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# **Doing What's Right: A Profile on Stan Levco**

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco is a fierce competitor in the courtroom. That's his legacy. His thrills are sought in front of a jury by compiling the facts of a crime. He's a career public servant, always trying to ensure that those who violate the law will be prosecuted.

The prosecutor is his most visible role. But what really makes Levco tick? Ask him this question and he admittedly commonly replies, "If you see my wall, you know me." His wall, as he refers to it, is covered with photos that let you know more about a

man than you realize. His has Time Magazine covers featuring champion race horse Secretariat, Woody Allen and the Beatles; a Post Magazine with John F. Kennedy on the cover; a photo of Mary Tyler Moore; a Sports Illustrated cover with Ted Williams; People Magazine with Stevie Wonder; and an Intellectual Digest cover with Bob Dylan.

The wall behind his desk features a puzzle of his wife and two daughters, of whom he is proud. His oldest daughter is an Indiana University graduate with a degree in Journalism, while is younger daughter is a junior at IU majoring in Fashion.

Being an empty-nester allows Levco more time for other things. He is becoming more involved in community activities. Last Friday, he served as a model for



a Youth First Charity event. This weekend he's playing in a scrabble tournament, a tournament in which he and his team won last year.

"I want to help the community and do what's right," he said.

His hobbies include running, horse racing and tennis. While Levco was willing to tell a few things about himself personally, the conversation always went back to his job.

"I like my job a lot. I'd even say I love my job. In this job, you get a chance to make a difference and do what's right," he said. "Being prosecutor, you're the one

who has to make the case."

Levco began his political career in Posey County. After graduating from the Indiana University School of Law, he filled a job opening for a blind prosecutor in Posey County to become Deputy Prosecutor. At the tender age of 29, he was appointed as judge to serve Posey and Gibson County.

While doing his time in Posey County, Levco also returned to writing. He contributed columns to the *Mount Vernon Democrat*. After making the move to the metropolis of Evansville, he continued to develop his writing talent, being published in the *Evansville Press*, and later the *Evansville Courier & Press*. Many of his columns were complied for a book titled "The *continued on page 2* 

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#### Best of Stan Levco."

The Massachusetts native said he knew he always wanted to be an attorney. He grew up watching television shows, like "Perry Mason." He said he still loves to watch shows featuring criminal cases. He also enjoys reading about them.

"In this job, every day is different. It's interesting. Criminal cases are interesting to me, especially complicated cases. I enjoy the battle," noted Levco.

When asked about the appeal of the prosecutor's job, he explained, "There's a two-fold answer to that. One is to be able to the right thing and affect people in a positive way. The other is the contest part. In the courtroom, burden of proof falls on you. You have to make a persuasive case to the jury and the judge."

Levco said it all begins with the facts. "You base the charges on what the facts are and what you can prove beyond a reasonable doubt. When the case begins, I'm already thinking about the final statement to the jury." He added that, as prosecutor, you have to offer evidence in a manner that cannot allow the defense to distort what the case is about.

While Levco has been practicing law since 1972, he said he had never thought of running for office before taking the job as Deputy Prosecutor. So, why did he become a Democrat?

"My boss [the Posey County Prosecutor] was a Democrat. When I was running for judge, it was the first time I had to declare a party. It also may have had something to do with the fact that I'm from JFK's hometown. I had voted Democrat before that time."

This led us to a conversation about where he grew up. While he was born in Boston, he had also lived in Maine. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Massachusetts. He developed an enjoyment for writing in college and was a columnist for the school newspaper.

"I enjoy the product [of writing] mostly. It's the satisfaction of creating something of quality, hopefully occasionally," he said with a smile.

Levco's intelligence has never been questioned. It would be extremely difficult to do so, since he is a MENSA Society member; however, he admits he is not actively involved.

Mr. Prosecutor is often the last to leave the office. While

tending to his end-of-the-day matters, he often listens to music. His favorite musician is of the jazz persuasion and is named Michael Franks. On the day of the interview, "Popsicle Toes" was cued up and ready to play. He has even scheduled a few trips around concert events of Franks.

As was previously mentioned, he is also a huge Beatles fan, with framed puzzles of the famous Abbey Road album cover and a few others. He even has a puzzle of his family walking on Abbey Road from an amusement park. He has also seen the Beatles tribute band multiple times in concert.

While Levco doesn't consider himself much of an adventurer, he has puzzles of his friends and adventures in his office. A photo of him and a group of friends whitewater rafting in West Virginia hangs on the wall behind his desk, while he is looking for an opening on this walls of a photo to display a photo of him and his friends rock climbing. He also enjoys roller coasters.

In short, Stan Levco is a true champion of the people. He fights to make this community a better place to live and is dedicated to continuing this practice. He recently filed for re-election as Vanderburgh County Prosecutor.

### The City-County Observer Mission Statement

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 not-so-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.

NEWS

### Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center May Benefit from Recent Legislation

STATEHOUSE - Evansville could benefit from the work of two in-depth study committees, if legislation passed recently in the Indiana Senate becomes law.

An amendment I introduced on a recent Senate bill would create a two-year study committee composed of local lawmakers, advocates and mental health professionals from the Evansville community. This 13-member work group would develop, review, and recommend possible changes in the administrative and mental health practices of the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center. Members would also review the admission practices currently in place at the EPCC.

Part of the discussion would focus on the EPCC as well as possible ways to collaborate with the Evansville state hospital. The committee would analyze the availability of mental health and addiction services for children, the qualities of care provided to patients by the facilities and determine if changes in administrative as well as admission policies are needed.

By 2012, the council must submit recommendations of their findings to the department of mental health.

A second piece of legislation recently approved by Senate lawmakers addresses the rehabilitative services offered to Hoosiers who sustain traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

Currently, more than 120 Hoosiers with TBI travel out of state to receive their rehabilitative care. Hoping to better develop these health care services here at home, a concurrent resolution I co-authored, would allow lawmakers to develop ways Indiana can better offer these health care services.

Each year, about 21,000 Hoosiers sustain TBI of varying degrees at a cost of more than \$1.15 billion, according to the Centers for Disease Control. About 5,150 of the total affected will require hospitalization and an estimated 1,600 will have long-term effects.

Hoosiers in Evansville and throughout the state of Indiana stand to gain possible benefits from these two pieces of legislation. Efforts by lawmakers to craft legislation focused on improving access as well as quality health care for Hoosiers could lead to stronger communities and an even better Indiana.

### Lt. Governor Skillman Awards Boonville with a \$49,500 Planning Grant

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman has awarded the City of Boonville with a \$49,500 planning grant the city will use to fund a downtown revitalization planning study. These federal dollars are from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) administers the grants.

"These planning studies are often the first step for communities that want to pursue new economic development opportunities," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. "These studies are costly for rural communities, but the state will continue to support communities that have a vision for improving the quality of life for Hoosiers."

The study will assess the city's downtown area and business district, and provide recommendations with cost estimates for improvements. Items in the study will include: sidewalk and curb improvements, storm drainage and utility issues, streetscaping and beautification projects, and other strategies to create a more economically viable downtown district.

The CDBG grant program has proven to be an effective tool for community-based planning and research initiatives. Visit www.in.gov/ocra for additional information on this grant program.

# **First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

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# NEWS

### St. Mark's, USI Children's Learning Center join state environmental program

University of Southern Indiana (USI) Children's Learning Center, and St. Mark's Preschool were admitted into the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) Five Star Environmental Recognition Program for Child Care Providers program today during a ceremony held at St. Mark's Preschool.

Dave Holder, deputy director of IDEM's Southwest Regional Office, presented plaques to USI Coordinator Pam Buschkill and St. Mark's Director Linda Larsen to commemorate the occasion.

"The children in our center are very interested in the environment so we have chosen to take their lead and participate in IDEM's Five Star program," said Buschkill. "Aside from the basic recycling, we've tested the facility for lead and now have carbon monoxide detectors in place. There's definitely a certain peace of mind knowing you've checked your building and you can assure parents you're protecting their children from environmental health threats like radon, lead and pesticides."

Education is also a strong component at St. Mark's. "We're teaching our children how to care for the environment by leading by example," said Larsen. "When we started recycling at school, many families began doing so at home too. What the kids don't know is that we're doing a lot more than recycling. We tested and surveyed our facility for possible environmental health threats like radon, lead, pesticides, and idling vehicles to make sure we were doing everything we could to keep the children safe and healthy while they're here at St. Mark's."

"Any family considering their child care options should definitely look at facilities that exceed minimum requirements in search of environmental excellence," said Deputy Director Holder. "Both USI and St. Mark's are such examples."

IDEM's Five Star program recognizes child care facilities that go above and beyond statutory requirements and demonstrate environmental stewardship. Facilities earn one, three or five stars based on their voluntary measures. IDEM assists facilities in implementing environmental plans and conducts site visits before granting membership.

There are currently 69 child care providers participating in the Five Star program making their facilities safer for 4,000 Hoosier children. Other Vanderburgh County Five Star members include Bethany Little Disciples Day Care Ministry, High Point Childcare and St. Vincent's Day Care Center, all of Evansville.

Additional information about the IDEM Five Star Child Care program can be obtained by calling Karen Teliha, Community Environmental Health & Education coordinator, at (800) 988-7901 or by visiting www.idem.IN.gov/4180.htm.

#### About IDEM

IDEM (www.idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

## **NEWS** Nominations and Applications Open for Business Awards Program

Nominations and applications for the third annual Indiana Companies to Watch awards program, highlighting some of the state's top privately held companies opens today.

Presented by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, its Small Business Development Center network (SBDC), Purdue University and the Edward Lowe Foundation, Indiana Companies to Watch recognizes privately held Indiana businesses that employ six to 150 full-time employees and have between \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or working capital.

"This program spotlights Indiana companies in various industries who have demonstrated growth and the intent to keep growing," said Jeff Heinzmann, IEDC's state SBDC director. "We are also succeeding in bringing these entrepreneurs together as a community to learn how to grow from each other."

Anyone may nominate an eligible business or apply for the awards by completing the online application form at www.Indiana.companiestowatch.org. A panel of judges will review the applications and select the top companies to receive the awards based on past growth, projected success, innovation, technology application and community involvement. Nominations will be accepted through March 29.

"Premier Capital Corporation is honored to again participate in an awards program that recognizes growing Indiana companies," said David W. Amick, executive director of Premier Capital Corporation,

the program's flagship sponsor. "As a provider of growth capital to Indiana businesses for the past 25 years, the Indiana Companies to Watch program is a great opportunity to recognize Indiana success stories, many of whom are Premier Capital clients."

Winners of the awards will be recognized Aug. 26 during an awards dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

"The Indiana Companies to Watch awards program honors some of our state's greatest assets - successful entrepreneurs who are creating companies and jobs for Hoosiers," said Alan H. Rebar, executive director of Purdue's Discovery Park. "It is important that we recognize these future economic leaders and give them a strong support base for their continued success."

Companies to Watch was developed by the Cassopolis, Mich. - based Edward Lowe Foundation. The foundation hosts similar programs in Michigan, Arizona, Colorado and Mississippi.

"Since its inception in 2008, Companies to Watch in Indiana has clearly demonstrated that second-stage companies power the state's economy," said Penny Lewandowski, director of entrepreneurship at the Edward Lowe Foundation. "At the time they were selected, 2008 and 2009 honorees employed more than 5,771 workers. Representing regions statewide, these companies are impressive for their industry diversity, as well as their compelling stories of entrepreneurial leadership and tremendous potential for developing the latest and greatest innovations."

#### About IEDC

Created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Mitch Roob serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. For more information about IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

#### About the ISBDC

The Indiana Small Business Development Center Network is an Indiana Economic Development Corporation program funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Through 10 regional centers, the ISBDC provides free and low-cost business advising and assistance to small businesses at any stage of development. For more information about the ISBDC, visit www.isbdc.org

#### About Indiana Companies to Watch

Indiana Companies to Watch is an Awards Program Celebrating Second-Stage Entrepreneurs presented by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, its Small Business Development Centers and Purdue University in Association with the Edward Lowe Foundation. Sponsors include Premier Capital Corporation with Barnes & Thornburg, Katz Sapper & Miller, Key Bank, and Ivy Tech.



## **ASK THE TAX MASTER** Drawing Social Security Before Full Retirement Age



#### By Jeff Day, EA

Much could be written about whether a person should start drawing the social security before the "full retirement age (FRA)" or waiting. Each person has to make that determination personally. However one criteria that should not be overlooked in that determination, is whether the taxpayer intends to actually still work while drawing social security.

Most persons that are near FRA were born between 1943 and 1954. The the FRA is 66 yrs old for those born in that time frame.. I am age 63, if I decided

to start drawing the social security now, I would pay back one dollar for every two dollars earned above \$14,160. That is applicable to anyone at any age drawing the social security before FRA. Therefore if someone is still working and would earn from working \$37,680 or more there would be no benefit whatsoever from social security.

If a person is working and earns \$20,160 before FRA, the amount of social security benefit would be reduced by \$3000 the following

#### year.

In the year a person reaches FRA, and works until reaching the FRA date, \$1 is reduced for each \$3 earned before attaining the full retirement age over the \$14,160 annual rate.

While a person is working, drawing reduced benefits amount as a result of working prior to the FRA, the benefits will be recalculated at the full retirement age, leaving out the months when the benefits were reduced do to the excess earnings.

If a person does not apply for social security benefits until after the FRA, the Social Security Administration will only pay benefits up for the previous six months.

A couple that has been married over 10 years are entitled to no less than 50% of the benefit amount of the spouse. For example if a man has been married more than once and each marriage was over 10 years then each wife is entitled to no less than 50% of his benefit, multiple wives notwithstanding.

If you should decide to delay the social security benefits until after 65th birthday, you should still apply for Medicare benefits within three months of your 65th birthday. If you wait longer, the Medicare medical insurance (Part B) and prescription drug coverage (Part D) may cost a higher premium.



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# EDITORIAL IS IT TRUE?

### Compiled by 'Moles' Number 1 through 133...and counting

IS IT TRUE KRISTI RISK Republican candidate for the 8th Congressional District campaign messages of protecting our U S Constitution, less government by cutting the un-needed bureaucracies programs, protecting our freedom of speech, her view on the RIGHT TO LIFE issues and her continue to ask us to support our troops has caught the attention of the many TEA PARTY people and the voters to the right of middle may surprise certain political types on primary election day?

IS IT TRUE we are glad to hear that the Vanderburgh Republican Party Chairman, Nick Hermann decided not to run for Vanderburgh County Prosecutor because of many positive issue now facing him. IS IT TRUE Nick is now employed

with prestige's injury law firm, he and wife expecting their first child and they just purchased a new home? IS IT TRUE Nick can now use his time and talent to lead the Republican Party to victory on primary Election Day?

IS IT TRUE that the following Vanderburgh County political officials will be un-opposed in their bid to be re-elected? IS IT TRUE this proves that voters of this community support its political leaders when they do an excellent job while in office! IS IT TRUE they are Sheriff- Eric Williams, Jim Rabin-County Council, Russ Lloyd, Jr.-County Council,

Royce Sutton-County Council, Stan Levco-Prosecutor, Mary Hart-Pigeon Township Trustee and Joe Gries who is running for County Auditor ( he is the present Assistant Deputy in the Auditor office)? IS IT TRUE we encourage all voters in this upcoming Primary election to give them a nice vote of confidence for a job well done? IS IT TRUE the answer is resounding "YES"!

IS IT TRUE that a local elected official loves taping private conversations?

IS IT TRUE that our long time State Representative –Dennis Avery has decided to call it quite? IS IT TRUE we thank him for the years of excellent service to our community? IS IT TRUE that his wife shall run for his vacant seat? IS IT TRUE that the answer is "YES"?

IS IT TRUE the comment concerning a full time city employee getting a \$20,000 a year (stipend- salary- consultant fee or whatever it's called this month) from GAGE has caused a lot of interest? IS IT TRUE that this subject has generated the "MOLE "with about 7 new anonymous contacts on this issue alone? IS IT TRUE the question that begs to be ask, "should a full time city employee" who is much involved in the activities of Board of Directors decisions should be paid \$20,000 by cash poor GAGE (a notfor-profit organization) who receives operating money from the City and County governments? IS IT TRUE we are waiting for either the present Executive Director, The Mayor of



The Mole

Evansville and past Chairman of the Board of GAGE or others member of this organization such as County Commissioner-Lloyd Winnecke, W. D. "Tuck" Walton, Jr., H.C. "Bud" Farmer, Scott Gordon, Jerry Yezbrick and Tom Barnett-Director of Evansville Metropolitan Development and Executive Committee, ex-officio member of GAGE? IS IT TRUE if a present full time city employee didn't receive \$20,000 (stipendsalary-consultant fee or whatever it's called this week) from GAGE we would like any one of the above individuals come forward and set the IS IT TRUE record straight by the end of the month?

IS IT TRUE we congratulate the local "TEA PARTY" on their 100 Meeting this week of this important Community Political Watch DOG group? IS IT TRUE the answer is "yes"?

IS IT TRUE for those of you who are following the Libby Calhoun saga that she will return next week? IS IT TRUE she is out and about getting to know the people of Evansville and the surrounding area after her time away from home? IS IT TRUE she is taking an accurate pulse of the people and listening to what they want?

IS IT TRUE that the Indiana State Senate seat held by Bob Deig has two (2) individuals looking to unseat the incumbent? IS IT TRUE the Republicans have two excellent candidates vying for this seat? IS IT TRUE that every where we turn, we see Jim Tomes and Andrew Wilson shaking hands with and talking with voters? IS IT TRUE the mood of their district is now very conservative – they love their guns, the Constitution, Bible and strongly support our men and women fighting in the Armed Services? IS IT TRUE these issues could provide the winning edge in this exciting battle?



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# EDITORIAL For your enjoyment



### **First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

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## **EDITORIAL** MORE STATELY MANSIONS

#### By Judge James Rediwne

Peg told me no one would read last week's article about home mortgage bailouts as the subject is a downer and besides that the column was boring. Not wishing to respond in kind, I politely pointed out that she had read it and that, at least, one other person had wondered if I had publicly identified him in the column. He was the person who originally called me in a snit about the bailouts and suggested I address the issue.

In her hoity-toity response, she said the only reason she read it was because I refused to put up her new blinds until she did. And, further, the only other person known to have read it was the person who was afraid his name might appear in it. What's more, he refused to even buy a newspaper and had me loan him my copy.

I saw nothing to be gained from such juvenile repartee and suggested that Peg just tend to her knitting and leave the literary offerings to someone who understands such matters. She retorted, "If I knew anyone like that I would!" The woman can be difficult.

But to get back to last week's topic, let's you and I review the hypothetical. Of course, you will remember that I suggested our federal government was going to turn its limitless largesse of giving away our tax money to Wall Street towards "Underwater" mortgages. You remember, those five million homeowners whose houses are worth only seventy-five percent of their payoff cost.

According to the federal Home Affordable Refinance Program

However, I do not recall anyone offering to share with the rest of us their windfall profits from soaring market values during the boom times. Therefore, I see no fairness in bailouts just because the market has gone down.

But what really got my attention was the federal program's description of its own purpose. The HARP bailout says irresponsible deals will not qualify. That is, if a bank loaned someone money to buy a mansion, HARP will not be available. Does The Chambered Nautilus come to mind?

"Build thee more stately mansions O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast."

*The Chambered Nautilus* by Oliver Wendell Holmes

And, gentle reader, what do you guess your government calls a non-mansion? Why any house that costs less than \$729,750.00. I guess we can all,  $\square$ Move on up to the east side, to that deluxe apartment in the sky.  $\square$ 

(HARP), it is designed: "To provide access to low-cost refinancing for responsible homeowners suffering from falling home prices." In other words, your tax monies, and money America has to borrow from China and other countries, will be used to guarantee banks do not lose money if they allow people to revise the contracts they freely agreed to.

Now I have no quarrel with any homeowner or any bank or any other private entities renegotiating the terms of their agreements. That's called private enterprise. I do take issue with our federal government bailing out banks that made risky loans or buyers who were speculating that prices would always go up.

And, if truly responsible homeowners have legitimate hardships through no fault of their own such as illness, in closely monitored cases, government does have a proper role.



# **SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER Tax Increment Financing**

By W. Fred Wittman, CPA

#### <u>Overview</u>

Tax Increment Financing, commonly known as TIF, is a method of financing public improvements utilizing property tax proceeds from the increased surrounding property values and related tax assessments. First used in the State of California in the early 1950's for the redevelopment of blighted areas, TIFs have become increasingly popular over the last 25 years or so as cities and states struggled to find funding for public improvements without increasing taxes.

#### **Implementation**

To implement TIF, a "TIF district" is designated, which is a geographic area benefiting from the public improvements. Property tax assessments are frozen at the time development begins. Bonds are issued, with the bond proceeds used to pay for the public improvements. The improvements raise property values and spur additional private investment within the TIF district, with the resulting increased property assessments and property tax revenue used to pay the bond debt service.

#### <u>Advantages</u>

The obvious advantage to TIF is the self-financing of public improvements or redevelopment without increasing property or other taxes. In the same way a businesses will finance plant and equipment with the increased revenue from the new acquisition, TIF provides local governments a similar financing method.

An additional advantage in the State of Indiana, since a TIF project does not involve the use of current property tax revenue, the project is exempt from Indiana state law requiring voter referendums for public improvement projects exceeding certain amounts.

#### <u>Potential Disadvantages</u>

The most significant disadvantage to TIF is that all increases in property tax assessments within the TIF district for the usually the next twenty years or so are assumed to result from the public improvements, and the related increased revenues do not go into the general fund. Some incremental increases in property values and assessments could be the result of independent market forces, demographics, or inflation. And if assessments increase over time in surrounding areas to meet general operating requirements while the TIF district assessments is frozen at a point in time, surrounding areas are actually carrying an increased burden of operating



expenses and related tax increases than would occur without the TIF district.

Another potential disadvantage is that TIF may simply shift private investment from one area of the community to the TIF district. Say a TIF project results in new retail shops and restaurants. Are these shops and restaurants a net addition to the community, or would they have located elsewhere in the community? Or, worse yet, did they relocate from another area of community? In these scenarios, there is no real gain community wide, yet a portion of the property taxes paid by the private businesses are captured by the TIF district.

#### <u>Conclusion</u>

Tax increment financing is a valuable public financing method allowing self financing of public improvements. As with any type of financing, though, there are areas of concern and potential pitfalls which should be carefully considered.

#### Evansville Arts Redevelopment Area Public Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 @ Central Library, Browning Room A, 5:45-7pm

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 @ Central Library, Browning Room B, 2:00-4:15pm

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 @ Central Library, Large Group Room, 4:30-6pm

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 @ Central Library, Browning Room A, 3:30-5:30pm

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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.

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

#### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EVANSVLLE (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)

#### **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

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#### 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

#### 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 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

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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:

The Under the Beams winter concert series is marking their tenth anniversary of bringing world-class musicians and incredible music to the intimate and unique setting of the Rapp-Owen Granary in historic New Harmony. This year's lineup will continue that tradition of entertaining audiences with a diverse cross section of music and a wide variety of performances in this wonderful venue where every seat is a good seat.

Tickets for individual concerts are \$28.00 and a season ticket for all four concerts is \$100.00. Student ticket prices are \$15.00. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call 812-682-3128. Under the Beams is a non-profit association founded for the purpose of bringing great music to a great venue to the historic town of New Harmony. All concerts take place at the Rapp-Owen Granary at 8 pm.



## **COMMUNITY** International Food Expo is February 19

Just in time to liven up the dreary winter days, the University of Southern Indiana International Club's annual International Food Expo will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, February 19, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Through the Food Expo, USI's international students are given the opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity and share customs with the USI community and the public. This year students will prepare and serve food from more than 20 home countries and provide the entertainment. There will be singing, dancing, musical performances, and a traditional costume fashion show.

On the menu are Columbian-style hot dogs, falafel and salad, Korean barbecue, chicken tostadas, fried rice with beef and cabbage, German potato salad, African doughnuts, Latin American rice pudding, Cambodian cookies, and much more.

Outside of Carter Hall, Religious Life staff will sell fair trade handcrafts from Work of Human Hands, a program of Catholic Relief Services and SERVV International. All proceeds will benefit relief efforts in Haiti.

Groups of students from area elementary and high schools will attend between 10:30 and 11 a.m., so plan accordingly.

Advance tickets are \$8 for students, \$3 for children 5 and under, \$5 for elementary school age children, and \$10 for everyone else. All tickets sold at the door (except for children under 5, \$3) will cost \$12. Tickets are on sale now in the International Programs and Services office, located in the lower level of the Uni-

Check out the City-County Observer every day! We are now featuring daily posts on our website about issues important to our readers! versity Center, but also will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, February 15-17, at a table in the Eagle's Nest in the University Center.

The Food Expo wraps up International Week, Monday-Friday, February 15-19. Other International Week events include a study abroad information session with study abroad alumni talking about their experiences at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16 in University Center Room 205 and the Global Community's Lunar New Year Celebration at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 17 in the Ruston Hall Multipurpose Room.

The "Where in the World is Archibald Eagle" Photo Trivia Contest will be held throughout the week in various locations. Photos and clues are placed on easels throughout campus and students guess the city and country pictured. Submissions are due in the International Programs and Services office (located in the lower level of the University Center) by 4:30 p.m. each day, and a new winner is chosen daily. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Food Expo.

For more information, contact Robin Banks, interim program coordinator in International Programs and Services, at 812/465-7183.



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#### Prepared by Charlene Braker

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#### FRIDAY.....

"REJOICE ALWAYS, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE RE-JOICE!" Philippians 4:4

#### SATURDAY.....

MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." Psalm 12:12

#### SUNDAY.....

MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF .... ENCOURAGE YOU AND STRENGTHEN YOU IN EVERY GOOD THING YOU DO AND SAY" 2 Thessalonians 2:16

#### MONDAY.....

**"BEFORE I MADE YOU IN YOUR MOTHERS** WOMB, I CHOOSE YOU." ~ Jeremiah 1:5

#### TUESDAY.....

"GOD IS WORKING IN YOU TO HELP YOU WANT TO DO AND BE ABLE TO DO WHAT PLEASES HIM." ~ Philippians 2:13

#### WEDNESDAY.....

"CONTINUE PRAYING, KEEPING ALERT, AND ALWAYS THANKING GOD." ~ Colossians 4:2



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## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

by Wilson Casey

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

2. Which king of England and Scotland authorized a Bible translation published in 1611? Charles II, Henry VIII, James I, Wycliffe

3. Who told Saul that rebellion was as bad as witchcraft? Moloch, Mamath, Marduk, Samuel

4. From I Timothy, what is the root of all evils? Lust, Money, Satan, Love of money 5. How old was Moses when he died? 100, 120, 160, 190

6. How many sons did Judah have? 3, 5, 6, 12

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of money; 5) 120; 6) 5 ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) James I; 3) Samuel; 4) Love

## **EDUCATION** USI adds degree program in biochemistry

A bachelor's degree program in biochemistry is now available at the University of Southern Indiana.

The interdisciplinary program will provide a strong combination of chemistry and biology experiences to prepare students for scientific careers in industries such as biotechnology, pharmacology, and environmental chemistry and for graduate study or professional schools in medicine, pharmacy, and related fields. With advancing knowledge, biochemistry has become a major field of science offering expanded employment opportunities.

Dr. Scott A. Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering and professor of biology, said, "Students will have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experiences for a wide range of high-skill and high-wage careers that exist in the state and region."

Gordon expects the biochemistry program to become a popular choice among students. A recent analysis indicated that high school students taking the Preliminary SAT exam listed biology and chemistry as their top two intended majors.

"A number of students enter the University wanting to learn about the intersection of these two disciplines," he said. "The biochemistry program helps students gain a better understanding of living systems and how their components work, react, and interact."

The new degree program offers two course plans. One focuses more on chemistry content and meets guidelines specified by the American Chemistry Society. Dr. Jeffrey W. Seyler, chair of the Department of Chemistry and professor of chemistry, said this track is ideally suited for students interested in graduate and industrial biochemistry research programs.

The other track is a more symmetrical split between chemistry and biology content. Seyler said, "It may be more appealing to students interested in professional programs such as medical or pharmacy school."

Both tracks include an undergraduate research component. Students can select from chemistry- or biology-related research projects conducted under the supervision of Pott College faculty.

The University also offers a minor in biochemistry. Seyler said it is an excellent choice for students in other University programs, such as business and communications, who are interested in careers in healthrelated businesses.

USI has a long track record of preparing students for success in graduate and professional schools. Dr. Henri R. Maurice, chair of the Department of Biology and associate professor of biology, said, "Our alumni report that the coursework they completed at USI was sufficiently challenging and contained appropriate content for success in medical programs. Medical school faculty have told us that USI students are well prepared."

The new program at USI is the only biochemistry program at a public institution of higher education within 120 miles of Evansville. The program is designed to attract entering freshmen as well as transfer students from community colleges.

The Pott College established a concentration in biochemistry within the existing chemistry program five years ago as a foundation for a biochemistry major. Due to the existing courses, the new degree program may have its first graduates as early as spring 2011.

Need for the new program was determined by the increased number of students in the biochemistry concentration, inquiries from prospective students, and anticipated increases in employment opportunities in biochemistry-related fields.

A listing of the Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs prepared by Indiana Workforce Development indicates 16 percent growth is expected for medical and clinical lab technicians in Southwest Indiana over the decade from 2006-16. Over the same time period, other occupational projections show an increased need in the state and nationally for individuals in fields that employ biochemistry graduates.

The biochemistry degree program required the development of one new course: CHEMISTRY 361, Survey of Physical Chemistry. The departments of chemistry and biology have qualified faculty for all required courses. Two tenure-track positions were added to the chemistry faculty in 2008. The University provides state-of-the art classrooms, research laboratories, computer labs, and equipment for the study of science.

The program was approved in December by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

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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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## **EDUCATION** EVSC's Graphic Communications Program Receives Accreditation

The Graphic Communications program at the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation's Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center recently received PrintEd accreditation from the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF) in the following areas: Introduction to Graphic Communications and Digital File Preparation. EVSC's Graphic Communications program is one of only four PrintEd accredited programs in Indiana.

To receive accreditation through PrintEd, programs must, among other things, meet six standards set by the organization that encompass elements of a solid training program. The six standards include:

• Instructional Staff – Staff must maintain technical competency, meet the requirements to be an approved PrintED instructor, and meet all state and local requirements for accreditation.



• Instruction - Program curriculum must include current industry tasks, safety procedures, acceptable work habits and ethics, and testing and evaluating procedures.

• Purpose - Program must have clearly stated goals related to student services and employers served.

• Administration - Administration must insure that instructional activities support and promote the goals of the program.

• Program Budget - Funding must be provided to meet the approved program goals and performance objectives.

Accreditation usually takes six months to a year to complete and is awarded for five years. Programs that are accredited graduate students who bring an equivalent of six months on-the-job training to the workforce.

PrintED was developed in 1986 by the Printing Industries of Georgia (PIAG) at the request of the Georgia Department of Education. In 1990, Printing Industries of America adopted the Georgia program as a national industry-approved accreditation program. GAERF assumed management of PrintED in 2000.

GAERF is an organization whose mission is to advance knowledge and education in the field of graphic communications by supporting programs that prepare the workforce of the future.

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**UE Introduces Master of Science in Education** 

The University of Evansville is proud to announce a new graduate degree program for teachers seeking to reach the next level of instruction, assessment, and helping all students achieve.

The Master of Science in Education program will launch in June, with on-campus and on-line classes scheduled in the evening and on weekends to accommodate the schedule of a working teacher. The program – which is offered at a reduced rate for adult students – is built around a classroom- and application-based curriculum, aimed at helping experienced teachers gather and use assessment data to improve their classroom instruction.

Anyone interested in the program can find more information at www.evansville.edu/med. UE also will hold information sessions for the program on March 2 and March 4, from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. in Graves Hall.

"The Department of Education at the University of Evansville is extremely pleased to be able to offer this unique and exciting new program to teachers in the Evansville area," said Charles Watson, chair of the UE Department of Education. "What makes this program different from others is its focus on data- and assessment-driven teaching methods. Using the skills and techniques they find in this program, teachers will be able to find immediate applications in the classroom that will translate into impressive results; in addition, the program will help them look at educational leadership and collaboration in a new way."

By the end of the 14-month program, teachers can expect to become:

- · Expert in assessment and data-driven instruction
- Expert in creating data-driven strategies for ALL students

· Leaders among their peer groups in terms of assessment and datadriven instruction

• Able to collaborate with others in the school community toward improved practice and student achievement.

The program itself consists of two summer sessions, with a fall and spring semester of work in between. It includes both in-class and online coursework, culminating in professional and scholarly research presentations by all students. Teachers who enroll in the program also will have the opportunity to take part in an optional, 10-day experience at UE's British campus, Harlaxton College, located in Grantham, England.

For more information on the program, interested parties are encouraged to contact the UE Department of Education at (812) 2368, or tw57@evansville.edu.

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## **SPORTS** UE Women Host High-Flying Illinois State Tonight

The University of Evansville women's basketball team will return home to Roberts Stadium tonight hoping to slow down one of the nation's hottest teams, as the red-hot Illinois State Redbirds will fly into town for a Missouri Valley?Conference contest. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m. and Thursday's game can be heard live on 91.5 F.M.-WUEV.

Illinois State will ride an 11-game winning streak into Thursday's game, as the Redbirds currently sit perched atop the MVC standings with an 18-5 overall record and 11-1 conference mark. Illinois State's 11-game winning streak ranks as the 10th-longest active winning streak in the country, and the Redbirds have won by an average of 14 points per game over the last 11 contests, while posting eight double-digit victories.

The Redbirds are led by the senior trio of guard Maggie Krick, forward Ashleen Bracey, and center Nicolle Lewis, as all three players currently rank in the MVC's top 15 in scoring. Krick currently leads Illinois State in scoring and ranks second in the MVC at 15.9 points per game. Bracey, meanwhile, has been playing as well as anyone in MVC play, as she has earned three Valley Player of the Week Awards in the last four weeks, while averaging 15.0 points and 7.9 rebounds per game overall. Lewis, meanwhile, averages 11.8 points per game and, at 6'6, is the tallest player in the Valley this year.

"Illinois State is a very veteran team, and Krick, Bracey and Lewis are three of the top players in the league," said UE head coach Misty Murphy. "We are going to have our work cut out for us on Thursday night. Illinois State has been playing extremely well on both ends of the court over the last 11 games. While everyone knows that they can score because they average over 71 points per game, their defense of



Freshman Meagan Collins led UE in scoring last week at Drake and Creighton.

late has been just as impressive."

Evansville, meanwhile, will enter tonight's game at 4-20 overall and 1-12 in the MVC. The Purple Aces are hoping to bounce back from Saturday's heartbreaking 42-41 loss at Creighton, in which UE was able to rally from a 12-point first-half deficit against the second-place Bluejays, but finished just one point shy of victory. Senior guard Amy Gallagher led UE's comeback efforts with a team-high 15 points and seven rebounds, as she surpassed the 800-point barrier in her Purple Aces' career. Gallagher continues to pace the UE offense this year with an average of 10.6 points per game.



## **SPORTS** Ballinger garners another GLVC honor

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—University of Southern Indiana senior All-American Mary Ballinger was named the GLVC Female Track Athlete of the Week for the third time this season for her efforts at the Grand Valley State University Big Meet.

Ballinger posted an NCAA II provisional qualifying time of 17 minutes, 2.56 seconds in the 5,000 meters, finishing seventh out of 45 competitors.

The 2009 national champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Ballinger has already assured herself a spot in the NCAA II Indoor Championships, which are March 12-13 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ballinger posted an automatic qualifying time in the mile earlier this season.

Ballinger currently ranks fifth, nationally, in the mile and 10th in the 5,000 meters. She also ranks first in the GLVC in the mile, the 3,000 meters, and the 5,000 meters.

A food and nutrition major, Ballinger won finished fifth at the NCAA II Cross Country Championships last fall and was recently named the GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year for cross country.

This marks the third time in Ballinger's career that she has been named the GLVC Indoor Track Athlete of the Week. She has earned the honor three times in outdoor track and

was named the GLVC Runner of the Week in cross country five times during her three years in a USI uniform.

USI returns to action Friday when it competes at the Eastern Illinois University Friday Night Special in Charleston, Illinois. The GLVC Championships are February 26-27 in Kenosha, Wisconsin



Senior All-American Mary Ballinger ranks first in the GLVC in the mile, the 3,000 meters, and the 5,000 meters.



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## **SPORTS** USI posts 6-3 win over DePauw

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – The University of Southern Indiana men's tennis team won a 6-3 decision at NCAA Division III 12th-ranked DePauw University Tuesday evening in Greencastle, Indiana. USI rises to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the spring, while DePauw falls to 2-1 this year.

The Screaming Eagles opened the match by taking a 2-1 lead in doubles. Senior Joseph Boesing and sophomore Diego Gimenez put USI on the scoreboard with an 8-3 win at number one doubles, while freshmen Juan Quiroz and Ben Boesing made it 2-0 with a 9-7 victory at number two doubles.

The Eagles were close to sweeping the doubles matches, but sophomore Ben Roeser and junior Ben Hamm lost at number three, 9-7.

USI clinched the victory by winning four of the six singles matches. Quiroz and Ben Boesing posted straight set victories at number two and number five singles even as Joseph Boesing and freshman Robert Nieters were winning third-set tie-breakers at number three and six singles, respectively. Joseph Boesing won his three-set match by winning tiebreakers in the second and third sets.

The Eagles open the home portion of the 2009-10 spring schedule Friday when they host McKendree College at Advantage Courts & Fitness.



Joseph Boesing won a pair of tie-breakers to win at number three singles.

### UE Swim Adds Nine To MVC Scholar-Athlete Team

ST. LOUIS—The University of Evansville women's swimming and diving team placed nine of its members on the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team as announced by the league office.

Alex Howard, Diane Threlkeld, Anna Luecke, Kaitlyn Sluka, Alex Spata, Annie Shackelford, Valerie Jones, Ady Sekely and Christina Schmidgall were all named to the list. For seniors Luecke and



Sekely, this marks the third time that they have received this recognition.

To be named to the Scholar-Athlete Team, the student-athlete must be a sophomore or older and hold at least a 3.2 GPA.



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### ENTERTAINMENT DR. DONOHUE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH Viral Infection Can Cause Dizziness

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I got a sudden attack of dizziness that landed me in bed. I couldn't stand. Finally, with the help of my husband, I got to the doctor, who said I had a viral infection called vestibular neuritis. I am taking medicine and am somewhat better, but the dizziness isn't completely gone. Will it go? When? -- L.T.

**ANSWER:** I have to warn readers that the causes of dizziness are diverse, and vestibular neuritis, while common, is only one of many causes. The vestibule of the inner ear has three fluid-filled canals that work like a carpenter's balance, that gadget whose center contains a fluid-containing tube with a bubble in it. The balance tells the carpenter if a piece of wood is aligned. The inner ear canals tell people if they are aligned. They send signals to the brain that keep us balanced. A viral infection of those canals or of the nerve that sends signals to the brain makes people feel like they've been put in the spin cycle of a washer.

Not only are affected people dizzy, they become nauseated and



often throw up.

Symptoms of vestibular neuritis lessen in two to three days, but full recovery can take up to six or more weeks.

A cortisone drug taken within the first three days of illness can ease symptoms. And medicines like promethazine relieve dizziness and nausea, but they make some people so drowsy that they prefer the dizziness.

The booklet on dizziness discusses vestibular neuritis as well as the other dizziness causes. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 801W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you give an explanation of and recommendation for cure of a health problem I have? Being over the age of 65 and in reasonably good health, I suffer every winter from painful cracks in my fingertips and the soles of my feet. -- R.V.

**ANSWER:** The cracking indicates your skin is drying out. You can restore moisture to your fingertips with a light coat -- just a dab will do you -- of petroleum jelly (Vaseline or another moisturizer) before going to bed. Put Band-Aids over your fingertips, and leave them on all night. You can do the same during the day, but it's a bit inconvenient. In about three days, the cracks should be filling in. Continue this treatment every third or fourth night.

The same thing works for the feet. You don't use Band-Aids, but you do cover your feet with socks before going to sleep. Don't apply petroleum jelly during the daytime. It might make you somewhat unsteady. It takes longer for feet to heal.

#### **DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Does the consumption of foods packaged or wrapped in aluminum foil pose a risk for contracting or accelerating Alzheimer's disease? -- M.E.

**ANSWER:** The answer is no. The brains of some Alzheimer's patients have more than the usual amount of aluminum. Some have interpreted that as indicating aluminum as a cause. Few scientists hold to that theory.

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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