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Serving from the Heart: A Profile on Rick Riney

From a young age, Evansville Westside native Rick Riney has learned about the value of helping others. In fact, Riney has made a career of out being a public servant. A loyal Democrat, he has served his party well, and now, it's his turn to serve the residents of Vanderburgh County, as he hopes to become the next Perry Township Trustee.

As a child, Riney tells stories about how his parents ran a neighborhood grocery. He remembers how his parents used to help people who fell on hard times. "My parents believed in helping people."

When he was a teen, his father was elected Vander-



burgh County Sheriff. He remembers his grandmother cooking the food for the jail and having snacks in the kitchen at the old, stone jail. While his family lived in the old jail, their hearts and voter registrations remained in Perry Township.

Riney graduated from Reitz High School in 1964. He then attended Evansville College (now the University of Evansville). He then entered the Navy.

After serving the Navy during the Vietnam War and bouncing

from ports at Pearl Harbor, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Japan, Riney returned to Evansville, more specifically Perry Township. Upon his return from the war, he married Paula (Hendricks) Riney, and they have celebrated 38 years together.

He took public service one step further when he decided to become an Evansville Firefighter. Riney said he chose to join the Evansville Fire Department because he did not want the perception that he was riding his father's coattails.

"I chose to be a firefighter because I wanted to help people. There's also a certain amount of adventure involved in firefighting," he said with a coy grin.

Riney served the Evansville Fire Dept. for 30 years. He retired in 2007, but remains active as a member of the Local #357 Firefighters Union. He currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Evansville Firefighters' FCU since 1992.

Ever the public servant, he is constantly helping someone. His schedule is filled with this task and that, some-

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IS IT TRUE...



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

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thing learned in an attempt schedule an interview. He is very involved in local organizations. He is a 24-year member of the Westside Nut Club, a member of the Reitz High School R-Men's Club, and assistant coach of the Cowboys Junior League Football Team.

Riney is also a member of the AMVETS- Post 84, VFW-Post 114, the River Bend Association and the John F. Kennedy Club. He is also a devoted Democrat, who has worked hard to help others get elected.

He explained that his first political experience was serving as a precinct committeeman. He has served as campaign chairs for many officeholders and has decided to try his hand in serving the people as an elected official.

Riney said he believes the biggest problem facing Perry Township is helping people find jobs. He is also concerned that people do not realize that the township trustee is there to help in many capacities from helping with rent, utility bills and other such items to providing food and clothing.

When asked why he would be the right candidate for Perry Township Trustee, he responded, "I think I'd do well. I

know the needs of the people on the Westside. The trustee's office is a helping division, and I want to help people. I want to serve people. It will be a full-time job."

Riney explained that he thinks that the trustee needs to be the one to really listen to the people's problems and take a hands-on approach to helping them through the difficult times in their lives. "This job requires you to listen and have compassion. Those are things I am willing and want to do."

"I will be there to help the people on a full-time basis. In fact, I will not ask for a pay raise while in office. I believe that the people we elect should be accessible. And I will be just that. As a retiree, I will be able to devote all of my energy and resources towards securing what is best for the Westside and its people."

Riney also understands the value of family. He is the son of Jerry and Beverly Riney. He has one sister (Bonnie Toone) and two brothers (Randy Riney and Rodney Riney). He has two daughters (Kami Sprunger and Kala Henney) and three grandsons (Jacob Hibbs, Noah Hibbs and Jay Henney).

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EHA Director contract shows free healthcare, apartment

Staff Report

The Evansville Housing Authority signed an agreement with existing Executive Director Mildred Motley on December 28, 2009 for this year with some interesting terms.

Under Article I under Term, Title, Duties and Responsibilities of this year's contract, the term of the contract is January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The employment agreement also states, "The position of the Executive Director of the Authority is a full-time position and the Employee may, consistent with the nature of the executive position, work a variable or flexible schedule as determined by the responsibilities and demands of the position."

In the Duties and Responsibilities Section, it states, "Employee's duties and responsibilities shall include but are not limited to the authority to hire and fire employees in accordance with existing Authority policies and procedures, the authority to act as the contracting officer of the Authority, the authority to direct the day to day operations of the Authority..."

Article II contains the information on Compensation and Benefits. According to Section 2.1 Base Salary, "The Authority will pay to the Employee a base salary at an annual rate of not less than One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$126,000.00) payable in accordance with the Authority's usual payroll practices ("Base Salary"). Nothing in this agreements precludes the Authority from granting larger percentage increases or bonuses if, in the opinion of the Authority, the Executive Director's performance warrants such additional compensation or if there is a significant change in the Employee's work load by virtue of any major new projects and responsibilities of the Employee above and beyond the responsibilities associated with the position of the Executive Director."

The contract also states that Motley will take part in the retirement plan and in the Public Employee Retirement Fund (PERF).

According to Section 2.3 Health, Welfare and Fringe Benefit Plan, Motley's agreement states, "The Employee will participate in and enjoy the benefit of health insurance or retiree health insurance, medical, dental, life insurance, accident, travel insurance, long-term disability, sick leave, other leave of absence, holidays, and other similar welfare, fringe benefit or employment related plans, programs, arrangements, policies or prerequisites available to Authority Executive Officers and Managers from time to time. The housing agency will pay one hundred (100) percent of health benefits."

Motley is also able to enjoy, per the employment agreement, four weeks of paid vacation and five personal days.


She is also given a \$500 per month automobile allowance and travel reimbursement.

In Section 2.8 Housing, the agreement states, "The Authority

shall provide the Employee with housing at Employee shall be responsible for the payment and obtaining any amenities including telephone and cable."

The remaining sections of Motley's employment agreement discuss items such as notices, termination, indemnification, assignment and renewal.

Board members to the Evansville Housing Authority are appointed by the mayor. According to EHA letterhead, current board members include Danny M. Spindler (Chairman), Jerry Clark (Vice Chairman), Charles Asher Jr., Glenda B. Hampton, David Hatfield, Mildred Robinson and Mildred Thacker.



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Information Requests Lead to Public Access

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

On March 5, 2010, the City-County Observer filed a complaint with the Indiana Public Access Counselor Andrew J. Kossack's office against the Evansville Housing Authority. The complaint stated that the EHA violated the Access to Public Records Act (APRA) because the EHA failed to respond to a request for EHA Director Mildred Motley's employment contract.

The complaint was filed because Motley failed to respond within the 24-hour period given by law for a hand-carried request for information. In fact, the City-County Observer requested the information on February 23, 2010. Ten days later, no response of any kind had been received.

The argument made by Motley was that the information requested was on a City of Evansville form, and the EHA is not a city agency. She said that her agreement was with the Evansville Housing Authority and not the city; therefore, no contract exists between Motley and the city.

The complaint was then sent to the EHA by the Public Access Counselor's Office.

On March 25, the City-County Observer received a letter from Motley stating: "Per your request addressed to the City of Evansville, enclosed is a copy of my contract with the Evansville Housing Authority. I do not have a contract with the City of Evansville for any services. Furthermore, the Evansville Housing Authority is not a City agency."

On that same day, the Public Access Office also received a letter from Motley. The letter states: "This letter is in response to the formal complaint filed by the City-County Observer where it is alleged that the Evansville Housing Authority has violated the Access to Public Records Act. The Evansville Housing Authority has not violated the Access to Public Records Act with respect to any request received by the City-County Observer."

In a letter from the Public Access Counselor's Office dated April 6, in the ANALYSIS Section, it states: "The public policy of the APRA states, '[p]roviding persons with information is an essential function of a responsible government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officials and employees, whose duty is to provide the information,'" according to I.C. 14-3-1.

"A request for records may be oral or written...If the request is delivered in person and the agency does not respond within twenty-four (24) hours, the request is deemed denied."

"Here, it appears that the Authority received a hand-delivered request for access to the employment contract. As such, the Authority should have responded to the request within 24 hours as required by section 9 of the APRA."

In this same letter, a decision was described by the Indiana Public Access Counselor's Office. Under the CONCLUSION Section of the letter, it states: "For the foregoing reasons, it is my opinion that the Authority violated the APRA by failing to respond to a hand-delivered request within twenty-four (24) hours." It then acknowledges that the EHA sent the contract to the City-County Observer.

Ironically, in order to obtain Motley's contract in 2009, a similar scenario took place. The Indiana Public Access Counselor's Office was asked to intervene and found in favor of the City-County Observer and Motley emailed a copy of her contract just before the 30-day time limit.

Evansville Brownfields Corp.

After nearly a year, Evansville Brownfields Corp. has decided to comply with state and federal Open Door Laws by allowing the local media to attend a meeting. Our initial request was made on May 13, 2009.

"Access denied: Evansville Brownsfield Corp." was the first article on the fact that this 501 (c) 3 repeatedly denied the public access to their meetings and documents. Here is an excerpt from that article:

The staff of the City-County Observer has tried to find out *when Evansville Brownsfields Corp. meetings will be held and obtain minutes of previous meetings. Numerous phone calls were made to Carolyn Rusk, who is the Brownsfields Coordinator, to find out dates and times of meetings. One response to a request said they would need to contact their attorney. Other calls ended in no response.*

As a result, a formal, written records request was hand-carried to the offices of the Dept. of Metropolitan Development on May 13, 2009 at 2:40 p.m. The formal complaint asked for "Brownsfields meeting minutes from January 2007 through April 2009 (including drafts of said meetings)." We asked to have those minutes emailed to us.

A few days later, we received a letter from the DMD acknowledging our request. According to state law, they are provide notice of the request. They are also to provide the requested information within a "reasonable amount of time." According to the Indiana Public Access Office, 30 days is reasonable for in-depth records, but for meeting minutes, those

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Public Access

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requesting information should expect their request to be fulfilled within a couple of days. To date, we have not been given access to the minutes.

On May 15, 2009 we faxed a formal complaint to the state public access counselor's office. Prior to filing the complaint, we called the PAC in Indianapolis to see if a formal written complaint was warranted.

During the call, we stated the following as our explanation to why we would be filing the complaint:

~We obtained a copy of Evansville Brownsfields tax return filed 2008 (as a non-profit 501-C) to find out that Carolyn Rusk (Brownsfields Coordinator for the DMD); Tom Barnett (Director of the DMD); and Connie Robinson (Fourth Ward City Councilwoman) are directors, as are four others from the private sector.

~The Evansville Brownsfields Corp. meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center.

~The Brownsfields contract makes them subject to audits.

~They receive money (hundreds of thousands of dollars) from state and federal agencies.

~They are given property by the DMD that has been seized; they often receive these properties at no cost.

~Evansville Brownsfields makes decisions on how these properties are used and who gets to raze, build or revitalize the properties.

~To our knowledge, bids are not advertised or taken for demolition or construction.

~In previous reports from the local news media, it has been stated that Evansville Brownsfields Corp. is the non-profit corporation of the DMD.

~We noted that we were simply asking for admission to meetings, not access to private discussions over property acquisition or pending legal matters.

In an article titled "Evansville Brownfields Corp. received \$2.6 million in 2009, records still closed to media" dated February 2, 2010, the City-County Observer reported that because the corporation receives property tax exemptions as a government entity, it is in fact just that. Evansville Brownfields Corp is, therefore, a government entity.

On Monday, after a year of fighting for public access, the City-County Observer received an email from Carolyn Rusk informing the staff of an Evansville Brownfields Corp. meeting yesterday at 2 p.m. at Innovation Pointe. A notice of an Executive Session citing the reason for the meeting using the Indiana Code was incorporated in the notice.

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- *Not a career politician, and have never been elected to a public office.
- *Deeply involved in social and athletic activities on the Westside.
- *WILL NOT SEEK A PAY RAISE WHILE IN OFFICE.

Pick Rick on May 4th

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Rick Riney Perry
Township Trustee. Bonnie Toone, Chairman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In support of Wilson

Dear Editor,

Andrew Wilson is a Taxpayer Friendly candidate for District 49 State Senator that deserves the support of voters in the May 4 primary election.

Andrew supports the November Constitutional Amendment to help homeowners control their property tax burdens by (1) making the 1% - 2% - 3% property tax caps permanent and (2) protecting homestead property tax deductions from legal challenge.

The state budget that will be written during the 2011 General Assembly session will be one of the most challenging in decades. All Hoosiers need results-oriented, compassionate, and fiscally conservative State Senators to lead the way. Andrew will be a Taxpayer Friendly State

Senator who believes the state budget can be balanced by using accurate and realistic revenue forecasts, controlling Medicaid administration spending, focusing K-12 public education spending towards the classroom, replenishing reserve funds, and avoiding any tax increase.

Additional information about the qualifications of candidates in the May 4 primary election can be found on the Watchdog Indiana website. Contact information is provided so voters can get in touch with their candidates to get their questions answered.

Please support Andrew Wilson for District 49 State Senator in the May 4 primary election.

Best regards,
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EDITORIAL IS IT TRUE?



Compiled by 'Moles' Number 1 through 146...and counting

.....AFTER A YEAR OF LEGAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS BATTLES WITH EVANSVILLE BROWNFIELDS OVER ALLOWING THE MEDIA TO ATTEND THEIR BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE A THING OF THE PAST?.....THAT THE CITY COUNTY OBSERVER WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE EVANSVILLE BROWNFIELDS BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 21, 2010 AT 2:00 P M AT INNOVATION POINTE?

.....WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF 1ST WARD CITY COUNCILMAN DAN MCGINN FOR ASKING HARD QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES OF EVANSVILLE DMD DIRECTOR AND GAGE'S ALLEDGED "GHOST EMPLOYMENT" CONTRACT THEY HAD WITH HIM?WE ALSO ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE QUESTIONS HE WILL HAVE ONCE HE RECEIVES THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION HE REQUESTED FROM THE CITY?

.....AS REPORTED BY THE CITY COUNTY OBSERVER IN THE APRIL 17, 2010 ISSUE GAGE PAID THE MOVING EXPENSES OF THE DMD DIRECTOR'S FROM PADUCAH, KY TO EVANSVILLE WAS TRUE?

...THAT THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE WILL BE DEALING WITH A SERIOUS COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY A CITY OF EVANSVILLE "WHISTLE BLOWER" IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE?

.....OUR PREDICTION OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THAT ROBERT'S STADIUM IS GOING TO BE REPLACED WITH A SOFT-BALL-SPORTING COMPLEX WAS CORRECT?

.....THAT THE WE ARE STILL HEARING THAT THE BACK ROOM TALK OF THE POWERS THAT BE ARE STILL LOOKING AT TEARING DOWN WHAT'S LEFT OF THE OLD EXECUTIVE INN AND ADJACENT PARKING GARAGE IS CORRECT?

.....THAT THE MAYOR OF EVANSVILLE IS SO IMPRESSED WITH THE DECISION

THAT HIS APPOINTED BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S OF THE EVANSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAVE MADE PERTAINING TO THE 2010 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAT HE HAS RE-APPOINTED EVERY BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVED UNTIL 2012?

.....WE ARE STILL WONDERING WHEN THE MCCURDY INVESTORS AND CONTRACTORS WILL BEGIN TO RENOVATE THIS PROPERTY FOR NEW CONDOS?WE ALSO WONDER WHEN THE NEW OWNERS WILL CUT THE GRASS AROUND THIS HISTORIC FACILITY?

.....WE HEAR THAT THE FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMEN FROM THE 8TH DISTRICT NOW HAS A SLIM LEAD TO BE THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CHOICE TO BE THE FOR THE U.S. SENATE?

.....WE WONDER HOW A CANDIDATE FOR THE 8TH DISTRICT INCREASED HIS E-MAIL LIST BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS OVER NIGHT?WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT THE CITY COUNTY OBSERVER MIGHT JUST GIVE YOU THE ANSWER?

.....WE WANT TO THANK THE EVANSVILLE CITY STREET MAINTENANCE CREW FOR DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THEIR ANNUAL "POT HOLE BLITZ"?

Marsha Abell
Vanderburgh County Commissioner

**ABELL...
to do the job RIGHT!**

Paid for and authorized by the Committee
to Elect Marsha Abell; Linda Sartore, Treasurer

EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

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.... "MOLE" #73 HAS INFORMED US THAT THE LAWSUIT PERTAINING TO THE ROAD PROBLEM AT THE CITY ZOO WILL BE SETTLED VERY SOON?

....THE CONVENTION AND VISTORS BUREAU WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER SERVED IF THEY WOULD HAD OPEN MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED "SPORTS COMPLEX" WITH THE NEIGHBORS LIVING AROUND ROBERT'S STADIUM AREA?

....WE WONDER IF THE BARNETT-GAGE SALARY DEAL CRAFTED BY THE MAYOR IS LEGAL, MORAL AND ETHICAL?

....THE WORD TRANSPARENCY IS SYNONYMOUS WITH "OPENNESS" AND "TRUTH"?

....WASHINGTON D.C., HAD "WATERGATE" AND CITY OF EVANSVILLE HAS "SALARY GATE"?

....THE PRECIDENT WAS SET WHEN THE EVANSVILLE BOND BANK BOARD TOOK MONEY FROM FUNDS EARMARKED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. SINCE THEY PAID

THE SALARY OF THE DMD DIRECTOR THEY SHOULD ALSO GIVE OUR HARD WORKING, DEDICATED AND LOYAL CITY EMPLOYEES A MUCH-DESERVED REASONABLE RAISE?

....WE WONDER IF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE WILL CONTINUE TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY SALARY/CONSULTANT PAYMENT MADE TO A 'GHOST EMPLOYEE' OF GAGE?

....YOU SHOULD SEE THE STORY ON THE CONTRACT OF EVANSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR MILDRED MOTLEY, REGARDING HER EXORBINATE (\$126,000 BASE) SALARY, FREE HOUSING AND FREE HEALTHCARE?

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EDITORIAL

JURISDICTION

By Judge James Redwine

Should anyone read this article they might believe they have discerned some opinion on my part. They would be wrong. Judges are not allowed to state public opinions on matters they have no power to decide. I have no opinions on the merits of the public issues discussed in this article. In fact, the only opinions I have on any subject are the ones Peg gives me.

Since the days of the ancient Greeks and Romans judges have been admonished to keep their noses out of cases they have no authority to decide. The Indiana Supreme Court parsed the term "jurisdiction" to make this point.

In 1886 in the case of *Robertson v. State*, the Court held: "Jurisdiction in courts is the power and authority to declare the law. The very word in its origin imports as much. It is derived from *juris* and *dico*. I speak the law."

The Supremes continued by declaring "...[W]here there was no jurisdiction, it was not only the duty of the Court not to express an opinion, but it was its duty not to have an opinion..." Now, should you be an uncharitable cynic you

might read the Robertson case, which was a political hot potato over whether the Republican or Democratic candidate should be seated as Indiana's Lieutenant Governor, and conclude the Supreme Court was ducking low behind the law. As for me, I prefer to believe the Court was simply taking the high road.

But now on to the issues I have no power nor desire to decide and, therefore, have no opinion about. The fol-

lowing are musings, not positions.

For several weeks now I have noted political candidates and interest groups erecting signs and writing letters to the editors about various offices and issues. I truly appreciate

the effort by everyone to participate in our democratic republic. It takes courage and conviction to put one's self and one's opinions out where friends and neighbors (and enemies and strangers) can, as Shakespeare said, sling the arrows of outrageous fortune at them. We may have a clue here as to why judges claim they can have no such opinions.

Anyway, I see location after location where on one side of a driveway one good candidate will have a sign and on the other side of the driveway the opposing good candidate has one. This speaks well for the candidates and their supporters.

And on the often contentious issues that could divide good friends, I read reasonable letters from both sides and have yet to notice any acrimony. Is this a great place to live or what?

I would set forth my position on such matters as to whom should be elected and what should be done, but Peg has not informed me yet. Of course, just as Caesar's wife, she may be prohibited from such behavior too.



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The Next City Workshop Survey Results

Will Our Elected Officials Do What Young Professionals Ask For?

Or

Will They Continue to Keep Evansville in the Dark Ages of Lifestyle?

Joe J. Wallace, Managing Director
Hadannah Business Solutions

At the heart of a 21st Century Global Economy are innovative young professionals, whose ambition and ideas are keys to the region's economic growth and vitality.

On Tuesday April 13, 2010, Evansville hosted a workshop to discuss the attributes that a region needs to be attractive to educated young professionals. This is not the first time that such a discussion has been held but it is occurring at a time that the people of this region seem prepared to support actions on whatever recommendations come out of this discussion. I was a brain drainer once for career and lifestyle reasons. Little has changed from those perspectives since 1982 when I left Evansville for these reasons. I applaud the organizers of this event and hope that many positive actions come from the knowledge that this workshop has unearthed.

Who are these sought after Young Professionals?

The term "young professional" might be argued to be a state of mind. At the risk of offending some, Angelou Economics defines young professionals as people between the ages of 25-44 who are "knowledge workers" and employed in a field that requires computers, science, or design skills at a high level. What this translates into is that "these people are problem finders and solvers". They may be single or married, with or without children. The influence of this population also extends beyond itself. They are key to future population (and economic) growth through potential childbearing. The Evansville region is long overdue for both population growth and economic prosperity.

Young professionals are an important source of ingenuity and new idea generation. They are essential to fueling growth among technology and knowledge-based businesses in any region.

The competition for young professionals among cities is intense. The issue of young people and their attitudes toward the Evansville region must command the attention of the entire economic development and business infrastructure. Hopefully as a result of this workshop some entity will assume a leadership role in attracting and retaining young, educated professionals.

What makes these Rascals Tick?

Young professionals look for a place to live first, and then they find a job. As the median age in the U.S. increases, the percentage of total population that is 25-44 is shrinking. This demographic is at a premium, and they can afford to be picky when choosing where to live. Productive, educated workers are highly sought after, and as a result, have a wide variety of work options and locations from which to choose. When they are choosing a place to live they keep their eye on the career opportunities that are available in their candidate places. They are looking for mental challenges, upward career paths, and competitive compensation packages.

If Evansville wants young professionals, it has to have all of these things. The three legs of the stool to attract these people are an enjoyable job, a prosperous future, and a superlative lifestyle. If any one of these is missing, we will be crippled in our efforts to attract or even keep these people.

Quality of life means different things to many people. For many, it starts with good health, good job, and security for themselves and their families. For young professionals, though, it may involve much more. Most are looking for a community with a broad and diverse employment base that will allow them flexibility as they migrate from one career to the next. They want the opportunity to become engaged in civic life through service on community boards and volunteering with community groups. They demand a wide variety of recreational, artistic, and entertainment options. The other thing that they seek is large numbers of like minded individuals. People seek people for both friendship and dating. Young professionals are social and are attracted to places that have large populations of others like them.

Communities that lack the environment to support their young professionals are at a competitive disadvantage. A failure to secure access to human capital drove computer maker Gateway Inc. to relocate its headquarters from North Sioux City, South Dakota to San Diego, California. To grow requires the very best and brightest executives and engineers, and few wanted to call South Dakota home. "San Diego was an excellent move for us, because it's ideal for attracting the kind of talent in the numbers that are required now for us at Gateway," explained John Heubusch, Gateway's vice president of public affairs.

Evansville has a history of arrested development and out-

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Next City Workshop

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ward migration of both knowledge based and recently traditional businesses. Let's take this opportunity to correct the issues that have been raised in the Next City workshop. It is not enough to have cheap houses and a river. Lifestyle and multiple opportunities to prosper are what matter most.

What's a Parent or Grandparent to do?

I am directing this to my fellow baby boomers. If you love your children and your grandchildren and want to be around them, you should have attended this event. Now you should review what these young professionals chose as their priorities and become an activist in forcing local business and government to make this an attractive place for them. We who are no longer young but who have retained the vitality of youth are the most equipped to force solutions to happen even if there is kicking and screaming involved by those most responsible for change.

If you are an elected official and you did not attend and participate in this event, then you are derelict in your duty to seek out and support solutions to Evansville's known problems. Only two elected officials attended and only one stayed and participated in all sessions. The workshop was opened by Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel who left shortly after his welcome speech. Councilwoman Wendy Bredhold attended and participated enthusiastically in the entire session. No elected officials from the County attended. Candidates for office Cheryl Musgrave, Patty Avery, and John Lee Smith were in attendance.

This is the third time since the year 2000 that this step in the right direction has been taken. The SWOT analyses of 2001 & 2007 had substantially the same conclusions to counter the "brain drain". The results from last Tuesday are similar and can be viewed at www.nextcityevansville.blogspot.com. Just for the record, the top 5 in the survey in order of preference are as follows:

1. A Comprehensive Smoking Ban
2. North, East, and West Stroll Districts
3. Connect Evansville Riverfront to Downtown Newburgh with Biking and Hiking Trails
4. Better Airfares and More Flights from Evansville Airport
5. Create Innovative Jobs in Clean Coal Technology and Green Businesses (Cleaner Air)

I hope that something actually happens this time. First we need to do the easy things to close the gaps and then tackle the more difficult ones to set this region apart as a unique and desirable place for young professionals to live and prosper.

Making the list will be easy compared to the hard work, diligence, and the courage to cast off a history of mediocrity that will have to follow. I would also like to note that a straw poll was taken at the workshop with respect to a comprehensive smoking ban. 100% of the attendees support a comprehensive smoking ban. If we do not have the courage of governance to listen to what these young professionals have clearly expressed a preference for, then Evansville is in effect building an invisible wall to keep the "pall" in and the people who can create a prosperous future out. Let's make it happen.

COMMUNITY

Who, What, When and Where!

Compiled by Sherry Burdette

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EVANSVILLE (cMoe)

Wednesday through Saturday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED - Holiday Exceptions Apply

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

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NEW Music Together Classes at cMoe!

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

- April 15: 10:30 a.m. - Thursday Story Stretchers
- April 16: 12 p.m. Music Together - Create beautiful melodies in a demo class with Music Together.
- April 17: Saturday Story Stretchers - 10:30 a.m.

Visiting Scientist - Learn fun facts about bugs with entomologist Brandon Runyon from SWAT Pest.

- April 18: Military Appreciation Day - made possible by AmeriQual Group - All military personnel plus one child admitted FREE!

- April 22: 10:30 a.m. - Thursday Story Stretchers
- April 24: Saturday Story Stretchers - 10:30 a.m.

Earth Day Fun - cMoe staff and community partners host recycling, conservation and energy-saving activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Lorax - Join cMoe staff for a special reading of Dr. Seuss' environmentally-friendly book and make a craft at 2 p.m.

- April 29: 10:30 a.m. - Thursday Story Stretchers

- April 30: 2 p.m. Celebrate Arbor Day - Listen to a special reading of The Lorax, Dr. Seuss' book about a Lorax who speaks for the trees and enjoy craft time!

CIVIC THEATRE EVENTS

SOUTHERN GOTHIC COMEDY "THE SUGAR BEAN SISTERS" DESCENDS ON CIVIC THEATRE

The Sugar Bean Sisters opens on Friday, April 9, and runs April 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. 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 outrageous Southern Gothic comedy of romance, murder and alien abduction, The Sugar Bean Sisters, by Nathan Sanders, comes to Civic Theatre in April. The Nettles sisters are determined to escape spinsterhood -- Willie Mae by finding a good Mormon husband and Faye by taking off with the "space people" when they return to Sugar Bean on the 25th anniversary of their first visit. A disturbance in the sugarcane field leads Faye to recall how their daddy witnessed dead folk walking through the swamp many years before and a strange bird-like woman who appears out of the darkness sets in motion a chain of extraordinary events involving alien abduction, lies, murder and spon-

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taneous human combustion that speckle this unique theatrical event like phosphorescent swamp goo.

Cindy Maples, last seen at Civic Theatre in *The Smell of the Kill*, plays Videllia, the flamboyant and bizarre woman who favors feathered garments. Laurie Baumer, last seen in *Moon Over Buffalo*, plays the spinster sister Willie Mae Nettles, who hopes to find a good Mormon husband; and Valerie Ewers, in her return to the Civic stage since appearing in *Rumors* in 1993, plays Willie Mae's sister Faye, who awaits the return of the "space people" in hopes they will whisk her away to a better life on an alien planet.

Rusty James returns to Civic for the first time since *Accomplice* as the good Bishop Crumley who ministers to the sisters' spiritual needs, and Kathy Ewing portrays *The Reptile Woman*, a shaman in touch with the mysteries of the swamp creatures that inhabit the bogs around Sugar Bean, FL. A Civic Theatre veteran, Kathy last appeared on the Civic stage in *Over the River and Through the Woods*.

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

Main Gallery

ELIZABETH ZUTT: A COLLECTOR'S EYE
March 28 – June 13

Old Gallery

TOBI KAHN: OHRA, SKY AND WATER MEDITATION
April 26 – June 27

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May 2 – September 12

Koch Planetarium

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March 13 – May 30
NINE PLANETS AND COUNTING
June 5 – August 15

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC GUILD EVENTS

All events are open to the public & are fund raisers for the Guild.

HOMES OF NOTE house tour

On Saturday, April 24, The Evansville Philharmonic Guild is sponsoring its annual HOMES OF NOTE house tour. This year will feature five homes at Sutherland on the east side from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the tour and are available at Schnucks, Wildflower, Paul's Men's store, and from Guild members. Free shuttle bus will be available at the south end of Washinton Square. For more information, call 476-8912.

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (EPO) EVENTS

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Beethoven – Symphony No. 9 (Choral)

^Works performed at the Philharmonic's first concert, Dec. 9, 1934.

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EVANSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Special Programs

CLASSICAL GUITARIST PETER FLETCHER: Sunday, April 25 2:00 p.m. Central Library Browning Events Rooms

Having played at Carnegie Hall, the George Eastman House, St. Philip Cathedral and many others, Peter Fletcher's concert is sure to be one to remember. His three recordings, The Art of Classical Guitar, A Peter Fletcher Recital and Federico Mompou: Guitar Works, have received critical acclaim. This concert is free and open to all. For details, call 428-8241.

Special Children's Programs

- April 22 – Green Thumbs – Get your hands dirty with a little plant TLC, Grades K-6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. Registration required by calling 428-8236.

- April 26 – Earth Day Birthday – Celebrate going green with recyclable crafts, Grades K-6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call 428-8234.

Adult Book Discussions

- April 21 – Women's Fiction Book Club – Jane Austen Ruined My Life, 3:30 p.m. in Study Room, Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call 428-8234.
- April 22 – Mystery Lovers Book Discussion – The Haunted Monastery, 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, North Park Branch, 960 Koehler Dr. For more information: Call David Locker at 428-8237 ext. 4412.
- April 22 – The BIG READ Book Discussion – Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories, 6:00 p.m. in Howard Room, Red Bank Branch, 120 S. Red Bank Rd. For more information: Call Nancy Higgs at 428-8399.
- April 28 – McCollough's Wednesday Book Discussion – The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane, 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. For more information: Call 428-8236.

GALLERY EVENTS & EXHIBITS

Lorelei's Gallery presents musical performances & more:

- May 14 - Exhibit opening for Carolyn Roth May 14 at 7pm
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New Harmony Theatre announces “Ain’t Misbehavin’” to close its 2010 season

New Harmony Theatre is announcing a change to its 2010 season. The musical revue “Ain’t Misbehavin’” will run July 30 to August 15, replacing the previously announced “Finian’s Rainbow.” The summer season’s other titles include “The School for Scandal,” a comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and “The Glass Menagerie,” a drama by Tennessee Williams. Lenny Leibowitz, New Harmony Theatre’s artistic director, will stage all three.

Amy Estes, New Harmony Theatre’s managing director, said, “In evaluating our resources and maximizing available personnel, we decided to postpone the production of ‘Finian’s Rainbow’ for an upcoming season.” According to Estes, audiences will love “Ain’t Misbehavin’,” a musical revue that embodies the comic and musical soul of Harlem in the 1930s.

It features the rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping music of Fats Waller, who rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club.

Leibowitz said, “Ain’t Misbehavin’” evokes the humor and infectious energy of this American original as a versatile cast struts, strums, and sings the songs Fats Waller made famous, from the title song to “Honey-suckle Rose” to “Tain’t Nobody’s Biz-Ness If I Do.”

“The School for Scandal,” “The Glass Menagerie,” and “Ain’t Misbehavin’” will play at Murphy Auditorium at 419 Tavern Street in New Harmony. Both season and single tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at 812/682-3115 or toll free at 1-877-NHT-SHOW (648-7469), or visit the theatre’s web site at www.newharmonytheatre.com.



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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Compiled by Charlene Braker

WEDNESDAY-----

LIGHT IS SOWN FOR THE RIGHTRIOUS, AND GLADNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT IN HEART. Psalms 97:11

THURSDAY-----

THROUGH US [GOD]DIFFUSES THE FRAGRNC E OF HIS KNOWLEDGR IN EVERY PLACE. 2 Corinthians 2:14

FRIDAY-----

THEY SHALL LIFT UP THEIR VOICE, THEY SHALL SING FOR THE MAJESTY OF THE LORD, THEY SHALL CRY ALOUD FROM THE SEA. Isaiah 24:14

SATURDAY-----

REJOICE IN THAT DAY AND LEAP FOR JOY, BE- CAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR

THAT IS HOW THEIR FATHERS TREATED THE ROPH- ETS. Luke 6:22

SUNDAY-----

THE KINGDOM OF TE WORLD HAS BECOME THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST, AND HE WILL REIG FOR EVER AND EVER. Revelations 11:15

MONDAY-----

BUT THAT ON THE GOOD GROUND ARE THEY, WHICH IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART, HAV- ING HEARDTHE WORD, KEEP IT, AND BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE. Luke 8:15

TUESDAY-----

THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVE. BUT TO SERVE... Matthew 20:28

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Malachi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah
3. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam
4. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra
5. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna
6. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas

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For more trivia, log on to www.TriviaGuy.com.

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Elijah; 3) Eve; 4) Uzziah; 5) Bethany; 6) Dorcas

EDUCATION

North Principal Named PTA Principal of the Year

North High School Principal John Skinner received the 2010 Indiana PTA Diana Moates Richardson Outstanding Principal of the Year award yesterday at the 98th annual Indiana PTA Convention in Indianapolis.

The award recognizes one outstanding principal each year from across Indiana that works tirelessly for the betterment of students, parents, the school community and his/her profession.

Skinner, principal at North since 2009 and assistant principal from 2002-2009, was nominated for the award by North PTA.

Explaining why Skinner should be selected as this year's PTA principal of the year, North PTA members wrote: "The quality of service Mr. Skinner has

provided to North during his time here has been extraordinary. He exemplifies both in his personal and professional life, the purpose of the PTA." The nomination letter goes on to laude Skinner for his open door policy and unconditional support for students, parents and the PTA. "Mr. Skinner is very open and willing to keep parents involved in the issues and decision making processes of the high school.

He works with the parents and the PTSA to ensure the right tone and atmosphere in our children's high school which allows our children to thrive and excel in all of their endeavors; academic, extra-curricular and socially." He also encouraged staff at North to join PTA, so that the school was able to achieve 100% participation.

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EDUCATION

SABIC Innovative Plastics Establishes Charitable Fund

Posey County, Indiana – Bill Gillenwater, board president of the Posey County Community Foundation, announced today that SABIC Innovative Plastics has established a scholarship through the Foundation. The SABIC Innovative Plastics Scholarship is a new opportunity for advanced education for children of employees who work at the Mt. Vernon, Indiana facility.

SABIC Innovative Plastics is a leading, global supplier of engineering thermoplastics with a 75-year history of breakthrough solutions that solve its customers' most pressing challenges. The company continues to lead the plastics industry with customer collaboration and continued investments in new polymer technologies, global application development, process technologies, and environmentally responsible solutions that serve diverse markets such as automotive, electronics, building & construction, transportation, and healthcare.

"This year the Mt. Vernon facility is celebrating our 50th anniversary, and we wanted to do something special for our employees and the community. We are hopeful that this scholarship will motivate students to pursue advanced education, which will ultimately strengthen our community," said Shelia

Naab, SABIC Innovative Plastics Mt. Vernon communications leader.

The SABIC Innovative Plastics Scholarship is available to graduating seniors in the United States who are the natural or adopted children or legal dependants of active employees of the SABIC Innovative Plastics facility located in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. "This scholarship is reflective of the giving culture at SABIC Innovative Plastics," said Gillenwater. "Creating this permanent resource demonstrates their commitment to our community, to students, and to advanced education."

The Posey County Community Foundation now administers 79 charitable funds established by individuals, families, businesses, civic groups, and agencies to improve the quality of life in Posey County. Founded in 1992, the Foundation is a charitable organization formed to strengthen our community by awarding grants to local nonprofits, by bringing individuals together to address community needs, and by offering personalized charitable gift planning services to our donors. Contact the Foundation at 812.838.0288 or visit www.poseycommunityfoundation.org to learn more.

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SPORTS

Evansville Tops USI 7-0, Faces UNI In MVC Championships

The University of Evansville tennis team concluded its regular season Wednesday with a 7-0 win over the Screaming Eagles of the University of Southern Indiana. The Aces took control by winning the doubles point and maintained their pressure to post a shutout. Singles winners for the Aces were Kate Chybowski, Dora Kotsiou, Ashton Schwerin, Pin Sorensen, Jessica Raatz, Payal Sharma. On the doubles side the teams of Chybowski/Kotsiou, Sorensen/Schwerin, Caire/Dzakula, and Sharma/Raatz were also winners.

The Aces travel to Wichita, Kan. to battle Northern Iowa in the opening round of the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Team Championships. The UE-UNI match is at 12:30 Friday. The winner moves on to play Saturday against the winner of Friday's match between #1 Wichita State and #8 Bradley.

Evansville 7, Southern Indiana 0
Doubles

#1 Kate Chybowski/Dora Kotsiou (UE) def. Kate Jo Craig/Michelle Girgenti (USI) 8-3

#2 Pin Sorensen/Ashton Schwerin (UE) def. Logan Ackerman/Lindsey White (USI) 8-1

#3 Carolyn Caire/Aleksandra Dzakula (UE) def. Gretchen Cantwell/Ellena Stumpf (USI) 8-3

Exhibition Payal Sharma/Jessica Raatz (UE) def. Jodie Petty/Heather Lee (USI) 8-2

Singles

#1 Kate Chybowski (UE) def. Michelle Girgenti (USI) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Dora Kotsiou (UE) def. Gretchen Cantwell (USI) 6-2, 6-1

#3 Ashton Schwerin (UE) def. Katie Jo Craig (USI) 6-3, 6-3

#4 Pin Sorensen (UE) def. Lindsey White (USI) 6-3, 6-1

#5 Jessica Raatz (UE) def. Ellena Stumpf (USI) 6-2, 6-0

#6 Payal Sharma (UE) def. Logan Ackerman (USI) 6-4, 6-3

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SPORTS

Eagles remain first in the region

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The University of Southern Indiana baseball team remained first in the NCAA Division II Midwest Region poll released today. Grand Valley State followed USI in second, while Northern Kentucky University was third.

The next poll will be released April 27.

The top six teams in the region earn a berth in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional which is scheduled for May 6-9. The site of the regional is still to be determined.

The Screaming Eagles resume their regular season ending road swing Saturday and Sunday with a four-game series at Saint Joseph's College. The first pitch each day is scheduled for noon.

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3. Northern Kentucky

4. Wayne State (Michigan)

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SPORTS

UE Soccer Player Makes National Team

University of Evansville recruit Vanessa Legault-Cordisco (pronounced Leg-alt cor-disco) has earned one of the highest soccer honors possible—a place on her country's National Team. Canada head coach Carolina Morace announced this week that Legault-Cordisco is one of four players chosen to move up from the Under 20 Canadian National Team to the full Canadian National Team. She is expected to be in uniform Saturday when Canada plays China in an exhibition match in Chongqing, China.

The 5'6 midfielder from St. Therese, Quebec signed with UE in February, and will report to campus with her teammates in early August. She scored the game-winning goal for Canada at the Under 20 World Cup qualifiers against Guatemala.

"We are so excited for Vanessa that she has the opportunity to represent her country and play with some of the best soccer players in the world," UE Coach Krista McKendree said. "It is a huge honor and something I know she is so excited about; she was thrilled when she got called up for the U20s this winter. I think it is tremendous that she has made such an impact on the Canadian coaching staff and that is a testament to her

attitude and work ethic. Vanessa goes about her business in such a way that people have no choice but to notice her. She is a remarkable young lady. We couldn't be happier for Vanessa and are ready for her to get on campus in August. Without question this is the highest honor any one of our players has ever received and it is great to be able to have that as a part of our program."

Canada's National Team includes 22 players. The squad is training all week in Chongqing in advance of Saturday's international friendly against China. This will be Canada's sixth match of the 2010 season. Canada has won all five, including a 1-0 victory over New Zealand in the 2010 Cyprus Women's Cup final. Canada is preparing for the 2010 CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup, which is expected to run from late October and early November. The Gold Cup will serve as the qualification route for the FIFA Women's World Cup Germany 2011. Two CONCACAF teams will earn automatic berths while the third-place team will face Europe's fifth-place team in a qualification playoff.

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SPORTS

USI names top student athletes and Eagle Pride award winners

In an evening that celebrates the accomplishments of the University of Southern Indiana student athletes during the last year, senior Mary Ballinger (women's cross country/track), senior Jamar Smith (men's basketball), senior Sara Loete (softball), and senior Jeron Lewis (men's basketball) were recognized as the top student athletes at the eighth annual USI All-Sports Banquet sponsored by Integra Bank Monday evening.

The Integra/USI Female Student Athlete of the Year for a second straight year, Ballinger was the 2009 NCAA Division II national champion in the steeplechase before starting this year by being named the GLVC Runner of the Year in cross country. She earned All-America honors in cross country with fifth-place finish at the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships and was named the GLVC Cross Country Scholar Athlete of the Year.

This spring, Ballinger was named the GLVC Indoor Track Female Athlete of the Year and earned her eighth All-America award in track by placing eighth in the 1500 meters. The Chesterton, Indiana, native is a food and nutrition major with a concentration in nutrition and wellness.

Previous winners of the award were Shannon Wells (2003, volleyball), Jenny Farmer (2004, cross country/track), Heather Cooksey (2005, cross country/track), Laura Ellerbusch (2006, volleyball), Allison Shafer (2007 cross country/track), and Kristin Eickholt (2008, softball).

The Integra/USI Male Student Athlete of the Year, Smith was nothing short of dominant on the basketball court this year. The physical education major who earned the 2010 Division II Player of the Year from Basketball Times, was named All-American by Basketball Times, Division II Bulletin, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and Daktronics.

In addition to the All-America awards, Smith was named NABC first team All-District and was selected to play in the NABC/NCAA Division II All-Star Game. He was honored by being named the Midwest Region Player of the Year and first team All-Region by Daktronics.

The Peoria, Illinois, native averaged a team-high 21.6 points per game and set the USI single-game (10) and the single-season (108) marks for three-point field goals made. He also set the USI career record with 20.2 points per game in two years.

Previous winners of the award were Duncan Bray (2003 and 2004, soccer), Matt Keener (2005, baseball), Chris Thompson (2006, men's basketball), Melvin Hall (2007, men's basketball), Paul Jellema (2008 men's cross country/track), and Shaun Larsen (2009, baseball).

Lewis and Loete were named the male and female recipients the Integra/USI Screaming Eagles Spirit Award. The award winners are selected in a vote of the Athletic Department staff.

Loete is one of the most dynamic personalities among all of the USI student athletes. She is the president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and is a visible presence at all USI athletic events.

On the softball field, Loete is one the top power hitters in the history of the softball program and ranks third all-time at USI with 18 career home runs. The native of Pekin, Illinois, is currently hitting .280 with 11 runs scored, 19 RBIs, and three home runs.

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EDUCATION

USI Student Leadership Awards presented

The Office of Student Development Programs hosted the University of Southern Indiana Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, April 14. Each spring semester, USI's strongest student leaders are recognized during the ceremony.

The following students received awards:

President's Medal Finalists

Roneshia Clark
Stephanie Opolski
Raul Ramirez
Kayla Troutman

Activities Programming Board Award - Staff Member of the Year
Maggie Schnorbus

Academic Achievement Award for Student Organizations
Student Ambassadors (Service)
Honors Student Council (Honorary)
Biology Club (Professional)
Gamma Phi Beta (Social)

Vice President Award for Chapter Excellence
Gold Achievement: Delta Zeta
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Alpha Sigma Alpha and Gamma Phi Beta

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Campus Collaboration Award

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President of the Year

Robert Wolfley (Student Government Association)

Silent Inspiration Award

Koryn Heeke (Student Ambassadors)

Advisor of the Year

Judy Deig (Alpha Sigma Alpha)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Alycia Batson-Benefield
Joshua Bobb
Toni Brike
Joyah Brooks
Brad Cadden
Janis DuBois

Aaron Field
Steven Geiss
Koryn Heeke
Traci Johnson
Eseniva Matvelieva
Victoria Miller
Lindsay Pope
Kimberly Putterbaugh
Raul Ramirez
Amy Torrence
Kayla Troutman
Amanda Verkamp
Monika Wathen
Carolyn Myers

Robert L. Moore Scholarship, \$450
Traci Johnson

Alpha Omega Psi Scholarship, \$500 each
Hope Fussner
Chelsea Taylor
Monika Wathen

Sherrienne Standley University Service Scholarship, \$1500
Steven Geiss

Vice President for Student Affairs Award
Meral K. El Ramahi
Sonali Gandhi
Steven Geiss
Traci Johnson
Raul Ramirez
Chelsea Taylor
Amanda Verkamp
Monika Wathen
Robert Wolfley

Vice President's Top Student Leaders Award
Hope Fussner

Emerging Leader Award
Caylin Blockley (1st Year)
Jered Ell (2nd Year)

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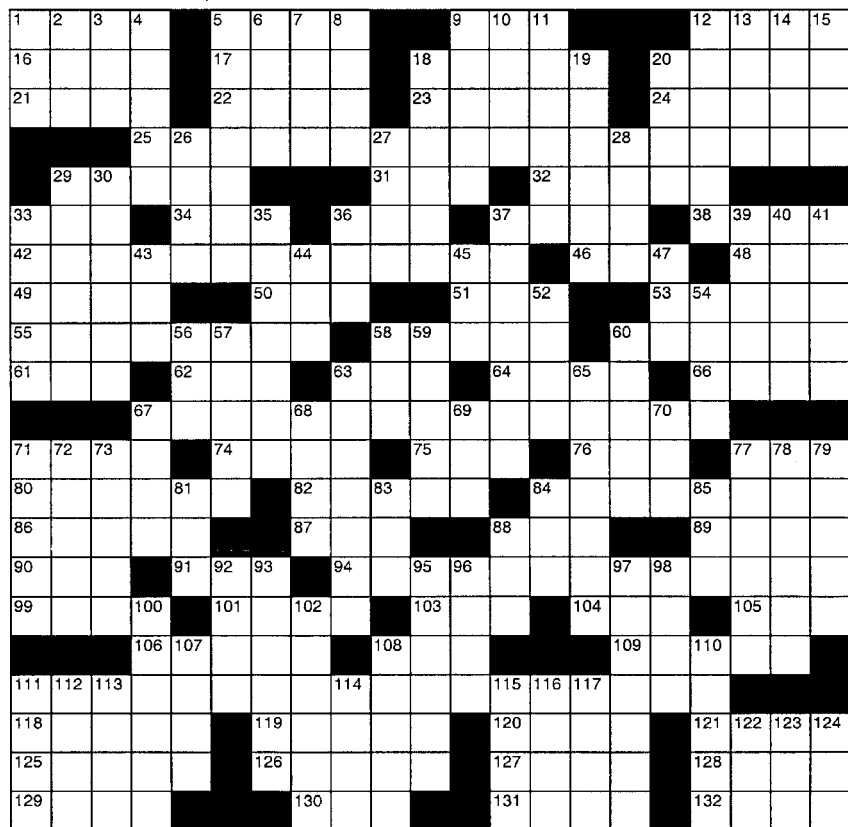
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Super Crossword

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5 Domino or Waller
9 It may be strapless
12 Request an encore
16 Done
17 Rock's Quiet —
18 Jagger and Jones
20 Snapshot
21 Mediter-ranean port
22 Actress Paquin
23 Home, to Hopalong?
24 Poet Conrad
25 Escalator stocks ...
29 Exhausted
31 Aye opponent
32 "Bolero" composer
33 Pigeon English?
34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel
36 Dandy dude?
37 "I could — horse!"
38 Read quickly
42 Mining shares ...
46 Tolkien creation
- 48 Neighbor of Tenn.
49 Notes from Verdi?
50 Noun suffix
51 "The Simpsons" character
53 Propelled a shell
55 First name in art
58 Hitching post?
60 Fleet
61 Boxer Norton
62 Ferret's foot
63 Bandleader Lyman
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66 List entry
67 Diaper stocks ...
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74 Pole star?
75 Daniel — -Lewis
76 Diving bird
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80 Physicist Fermi
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84 Chorus
86 Playground feature
87 Actress Susan
88 Flicka's food
89 Wan
90 Chinese export
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94 Cutlery shares ...
99 Active volcano
101 Some computers
103 Chanteuse Lemper
104 Cobb and Hardin
105 '75 Abba tune
106 Polish coin
108 One — million
109 Like a hot fudge sundae
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119 Cold sound
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127 — J. Pakula
128 Spirit
129 Baseball's Sammy
130 Farm feature
131 Tardy
132 Barber's cry?
- 3 Pince- —
4 Singer Slick
5 Over-wrought
6 "— No Sunshine" ('71 hit)
7 Author Morrison
8 Mikita or Musial
9 Like some eyes
10 Rave's partner
11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline
12 Flu symptom
13 Valhalla villain
14 "— o'clock scholar"
15 Cornmeal concoction
18 Stargazed
19 Hardly hyper
20 New York university
26 Aware of
27 Textbook heading
28 Writer Hunter
29 Posh party
30 Elixir
33 Teacher's aid
35 Logging-camp feature
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- 37 Compassion
39 Metal measure
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41 Lady of the house
43 Fled
44 Start to cry?
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56 Gibbon or gorilla
57 Stallone role
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60 Press one's point
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70 Just manage, with "out"
71 "Beau —" ('39 film)
72 Cove
73 Jones of the Stones
77 Slip by
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- 79 Accepts authority
81 "Aladdin" frame
83 Carrie or Louis
84 Opening
85 EMT's skill
88 Shade
92 "— Fire" ('85 hit)
93 Turkish titles
95 "Guys and Dolls" author
96 Coup d'—
97 Cleanliness
98 "Unto us — is given"
100 Schedule
102 People from Prague
107 Take a taxi
108 Tower material?
110 Brash Nash
111 Tiers
112 Gallimaufry
113 Maglie and Mineo
114 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
115 Actual
116 Auel heroine
117 "Confound it!"
122 Stout relative
123 Send out a page
124 Big bang letters



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: *I'm beginning to get little knobs on my finger joints. I believe this is arthritis, and I have seen it in the advanced stages. What can I do to prevent it from getting worse? -- Anon.*

ANSWER: The knobs on the finger joints below the fingernail are Heberden's nodes, named after an English doctor who died at the start of the 19th century. Knobs on the middle finger joints are Bouchard's nodes, named after a French doctor who died in the early years of the 20th century. Both of these knobs are signs of osteoarthritis -- the common kind of arthritis, the kind that most seniors have at least a touch of. They're similar to bone spurs seen on backbones and other bones, another consequence of osteoarthritis.

Osteoarthritis comes from fraying of the cushioning cartilage inside joints. How extensive or how incapacitating it will be is unpredictable. Most people manage to get along in spite of it. However, it can be a great burden to others.

There is no preventive medicine to stop osteoarthritis in its tracks. It has a predilection for the fingers, hips, knees and spine. Should it strike larger joints like hips, knees and backbones, muscle strengthening will serve you well. Strong muscles protect joints. The exercise should not be so vigorous that it causes pain, but it should be vigorous enough to encourage strength building. Being overweight increases the stress on knees and hips, so you should strive to stay on the lean side.

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ANSWER: The rotator cuff is a band made up of the tendons of four back muscles. The tendons wrap around the topmost part of the upper arm bone, the humerus, to keep the bone in the shoulder socket. Tears of the rotator cuff are a common problem and one of the principal causes of shoulder pain. Small tears can heal on their own. Larger tears almost always require surgical correction. All surgical procedures demand respect. Something can always go wrong. Most people who have had surgery to correct a rotator cuff tear are glad they had it. By most, I mean more than 95 percent. I would not hesitate to have this surgery.

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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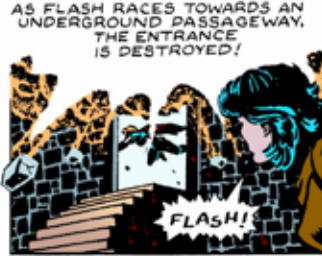
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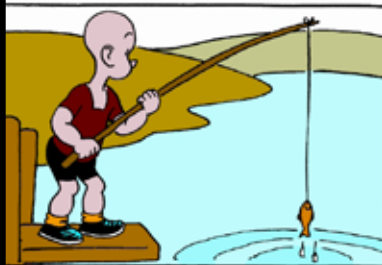
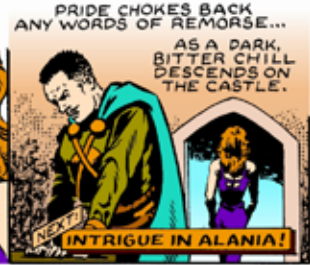
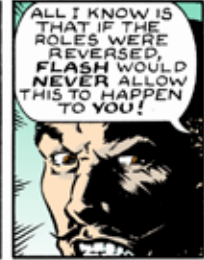
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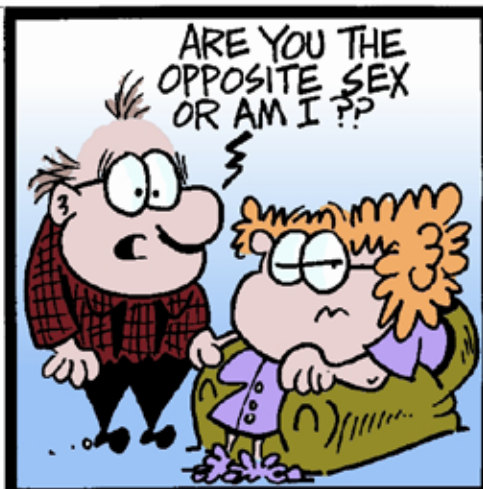
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\$399
 per month/36 months



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New 2010 BMW 528i XDrive Sedan



MSRP
 \$53,320
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