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Robinson announces candidacy for sheriff

Evansville, Indiana — Chief Deputy Noah Robinson, a 22-year law enforcement veteran and second-in-command of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Office, recently announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Vanderburgh County.

Current Sheriff Dave Wedding’s second term will expire after December 31, 2022. Under Indiana law a sheriff cannot seek a third consecutive term.

Mr. Robinson announcement gathering was held outside of the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center Auditorium.

Chief Deputy Noah Robinson was introduced to a packed parking lot full of cars by Evansville City Councilman Ben Trockman. Trockman praised Robinson’s commitment to public service and his dedication to helping others.

Mr. Robinson touted his 22 years in law enforcement as having allowed him to learn what it takes to successfully



CHIEF DEPUTY NOAH ROBINSON

run a Sheriff’s Office. He stated, “I was hired by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth and started out as a patrol deputy. I later became a training deputy, helping to mold new sheriff’s deputies into competent and skilled members of the agency. I took hundreds of drunk drivers off the road and trained deputies on how to prepare

DUI cases for prosecution. I was promoted to sergeant and later lieutenant by Sheriff Eric Williams. I spent five years developing our agency’s policies and procedures, ensuring our deputies operated with sound tactics and on solid legal footing. I conducted

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Hammer selected editor of new column

Associate Publisher of the City County Observer, Marilyn Cosby said “Ashley Hammer is well known, respected, involved and connected in our community. She has the common touch and never met a stranger. We hope that this column will catch on quickly and our readers will enjoy seeing what is being accomplished in Evansville.”

Ashley Hammer said, ““Volunteer work and giving back to the community has always been a passion of mine. I want to leave the community a better place for our children and grandchildren to live and



ASHLEY HAMMER

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COVID-19 causing the hospitality industry major challenges

Along with every other business industry, the hospitality industry felt the inevitable impacts of COVID-19 in 2020. Directly attributed to COVID-19, we saw 37 definite meetings and conventions cancel in 2020 which carried a loss of \$22.1 million for our local economy. Visit Evansville receives 2.5% of the 8% collected from the innkeeper’s tax to market and sell the



JAMES T. WOOD

City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County to meeting planners, leisure travel, and special events. The loss of all those events and other meetings and conventions that would have booked placed a heavy burden on our 2020 sales and marketing budget. With the travel restrictions due to COVID-19, our innkeeper’s tax revenues were down 37.3% year over year. However, Visit

Evansville remained focused by developing a database of preferred clients and booking future meetings and conventions. In 2020 our sales team booked 34 future meetings representing 28,115 room nights with an estimated economic impact of \$16.1 million. In addition to working on future sales, we created several new sales platforms targeting specific audiences. Tour Evansville for the group motorcoach market, Film Evansville

to target the film industry, and Visit Evansville Sports to target the growing youth and amateur sports market. We have also launched a new Sports Facilities Guide, a new Convention Services Manual, plus we are creating a new Family Reunion Guide tailored specifically for the local family reunion market. We have undertaken an initiative to launch a 10-year Tourism and Destination Management Master Plan study forecasted

to be released this April through our board’s direction. With a shrinking budget we have had to pivot away from most traditional advertising methods and have focused most of our advertising to a digital platform. This has been a significant cost savings measure for Visit Evansville. As we press forward we will continue to emphasize the use of database marketing to reach our convention and

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COMMENTARY

WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

The right to assemble and to seek redress of grievances is enshrined in our Constitution

BY STAFF THE OF THE CITY-COUNTY OBSERVER

Over the last several months we have witnessed peaceful and violent protests alike throughout America.

It's obvious that outside groups and agitators are attempting to foment lawlessness and unrest to advance their own objectives to cause anarchy in America. We are a nation born of the revolutionary spirit of protest, coupling expressions of grievances against injustice with the desire to be free.

We deplore the theft,



lotting, and burning of businesses and historical landmarks caused by the random acts of lawless anarchists and thugs. In fact, we believe that these lawless thugs should be arrested and thrown in jail.

Everyone has been on edge, waiting to see

when and where the next protest or riots will break out and chaos reign. We're optimistic that restraints will be displayed by both the protesters and law enforcement alike.

However, criminal behavior, such as harmful objects being thrown at members

of law enforcement, looting, and burning down businesses and historical sites shouldn't be tolerated and the lawless thugs should immediately be arrested and thrown in jail.

Law enforcement officers are human and they make mistakes. We know that the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officials understands that carrying a badge carries a responsibility and understands when to use force and when to use restraint. We believe they also understand that they know what one bad decision will unleash.

Finally, we oppose the DEFUNDING of law enforcement!

We support those who have taken to the streets to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights to and express their opinion, anger, sorrow about issues that concern them. We don't support social disobedience or anarchy.

We also oppose economic, social, religious and political discrimination of people of all races, color, creed, and sexual orientation.

May God continue to bless America and help guide us through these troubling time.

COMMENTARY

When I look at her, I see America

Amanda Gorman stole the show at the inauguration on Wednesday. After she read her poem, "The Hill We Climb," I looked her up and followed her on Twitter. She had 80,000 followers. Plenty of other people knew about her before this week. By the time I sat down to write this column on Thursday, her following had grown to over a million. Her words obviously connected.

"Where can we find light in this never-ending shade?" Gorman asks early in her poem.

President Joe Biden was not my first choice to clean up the mess of the last four years. My first choice was Kamala Harris. Why? Because when I look at her, I see America. When she speaks hopefully, I want to listen. When she scolds people from the bench, I am thankful it is directed at someone else. She connects with me. That connection gives me confidence that our values are similar. Research on her public service record only confirms it.

Her personal story is a good one. A great



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one now, I guess. But it isn't a story that couldn't make sense or be reasonably emulated by other Americans. In fact, it is exactly the kind of story that fits into that old "land of opportunity" narrative so many of us grew up using as our nation's true

anthem. No, Harris did not win the lottery. She methodically climbed the stairs in front of her. Each step she took was a logical next one, and she didn't skip any along the way.

"And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us but what stands before us." Gorman continued Wednesday.

This remarkable thing happened in the midst of the terrible year of 2020: America elected its first woman vice president. She is also a woman of color, of both African and Asian descent. Most of us see these things as features, not bugs. I view her education at Howard University in Washington, D.C., a historically black university, instead of the exhausting string of Ivy League grads who seem to dominate the highest levels of government as another feature.



AMANDA GORMAN

She went to law school at University of California, Hastings College of Law, which doesn't mean much to this non-lawyer from east of the Mississippi River. But to a woman who became the district attorney of San Francisco where Hastings is located, it makes perfect sense. Again: feature.

The poem continues, "...we are far from polished far from pristine but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.

We are striving to forge a union with purpose..."

The drama of recent months stole part of this moment from us. The historic nature of Harris' ascent has lurked in the background of a historically challenging time. Having achieved resolution of the lingering questions

that all presidential campaigns ask, and that the losing campaign could not seem to quit "asking" this time, we can now begin celebrating the moment properly.

Gorman's stirring words help us: "So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with."

Can we do that as part of our celebration? Harris' mere arrival is worthy of reverence, but meaningful accomplishment will take more. Gorman's challenge acknowledges the lack of inevitability of accomplishment that merely transitioning into power will bring. That will take a unified national effort. Gorman's use of the words "us" and "we" throughout her verse is important.

I see both of our new first and second families with a comfortable sense

of familiarity. Harris' blended family looks like mine through her role as a stepmother of two young adults. It is something my own wife is experiencing right now too. I see Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, and his two children loving her for who she is at home, like my kids do their own stepmom.

Harris and her family are special in that they look, act and sound more like more of us than the team that preceded them. That connection has real value when the quest for unity and truth are the primary challenges of the day.

Gorman concludes: "For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

Harris is the first. As big a deal as it is, her place at the top is soothing more than it is stunning. So, look directly at her and appreciate her light. It will make it easier for us to also be it.

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Chairman Wayne Parke served with diligence and passion

BY THE STAFF OF THE CITY-COUNTY OBSERVER

The Vanderburgh County Republican Party was recently advised that Wayne Parke, who has successfully served as the Party Chairman for over a decade, will not be a candidate to continue as the Vanderburgh County Republican Party Chairman. It is now time for the Party to contemplate their future, and it will be a difficult task to replace the diligence and commitment that Mr. Parke brought to the table.

The City County Observer, over the decade that Mr. Parke

has served, has had a love and less than love relationship with Mr. Parke, but we have never ever had anything less than professional respect for his competence and commitment to make Vanderburgh County a better place through his political vision and leadership.

Through the Parke years we have enjoyed finding common ground on several issues, including the spending of over \$50 million on space age water meters by the outgoing Weinzapfel Administration.

It is widely accepted belief that balanced



WAYNE PARKE

government is only achieved when there are two healthy political parties represented. The long-term diligence of E. Wayne Parke is a testament to this concept. Balanced, but functional governance in Vanderburgh County, is perhaps the biggest

accomplishment of this successful businessman's leadership. Other political types could learn much from what Mr. Parke has done for the Evansville/Vanderburgh County political landscape.

It is also commendable that Mr. Parke contributed generously from his own personal funds to strengthen the local Republican Party of Vanderburgh County, that had fallen into irrelevance before he took the helm of the local GOP.

We have found Mr. Parke to be a strong willed, focused leader with endless perse-

verance. Yes, he was a little hard headed and opinionated at times and ruffled political feathers of people in his own party. The City County Observer has also found Wayne to be a person of conviction who can be counted on to do what he commits to do with passion and grit.

Wayne Parke has conducted his role as the Vanderburgh County GOP Chairman with honor and determination. He will be missed, but his accomplishments as a political visionary will benefit the members of his party for many years to come.

COMMENTARY

Young, Braun and a bad idea for Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana's two Republican U.S. senators, Todd Young and Mike Braun, have an idea.

They want to impose term limits on members of Congress — two six-year terms for senators and three two-year terms for members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Young and Braun have signed on to an effort by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, that is both pandering and quixotic to amend the U.S. Constitution to include such term limits.

It's an effort doomed to failure, but getting it embedded in America's founding charter really isn't the point.

It's a chance to play to the suckers in America's political game, the less-thoughtful citizens who think holding a gun to their own heads is a meaningful threat to others. Because they buy the argument that all government is bad all the time, they'll chop off their own limbs just to stub the toe of the state.

I never have liked the notion of term limits, but then,

that's because I've never been enthusiastic about limiting the choices people can make at the ballot box.

I'm even less fond of telling them they aren't responsible for those choices. If we free people don't like the government we're getting, then it's our job to turn out at the polls and fix it — and not count on some *deux ex machina* to save us from ourselves.

If we elect idiots, well, that just means we're getting the government we deserve.

The government we have earned.

Because we made the decision to put those idiots in the positions they occupy.

Self-government is just what it sounds like — a do-it-yourself project. When we break it, we have to fix it.

Ourselves.

This is true everywhere in this nation, but it is particularly true in a state such as Indiana.

Because we are a relatively small state without a huge population or vast reservoirs of wealth, we cannot

count on the weight of numbers or an abundance of cash to protect our interests.

Our only hopes for exerting influence over events are through force of reason — and we have seen how effective rationality is in today's Washington — or by building influence over time.

When people analyze the career of the late U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, most of the attention focuses on his efforts to make the world a safer place and particularly on his historic partnership with U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia, to keep weapons of mass destruction from finding their way into the wrong hands.

This is understandable.

Lugar's disarmament work was a huge achievement, one that had beneficial implications for the entire world.

But it also overshadows his other accomplishments.

Not the least of them was that he largely shaped agricultural policy in the United States during the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The policies he crafted

were helpful to farming states.

Such as Indiana.

Lugar was able to exert that sort of influence because he served for a long time. He was in the U.S. Senate for 36 years. Over that time, he developed not just expertise in manipulating the machinery of government but the relationships that greased the wheels of that machinery.

If he hadn't been able to serve for six terms, this state would be poorer.

More important, many Hoosiers — many farm families — would

be poorer.

It's easy to understand why Ted Cruz, a senator from Texas, would be in favor of term limits. The state with the second-largest population and second-largest economy in the United States never will have a problem making its voice heard or getting its needs addressed.

It's the smaller states that need the protections longevity provides. The chance for our senators and representatives to accrue influence levels the playing field.

Perhaps Cruz and

another big-state Republican senator, Marco Rubio of Florida, who is pushing this constitutional amendment, grasp that.

It's clear, though, that Indiana's two senators, Todd Young and Mike Braun, do not get it at all.

And that's a pity.

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Community News

Committee supports McNamara's bill helping students impacted by pandemic

State Rep. Wendy McNamara's (R-Evansville) legislation that would establish the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program to help students experiencing learning loss due to the pandemic advanced out of the House Ways and Means Committee.



WENDY MCNAMARA

According to McNamara, students transitioning back and forth between e-learning and classroom learning are likely to experience some form of learning loss. McNamara's proposal would create a \$150 million grant program to provide individuals or organizations resources to help students who have fallen behind in class, scored below academic standards or are at risk of falling behind.

"We want to ensure all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential," McNamara said. "This grant program is designed to close learn-

ing gaps created by the pandemic, and connect students with tools and resources to catch up to their peers. While the steps schools have taken over the last year have been necessary to keep our children and educators safe, we must now work to ensure students catch up and get ahead."

McNamara said many students experience some form of learning loss after summer break, but most are typically able to relearn forgotten lessons quickly. However, a recent study completed by Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes, shows the average Indi-

ana student lost 129 days of reading knowledge and 209 days of math knowledge as a result of COVID-19 disruptions.

Program criteria for grants would be determined by the Indiana Department of Education, along with the State Board of Education. McNamara said applying organizations, which could include local schools, colleges or universities, community or philanthropic organizations, and prospective, current and retired educators, would be required to submit a plan detailing the programs that would supplement a student's regular coursework. The DOE would be responsible for overseeing the grant program.

Visit iga.in.gov for more information on House Bill 1008. This legislation now moves the full Indiana House of Representatives for further consideration.

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CenterPoint announces \$500,000 contribution to YMCA

Donation will support revitalization of Caldwell Community Center

During a special presentation made to the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana's Caldwell Community Center, Dave Lesar, President and CEO of CenterPoint Energy, announced that The CenterPoint Energy Foundation has awarded a \$535,000 grant to support revitalization of the facility located in Evansville, Ind. The donation will be used to install a new roof, create additional programming space, including a STEM lab,

and expand the Center's food distribution program. The CenterPoint Energy Foundation's commitment to the community, also enabled a new 40-year lease for the facility, which will allow the YMCA to positively impact the area for decades to come. Tynesha Smith, Energy Efficiency Representative with CenterPoint, and a YMCA board member, stated, "CenterPoint Energy has supported the Caldwell Community Center for more than a decade



L-R: Lynne Harkel-Rumford (CNP), Natalie Hedde (CNP), Tynesha Smith (YMCA Board Member and CNP), Dave Lesar (President and CEO, CNP), Johnathan Pope (President and CEO, YMCA), Rick Moore (Executive Director, Evansville Housing Authority), Tom Moore (CNP), Amanda Schmitt (CNP) and Sean Kuykendall (YMCA). Face masks were only removed for the picture.

the incredible generosity of the CenterPoint Energy Foundation. The CenterPoint Energy Foundation's investment in the Caldwell Community Center will provide life-changing opportunities and positively impact current and future families." The YMCA of Southwestern Indiana's Caldwell Community Center, located adjacent to the Caldwell Homes housing development on the south side of Evansville, provides neighboring youth and adults a wide range of programs, including mentoring, physical education, resume writing, financial literacy, and healthy cooking.

Meet local attorney Thomas A. Massey

Sensitive to the needs of anyone going through a family law issue, Thomas A. Massey treats clients with compassion. As the founder of the Massey Law Offices, LLC, he guides people in Evansville, Indiana, and the surrounding areas through complicated matters involving child custody and divorce. He also represents clients in business law cases. In 1981, Mr. Massey received a Bachelor of Science in management from Purdue University, where he made the dean's list. He then attended Valparaiso University Law School, serving as a member of the school's law review and graduating with a Juris Doctor in 1984. Licensed in Indi-

ana, Mr. Massey is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Indiana Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Though he has successfully taken a number of cases to trial, Mr. Massey believes in reaching a solution outside litigation when possible. He knows the importance of preserving relationships among family members, even in highly disputed issues. As a registered mediator, he helps people navigate difficult decisions and find an outcome that serves their best interests. When he is not

with clients, Mr. Massey remains busy through presenting seminars as a faculty member of Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum and on behalf of the Evansville Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education program. Outside his practice, he is a member of the Vanderburgh County Election Board. Mr. Massey holds the highest peer rating possible of AV Preeminent* from Martindale-Hubbell. Martindale-Hubbell® is the facilitator of a peer review rating process. Ratings reflect the anonymous opinions of members of the bar and the judiciary. Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ fall into two categories — legal ability and general

ethical standards. Tom and his renowned artist wife Joanne have three children: Rachel, Scott, and Ellie. All three children attended Purdue University majoring in a variety of studies. Rachel, the old-

est daughter, works at Eli Lilly and lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Cory. Scott is the founder and CEO of Heliponix, a hydroponics company that sells refrigerator-sized



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All EVPL locations will be opened on a limited schedule

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All EVPL locations will be open 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday — Friday, and 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. on Saturdays. All other EVPL services (EVPL to Go, Book a Librarian and etc.) will continue 9 a.m. — 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

These conversations were not easy, and as to be expected were often difficult. Trying to pick the “perfect time” to resume our in-person services, knowing that there are still varying levels of apprehension among our EVPL staff made this decision very difficult. Unfortunately, with this disease, the pandemic and nature of our chosen profession, there will never be a perfect time.

Our jobs require us to work with the public, and often times to set the example of how to operate in these difficult times. As I have said before your altruism, dedication, and caring are what make our profession and EVPL so unique.

Most scientists feel COVID-19, in some form, will be here for some time. They also feel we



can resume some functions of our daily life, as long as we are careful, and take the necessary precautions. Please remember how important it is to wear face coverings, use hand sanitizer, and continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

In the past two weeks we have seen the number of COVID-19 infections within Vanderburgh County go down significantly. For the first time in almost two months, Vanderburgh County’s seven day positivity rate had gone below 10%. We have not seen this figure this low since before the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

We appreciate everyone’s efforts to keep your coworkers and the public as safe as we can.

If you have any questions, please let us know. (Scott Kinney, 251-654-4119 & Heather McNabb, 812-457-7353).

Scott Kinney
CEO-Director Of the
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FAMILY PHOTO FROM CHRISTMAS WEDDING ON 12/27/2019

MASSEY

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appliances that allow consumers to grow to produce in the comfort of their own home. Tom and Joanne’s youngest daughter, Ellie, is a junior at Purdue currently completing her degree in Industrial Management.

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF LOCAL ATTORNEY TOM MASSEY

Dean’s List, Purdue University. Note Editor, Valparaiso University Law Review. Teaching Assistant, Legal Research and Writing Program, Valparaiso University Law School, 1983-1984.

Registered Family Law Mediator, 1992—. Advisory

Board, University of Evansville Legal Studies Program, 1987-2005.

Adjunct Faculty, University of Evansville, 1990; Lockyear College, 1988-1990. Faculty, Indiana Judicial Conference, Annual Meeting, 1996. Board Member, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, 1999-2006; Indiana Equal Justice Fund, 1998-2008.

Faculty Member, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF) Seminars: 7th Annual Family Law Institute, October 14-15, 2009; Master’s Series — Advanced Family Law, December 13-14, 2008; Dissolution and Family Law Matters, February 14, 2008; Master’s Series — Advanced Family Law, November 7, 2007; Family Law Update,

December 7-8, 2005; Tips for Handling Asset Divorce Cases, December 9, 2003; Family Law for Practitioners, November 1, 2001; Tougher Topics of Family Law, October 10, 2001; Divorce Law 301, July 17, 1996; Family Law Notebook, August 23, 1995; Child Support: Litigating the Guidelines, July 13, 1994; Family Law Practice, October 22, 1993.

Intermediate Divorce Law, October 11, 1991. Faculty Member, Numerous Evansville Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminars. Master, American Inn of Court No. 36. Managing Partner, Bowers Harrison, LLP, 1999-2008. Partner, 1989-1999 and Associate, 1984-1989, Bowers, Harrison, Kent & Miller.

2020 YEAR END CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

MAYOR WINNECKE AND COMMISSIONER SHOULDERS TOP FUNDRAISERS

2020 YEAR END
CAMPAIGN FINANCE
REPORTS FOR
VANDERBURGH COUNTY
OFFICE HOLDERS:
**LLOYD WINNECKE –
Mayor of Evansville (R)**
Total Raised: \$307,100.53
Cash on Hand: \$140,192.54

**DAVID WEDDING –
County Sheriff (R)**
Total Raised: \$102,986.70
Cash on Hand: \$83,686.68
**BEN SHOULDERS –
County Commissioner (D)**
Total Raised: \$297,484.96
Cash on Hand: \$26,670.23
**CHERYL MUSGRAVE –
County Commissioner (R)**
Total Raised: \$112,296.53
Cash on Hand: \$82,636.25

**JEFF HATFIELD – County
Commissioner (D)**
Total Raised: \$20,209.46
Cash on Hand: \$7,509.46
**NICHOLAS HERMANN –
County Prosecutor**
Total Raised: \$21,500.00
Cash on Hand: \$21,400.00
**JOHN MONTRASTELLE –
County Council (R)**
–DID NOT FILE A REPORT
BY 12pm CST 1/20—

**JAMES RABEN – County
Council (R)**
Total Raised: \$51.50
Cash on Hand: \$0
**JOE KIEFER – County
Council (R)**
Total Raised: \$30,900.14
Cash on Hand: \$1,581.90
**TOM SHETLER – County
Council (R)**
–DID NOT FILE A REPORT
BY 12pm CST 1/20—

**STEPHANIE TERRY –
County Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$2,138.21
Cash on Hand: \$1,514.21
**JILL HAHN – County
Council (R)**
Total Raised: \$15,375.00
Cash on Hand: \$351.83
**MIKE GOEBEL – County
Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$21,697.96
Cash on Hand: \$4,772.42

**ALEX BURTON – City
Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$4,506.65
Cash on Hand: \$1,266.46
**JONATHAN WEAVER –
City Council (R)**
Total Raised: \$4,406.86
Cash on Hand: \$2,583.57
**BEN TROCKMAN – City
Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$1,612.52
Cash on Hand: \$1,277.52

**JIM BRINKMEYER – City
Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$5,377.00
Cash on Hand: \$5,277.09
**ZACH HERONEMUS –
City Council (D)**

Total Raised: \$621.95
Cash on Hand: \$121.45
**RON BEANE – City
Council (R)**

Total Raised: \$16,046.09
Cash on Hand: \$13,098.34
**MISSY MOSBY – City
Council (D)**
Total Raised: \$722.25
Cash on Hand: \$422.25
**KATELYN MOORE
MORLEY – City Council (D)**

Total Raised: \$83.50
Cash on Hand: \$83.50
**JUSTIN ELPERS – City
Council (R)**
Total Raised: \$2,069.85
Cash on Hand: \$949.58
**LAURA WINDHORST –
City Clerk (D)**
Total Raised: \$18,245.55
Cash on Hand: \$17,017.55

**STEVE LOCKYEAR –
Couty Coroner (D)**
Total Raised: \$3,169.06
Cash on Hand: \$2,094.06
**DOTTIE THOMAS –
County Treasurer (R)**
Total Raised: \$11,224.72
Cash on Hand: \$11,224.72
**BRIAN GERTH – Couty
Auditor (R)**

Total Raised: \$6,019.39
Cash on Hand: \$6,019.39
**DEBBIE STUCKI – County
Recorder (R)**
Total Raised: \$12,121,.50
Cash on Hand: \$818.28
**CARLA HAYDEN –
County Clerk (R)**

Total Raised: \$9,967.99
Cash on Hand: \$0
**LINDA FREEMAN –
County Surveyor (R)**
Total Raised: \$1,125.00
Cash on Hand: \$696.68
**BILL FLUTY – County
Assessor (R)**

Total Raised: \$7,301.50
Cash on Hand: \$7,265.50
**KATHRYN MARTIN –
KNIGHT TOWNSHIP (D)**
Total Raised: \$191.14
Cash on Hand: \$181.14
**TERRY GAMBLIN –
SCHOOL BOARD**

Total Raised: \$1,066.43
Cash on Hand: \$226.06
**AMY WORD – SCHOOL
BOARD**

Total Raised: \$14,835.00
Cash on Hand: \$2,579.02
**ANDREW GUARINO –
SCHOOL BOARD**
Total Raised: \$11,775.97
Cash on Hand: \$11,775.97

**DAVID
HOLLINGSWORTH –
SCHOOL BOARD**
Total Raised: \$1,139.54
Cash on Hand: \$1,103.54

**KAREN RAGLAND –
SCHOOL BOARD**
Total Raised: \$850.00
Cash on Hand: \$211.00
**CHRIS KIEFER – SCHOOL
BOARD**

Total Raised: \$193.08
Cash on Hand: \$97.68
**ANN ENNIS – SCHOOL
BOARD**
Total Raised: \$575.34
Cash on Hand: \$575.34

Hostettler sponsors bill to fund K-12 public school students

The Indiana House of Representatives today voted in support of legislation, co-authored by State Rep. Matt Hostettler (R-Patoka), to fully fund all K-12 public school students for the 2020-21 school year, regardless of whether students attended classes in-person or virtually due to COVID-19. Hostettler said the pandemic caused



MATT HOSTETTLER
(R-PATOKA)

classes online. House Bill 1003, which passed with bipar-

tisan support and a quality education, now advances to the Senate for consideration, would help mitigate requirements under current law and allow K-12 public schools to receive 100% funding for each student, whether they attended classes in-person or virtually. “We have a constitutional obligation to provide Hoosier children access to

tion, and we must honor that obligation by fully funding our schools, regardless of how students learn this school year,” Hostettler said. “This legislation has received overwhelming bipartisan support so far, and I’m hopeful we can continue this momentum and make this bill a law quickly.”

SHERIFF

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dozens of internal investigations and treated every accused employee with fairness and dignity. I dramatically expanded our agency’s social media presence and focused on communicating crime information directly to our many neighborhood organizations. I obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding for our Office so that we could better serve the citizens of our county. After Sheriff Wedding promoted me to major, I embarked on an aggressive hiring plan aimed at increasing the number of confinement officers in our jail. I pushed for the expansion of our Information Technology Unit, doubling the size of the staff and improving responsiveness. After Sheriff Wedding named me his chief deputy, I worked to strengthen both the relationship of our Office with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and the safety of our schools by improving information sharing and cooperation.”

Chief Deputy Robinson lamented the polarized nature of social media, stating that, “It seems that every issue we confront has no middle ground.”

Robinson described himself as a pragmatist, eager to work with anyone interested in solving problems.

He Robinson criticized the “Defund the Police” movement, calling it “misguided” and “divisive”. He called such talk a “false choice” and stressed that we can improve police response to people in crisis through a variety of measures that do not involve cutting the budgets of law enforcement agencies. He added, “We can ensure law enforcement has the tools, training, and outside resources needed to address the problems facing our community without ‘defunding the police’”.

Chief Deputy Robinson also spoke of the need to aggressively pursue drug dealers who hook people on opioids, heroin, and methamphetamine while also showing compassion to the addict and providing intensive treatment to support their recovery. He stated, “We can hold people accountable for criminal behavior and provide justice to victims while also reducing recidivism through job training and life skills development.”

He made it clear that he supports and defends the 2nd amend-

ment. Robinson stated he wants to, “Ensure the ability of legal gun owners to defend their families, while also promoting responsible gun ownership and encouraging gun owners to keep their firearms away from children and secure from access by criminals.”

Mr. Robinson further resolved to hire qualified candidates as deputy sheriffs while also ensuring the formation of a staff which represents the diversity of the community.

He stressed the importance of hiring qualified jail officers and seeking out needed incentives in order to retain their service.

He pledged to continue the progress of Sheriff Dave Wedding, while at the same time looking towards the future for new opportunities for collaboration to further improve both the Sheriff’s Office and the community.

Chief Deputy Robinson is a Newburgh, Indiana native and Castle High School graduate who moved to Vanderburgh County nearly twenty years ago. He attended the University of Southern Indiana, where he received an Associate’s Degree in Social Science and a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice Studies.

Noah met his wife Janie during high school. The two have been married for over 20 years, and together have three children, Kayla, Katelyn, and Kyle

FOOTNOTE: Chief Deputy Robinson joined the Owensboro Police Department in 1999 and graduated from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training Center in Richmond, KY.

He was appointment as a deputy with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Office in March of 2001.

He became a field training deputy in 2003, where he spent eight years assigned to Motor Patrol. In February of 2004, Chief Deputy Robinson was promoted to the rank of sergeant and spent the next five years assigned to the Professional Standards Unit, where he developed policy and procedure for the agency as well as conducted internal investigations.

He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in June of 2014, assigned to headquarters, and placed in charge of information technology, public information, and grants.

Robinson was promoted to the rank of major and served as the executive commander over the Administration Division.



RYAN HATFIELD (D-EVANSVILLE)

Hatfield amends bill to help Hoosiers burdened with DWD repayments

Amended bill passed unanimously through House

INDIANAPOLIS — Yesterday, State Representative Ryan Hatfield (D-Evansville) proposed an amendment to House Bill 1152 that changed what unemployment benefit overpayments claimants would be responsible for repaying to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Today, the amended bill passed unanimously through the House.

Hatfield’s amendment stated that a claimant should not be required to make a repayment based on a typo, or other innocuous mistake, like a misspelled street name.

“If they didn’t intend to misrepresent themselves, they should not be responsible for repaying the money they received in error,” Hatfield said. “These Hoosiers are already struggling — that’s why they filed for unemployment benefits. Let’s not add to that burden by requiring them to pay for a harmless typo.”

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Sullivan supports bill assisting small businesses, hospitality industry

STATEHOUSE mittee, voted in favor (Jan. 28, 2021) — of House Bill 1004. The House Ways and Means Committee advanced legislation establishing the Hoosier Hospitality Small Business Restart Grant Program, which would support Indiana’s jobs and economy, according to State Rep. Holli Sullivan (R-Evansville).

Sullivan, who serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and as chairwoman of the Budget Subcom-



HOLLI SULLIVAN
(R-EVANSVILLE)

of Indiana’s small businesses have taken a hard hit over the last year, especially those in the hospitality industry,” Sullivan said. “Additional support, like what’s pro-

vided in these grants, Small businesses that can help them keep their doors open and protect Hoosier jobs. The success of Indiana’s job creators is critical to the economic health of our communities and state.” Sullivan said this grant program would be an extension of the already existing Small Business Restart Program and would continue to be administered by the Indiana Economic Development Corp.

Small businesses that qualify could receive a grant to put toward a portion of business and payroll expenses. In addition to state funding, the program could also receive contributions from federal grants, donations and other sources.

House Bill 1004 heads to the full House of Representatives for further consideration. For more information, visit iga.in.gov.

YESTERYEAR: Downtown Evansville in 1915



The old Vanderburgh County Courthouse, built in the late 1880s, dominates the skyline in this early nineteenth-century image. All of the buildings in the foreground, mostly residences, are gone now, as is the brick commercial structure positioned between them. At the far left is a church. Originally named the German M. E. Church, it had been standing at Fourth and Vine streets since the 1860s, but strong anti-German sentiment during the First World War forced a name change to Fourth Street M. E. Church. Vacated in 1937, the building functioned as the Courthouse Annex until it was razed in 1973. The light brick building at right was erected in 1909 as the Furniture Exchange Building, where Evansville’s numerous furniture manufacturing companies could display their products in over 60,000 square feet of space. Renamed the Court building in 1940, it now houses offices.

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Education

Ivy Tech Community College announces essay contest winners

Evansville, Ind. — Winners of the Ivy Tech Evansville Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Doing the Dream 2021 Essay Contest have been selected.

Payton Watkins of North High School is the winner in the High School category

Hannah Robinson of Ivy Tech is the winner

in the College category. Both recipients will receive a \$500 Ivy Tech Scholarship.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day essay contest, is an annual event through the Ivy Tech Evansville Diversity, Equity and Belonging Council.

Entrants were asked to submit a 500-word

essay describing how they would carry out Dr. King’s 1963 Dream in 2021 and beyond.

ABOUT IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana’s largest public postsecondary institution and the nation’s largest singly accredited state-

wide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

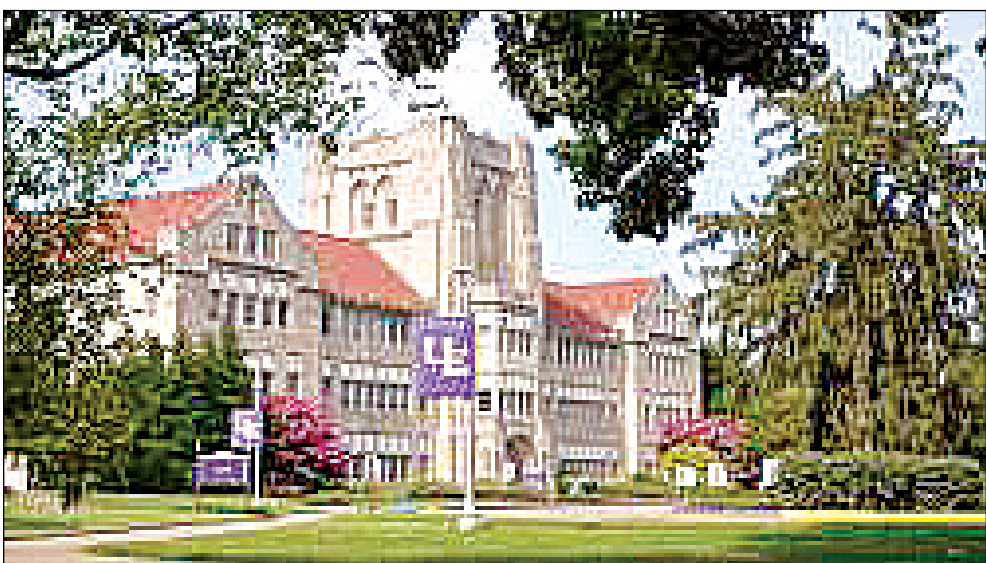
Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state’s engine of workforce development, offering associate degree and short-term

certificate programs, and trainings that align to the needs of the community. The College also offers courses and associate degree programs that seamlessly transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor’s degree.

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The University’s history began as the dream of one man — John C. Moore — a resident of Moores Hill, Indiana (a small town west of Cincinnati). Moore was the original #UEChange-maker. He wanted a college for his community, and he made it a reality on February 10, 1854, when the original charter for Moores Hill Male and Female Collegiate Institute was drafted. The college was the fifth co-educational college in the United States. Classes began September 9, 1856.

The college’s name was officially changed to Moores Hill College on September 20, 1887. In 1917 George Clifford, a prominent Evansville businessman who later became a University trustee, convinced the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church that Moores Hill College should be moved to Evansville since it was the only city in Indiana without an accredited college within a 50-mile radius.



Residents of the city raised \$500,000 in one week in 1917 to move the college to Evansville. It reopened in 1919 as Evansville College, and in 1967 the college was renamed and incorporated by the Indiana legislature as the University of Evansville.

Today, the University is a private, United Methodist Church-related, comprehensive university with a mission to empower each student to think critically, act bravely, serve responsibly, and live meaningfully in a changing world.

UE is ranked as a top Midwest university by U.S. News & World Report with approximately 1,976 undergraduates from 44 states and 55 countries. Areas

of study are offered in the William L. Ridgway College of Arts and Sciences, Schroeder Family School of Business Administration, College of Education and Health Sciences, and the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The University also offers six master’s degree programs (health services administration, public service administration, public health, leadership, physician assistant science, and athletic training) and a doctoral degree program

(physical therapy).

UE also ranks as one of the top master’s degree granting institutions for the percentage of undergraduate students who study abroad.

UE operates our own study abroad programs at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

At UE, there’s a difference between an idea and an idea made real. It begins with the choice to step in. A decision to stand out. A determination to reimagine everything. And every

day, we strive to be a little more fearless than the day before. Because at UE, we shape powerful and enduring change.

The University of Evansville has held continuous regional accreditation since 1931? The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is the largest of the six regional accreditation agencies in the United States. HLC serves higher educational institutions in nineteen states stretching from Arizona to West Virginia. In order to make determinations about accreditation, the Commission has established the Criteria for Accreditation, standards of quality that institutions are expected to address? ..that the revisions to the Criteria for Accreditation adopted by Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Trustees in February 2019, went into effect September 1, 2020?

HLC section 3.C. of the Criteria for Accreditation states that “The institu-

tion has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services. The Criteria for Accreditation further states that “The institution has sufficient numbers and continuity of faculty members to carry out both the classroom and the non-classroom roles of faculty, including oversight of the curriculum and expectations for student performance, assessment of student learning, and establishment of academic credentials for instructional staff.”

The University of Evansville is a fully-accredited member of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. Being AACSB-accredited means a business school is able to continuously pass a strict set of standards that ensure quality.

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peer review process confirms a school’s continued focus on excellence in all areas, including teaching, research, curriculum development, and stu- dent learning. UE’s dedication to delivering high quality business education will create the next generation of great leaders.” The peer review team from AACSB concluded that Schro- eder School faculty are deeply engaged in

student learning and AACSB accreditation advising, research, and continue the work service to communi- of preparing business ty nonprofit boards, leaders of the future,” and professional con- said Beverly Brock- sulting. The team also man, dean of the Schro- commended the robust eder Family School of program of student Business Administra- engagement within tion. “Our ongoing goal the School. Examples is to not only provide of student engage- an exceptional learning ment include LEAD environment, but also Forward, a leadership equip students with the training program for skills and experience to students; the ACES achieve long-term pro- Passport career devel- fessional success.” opment program; Brockman also noted the excellent outcomes numerous business-foc- for Schroeder School cused student clubs; graduates. For the grad- study abroad oppor- uating classes of 2019 tunities at Harlaxton and 2020, an average of College in the United 96% were employed or Kingdom; and the 100% in graduate school with- internship completion in 3 months. Addition- rate prior to gradua- ally, the starting salary tion. for graduates was over “It’s a wonderful feel- ing to maintain our \$49,000.

New study abroad program immerses students in Chinese culture

Katlyn Storey While in China they studied local English classes and was one of six USI students to travel language, culture, to China for five weeks this sum- history, education, mer during the and economics. In pilot of the USI-Chi- addition to course- na Study Abroad work, they taught English at ele- Program at South- mentary and high west University, schools, and were Chongqing. The paired with col- cross-culture col- lege student “lan- laboration between guage partners” at the two universities Southwest Univer- was organized by sity. Along with a Lin Pang Adams, mountain-climbing USI instructor excursion, teach- in Chinese, and ing English to the involved four stu- the children was dents in Chinese Storey’s favorite language courses experience. “The amount of atten- within the Depart- tion and respect ment of Modern the students gave and Classical Lan- their teachers was guages and two in Teacher Education. astounding,” Storey

said. “We observed English classes and were amazed to see what young chil- dren were learning in their foreign lan- guage classes.” Storey, an anthro- pology and crim- inal justice major from Benton, Illi- nois, applied for the program because she wanted to bet- ter understand Chinese through immersion in the culture. “Chinese is one of the hard- est languages to learn,” she said, explaining that words change meaning depend- ing on which of five tones is used, and



China similar to herself and her friends in the Unit- ed States, but their study habits dif- fered. “Each student we talked to at South- west University told us how much they applied them- selves to their stud- ies. It wasn’t just certain students — it was all of them.” Dr. Silvia Rode, chair of the World Languages and Cul- tures Department, said she hopes next year USI students will have the oppor- tunity to study at Southwest Univer- sity for a full year or semester.

FUTURE

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In addition, specific programs offered by the University of Evansville are accredited by their appropriate specialized professional organiza- tions. Accreditation by professional organizations informs the public that the specific program has met standards of quality estab- lished by that profession.

- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Busi- ness
- Engineering Accredita- tion Commission of ABET
- Computing Accredita- tion Commission of ABET
- National Association of Schools of Music Commis- sion on Accreditation
- Indiana Department of Education*
- Accreditation Commis- sion for Education in Nurs- ing
- Indiana State Board

of Nursing

- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
- Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
- The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physi- cian Assistant has granted Accreditation — Provision- al status to the Universi- ty of Evansville Physician Assistant Program spon- sored by the University of Evansville.

*By virtue of specialized program accreditation in engineering, nursing, edu- cation, physical therapy, and athletic training pro- grams at the University of Evansville, students meet the minimum standards to sit for professional licen- sure examinations in these professional disciplines.

HAMMER

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work in. The goal of this col- umn is to focus on moments of kindness, personal tri- umphs and achievements of people in our communi- ty. This column will focus on events that might normally go without any public rec- ognition. I am depending on people to send me pictures of events that have a posi- tive effect on our city so it doesn’t go unnoticed.” Ashley is a native of Evans- ville, IN. She has been mar- ried to her husband Steve for 13 years and has a daughter, Addie(10) and stepson Will (24). Addie is a fifth grad- er at St. John the Baptist in Newburgh. In 2015, Ashley gradu- ated with her Master’s in Nursing from USI as an Acute Care Nurse Practi- tioner. She works part-time for Ascension St Vincent

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Evansville Cardiology. She is also a co-owner of Roca Bar North in Evans- ville. Outside of her professional life, Ashley spends some of her time traveling with fam- ily. She enjoys tennis and going to the drive-in during the summer months. Ash- ley spends time with friends through various avenues including volunteer work and community activities. Please submit photos of local activities to CCOCCom- munityCollage@gmail.com. In the email, please include the picture with a caption (include: date the photo was taken and people present in the photo.

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at OpenTable.com. — OpenTable overall Score: 4.7 "We love this restaurant. It is some of the best steak I have ever had. Everything is perfectly prepared in a beautiful relaxing atmosphere." — Missy on OpenTable — Tripadvisor overall Score: 4.5 "My husband and I went there for our Christmas dinner. We were offered 2 options for seating, so that was nice. We choose to set

by the fireplace. Was nice and quiet, but was a little hard to have conversations at times with the music. Music was a great touch though, so we didn't mind. The bread was amazing with the twist of the garlic butter. Our steaks were cooked to perfection, and mine could have been cut with a butter knife. Ended our meal with the turtle cheesecake, which was wonderful. All the staff were very nice and welcoming.

Will definitely be back again. Would recommend. Worth the money." — 92tammya on Tripadvisor

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special event clients, and continue to drive a stronger presence on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, and other social media opportunities to reach our leisure customers. When Governor Holcomb released Indiana's "Reopening Indiana" guidelines, we were very fortunate to be given the green light to reopen the Deaconess Sports Park and the Goebel Soccer Complex, where we could host tournaments again but under stringent sanitation and social distancing guidelines. The mid-summer reopening of these two facilities provided a much-needed economic boost to our hotels, restaurants, and retail

businesses. All told, tournaments hosted by Deaconess Sports Park and the Goebel Soccer Complex brought in over \$10.2 million into our local economy in 2020. Though travel slowed significantly due to COVID-19, we were fortunate to host visitors coming to Evansville/Vanderburgh County on essential business trips, visiting family and friends, or attending one of the sporting events at the Evansville Sports Complex. All told, Evansville finished 2020 with a 44.6% hotel occupancy which led our competitive set. However, that is down approximately 28% from 2019 and our average room rate was also down 10.8% from 2019 levels. In 2021, Visit Evansville forecasts the innkeeper's tax to be down 25% to

2019 levels. For context, 2019 was a record year for the hotel industry. Smith Travel Research (STR) is forecasting innkeeper's tax to be down 26% nationally for 2021. The expectation is the first months of 2021 will continue to be hard on the hotel industry, but we should see incremental growth in the latter half of this year. Hopefully, Evansville and Vanderburgh County will receive an additional influx of visitors from the tournaments scheduled at the Deaconess Sports Park and the Goebel Soccer Complex and other events that may return in 2021. STR's long term forecast predicts the hotel industry should return to its 2019 record high levels by 2023. Though 2020 was a challenging year for us all, I am pleased to report that Visit Evansville

was selected as Supplier of the Year by the Indiana Society of Association Executives. Receiving this award is validation that we as a team and as a

destination are on the right track, and good things are in store for all of us in the not-to-distant future. Visit Evansville remains committed to its mission and will continue to do all

that we can to be well-positioned to grow our tourism economy post COVID-19.

JAMES T. WOOD, FCDME PRESIDENT and CEO



Mimi’s gourmet pasta sauce a hometown legend

Kelly Lefler had always enjoyed Mimi’s pasta sauce, but was discouraged from making it herself because everyone told her about how much work it would take. In 2007, she finally decided to sell her mother’s beloved pasta sauce after years of encouragement from family and friends. Her former husband wanted the recipe after her mom had made it for him. He went on and one about how good it was to her. Finally, Kelly said, “Mom, I need that recipe.”

Her mother said, “I don’t have a recipe. I just use a jar and add to it.” Seeming like a coincidence, Kelly saw an article the next day in Women’s World magazine on how to become a food entrepreneur. She proceeded to contact S.C.O.R.E. to set meeting up with her to keep her on the right track. After that meeting, she took the recipe to Farm Boy who had told her to do her homework.

Farm Boy gave Kelly a contact with someone that was over the Food & Science Department at Purdue University. She wanted to get the product formulated to perfection since her mom didn’t have a recipe and only used a jar and added to it. To replicate that same taste, she took some spices and threw them together. She eventually landed Mimi’s Gourmet Pasta Sauce in nearly every local grocery store.

All production and packing

for the company is done right here in the Tri-State. Although, they are not a brick and mortar, there are still challenges and this business has been affected like everyone else with COVID 19. Her daughter took to twitter to promote and ask for local support because they were afraid they would lose a chance to stay in Walmarts due to not being able to do demos because of the pandemic. To stay in Walmart, you have to meet a certain quota so her daughter reached out for support.

They had no idea when she posted that it would get so much attention and soon went viral. A chef from California named Andrew Cruel who has been on Food Network tweeted for people to support them, and after that they have received so much publicity! Also, a huge misconception is people think we are racking in all this money and that is far from the truth. Kelly had to work 3 jobs, 7 days a week until March, when she experienced some health issues just to keep her dream alive.

Locally, Mimi’s Past Sauce is sold in Schnucks, Walmarts, Buy lows, Elbert’s Natural Foods, Dewigs, Sureways, Mckims IGA, Kroger’s, Simply Home, Old Fashioned Butcher Shoppe, Holiday Foods, Opie & Eleanor’s Boutique and Penny John’s. Kelly is beyond ecstatic and so grateful how the tri-state has supported her business!

ACROSS

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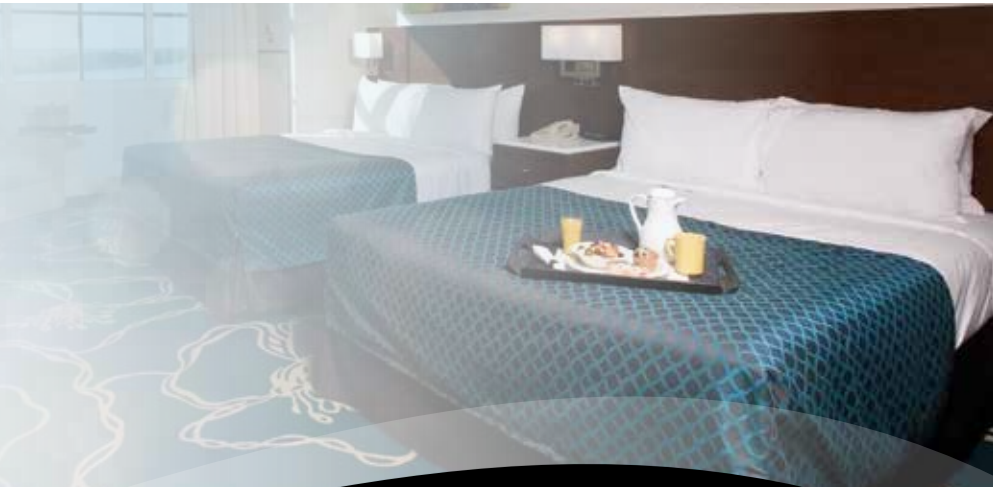
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2021

Men’s Basketball
Schedule



2021

Women’s Basketball
Schedule

Feb 6 (Sat)	at Loyola University
TBA	Chicago, IL
Feb 7 (Sun)	at Loyola University
TBA	Chicago, IL
Feb 13 (Sat)	at Drake University
4pm	Des MOines, IA
Feb 14 (Sun)	at Drake University
3pm	Des MOines, IA
Feb 11 (Sat)	at Southwest Baptist Univ.
	Bolivar, MO
Feb 13 (Sat)	vs Drury University
	Evansville, IN
Feb 17(Wed)	vs Indiana State University
	Evansville, IN
Feb 26 (Fri)	vs Missouri State University
6pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 27 (Sat)	vs Missouri State University
6pm	Evansville, IN

MVC TOURNAMENT-March 2- March 7

Feb 4 (Thu)	at University of Northern Iowa
6pm	Cedar Falls, IA
Feb 5 (Fri)	at University of Northern Iowa
6pm	Cedar Falls, IA
Feb 12 (Fri)	vs Loyola University
6pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 13 (Sat)	vs Loyola University
6pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 19 (Fri)	at Valparaiso University.
6pm	Valparaiso, IN
Feb 20 (Sat)	at Valparaiso University.
6pm	Valparaiso, IN
Feb 24 (Wed)	at Indiana State University
6pm	Terre Haute, IN
Mar 5 (Fri)	vs Missouri State University
6pm	Evansville, IN
Mar 6 (Sat)	vs Missouri State University
6pm	Evansville, IN

MVC TOURNAMENT-March 11- March 14



2021

Men’s Basketball
Schedule

2021

Women’s Basketball
Schedule

Feb 4 (Thu)	at William Jewell College
6pm	Liberty, MO
Feb 6 (Sat)	at Rockhurst University
4pm	Kansas City, MO
Feb 10 (Wed)	vs Quincy
5pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 13 (Sat)	vs Drury University
3:15pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 15 (Mon)	vs Truman State
3pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 18 (Thu)	at Mo. Univ. of Science & Tech
7:30pm	Rolla, MO
Feb 20 (Sat)	at Maryville University
3:15pm	St. Louis, MO
Feb 23 (Tue)	vs Illinois Springfield
7:30pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 25 (Thu)	vs Lindenwood University
7:30pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 27 (Sat)	vs Univ. of Missouri-St Louis
3:15pm	Evansville, IN

GLVC TOURNAMENT-March 2- March 7

Feb 4 (Thu)	at William Jewell College
5:30pm	Liberty, MO
Feb 6 (Sat)	at Rockhurst University
1pm	Kansas City, MO
Feb 11 (Sat)	at Southwest Baptist Univ.
5:30pm	Bolivar, MO
Feb 13 (Sat)	vs Drury University
1pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 18 (Thu)	at Mo.Univ. of Science & Tech.
5:30pm	Rolla, MO
Feb 20 (Sat)	at Maryville University
1pm	St. Louis, MO
Feb 25 (Thu)	vs Lindenwood University
5:15pm	Evansville, IN
Feb 27 (Sat)	vs Univ. of Missouri-St Louis
1pm	Evansville, IN

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