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Money Trail: Campaign donations linked to arena project

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

Publisher's Note: This article is the beginning of a series of articles to come. These articles are based upon questions asked by our readers regarding campaign funds for various elected officials in Evansville and the surrounding areas. These articles are based on months of research, going through campaign finance reports, meeting minutes, resolutions, contracts and Internet searches.



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The necessity of a new downtown arena has been widely questioned by the majority local resi-

dents. People have been asking about the immediate work and secrecy for almost a year. They began trying to draw lines, or correlations, one local businessman told the City-County Observer that the answers lie in campaign finance reports, so we began compiling a list of reports needed. After obtaining numerous campaign finance reports from various elected officials, the need for articles became crystal clear.

As the staff of the City-County Observer began digging into Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel's Campaign Finance reports, we began to notice a pattern of donors and days donations were given. This prompted us to go one step further.

Bingham McHale LLP

Bingham McHale is a large law firm in Indianapolis. While the search for donations from previous years is underway, the attorneys in this firm made up one of the largest bases for donations in 2009 in the Weinzapfel For Mayor Campaign Finance report.

Approximately 50 attorneys donated nearly \$35,000 to Weinzapfel's campaign fund in 2009. These donations were seemingly all given in a two-day period. On November 17, 2009, approximately \$7,750 was donated; however, on November 19, 2009, approximately \$27,125 was donated.

Bingham McHale LLP is reportedly one of the firms assisting with the legal aspects of the new arena. According to Evansville Redevelopment Commission meeting minutes from July 21, 2009, Bryan Collins, of Bingham McHale, went before the board to discuss the financing of the arena. At that time, he recommended to the ERC that the city obtain a \$41 million line of credit.

In documents obtained from the City Controller's Office, Bingham McHale has received payment from arena accounts. On January 15, 2009, the city entered an invoice from the law firm was sent to Bingham McHale for \$75,000. John J. Kish John Kish, arena project director, also made do-

nations in 2009. No donations were found for 2007 or 2008. Kish's donations to the Weinzapfel for Mayor fund totaled \$1,000. He gave \$100 on September 16, 2009, and \$900 on November 24, 2009.

for \$150,000. On January 23, 2009, check 517482

The City, through the Redevelopment Commission, approved a professional services agreement with John J. Kish and Associates Inc. on January 21, 2009. This was accomplished through the pas-

sage of Resolution 09-ERC-03.

In the Consideration portion of the agreement between Kish and the ERC, the Commission agreed to pay an hourly rate for Kish's services. The contract states at the top of page 2, "It is, however, expressly agreed that the total hours to be paid by the Commission for services rendered by the Project Director in any consecutive twelve (12) month period during the term of this Agreement, shall not exceed 1500 hours unless the Commission agrees, in writing, to increase the number of hours."

The rate is spelled out in Exhibit B, which states, "John J. Kish \$195.00 per Hour –this rate shall be subject to adjustment on an annual basis, subject to the written approval of the Commission."

Paragraph two states, "...the Commission shall also pay the actual costs incurred by the Project Director (without mark-up for overhead or profit) for reimbursable expenses...It is, however, agreed that the reimbursable expenses to be paid by the Commission for any calendar month will not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), unless the Commission agrees, in writing, to increase that amount for a particular month."

Populous, Inc. (Formerly HOK Inc.)

Populous Inc. made its first and only donation the Weinzapfel for Mayor Campaign Fund on November 24, 2009, in the amount of \$1,000. However, research indicates that HOK Inc. has been donating to Mayor Weinzapfel's Campaign Fund since 2005.

The Missouri-based firm made its first donation on June 28, 2005, as HOK Sports Facilities LLC, in the amount of \$1,000. On July 27, 2005, a second donation was received from HOK Inc. in the amount of \$500.

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No donations were discovered in 2006.

On June 18, 2007, HOK Inc. made a donation of \$1,000. On September 14, 2007, HOK Sports Facilities LLC gave \$1,000.

On June 26, 2008, HOK Sports Facilities LLC donated \$1,000 to the Weinzapfel for Mayor Campaign Fund. The second donation of that year was on December 11, and it was also in the amount of \$1,000.

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."

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.

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.

A & F Engineering

It was previously reported that A & F Engineering was among the greatest 2009 donors the Weinzapfel for Mayor Committee. In the course of the last four years, Indianapolis-based A & F Engineering has donated approximately \$23,500. In 2006, the company donated \$1,500, while they gave \$5,000 in 2007. In 2008, a mere \$3,000 was said to be donated. In 2009, approximately \$14,000 was given to Mayor Weinzapfel's Campaign Fund.

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)."

2010 GAGE Board of Directors Named

(Evansville, IN) – The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) is pleased to announce that Daniel Bugher has been named 2010 Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Bugher is Vice President of Information Technology and Customer Service at Vectren Corporation. He has been an active member of the Board since its launch in 2007 and assisted in the establishment of GAGE by consolidating functions of its predecessor organizations: Vision-e, Downtown Evansville, Inc., Certified Technology Park and the Evansville Small Business Incubator.

"It is a pleasure to serve with this Board of Directors and we look forward to working with the GAGE staff to improve and expand GAGE's contribution to the greater Evansville area in 2010," Bugher said.

The 2010 executive officers for GAGE include: Daniel Bugher (Chair), Carrie Ellspermann (Vice-Chair), Dan Arens (Treasurer), and Turk Walton (Secretary).

The Board is also pleased to welcome three new members: Vanderburgh County Councilman Joe Kiefer, Alfonso Vidal of Omni Plastics and Maura Robinson of M.G.

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NEWS CONGRESSMAN MIKE PENCE TO GIVE KEY NOTE ADDRESS AT WARRICK COUNTY REPUBLICAN LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Warrick County – The Warrick County Republican Central Committee announced today that Indiana's 6th District Congressman, Mike Pence, will be the key note speaker at their annual Lincoln Day Dinner. The dinner will be held on February 16, 2010 at the Rolling Hills Country Club. Doors will open at 5:45 pm and dinner will be served at 6:25 pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance and corporate tables and sponsorships are available. Please contact Sarah Topper at 812.453.5889 for details.

Pence's role as a conservative leader has been profiled in The Chicago Tribune, Business Week, the Weekly Standard, U.S. News and World Report and The New York Times. He appears regularly on Fox News, CNN and MSNBC. Pence also appears weekly on Indiana's most prominent talk radio stations.

"We are delighted to have one of the most influential conservatives in the nation, and the third ranking Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, coming to Warrick County. Congressman Pence has been an outspoken advocate in Washington for smaller government, lower taxes, and creating an environment in which our businesses and citizens can truly thrive. Southern Indiana needs more leaders like Mike Pence in Washington."–Rick Martin, Chairman, Warrick County Republican Central Committee.

Congressman Pence has served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 2003 and continues to uphold the interests of Indiana and all Americans in his service by traveling to visit troops serving in Iraq every year that we have been at war, including a recent trip to Afghanistan. The Congressman has authored the Farming Flexibility Act, Truth in Domain Names Act, the Child Pornography Prevention Act which was incorporated into the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, the Free Flow of Information Act, the 527 Fairness Act, Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, the Broadcaster Freedom Act as well as led many efforts to pass additional child protection legislation.

Congressman Pence and his wife Karen have three children and reside in Columbus, Indiana. The Pence family lives in Arlington, Virginia, while Congress is in session.



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NE Madden joins CountryMark Marketing Team

CountryMark is pleased to announce that Rick Madden of Boonville, Ind, has joined CountryMark as a Business Development Manager.

In his new position, Madden will work with CountryMark member cooperatives in southern Indiana to develop and implement CountryMark's Energy Products business strategy. The cooperatives in his territory will include Jackson-Jennings Coop, Orange County Co-op, Pre-



mier Ag, SynEnergy and White River Co-op. In this role, Madden will provide technical expertise and leadership, assist in new market development and give direction to promotional programs.

"We're pleased to have Rick Madden join our staff," said CountryMark Sales Manager Steve Thomas. "Rick's experiences in sales program development, increasing market share, technical assistance, and customer service will be valuable to Country-

Mark and the customers he will serve."

Over the past 25 years, Madden has held numerous positions within the CountryMark cooperative system. Most recently, he served as Petroleum Sales Manager for SynEnergy, a farmer-owned cooperative based out of Mt. Vernon, Ind. Prior to that, Madden served as Petroleum Department Manager for Superior Ag Resources, based out of Huntingburg, Ind.; and Petroleum Department Manager for Frontier Co-op, located in Lebanon, Ind.

Madden and his wife, Bambi, have four children.

CountryMark is a farmer-owned cooperative and is Indiana's only American-owned oil refining and marketing company. In addition to its corporate offices in Indianapolis, the company operates a refinery in Mount Vernon and terminal locations in Mount Vernon, Switz City, Jolietville, and Peru, Ind., as well as Henderson, Kentucky. Eighteen member cooperatives distribute CountryMark fuel in and around the state of Indiana. In addition to delivered fuels, these cooperatives operate 90 fuel stations in Indiana and surrounding states. CountryMark is recognized as a nationwide leader in the distribution of biofuels such as biodiesel and ethanol.

For more information about CountryMark, go to www. countrymark.com.

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The primary focus of this online publication will be built upon the foundation of honesty, trust, and strong principles of journalistic integrity. Our mission will be to give out readers the answers to vital, often complex information they need to live safer and more enriched lives. This publication shall be non-partisan with consistent and objective reporting. We will not only report and inform our readers about political events, but we will seek out and provide insight into the notso-apparent political issues, which help shape our lives. In essence our publication will be built on the cornerstone of service and trust to the taxpayers and citizens of Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. While we strive to educate and inform, we shall serve as a community watchdog by sounding the alarm whenever our citizens rights are in danger of being violated by our elected and appointed officials.

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POLITICS Week in Review at the Indiana General Assembly

INDIANAPOLIS-Committee agendas were full this week as the General Assembly worked through mid-session deadlines for committee hearings on bills in their house of origin. Approved measures advance to the full House and Senate where members have until next week to vote on bills introduced in their respective chambers. This brief summary highlights some of the legislative action and other activities which took place at the Statehouse this week.

Arts organizations and conservationists have day at the Statehouse Advocates for the arts met at the Statehouse this week to showcase Indiana Arts organizations and present community arts leadership awards. In coordination with the Indiana Coalition for the Arts and the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), regional representatives, artists, educators and administrators met with their respective legislators throughout the day to encourage continued public funding of the arts and recognize the economic importance of the arts. According to a 2008 survey, the IAC reported that there were 8,905 arts-related businesses in Indiana employing an estimated 53,924 Hoosiers.

In addition, the Indiana Conservation Alliance, consisting of about 30 conservation groups from around the state, assembled at the Statehouse this week to promote Conservation Day 2010. For the sixth year in a row, alliance members met with numerous lawmakers to promote their issues and encourage the passage of legislation to protect Indiana's natural resources and preserve the environment.

Redistricting - An amendment was offered in the Senate this week to Senate Bill (SB) 80 that would establish an independent commission to study and make recommendations for new legislative district maps for review by the next General Assembly. The proposal would not require an amendment to the state constitution and could take effect immediately impacting the 2011 redistricting process. The amendment was defeated along party lines in the Republican-controlled chamber by a vote of 16-33. Republicans have held control of the State Senate since 1978. Similar language is included in SB 289 which did not receive a Senate committee hearing. In addition, SB 136 is moving through the process and would create a redistricting committee to study proposals on amending the state constitution to allow redistricting by an independent commission. However, this legislation would delay any reform of the current process until 2021 at the earliest. Currently, 20 states have commissions that have the primary responsibility of drawing new districts or function as an advisory body on redistricting matters.

Smoking cessation program - A Senate amendment supported by Errington that would have protected the state's Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation (TPC) Board met with defeat this week. Under SB 298 as currently written, the nationally-recognized program is at risk of losing its autonomy and being put in the hands of the State Department of Health as a cost-savings measure for the state, even though the board is currently funded through the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Trust Fund and not the state's general fund. The board is appropriated \$10.9 million annually, of which \$1 million is spent on administrative costs and the balance supports about 200 local community tobacco use prevention and cessation programs. Recognized as a leader in tobacco control and a national model, the TPC's mission includes preventing tobacco use by Indiana youth, assisting tobacco users in quitting, assisting with the reduction and protection from secondhand smoke, and emphasizing prevention and reduction of tobacco use by minorities, pregnant women, children and other at-risk populations. Indiana has the second highest smoking rate in the country next to West Virginia costing Hoosiers over \$2 billion each year in health care costs directly related to tobacco use.

Agricultural land assessments - Members of the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee advanced SB 396 to the full Senate this week to require the Department of Local Government Finance to use an adjusted six year average and eliminate the highest and lowest values determined for that period when making the annual calculation of the base rate for the assessment of agricultural land. Known as the "Olympic Average" technique in which outlier scores are disqualified, passage of this bill would provide farmers and local governments more stable agricultural property assessments with slower growth and slower declines that are likely to be more representative of true market value. Supported by Errington and other members of the Indiana Rural Caucus as well as the Indiana Farm Bureau, this formula would more accurately reflect the values of farmland and properties used by the state's agricultural industries, and better protect Indiana's farmers and agricultural communities.

Local and organic food industry - A bill authored by Errington that would encourage the expansion of Indiana's local and organic food production got a hearing this week. During the hearing, the senator suggested that she would instead work to expand a similar program under the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and eliminate the cost of a new task force called for in the bill. The new plan would require a comprehensive report of the existing program's impact and findings be sent to the legislature to inform policymakers on how best to expand and modernize Indiana's local and organic food network. Doing this now would help this industry to move forward during better economic times.

Texting and driving don't mix - The House Public Policy Committee unanimously approved a bill that would ban texting while driving for all Indiana drivers. House Bill (HB) 1279 provides that anyone who uses a telecommunications device to transmit a text message or electronic mail message while operating a moving motor vehicle would commit a Class C infraction, which carries a maximum fine of \$500. The bill now advances to the full House for further consideration. Legislatures in 23 states are considering legislation to restrict texting while driving. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have enacted laws that ban texting for all drivers. Ten states, including Indiana, ban texting for teen drivers only. Also this week, the federal government enacted an immediate ban on the use of handheld devices by interstate truckers and operators of vehicles carrying at least eight passengers. Violators will face penalties of up to \$2,750.

Upcoming Senate deadlines

February 8 Senate begins review of House-passed bills

To stay informed about legislation moving through the General Assembly or to track legislation, log on to www.in.gov/legislative/.This site provides complete bill information as well as committee hearing dates and agendas. From this site, you can also tune in to House and Senate floor debate as well as some committee hearings. Citizens can stay current on legislation scheduled for action through a free online program available at www.BillWatch.in.gov. Track up to ten bills and receive e-mail notifications only when action is taken on those bills.

REFLECTION Caricatures Now Available

Have you ever been on vacation and walked through the treasure stores featuring local flare and artwork? Remember the Rastafarian sitting under the tent offering to draw a caricature of you and your traveling companions? Some of you may have stopped, while others passed up the opportunity. Later, you realized it would have been nice to have the picture as a keepsake.

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We have attached a recent, commissioned caricature created by City-County Observer Staff Artist Kisner.

EDITORIAL IS IT TRUE?

Compiled by Moles Number 1 through 117...and counting

IS IT TRUE that this coming Monday (Feb. 8, 2010) at 5:30 P.M. the Evansville City Council will meet to discuss the fate of fire station 14 and 10? IS IT TRUE that Evansville Fire Chief Jarboe is personally contacting members of City Council to ask them to support his position on what should be done with the above Fire Stations? IS IT TRUE that the chief is wasting his time trying to convince at least 4 members of Council to support his position concerning fire station 14 and 10? IS IT TRUE that at least 2 City Council members are loaded with extremely well-researched and intelligent questions that they can't wait to ask Chief Jarboe at this meeting? IS IT TRUE select council members will make a motion to forward Fire Advisory Board split recommendations to

the Safety Board for final decision? IS IT TRUE select City Council members will make a motion to forward the Fire Advisory Board split recommendations to the Safety Board for a final decision? IS IT TRUE if you can't attend this meeting you can watch it on WNIN?

IS IT STILL TRUE that members of the Firemen's Union Local 357 voted at their January meetings to file a formal written grievance against Evansville Fire Chief? IS IT TRUE the grievance was supposed to be filed against Chief Jarboe because he won't let Union officers off to conduct Union business? IS IT TRUE we are still wondering if the Union President has filed this grievance against Chief Jarboe yet?

IS IT TRUE the Firefighters Union 357 President Paul Anslinger shall have competition if he decides to run for re-election next month? IS IT TRUE that he can expect that highly-respected and long time Firefighter Shawn Oglesby be the one he has to beat in his re-election bid? IS IT TRUE if the CCO 'Mole' predicts above individuals run for President of Firefighters Union 357 Shawn Oglesby will win big?

IS IT TRUE there is major disagreement the among rank and file members of the Evansville Fire Department concerning the exemption of fire sprinkler systems in old buildings that have been and are being renovated?

IS IT TRUE the Bucshon for Congress campaign for the Indiana's 8th District is nowhere to be found? IS IT TRUE a wellknown and connected staffer is no longer with his campaign because he returned to Indy? IS IT TRUE Dr. Bucshon's campaign so far has been about one issue (health care)? IS IT TRUE if Dr. Bucshon doesn't start speaking from the heart with passion and commitment his desires to un-seat Congressmen Ellsworth are questionable?

IS IT TRUE that E L Walters has recently announced that is has begun an exploratory committee to look at the feasibility for a run at the 2nd Ward seat now being held by Missy Mosby? IS IT TRUE that Al Lindsey recently announced that he is launching an exploratory committee to unseat B J Watts as councilman of the 6th ward?



The Mole



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IS IT TRUE we wonder when 1st Ward City Councilman Dan McGinn is going to bring up a proposed amendment to the city codes not to holding the landlords culpable for trash violations, but the tenants?

IS IT TRUE we wonder when Mayor Weinfzapel is going to tell the membership of the Evansville Brownfields Corporation to open its meetings, financial records and board minutes for public and media review? IS IT TRUE we think members of the Executive Committee of the National Brownfield Association -Indiana could encourage Evansville Brownfields Corp. to become transpar-

ent since Mayor Weinzapfel is the PRESIDENT of the Executive Committee and Carolyn Rusk is also a member of the State Executive Committee and a member of the local Evansville Brownfields Board and an public employee for the City Of Evansville? IS IT TRUE Evansville City Councilwoman Connie Robinson from the 4th Ward is a member of the Evansville Brownfield's Board? IS IT TRUE that many of Brownfield's property transactions has to deal with homes and lots located in the 4th Ward? IS IT TRUE Connie Robinson was appointed to this board by the Mayor? IS IT TRUE we ask the local media, taxpayers and members of the local TEA PARTY group to join us in our public call to have the Evansville Brownfields group open up their meetings, financial records and to make their board minutes public?

IS IT TRUE that we are wondering why Mayor Weinzapfel is no longer listed as the Co-Founder and Past Chairman of GAGE? IS IT TRUE this could be a political stunt to wash his hands of the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of failures this group encountered in its social and economic debacles? IS IT TRUE the residents [voters] of Evansville will not forget when he runs for re-election or higher office?

EDITORIAL For your enjoyment









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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."

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EDITORIAL UNCLE TOM'S INDIANAPOLIS CABIN

By Judge James Rediwne

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) was born in Connecticut and lived in Cincinnati for several years beginning in 1832. While living by the Ohio River, she spoke with escaped slaves and supported the Underground Railroad. Stowe claimed her novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin, included true stories and real African-American characters but she purposefully disguised the actual locations and names.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was the largest selling book of its time, 1852 through the Civil War (1861-1865), and when Ms. Stowe met President Lincoln at the early stages of the war he supposedly said, "So this is the little lady who started the great war."

Eliza Harris who jumped from ice floe to ice floe carrying her recently sold five year old son, Harry, had escaped from the Shelby Plantation in P_____, Kentucky and crossed the Ohio River from "the little village of T_____, Kentucky."

But Stowe, as all writers of historical fiction, had to either create her characters out of whole cloth or base them on people from her experience. And according to interviews conducted during the 1930's by workers of the Works Progress Administration, Stowe based the characters and even the "cabin" on observations she made while visiting Indianapolis between 1840 and 1847.

Harriet Beecher Stowe was a minister as was her closest friend

books in history. And even she might not be able to say what was fact and what was fiction; that is generally true of a great deal of "history".

But in reading Harriet Beecher Stowe's powerful book about Uncle Tom, Eliza (who is not Tom's daughter in the book) and the cabin, part of the enjoyment is wondering if you as the reader have actually been to or had a connection to the events, people or places in the book.

For example, in Frank J. (Pop) Fessenden's newspaper column, "From the Pen of the Old Timer" that was published for years in the Mt. Vernon Democrat, on December 1, 1976, he wrote:

"After landing here those seeking freedom would make their way up Mill Creek, to near what is now known as Robin Hill, a large residence at West Ninth and Mill Streets and the Lower New Harmony Road. From there they would later proceed on their journey north making three or four stops en route to Terre Haute."

On the other hand, many people believe Uncle Tom was based on the slave, Josiah Henson, who in 1830, after forty years of slavery in Maryland, escaped with his whole family to Canada where he worked with the Underground Railroad and wrote his memoirs.

And, just as many people claim other historic and heroic figures as their own, there are other possibilities for Uncle Tom and his Cabin.

and brother, Henry Ward Beecher. They were good friends of Virginia native and one time slave owner Noah Noble (1794-1844) who was Governor of Indiana from 1831-1837.

Noble's father, Thomas Noble, owned the family of African-American slaves, Tom Magruder, his wife, Sarah, and his daughter, Louisa (Eliza). After Noah inherited the family he freed them but brought them to Indianapolis to work for and live next to the Nobles.

Noble built a cabin for the Magruders on the corner of Market and Noble Streets. Tom Magruder was known by everyone as Uncle Tom. Stowe frequently visited the Nobles and spent time with the Magruders at their cabin.

Of course, only Ms. Stowe knows if the cabin and family in Indianapolis were the basis for one of the most influential



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EDITORIAL Food for Thought



By Dan Kisner Staff Writer

We'd like to commend Tom Barnett, Executive Director of Metropolitan Development, for finally getting it right, concerning the direction of the Front Door Pride Program. It was recently announced that Barnett and the DMD joined forces with Habitat for Humanity to tear

down block of dilapidated old buildings and constructing 15-20 new Habitat homes near Glenwood School.

This massive undertaking is an ingenious approach to providing quality, affordable homes in a blighted area. The project will ensure that the new homeowners will have a sense of community pride. This project should be duplicated throughout all wards of this city. Barnett knows, we know and others know that this type of action is needed and would be welcomed in other neighborhoods.

Barnett Development has been courting leaders in the Historic District to go along with his proposal to place 40 to 50 Downtown blocks into a Tax Increment Finance district.

Mr. Barnett is telling leaders in the Historic District they can expect that the additional property tax monies collected sidewalks with curbs and gutters, proper street lighting directional signage in older established neighborhoods, fire and police protection, neighborhood parks, water and sewage, city buses and street cleaning and garbage collection services to the city taxpayers?

Question? What else can the city provide the people in the newly proposed TIF District? Answer! Nothing more than the City Of Evansville already does with our present property tax dollars!

TIF District make sense if you are a corporation, like Berry Plastics and Mead Johnson, and are making an investment in the community through site expansions and an increase in jobs. TIF Districts in residential areas offer few economic or social benefits to the community.

We are glad to hear they are going to be meeting to discuss the implementation of a TIF District in the Historic District. Barnett and his staff should expect a spirited debate with the property owners in this area. The homeowners of the Historic District are an independent lot that are free-thinking, inquisitive and love to discuss government issues that affect them. Most importantly, the Historic District property owners tend to be cautiously optimistic when dealing with government entities.

One final note, we encourage the DMD to use caution in how you promote and plan improvements to the Haynie's Corner area. Some homeowners are not interested in putting tax dollars into that area.

within this newly-organized TIF District "could be used for replace sidewalks, curbs, gutters as well for adding lights, trails and signage." Of course, he stresses that this can only happen when TIF captures additional taxes money collected after property properties raise in value. He also stresses this only can be brought about by improvements made to existing properties or by new construction in the newly approved TIF areas.

Pardon me, aren't some of these functions already the responsibilities city government? The last time I read, the city should provide are us with nice



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

EVERY MONDAY

Jay Johnson, 8pm \$1.50 Domestic Long Necks \$2 Wells & \$3 Jager Bombs

EVERY TUESDAY

College Karaoke with The Experience

\$2.50 Bacardi & Bacardi Flavors \$1 Domestic Drafts \$4 Domestic Pitchers \$2.75 Jim Beam & \$3 Rumple Mintz

EVERY WEDNESDAV

Karaoke with The Experience Hosted by BK \$3 Jack Daniels, \$3 Captain Morgan \$3 Jager Bombs

EVERY THURSDAY

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BASIC DRAWING WORSKHOP

•Workshop instructor: Jim List

•Workshop sponsor: Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, 812/422-2111

•Date: Saturday, February 20, 1 – 4pm, 2010

•Location: Fort Branch Public Library, 107 E. Locust, Ft. Branch, Indiana

•Library contact: Sabrina Frederick – 812/753-4212

•Workshop fee: \$15 for Arts Council members, \$20 for nonmembers. Anyone interested in joining the Arts Council can do so at the time of registration. Call the Arts Council for membership information.

•HOW TO REGISTER: Call the Arts Council during business hours, M - F 9am – 5pm, 812/422-2111, to make your reservation. Workshop is open to anyone high school age and older.

This 3-hour, hands-on workshop is geared toward either the beginner who wants to learn the basics of drawing or the artist who wants a refresher course. The topics to be covered during the workshop include fundamentals of drawing, medium options and realism vs. abstract, as well as drawing exercises and at least an hour of actual studio time drawing. The student should have a specific project in mind, either an existing piece or a new one. The materials list for the workshop is available through the Arts Council and the Ft. Branch Library.

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS E-VILLE CHAPTER EVENTS

HISTORIC OWENSBORO PIPE ORGAN: CENTENNIAL CONCERT

One hundred years ago Central Presbyterian Church in Owensboro commissioned the building of a new pipe organ by the Henry Pilcher's Sons organ firm of Louisville, KY. The American Guild of Organist (Evansville Chapter) will join the Central Presbyterian congregation and the Owensboro community to celebrate the history and continuing service of this historic instrument on Sunday afternoon, January 24th at 2:30 p.m. with a program of organ music and hymn singing. Admission is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. The church is located at 426 Saint Ann Street (corner of St. Ann and West 5th St.) in downtown Owensboro.

Performers include: Matthew Vanover, Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Henderson; Helen Skuggedal Reed, Keyboardist with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Co-Organist atEastminster Presbyterian Church in Evansville; Christian Seitz, Organist at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tell City; Robert Nicholls, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Evansville; Kristin Jones, Director of Music at the Presbyterian Church of Henderson; and Neal Biggers, Director of Liturgy and Music at Holy Name Catholic Church in Henderson. The reception will be provided by members of Central Presbyterian Church. Dr. Emil Ahnell is organist at the church.

The Pilcher organ at Central Presbyterian is relatively small compared with many modern church organs, but its sturdy, responsive mechanical key action and its refined, delicate tones allow for highly artistic musical expression.

The Pilcher organ building firm opened their business in Louisville in 1874, following a family tradition of organ building dating back to the early 1800s in England. The firm built over 1,800 organs for churches, concert halls, and universities across this country until 1944.

For more information, including pictures of the organ, see the website of the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at www.evansvilleago.org or contact the church's organist Dr. Emil Ahnell at (270) 685-1067.

LT. GOVERNOR SKILLMAN ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR 2010 CELEBRATION OF HOOSIER WOMEN ARTISTS COMPETITION

For the fourth consecutive year, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman is accepting submissions for her annual Celebration of Hoosier Women Artists competition. Winners of the art competition will be announced in March to coincide with Women's History Month.

•Entry deadline for this year's contest is February 19, 2010. The works will be on display at the office of Lt. Governor Skillman for one year and will be posted online. To view winners from last year, visit http://www.in.gov/lg/files/2009_art_slideshow.pdf.

•Electronic copies of the art should be submitted to Karen Davis (kdavis@lg.in.gov). Complete competition rules and dates are available online at www.lg.in.gov (click on the Hoosier Women Artists logo).

"BILL MONROE CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT"

Hello E'ville Artists, I'm Rex a member of the Owensboro Guild & the coordinator for the Bluegrass Museum's "Bill Monroe Centennial Exhibit" an original visual art response to Monroe music & lyrics. Work must be any style, medium less than 4'x8' & 100 lbs. & delivered (unframed) to the International Bluegrass Museum in Owensboro, KY by April 18, 2010. If accepted, the Museum will frame for an Opening (June 24) & two year (all for sale) exhibit with the artist receiving 60%. Interested artist can receive a free CD & lyrics of Monroes great-

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est hits. Requests can be made to me or the museum at www. bluegrassmuseum.org or gabrielle@bluegrassmuseum.org

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CIVIC THEATRE EVENTS

LOCAL FLAVOR ADDS SPICE TO "BETWEEN DAY-LIGHT 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 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

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THE NEXTWAVE SHOWS:

• Footloose, by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie.

This Nextwave production will feature a cast of high school students.

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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

Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra-Pops "Simply Sinatra" Alfred Savia, Conductor Steve Lippia Victory Theatre

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EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC OFFERS TRI-STATE STUDENTS RARE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET COMPOS-ER

Through a grant from Meet the Composer, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra has engaged composer Lowell Liebermann for a 3-week residency with the Orchestra in a partnership with Music Alive, a national program jointly designed and managed by Meet the Composer and the League of American Orchestras. The program is designed to support orchestras in their presentation of new music. Music Alive composers-inresidence participate in advocacy for new music within the orchestra institution, collaborate with artistic staff, interact with the public, and work with the orchestra in preparation for the performance of their works.

Mr. Liebermann will be in residence in Evansville the weeks of February 14-21, and March 14-21, 2010. A central component to the Evansville program is the commission of a new work to be premiered by the Evansville Philharmonic at its Young People's Concerts March 17-19, 2010. The work, entitled "American Sketches", draws its inspiration from the colors and moods evoked in the patriotic hymn "America the Beautiful". The work will be used as the educational centerpiece in the study guides for the Young People's Concert and will be used as the thematic material in the Philharmonic's annual "Symphony of Color" art contest exhibition Feb. 12-28, a collaboration between the Philharmonic, the Evansville Museum of Art, History & Science; and the Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe).

Mr. Liebermann's activities during his upcoming three weeklong residencies will include interacting with students participating in the Young People's Concerts and Symphony of Color program; working with the Philharmonic's conducting staff, musicians, chamber ensembles, and youth orchestra members; and visiting school campuses and local civic organizations.

The public will have the opportunity to meet the composer at a Brown Bag Series lunch hosted by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana at the Bower-Suhrheinrich Foundation Gallery on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 from Noon to 1:00pm. Mr. Liebermann will also appear at the world premiere of his newly commissioned Clarinet Concerto featuring clarinetist Jon Manasse on the Philharmonic's classic series concert "Heroic



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Heights" on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Victory Theatre.

A graduate of the Juilliard School, Lowell Liebermann is one of America's most frequently performed and recorded living composers. An active pianist, conductor, and composer, he has written over one hundred works in all genres including symphonies, operas, chamber music, concertos, and solo piano works.

NEW HARMONY, IN ARTS EVENTS

USI Emerging Artist Alumni Brave New World

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents "Brave New World" an exhibition of recent University of Southern Indiana emerging artist alumni. The exhibition runs from January 9 through February 20, 2010. A reception for the artists will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. During the reception several of the artists will be available for questions. New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, IN and is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For further information please call 812-682-3156 or visit www.nhgallery.com.

Included in the exhibition are four recent USI Alumni, Christian Ethridge, David Rigdon, Amy Moore and Clinton Bosler. Christian Ethridge is currently enrolled in graduate school at Indiana State University. David Rigdon, a native of Jimtown, Indiana is enrolled graduate school at Clemson University, in Clemson, South Carolina where he is also teaching drawing. With teaching in their futures Clinton Bosler and Amy Moore are both currently working towards degrees in art education at the University of Southern Indiana.

The title of the exhibition Brave New World reflects not only the group's identity as emerging artists and the fresh perspectives of their work, but also underscores many of the concerns addressed by Aldous Huxley in his dystopian novel Brave New World (1932). Ethridge's work, for instance comments on capitalism and sexual promiscuity in American society. Reflecting on today's youth, Moore's collages expose the idealistic aspirations of children, a liberty lost on those in Huxley's novel. Bosler's still-lifes expose our society's capacity to dispose of perfectly good and beautiful objects by bringing new life to them in his paintings. And, Rigdon, sharing Huxley's pessimism, redefines terrorism as an ordinary, even natural event.

UNDER THE BEAMS WINTER CONCERT SERIES:

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February 13: Evgeni Bozhanov

Evgeni Bozhanov, pianist, was born in Rousse, Bulgaria. A finalist and top winner in the 2009 Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Mr. Bozhanov has also won top awards in major competitions in Russia, Italy, and Germany. With his bold style and sensitivity to musical nuances, it is clear why Evgeni Bozhanov stands out from other classical pianists.



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FRIDAY-----God now "HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS AND THROUGH WHOM HE MADE THE UNIVERSE, THE SON IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY" Hebrews 1:2

SATURDAY-----"GREAT IS OUR LORD AND OF GREAT POWER; HIS UNDERSTANDING IS INFI-NATE" Ps. 147:5

SUNDAY------""HIS PEACE WILL GUARD YOU HEART AND MINDS AS YOU LIVE IN CHRIST JESUS" Philippians 4:7

MONDAY-----"COME, WHOEVER IS THIRSTY; ACCEPT THE WATER OF LIFE AS A GIFT, WHO-EVER WANTS IT" Rev. 22:17

TUESDAY--- "FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN" Matt. 4:19

WEDNESDAY---"IN THE BEGINING GOD CRE-ATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH" Exodus 20:11a



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From II Chronicles 14, where was Abijah buried? City of David, Jerusalem, City of Gath, Nazareth

3. According to Numbers 33, how old was Aaron when he died? 100, 113, 123, 132 4. Of these sons of Jesse, which did not go into battle with Saul? Eliab, David, Abinadab, Shammah

5. From 2 Kings, who was Elijah's successor? Solomon, Elisha, Nimshi, Nimrod 6. Which of Saul's daughters loved David? Merab, Michal, Cornelius, Paulus

Wilson Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com.

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EDUCATION EVSC Students Advance to State Competition

Sixty high school students in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation recently advanced to the Indiana State Business Professionals of America (BPA) contest in March in Indianapolis. If the students place there, they will compete at the national level in Anaheim, Calif., in May.

The students earned the opportunity to advance by competing in the district competition held Saturday, January 23, at Ivy Tech Community College. Students participated in numerous areas, including payroll and fundamental accounting, desktop publishing, spreadsheet analysis, PC serving and troubleshooting and many more. More than 400 students competed at the district event from multiple counties in Southwest Indiana, including Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Knox, Daviess and Martin.

Following is a complete list of EVSC students who advanced to state:

•Brian Adcock, 3rd in Extemporaneous Speech and 3rd in Human Resource Management, Reitz

• Daniel Albin, 7th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Bosse

- Cameron Beasley, 1st in Visual Basic.NET, North
- Angela Bonner, 7th in Database Applications, Central

• Damon Brantley, 6th in PC Servicing & Troubleshooting and 2nd in Fundamentals of Web Design, Harrison

- Taylor Brazelton, 4th in Fundamentals of Web Design, North
- Mary Buente, 3rd in Payroll Accounting, Reitz
- Alix Byrum, 3rd in Legal Office Procedures, Reitz
- Danny Chaparro, 2nd in Advanced Accounting, Harrison
- Aelinor Conaway, 1st in Integrated Office Applications, Reitz
- Megan Coomes, 3th in Advanced Word Processing, Reitz
- Caitlin Dame, 4th in Spreadsheet and Analysis, Reitz
- Kirstie Dempsey, 6th in Payroll Accounting, Harrison
- Kylie Dickinson, 9th in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Reitz
- Natalie Dickinson, 1st in Advanced Accounting and 4th in Pay-
- roll Accounting, Harrison
 - Elayna Dorsey, 9th in Payroll Accounting, Harrison
 - Jacob Embrey, 6th in Advanced Spreadsheets, North
 - Nik Fahrer, 8th in Payroll Accounting, Harrison
 - Keelie Ferguson, 3rd in Interview Skills, Harrison
 - Michael Forston, 1st in Presentation Management, Harrison

• Micah Gerike, 9th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Harrison

• Taylor Gray, 3rd in Advanced Interview skills and 6th place in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Bosse

• Kelsie Gregg, 10th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Bosse

- Molly Groves, 1st in Advanced Word Processing, Bosse
- Kayla Hadfield, 9th in Medical Office Procedures, Reitz
- Graden Hardwick, 5th in Desktop Publishing, North
- Tony Huang, 1st in Advanced Spreadsheet; 2nd in Advanced

Word Processing and 3rd in Financial Math & Analysis, Reitz

- Josh Joines, Visual Basic Programming, Central
- Jonathan Klassy, 1st in Entrepreneurship, Bosse
- Megan Klees, 8th in Accounting, Central

• Carrie Kraft, 3rd in Presentation Management and 3rd in Advanced Accounting, North

- Kaitlyn Lambert, 8th in Desktop Publishing, North
- Celia Langford, 3d in Keyboarding Production, Bosse
- Kevin Manley, 3rd in Desktop Publishing, North

 Cameron Melchoir, 5th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Bosse

• Nathan Murphy, 1st in Advanced Interview, Reitz

• Melanie Norman, 1st in Medical Office Procedures, Reitz

• Jordan Pearce, 7th in Payroll Accounting and 8th in Financial Math & Analysis, Reitz

- Mathew Phillips, 1st in Spreadsheet and Analysis, Reitz
- Tyler Powers, 6th in Desktop Publishing, North

• Emily Preske, 2nd in Word Processing and 4th in Basic Office Systems and Procedures, Central

• Vanessa Purdue, 3rd in Accoungtin and 2nd in Desktop Publishing, Central

• Morgan Rausch, 2nd in Graphic Design Promotion, North

• Juli Ringwall, 2nd in Visual Basic.NET, North

• Deavon Rolley, 2nd in Advanced Office Systems and 4th in Integrated Office Applications, Reitz

• Anne Shelton, 1st in Payroll Accounting and 2nd in Fundamental Accounting, Harrison

• Amanda Steinbach, 6th in Advanced Word Processing, Reitz

• Courtney Stephenson, 7th in Destop Publishin and 4th in Database Applications, Central

- Lexi Sosh, 3rd in Graphic Design Promotion, North
- Lenzie Sowders, 4th in Desktop Publishing, North
- Emily West, 4th in Financial Math & Analysis, Reitz
- Phil Wiandt, 9th in Accounting, Central
- Cassie Wilson, 2nd in Human Resource Management, Reitz

• Kaitlyn Lambert, Lexi Sosh, Michelle Roberts and Jacob Embry, 1st in Video Production Team, North

• Tyler Hart, Nathan Murphy Hailey Craig, Clay Meyer, 2nd in Global Marketing Team, Reitz

• Tyler Wink, Mary Buente, Emily West and Ryan Weber, 1st in Financial Analyst Team, Reitz

• Thomson Yeh, 1st in Java Programming; 1st in Fundamental Web Design and 6th in Financial Math & Analysis, Reitz

Business Professionals of America is the national career/technical student organization for students preparing for careers in the business world.

EDUCATION Tracy Zeller is College of Business 2010 Alumna-in-Residence

Tracy Zeller '89, accountant, entrepreneur, and marketer, is the College of Business's 2010 Alumna-in-Residence on Wednesday, February 10. Zeller is the owner of Tracy Zeller Jewelry. She will present the lecture, "Mind Your Own Business" in two open forums at 10 a.m. and noon in Carter Hall D in the University Center.

After graduating from USI with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Zeller worked as an accountant for a local jewelry store. Eventually she realized that her true passion was the jewelry business itself. She successfully completed the American Gemological Institute's Diamond Graduate Course and absorbed as much knowledge as she could about the business world.

In 2004, Zeller opened Tracy Zeller Jewelry. The following year, she added a home decor division. In 2006, her husband Jim joined the business as chief financial officer. That same year, the marketing division was launched. In 2008, the Tracy Zeller shoe division was added, and in 2009, a line of handbags and accessories was introduced and the shoe division was renamed Tracy Zeller style.



Plans are in place for further expansion of the business in 2010 and beyond.

Zeller contributes to the community through donations and active memberships in a number of organizations, including the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh County. Kiwanis Club, and the Vanderburgh Countv Humane Societv. In addition



Tracy Zeller

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ous committee memberships, she also serves on the board of directors of Community Marriage Builders and A Network of Evansville Women (ANEW).

She is a regular guest on WFIE Channel 14's "Ask the Expert" segment on Midday with Mike Blake, and also is a featured spokesperson on WTVW Fox 7's Tri-State Professional. Evansville Living magazine readers voted her the Best of Evansville in 2008 and 2009, ANEW presented her with the Woman of Action award in 2009, and the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana named her 2009's Entrepreneur of the Year.

The College of Business Alumni-in-Residence program provides students with valuable insights into the business world and highlights the success of College of Business graduates. For more information, contact the College of Business at 812/464-1718.

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SPORTS Division II Bulletin names Watson Coach of the Month

Rodney Watson, head coach of the University of Southern Indiana's men's basketball team, was named the Division II Bulletin Coach of the Month for January. He led the Screaming Eagles to an emotional 8-0 record in January, including six victories on the road, and has held the squad together after the passing of senior center Jeron Lewis.

Watson is the second USI men's basketball coach to be honored by the Division II Bulletin's monthly award. Rick Herdes was the December Coach of the Month in 2003.

The second-ranked Eagles and Watson have set a school record with 19 straight wins and a 19-0 mark in 2009-10. USI currently has the longest winning streak in the country.

USI returns to action when the Eagles host the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7:30 p.m on Thursday, February 4.



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SPORTS USI returns to the PAC for Homecoming Week

VANSVILLE, Ind. –The 2nd-ranked University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team returns to the friendly surroundings of the Physical Activities Center for the first time in a month when it hosts the University of Missouri-St. Louis Thursday and Rockhurst University Saturday for Homecoming. Tip-off Thursday versus UMSL is 7:30 p.m., while the start time Saturday against Rockhurst is 3:15 p.m.

Game coverage of the Screaming Eagles' games, including live stats, video, and audio, can be found at www.gousieagles.com.

The Eagles (19-0, 10-0 GLVC) survived unbeaten through a road swing that lasted six games and 27 days, concluding with last week's wins over the University of Wisconsin-Parkisde and Lewis University. USI also finished the month of January with a total of eight wins.

USI is currently tied with NCAA Division II top-ranked Arkansas Tech University for the best record in the country (19-0) and the longest winning streak (19). Arkansas Tech reached 19-0 after defeating Christian Brothers University on the road Monday night.

During the six straight away from the PAC, senior guard Jamar Smith (Peoria, Illinois) and senior forward Tyrone Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) led the way for the Eagles. Smith, who has posted double figures in scoring in 18-of-19 games this year, had a team-best 17.8 points per game during the road trip.

Bradshaw continued to emerge as a force for the Eagles, averaging 15.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.0 blocks, 1.3 steals, and 1.2 assists in the six games. The senior forward also has strung together 12 straight games with double-figure scoring and averaged 14.3 points per contest and shot 67.4 percent from the field (64-95) during in that period.

The Eagles also are getting more offensive production from junior

center Mohamed Ntumba (Kinshasa, Congo). Ntumba, who doubled his minutes since stepping into the starting shoes of Jeron Lewis, is averaging 14.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game over his last three starts.

For the season, Smith continues to lead the Eagles and the GLVC with 22.5 points per contest. Bradshaw is following Smith in the scoring column with 12.8 points per appearance and is leading the GLVC with 41 blocks (2.2 per game). Junior guard Kevin Gant (Indianapolis, Indiana), the USI point guard who leads the GLVC in assist/turnover ratio, is first on the team and second in the league with 5.6 assists per game. He also averaged a team-best 6.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game during the road trip.

The Tritons of UMSL (10-11, 4-8 GLVC) are in the midst of a sixgame losing streak and have not won since defeating the University of Indianapolis at home on January 9. UMSL also joined USI in surpassing the 150-point mark earlier this year, scoring 152 at Maryville University.

USI leads the all-time series with UMSL, 29-11, and has outpaced the Tritons, 18-2, since 2000. The Eagles swept the Tritons last year, winning 93-86 at the PAC and 81-54 in St. Louis. The Hawks of Rockhurst (14-7, 9-3 GLVC), who play at the University of Indianapolis on Thursday before coming to USI, starts the week on a three-game winning streak. Rockhurst also has won six of the last eight.

The Eagles lead the all-time series with the Hawks, 9-1, after sweeping three games with Rockhurst last season. USI won at home, 98-92 in double overtime, and on the road, 76-56, while completing the sweep with a victory in the first round of the NCAA Division II Tournament, 78-72.



SPORTS Fick, Heithoff Named To Preseason All-MVC Baseball Team

University of Evansville junior third baseman Cody Fick (Freeburg, Mo./Fatima/Jefferson College) and senior utility player Tom Heithoff (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper Catholic/NIACC) have both been named to the 14-member preseason all-Missouri Valley Conference baseball team in a vote of the league's head coaches.

Fick was tabbed the preseason all-league selection at third base after earning second team all-conference honors at the hot corner last year. Fick finished his first season at UE ranked among the MVC's leaders in hits (9th-70), runs (9th-44), RBI (7th-46), doubles (2nd-19), home runs (7th-9), and slugging percentage (8th-.526), while hitting .307 for the Purple Aces. He compiled 17 multi-hit games for UE last year, while also posting a team-best 13 multi-RBI games.

Heithoff, meanwhile, earned the MVC's preseason all-conference honor at the utility position after shining both at first base and on the mound last year for UE. Offensively, Heithoff hit .303 with five doubles, four triples, a home run and 25 RBI in 39 games and 33 starts at first base. He also earned second team all-MVC honors on the mound last spring as a relief pitcher, as he went 4-3 with a 2.87 ERA and ranked second in the Valley with eight saves. Heithoff recorded either a win or a save in 12 of UE's 25 victories last season.

Team-wise, defending Missouri Valley Conference Tournament champion Wichita State was tabbed as the preseason favorite to win the league title, receiving seven of the possible eight first-place votes. Evansville, meanwhile, was picked to finish seventh in the Valley this year. The Purple Aces will return six position starters and 15 letterwin-



Senior Tom Heithoff ranked second in the MVC in saves last season.

ners overall for second-year head coach Wes Carroll, who guided UE to a 25-30 record in his first season as head coach. The 25 victories ranked second all-time at UE for a first-year baseball coach.

Evansville will open the 2010 baseball season on Friday, February 19, as the Purple Aces will travel south to Nashville, Tennessee to take on the Belmont Bruins in a three-game series. First-pitch for the 2010 season is slated for 3:00 p.m.



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SPORTS New Coach, New Team, New Season

The times are changing for the University of Evansville softball team, as a new coach, new staff and new squad steps in to embark on the 2010 season.

"As we told the players in one of our very first team meetings, this is a new program," said Evansville head coach Mark Redburn. "Last year is over and passed. We will only look ahead as to how we can be better each and every day. We want to establish a new mindset of focusing only on the positive, and what each player can do to assist in that way."

As with any new coach, a new system has to be set along with new goals to meet. One of Redburn's goals for this season is to lay the foundation of his philosophy on how this team will play the game at a higher level Redburn expects the increased expectations to move the team in the direction of success.

Success on the field also comes from leadership from the student-athletes. With nine returners from last season, including three seniors, the Aces have plenty of players to step up to the plate. However, Redburn is not looking for one particular person to fill the challenge.

"All of our players are expected to lead and be good examples on and off the field," Redburn said. "I want them to apply their very own and unique talent that will make our team, season, and program successful. It is important for all of the players in our program to know that they contribute to our success, and that they each have a role and obligation to be a player that helps our team win both on and off the field."

UE will begin its challenge of winning on the field February 12 when the Aces travel to face the Troy Trojans. The team then participates in two tournaments at UT Chattanooga and Lipscomb before entering into Missouri Valley Conference play. The Aces will also face Western Kentucky, who ended last season at 35-19, and Missouri, who made a trip to the Women's College World Series last year, in non-conference action.

"Our preseason is really a time for us to get prepared for our conference schedule," said Redburn, whose team will face nine non-conference opponents before entering into MVC play. "We hope to figure out our best starting lineup and the best roles for each of our players so that we can win."

PITCHERS

Redburn said that all pitchers will see plenty of action this season depending on game situations, but senior Jen McKee and freshman Kendall Kautz will start a majority of the games with freshman Elizabeth Grover being used in more of a relief role. McKee struck out 100 batters last season in 158 innings of work.

INFIELD

The Aces have six players from last year to play at most of the positions in the infield. Senior Krista Price returns to her role behind the plate and will see time at first base. Last season, Price led the team in runs scored and home runs. Freshman Halie Malone will also catch. Many players could see action at first, but senior Jamie Lindauer will be the primary player. Lindauer is tough to strike



The 2010 Aces will be on the road a majority of the early season before their home opener on March 27 versus Missouri State.

out, as she walked a team-high 25 times last year. Allison Aguilera and Kautz are other Aces who could be valuable at first base. Second base will be filled by junior Kelci Alsip and freshman Alicia Betancur. Sophomore Ashleigh Rahming will be covering third base while sophomore Amy Gaertner will hold down the shortstop position with freshman Brianna Villanueva in the back-up role.

OUTFIELD

The outfield this season will consist of a core group of returning players, as Lindauer, juniors Jen Stahlhut and Alsip, sophomore Maggie Little and freshman Tamara Robey will all have time in those roles. Stahlhut is the only Ace to play and start in every game last year, as she ranked sixth nationally in doubles per game.



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ENTERTAINMENT DR. DONOHUE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH New Ways to Treat Varicose Veins

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have varicose veins on both of my legs. I wear only long dresses and slacks to hide them. My legs don't hurt, but I would like to be rid of these veins. What can I do for them? At this point, I am not interested in surgery. -- L.H.

ANSWER: Leg veins face a Herculean task. They have to return blood to the heart in the face of gravity, which works to keep blood from moving upward. They couldn't accomplish their task if they didn't have valves. As blood moves upward in the vein, its valves close so that it can't fall back down. The problem with varicose veins is a valve problem. Their valves no longer work. Blood stays in the leg veins, distends them and stretches them out of shape -- varicose veins.

Varicose veins can make the legs ache or cause them to tire quickly. Sometimes, the pooled blood leaks fluid out of the veins, so the ankles and feet swell, and open ulcers -- most often around the ankle -- might form. And then there is the cosmetic aspect, about which I'm not qualified to comment.



Things you can do for varicose veins are limited but worth trying. One is compression stockings. The very best stockings are the ones with graduated compression, with the compressive force greatest in the lowermost part of the leg and with lesser force in the upper parts of the leg. Compression moves blood upward. Another way to keep blood from pooling is lying down with your legs higher than your heart. That position empties blood out of leg veins. Admittedly, you can't spend the entire day with your legs elevated, but elevate them as often as you can. Never stand for long in one place. If you have to stay still, contract your calf and leg muscles to push blood out of the legs.

Should you change your mind about surgical vein removal, you should know that today there are many methods of getting rid of these veins. Endovascular lasers, radiofrequency catheters and sclerotherapy are recent-vintage techniques. Surgical removal has been refined to the point that most patients return home on the day of operation.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have mucus that drains down into my mouth and throat constantly. I hope you can offer some help for me. -- H.E.

ANSWER: You're describing postnasal drip, the irksome trickling of mucus into the back of the mouth and throat. It is thick, gluey and tastes awful. The mucus often comes from chronically infected sinuses.

Try saltwater irrigation of the nose to clear up some of this mucus. Boil some water, and into a cup of boiling water add a quarter-teaspoon of salt. Let the water cool. With a bulb syringe, available in drugstores, gently flush both nostrils.

Before going to bed, take a drug that contains both an antihistamine and a decongestant. Drixoral Cold and Allergy Tablets is one such drug. It can slow the trickle at night, when it's usually at its worst.

You might have to enlist the help of an ear, nose and throat doctor, who can inspect your sinuses and tell you if you need more intensive treatment.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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