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Winnecke Gives State Of Evansville Address

APRIL 2022
 Good afternoon. It's a pleasure to offer my eleventh assessment of the state of our city, just two days after the City of Evansville's 210th birthday.



Hugh McGary, our city's founder, had a grand vision for this community when he walked to Vincennes to purchase the 440 acres which served as the founding site of Evansville. I'd like to think that he would be immensely proud of how his community, his vision, has blossomed over two-plus centuries. The Rotary Club of Evansville is one of those key contributors to Evansville's success. From cultivating civic leaders to raising money for key initiatives, this club has been an integral part of our city's history since its inception in 1913.

A smile came to my face recently when I was looking at the Rotary website, I had read this one section before but had forgotten it until recently. It quotes a 1915 Evansville Courier story in which a member of the Rotary was described as "coming to his meeting with a big, broad grin on his face expecting to have and to help others have a genuinely good time...and goes away happier and better prepared to withstand the worries and cares of business life." I hope in some small way that today's presentation will aid you to withstand the worries and challenges that we face 107-years later. One of your fellow Rotarians helps me daily face my challenges. My wife Carol is the sounding board that every spouse should

have; she keeps me grounded, focused and is certainly the loving cheerleader that allows me to work at the pace I do. Her ideas, feedback, and ability to just listen are so very important to me. I could not do what I do without Carol's love and support. I love you. I have success, challenge, and opportunity to share with you today. During this presentation a year ago, you got an inside look at three large construction projects. Today, each of those projects is complete. They are part of a fun and impressive highlight reel that should jog a lot of memories and create lots of smiles. Always fun to ride on a fire truck. We are so very proud of our success stories. One of those successes was borne out of one of our challenges: the pandemic. The COVID period exposed a glaring need, here and around the country: better access to the Internet. Thanks to a state grant, we are

now able to fill that need for more than 22,000 residents living in the Promise Zone. Five public Wi-Fi zones spanning strategically across the city make up The Promise Zone Broadband Project. We can better address the critical needs of the community including education, employment, and healthcare by having these five public access zones located in historically underserved areas of the city. I think it's prudent to consider COVID a challenge going forward, although no one can predict future surges or variants. It's my hope that we have worked through the most significant of the COVID challenges, but we mourn those who died or have been seriously debilitated as a result. We should continue to honor our health care professionals, who put their own health at risk by treating COVID patients. And we should be grateful to the Vanderburgh County Health Department for the

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Vanderburgh County Clerk Announces Vote Center Change

APRIL 2022
 Evansville, Ind.— Vanderburgh County Clerk Carla Hayden announced today a change to the list of Election Day vote centers. "Due to the sale of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, we had to find a new location," Hayden said, "Fortunately for us, nearby Simpson United Methodist Church stepped up to the plate." Hayden indicated that attempts by her office to establish communication with the new owner of St. Paul's United Church of Christ had been unsuccessful. St. Paul's United Church of Christ was located at 2227 W. Michigan Street and Simpson United Methodist Church is located at 2201 W. Illinois Street. Both are located just off of Franklin Street on the west side of Evansville.

Something that will not change is the use of the Old National Events Plaza for in-person absentees, commonly referred to as "early voting." "Old National Events Plaza proved to be very popular with voters for early voting during the 2020 Presidential Election so it will again serve as the designated location of the clerk's office," Hayden said. Indiana law requires in-person absentee voting to be in one location of the clerk's office as designated by the clerk for the 28-day period prior to Election Day. Voting at Old National Events Plaza will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning April 5th and ending at noon on Monday, May 2nd. Voting will also take place on Saturday, April 23rd and 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Old National Events Plaza and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cedar Hall Community School and Northeast Park Baptist Church. Voters are reminded to bring a photo ID with them when voting in person.



In-person absentee voting at the library locations will begin on April 25th and continue through April 29th. Hours are Monday through Thursday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Please note that voting at the libraries is for one week in the Primary Election and two weeks in the General Election.

Leadership Everyone Announces 26th Annual Celebration Award Winners

APRIL 2022
 Believing that servant leadership shines brightest in difficult times, Leadership Everyone celebrated the 26th Annual Celebration of Leadership Awards (COL) on WNIN for a second year. Leadership Everyone's inspiring event, presented by title sponsor by Fifth Third Bank, recognized and thanked the innovative, collaborative, and courageous accomplishments of 125 nominees. Celebration of Leadership has highlighted servant leaders of every age, race, ethnicity, religion, and background from within our region for the past 26 years, and this year was no exception. "Throughout this challenging



year, we have seen servant leadership at its finest—innovation, collaboration, and perseverance across agencies and organizations have created amazing ways to serve our people through the pandemic," said Lynn Miller Pease, Leadership Everyone's Chief Executive Officer. "These results have led to new community partnerships and helped bring diversity and inclusion to the forefront of our efforts. And broadcasting our event on WNIN has allowed us to better reach our region and make the celebration available to thousands of people to watch, celebrate and embrace the LE mission – Diverse

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Commentary

The Price Of Peace

April 2022
By Jim Redwine

Americans relate to the Ukrainians' passion to control their own lives. Of course, self-determination is not just an American or Ukrainian desire. It is a universal need for all people. However, when it comes to a democratic form of government there is an interesting historical tradition shared by Americans and Ukrainians.



We Americans rightly point to our Constitution which took effect in 1789 as a shining example of how a country's government can be held in check as individual liberties are protected. However, in 1710 Ukrainian Philip Orlyk wrote and published a proposed constitution that called for a government designed to have three competing branches, Executive, Legislative and Judicial. Our American constitution was drafted principally by James Madison and was based mainly on the theories of French legal philosophers Montesquieu and Voltaire and the English legal philosopher John Locke along with legal theories underlying The Enlight-

enment. All of these thinkers did their work after Orlyk had published his constitution based on a democratic system of self-government.

Orlyk's constitution was never put into operation. But the strong democratic ideals of the Ukrainian people were a part of what the German legal philosopher Friedrich Carl von Savigny (1779-1861) would have described as the Ukrainian nation's Volksgeist. Volksgeist is the inherent common spirit of a particular culture, in this case, Ukraine.

When we are amazed that the Ukrainians are so vigorously and courageously opposing aggression from the third most powerful military on earth we can look to their spirit, their Volksgeist of democracy. This deep passion for self-determination when coupled with the natural advantages of fighting for their homeland has allowed the Ukrainians to stand up strongly against the great Russian bear. Will they win, yes, because they already have much of the world is on their side and is supporting them. Will

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FSL Bank Partners With International Red Cross To Aid Ukrainian Refugees

APRIL 2022
President and CEO, Michael H. Head recently announced that "When First Federal Savings Bank was established in Evansville on October 20, 1904, our forefather's vision was to serve the west side community with safe, reliable banking services. As we have grown over the last 117 years, our community outreach has expanded across Southwestern Indiana. Our customers' financial welfare remains our guiding principle and when crises occur, we respond where possible. The current crisis in Ukraine is a story of human tragedy and we recognize the significant impact on our local com-

munity and the people in it. In response to this devastation, on Thursday, March 10, we announced a partnership with the International Red Cross to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees," Pastor of Grace of Christ Slavic Church in Evansville, Victor Voronin said that "I appreciate the efforts to help the country I am from and to help my people. It's unimaginable what's going on right now. I would probably not be mistaken if I said nobody in the world expected this to be so bad, and it's going worse. And to see people around the world respond to this is very encouraging."

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I Like Pork - When It' Comes From A Pig

APRIL 2022
By Dannie McIntire
City-County Observer Feature Writer

Like many American, I grew up eating pork. I still enjoy a nice pork roast or a pork tenderloin sandwich, but just as long as the pork is from a pig and not our federal government. I believe a majority of my fellow Americans still think of our country as being the richest nation on earth. In reality, our nation is not the wealthiest. Using the index of "Gross Domestic Product Per Capita" as a measure of national wealth, according to the 2021 World Bank rankings below, the United States ranks 5th in the world.

- Norway - \$78,180
- Luxembourg - \$73,500
- United States - \$64,530
- Ireland - \$64,150
- Denmark - \$63,070
- Iceland - \$62,420
- Qatar - \$56,210
- Singapore - \$54,900

While the United States GNP is impressive compared to most nations, the last time our federal government finished the fiscal year with a surplus was in 2001. For the last 21 years, our federal government has been operating at a deficit. In simple terms, our government has been spending more money that is raised from taxes and other various revenue. This forces our government to borrow money with which to operate.

According to "UsDebtClock.org", the current federal debt is over 30 trillion dollars. That works out to debt of approximately \$91,115 per citizen, and even more disturbing a debt of \$241,611 per actual tax-paying citizen. I don't know about you, but if my personal bank account is deficient, I realize I need to better control my spending, something our federal government seems incapable of realizing.

Just several years ago, both political parties swore off inserting "pork barrel" earmark projects into our federal budget. However with the recent trillion-dollar stimulus bills passed or proposed by congress, "pork-barrel" earmarks" are back in vogue.

According to the website "rich-

mondteaparty.com", the below is just a sampling of the pork barrel spending included in the omnibus spending bill. My thoughts in bold lettering are in the frame of "just asking".

\$615,000 for "Railroad Quiet Zones" in Commerce City, Colorado. Quiet zones? Can't the train engineers be instructed to perhaps slow down in congested areas and not blow the train horns so often? If perhaps it is to add gated crossings isn't that the railroad's responsibility?

\$3,000,000 for the "Palo Alto History Museum" which will "showcase the legacy of innovation and remarkable heritage that are unique to Palo Alto." Nothing

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It's been an honor to serve Vanderburgh County as your Prosecuting Attorney. I am proud of the work that our office has done to protect and serve our community.

I would appreciate your support in the May 3rd Republican Primary.

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Community

4 ISP Investigators Recognized By USSS

APRIL 2022

(Indianapolis, IN)- Recently four investigators from the Indiana State Police (ISP) received awards from the United States Secret Service (USSS) for their use of training received at the National Computer Forensic Institute (NCFI) in aiding in their complex and highly technical investigations.

The NCFI was opened in 2008 and is run the USSS and the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services. Every year, the NCFI, through the USSS and its forensic partners conducts thousands of digital examinations. In the fiscal year 2021, nearly 122,000 examinations were conducted, of which 40% involved violent crime investigations including homicide, robbery, rape and child exploitation.

NCFI has begun to ask USSS

Field Offices around the country to submit nominations for cases in which NCFI partners have utilized their training to help solve a significant case. Of the more than 70 cases submitted, the ISP was involved in two (2) of the 20 selected as NCFI Top Case Award recipients.

Acting Special Agent in Charge of the USSS Field Office in Indianapolis, Andrew Campion presented awards to the following ISP investigators:

Sergeant Chris Carter
Sergeant Patrick Deckard
Sergeant Thomas Egler
Detective Scott Stewart

"In recognition of our partnerships with Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) and the Indiana State Police through the National Computer Forensics Institute...thank you for your great work", commented Campion.



Applications For Homeowner Assistance Fund Available

APRIL 2022

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the U.S. Department of Treasury awarded Indiana

\$167,921,663 to be used for assistance with the mortgage payments, property taxes, homeowners insurance, and homeowner/condominium fees of eligible Hoosiers.

"The Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF) is designed to promote housing stability and prevent foreclosures across the Hoosier state," Crouch said. "We are pleased to work with our network of program partners and participating lenders to provide this assistance." Applications are accepted



through 877gethope.org. Accommodations can be made for homeowners who would prefer non-electronic applications or who

would prefer assistance in completing their online application by calling 877-GET-HOPE or the Vanderburgh County Treasurer-DOTTIE THOMAS AT 812-435-5257.

To qualify for IHAF, as determined by the U.S. Treasury, at the time of application you must:

Be a homeowner who is defined as the owner-occupant of a single-family home, condominium, 2-, 3-, or 4-family dwelling, or manufactured homes permanently affixed to real property. The home must be

located in Indiana and be the homeowner's primary residence

Have an income equal to or less than 150% of Area Median Income, adjusted for household size or 100% of the National Median Income, whichever is greater

Have experienced financial hardship after January 21, 2020, associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

The maximum per household IHAF assistance amount is capped at \$35,000 and is limited to one time per household. This assistance is paid directly to the mortgage lender and is not considered taxable income.

"IHCD remains committed to allocating funds from the federal government to Hoosiers in need," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCD. "Housing stability continues to be one of our top priorities as we recover from the pandemic. We look forward to administering this

mortgage assistance to Hoosiers across the state."

The following documents may be required in the application:

Income documents:

- Acceptable income documents may include paystubs or other wage statements, depository institution (or bank) statements demonstrating regular income, or a statement of income from an employer

- IRS Form 1099s and tax filings (for self-employed applicants only)

- Social security, child support, unemployment, and other income statements as applicable

- Mortgage statements or other mortgage documents

- Property tax statements from your city, town or county

- Homeowner's Insurance statements

- Homeowner or Condo Association fee statements

Indiana Business Association Warns Against Scammers

APRIL 2022

Consumers can look to sources like the Indiana Builders Association (IBA) as a part of their research. The IBA has more than 2,600 members, many of whom perform home improvement services. The IBA also offers homeowner resources to connect consumers to industry professionals for their next project.

"Our members are invested in making their communities better. Fly-by-night and out-of-state contractors who come in town after a storm to take advantage of our friends, family, and neighbors give the whole industry a tarnished reputation," said Paul Schwinghammer, IBA 2022 President. "The IBA is a trusted resource when it comes to making an informed home buying, remodeling, or general repair decision. Additional info can be found at <https://buildindiana.org/homeowners/>."

Consumers should do their homework to prevent the headache of doing business with an unscrupulous contractor. Attorney General Rokita and the Indiana Builders Association offer the following tips to avoid falling victim to a home repair scam:

- Ask your family, friends, and co-workers for contractors they have used who have done good work.

- Before signing a contract or making a payment, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division and the Better Business Bureau for complaint information on contractors you are considering.

- Get multiple bids from local contractors. Avoid contractors who spontaneously show up at your door offering a "bargain" price for painting, driveway sealing, roof repairs, etc.

- Get a written contract before making a payment. Indiana law requires home improvement contracts exceeding \$150 to be in writing. Before signing the contract, make certain it includes:

- The price of the job
- Payment schedule
- A detailed description of the work and materials

- Estimated start and completion dates

- The contractor's name and address

- A name and telephone number of the person to contact if problems arise

- The contractor's e-mail ad-

dress

- The contractor's signature

Never pay for the entire project before the work begins.

If you do make a down payment, the remaining payments should be tied to the completion of specified amounts of work.

If the contractor is arranging to finance, the contractor should provide you with an in-

stallment sale contract disclosing various credit terms like the finance charge and the APR.

Even if preventative measures are taken, problems may still arise. Take time to talk to your contractor to resolve these issues. If problems continue, put your complaints in writing and send them to the contractor. Be sure to keep a copy of these complaints about your records.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO TABLE GAMES PLAYERS

New Bally's Evansville gaming chips are on the casino floor. Players with Tropicana Evansville Gaming Chips must exchange them to play. All Tropicana Evansville Gaming Chips must be redeemed or exchanged by end of gaming day on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. After this date, Tropicana Evansville Gaming Chips will not be redeemed or accepted at any table game or at the Cashier Cage. Questions? Please visit the Players Club or Cashier Cage.

COMPETITOR'S OFFER PROGRAM

Friday, April 1 & Saturday, April 2
Open to qualified Bally Rewards Members.

Present a current and valid Free Play offer from another casino, up to \$250, at the Players Club and we'll redeem that offer in Bonus Free Slot Play and load it onto your Bally Rewards Card. The competitor's offer may be either a direct mail piece or a printed email offer. The competitor's offer must be valid during April 1 or April 2, 2022. Bonus Free Slot Play offer is valid on either Friday, April 1, from 10 AM to Midnight CT or Saturday, April 2 from 10 AM to Midnight. A complimentary hotel room is also extended to members as part of this offer.

\$31,250 QUEEN OF HEARTS CASH & FREE PLAY GIVEAWAY

Friday, April 1 through Saturday, April 30

Open to all Bally Rewards Members who earn entries by playing their favorite Casino games during the promotion dates. Prize drawings will be held on April 30. To be eligible for the drawings, players swipe their Bally Rewards card at any promotional kiosk to activate their entries on April 30, any time between 5 PM - 7:30 PM CT. Drawings are at 7:30 PM. Winners will be announced at 8:30 PM. Prizes include \$100 Free Slot Play, \$150 Free Slot Play, \$250

Free Slot Play, \$500 Free Slot Play, \$2,500 Cash, \$5,000 Cash, and \$15,000 Cash.

BOUNCE BACK OFFER

Sundays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24
Open to qualified Bally Rewards Members.

Bally Rewards Members receive bonus slot play, based on the number of points earned, while playing favorite slot games with their Bally Rewards card inserted in the machine. Participants check their points at the Players Club. Bonus Free Slot Play will be automatically loaded to their Bally Rewards Card that same day and Free Slot Play will be valid for 24 hours.

GIFT GIVEAWAYS

Qualified Bally Rewards Members receive a Free Gift or Free Slot Play.

Wednesday, April 6: Rice and Grain Cooker

Thursday, April 7: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card

Wednesday, April 13: Digital Thermometer

Thursday, April 14: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card

Wednesday, April 20: 24oz Juicer

Thursday, April 21: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card

Saturday, April 23: Gift Giveaway Blowout - Choose from a variety of Gifts

Wednesday, April 27: Conair Hair Dryer

Thursday, April 28: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card

\$20,000 CASH & FREE SLOT PLAY GIVEAWAY DINNER PARTY SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Open to qualified Bally Rewards Members in the Bally's Evansville Executive Conference Center with two dinner seating times at 5 PM and 7 PM CT. Guests will enjoy a delicious menu followed by ten \$500 Free Slot Play Drawings at each dinner seating. All entries will go back into a \$10,000 Cash Draw-

ing at 9 PM CT. Invited guests may win twice during this event and Free Slot Play is valid for 48 hours. One redraw per prize for the 5 PM and 7 PM Dinner Drawings. Redraws are held until the \$10,000 Cash Prize is claimed.

SWIPE & WIN

Tuesdays, April 12 & 26 from 6AM - 12AM CT

Open to qualified Bally Rewards Members.

Players swipe their card at any Promotional Kiosk to see how much Free Slot Play they have won, from \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$500. Free Slot Play will be automatically added to Bally Rewards Cards from the Promotional Kiosk and is valid for 48 hours.

\$20,000 JACKPOT PARTY

Wednesday, April 13

Open to Bally Rewards Members who received a Jackpot of \$1,200 or more

between January 1, 2020 - April 12, 2022. Invited guests check-in and activate their entries at any promotional kiosk on April 13, between 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Drawings will be held from the Players Club. Five names will be drawn every half hour from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Each winner receives \$1,000 in Free Slot Play.

TAX SEASON SURVIVAL SCRATCH & WIN

Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, April 15, 16, or 17

Qualified Bally Rewards Members will receive a scratch-card mailer advising them to bring their scratch card to the Bally's Evansville Executive Conference Center Mezzanine, Level 2, to reveal their \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$75 Free Slot Play prize or a cash prize, up to \$20,000. Check-in between 2 PM-8 PM CT on Friday or Saturday or between 10 AM - 2 PM on Sunday. Each scratch-off is a winner.

\$20,000 JACKPOT PARTY

Friday, April 22

Open to Bally Rewards Members who received a Jackpot of \$1,200 or more between January 1, 2020 - April 21, 2022. Invited guests check-in and activate their entries at any promotional kiosk on April 22, between 5 PM - 7 PM. Draw-

ings will be held from the Players Club. Five names will be drawn every half hour from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Each winner receives \$1,000 in Free Slot Play.

MONTHLY EMAIL DRAWING
Bally Rewards Members submit their email addresses to enter a monthly drawing for \$1,000 Bonus Free Slot Play.

LEGENDARY CELEBRATION
Legend Club Members receive complimentary appetizers and alcohol each Friday from 5 PM-9 PM at Cavanaugh's On the River.

PREMIUM WEEKEND PARTY
Legend Club Members receive complimentary drinks from 7 PM-12 AM at the High Limit Bar on Fridays and Saturdays.

FOOD SPECIALS
Tap House Burger of the Month - \$14

The Duke of Bacon - Grilled beef burger topped with creamy garlic goat cheese spread, bacon, lettuce, tangy bacon marmalade, and chipotle mayonnaise. Served on a toasted brioche bun.

Tap House Beer of the Month - \$5.50/Pint

Schlafly Raspberry Hefeweizen - This German-style wheat beer is not overwhelmingly sweet and highlights the tart, earthiness of the garlic goat cheese on the Duke of Bacon burger. The raspberry accents the sweetness of the bacon jam and complements the chipotle mayo.

ENTERTAINMENT
THE PIANO BAR AT CAVANAUGH'S ON THE RIVER - The casual upscale atmosphere of the Piano Bar at Cavanaugh's is the ideal place to enjoy live regional entertainment on Thursdays 6 PM-9 PM and on Fridays and Saturdays from 6 PM-10 PM CT.

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APRIL 2 - Matt Clark
APRIL 7 - Andrea Wirth
APRIL 8 - Matt Clark
APRIL 9 - Bob Green
APRIL 14 - Andrea Wirth
APRIL 15 - Matt Clark
APRIL 16 - Bob Green
APRIL 21 - Andrea Wirth
APRIL 22 - Matt Clark
APRIL 23 - Bob Green
APRIL 28 - Andrea Wirth
APRIL 29 - Bob Green
APRIL 30 - Matt Clark

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Issued Date	License #	Applicants
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03/08/2022	2022-0000147	JEREMY DAVID FLICK (Age 43) KATIE SUZANNE MONTGOMERY (Age 40)
03/08/2022	2022-0000145	CORY E LOVE (Age 27) ELIZABETH D PITTINGTON (Age 26)
03/08/2022	2022-0000146	REILEY MATTHEW DILLON (Age 23) RAINA ILE (Age 23)
03/08/2022	2022-0000149	ETHAN GEORGE BLASCH (Age 44) TONYA MARIE SUMMERS (Age 45)
03/09/2022	2022-0000151	CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOWELL (Age 24) KATIE LYNN DILLINGER (Age 28)
03/09/2022	2022-0000150	TIMOTHY RAY BECK SR (Age 55) MICHELLE LEIGH AVIS (Age 55)
03/09/2022	2022-0000153	JOSEPH ALAN WHITE (Age 34) KAITLIN MARIE BUNTON (Age 19)
03/09/2022	2022-0000152	ROBERT BRADLEY SOME (Age 24) DENICE JOY SIA PAREDES (Age 22)
03/10/2022	2022-0000154	KAYLA MARIE TAMEZ (Age 27) MICHAEL ALLEN BORING (Age 36)
03/10/2022	2022-0000157	ALDIMAR AVIDULFO MORALES (Age 25) NORMA DELIA CRUZ (Age 34)
03/10/2022	2022-0000155	COURTNEY RAE MCKINLEY (Age 25) ROBERT PHILLIP PHELPS (Age 25)
03/10/2022	2022-0000156	AMANDA R SOLAN (Age 21) DRAKE J WILLIAMS (Age 23)
03/11/2022	2022-0000167	JAMIE EILEEN OBERG (Age 32) MATTHEW ALEXANDER SMITH (Age 27)
03/11/2022	2022-0000160	BRIAN K DICUS (Age 52) TAMARA D NIXON (Age 61)
03/11/2022	2022-0000165	ADAM BARRETT PARTRIDGE (Age 24) HANNAH RENEE ROGERS (Age 24)
03/11/2022	2022-0000162	STEPHANIE NELSON (Age 30) CHRISTOPHER GINTER (Age 34)
03/11/2022	2022-0000163	KEVIN RAY SCHULTZ (Age 37) JENNIFER MARIE SPRADLEY (Age 41)
03/11/2022	2022-0000161	JASON CHARLES WALTERS (Age 30) SANDRA DAWN BACON (Age 24)
03/11/2022	2022-0000168	JASON D MAY (Age 44) KIMBERLY CLARK (Age 46)
03/11/2022	2022-0000158	BRANDON LANE DUNCAN (Age 22) KATIE AUTUMN MARIE JONES (Age 23)
03/11/2022	2022-0000159	CARLTON LEON SMITH (Age 56) ANGEL GAYNA WEATHERS (Age 48)
03/11/2022	2022-0000164	FRED MATTHEW SPIKER JR (Age 25) ZHANE SIMONE TUBBS (Age 26)
03/11/2022	2022-0000166	GEORGIE FLEURENVIL (Age 29) MARIE JUDELIN JOSEPH (Age 26)
03/14/2022	2022-0000170	DILLON HATCHER (Age 24) MAGENTA GARRISON (Age 19)
03/14/2022	2022-0000169	ADAM D KUEBLER (Age 26) ALEXUS L KEMP (Age 24)



FSL Bank Partners With International Red Cross

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Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke also added a few words of encouragement to the people of Ukraine, and our entire community. "Pastor, I hope that my presence, the presence of our representatives of our United States Senators including Braun and Young as well as Congressman Buschon, offer you and your neighbors, and friends, and family, some sense of comfort and hope. To potential donors, know this, whatever you can contribute, will be helping someone, some family, halfway across the world, that will never be able to thank you. But know, that it will be a meaningful contribution that will

change their lives in a way that we will never know. So, thank you for considering a donation, thank you for the partnership and collaboration that exists in our community. That is our secret sauce here in Evansville."

Each of First Federal's nine bank locations will be accepting cash or check donations. Checks should be made payable to First Federal Savings Bank with the memo line Ukrainian Fund and can be dropped off at a branch or mailed to PO Box 1111 Evansville, IN 47708. Digital payments can be made via Zelle® by searching donations@fbei.net for First Federal Savings Bank within the Zelle® app.



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Timothy Moyer	Jun. 15, 1989 – Mar. 14, 2022
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Raymond H. "Ray" Bailey	Jan. 13, 1931 – Mar. 21, 2022
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Jack Henry Kinkel	Feb. 19, 1940 – Mar. 20, 2022
Mary Lee (Bass) Peak	Aug. 15, 1945 – Mar. 22, 2022
Mary Susan Montgomery	Aug. 17, 1961 – Mar. 25, 2022

I Like Pork - When It' Comes From A Pig

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against Palo Alto but their local and state taxes should fund this, not my tax dollars.

\$142,500 for Las Vegas bike-share bikes. The program "gives you access to some of the best restaurants, shopping, and attractions in Las Vegas!" Yep, next time I go to Vegas I'll be sure to bike to a restaurant.

\$800,000 for "artist lofts" in Pomona, CA. Federal dollars for an Affordable Housing and Studio Complex for Artists? Well, I have heard the term "starving artist".

\$3,000,000 for a Gandhi museum in Texas. Excuse me, shouldn't a Mahatma Gandhi

Museum be in India?

\$496,000 for a local swimming pool in Yonkers, NY.

\$3,200,000 for a local bike path in Rhode Island. That's a lot of money, how busy are the bike lanes and paths around our area?

\$2,000,000 for "Reducing Inequity in Access to Solar Power" in Delaware. \$2,000,000 for a new soccer field in Anaheim, CA. Say what...put that in English, please!

\$500,000 for a ski jump in New Hampshire.

\$150,000 to "collect body mass index data school-wide and use that

information to encourage young people to stay physically active" in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Where the heck is the Northern Mariana Islands? It takes this much money to tell kids they'll get fat if they eat at McDonald's too often?

\$500,000 for a soccer field in New Jersey.

\$488,000 for the township of North Bergen, NJ for "Municipal Traffic Calming." In other words federal dollars for a red light or traffic bumps?

\$750,000 for a baseball field in Lowell, MA.

\$209,000 for a "Creative Village Affordable Housing and Studio Complex for Artists" in Decatur, GA. Another Federal dollar for an Affordable Housing and Studio Complex for "starving artists"?

\$1.1 million for "Soccer Complex Facility Improvements" in Rhode Island. That is a lot of soccer!

\$400,000 for a local bike trail in McAllen, TX. Again, a lot of money for a bike path, how busy are the bike lanes and paths around our area?

\$1.6 million for "Equitable Growth of Shellfish Aquaculture Industry in Rhode Island."

Definition of equitable: Having or exhibiting equity: dealing fairly and equally with all concerned. Is Rhode

Island having trouble dealing with their shellfish?

In a fair and equal manner?

\$1 Million to repair sidewalks in Louisville, Ky. Sorry Louisville, but I don't want my federal tax dollars to pay for repairing your sidewalks, especially with the amounts your city has a payout in lawsuits recently!

\$700,000 for a Covid-19 Memorial in Florida. Think about this one! Instead of a memorial, apply the money to covid-19 research so this type of memorial in the future isn't even a thought.

Our nation is in debt. Foreign countries currently own approximately 30 percent of their national debt. Yet we continue needlessly spending money which we end up having to borrow. This Financial folly has to stop or else our grandkids-grandkids-grandkids will be saddled with paying off the debt of our reckless spending.

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Winnecke Gives State Of Evansville Address

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amazing commitment of a staff that diligently works to keep us informed and vaccinated. And, like last year, we offer a heartfelt thank you to our educators who work tirelessly to keep our classrooms safe and open for learning.

We can't talk about challenges without acknowledging the presence of crime. Like many cities, there was an unnerving sense that violent crime was all too prevalent last year. Last week was especially noteworthy with the double homicide on the west side, and the previous day's hours-long stand-off with a wanted felon.

Police responded to 722 shots fired run in 2021. We've responded to 33 fewer through February of this year over the same period a year ago.

Last week's situations aside, here are two ongoing issues police face: group violence, which is committed by a very small percentage of the population, and witnesses who refuse to assist the police.

As part of our relationship with the National Safe Communities project, which we announced here last year, after every shooting in which police suspect group activity, all responding organizations convene a "shooting review."

This review is a chance for investigators to exchange key information such as identifying group members. Then there is an intervention, or "custom notification,"

with suspected group members... stressing that violence is unacceptable, that their families need them alive, out of prison, contributing to the community, and with potential solutions to stop their criminal activity. Former Bosse High School Principal Sheila Huff is our Community Project Manager, and Assist Police Chief Phil Smith leads the EPD effort.

Now, more than ever, it's important that "if you see something, same something." The more information that police have, the faster they can solve cases and make our city safer.

Another ongoing challenge to our city is the state of our water and sewer utility. During last year's State of the City, I announced plans to move forward with a new water treatment plant, to replace our existing plant on Waterworks Road, which now serves about 63,000 customers. Construction on it began in 1894.

We determined that there was too much risk to on-going operations to re-build on the current site...the redundancy would be just too stressed. We also know that a new plant farther away from the river would drive costs, so we decided the best site would be on land right across the street from the existing plant, which is currently home to the street maintenance garage.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission recently approved a

new five-year rate structure that will provide the revenue for us to proceed.

The first of these increases begin in July. At that time, water rates will increase by 5.03% annually. So, for an average household using 5,000 gallons of water per month, that equates to about \$ 2.27 more per month.

We recognize that there is a large portion of our community for whom making utility payments is a real struggle, which is why I recently announced plans to seek City Council approval to use \$4 million from our American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist our most vulnerable customers.

The Utility will be announcing enrollment and qualification details in the weeks ahead.

On the sewer side of the utility, we've been equally mindful of how our Consent Decree with the federal government affects ratepayers.

As a reminder, the City entered into the original Consent Decree in 2011 in order to comply with the federal mandate to reduce our combined sewer overflows. The Decree was modified in 2015 to a 24-and-half-year, \$729 million plan, and we've been working under it ever since.

When project costs began coming in higher than original estimates, we re-engaged our regulatory partners in 2018 seeking a further modification to the Consent Decree.

Fast forward to March of 2020 and the start of an even weaker economy. That's when, in consultation with the E.P.A. and IDEM, we halted the planned sewer rate increases for 2021 and 2022. Recently we announced there will also be no sewer rate increase in 2023.

Had we NOT begun negotiating for modifications with our federal partners when we did, by the end of 2023, sewer bills would be another \$16 per month higher, or \$192 more a year.

We're still waiting to see if we will be granted an additional two-year pause extending through 2025. Regardless of that decision, we should continue with some "must-do" projects in order to maintain the basic effectiveness of the sewer system. That will require some increases, but by the end of 2025, the rates will be \$20 per month less than the original plan required.

During this pause window, we will propose changes to the existing consent decree that will hopefully result in a modified implementation schedule, as well as more manageable rate increases.

Our goal is to ensure a viable utility for future generations, which means safe, reliable drinking water and significantly fewer combined sewer overflows. All, with a keen eye toward affordability.

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Education

USI Approves New Degree Program, Certificates

APRIL 2022

At its regular meeting in March, the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved a new degree program, a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography housed in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, two new undergraduate certificates, and a new post-baccalaureate certificate.

Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program is currently housed within the Radiologic and Imaging Science (RIS) major, and graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences. The addition of a dedicated bachelor's degree helps to separate the DMS program from the RIS major based on current trends in the sonography profession, enrollment data, future program expansion, and advising capabilities. DMS and Radiologic Technology are different professions, have separate classification codes, and have different accrediting bodies.

The USI DMS program would be the only Bachelor of Science degree program in Indiana accredited in all four sonography concentrations (abdominal-extended, obstetrics and gynecology, vascular and cardiac sonography). In addition, it would become one of only 14 accredited Bachelor of Science degree programs in the United States in all four concentrations.

The DMS program is offered in an in-person format with some hybrid/online delivery. Both tracks of the DMS prepare individuals to function effectively in the modern health care system as entry-level sonographers. The 120-hour program includes a sequence of concurrent didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses.

The national overall pass rate on the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) certification exams has ranged from 58-to 77% since 2014. The USI pass rate on ARDMS certification exams from 2014-to 2020 is 97%, and the USI DMS program has had a 90% overall program retention



rate and a 97% overall job placement rate since 2014.

The DMS program will next be reviewed by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and once approved, will begin being offered in Fall 2023.

Undergraduate Certificate: Supply Chain Management Certificate

The Romain College of Business will offer a new Supply Chain Management certificate program beginning in Fall 2022. The 12-credit hour certificate has a hybrid offering with coursework being in-person and online.

The SCMC certification covers global sourcing, logistics management, transportation, warehouse operations, procurement, and other operational roles. Students who earn this certificate would be familiar with managing the entire supply chain and its strategic risks and problems and would become familiar with making strategic decisions, allowing them to be more attractive in today's job market for logistics service providers, e-commerce firms, retailers, manufacturers, and other companies.

Undergraduate Activity Professional Certificate

The College of Nursing and Health Professions will offer a new Activity Professional certificate program beginning in Fall 2022. The 10-hour offer has a hybrid format, with coursework offered in-person and online.

The Activity Professional certificate program will assist in meeting the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) objectives of developing and implementing programs that include content from existing state education requirements for activity directors and social workers. The certification increases students' knowledge and marketability while supporting the workforce needs of the state.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics

The Master of Health Administra-

tion (MHA) program will offer a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics (HI) beginning in Fall 2022. The HI 12-credit hour certificate offering will focus on the application of using data, information, and knowledge for clinical care, scientific inquiry, decision-making, and problem-solving to improve the health, safety and effectiveness of those working and being cared for within the health-care industry. The HI Certificate is comprised of four didactic MHA courses and will be offered in an online-accelerated mode. All courses in the HI certificate program will attain the Quality Matters certification before being offered.

The HI certificate is designed to meet the educational needs of two categories of students—the health healthcare professionals seeking additional competencies in health informatics and the non-healthcare professionals seeking competencies in understanding healthcare and its use of data, information, and technology.

All certificate programs were approved by the Board after receiving approval from the University's Academic Planning Council and reviewed by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

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Education

IDOE Credit Program Helps High Schoolers

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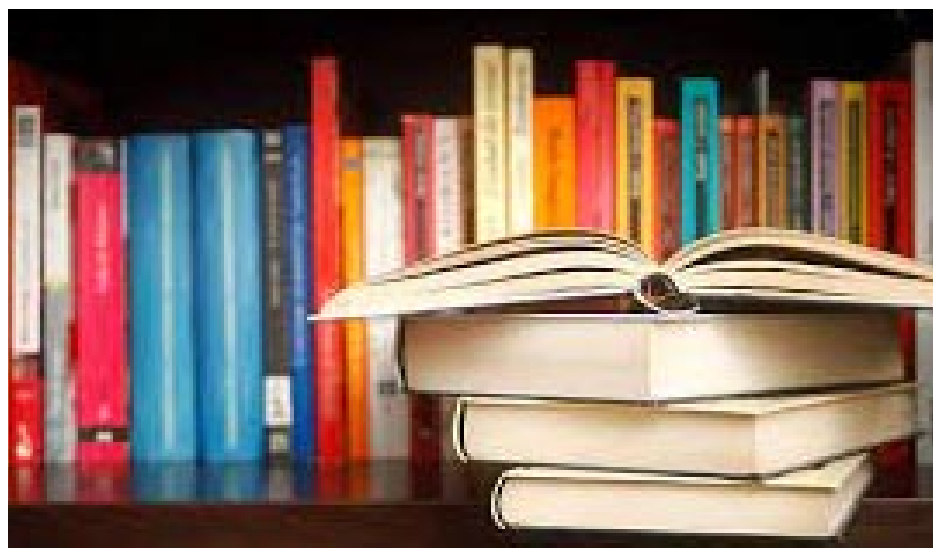
By Ariana Lovitt
TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS—The transitional period from high school to college is a rocky one for many students, as concerns arise regarding the time and money required to get a degree.

But a way to make this transition easier—for free—has been put in place thanks to the efforts of local colleges and the Indiana Department of Education.

Crossing the Finish Line is an initiative for Indiana high-school students to earn 30 free college credits over their summer breaks. These credits are then transferable to any state college. Initiated by the Indiana Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University, the goal is to get an early start on some college classes in order to quickly complete a degree in the desired field. This program is currently in its second year.

"We know that there's a direct link between educational attainment and what comes next for [students]," said Holly Lawson, deputy



director of communications at the Indiana Department of Education.

"For some students, that will definitely be a traditional four-year degree, but for many students, that credential might look like a short-term manufacturing certificate or another high-demand field in nursing, culinary and so many different areas."

This program also bridges the gap caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, during which many students may have struggled to obtain proper college credits. The program's inception in 2021 helped 1,900 high-school juniors and seniors across 275 Indiana high schools obtain credits for free.

By going through this program, a cumulative \$1.4 million was also saved on books and tuition fees, two major roadblocks many college students and families struggle with.

Allison Kuehr, communications and public relations manager for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, says program feedback calls it a "financial blessing" for both students and teachers.

"I think everyone is just able to really see that monetary benefit across all parties," she said.

In addition to the monetary benefit, getting Indiana College Core requirements out of the way sooner in a student's career gives

way for more exploratory courses and potential minors sooner, as well as less of a struggle should a student decide to switch majors or career paths.

"You're immediately taking the program courses that you really want to do," said Dr. Drew Findlay, dean of CTE Early College at Vincennes University. "It gives you a little more flexibility. And you're not taking your four-year program and making it a six-year program, you're still staying within the four years."

"Not only did it save them time and money, but they were able to engage in another unique opportunity," said Rebecca Rahschulte, vice president of k-14 initiatives and statewide partnerships at Ivy Tech. "There's just so many benefits to giving these students a leg up as they go into four-year institutions and hopefully a bachelor's degree."

As the school year winds down for high-school juniors and seniors in Indiana, many of them are eligible for Crossing the Finish Line depending on their current track record of high-school credits. High-school administrators and counselors can provide information to students as the program grows.

On My Way Pre-K Applications Now Available

APRIL 2022

INDIANAPOLIS—Indiana's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is now accepting applications from families statewide who may be eligible for grants for their children to receive free, high-quality, pre-kindergarten education through the On My Way Pre-K program for the 2022-2023 school year. Information about the program and the link to apply can be found at OnMyWayPreK.org.

"We are always happy to enroll new students in On My Way Pre-K, but this year is especially exciting since we recently released results of a Purdue University long-term study showing that children who attend On My Way Pre-K are better prepared for school and that the benefits continue well into elementary school," said Nicole Norvell, director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. "We are eager to enroll a new group of young Hoosiers to benefit from the great early start this program provides for their learning."

For the 2022-2023 school year, a child is eligible for an On My Way Pre-K voucher if they will be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2022, and plan to start kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year. An eligible child must live in a household with an income below 127% of the federal poverty level and have parents or guardians who are working, going to school, attending job training, or searching for employment.

A limited number of vouchers is available for children who will be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2022, live in a household with an income up to 185% of the federal poverty level, and have:

A parent/guardian who is working, attending job training or an educational program, looking for employment OR

A parent/guardian who receives Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits

An easy-to-use, online application called "Early Ed Connect" serves as the application for both On My Way Pre-K and child care assistance provided in Indiana via the

federal Child Care Development Fund or "CCDF." Early Ed Connect offers the benefits of easier attachment of documents and notification of successful submission. A Spanish version is also available as well as support for any technical issues.

On My Way, Pre-K awards grants to 4-year-old children from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program throughout the state.

Once the family has met eligibility requirements and has been awarded a grant for their child, they may choose from any of the approved On My Way Pre-K programs. Families can search for approved providers at www.ChildCareFinder.IN.gov.

Approved pre-K programs may be located in a public or private school, licensed child care center, licensed home, or registered ministry as long as that program meets the quality requirements and is

registered as an On My Way Pre-K Provider. Families may choose from a program that is full-day or part-day, as well as from programs that end with the school year or continue through the summer. Families who need help finding an approved pre-K program can also call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist.

More than 15,000 Hoosier children have attended pre-K through a grant from the On My Way Pre-K program since it began in 2015. The program, which started as a five-county pilot and then expanded to 20 counties in 2017, became a statewide program in 2019. OECOSL also updates the Indiana General Assembly every year on the program. The most recent report can be found here.

The Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is a division of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Families may call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist or for other questions about On My Way Pre-K.

UE Reports Strong Career Outcomes For '21 Grads

APRIL 2022

EVANSVILLE, IN - After surveying the class of 2021 graduates, the University of Evansville (UE) is pleased to report that 95 percent of graduates were employed or pursuing further education within six months of graduation. The median salary of those employed full-time was \$50,000.

The survey, conducted annually, is a collaborative effort between the University's Center for Career Development, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, and Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. Data was gathered from surveys at the time of graduation, as well as alumni surveys, academic department chairs, the National Student Clearinghouse, and other methods. Approximately 93 percent of 2021 graduates provided career information. Outcomes improved from the pre-

vious year, which saw slightly lower rates due to the pandemic's effect on the economy. Those outcomes included 91 percent of graduates employed or in graduate school within six months of graduating, as well as a median salary of \$47,500.

"We are very committed at the University to provide an outstanding educational experience which includes essential career planning," said Gene Wells, senior director of the Center for Career Development. "In addition to the hands-on training and internships students receive within their program, our office assists them with every step preparing for their future endeavors."

For nearly a decade, the Center for Career Development has implemented an "end to end" approach to career success. When prospective student visits to campus, they meet with

the Center to review career interests, take a free career assessment, and explore future job opportunities. As a student, the Center offers appointments to assist with resumes and cover letters, mock interviews, and career advising.

Job fairs are held throughout the year to connect students with local and regional employers. After graduation, the Center continues its outreach to alumni to ensure each individual's success.



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Pictured at right are the twelve Shoulders' graduates who attended Harrison - at least one graduated in each of the seven decades.

"Harrison High School means a great deal to our family. The friendships, mentors, teachers, coaches, and administrators we each had during our time there will forever be remembered and valued. We will never be able to give back as much as Harrison has given to us," said Ben Shoulders, a 1996 Harrison High School graduate.



BACK ROW: Mike Shoulders '67, Becky (Noelting) Shoulders '67, Lisa (Iaccarino) Shoulders '71, Pat Shoulders '71, and Jeff Shoulders '85.

FRONT ROW: Ben Shoulders '96, Shannon (Perrette) Shoulders '93, Samantha (Shoulders) Bucur '96, Jon Shoulders '98, Andy Shoulders '00, Adam Shoulders '17, and Grant Shoulders '21.

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Leadership Everyone Awards

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Servant Leaders Transforming Community."

At this year's televised 26th Annual Celebration of Leadership, 125 nominees demonstrating outstanding selfless community service were recognized, and 43 awards were presented to recipients. The nominations span the following categories: Arts, Community & Neighborhood, Education, Government, Public Service & Environment, and Health & Social Service. In response to these challenging times, three special COVID-19 awards—COVID-19 Medical Awards, COVID-19 Community Awards, and COVID-19 Outstanding Innovation Awards—were presented, honoring the efforts of those who fought and are still fighting against the pandemic's hardships.

The Celebration of the Leadership awards ceremony will air again on WNIN on Sunday, April 3, 2021, at 5:00 pm, and it can be streamed indefinitely from Leadership Everyone's website or social media platforms.

2022 RECIPIENT LIST

- Division Awards
 - Individual – Sheila Hauck
 - Project/Program – The Homeless Experience Project: 48 Hours in the Life
 - Business/Organization – Lyles Station Historic Schoolhouse & Museum
- Special Awards
 - Spirit Award – Area Pet Rescue after 2021 Tornado
 - Epic Award – Jeff Purdue
 - Leader In Technology Award – #TechMe
 - Inspiration Award – Bushra Saqib
 - Latinx Leadership Award (Individual) – Guillermo Guevara
 - Latinx Leadership Award (Project Or Program) – LatinX Community Health ChangeLab
 - Civic Engagement Award – Trucks With Room to Spare Inc
 - Philanthropy Award – Bert Wheat, Tyna Wheat, & Monica Owens
 - Outstanding Innovation Award – UE / Harper Air Filter Changemaker Project
 - Transformational Inclusion Award – Jody Robinson
 - Raising The Bar Award – Deaconess Clinic Memorial
 - Regional Collaboration Award – Book N' Cook
 - Regional Impact Award – READI Grant
 - Sportsmanship Award – Edward

- Nottle
 - Visionary Award – Timothy Weir
 - Darrell Ragland Award – Black Lives Matter Peaceful Protests – Emari Marks and Keshawn Young
 - Sam Featherstone Youth Award – Kylie Bedel, Lexi Smith, and TRACES
 - Lieutenant Colonel Reginald Gibson Award – Reconnecting Families by Military with PTSD Inc
 - Winternheimer/Lamar Public Service Award – Matt Karges
 - Sara B. Davies Award – Dr. Gina Huhnke
 - Willie Effie Thomas Diversity Award – Pastor Craig Duke
 - Shirley James "Greening The Community" Award – Toyota Trinity Stormwater Park ChangeLab
 - Susan Kelley Jordan Courage Award – Deaconess Intensive Care Units Staff
 - Bryce Jordan Servant Leader Award – Fr. Jay Davidson, Fr. Christopher Droste, and Fr. Gary Kaiser
 - Lifetime Achievement Award – Janie Chappell, Sondra Matthews, and Ken Wempe
 - Recognition For Individual Achievement
 - Arts – Nathan Jochum
 - Community & Neighborhood – Marietta Rodriguez
 - Education – Mendy Poole
 - Government, Public Service, & Environment – Laura Nordine
 - Health & Social Services – Kelly Paul
 - Recognition For Project Or Program Achievement
 - Arts – Tepe Park Neighborhood – Basketball Court Mural
 - Community & Neighborhood – Coalition of Inner-City Neighborhoods (Fred Cook)
 - Education – EVSC/EVPL Free Tutoring Program
 - Government, Public Service, & Environment – Deaconess Aquatic Center
 - Health & Social Services – Deaconess Monoclonal Antibody Program
 - Recognition For Business Or Organization Achievement
 - Arts – NoCo Park and Twymon Art Gallery
 - Community & Neighborhood – River City Pride
 - Education – AstraZeneca Inspire Program
 - Government, Public Service, & Environment – International Refugee Relief Center
 - Health & Social Services – Little Lambs of Evansville

Sports

Anne Audain Inducted Into HWA Museum

APRIL 2022

The Museum of World Athletics™, or MOWA, is a 3D fully virtual museum of athletics, which will take you on an interactive journey through the history of athletics, highlighting many of the legends of the sport.

MOWA is the first sports museum to be established solely in the digital world, bringing a new level of innovation and creative technologies to the world of sport. The museum gives visitors a unique online experience, highlighting key athletics champions from each continent, and celebrating each edition of the World Athletics Championships. Through realistic interactive content, including state-of-the-art 360 photographic reproduction of items donated by the athletes, MOWA brings to life the stories of our sport.

Among the exhibits are items owned by many of the greatest athletes in history, including Paavo Nurmi, Jesse Owens, Fanny Blankers-Koen, Irena Szewinska, Carl Lewis, Marie-Jose Perec, Jan Zelezny, Allyson Felix and Usain Bolt.

The Museum of World Athletics is free to access and is available with commentary in both English and French.

A TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY- AUDAIN LIFE AND RUNNING CAREER

By the time Anne Audain came to challenge for a place in the world record books, at the age of 26 in 1982, the New Zealander had already overcome a lifetime's worth of trials and tribulations.

Born with a bone deformity in both feet, adopted as a baby, Audain almost lost sight in one eye at the age of seven. She had quit athletics, launched a comeback, and been banned from amateur competition for becoming a professional on the US road-running circuit – before mounting an attack on the world 5000m record in her home city, Auckland, New Zealand, on the evening of 17 March 1982.

Even then, as she lined up at Mount Smart Stadium 40 years ago, Audain and her coach John Davies were aware that a time inside the existing global mark would not be officially recognized as the world record. Only later in the year, after the New Zealand AAA decided to lift her suspension



on the eve of the 1982 Commonwealth Games, was Audain's record-breaking run retrospectively ratified.

Her time, 15:13.22, was 1.29 inside the fledgling 5000m world record set in Knarvik, Norway, the previous September by Britain's Paula Fudge.

Annus Mirabilis

Audain was at her invincible peak in 1982. She was unbeaten on the roads in the United States, registering 13 victories in 13 races, all in a course record times. The shoes in which she won the Peachtree 10km in Atlanta, in a course record of 32:36, have been donated to the ever-expanding Museum of World Athletics (MOWA) together with the bib number she wore and the trophy she won.

Audain crowned her annus mirabilis by becoming the first New Zealand woman to win a Commonwealth Games track title. In an enthralling 3000m duel in Brisbane, she proved too strong for England's Wendy Smith, who went on to win Olympic 3000m silver, as Wendy Sly, in Los Angeles two years later

"It was such a feeling of relief, after all the ups and downs, to have finally achieved what I always thought I was capable of," Audain reflected in an interview with Steve Landells on the Athletics New Zea-

land website.

"Here I was in 1982, the best year of my career, winning the Commonwealth title, undefeated on the road race circuit, and they also ratified my 5000m world record. I could have retired at that moment knowing I had reached the top."

The road to that pinnacle had been strewn with obstacles for the indomitable Audain.

Unable To Walk Properly Until The Age Of 13

She was adopted as a baby, something she kept under wraps throughout her athletics career, but which she has been happy to share with others in her post-running life.

"I was always fine with being adopted," she told Commonwealth gymnastics gold medallist Angela Taylor in an interview on the New Zealand website Newsroom. "It doesn't really matter as long as you are loved."

Raised by nurturing, sport-loving adoptive parents in the South Auckland suburb of Otahuhu, Audain was unable to walk properly until the age of 13, due to a bone deformity in both feet. As a toddler, she could only walk by shuffling on her heels.

Corrective surgery was required but Audain had to wait until she was 13, when her bones were strong enough.

In the meantime, she became the victim of school bullying. She was pushed into a concrete water fountain and almost lost an eye, the quick work of medics saving her sight.

"To this day there is no name for what was wrong with my feet," Audain told Gary Cohen in an in-depth interview on garycohenrunning.com. "I just had huge bone spurs that were bunions magnified. My tendons wouldn't operate my big toes, so I shuffled around on my heels."

The complex reconstructive surgery involved scraping off excess bone and re-attaching tendons to the big toes to allow Audain to operate the front of her feet. When she left the hospital, she had to learn the heel-to-toe motion of walking for the first time.

Pirie's Pupil

Within a year, she was not just walking but running, as a member of Otahuhu Athletics Club. Remarkably, by the age of 15, she was winning the Auckland senior cross-country title and finishing third in the Auckland senior women's 800m.

Her performances attracted the attention of Gordon Pirie, the 1956 Olympic 5000m silver medallist and former 5000m world record-holder from Great Britain,

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Sports

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who had relocated to New Zealand. Pirie, famed for his epic clashes with the formidable Soviet-Ukrainian Vladimir Kuts, started coaching Audain and at 16 she was selected to represent New Zealand in the 1500m at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

Three weeks before the Games, she was withdrawn from the squad, the New Zealand team officials telling her parents she was too young for such a huge challenge.

Just seven months later, in March 1973, though, the 17-year-old Anne Garrett, as she was known under her maiden name, was deemed old enough to travel to Europe as part of the New Zealand team that took part in the first official World Cross Country Championships.

Competing in the senior women's 4km event at Waregem Racecourse in Belgium, the young Miss Garrett finished an outstanding ninth in a race won by Paola Cacchi, the Italian who had taken bronze behind Lyudmila Bragina of the Soviet Union and East Germany's Gunhild Hoffmeister in the inaugural Olympic women's 1500m final in Munich.

Under Pirie's guidance, Audain proceeded to finish sixth in the 1500m at the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch and 10th at the 1975 World Cross Country Championships in Rabat. She was a newly qualified 20-year-old school teacher when she made her Olympic debut in Montreal in 1976. She finished last in her 800m heat and eight in her 1500m heat, despite setting a national record of 4:10.68.

"That was a reality check and a wake-up call," Audain recalled. "I was great down in New Zealand but there was a lot of work to do if I was going to make the world stage."

Again, Audain bounced back on the country, finishing ninth

at the 1977 World Cross Country Championships in Dusseldorf. Then, however, frustration crept in.

Retirement And Relaunch Under Davies' Wing

In 1978 she was knocked down by a car during a training session on the Auckland Domain, suffering an ankle injury that kept her out of the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. After missing the 1980 Olympics in Moscow because of the New Zealand boycott, she became increasingly disillusioned with Pirie's psychologically attritional approach. The pair split and Audain quit the sport at the age of 25.

"It got to the point where he destroyed me and I just quit," Audain told Gary Cohen. "I'd had enough... Had I not joined forces with John Davies, I wouldn't have become who I am."

Audain's mother-in-law suggested she should consider re-launching a running career with the more mellow Davies. An Olympic 1500m bronze medalist behind his peerless compatriot Peter Snell in Tokyo in 1964, Davies had guided Mike Ryan to Olympic marathon bronze in 1968 and was achieving considerable success at the time with Audain's Kiwi middle distance rival Lorraine Moller.

After several months of inactivity, in March 1981 Audain scraped into the New Zealand world cross-country team, finishing sixth in the trial race. Still overweight and far from fully fit, she went on to finish a highly encouraging 27th in Madrid.

Part two of Anne Audain's against-the-odds athletics story was up, running, and soon gathering some serious momentum.

The big push came with the decision to relocate to the United States and join Moller and New Zealand Olympic medalists Rod Dixon and Dick Quax on the burgeoning US road running circuit.

Settling in Denver, Colorado,

Audain thrived on the schedules Davies mailed to her, modeled on Arthur Lydiard's celebrated endurance-based approach.

Banned For Professionalism

She found herself banned from amateur competition, however, after taking part in the 15km Cascade Run Off in Portland, a race organized by Phil Knight of Nike that was openly offering prize money.

"I understood the consequences that I could receive a lifetime bad from the sport, but I just wanted to be a professional," she told Steve Landells. "I had traveled the European track circuit and seen all the under-the-table money the men were getting.

"My aim was to finish fifth or sixth, to earn enough money to stay in the States a bit longer, but I ended up winning the race and receiving \$10,000."

Audain had written off the 1982 Commonwealth Games but was reinstated by the New Zealand AAA in time to strike gold in the 3000m. To her regret, with no 5000m or 10,000m yet on the Olympic program, she chose to step up to the marathon rather than contest the 3000m in Los Angeles in 1984.

Already fatigued from the exertions of having to register two

qualifying marks, she struggled badly in the stifling conditions and was hospitalized after dropping out at 21 miles.

At the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, she won 10,000m silver behind Scotland's home hope Liz McColgan and finished 11th over the same distance in her third and final Olympic appearance in Seoul two years later.

She also placed 11th over 10,000m at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, at the scene of her 5000m world record run, Mount Smart Stadium in her home city, Auckland, before retiring from competitive athletics for good the following year.

Now 66 and long settled in the US, at Evansville, Indiana with husband Chuck Whobrey, Audain is a proud stepmother and grandmother and a continuing source of inspiration to the running community and beyond.

Awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the British Queen's New Year's Honours in 1995, she was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. She is also exalted in her adopted home country, as a member of the Road Runners Club of America's Distance Running Hall of Fame.

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Community

Winnecke Gives State Of Evansville Address

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The challenge of maintaining our parks has been brought into greater focus in the last several months.

We've changed the overall direction of the Parks Department. Deputy Mayor Steve Schaefer is serving as the Interim Parks Director and he's doing an amazing job.

Completing the new Deaconess Aquatic Center was just one. But also, in the last eight months, our re-build of the department includes:

- implementation of new internal financial controls
- establishing new protocols with the Evansville Parks Foundation
- improving internal communication
- developing new forms and procedures
- conducting an inventory of land use agreements
- restructuring staff
- conducting a facility needs assessment

Projects We Are Working on:

- developing a new five-year overall Parks Master Plan
- including a Master Plan for Garvin Park
- delivering new mulch for more than a third of our parks this year alone
- removing hazardous dead trees and replacing benches at Bayard and Aiken Parks
- grading the South Baseball fields and improving overall safety at the Vann-Pollack Park

We're Celebrating:

- the success of our city golf courses, with 2021 revenue up an amazing 21% over 2020
- dramatic increases in admission and events at Swonder Ice Arena.

We know there is much work to be done but know this: we are committed to ensuring that the quality of our parks meets the high standards that our citizens deserve.

Looking at the list of at all of the projects we've completed, there's one that's noticeably absent: Roberts Park. But I'm pleased to report that, thanks to City Council funding and a private sector donor, we are set to begin. The re-boot, if you will, starts with an update of the park plan by Jeff Justice of Hafer, which is now underway.

The first work will be the build-out of the park's infrastructure like roads and utility placement. Also, in the first phase, construction of an improved park entrance on Boeke Road to replace the tired and dated entrance that we've had for years. We're very excited to get going on Roberts Park. We anticipate an exciting new announcement in the weeks ahead.

We Also Have An Economic Development Challenge: Air Service

Airlines have paused our service to and from Chicago and Detroit. This began during one of the COVID surges. Leisure traffic is leading the airline recovery, but slow business travel, pilot shortages, and fuel costs have prompted carriers to reduce service here, and in other cities.

This presents an enormous challenge for our business community, which relies on convenient and affordable air service for customers and vendors.

Airport Manager Nate Hahn is working diligently with the airlines, our local business leaders, and the state to ensure these badly needed routes return sooner rather than later.

Keep this in mind: airlines are adding planes and flights where passengers are flying out of. They don't care about your home zip codes, just which airport you choose. I know that it may be difficult now, but whenever possible, I encourage you to fly EVV first!

The challenges we face are not insignificant, we also have opportunities that will perpetuate our city's recent positive progress.

November 21st was a cool and rainy morning, and just about thirty seconds

before 7 am, the 420 Main building came down. The tower had been largely unoccupied for years, as was the Sycamore Building on the same block.

Our vision for the block is for mixed-use; retail and restaurants on the ground floor with apartments above. The original dynamic design received state incentives, but inflation has forced us to take a second look at that design. Our mixed-use vision has not changed, but our team is reimagining the scope of the project.

The Fifth and Main project is our number one downtown priority, and I remain confident that a significant development will occur. Certainly, more to come on this in the weeks and months ahead.

We're also casting a bold vision for the future of the Evansville Riverfront. We're calling this River Vision. Picture a totally different traffic pattern; one that creates more opportunities closer to the river — either for seasonal kiosks, green space or perhaps even for something more permanent.

Imagine new living opportunities above retail shops and restaurants from Court Street to Cherry Street.

River Vision is a product of our updated 2016 Downtown Master Plan, in which hundreds of participants called for greater activation of the riverfront, and it was a part of our successful \$50 million READI grant submission, which was led by the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership.

Candace Chapman and Josh Armstrong are leading the planning, visioning, and financial modeling of this incredible plan. Candidly, given the scope and complexity of this plan, this will be completed in phases and take several years.

When the weather is nice, the riverfront is certainly ONE of THE places to be in Evansville. Just look at the overwhelming success of Mickey's Kingdom. And, before the end of THIS year, you will also be able to count a new skate park as another riverfront amenity.

Here's the first public look at the rendering for the new park. We hope to break ground in April. It will be located between Mickey's Kingdom and the new parking lot which was constructed as part of the new Sunrise Pump Station.

Heather Vaught and our local skate and bike community have led this effort, which will allow young (or young at heart) and daring skaters to do their thing. We anticipate an opening by the fourth quarter of the year.

One of the great opportunities for our city is what will come from the \$64.4 million in American Rescue Plan money.

I'm grateful that the City Council endorsed our plan to make a significant investment in mental health. The Council's unanimous vote to appropriate \$10 million for Southwest Behavioral Health to create two services that currently do not exist here is the foundation to an unprecedented level of future care.

The city's partnership with Southwest will help renovate two existing buildings to create 1) a new 20-bed adult residential treatment center, and 2) a new child and family services neurodevelopmental psychiatry specialty center.

The 20-bed treatment center will be a co-ed facility for adults needing short-term residential treatment (28-35 days) following hospitalization or crisis. The location for this much-needed service is on downtown property owned by Southwest.

The new children and family service will allow for children and adolescents with dual diagnoses to have a local treatment option. This will be located in a building on South Green River Road. We are working with other mental health service providers to relocate to this facility so that they can

partner with Southwest to create an unprecedented level of professional collaboration.

Council also approved our request for start-up operating funds for the Evansville Diversion Center, which is housed at United Caring Services in downtown Evansville.

This six-bed 23-hour facility is for people experiencing substance use and/or a co-occurring mental health crisis.

This facility will provide front-line intervention in order to divert people away from unnecessary hospital visits or incarceration. Conservatively, UCS anticipates serving 250 people each year representing a savings of \$4.5 million.

Easterseals also provides vital psychiatric services for our region. Kelly Schneider and her team have developed a Doctoral level Internship for Clinical Psychologists and a post-doctorate Fellowship for psychologists who have just completed their graduate degrees.

This offering allows Interns and Fellows to conduct psychological testing and counseling, regardless of a client's ability to pay. This expands Easterseals' Psychology services capacity by about four times.

This complements the partnership between Easterseals and the University of Evansville for on-campus mental services for students, faculty, and staff.

All of this aligns with the good work of Dr. Steve Becker at the IU School of Medicine - Evansville. You may recall the December announcement of the Mary O'Daniel Stone and Bill Stone Center for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

The Stones gifted the IU School of Medicine - Evansville \$34.2 million to establish the center which will advance research, education, and improve the standard of care for people with bipolar disorder and related health issues.

The collaboration of our mental health experts is truly phenomenal. I think it's very likely that in a few short years, our region's access to quality treatment, and the groundbreaking research that will happen here, will make us the envy of the state and the entire Midwest.

Now, an update on another kind of groundbreaking — this one for a project that will make it safer for students to get to school: the pedestrian crossing over U.S. 41 at Washington Avenue.

This is a daunting view for students as they try to cross Washington on their way to Bosse High School.

I had the chance to share this challenge with Governor Eric Holcomb, who directed INDOT to help us find a

safe solution.

Here's the first-ever view of a rendering for the bridge. Engineers say the bridge will now span both the trail and the highway.

INDOT says that the project is on schedule, which means a public hearing on the latest plans will be scheduled for late spring or early summer. A final field check will occur this December and we anticipate a contract letting next May (and yes, INDOT understands we would love for the timeline to go faster).

Finally, we have an exciting piece of news to break today. It involves the Deaconess Aquatic Center and 62 Delaware School third through fifth graders participating in the 21st Century Learning Center program.

Next Wednesday, We'll Start A Pilot Swimming Lesson Program

Over a four-week period, our partners at the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana will start these students on the path of swimming and teach them basic water safety. The goal is to expand the program next school year with even more elementary-aged students from around the city. We are so grateful for our partnership with the YMCA and the EVSC.

Last Monday, the first day of spring break, was a sunny, mild day. Zoo Director Erik Beck tells me that more than 4,000 people came to the zoo on that day alone. As Erik says, and I agree, everyone loves penguins.

So, let's take a technological leap of faith and go LIVE to the Kinney Family Penguins of Patagonia exhibit. Wayne Kinney, who along with his wife Beth made the naming rights contribution, is joining us LIVE from the penguin exhibit to help me promote an upcoming attraction.

Visitors will soon be able to feed the birds. The zoo staff is busy working out the logistics, but we anticipate that in the next couple of weeks, you'll be able to feed the penguins as part of your visit.

Wayne, before you demonstrate the feeding process, I want to thank you and Beth for your generosity in making this exhibit happen.

There's a tremendous sense of excitement at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Gardens, much like there is across Evansville.

My friends, the state of our city is strong and the sense of anticipation for the next big event or project is palpable. We're the third-largest city in Indiana, and we're playing like it. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a small part of such a dynamic time in Evansville's history.

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Entertainment

Jeremy Camp Plays The Plaza April 28

APRIL 2022

Evansville, IN –Premier Productions and GRAMMY®-nominated singer songwriter Jeremy Camp announced the I Still Believe Tour with special guests Riley Clemmons and Jordan St. Cyr. The tour will stop at the Old National Events Plaza on April 28, 2022 and features some of

among solo artists on the Christian Air-play chart, 5 RIAA Gold Albums and Billboard's No. 2 artist of the Decade in 2010. Camp has also received a GRAMMY® nomination, 3 American Music Award nominations, 5 Dove Awards and 4 ASCAP "Songwriter of the Year" Awards. His reach encompasses over 5 million lifetime albums sold and has crossed 1 billion streams across all streaming services.

Her sophomore album Godsend was released on June 4th. Meanwhile, Jordan St. Cyr's latest single "Fires" stayed on the Billboard Christian Airplay charts for 45 weeks and climbed to No. 5 while playing on major networks and stations for more than a year, reaching 7.7 million people a week.

celebrated the release of the film I STILL BELIEVE, which

chronicles his personal story, starring KJ Apa, Britt Robertson, Shania Twain and Gary Sinise. Camp also released a greatest hits album in February 2020.

Audiences can sign up for the pre-sale at www.IStillBelieve-Tour.com.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or the Old National Events Plaza Box Office. For more in-

formation about the Aiken Theatre, visit www.oldnationaleventsplaza.com



Event Information

What: Jeremy Camp with special guests Riley Clemmons and Jordan St. Cyr

When: April 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Where: Old National Events Plaza, Aiken Theatre

Tickets: Tickets are \$25.00 available at the Old National Events Plaza box office or at Ticketmaster.com.

Camp's biggest hits, including "Dead Man Walking," "Keep Me in the Moment," "When You Speak," "I Still Believe," and many more!

Throughout his 18-year career, Christian artist Jeremy Camp has established himself with landmark accolades including 41 No. 1 radio hits across all formats, the title for most No. 1 singles

Along with performing his biggest hits, Jeremy Camp welcomes Riley Clemmons and Jordan St. Cyr on this tour. In 2017, Riley Clemmons released her breakout debut single "Broken Prayers," which has generated over 30

Last year, Camp released his latest studio album "When You Speak" and followed up the album release with a tour by the same name. In 2020, Camp

Victory Theatre To Host NEEDTOBREATHE May 15

APRIL 2022

Evansville, IN –GRAMMY® Award-nominated rock band NEEDTOBREATHE has announced an intimate acoustic tour of North America in support of their latest critically acclaimed studio album Into The Mystery including a show at the Victory Theatre in Evansville on May 15th. The 26-city Into The Mystery Acoustic Tour will kick off on April 18 in Winnipeg, MB, and wrap on May 22 with two back-to-back shows in Knoxville, TN. Patrick Droney will provide support on all dates. Pre-sale tickets will be available to The Insiders Fan Club beginning tomorrow, February 4, and the general on-sale begins next Friday, February 11 at 10:00 am local time.



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Awards. NEEDTOBREATHE also delivered unforgettable performances on CBS's The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and The Late Late Show with James Corden, and ABC's The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration.

Following the album's release, the band unveiled the accompanying documentary "NEEDTOBREATHE: Into The Mystery". The film intimately chronicles the group recording the album, while quarantined in a historic house-turned-recording studio in remote Tennessee in the fall of 2020. "NEEDTOBREATHE: Into The Mystery" is available on-demand (including iTunes / Apple TV and Amazon Prime Video) now via Greenwich Entertainment.

conversation that takes place in these beautiful theaters have been a pretty magical experience for us as a band. So much of our music was written and recorded acoustically in a living room, and with two new albums to pull from, we want to bring that experience to you again."

NEEDTOBREATHE's latest studio

album Into The Mystery is available now via Elektra Records. The album debuted in the Top 10 across three Billboard charts and received praise from Rolling Stone, Billboard, People, American Songwriter, and more. Leading into release, the band performed Into The Mystery's lead single "I Wanna Remember" along-

Jurassic Quest Migrates To Evansville In June

APRIL 2022

Evansville, IN – The largest and most realistic dinosaur event in North America is back, bigger and better than ever! Evansville-area families will walk among the nation's biggest herd of photorealistic dinosaurs when Jurassic Quest® opens at The Plaza this June.

Jurassic Quest is one of the first indoor family edutainment shows to re-launch indoors since March 2020 with its most beloved and unique experiences for the whole family including life-like dinosaurs, some of the largest rideable dinosaurs in North America, live dinosaur shows, interactive science, and art activities including a fossil dig and real fossils like T-Rex teeth, a triceratops horn and life-size dino skull, a "Triceratops" soft play area for our littlest explorers, bounce houses and inflatable attractions, photo opportunities, and more!

New for 2022, families are invited to pick up a map at the entry to embark on "The Quest," an interactive scavenger-hunt style adventure with 10 clues leading them to meet dinos and prehistoric sea creatures, capture a Dino Snap, search for fossils, watch a live Raptor Training Experience and more, to earn a prize at the end (included with general admission).

Loved by millions, only Jurassic Quest can bring memories this big! Walkthrough 165 million years of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods to learn about the creatures that ruled on land, and "deep dive" into

the "Ancient Oceans" exhibit to come face to face with the largest apex predator that ever existed—a moving, life-size, 50-foot-long megalodon! Meet the babies, hatched only at Jurassic Quest: Cammie the Camarasaurus, Tyson the T-Rex, and Trixie the Triceratops—and, you may even catch one of our star dino trainers: Safari Sarah, Dino Dustin, Captain Caleb, Prehistoric Nick, or Park Ranger Marty!

The Jurassic Quest herd of animatronic dinos—from the largest predators to playful baby dinos—are displayed in realistic scenes with some that move and roar, allowing guests to experience them as they were when they roamed the earth billions of years ago. Jurassic Quest works in collaboration with leading paleontologists to ensure each dinosaur is painstakingly replicated in every detail, from coloration to teeth size, to textured skin, fur or feathers, drawing on the latest research about how we understand dinosaurs and ancient giants of the sea looked and moved.

About Jurassic Quest

Since 2013, Jurassic Quest has been touring epic dinosaur experiences treating millions of people across North America to an as-close-as-you-can-get look at the giants that ruled the Earth and sea millions of years ago. Jurassic Quest is the largest and most realistic dinosaur exhibition in North America. Developed with leading paleontologists, each dinosaur has been painstakingly replicated in every

detail including the most realistic likenesses, movement, and sound. Whether their prehistoric counterpart had skin that was scaly, feathers or fur, Jurassic Quest has spared no expense in bringing the dinosaurs to life. Jurassic Quest produced 96 multi-day

events in 34 states and Canada and sold over one million tickets in 2019, and has hosted over 2.5 million fans at its Jurassic Quest Drive-Thru touring throughout the country since June 2020. For more information and tickets visit www.jurassicquest.com.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30

To be eligible for the drawings, swipe your Rewards card at any promotional kiosk and activate your entries on April 30, any time between 5PM - 7:30PM CT.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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To be eligible for the drawings, swipe your Rewards card at any promotional kiosk and activate your entries on April 13, any time between 3:30PM - 5:30PM CT.

DRAWINGS AT 6PM, 6:30PM, 7PM & 7:30PM CT

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

This exclusive event is for Bally Reward Members who have received a \$1,200.00 Jackpot or more between January 1, 2020 and April 21, 2022.

Club Members will have as many entries as they have Jackpots between January 1, 2020 and 5:59AM CT on April 21, 2022.

To be eligible for the drawings, swipe your Rewards card at any promotional kiosk and activate your entries on April 22, any time between 5PM - 7PM CT.

DRAWINGS AT 7:30PM, 8PM, 8:30PM & 9PM CT

See Players Club for details. Bally's Evansville is not responsible for lost entries. Must be present to win. All winners will have 5 minutes to claim their prize. One redraw per prize. Members can win up to 2 times. Bonus Free Slot Play is valid for 72 hours. All taxes are the responsibility of the winners(s). Players who win prizes of \$600 or more in value within a 12-month period will be required to furnish necessary information for issuance of a 1099 tax form in accordance with IRS regulations.

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