior centers;
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- Community centers;
- Downtown revitalization;
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Tax Planning or Paying the Consequences?



*By Jeffrey Day,
Tax Master*

This time of the year, folks that actually pay income taxes are usually trying to find ways to minimize their legal tax obligations; however, most of the time, the first few months of the year it is too late to arrive at a strategy of tax savings for the past year.

If the liberals running our government do not extend President George W. Bush's tax rate cuts that are set to expire at the end of 2010, a year from now we could have considerable tax shock!

If your marginal tax rate for 2010 is 15%, there is no capital gains tax whatsoever, which includes qualified dividends. The tax rate for the gain sold on securities sold and/or qualified dividends is 15% when the taxable income exceeds \$67,900 for the year 2010. If the rate cuts expire the qualified dividends will return to ordinary tax rate. We may anticipate capital gains tax rates of 10% and 20% in 2011 on all gains, what rate will they be after 2011?

Individuals that own stocks may want to consider selling the securities in 2010, turn around and purchase back the same stock even if they had no intention of disposing the stocks at the time. If the stocks are sold in 2010 when there is no actual tax on the capital gains with a purchase immediately after, the cost of the stocks will become the new purchase price, perhaps greatly minimizing the gains when disposed of later. The costs of selling and purchasing the securities today are usually very minimal, unlike years past. No wash sales are in play if the initial sale was a gain and the repurchase stock is held over 30 days even with a loss on the second sale as a result of the stepped up basis.

For example a married couple with no children, has no mortgage and file a "short form" tax return, have an

income of \$60,000. Their taxable income without selling any securities would be approximately \$41,000. They could sell securities that have a GAIN (not selling price) of about \$26,000 and owe no income taxes on those gains on the federal tax return. If no changes are made in the tax laws and those securities are sold with the same income in 2011 the taxes on the gains alone is \$3,000, so with little effort but tactical maneuvering they could save \$3,000.

The \$3,000 could then be put into an Indiana College Choice Plan and save \$600 additional on the Indiana tax return which would pay much of the Indiana taxes on the \$26,000 gain.

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Indy Businesses Good For Evansville?



*By Dan Kisner,
Staff Writer*

A group of businessmen from Indianapolis has been in town all week appearing before various bodies, including the Department of Metropolitan Development and the Evansville City Council. With the blessing of the current Administration, they are asking that these bodies authorize the Evansville

Redevelopment Commission issue tax free bonds in the amount of \$8.3 million, so that they can purchase and rehabilitate the 250-unit Stonehenge Apartment Complex located on Evansville's Eastside. These Indianapolis businessmen recently formed a "not-for-profit" corporation and intend to buy and renovate the complex and rent a minimum of 75 percent of the units to lower and middle income residents. It is possible that 100 percent of the units will be rented to lower and middle income residents.

This project was made possible as a result of recent Federal and State laws that grant favorable tax treatment to certain "not-for-profit" corporations that help provide affordable housing to people of limited means. The goal of these new laws is to allow every citizen of this country the opportunity to live in good, quality, affordable housing. We have no quarrel with that and hope that these new laws achieve that goal. In many instances we believe that projects such as this are good. In this instance we ask ourselves this question, "Is this project good and if so, good for whom?"

The financing of a project such as this is complicated and difficult to explain. Simply put, the City of Evansville issues the bonds, someone else buys them, and the money received from the sale of the bonds is used by the "not-for-profit" corporation to purchase and upgrade the apartment complex. The City is in no way responsible financially to anyone. In normal financing or bond arrangements, various businesses are involved, work is performed and fees are earned."Good for our local banks and lending institutions?" you may ask.

NO! All of the financial arrangements will be handled by another corporation, located in Indianapolis that is owned or controlled by these businessmen.

If the property is purchased and renovated, it will have to be managed by someone or some business. "Good for our local real estate management companies?" you may ask. NO! The management duties will be performed, for a fee, by another corporation, located in Indianapolis that is owned or controlled by these businessmen.

The project calls for substantial improvements to the exterior including new siding and balconies and porches. "Good for our local construction companies and Trade Unions?" you may ask. NO! The bulk of the work will be performed by the employees of the "open shop" construction company, located in Indianapolis that is owned or controlled by these businessmen.

"Good for our local real estate market?" you may ask. NO! There is currently a vacancy rate in rental units in Evansville of over 10 percent. Our local landlords are trying to rent their properties and are trying to stay in business and feed their families. With the favorable tax treatment given to these Indianapolis businessmen by the new laws and the favorable interest rate a bond issue will give them, their overhead will be less than that of our local landlords and the Indianapolis businessmen may be able to offer rental units, similar to those owned by local landlords, at a lower price.

"Good for the City of Evansville?" you may ask. NO! By forming a "not-for-profit" corporation and providing a minimum of 75 percent of the units to lower and moderate income families, the property taxes on the complex, now contributing \$114,000 a year to help run our local government, will be REDUCED by the same percentage - 75 percent. If all of the units are rented to people of limited means, the Indianapolis businessmen pay NOTHING in local property taxes. The City of Evansville will still be legally obligated to provide services to the complex, including police and fire protection. In return, the City will receive little or nothing by way of property taxes to help pay for these services.

We ask again, is this project good, and if so, good for whom?

Dan McGinn, the lone Republican on the Evansville City Council, should be commended for his research and efforts to ensure that good public policy prevailed in this instance.

EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

Compiled by Moles Number 1 through 109...and counting

IS IT TRUE that the openly politically partisan Vanderburgh County Building Authority Director, Dave Rector is making the following statement concerning the soon to be vacated Vanderburgh County School Administration building to select political types? IS IT TRUE that his statement could be as follows: "Maybe a crazy thought, but with the EVSC leaving their Admin building it's something we want to look at for a possible consolidation of offices instead of building out old jail space. Assuming we could get building at low cost if any. Didn't know what they have planned for it?" IS IT TRUE the county taxpayers are still being charged by the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority many hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for leasing the vacant space that once housed the old jail?

IS IT TRUE that a couple of local elected officials are openly supporting a new group called "THE TEA BUSTERS?" IS IT TRUE that the above elected officials enjoyed reasonable support for the "Tea Party" group? IS IT TRUE that they shouldn't rely on any future political support from ever-growing "TEA PARTY" group?

IS IT TRUE that the Democratic Party may not be pushing any one to run against County Councilmen RUSS Lloyd, Jr. and Jim Rabin? IS IT TRUE that Republicans may not be pushing anyone to run against Vanderburgh County Councilmen Royce Sutton?

IS IT TRUE that you should not expect the Republican Party

to run a candidate against the extremely popular, Vanderburgh County Sheriff Eric Williams? IS IT TRUE the answer is a resounding "YES"!

IS IT TRUE that Vernon Stevens, an employee of Southwest Business Machine, is looking into running for the 1st District County Council seat held by Tom Shelter, Jr.?

IS IT TRUE that a popular leader of the local "TEA PARTY" group will be running for Knight Township Trustee this coming election? IS IT TRUE that Jim Braker also has a strong following among Evansville citizens and firefighters who want to keep neighborhood fire stations 10 and 14 open in the Second Ward?

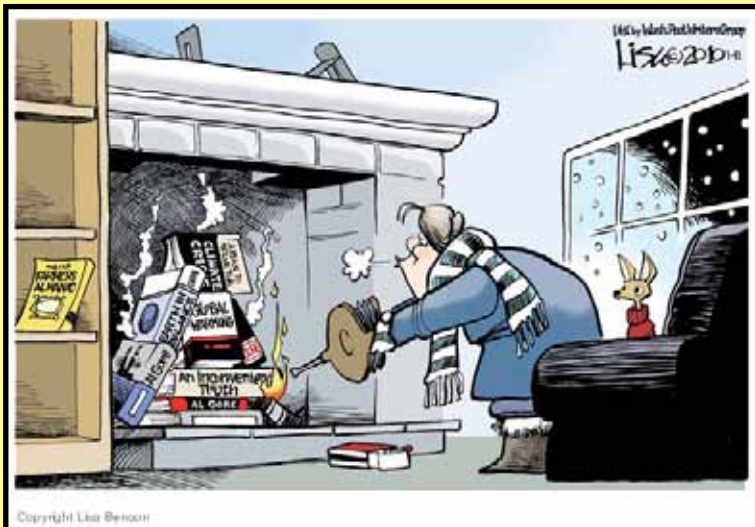
IS IT TRUE if any elected and appointed public official ordered a background search to be conducted on any persons or group this is called an "Invasion of Privacy"? IS IT TRUE if this really happened, the elected officials have opened themselves to "TORT" claims? IS IT TRUE that these five (5) local elected and appointed officials may be investigating individuals or group who oppose their political agenda? IS IT TRUE when the above "Invasion of Privacy" claims are proven certain, five (5) political and public service careers are over?



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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

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IS IT TRUE that sometime in February 2010, a well-known and highly-respected business person shall announce his intentions to run for the 2nd Ward city council now held by Missy Mosby? IS IT TRUE his name is Lon Walters, President of E. L. WALTERS-HEATING AND CONDITIONING?

IS IT TRUE we are wondering about the status of the Evansville Police and Fire Fighters 2010 employment contracts with the city? IS IT TRUE the answer is definitely?

IS IT TRUE that on January 19, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Locust Room of The Centre in downtown Evansville an extremely well-known and highly-respected individual will announce her candidacy to run for the Vanderburgh County Commission seat presently held by Troy Tornatta? IS IT TRUE her name is none other than Marsha Abell!

IS IT TRUE that Vectren proposed rate hike of \$18.00 per month is just the beginning? IS IT TRUE we wonder if Vectren still has a private jet to fly overpaid company executives all over the county side?

IS IT TRUE that the name of the new arena may have something to do with Tropicana or Casino Aztar? IS IT TRUE the city agreed to entertain discussions on this in February 2009, when the City of Evansville signed an agreement in principle with Casino Aztar?

IS IT TRUE that Dewey "Mike" Alexander is running on the 2010 Democrat Ballot for Posey County Sheriff? IS IT TRUE Alexander currently serves as the Chief Deputy in Posey County and is a 26-year veteran on the force? IS IT TRUE he is a lifelong Democrat with fiscally conservative tendencies? IS IT TRUE the people of Posey County are impressed with his safety and community-oriented record?

IS IT TRUE that an Indianapolis firm is handling public relations for the new Downtown arena? IS IT TRUE emails regarding updates on the arena project are coming from a company named Executive Media? IS IT TRUE we are wondering why a local marketing firm is not handling this? IS IT TRUE we are wondering what the cost associated with this aspect of the arena? IS IT TRUE we

are wondering who is paying for this?

IS IT TRUE that Mike Humphrey, past Evansville Fire Chief, had the necessary documents and exhibits to apply for national accreditation for the EFD? IS IT TRUE we wonder why past EFD Fire Chief Ken Zuber, who followed Humphrey, failed to follow through with this process? IS IT TRUE if current Chief Keith Jarboe did a little investigating, he could find the disk containing the documentation to help the city obtain this prestigious national certification?

IS IT TRUE that Al Lindsey is planning to select his exploratory committee to be the next Sixth Ward City Councilman sometime in the next couple of months? IS IT TRUE that seat is currently held by B.J. Watts?

IS IT TRUE that (R) Marty Amsler is considering forming an exploratory committee to run for the Fifth Ward Evansville City Council seat currently held by (D) John Friend? IS IT TRUE the Fifth Ward is highly Republican?

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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

In his 1915 book, *The Underground Railroad*, William M. Cockrum relates personal and eyewitness accounts of heroic and despicable episodes of escaped slaves aided and betrayed. My friend, Ray Bipus, loaned me his volume which I found to be interesting and sad. The book concentrates on the period between the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and the Civil War of 1861 – 1865.

According to Cockrum, until the Fugitive Slave Act was pushed through Congress, the efforts to help African Americans escape slavery were less organized. But when the Act began to be used by slave traders to kidnap free Negroes in free states and sell them into bondage, the Anti-Slavery League grew strong in response.

The United States Constitution of 1789 was only ratified by the thirteen original states because of an odious compromise concerning slavery. As many of our Founding Fathers owned valuable slaves, they would not agree to a document that prohibited slavery. So the Constitution accepted slavery, but prohibited the importation of new slaves after 1807. However, it did not prohibit domestic slave owning or trading. Therefore, enterprising pro-slavery Americans demanded that federal law allow them to recapture runaway slaves who escaped to free states, such as Indiana (1816) and Illinois (1818). The hated Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was the result.

Ironically, this pro-slavery Act may have been one of the two most individually significant things that brought about the Civil War and the end of slavery. The other was Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

One afternoon last week Peg and I took Eric Renschler and Stacy Moyer on a tour of our historic courthouse. Stacy is a Posey County native and a historic preservation architect who now practices in New York City. He wanted to see what we had done here. As I have done many times with others I took them out on the roof where you can clearly see both banks of the Ohio River and even the islands that escaping slaves used, much like Ms. Stowe's ice floes, to run to freedom. One can, also, see where Mc Fadden Creek to the east of the courthouse and Mill Creek to the west lead into Mt. Vernon from the Ohio River. Looking to the northwest one can see where Mill Creek could have been used by escaping slaves to reach the antebellum mansion, Robin Hill, where, according to numerous items of anecdotal evidence, the

"conductors" of the Underground Railroad hid the frightened African Americans from the blackbirders who sought to sell them back into bondage.

Due to the ready access of the Ohio and the Wabash Rivers and the juxtaposition of the free states of Illinois and Indiana to slavery friendly Kentucky, our areas of southern Illinois and Indiana have an interesting, if spotty, history concerning the treatment of escaping slaves.

For example, I often recall my amazement when I first toured the Old Slave House (Hickory Hill) in southern Illinois near the ironically named town of Equality. Tradition says this was a place in Free Illinois where the despicable practices of both slavery and blackbirding took place. Blackbirding was carried on in southwestern Indiana as well as southeastern Illinois. The Fugitive Slave Act made the practice lucrative. Blackbirders were white men who would capture runaway, and sometimes even freeborn and manumitted Blacks, and take them to slave states for rewards or sale.

Next week we can ponder the uses and abuses of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and take up some of William Cockrum's accounts of how the Underground Railroad operated. But for now I must read the interesting documents on the Underground Railroad that have been furnished to me by my friends, June Dunning of the Alexandrian Public Library and author Harold Morgan.

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Posey County Community Foundation Accepting Grant Proposals for over \$59,000 in Grants

Posey County, Indiana – Nikki Collier, chair of the Grants and Distribution Committee of the Posey County Community Foundation (PCCF), a fund of the Community Foundation Alliance in Evansville, announced that the Foundation is accepting applications for grants to community organizations.

Proposals are sought for charitable projects and activities that address needs and opportunities in the county in health, human services, arts and culture, education, community development, and other areas that would improve Posey County.

Only those agencies or organizations which are tax exempt under 501(c)(3) and 509(a) are eligible to apply for the over \$59,000 available for granting. Proposals must be postmarked or delivered to the PCCF office in the Old National Bank Building at 402 Main Street in Mt. Vernon by 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2010.

Grant applications may be obtained at the PCCF office or by logging on to the Foundation website at www.posey-communityfoundation.org.

The Foundation's grants committee will host two grant program orientations to answer questions about how to submit the best possible proposal, as well as to offer general grant-writing advice.

The session, conducted by Julie Eickhoff, Foundation Director for the Foundation, will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on January 12 at the Alexandrian Public Library in Mt. Vernon and from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on January 14 at the Community Center in Poseyville. Those wishing to attend, or who have additional questions, should call the PCCF office at 812-838-0288 to register.

Grants will be awarded at the Foundation's Annual Meeting on June 9, 2010.

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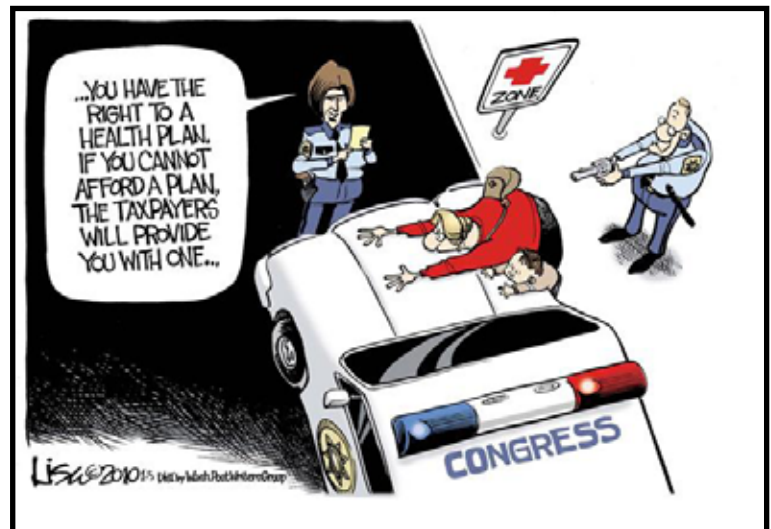
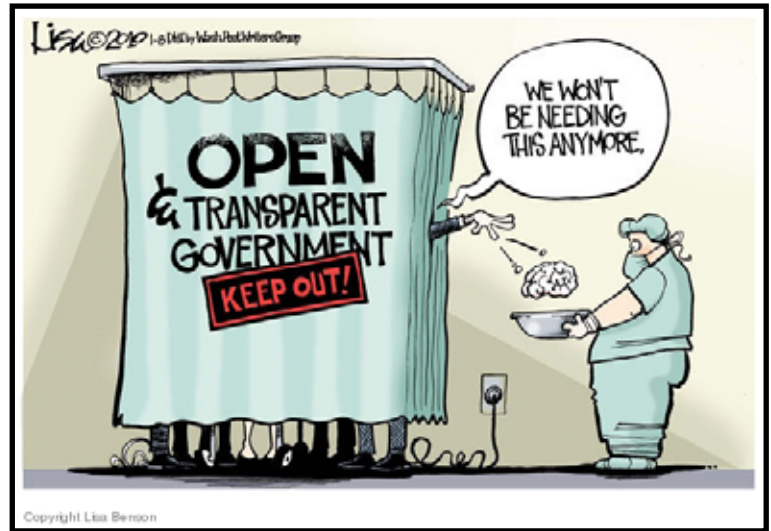
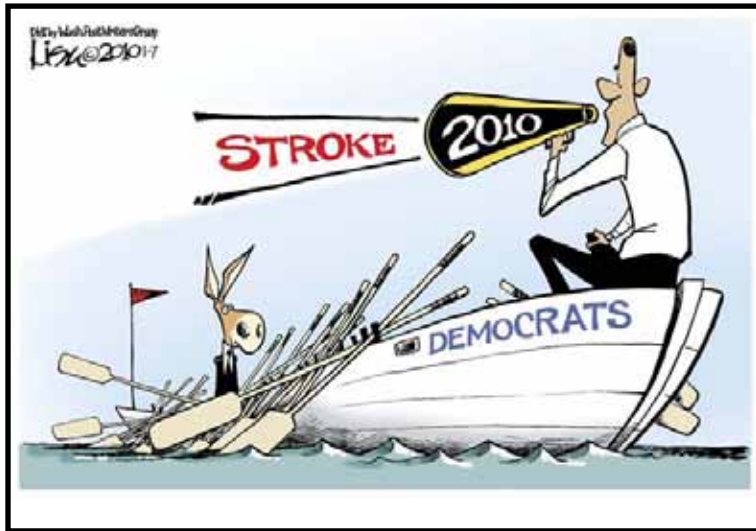
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EVSC Identifies \$8 Million in Savings

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation recently presented strategic reductions to the EVSC's financial infrastructure totaling \$8,001,007, protecting its core business of education and classroom experiences. This reduction was in answer to a Dec. 29, 2009, mandate from the governor's office for K-12 education to realize \$297 million in savings to its budgets across the state, beginning with January payments. In the EVSC's plan announced tonight there was no loss of student programs or teacher reductions made.

EVSC Superintendent Vince Bertram said, "Through transformational thinking and alignment of resources to strategy, as well as continual work over the past two years to find financial savings by running the corporation more efficiently and effectively, the administrative team has identified innovative changes to operational, service, facilities, and administrative and support staff to help the EVSC realize more than its target of \$8 million in savings." Also targeted are preservation of dollars in each of the accounting funds in the EVSC and the maximizing of General Fund Resources, managing all funds for the Rainy Day Fund and opportunities to enhance revenue.

EVSC Revenue

The EVSC's General Fund actual revenue for 2009-10 is \$140,646,414.52. The original revenue when the biennium budget was announced for 2010 was set at \$142,825,206. However, the new expected revenue for 2010, reflecting the state's decrease in funding will be \$136,316,594, what the EVSC refers to as the "new normal." This is an effective State Aid Reduction of 4.56 percent for the EVSC or more than \$6.6 million. Because of this, the EVSC has targeted more than the announced 3.5 percent state-wide decrease in order to remain financially stable. "The EVSC is positioned well, but we need to make these bold moves. Moves that some may feel are unconventional, but moves that are necessary to support our core business," Bertram said.

The EVSC ended 2009 with the largest cash balance ever (34.9% more than any other cash balance) of \$9.5 million and a balance in the Rainy Day Fund of \$6.5 million, up from \$66.84 the previous year. These resources will help with any unfunded shortfalls the EVSC experiences, while realizing the proposed reductions over the next several months. "Bertram said that increasing revenue coming into the EVSC will be a focus of the corporation. First on the list is to increase enrollment through greater student success and innovative options for students. The EVSC Foundation has seen a return-on-investment of 1.75 in the last 18 months, and is expected to continue and grow; and it is hoped that the EVSC will be selected to receive Race to the Top and Innovation Funds. Ber-



Dr. Vince Bertram

tram said that State School Superintendent Tony Bennett made the EVSC feel fairly confident in the commenting recently that "If only one corporation in the state of Indiana was to get the Race to the Top money, it would be Evansville." Grants and other funded programs and strategic partnerships will also help to increase revenue, Bertram said.

Ways the corporation has reduced costs and will continue to focus efforts include developing lean processes, eliminating layers, adjusting strategy and rethinking various operations. The EVSC is looking at consolidating functions and divesting itself of underutilized facilities, as well as conserving energy.

Divesting Buildings

Administration, Food Services, Special Education: Some specific building changes include divesting the Administration Building and moving those operations to the EVSC's Support Services Center, where warehouse space has been emptied due to efficiencies like lean processes and just-in-time deliveries to specific buildings. Along with Central Administration, offices in the warehouse will be the Offices of Food Services and Special Education. Renovations to support these moves to the Supportive Services Center and Warehouse areas will be financed through bridge financing and repaid after selling the Administration Building and other facilities, as well as through the Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund.

Psychological Services, Special Education Early Childhood, Related Services: The EVSC will relocate to the Culver Early Childhood Center the Offices of Psychological Services, Special Education Early Childhood and departments that are a part of Related Services. After this occurs, the EVSC will divest the Special Education/Psychological Services building. Also moving to the Supportive Services Center will be the Offices of Transportation, Facilities and Operations. The current building for Transportation and Facilities offices will then be razed.

Current North High School Building: The EVSC announced plans to restructure the Strategic Plan to re-align the North District in order to be able to divest the current North High School Building and achieve better school balance. The plan would include:

- Reconfiguring Delaware, Evans, Oak Hill, Scott, and Vogel Schools to K-6 schools
- The new North Junior High School will Serve All North District Students in Grades 7-8
- The new North High School will Serve Grades 9-12
- The Current Howard Roosa Facility will Close (as previously announced)
- The Current North High School Facility will Close

EDUCATION

Juan Williams to speak at USI's Martin Luther King Day Luncheon

Award-winning journalist Juan Williams will be the guest speaker for the University of Southern Indiana's annual Martin Luther King Day Luncheon, to be held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 18, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Williams' career spans more than 20 years, and includes employment with The Washington Post, where he was an award-winning editorial writer, op-ed columnist and White House correspondent, to his current role as senior correspondent for National Public Radio and a political analyst for Fox News.

An Emmy-winner for television documentary writing, Williams is the author of six books, including *Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America* - and *What*

We Can Do About It, igniting nationwide debate with his critical analysis of black leadership. He has appeared as a commentator on *Nightline*, *Washington Week in Review*, *Crossfire*, and *Capital Gang Sunday*.

The Martin Luther King Day event includes Williams'

keynote address a meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, collard greens, garden salad, corn bread muffins, and apple pie or chocolate cake for dessert and performances by the Children's Center for Dance Education, Culver Glenwood Drumline, Zion Missionary Baptist Church Praise

Dancers, and *Designed by Grace*, USI's gospel choir.

The luncheon is open to the University community and the general public. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the USI Multicultural Center. Call 812/465-7188 for tickets or more information.



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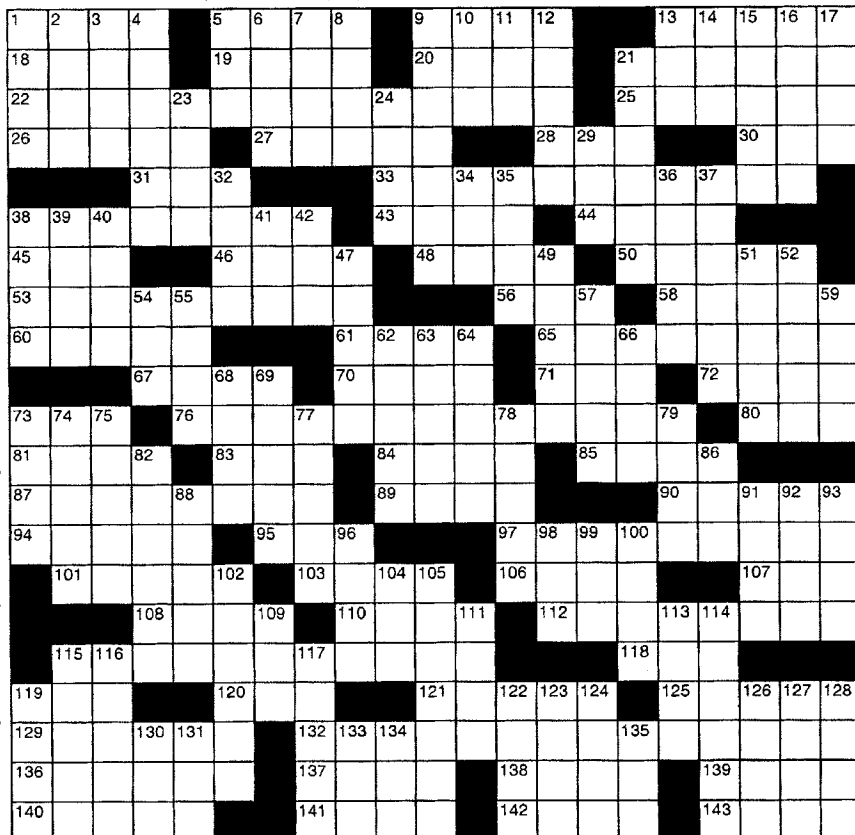
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Lynch Earns Scholar All-America Honors

The University of Evansville men's soccer team produced its second nationally honored player of 2009 today when junior midfielder Robby Lynch was chosen for the NSCAA/adidas Men's College Scholar All-America Team.

Teammate Mike Luttrull was chosen last month for the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Men's Soccer Academic All-America Team.

Lynch was a first team all-Missouri Valley Conference midfielder, a second team NSCAA All-Midwest Region selection, a first team member of the MVC Men's Soccer Scholar-Athlete Team, and a final-



ist for the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Men's Soccer Academic All-America Team. He finished second in scoring for UE this fall with five goals and five assists for 15 points. An exercise science major, Lynch has a 3.58 GPA.

Evansville finished with a 12-8-1 record for its fourth consecutive winning season under fourth year coach Mike Jacobs. The Aces reached the MVC Tournament finals for the first time since 1996 and had four players chosen for the All-Midwest Region Team in addition to the national scholastic honors earned by Lynch and Luttrull.

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SPORTS

Smith, Young named D-II Bulletin Players of the Month

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—University of Southern Indiana men's basketball senior guard Jamar Smith and women's junior guard Ellen Young have been named the Players of the Month for December by the Division II Bulletin.

It marks the first time in school history that the Screaming Eagles have had a men's and women's player earn Division II Bulletin Player of the Month honors. Smith is the first USI men's player since Norman Plummer (December of 2007) to earn Division II Player of the Month honors, while Young becomes the first USI women's player since Jessica Stuckman (January of 2002) to earn Division II Player of the Month accolades.



Smith, who earned GLVC Player of the Week honors after averaging 28.5 points per game in USI's wins over Bellarmine University and Northern Kentucky University, averaged 26.0 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 3.8 assists per game to lead the Screaming Eagles to a 7-0 record in December.

After racking up 18 points and seven rebounds in USI's win over Indiana University-

Southeast, Smith blistered Ohio Valley University for what was then a career-high 33 points and seven assists. He dropped in 20 points and five assists against Lake Erie College before dropping in 28 points in USI's victory over Urbana University. He finished the month with 23 points, seven rebounds, and four assists in the Eagles' victory over Brevard College.

Young averaged 20.3 points per game to lead the women's team to a 4-0 record and wins over Bellarmine, Northern Kentucky, the University of North Alabama, and Ferris State University.

In USI's victory over Bellarmine, Young shot a blistering 88.9 percent (8-8) from the floor and drained all four of her shots from behind the arc to finish with 24 points. She came back two days later to hit 64.3 percent (9-14) from the field, 71.4 percent (5-7) from behind the arc, and finish with a career-best 30 points in USI's victory over Northern Kentucky.

Young racked up 14 points, recorded five rebounds, and dished out two assists in USI's win over North Alabama and finished the month by scoring 13 points in USI's victory over Ferris State.

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SPORTS

Aces Heat Up Winter College Invite With First, Third Finish

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.--Although the University of Evansville swimming and diving team found the weather a little chilly in Florida for its training trip, the Aces turned the heat up in the pool, as the team competed at the Winter College Invitational Wednesday at the Daytona State Aquatic Center.

The women's team took first while the men's team took third in the six-team contest. Other schools competing included University of Bridgeport, Florida Southern College, University of the Columbias, Daytona State College and Rollins College.

"I love the passion that this team put forth," said Evansville head coach Rickey Perkins. "I know that the team is tired because we have been going hard for days, but I'm very happy and proud that this team showed up to compete and to win."

On the women's side, Hannah Quast and Michea Reinitz each took a first place finish in the 200 free and 200 IM, respectively. Quast also finished second in the 100 free while Reinitz took second in the 100 back and 50 free. Alex Howard placed second in the 100 fly and third in the 100 breast. Jill Enge in the 200 fly, Phoebe Hodina in the 200 back and Alex Spata in the 200 breast each added a third place ranking in their events. The team also placed second in the 200 medley, 1500 scramble and 200 free relays.

The men's team also had some strong finishes, as the 1500 scramble relay took second and the 200 medley and 200 free relays placed third. Will Spradley had the highest finish individually for the Aces with a third in the 50 free while also taking fourth in the 100 free. Jake Harrington placed fourth in the 200 IM with Alex Seward right behind in fifth. Derek Bifulco finished fifth in the 100 breast while Wil Fernandez took sixth in the 100 fly.

After the conclusion



The Aces' women finished first while the men took third at the Winter College Invitational on Wednesday.

of their training trip to Florida, the Aces will travel to St. Louis to participate in a meet at St. Louis University on Sunday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m.

An advertisement for 'The Pie Pan' restaurant. The ad features a collage of food items including a pie, a sandwich, and a bowl of soup. Text on the ad includes: 'The PIE PAN', 'THE PIE AND SANDWICH SHOP', 'OPEN 7 DAYS', 'Smoke Free', 'Home Cooked Meals', 'Breakfast Specials', 'Sandwiches', '28 Different Pies', 'Gift certificates', 'www.thepiepan.net', '425-2261', '905 North Park Dr.', and 'READERS' CHOICE AWARDS PLATINUM'. There are also logos for MasterCard and Visa.

SPORTS

Eagles looking to build new streak

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team is looking to build a new winning streak when it visits Kentucky Wesleyan College Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at the Sportscenter in Owensboro, Kentucky.

USI (14-3, 5-1 GLVC) also hosts No. 22 Quincy University Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Physical Activities Center. Game coverage, including video, audio, and live stats, can be found at www.gousieagles.com.

The Screaming Eagles are looking for their second straight victory when they visit the Panthers of KWC Thursday after defeating Maryville University 83-66 Saturday in St. Louis, Missouri. USI saw its 12-game winning streak come to an end last Thursday as it fell to Missouri University of Science and Technology, 73-51, in Rolla, Missouri.

USI had six players score at least eight points in its victory over Maryville Saturday. Sophomore guards Rinesha Soaper and Cootie Leeberg sparked the Eagles off the bench, scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Overall, the Eagles saw their bench outscore Maryville's reserves 43-33 and gained a 38-20 advantage in points in the paint.

For the season, junior guards Ellen Young and Amie Newhart continue to lead the Eagles offensively. Young is currently eighth in the GLVC with 14.6 points per game, while Newhart, who is 19th in the league with 12.4 points per appearance, is third in the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.17) and free throw percentage (.882).

Newhart, who also is ninth in the conference with a team-best 3.7 assists per outing, is eight points away from entering the top 20 all-time at USI in career points.

USI leads the all-time series with Kentucky Wesleyan, 40-24, and is 13-3 in the series since 2000 after besting the Panthers, 65-61, at the PAC last season. Young and Soaper led the Eagles with 18 and 14 points, respectively, while junior forward Amanda Harnist led the Panthers with a team-high tying 14 points.

Harnist is averaging 9.7 points and a team-best 6.8 rebounds per contest this year, while freshman guard Lauren Goffinet leads the team with 10.6 points per appearance. The Panthers are looking to stop a three-game losing streak after falling to Drury University and Missouri S&T on the road last week.

USI is looking for its first win in Owensboro since defeating Kentucky Wesleyan 82-68 February 24, 2005. The Eagles are 0-2 at the Sportscenter dating back to the 2005-06 season.

Thursday's game is the first of three games in a five-day stretch that sees USI host Quincy before traveling to Springfield, Missouri, to take on GLVC West Division-leading Drury Monday evening (6 p.m.).

The Eagles trail Quincy, 17-16, in the all-time series and are 6-15 in the series since 2000 after dropping both games to the Lady Hawks last season. USI also trails the all-time series to Drury, 6-2, after splitting the season-series with the Panthers last year.

Quincy (11-3, 2-3 GLVC), which hosts the University of Missouri-St. Louis Thursday, snapped a three-game losing streak with its 79-70 win at Missouri Western State University last Saturday.

Drury (13-3, 5-0 GLVC), the winner of six straight games, visits the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Thursday and hosts Missouri S&T Saturday before its bout with USI next Monday.



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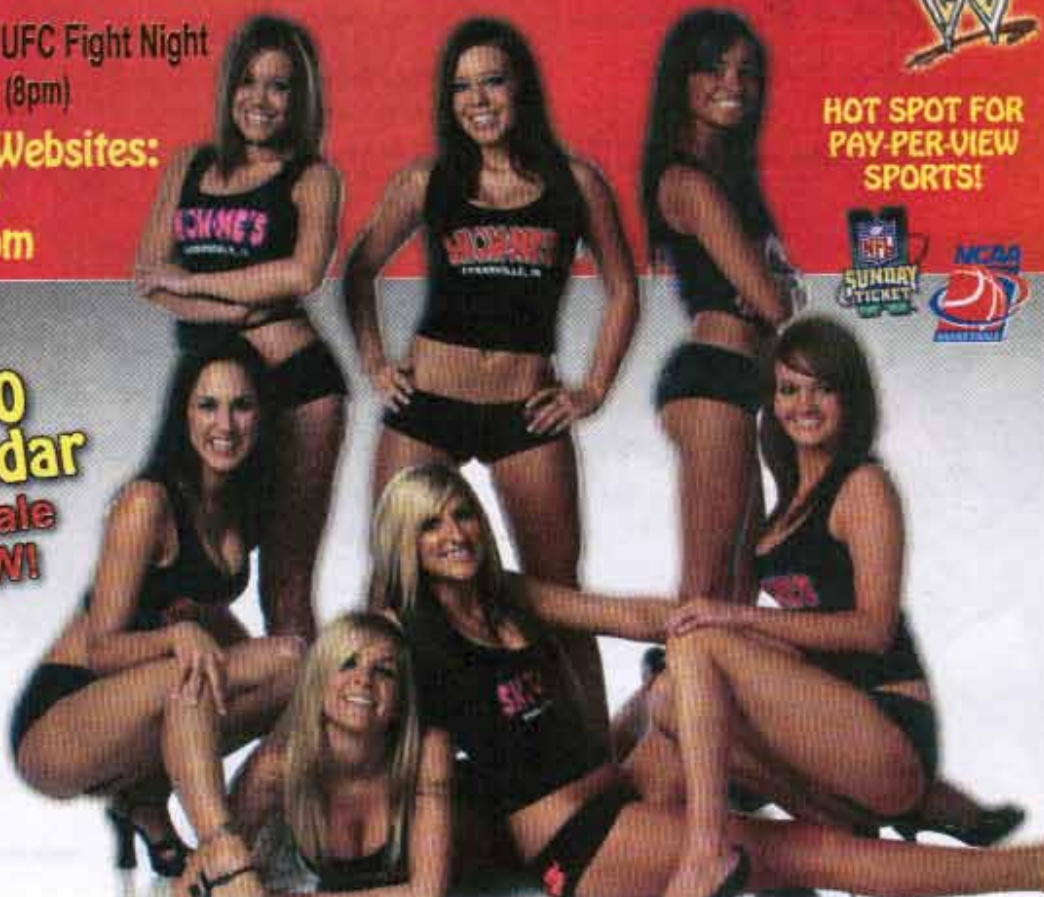


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All pre-registered entries must be received by January 11 and pre-registered runners will receive a Snowflake Derby fleece running cap on race day. Running caps will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. If supplies run out, the caps will be mailed to all participants as soon as possible. Food and drink will be available following the race in the PAC.

This year's event will be run entirely on grass and dirt (or mud) trails. Hills, hay bails, log jumps, and creek crossings will all be part of a terrain that varies from flat, to rolling hills, to short, steep inclines and declines. The start and finish will be at the Screaming Eagles Valley Cross Country and Disc Golf Complex on the south end of campus.

Awards go to the five finishers overall, plus the top two male and female finishers in the following age groups: 15-under, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-over. Food and drinks will be provided after the race.



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ANGEL MOUNDS EVENTS

Animals of North America: The Charlotte Skelton Collection Exhibit
An impressive collection of animals mounts originating from all over North America will be on display at Angel Mounds State Historic Site from December 21, 2009 - January 25, 2010. Named for its benefactor, a highly talented taxidermist, this exhibit contains mounts ranging from Texas all the way to Alaska. Highlights include deer, black bears, birds, coyotes, pheasants, a badger, a wolverine, rattlesnakes, and much more.

Tri-State Art Guild Holiday Show
Art & Photography Exhibit
Nov. 15, 2009 - Feb. 5, 2010
•Sponsored by Tri-State Art Guild and the Friends of Angel Mounds.
•Exhibit hours: Tues. - Sat., 9am - 5pm, Sun., 1 - 5pm.
•Call 270-826-6674 or 812-401-3076 for exhibit information or visit <http://www.tri-stateartguild.org>

CALL FOR ENTRIES & ARTISTS

"Art of Well Being 2010 Exhibit"

Artists are invited to enter one artwork in the "Art of Well Being 2010 Exhibit". Prospectus will be mailed second week of January. Exhibit will open Sunday, February 28 at the First United Methodist Gathering Area ~ Henderson, KY. Two and three artworks dimensional can be entered. Photos or digital artwork will not be accepted. Each artist can interpret "well being" as it pertains to their life. Delivery dates will be February 19 & 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the First United Methodist Church's Green Street Entrance. The entry fee for FUMC members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members.

Email: nbradley@fumchenky.org ~ (270) 827-9831

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EVANSVILLE (cMoe)

Wednesday through Saturday: 9:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED - Holiday Exceptions Apply

Admission: Last Admission to the Museum is 3:30 p.m. **, 18 Months and Over - \$6, Members - FREE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (18 or older)

NEW Music Together Classes at cMoe!

New to the Tri-State area, this internationally recognized early childhood music program is committed to helping families rediscover the pleasure and educational value of music experiences. Classes developed for children birth to age 7 are scheduled at cMoe on Wednesday and Fridays at 12 noon beginning the week of January 11th. Contact casey@inmusictherapy.com to register or for more information.

• Saturday, Jan 16 Story Stretchers at 10 a.m. Enjoy Winter Constellation activities with Visiting Scientist Josh Gilmore from The Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science at 1 p.m.

• Sunday, Jan 17 Explore how the night sky impacted the Underground Railroad when Stories in Action presents "Follow the Drinking Gourd" at 2 p.m.

Military Appreciation Day! All military personnel plus one child admitted free!

• Monday, Jan 18 cMoe is Open for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.! Storyteller Susan Fowler presents her interactive version of "The Star Bellied Sneetches" by Dr. Seuss at 1 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan 23 Story Stretchers at 10 a.m. What does it take to be an astronaut? Take the Astronaut Fitness test with Fitness Zone staff from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• Sunday, Jan 24 Let it Snow! Join cMoe staff for hands-on fun with Snowy Science activities in the Work Smart Gallery from 1-3 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan 30 Rocket to the stars! Design your own stomp rocket in this hands-on workshop. The workshop developed for children age 5-12 will be held in the 3rd Floor Camp Room from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. A \$2 materials fee (in addition to museum admission) supplies all you need to make and test your rocket. Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling (812) 464-2663, extension 230.

• Sunday, Jan 31 TBD

CIVIC THEATRE EVENTS

LOCAL FLAVOR ADDS SPICE TO "BETWEEN DAYLIGHT AND BOONVILLE" AT CIVIC THEATRE

Set in coal mining country only a few miles from Evansville, Between Daylight and Boonville comes to Civic Theatre in February. Written by Evansville native and professional screenwriter Matt Williams, the story focuses on Carla who dreams of escaping her dreary existence, but whose plans are interrupted when an ordinary day becomes extraordinary as an unforeseen crisis strikes her community. The play is a touching and humorous study of the women who rise above the grimmer facts of their existence with gritty humor and fierce dignity.

Matt Williams, a Reitz High School graduate, went on to help create the sitcoms Rosanne and Home Improvement, and is now a partner in the New York production company, Wind Dancer Production Group.

Kensington Blaylock returns to the Civic stage as Carla; she was last seen in Steve Martin's The Underpants last spring. Paula Boenigk plays Lorette, and Kate Small Scheu portrays Marlene, two of Carla's friends

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and wives of coal miners. Leo Kempf, who last appeared in the summer of 2007 in *Almost, Maine*, play Cyril, one of the coal miners. Ebony Kiegel plays Wanda, a miner's widow, in her Civic Theatre debut. Maddy Plough, last seen in last spring's *Anne of Green Gables*, plays Carla's daughter Stacy. Reece McDaniel and Harrison Holder, playing Jimmy and Bobby respectively, who are Marlene's sons, are both making their Civic Theatre debuts.

Between Daylight and Boonville opens Feb. 12, and runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday (except for Sunday, Feb. 14, when there is no show) through Feb. 28. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00pm, and Sunday matinees are at 2:00.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors 65 and older and \$12 for students 21 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office at 717 North Fulton Avenue, or by calling 425-2800.

THE MAINSTAGE SEASON:

- The Sugar Bean Sisters, by Nathan Sanders.
April 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 2010 Sponsor: 104FM WIKY

THE NEXTWAVE SHOWS:

- Footloose, by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie.
This Nextwave production will feature a cast of high school students.
May 13, 14, 15, 16, 2010 Sponsor: Integra Bank

EVANSVILLE MUSEUM (Arts, History, Science)

Winter hours. Visitors are being welcomed Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from Noon – 5:00 p.m. The Museum will be closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays. These

hours will be effective through Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Admission is free, but there is a suggested contribution of \$2 per person.

Membership begins at \$35, with a total of seven membership categories.

The Ohio Valley Art League is proud to present "The Luster of Silver: Contemporary Metalpoint Drawings" on loan for the permanent collection of the Evansville Museum.

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (EPO) EVENTS

Saturday, January 23, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra-Classics

"Family Reunion Concert"

Featuring Past & Present Conductors & Concertmasters

Alfred Savia and Steward Kershaw, Conductors

Gared Crawford, John Macfarlane, Michael Jinsoo Lim, Brennan

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Victory Theatre

Program includes:

Brahms – Serenade in A, op. 16: Mvt. V Rondo. Allegro

Dvorak – Romance for Violin & Orchestra

Vivaldi – The Four Seasons (Each played by a former concertmaster)

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Rimski-Korsakov – Flight of the Bumblebee

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Tickets start at \$15. Call (812) 425-5050 or order online at: www.evansvillephilharmonic.org. Groups of 10 or more save! Programs, artists and dates are subject to change.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.
& Sunday, February 7, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.
Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra-Pops
“Simply Sinatra”
Alfred Savia, Conductor
Steve Lippia
Victory Theatre

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Saturday, February 20, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.
Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra-Classics
“Heroic Heights”
Alfred Savia, Conductor
Jon Manasse, Clarinet
Victory Theatre
Program includes:
Mendelssohn – The Hebrides
Lowell Liebermann – Clarinet Concerto* °
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EVANSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Exhibit of art by Hoosiers with developmental disabilities kicks off statewide tour in Evansville

Beginning January 12, a unique art show will kick off its year-long tour throughout the state of Indiana at Central Library, the main branch of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library system. “What’s important to me! An exhibit of art by Hoosiers with developmental disabilities” reflects the needs, hopes, and goals of Indiana residents with developmental disabilities through artistic creations.

Artwork by dozens of individuals from around the state will be on display, including pieces from local Evansville artists Rebecca Herrmann, Melissa Collins, Lorita Utley, and Diana Willoughby. Newburgh artist Owen George also brings his talents to the exhibit. The artists present their skills and talents through a diverse variety of styles, including paintings, pencil sketching, and textile works, which reflect the contributions they make in their communities and the interests they have in their lives.

Developed to raise awareness about developmental disabilities, the tour facilitates community integration of individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, and other diagnoses, and creates a greater understanding of the person-centered services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities by the State of Indiana and Indiana Professional Management Group (IPMG). In September 2006, IPMG became the sole provider of case management services to individuals receiving an Autism, Developmental Disabilities, or Support Services Waiver from the State of Indiana. The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), a department of Indiana’s Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), administers the waiver program for more than 12,700 Hoosier waiver recipients.

Sponsored by IPMG, “What’s important to me!” paints a picture of how

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person-centered thinking can be implemented by those who support individuals with developmental disabilities, as they work together to provide quality person-centered planning for each individual. The exhibit provides a tangible reflection of the things important for each person, such as health and safety issues, as well as those things important to the waiver recipient, such as their hopes, dreams, and the goals they have for their lives within their communities. Ensuring each person's waiver is used to move the recipient forward with these two important concepts is the hallmark of IPMG's person-centered case management services.

"What's important to me!" will be displayed at Central Library until February 18.

Adult Programs

- Jan 15 & Jan 29 – Create Quilting Sampler Blocks, 10:00 a.m. at West Branch, 2000 W. Franklin Street. For more information, call 428-8232.

- Jan 20 – Women's Fiction Book Club – Olive Kitteridge, 3:30 p.m. at Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call 428-8234.

- Jan 27 – McCollough's Fiction Book Group – The Art of Racing in the Rain, 5115 Washington Ave. For more information: Call 428-8236.

Teen Programs

- Jan 15 – Friday Flix – Aeon Flux, rated PG-13, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Browning Events Rooms, Central Library. For information: Call 428-8217.

- Jan 16 & 23 – Saturdays @ Central – Otaku Anonymous at 1:30, then Gaming Power Hour at 3:30 for ages 12-18 in Browning Events Rooms, Central Library. For information: Call 428-8217.

Children's Programs

- Jan 19 – Mad Scientists: Static Electricity. Grades K-6. 3:30 p.m., Red Bank Branch Library, 120 S. Red Bank Rd. Register by calling 428-8205.

- Jan 25 – Where the Wild Things Are. Grades K-6. 3:30 p.m., Oaklyn Branch Library, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. Call 428-8234 for information.

- Jan 26 – Dragon Day – Find out about dragons around the world and make a dragon craft. Grades K-6. 3:30 p.m., McCollough Branch Library, 5115 Washington Ave. Call 428-8236 for information.

Recurring Children's Programs

Alphabet Antics – Red Bank Branch. Ages 4-6. Monday, January 25, 3:30 p.m. Registration required by calling 428-8205.

Art Starts - READ Center, Central Library. Ages 3-5. Fridays, January 22 & 29, 11:00 a.m. Call 428-8225 for information.

Art Express - READ Center, Central Library. Grades K-6. Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 3:30 p.m. Call 428-8225 for information.

Busy Fingers – Oaklyn Branch. Ages 2-5. Crafts that enhance listening skills and hand-eye coordination. Thursdays, January 21 & 28, 10:00 a.m. Call 428-8234 for information.

Crafty Concoctions – Red Bank Branch. Grades K-6. Try some challenging crafts for older children. Thursday, January 21, 3:30 p.m. Register by calling 428-8205

Family Game Night - Red Bank Branch Library. All Ages. Spend an evening playing some of your favorite board games. Monday, January 25, 5:30 p.m. Call 428-8205 for information.

Family Festivities - READ Center, Central Library. All ages. Coloring sheets, word searches and other activities. Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 6:00 p.m. Call 428-8225 for information.

Fun Hour @ East Branch – Ages 6-12. Books, crafts and special events. Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 3:30 p.m. Call 428-8231 for more information.

Fun Hour @ West Branch – Ages 6-12. Books, crafts and special events. Wednesdays, January 20 & 27, 3:30 p.m. Call 428-8232 for information.

Fun Hour @ Stringtown Branch - Ages 6 -12. Books, crafts and special events. Mondays, January 25, 3:30 p.m. Call 428-8233 for information.

Kids Create – North Park Branch. Grades K-6. Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 2:30 p.m. Call 428-8237 for information.

Knitting Club – McCollough Branch. Grades 6-12. Wednesdays, January 20 & 27, 3:30 p.m. Call 428-8236 for information.

Nighty Night – Red Bank Branch. Ages 2-5. Tuesdays, January 19 & 26, 6:30 p.m. Call 428-8205 for information.

Preschool Story Hour @ West Branch. Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, January 20 & 27, 10:15 a.m. Call 428-8232 for information.

Preschool Story Hour @ Stringtown Branch. Ages 3-5. Mondays, January 25, 10:15 a.m. Call 428-8233 for information.

Webkinz Club - READ Center, Central Library. Grades K-6. Learn about Webkinz World. Thursdays, January 21 & 28, 3:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 428-8225.

Wonderful WebCams - READ Center, Central Library. Grades K-6. Join us in exploring different wildlife animals through webcams. Mondays, January 25, 3:30 p.m. Registration is required by calling 428-8225.



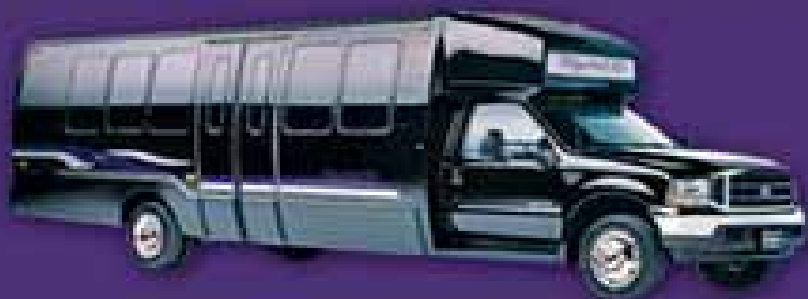
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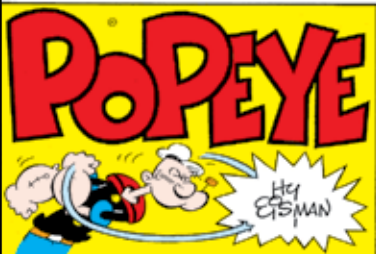
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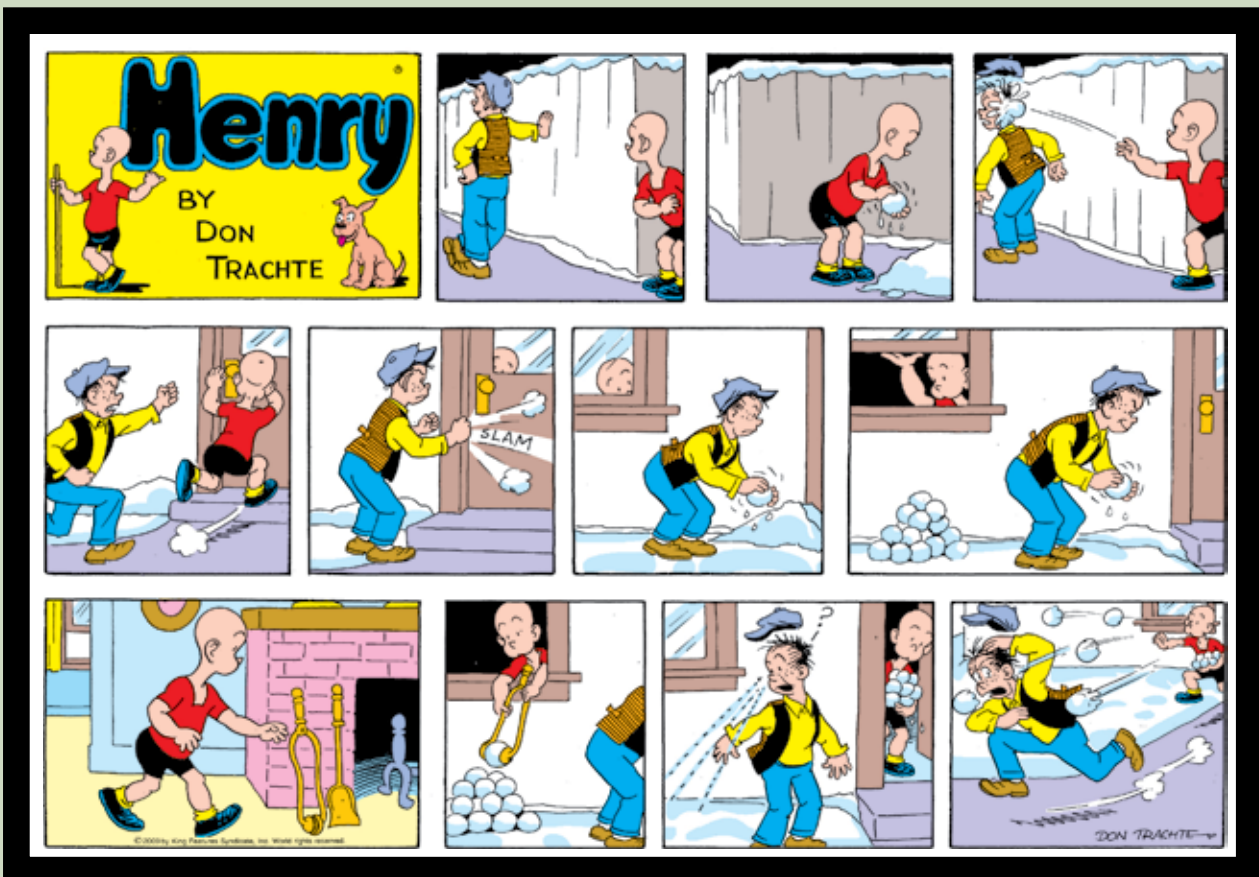
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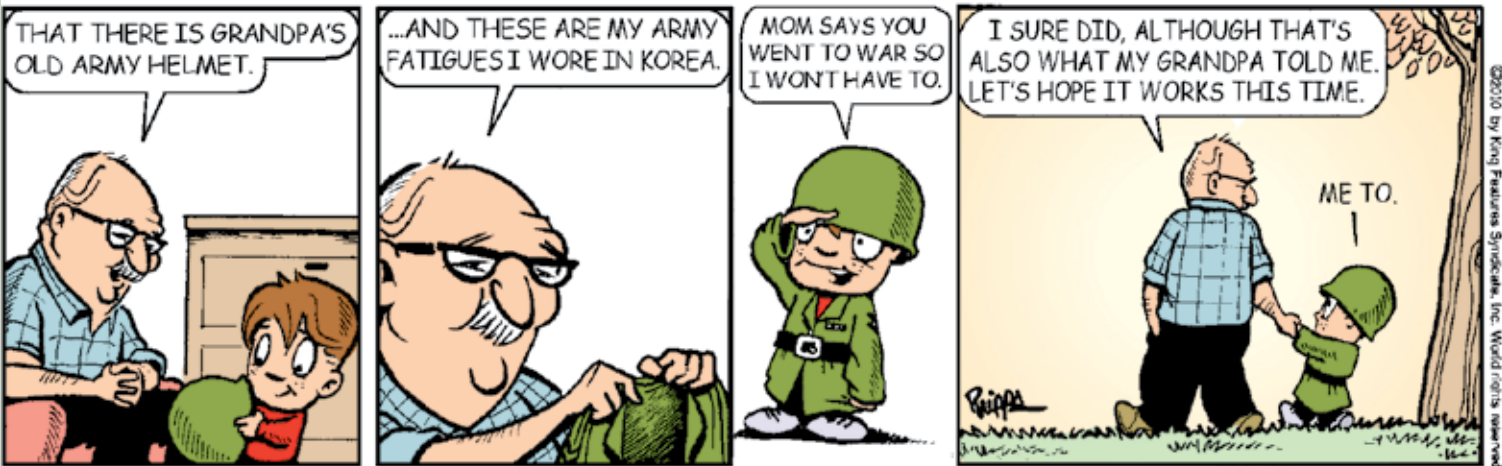




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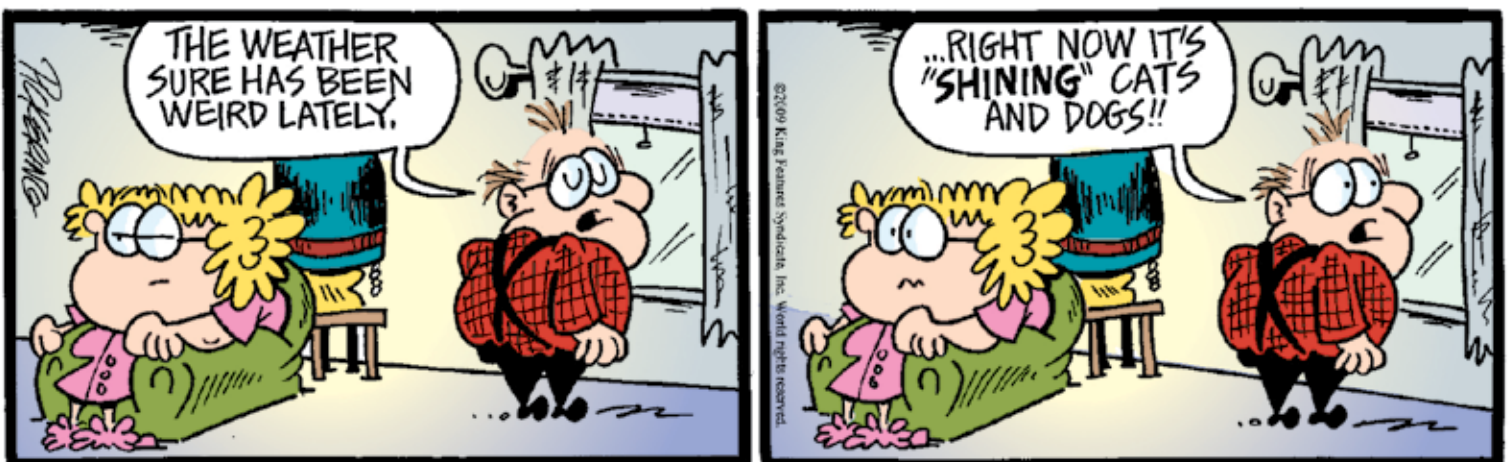
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