

# Sheriff Candidate Robinson Thanks His Supporters

**MAY 2022**

It is with great pleasure that I address the people who voted in the recent Vanderburgh County Democratic primary.

I'm extremely humbled by your support for me as the Democratic candidate for Vanderburgh County Sheriff in the recent primary election.

This past primary race was a grueling one. It tested our team's endurance, our organizational and logistical skills, and at times took every ounce of energy I had to give. I'm proud of the result, but even more proud of the group of supporters we have assembled.

Running a Sheriff's Office requires the ability to assemble a team, build a consensus, keep people engaged, and see your initiatives through. Our win last

Tuesday in a highly contested race was a major step towards demonstrating to the public that I have what it takes to lead the Sheriff's Office.

I enter into the upcoming general election with great anticipation and look forward to debating the issues with my opponent. The differences between the two candidates will become readily apparent.

My stances on some hot button issues will likely appear more moderate than my competition. Having previously served as second-in-command of the Vander-

burgh County Sheriff's Office.

I know that bumper sticker slogans don't translate well into policy. A Sheriff must see all sides of an issue and take action for the best interest of the entire community. A Sheriff must stay above the increasingly polarizing talking points that spew out of our national political scene.

I will not embarrass my uniform or my Office by engaging in hyper-partisanship. I am a Democrat, but I will be a Sheriff first. I also understand that It is my job to protect the constitutional rights of our



citizens, which is a responsibility I have taken seriously for over 21 years.

My campaign platform is based on a common sense approach to dealing with the challenges facing our community. I feel that my initiatives will lead to lower crime rates, reduced violence in our community, and a smaller jail population.

I want to thank every one of the 4,405 voters who showed up last Tuesday and cast their ballot for me.

If I didn't have your support during the primary election, I will do my best to earn your confidence and support over the next six months.

**Sincerely,  
Noah Robinson  
Candidate For Vanderburgh County Sheriff**

# Kiefer Named Top Retail Real Estate Performer In Indiana

**MAY 2022**

Joe Kiefer, with Hahn Kiefer Real Estate Services, was recently presented in Noblesville, IN at the Indiana Commercial Real Estate Conference an award as the Top Retail Real Estate Performer in Indiana for 2021.

Kiefer was also recognized earlier this year in Louisville, KY at Churchill Downs by the Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Alliance (KCREA) as the Vacant Land Broker of the Year for 2021. This adds to a list of previous achievements Kiefer and Hahn Kiefer Real Estate Services has received since 2017.

Joe Kiefer is the owner and Managing Broker of Hahn Kiefer Real Estate Services and its offices are located in Evansville, IN.



# CenterPoint Energy Receives Approval For 335 Megawatts Of Renewable Energy

**MAY 2022**

Evansville – CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today announced its Indiana-based electric utility business, CenterPoint Energy Indiana South, received approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to enter into two power purchase agreements (PPAs) for an additional 335 megawatts (MWs) of solar energy as part of the next component in the company's long-term electric generation transition plan.

The PPAs consist of 185 MWs of

solar power under a 15-year PPA from Oriden, which is developing a solar project in Vermillion County, Ind., and 150 MWs of solar power, under a 20-year PPA from Origis Energy, which is developing a solar project in Knox County, Ind. The 335 MWs from both developments are expected to supply enough power to meet the needs



of more than 70,000 homes or 12,000 commercial customers each year.

"The additional energy obtained through these PPAs will further CenterPoint Energy's Smart Energy Future strategy and continue our efforts to bring clean energy to the communities we serve," said Steve

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# Innovation, Decisiveness Keys To Musgrave's Success As Vanderburgh County Commissioner

**MAY 2022**

Innovative. Hard-working. Decisive. Prepared. Professional.

These are the kind of adjectives used to describe Cheryl Musgrave, Vanderburgh County Commissioner. Her work as an elected official has delivered technological innovation and better roads.

Musgrave recently secured a major win for unincorporated Vanderburgh County in Broadband Internet access. By the end of 2023, every property will have access to fiber, delivering quality and speed unequaled in any other county in the country. This is the most recent result of a career



spent in public service.

The daughter and granddaughter of career military men, Cheryl is a 'military brat'. Born in Germany, and raised in Utah, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Naples, Italy, she learned early the honor and sacrifice of public service.

This public service ethic led Musgrave to pursue elected office. She won her first race for Vanderburgh

County Assessor by a two-to-one margin over a twenty-four-year incumbent who outspent her by a large margin.

Her career includes eight victorious county-wide races, both general and primary elections, including four that ousted incumbents. In doing so, Musgrave earned the reputation of a tough and effective campaigner with

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# Commentary

## Should Social Security Allow Privatization?

**May 2022**  
**By Dannie McIntire**

If you've read some of my previous columns you know I often rant over the growth of federal and state entitlement programs. However, I do digress into considering Social Security to be an entitlement program. First, some background on the Social Security program.

The Social Security Act was passed during the administration Of President Roosevelt in 1935, establishing the Social Security Administration. The main purpose of the original Social Security Act was to pay financial benefits to



retirees over age 65 based on a lifetime payroll tax. People would contribute to their own future economic security by contributing a portion of their work income through payroll tax deductions.

The Social Security tax is a flat-rate tax, everyone pays the same rate on the first of their earnings, up to a set maximum wage base, which for the year 2021 was \$142,800. Half this tax is paid by the employee through payroll withholding. The other half is paid by the employer. So employees pay 6.2% of their wage earnings up to the maximum wage base, and employers also pay

6.2% of their employee's wage earnings up to the maximum wage base, for a total of 12.4%.

I'm now retired and receiving monthly Social Security payments, the fruit of my labor for having worked almost 50 years, in which, and my employer(s), paid into Social Security on my behalf. So yes, I am prejudiced when I hear any discussion of cutting Social Security as a means of reducing the federal budget deficit. To me, and my fellow retirees, it is our money, we've already earned it.

In its most recent report, the board of trustees that oversees the Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program predicts Social Security reserves will be depleted in 2034. I believe we need to take a serious look at our current Social Security system and enact reforms to

ensure this benefit for future retirees while protecting the benefits current retirees are receiving.

Although the privatizing of Social Security has been proposed in the past, our congress had never seriously entertained exploring that idea. Why?

One reason may be because the US Treasury is required by law to invest surplus Social Security funds in special Treasury bonds. A market rate of interest is paid to the trust funds on the bonds they hold, and when those bonds reach maturity or are needed to pay benefits, the Treasury redeems them.

In simpler terms, the surplus Social Security funds are invested in special government treasury bonds, and our government uses the resulting revenue to help pay

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## Despite Indiana's Low Cost Of Living, Many Spend Half Their Income Or More On Rent

**MAY 2022**  
**By Ariana Lovitt**  
**TheStatehouseFile.com**

INDIANAPOLIS—Affordable housing in the state of Indiana is a challenge for many, whether Hoosiers are renting or paying a mortgage.

According to a report from Prosperity Indiana, 27% of people who rent live in low-income households. Additionally, 72% of those households are severely cost-burdened. In other words, more than half of their annual income goes towards paying rent or a mortgage.

"While Indiana has a reputation of being an affordable place to live with a low cost of living, Indiana actually has the single highest rate of severe housing cost burden in the entire Midwest, with the lowest-income populations," said Andrew Bradley, policy director of Prosperity Indiana.

"That has real significant impacts for individual families but also for the state when it thinks about how it wants to keep its population and grow its economy."

In terms of affordable housing, it's more than just ensuring someone has a roof over their head. A report from the National Low Income Housing Co-

alition finds that affordability is often the ticket to increasing economic mobility, safety and health.

"Affordable housing is literally a foundation for economic security and prosperity not only for your families but also for communities in the state at large," said Bradley. "Having affordable and available and safe housing is necessary for good health outcomes. It's important for educational outcomes and also overall economic outcomes.

"We do a lot of advocacy work to make sure that not only are we producing new, affordable units of housing, but also the current existing stock of housing is available and safe and stable."

Rep. Cherrish Pryor, D-Indianapolis, acknowledges these findings as well as disparities affecting property value for renters and buyers. House Bill 1326, which was proposed during the 2022 legislative session, would have prohibited discrimination in lending and appraisals based on an applicant's race, sex, religion, familial status or country of origin. Pryor also pushed for discrimination in housing to be a major discussion topic during the interim study committee process.

The bill was passed to the Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance but did not receive a hearing. Pryor's recent press release regarding this cites the controversial critical race theory discussions as a "non-issue," one that may have pushed her legislation to the side during the 2022 session.

"Some of the things that we can do was to require cultural competency training for appraisals," said Pryor. "We are also trying to get more minority appraisers as well, and then putting in place penalties and fines if someone does under-appraise a person's property."

An example of an under-appraisal came from one Black Hoosier homeowner in 2021, who suspected that the appraisal received for her home's value was too low. To test this theory, a white friend of hers put up the exact same listing, and the price of her appraisal more than doubled. This bias is one that Pryor and other Indiana housing organizations hope to eliminate.

One specific group is the Fair Housing Center of Indiana, which aims to educate about housing biases and encourage advocacy and community

outreach. Amy Nelson, the group's executive director, supports efforts to improve housing equality, especially efforts from lawmakers.

"In so many ways, the state has taken items out of the toolkit that is available to so many cities across our country that simply aren't available here," Nelson said. "We have an affordability crisis. We have a substandard housing crisis. We have an eviction crisis, and we have a housing discrimination problem.

"And that's really because there's just been a series of bills passed by the General Assembly, all of which have favored the industry to the detriment of renters and other housing consumers."

"We're never going to solve the problem if we, as a legislature, don't step in," said Pryor. "I don't think that there's a single solution to this problem. But I think [it is] supporting the legislation that I have, making sure that the individuals that [Hoosiers] come in contact with are aware of the legislation, and having them call their legislators ... to make this a priority."

**FOOTNOTE: Ariana Lovitt is a reporter for TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students.**

## With Malice Towards None...

**MAY 2022**  
**By Adina Moss**

Was Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address the greatest in our nation's history? Robert Schlesinger1ranks it among the top five. In his list, he also included Thomas Jefferson's first (1801), Franklin Roosevelt's first and second (1933, 1937), and John Kennedy's (1961). James Lind-say2places Lincoln's first (1861) and second (1865) in his list of best inaugurals. Other addresses he included were by Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt (1905), Franklin Roosevelt's first, John Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan (1981). Jeff D'Alessio3ranks Lincoln's second inaugural as first in his top five. He included in his collection Thomas Jefferson's first, Abraham



Lincoln's first, Franklin Roosevelt's first, and John Kennedy's.

We observe a general agreement among writers as they include many of the identical addresses. But while the same names appear, there is also consensus amongst historians that Lincoln's second inaugural was the greatest.1

Why would that be? Since George Washington gave the first such address, on April 30, 1789, there have been a total of 59 inaugural addresses. Many were given at troubling times in our nation's history. Washington gave his (1789), our nation's first, at the dawning of a new constitutional republic. He noted the "shared responsibility of the President and Congress to preserve the sacred fire of liberty and a republican

form of government." Jefferson gave his during the first peaceful transfer of power between different parties, in 1801. "But every difference of opinion," he stated, "is not a difference of principle." John Kennedy's inaugural was given at the height of the Cold War when he famously called upon fellow Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

But of all the orations given at times of grave peril, it is Lincoln's second inaugural, delivered March 4, 1865, that deserves the highest regard for it offered solace and inspiration for a wounded and divided nation in the midst of its bloodiest war.4With the Union forces victorious, the slaves freed, and the Civil War coming to an end (April 9, 1865), Lincoln was not triumphalist but conciliatory. He sought healing and unity not retribution or punishment, even as he acknowledged slavery as the cause of the war, and a grave evil

that the nation had to expunge. He sought divine providence and guidance, quoting from the Bible four times, invoking God's name fourteen times, and summoning prayer three times.5"Woe unto the world because of offenses," he said, acknowledging the wickedness of slavery and the punishment of war that came in its wake. In some 700 words, he comforted the nation, including his fellow countrymen in the south. "But let us judge not, that we are not judged," he said, seeking not to condemn the south but to offer friendship instead. He called for his countrymen "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." At a time of profound suffering and devastation, he sought healing when he appealed to all to "bind the nation's wounds."5Using biblical references, poetic language, and metaphor, Lincoln strove, in his second inaugural, to unite the country

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## OCRA Award Indiana Connectivity Program Funding To Expand Broadband Access

**MAY 2022**

STATEHOUSE– The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced the Indiana Connectivity Program awarded \$654,678 to expand broadband access to 253 addresses across 40 Indiana counties. The program is a new resource designed to help more Hoosier residents and business owners obtain access to high-speed, quality broadband.

The Indiana Connectivity Program acts as a tool to connect residents and businesses that lack internet service with internet service providers and assist in the expense of extending broadband to unserved and underserved locations.

“The Indiana Connectivity Program is unique in the fact that homeowners and business owners themselves can apply, rather than broadband providers

initiating the interest,” Crouch said. “We are empowering Hoosiers and giving them a voice to express their need for broadband service, helping expand broadband to more people across the state. This program is still available for Hoosiers to apply, and I encourage them to submit their address.”

Of the 253 addresses funded, 246 are households and 7 are businesses. Internet providers carrying out the projects are

matching over \$1.5 million for a total investment of \$2.2 million. To find a list of providers granted funding, visit [in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp](http://in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp).

“Over two hundred and fifty rural households and businesses will soon have reliable internet as a result of this program,” said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. “This will have a great impact on these Hoosier’s everyday lives, whether it be having the ability to work and learn remotely, shop online,

or connect virtually with family and friends.”

The program accepts addresses on a rolling basis. Hoosiers and business owners lacking internet connectivity can communicate their interest by entering their address and information into the Next Level Connections portal at [in.gov/ocra/broadband](http://in.gov/ocra/broadband).

Hoosiers can also initiate interest by calling the Indiana Broadband Connect Center, which is open on business days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET. Hoosiers can reach the call center at 833-639-8522. Submitting location information into the Next Level Connections Broadband portal does not guarantee an extension of service.

Broadband providers must complete their projects within nine months of the contract date. For more information, visit [in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp](http://in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp).

## ISP Seeks Recruits For Motor Carrier Inspectors

**MAY 2022**

The Indiana State Police is now accepting additional applications for Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCI). The MCI positions will staff permanent scale facilities in Lowell, West Harrison, Terre Haute, Richmond, and Seymour. Inspectors enforce both state and federal regulations pertaining to commercial motor vehicles operating within the State of Indiana.

Trainees must complete the Motor Carrier Inspector School scheduled to begin on July 25, 2022, and conclude on September 30, 2022. The training will be conducted Monday through Friday at the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in Indianapolis, IN. Housing will be pro-

vided. During the training, trainees will develop skills including emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, communications, hazardous materials, first-aid, post-crash investigations, and truck inspections.

To participate in the selection process, applicants for the position of Motor Carrier Inspector must meet the following basic requirements:

Be a United States citizen.

Be at least 21 years old by September 30, 2022.

Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.

Possess a valid driver’s license.

Be required to pass a physical agility test, oral interview, polygraph exam, and a background investigation.

Be required to complete a medical exam, a psychological exam, and a drug test.

Geographical proximity to the scale facility may be a factor in the selection process.

Trainees are paid during the MCI school and are provided with all necessary equipment. The starting salary is \$36,124 and will increase to \$37,202 at the end of the first year of employment. Over the next ten years, with step increases in pay, a Motor Carrier Inspector may reach an annual salary of \$54,528. A retirement program will be available through PERF.

To apply for a Motor Carrier Inspector position, visit the Indiana State Police website at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/indianasp>. Applications for Motor Carrier Inspector must be submitted by 11:59 PM (Indianapolis time), Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

The Indiana State Police is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer complying with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as a Motor Carrier Inspector by visiting <https://www.in.gov/isp/career-opportunities/motor-carrier-inspectors/> or by recruiting Sergeant Kocsis directly at [akocsis@isp.in.gov](mailto:akocsis@isp.in.gov) and any Employment Services Section team member at [isprecruiting@isp.in.gov](mailto:isprecruiting@isp.in.gov)

## Evansville To Switch Water Disinfectant Starting May 16

**MAY 2022**

EVANSVILLE, IND. – Starting in mid-May and continuing for about seven weeks, Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) will temporarily switch the disinfectant used in the water treatment process to ensure the delivery of high-quality, safe drinking water to EWSU customers. During the switch, you may notice a slight change in the odor of your tap water.

The switch to free chlorine from the regularly used disinfectant chloramine will begin on Monday, May 16, and continue until Friday, July 1. Many water utilities use this standard preventive maintenance practice to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year. EWSU switches disinfectants twice a year. The second switchover will be from August 15 through September 30.

Here’s what you should know

**What is Chloramine?**

Chloramine is a disinfectant

used in drinking water to remove bacteria and viruses that can make you sick. It is made up of chlorine and ammonia. EWSU has used chloramine as the disinfectant in its water treatment process since 1999.

**What is Free Chlorine?**

Free chlorine is a slightly more potent disinfectant than chloramine, and it is used to remove more resistant bacteria and viruses that may be found in the water distribution

the water treatment process denies bacteria the ability to for resistance to the usual disinfection treatment process. Switching to free chlorine is a proactive step to maintain optimal disinfectant levels in the water distribution system.

As always, the drinking water will be regularly monitored to ensure that the water delivered meets or exceeds federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

**Why Does EWSU Use Chloramines Most of the Year?**

While chlorine is an effective disinfectant, chlorine alone creates byproducts that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulates. These byproduct levels can be significantly and cost-effectively reduced through the use of chloramine.

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## Braun Presses HHS On Treatments, Sex Change Procedures For Children

**MAY 2022**  
WASHINGTON – Today, Senator Mike Braun pressed Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra on his Department’s recommendations for “Gender Affirming Care” drugs and surgeries for adolescents.

The Health Resource guide<<https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/gender-affirming-care-young-people-march-2022.pdf>> from the Department of Health and Human Services says that “for transgender and nonbinary children and adolescents, early gender-affirming care is crucial to overall health and well-being.”

The guide goes on to define the term “gender-affirming care”



as including social affirmation, but also puberty-blocking drugs, “partially” irreversible testosterone/estrogen hormone therapy, and completely irreversible “gender-affirming surgeries” such as double mastectomies

and genital surgery on a “case by case” basis for adolescents.

Senator Braun asked Secretary Becerra under what “case by case” conditions a sex change surgery would be appropriate for a minor, and whether the Secre-

tary understood that puberty blockers and hormone therapy are not FDA approved for the purpose of gender transition which the Department is recommending.

Senator Braun to Secretary Becerra: “I think the government shouldn’t be pushing kids toward irreversible sex-change therapy. We’re moving into territory we’ve never been in as a government. These kids are having a hard time and we should be focusing more on mental health and not surgeries for kids that are totally irreversible. You’re promoting things that are out of sync with most of America and I think it would be wise to back up a little bit.” – Senator Mike Braun

## CPE Receives Approval For Renewable Energy

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Greenley, Senior Vice President, Generation Development for CenterPoint Energy. “We appreciate the continued efforts of Oriden and Origen Energy as they bring these projects to fruition and thank their leadership teams as well as the community partners in Vermillion and Knox Counties.”

The PPAs represent the next component of the company’s Smart Energy Future Plan to support stakeholder sustainability

goals and implement a cost-effective, well-balanced energy mix for its 150,000 customers in southwest Indiana as outlined in its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). CenterPoint Energy is focused on achieving its net-zero goals for its Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 by building out its renewable resources.

CenterPoint Energy’s IRP includes a plan for a portfolio with nearly two-thirds of energy generated from renewable resources and in-

cludes flexible generation to meet seasonal peak loads. The portfolio seeks to maintain continued reliability while saving electric customers an estimated \$320 million over the 20-year planning period. In addition to the PPAs, the company previously received approval to acquire a solar array in Posey County and an additional PPA in Warrick County. CenterPoint Energy is awaiting an order on the application requesting approval to construct two natural gas combus-

tion turbines to replace portions of its existing coal-fired generation fleet.

CenterPoint Energy delivers electricity to approximately 150,000 customers in southwest Indiana in all or portions of Gibson, Dubois, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. Programs and services are operated under the brand CenterPoint Energy by Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Indiana South.

## Innovation, Decisiveness Keys To Musgrave’s Success As Vanderburgh County Commissioner

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an independent mindset.

Once elected, she has shown time and again creative problem solving which delivered exceptional service to taxpayers.

For example, as Assessor she cleaned up a corrupt and inefficient office, reducing personnel and cutting costs. She raised private funding and put property record information online, the first to do so in Indiana. Musgrave led the creation of the state-of-the-art Geographic In-

formation System, revolutionizing the real estate business in Vanderburgh County.

Later, as County Commissioner, Musgrave initiated significant road funding which led to an explosion in economic development in eastern Vanderburgh County. The focus on widening Green River Road and its feeder roads created abundant economic opportunity and population growth in the northeastern county.

In another example, Musgrave

obtained federal funding to link University Parkway with Diamond Avenue and obtained a grant to build the Burdette Park/USI Trail, both projects which had languished for years.

When a state-wide crisis in property taxes arose, Musgrave was tapped by Governor Mitch Daniels to lead the Department of Local Government Finance. This 18-month assignment resulted in a major restructuring of property taxes for all Indiana taxpayers. As part of tax reform,

a statewide referendum virtually eliminated the office of Township Assessor, an outcome Musgrave worked hard to achieve. The elimination of the township assessors resulted in uncalculated savings for Vanderburgh County and all of Indiana.

This track record of innovation and streamlining defines Cheryl Musgrave. She works hard to solve local problems in the long term for the best interests of residents without regard to politics.

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## Recent Vanderburgh Co. Marriage Licenses

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03/29/2022	2022-0000215	THANH TAN NGUYEN (Age 24)
		TINA TRUONG (Age 23)
03/29/2022	2022-0000217	DAYNE GARRETT ADAMS (Age 24)
		RACHEL LYNN MORTON (Age 21)
03/29/2022	2022-0000214	CHRISTOPHER ALAN LESZCZ (Age 38)
		AMY ELIZABETH GULLIKSON (Age 29)
03/29/2022	2022-0000216	JOHNELL LAMAR BARBER (Age 35)
		VICTORIA FRANCES WILLETT (Age 30)
03/30/2022	2022-0000218	JORDAN MICHAEL HELFERT (Age 25)
		KACI LEIGH HERTWECK (Age 26)
03/30/2022	2022-0000221	CLAIRE ELIZABETH HIRSCH (Age 25)
		SAMUEL RICHARD FINN (Age 28)
03/30/2022	2022-0000220	ANDREW JOSEPH NAAS (Age 29)
		DANIELLE MARIE DART (Age 31)
03/30/2022	2022-0000219	SABRINA TYRE (Age 23)
		MARK STEWART (Age 37)
03/30/2022	2022-0000223	ELISHAH BLU BURNETT-BOWLING (Age 21)
		WALTER A BOWLIN (Age 29)
03/30/2022	2022-0000222	JOSHUA L MCKINNON (Age 30)
		TIFFANY N RUST (Age 27)
03/31/2022	2022-0000225	ERICA LASHA SLAYTON (Age 29)
		JAKE HARLEY DOUTHITT (Age 27)
03/31/2022	2022-0000226	RACHEL NICOLE FITZWATER (Age 32)
		TED DUSTIN HYATT (Age 31)
03/31/2022	2022-0000224	WILLIAM EDGAR RICKETTS II (Age 31)
		BRITTANY LEE OLDHAM (Age 32)
04/01/2022	2022-0000235	WHITLEY NIKOLE FISH (Age 30)
		MICHAEL M EVERITT (Age 29)
04/01/2022	2022-0000232	ANGELINA KAY ALLEN (Age 35)
		CORY ALLEN CLARK (Age 30)
04/01/2022	2022-0000229	LEE FLOYD (Age 50)
		MICHELLE TAPIA (Age 51)
04/01/2022	2022-0000231	JUAN CARLOS BETANCOURT (Age 41)
		TIFFANY ELAINE WILLIAMS (Age 49)
04/01/2022	2022-0000234	DANIELLE NORMAN (Age 28)
		ALEX MITCHELL (Age 29)
04/01/2022	2022-0000236	GERALD WILLIS CROWE (Age 32)
		KAREN RAE SMALL (Age 48)
04/01/2022	2022-0000237	JAMES EDMOND STREET (Age 72)
		MARTHA LEE STREET (Age 69)
04/01/2022	2022-0000238	TAYLOR FISCHER (Age 28)
		KAYTLEN DOSSETT (Age 26)
04/01/2022	2022-0000230	MALACHI MATTHEW SEATON (Age 26)
		ANDREA ROBINSON (Age 25)
04/01/2022	2022-0000227	RONALD LEE CASPER JR (Age 37)
		TERI JO PORTER (Age 37)
04/01/2022	2022-0000228	GREDEL MARIE VANWAY (Age 24)
		CHANCE AUSTIN BOYD (Age 19)
04/01/2022	2022-0000233	WILBURN MICHAEL CARLTON (Age 68)
		CYNTHIA ANN BUNCH (Age 60)
04/04/2022	2022-0000239	LINDSEY MARIE CLARK (Age 24)
		CHRISTOPHER LEE SWANGO (Age 43)

Issued Date	License #	Applicants
04/05/2022	2022-0000240	NICOLE ANN PREILIS (Age 23)
		BRENDON ANDREW GREENFIELD KELLEY (Age 26)
04/05/2022	2022-0000241	JERMAINE L FINGER (Age 46)
		KRISTIE R JONES (Age 49)
04/06/2022	2022-0000245	ELISHA MICHELLE THOMAS (Age 42)
		RODRIQUEZ MATHIS (Age 46)
04/06/2022	2022-0000244	RYAN SCOTT WEBSTER (Age 35)
		EMILY HELEN SCHUFF (Age 36)
04/06/2022	2022-0000242	CHRISTOPHER A PRUITT (Age 31)
		KALI M VARBLE (Age 26)
04/06/2022	2022-0000243	BURKES MENEFIELD (Age 36)
		KARI LYNN WILSON (Age 40)
04/07/2022	2022-0000248	AARON MICHAEL TEDROW SR (Age 45)
		ROCIÓ PÉREZ CALDERON (Age 39)
04/07/2022	2022-0000250	MORGANNE N SCHUTTE (Age 27)
		ORLANDO L BARRETT II (Age 27)
04/07/2022	2022-0000246	LILY M CASAVANT (Age 22)
		NOLAN E DURCHOLZ (Age 23)
04/07/2022	2022-0000247	TOBIAS OLIVER BROWN (Age 30)
		LAURA BETH O'LEARY (Age 30)
04/07/2022	2022-0000249	JOSHUA REED COOK (Age 42)
		NICOLE KATHERINE DEALPH (Age 31)
04/08/2022	2022-0000251	NATASHA REBEKAH ROBERTSON (Age 23)
		CRISS STANLEY ARNOLD (Age 25)
04/08/2022	2022-0000256	LANE AUSTIN BUENTE (Age 25)
		LEIGH ANNE SEITZ (Age 22)
04/08/2022	2022-0000255	SARAH CATHERINE BROWN (Age 33)
		BRANDON SCOTT BAUMEYER (Age 37)
04/08/2022	2022-0000252	WILLIAM R GARNETT (Age 62)
		KIMBERLY E FREEMAN (Age 53)
04/08/2022	2022-0000253	WILLIAM E PAYNE (Age 48)
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East	
Mattie Sherryl Miller	Jun. 06, 1932 – Apr. 02, 2022
Ronald Laster	Sep. 10, 1951 – Apr. 03, 2022
James B. Salyer	Feb. 10, 1930 – Apr. 04, 2022
Pauline A. Patterson	Aug. 16, 1932 – Apr. 03, 2022
Donald Lee Wade	Dec. 13, 1946 – Apr. 10, 2022
Martha V Kello	Apr. 21, 1946 – Apr. 11/2022
David E. Gossett	Jun. 09, 1956 – Apr. 15, 2022
Larral Wayne Dunn	May 12, 1948 – Apr. 16, 2022
Virginia “Ruth” Shaw	Mar. 26, 1944 – Apr. 16, 2022
Pat L Maharg	Apr. 16, 1937 – Apr. 23, 2022
Barbara Jo Malcolm	Oct. 02, 1930 – Apr. 24, 2022
Curtis W. Williams	Dec. 14, 1921 – Apr. 24, 2022
Nell F. McMillin	Feb. 13, 1934 – Apr. 26, 2022

West	
Shirley Jeffreys	Apr. 17, 1953 – Mar. 28, 2022
Wendy Jo Christmas	Apr. 05, 1979 – Mar. 29, 2022
Frederick “Fred” Schultz	Jan. 15, 1937 – Mar. 30, 2022
Jeanette A Rueger	Nov. 13, 1924 – Apr. 01, 2022
Kenneth L. Anderson	Jan. 15, 1951 – Apr. 04, 2022
Janet L Fetters	Jun 28, 1951 – Apr. 05,2022
Richard Lee Rosenberg	Jun. 20, 1949 – Apr. 09, 2022
Tom Todd	Oct. 16, 1944 – Apr. 11, 2022
Vernard Ray Devillez	Aug. 27, 1938 – Apr. 16, 2022
Robert “Bob” W. Smith	Mar. 16, 1945 – Apr. 17, 2022
Randall Craig Nevils	Jan. 19, 1945 – Apr. 08, 2022
Steven Daugherty	Mar. 12, 1943 – Apr. 18, 2022
Ida M. Laymon	Jul. 06, 1928 – Apr. 19, 2022
Betty Ann Foster	Nov. 30, 1931 – Apr. 19, 2022
Larry E. Pointer	Nov. 30, 1945 – Apr. 22, 2022
Jerry W. Barton	Mar. 22, 1952 – Apr. 23, 2022
Loretta Jean Martin	Dec. 17, 1955 – Apr. 23, 2022
Larry Melvin Schultz	Mar. 18, 1939 – Apr. 25, 2022
Marieta “Rita” Mahrenholz	Feb. 13, 1941 – Apr. 27, 2022
Linda Pauline Gamblin	Oct. 17, 1949 – Apr. 30, 2022

North	
Jeanne Lobeck	Mar. 13, 1925 – Mar. 22, 2022
Monae Royalty Jones	Mar. 14, 2022 – Apr. 03, 2022
Jean Royster	Dec. 20, 1934 – Apr. 05, 2022
Charlotte A Thompson	Feb. 23, 1934 – Apr. 05, 2022
Roberty “Bob” Walker	Jan. 29, 1934 – Apr. 08, 2022
John D. Murphy Jr.	Apr. 24, 1947 – Apr. 08, 2022
Doris J. Parks	Oct. 24, 1938 – Apr. 09, 2022
Fred B. Greenfield	Jul. 06, 1926 – Apr. 09, 2022
David L. Smith	Oct. 31, 1922 – Apr. 16, 2022
Bruce L. Melton	Apr. 05, 1938 – Apr. 16, 2022
Harlan Russell Hardersen	Mar. 04, 1945 – Apr. 16, 2022
Kimberly “Kim” Jane Koch-Akin	Aug. 13, 1960 – Apr. 20, 2022
Ronald “Steve” Stephen Barron	Dec. 01, 1947 – Apr. 23, 2022

**BOONE FUNERAL HOME**

Patricia “Joyce” Techau	Feb. 17, 1936 – Apr. 01, 2022
Sarah Matthews	Oct. 02, 1975 – Apr. 05, 2022
Theodore Jackson III	Aug. 05, 1077 – Apr. 07, 2022
Sandra Fair	Jan. 19, 1946 – Apr. 08, 2022
Leroy Heller	Jul. 06, 1937 – Apr. 08, 2022
Jerry Weatherholt	Aug. 08, 1933 – Apr. 11, 2022
Roberty “Bobby” Haley, Sr.	Feb.15, 1959 – Apr. 13, 2022
James Atkinson	Dec. 03, 1925 – Apr. 13, 2022
Donald Katterhenry	May. 15, 1942 – Apr. 14, 2022

Therena “Tina” Floyd	Aug. 09, 1947 – Apr. 16, 2022
Walton Stinson, Sr.	Feb. 20, 1920 – Apr. 16, 2022
Harold Dean Abney	Sep. 30, 1931 – Apr. 16, 2022
Dale Fries	May 13, 1941 – Apr. 18, 2022
Chit Ko	May 20, 1946 – Apr. 22, 2022
Margaret Newcomb	Mar. 13, 1926 – Apr. 24, 2022
Bertha “Bert” Baker	Oct. 07, 1928 – Apr. 26, 2022
Kenneth Carneal	Feb. 10, 1929 – Apr. 27, 2022
Mary Oswald	May 22, 1926 – Apr. 27, 2022
Raymond Mayes	Nov. 29, 1953 – Apr. 29, 2022
Marianne Ray	Apr. 25, 1933 – Apr. 30, 2022
William “Steve” Newman	Oct. 14, 1949 – Apr. 20, 2022

**MASON BROTHERS FUNERAL SERVICES**

Takeisha L. Sims	Dec. 03, 1992 – Apr. 08, 2022
Herman A. Hill	Apr. 21, 1941 – Apr. 10, 2022
James Joyce	May, 24, 1933 – Apr. 17, 2022
Mr Terry Lynn Tyler	Jul. 19, 1967 – Apr. 20, 2022
Mr. Welden Lloyd Hughes	Mar. 10, 1939 – Apr. 20,2022
Catherine Lorraine	
Garner-Wortham	Nov. 14, 1928 – Apr. 28, 2022

**PIERRE FUNERAL HOME**

Sylvia Ann Grimwood	Jun. 16, 1934 – Mar. 27,2022
Catherine G. Drone	Passed away Mar. 30, 2022
Margaret Julia Meinschein	Jul. 01, 1931 – Apr. 01, 2022
Christopher C. Chaffin	Mar. 26, 1960 – Apr. 05, 2022
Jerome M. Tieken	Dec. 20, 1944 – Apr. 05, 2022
Jacob Raymond Clark	Apr. 21, 1986 – Apr. 08, 2022
Ruth R. Cook	Jun. 11, 1960 – Apr. 08, 2022
Thomas Frederick Wannemuehler	Feb. 28, 1972 – Apr. 10, 2022
Alfred C. Koester	Aug. 13, 1930 –Apr. 10, 2022
Eileen Racine Ely	Apr. 28, 1930 – Apr. 10, 2022
Harold W. Nix	Jun. 22, 1934 – Apr. 11, 2022
Mary Jo Doolittle	Nov. 17, 1942 – Apr. 15, 2022
Kaden Robert Vera	May 13, 2007 – Apr. 19, 2022
Bettye J. Logel	Jan. 16, 1926 – Apr. 25, 2022
Ronald S. Lamkin	Dec. 18, 1944 – Apr. 25, 2022
Harriet Heinlin	Dec. 02, 1947 – Apr. 26, 2022
Eileen R. Steinkamp	Nov. 26, 1931 – Apr. 27, 2022
Evelyn J. Effinger	Sep. 05, 1939 – Apr. 29, 2022

**ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME**

Mary Lou Jones	Nov. 21, 1941 – Apr. 01, 2022
Fredrick D. Hawkins	Jun. 25, 1951 – Apr. 02, 2022
Thomas E. Kempf	Feb. 02, 1929 – Apr. 03, 2022
Janis M. Smith	Jun 01, 1937 – Apr. 04, 2022
Jerry R. Scott	Oct. 03, 1939 – Apr. 07, 2022
Donna D. Fluty	Oct. 10, 1962 – Apr. 08, 2022
Margarette “June” Carneal	Jun. 13, 1933 –Apr. 09, 2022
Carolyn Sue Schapker	Sep. 17, 1937 – Apr. 11, 2022
Ralph “Kent” Weathers	Oct. 16, 1959 – Apr. 12. 2022
Ronald H. Bentley	Apr. 04, 1947 – Apr. 19, 2022
Lisa Gorman	Mar. 12, 1963 – Apr. 19, 2022
Herman James “Jim” Schapker	Sep. 17, 1936 – Apr. 20, 2022
Chad Mitchell Hill	Apr. 20, 1944 – Apr. 21, 2022
Patricia “Pat” Freeman	Aug 17, 1931 – Apr. 21, 2022
Linda Musgrave Appel	Oct. 29, 1942 – Apr. 22, 2022
Mary Agnes Ryan	Sep. 14, 1931 – Apr. 23, 2022
Linda Miles	Aug. 15, 1948 – Apr. 23, 2022
Eugene L. “Gene” Welte	Nov. 30, 1942 –Apr. 25, 2022
Vivian Margaret	
Allensworth Wells	Apr. 03, 1931 –Apr. 26, 2022
Anna B. Glaser	Jul. 03, 1926 – Apr. 27, 2022
Gary Lee Kissel	Aug. 10, 1942 – Apr. 28,2022
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**GIFT GIVEAWAYS**  
Qualified Bally Rewards Members receive a Free Gift or Free Slot Play.  
Wednesday, May 4: Stanley 25-Foot Extension Cord  
Thursday, May 5: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card  
Saturday, May 7: Igloo Latitude 16-Quart Cooler with Wheels  
Wednesday, May 11: Sandwich Maker

Thursday, May 12: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card  
Wednesday, May 18: Majestic Fresh Water Pearl Necklace  
Thursday, May 19: Choice of Mar-

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day, May 25:  
Hamilton  
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Thursday, May 26: Choice of Marathon, Walmart, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Macy's, VISA Gift Card

**SWIPE & WIN**  
Tuesdays, May 10 & 24 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.

**CARNIVAL CRUISE GIVEAWAY**  
Saturday, May 14 from 5 PM - 9PM CT

Open to qualified Bally Rewards Members.

Invited players will visit the Bally's Evansville Executive Conference Center Mezzanine on Level 2 and register with a Casino Promotions Representative to pick up their Carnival Cruise Gift Voucher.

Players have 6 months to book their cruise and 12 months to sail.

**\$20,000 JACKPOT PARTY**  
Wednesday, May 18  
Open to Bally Rewards Members who received a Jackpot of \$1,200 or more between January 1, 2020 - May 17, 2022. Invited guests check-in and activate their entries at any promotional kiosk on May 18, 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 7:30PM. Each winner receives \$1,000 in Free Slot Play.

**BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST TV GIVEAWAY**  
Friday and Saturday, May 20 & 21  
Open to all Bally Rewards Members.

Players may earn entries from 6 AM CT on May 20 - to 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 21

30 Reward Points = 1 Entry • Legend = 5X Daily • Superstar = 3X Daily • Star = 2X Daily

Prize Drawings will be held on Saturday, May 21. To be eligible for the Drawings, players must check in and activate their entries any time between 5 PM - 7:30 PM on May 21. The drawing is at 7:30 PM and winners will be announced at 8:30 PM. 50 players win a TV. Thirty-Five 43" TV Winners. Ten 55" TV Winners. Five 70" TV Winners. TVs will be shipped to the winners' homes.


**\$3 MILLION MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND DRAWING**  
Thursday, May 26 - Sunday, May 29  
Open to all Bally Rewards Members.

Players earn entries by playing casino games from 6 AM on May 26 - 5 PM on Sunday, May 29. Players check-in at any promotional kiosk between 3 PM - 5 PM. Drawings for Free Slot Play prizes up to \$1,000. Three guests will each play for a chance to win \$10,000, \$20,000, or a \$1 Million cash prize. Drawings start at 5:30 PM from the Players Club. Must be present to win.

**\$20,000 JACKPOT PARTY**  
Friday, May 27  
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## May Events

-  **Haynie's Corner First Friday | May 6th**  
Haynies Corner Arts District
-  **Downtown Evansville Sidewalk Sale | May 7th**  
Downtown Evansville
-  **Reitz Home Free Tour Hour | May 7th**  
Reitz Home Musuem
-  **Bloomin' Zoo Plant Sale | May 7th**  
Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Gardens
-  **Evansville Otters Opening Weekend | May 12 & 13**  
Bosse Field
-  **Opening The Rooftop Concert Series | May 14th**  
Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana Bower-Suhrheinrich Gallery
-  **Taco Tuesday: Evansville Otters | May 17**  
Bosse Field
-  **River City Rodeo | May 19-21st**  
Vanderburgh County 4H Fairgrounds
-  **Spring Funk in the City | May 21st**  
Haynies Corner Arts District
-  **PBR Touring Pro Division | May 27 & 28th**  
Ford Center
-  **Five Year Celebration | May 28th**  
Evansville Wartime Museum
-  **Evansville Food Truck Festival | May 29th**  
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### River City Rodeo

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# Education

## USI Romain COB To Offer Agricultural Business

MAY 2022

The University of Southern Indiana's Romain College of Business will offer agricultural business as a new area of interest within the business administration degree, beginning in the 2022 Fall Semester. The new area of interest will require five courses: Introduction to Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Finance, and Farm and Ranch Management, as well as one advisor-approved, upper-level course. The new agricultural business courses are open to all majors. "The new agricultural business courses and area of interest within the business administration major will make USI and the Romain College of Business an attractive option for a new set of potential students who wish to contribute to one of the many businesses which are responsible for bringing food to the table," says Dr. Jill Oeding, Associate Professor of Business Law. "Some students may be attracted to agribusiness courses because they were raised on a farm and wish to pursue a familiar career related to agriculture. Other students may be intrigued by the agricultural sector of the economy and



choose to enhance their marketability by learning more about agricultural applications within the business."

Indiana is the 10th largest farming state, and it is the eighth largest agricultural exporter in the nation. Offering a series of agribusiness courses meets the needs of students who are either currently engaged in, or wish to be part of, the agribusiness sector of economies locally or worldwide. Students are encouraged to expand upon their business

administration degree with agribusiness courses.

"Agriculture accounts for over \$31 billion of Indiana's economic activity. Over 96% of Indiana's farms are family-owned and operated. Understanding the business side of agriculture is as essential to operating today's small farm as it is for larger commercial operations," says Dr. Cathy Carey, Professor of Economics. "In addition, many other careers in agriculture also recommend or require a business degree, including ag

lending, crop insurance, food manufacturing, and mills operations managers, marketers, government statisticians and so much more. USI's new agricultural business emphasis will provide training in a wide range of areas, including farm management, agricultural pricing, marketing, and finance. Specialized knowledge in these areas will help managers in agribusiness with planning, analyzing, and controlling business performance in a wide variety of agribusiness and related markets."

Learn more at [USI.edu/agribusiness](https://usi.edu/agribusiness), or contact the Romain College of Business Advising Center at (812) 465-7028.

*The Romain College of Business, one of four colleges at USI, is AACSB-accredited for both its business and accounting undergraduate and graduate programs, a distinction shared by only select accredited institutions. The college offers eight bachelor's degree programs, 12 minors, and a Master of Business Administration program that is available in traditional and accelerated, online formats with several areas of emphasis. For more information, visit the Romain College's website at [USI.edu/business](https://usi.edu/business).*

## Ohio University, Ivy Tech Agree To Collaborate

MAY 2022

INDIANAPOLIS, IN— Ohio University and Ivy Tech Community College, the largest public post-secondary institution in Indiana, have signed a memorandum of agreement to collaborate on the development of programs and other opportunities to serve students of both institutions.

The two institutions have developed articulated transfer pathways to allow Ivy Tech students to seamlessly transfer into Ohio University once they finish at Ivy Tech. The new agreement aims to develop a successful new higher education model for collaboration and cooperation that supports regional economic development through workforce development services and encourages more residents to pursue additional higher education.

"We already have a strong relationship with Ivy Tech, and I look forward to the opportunity to strengthen our connections through this agreement," Ohio University President Hugh Sher-

man said.

Ivy Tech and Ohio University will work to build a strategic partnership that expands learning opportunities for students to ensure that employees in Indiana and Ohio are well prepared to prosper in a highly competitive global economy.

"This agreement further reinforces our commitment to ensuring that students have access to the higher education opportunities they need to establish meaningful, fulfilling careers," Ohio University Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth Sayrs said. "We look forward to working with Ivy Tech to develop

new learning opportunities for students while enhancing the capabilities of both institutions."

Through the official partnership, Ivy Tech students will now have access to Ohio University's



Strategic Transfer Educational Plan (STEP) program. STEP provides an advantage to current and future students from Ivy Tech who are planning to earn bachelor's de-

grees at Ohio University by providing benefits such as early admission, personal transfer advising, and degree planning and financial savings and cost predictability through The OHIO Guarantee+. Learn more about

the STEP program here.

"Our partnership with Ohio University provides flexibility for our students to continue achieving their goals through intentional programming and options that fit their needs," said Sue Ellspermann, president of Ivy Tech Community College. "We are grateful for this partnership and look forward to generating more pathways that benefit our students as they progress through their academic careers."

Ohio University and Ivy Tech signed an articulation agreement in 2018 to allow Ivy Tech students who get their Associate of Science in Nursing degrees to transition into Ohio's RN-to-BSN program. A similar general education equivalency guide was also created for students who were pursuing academic pathways outside of the nursing program. Those agreements were renewed in 2021, and additional pathway development will be completed this year.

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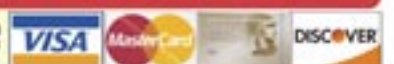
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# Education

## USI Communications Students Sweep Awards

**MAY 2022**

University of Southern Indiana communications students were recognized as award winners in 10 categories during the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) annual college broadcasting competition ceremony in Carmel, Indiana.

IASB is an organization consisting of and supporting Indiana high schools and colleges to promote professional excellence and student recognition in media education.

"I am so very proud of our students' achievements and success in broadcasting," says Dr. Melinda Roberts, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at USI. "These awards reflect the impressive work our students are doing in the radio station and in the classroom, as well as the high-quality faculty that mentor them."

The statewide competition includes over 30 audio and video categories with a panel of industry professionals to judge entries, awarding first, second and third place in each category. USI students brought home awards in 10 categories, including first place for Radio Play-by-Play, Radio Show



and Radio Newscast, to name a few.

"This is another example of the incredible work done by our students. It's great to see work done for the radio station or in class that is among the best, or the very best, in the state," says John Morris, Instructor of Radio and Television and General Manager at 95.7 The Spin. "One award that stands out is the 'Radio Imaging' category where we took first place. This is the seventh year in a row in which 95.7 The Spin has taken the top honor. This shows the continued excellence of students over the years."

The complete list of USI award recipients is listed below:

### **First Place Winners**

Radio Play-by-Play - Cole Carter (95.7 The Spin)

Radio Imaging - Dell Cripe & Tyler Huyser (95.7 The Spin)

Radio Show - Max Edwards & Tyler Huyser (95.7 The Spin)

Radio Newscast - Andrew Newland (95.7 The Spin)

### **Second Place Winners**

Student Social Media Presence - Terra Klonne (95.7 The Spin)

Radio Air Personality - Lauren Pilkington (95.7 The Spin)

Radio Sportscast - Matthew Will (95.7 The Spin)

Sound Design - Dalton Biggs (Digital Advanced Audio Production Class)

### **Third Place Winners**

Radio News Report - Andrew Newland (95.7 The Spin)

Sound Design - Brody Atchley (Digital Advanced Audio Production Class)

The College of Liberal Arts at the University of Southern Indiana offers students the opportunities, first, to develop the fundamentals of a liberal education upon which to base a lifetime of learning and, second, to concentrate in studies that form the foundation for professional pursuits.

## UE Certifications And Rankings

**MAY 2022**

### **Accreditations**

The University of Evansville is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

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

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

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Indiana Department of Education\*

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

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 Physician Assistant has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the University of Evansville Physician Assistant Program sponsored by the University of Evansville.

\*By virtue of specialized program accreditation in engineering, nursing, education, physical therapy, and athletic training programs at the University of Evansville, students meet the minimum standards to sit for professional licensure examinations in these professional disciplines.

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### **Current Rankings**

Ashoka Designation - The University of Evansville has been designated as a Changemaker Campus by Ashoka U for its role as a leader in social innovation and changemaking in higher education. UE is the first Changemaker Campus in Indiana and one of fewer than 50 in the world.

Recognized as one of America's Top Colleges by Forbes

Top 30 in the Nation for Financial Aid (LendEDU)

Recognized for having one of the lowest student loan default rates not only in the state of Indiana but also in the entire country (LendEDU)

Ranked as one of the nation's Best Colleges for your Money by Time's Money Magazine

Study Abroad Program Ranked #1 in America by BestCollegeReviews.org

The Wall Street Journal has ranked UE in the Top 20 best colleges for student engagement in 2020 and 2021.

Top 5 percent among master's granting universities according to Washington Monthly

Ranked 7th as the most affordable bachelor's in data science for 2020 by Data Science Degree Programs Guide

Consistently ranked in the top 20 nationally among master's institutions for percentage of undergraduates studying abroad by the Institute of International Education.

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## EVPL'S Summer Reading Begins June 1

**MAY 2022**

Evansville, IN, - The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library's annual summer reading celebration will kick off on Wednesday, June 1, and continue through Sunday, July 31.

This year's theme, Our Summer: Growing Stories, celebrates our environment and how it shapes our lives and our stories.

"All of our stories are shaped by the natural world around us," EVPL Programs Manager Erika Qualls Barnett said. "EVPL encourages everyone to be a part of growing our community's story by participating in Our Summer." Here is how it works

Readers of all ages are invited to participate. Participants will be grouped by age: ages 0-5, ages 6-8, ages 9-12, Teens, and Adults.

To register, visit any EVPL location or an outreach event the library attends. All EVPL locations are hosting an annual summer reading celebration kickoff event on Wednesday, June 1. EVPL Central, EVPL McCollough, EVPL North Park, EVPL Oaklyn, and EVPL Red Bank's events will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. EVPL East, EVPL Stringtown, and EVPL West's events will be 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

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# Student Achievers

## USI Romain COB Team Champions At Econ Games

May 2022

A team of students from the University of Southern Indiana Romain College of Business was named Overall Champion at The Econ Games 2022. The two-day event was hosted by Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. This is the second year students from USI have entered the competition which began in 2018.

USI team members were economics majors Parker Collignon, Jailine McElroy, Cole Stephenson and Elijah Toavs. Students competed in a data analytics and research event designed to help them solve real-world problems. This year's corporate sponsor was Fischer Homes, which provided the dataset and challenged teams to identify areas/cities into which the home builder should expand. The USI team focused on quantitative and qualitative data, which the judges selected as the strongest presentation.

"This was a unique opportunity



in experiential learning," says Collignon. "We had the chance to problem solve using data analytics software, apply our knowledge from the classroom and work as a team, all while learning more about the economics of the home-building industry. Our creative approach quickly won approval from the judges. It was a ton of fun."

Students prepared for the games

by completing virtual training on data cleaning, Stata and Tableau. While the 2021 games were held virtually, the 2022 in-person event allowed for networking opportunities for both students and faculty. The games provide students with the chance to connect with industry leaders and engage in meaningful discussion. The USI team also attended a virtual presenta-

tion by John A. List, an American economist at the University of Chicago who serves as the Kenneth C. Griffin Distinguished Service Professor.

This is the second year for faculty advisor Dr. Daria Sevastianova, Associate Professor of Economics, to lead USI students at the competition. USI competed against teams from 10 universities, including University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University, University of Delaware, University of Cincinnati, University of North Carolina and Murray State. As the winning team, USI received a cash prize of \$1,500 (divided and distributed equally to the four students) and five-year Stata licenses.

"This will be on the list of unforgettable experiences for these students while at USI," says Provost Dr. Mohammad Khayum. "This is a wonderful accomplishment by the students and a great validation of the contribution faculty members make to advance the skills and capabilities of students."

## Moss Awarded IU Jewish Studies Faculty Scholarship

May 2022

Isaiah Moss was recently awarded the IU Jewish Studies Program's Faculty Scholarship. He will attend Indiana University in Bloomington next year and will double major in Jewish Studies and Chemistry. He will receive a full scholarship for tuition and mandatory fees from the Borns Jewish Studies Program. Isaiah will enroll in the pre-med curriculum and hopes to be a physician and/or scientist.

Isaiah is a senior at Jasper High School, 17 years old, and is an honor student. He is also a musician (plays the saxophone). He was recently voted Homecoming King for Jasper High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, carries a heavy course load with subjects like advanced calculus, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, AP history, and English, all the while getting straight A's.

He has performed with the theatre department at Jasper High School and was a member of the Dive Team. He was featured soloist with Jasper Marching Band and

also participates with Jasper High School Jazz, Symphonic, and Pep Band. He has also competed at State each year in Solo/Ensemble since 8th grade, winning numerous gold medals. He volunteers at the local food bank and has performed for the residents at nursing homes.

In his scholarship application, Isaiah stated "that he wants to deepen his understanding of Jewish thought, philosophy, history, and belief. It would be a great fulfillment to become a student of Judaism, to involve myself in Jewish learning, projects, study, and scholarly work at Indiana University, which has so many resources." As a musician, the rich history of Jewish music, sacred, Klezmer, or classical, would also be of great value for me. It would also enrich my musical interests and abilities.

He also wrote that "I have an interest in science and will most likely pursue a pre-med path as well. To become a scientist or a physician would be fulfilling for me, and Jewish wisdom and understanding would be essential to



such an undertaking. Its principles would guide me in all that I do, especially, my desire to help others. The moral teachings of our prophets would be a guiding light to me.

"A Jewish Studies major is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill my

goals as a student, researcher, writer, future scientist or physician, a musician, an American, and as a Jew."

Isaiah is the son of Dr. Richard and Supit Moss of Jasper. He is the second son, and 4th child, of Dr. Richard and Supit Moss of Jasper.

## With Malice Towards None...

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at a time of immense tragedy and division.6,7,8

Inscribed in the Lincoln Memorial along with the Gettysburg Address, for all generations to ponder, it is a reminder of the eloquence and compassion of this historic figure who sacrificed himself for his country only five weeks later (April 15, 1865) when an assassin ended his life. No speech has had a greater impact or is more highly regarded. Historians, indeed, are correct to cite Lincoln's second inaugural as our greatest.

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**FOOTNOTE: Adina Moss is attending Vincennes University, Jasper**

**Center, and will be transferring to Indiana University in Bloomington to major in Media Studies. A musician, she plays the violin, piano, and saxophone. She had a radio show, loves books, and travels.**

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# Sports

## Evansville Retires Carroll's #23 On April 30



### MAY 2022

EVANSVILLE - Jamey Carroll, one of the greatest to ever wear an Evansville Aces baseball jersey was honored when his number 23 was recently retired as part of an important weekend for the University of Evansville baseball team..

The ceremony took place before the Aces game against Bradley on April 30.

Carroll played for the Aces from 1994-to 96,

An 11-year MLB veteran, Carroll spent time playing for the

Expos/Nationals, the Rockies, Twins, Cleveland, Dodgers, and Royals from 2002-13.

Carroll was elected to the UE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Carroll grew up in Newburgh and played his high school ball at Castle.

The first 250 fans for the game received a Jamey Carroll signed commemorative baseball.

Carroll is the brother of current UE head baseball coach, Wes Carroll.

## Russell Earns Spot On MVC Scholar-Athlete Team

### MAY 2022

University of Evansville sophomore Mallory Russell was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete First Team on Wednesday.

Russell, who is a nursing major at UE, has a 3.83 GPA. In her second collegiate season, Russell led the team with a 78.46 stroke average. She finished the season in impressive fashion, tying for fourth at the MVC Championship on her way to All-Tournament accolades.

After trying for 18th in the season-opening Roseann Schwartz Invite, she tied for 6th at the Briar Ridge Invitational. Russell's low round of 73 came in the opening



round of the Butler Fall Invitational and the first round of the MVC Championship. She put together her top outing of the season at the

conference championship while ranking in the top five for the majority of the tournament.

### FIRST TEAM

Abby Cavaiani, Missouri State

Mara Flaherty, Bradley

Kristen Giles, Drake

Lauren Green, Indiana State

Mallory Russell, Evansville

Ali Schrock, Illinois State – (Scholar-Athlete of the Year)

Abby Thielbar, Loyola

Megan Welch, Bradley

Avalon Woodward, Illinois State

### HONORABLE MENTION

Payton Hodson, Valparaiso

Haeri Lee, Drake

Lorenza Martinez, Loyola

Kayla Pfitzner, Missouri State

## Boots Breaks Record At Gibson Invitational

### MAY 2022

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – University of Evansville senior Mike Boots (Evansville, Ind./Mater Dei) broke a more than 46-year-old school record in the outdoor shot put on Saturday to pace the Purple Aces' track & field teams at the Gibson Track & Field Invitational in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Boots, facing a cross-wind at between 15 and 20 miles per hour, recorded a school-best mark of 15.34 meters (50'4") on his final throw of the finals to place third overall. His mark broke the previous UE school outdoor record of 14.85 meters (48'9") set during the 1976 season. Boots' throw is the best shot put a mark at UE – indoor or outdoor – as he also holds the indoor mark of 15.22 meters.

"What a tremendous job by Michael today, and it comes at a great time of the year," said UE head coach Don Walters. "With the Valley championships coming up in only a couple of weeks, we want to be at our best right now, and take that towards the conference meet. The wind was really tough for a lot of people today, but Michael was able to push through and that was great to see."

With the wind constantly blowing from the south all day, personal-best marks were hard to

come by for a majority of the competitors on Saturday, but Evansville was still able to set 11 PR marks. Junior Zach Dove (Princeton, Ind./Princeton Community) also set a personal-best mark in the shot put with a throw of 14.73 meters, as he placed fifth, just two spots behind Boots in the standings.

Senior Joey Rucinski (Ft. Wayne, Ind./Concordia Lutheran) was able to set a new personal standard in the pole vault with a height of 4.38 meters, while fellow senior Skylar Tucker (Linton, Ind./Linton-Stockton) set a PR mark in the long jump with a leap of 5.40 meters. Fresh-

man Justin Nichols (Lewis Center, Ohio/Olentangy Orange) cut through the wind to post a PR mark in the 1,500-meters with a time of 4:36.27.

While the wind made life difficult for a majority of the track runners on Saturday, the sprinters excelled thanks to a large tailwind. In the 100-meters, sophomore Geordan Blades (10.64) and junior Giovanni Purser (10.66) posted their fastest times ever while placing sixth and seventh overall on the men's side. Freshman Kara Yunker (13.10) also posted her fastest-ever time in the 100-meters on the women's side.

Tucker (26.57), Yunker (27.46), and Blades (21.97) also posted their fastest times ever in the 200-meter competition, but both the 100 and 200-meter marks do not qualify for records purposes because of the tailwind being above the mark of 2.0 meters per second.

Overall, Evansville placed fifth out of 11 teams on the men's side, and sixth out of nine teams on the women's side. The Purple Aces will return to action next weekend in their final warm-up before the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa May 13-15.





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# Sports

## Eagles Golfers Soar To NCAA II Regional

**MAY 2022**  
EVANSVILLE, Ind. – University of Southern Indiana Men's Golf is heading back to the NCAA II Championships for the first time as a team since 2000, where the Screaming Eagles placed 17th at the NCAA Division II North Regional. USI has also sent four individual qualifiers to the tournament since 2000, the most recent being Logan Osborne in 2013. The Eagles will play in the NCAA II Midwest/Central Regional at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville, Indiana on May 5-7.

USI earned an at-large bid after finishing fifth in the final Midwest Regional rankings and making it to the semifinals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships for the first time in school history. The Eagles finished third in tournament play after shooting an 880 (+16), but they would fall in match play in the semifinals to the University of Indianapolis, 3-0-2.

The top three teams along with the top two individuals not with a team from each regional (regardless of region) will advance to the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships, which is May 16-20 at TPC Michigan in Dearborn, Michigan. USI can also earn an at-large bid into the final if they finish outside of the top three.

Freshman Jason Bannister (Laguna Niguel, California) leads the Eagles this spring, posting 73.78 shots per



### EAGLES HEADED TO MIDWEST REGIONAL

round average (spr). Bannister led the way for USI in the GLVC Championships, finishing tied for fourth after carding a 215 (-1) and was named to the All-Conference First Team.

Bannister is joined by a diverse group of Eagles, featuring fellow freshman Nathan Hoss (Evansville, Indiana), sophomore Jace Day (Bloomington, Indiana), junior Zach Williams (Mt. Vernon, Illinois), and senior Matthew Kingston (Springfield, Nebraska). Williams and Hoss were both key members of USI's most recent team championship at the Bill Blazer Memorial Tournament. Williams fin-

ished in fourth with a 143 (-1), shooting 72-71, while Hoss finished in fifth with a 144 (E), shooting 73-71.

This was a historic year for the Men's Golf program at USI. They earned multiple team championships in a spring season for the first time in program history, with victories coming at the Saginaw Valley State Spring Invitational and the Bill Blazer Memorial. The Eagles are also on pace to set a new team record in team average score this season, with a 295.64, which would break the previous record set in 2005-06 of 300.7. Along with the team accomplishments, Jason Bannister is on pace to set a

new school record with his 73.78 spare, breaking the previous record set by his current teammate Zach Williams in 2018-19 with a 74.7.

The remaining nine slots in the field went to the University of Findlay, Grand Valley State University, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Indianapolis, Wayne State University, McKendree University, Tiffin University, Trevecca Nazarene University, and Davenport University.

USI begins the NCAA Division II Midwest/Central Region on May 5-7 at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville, Indiana.

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# Community

## Should Social Security Allow Privatization?

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for its various annual expenditures.

Now, remember, our federal government is currently operating on a budget deficit, so part of the money it is annually borrowing from other various sources is used to pay the interest or pay back the principal on the special Social Security bonds.

Whew! I feel like I'm watching a masterful magician doing the old shell game, which shell is the money actually under? Is there a better way to ensure our Social Security benefits?

If you have a social security number, you can go online and set up an account on the Social Security website, (<https://www.ssa.gov>), part of which details your lifetime earnings by year, and the total dollar amounts both you and your em-

ployer(s) have paid in Social Security taxes "on your account".

Consider this scenario, instead of paying those taxes into the general Social Security trust fund, what if the federal government had allowed those tax dollars to be deposited into a tax-free personal Social Security retirement account in my name.

Let's assume those funds were still required to be invested in the same special treasury bonds, the federal government would still have access to the revenue, however, the interest earned on "my money" would be credited to "my account".

The average effective interest rate on these special treasury bonds over the last 49 years is approximately 6.9 percent. However, for my fictional account, let's assume a

more modest interest rate of 3 percent compounded annually. At the end of almost 50 years of my employers(s) and myself paying into the account, I'd potentially have a modest retirement nest egg of approximately \$1,138,219.

Now, when I retired at the age of 66, let's assume that I began withdrawing a modest sum of 4 percent a year as retirement income, I'd be receiving a "Social Security" retirement income of \$45,578 a year for the next 25 years, much more than I am actually now receiving.

Many workers fail to keep in mind that Social Security was never meant to be a primary retirement plan. It was designed as a safety net. For the year 2019, the average Social Security benefit was only 29 percent above the federal poverty level.

It is your responsibility to plan for your retirement, keeping in mind that Social Security

Income should be thought of as a supplement to what you have saved and invested over your years of working. Yes, in today's times saving for many is difficult, but learn to put something away, no matter how small, out of every pay, after a while you may be surprised that you don't miss it and your savings are growing.

I believe any reform of the present Social Security system should allow an option for the contributor to privatize their social security account in order to maximize their retirement benefit; after all we earned it by working,

**FOOTNOTE: The City-County Observer posted this article without bias or editing.**

## Evansville To Switch Water Disinfectant Starting May 16

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Also, chloramine has less smell than chlorine and remains in the distribution system longer to prevent bacterial growth. As such, chloramine is a better long-term choice as a regular disinfectant.

**Will I Notice a Difference in My Water?**

During this period, some customers may notice a slight change in the taste or odor of their tap water. Free chlorine may have more of a chemical odor, slightly like that of swimming pool water. Each customer has a sensitivity level to the taste or odor of free chlorine. Many detect no change at all. The mild chlorine taste and

odor is typical and pose no health risk.

**Are Free Chlorine and Chloraminated Water Safe?**

Yes, chlorine and chloramine are effective and safe for people and animals for drinking, cooking, bathing, watering the garden, and other standard uses. However, precautions should be taken to remove or neutralize chloramine and free chlorine during the kidney dialysis process, when preparing water for fish tanks and ponds and businesses requiring highly-processed water. A dechlorination procedure optimized for chloramine removal will work equally well with free chlorine.

People and businesses that

typically take special precautions to remove chloramine from tap water (such as dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners) should continue to take the same precautions during the temporary switch from chloramine to free chlorine.

Most customers will not need to take precautions as the water remains safe to drink and is treated according to state and federal standards.

**Information for Kidney Dialysis Patients**

Just like chloramines, free chlorine must be removed from water used in kidney dialysis machines. EWSU has contacted representatives from the medi-

cal community to inform them of this temporary conversion. We advise dialysis patients to call their physicians or dialysis centers if there are any questions.

**Information for Fish Owners**

Like chloramine, free chlorine is toxic to fish. Therefore, fish owners need to remove chlorine, ammonia, and chloramine from the water before using it with tropical fish. Local pet stores carry water conditioners that remove chloramine and free chlorine. If customers have questions, we recommend contacting their pet store for information and detailed instructions.

## Bally's May Events

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or more between January 1, 2020 – May 26, 2022. Invited guests check-in and activate their entries at any promotional kiosk on May 27, between 5 PM – 7 PM. Drawings will be held from the Players Club. Five names will be drawn every half hour from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. 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 - \$14.00

The HogsMac Burger - A flame-grilled beef burger topped with decadently creamy mac & cheese, bacon, crispy fried banana peppers, Swiss-American cheese, and our house-made BBQ sauce, served on a garlic-toasted brioche bun.

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

Bell's Amber Ale - This American Amber ale has a slight hop aroma with sweet caramel notes. It is toasty and malty with a clean bitterness that cuts through the rich fattiness of the meat and cheeses.

Mother's Day Brunch at Cavanaugh's On the River

Sunday, May 8 from 11 AM – 2 PM CT.

See the special Mother's Day Menu at [BallysEvansville.com](http://BallysEvansville.com). Live music was provided by Bob Green.

Reservations recommended. Call 812-433-4333 or go to [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com)

**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.

May 5 - Andrea Wirth

May 6 - Bob Green

May 7 - Kasey Todd

May 8 - Bob Green

May 12 - Andrea Wirth

May 13 - Bob Green

May 14 - Matt Clark

May 19 - Andrea Wirth

May 20 - Matt Clark

May 21 - Bob Green

May 26 - Andrea Wirth

May 27 - Bob Green

May 28 - Matt Clark

## EVPL Summer Reading

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registration prize that includes a coupon for a free book from the EVPL Foundation Summer Book Sale.

Record books read on the log provided at registration. Return your log by Sunday, July 31, to be entered for our grand prize. Readers can finish multiple logs for additional entries.

Once readers finish 10 books and return their log, they will also receive a completion prize.

Prizes for Our Summer include Evansville Otters tickets, Mesker Park

Zoo passes, gift cards, and more.

For more information about Our Summer, visit [evpl.org/OurSummer22](http://evpl.org/OurSummer22).

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# Entertainment

## Straight No Chaser Celebrates 25 Years

APRIL 2022

Evansville, IN – Chart-topping a cappella group Straight No Chaser celebrates their 25th anniversary with a 62-date fall tour, making a stop at Old National Events Plaza on December 15, 2022.

According to group member Steve Morgan, Straight No Chaser was formed during the 1996-1997 school year at Indiana University as a “way to meet girls.” The group eventually emerged at the forefront of the modern-day a cappella movement and has since garnered more than a billion streams, selling over three million albums and 1.5 million concert tickets worldwide.

“When we started Straight No Chaser as college kids at Indiana University, we never imagined that 25 years later, we’d have two albums certified gold and tour dates around the

world,” said group member Walter Chase. “What a ride it has been. It has literally been a dream come true.”

In commemoration of “The 25th Anniversary Celebration,” Straight No Chaser will release an exclusive NFT to mark the occasion. Additionally, PBS stations nationwide will air “Straight No Chaser: The 25th Anniversary Celebration,” starting this

June. The concert features the nine group members performing classics

like “Proud Mary,” “Lean on Me” and “Twistin’,” as well as pop mashups, like “Uptown Funk” and “Thriller.”

Earlier this year, Straight No Chaser released a book of cocktail and food recipes, sharing family traditions with their fans. Straight No Chaser Sound Bites: A Cappella, Cock-

tails, and Cuisine, is a recipe book with personal family memories shared with the broader Chaser family. The book, published by Red Lightning Books (a sister company of IU Press), is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Red Lightning, and Straight No Chaser’s site.

Known for their soundtrack to the holidays, Straight No Chaser will release a physical version of last year’s deluxe edition of Social Christmasing this fall. The album featured an original, “Christmas Show,” written by group member Mike Luginbill and “Celebrate Me Home,” featuring Kenny Loggins, in addition to the album’s original tracklist which includes their signature twist on Christmas classics like “Silver Bells” and “Frosty the Snowman,” five new original songs, and a hopeful take on the Counting Crows classic “A Long December.”



## Evansville’s Own Nick Wallace Rises To The Top

MAY 2022

Evansville, IN – Nick Wallace has hit the ground running.

A longtime employee of the 280,000 square foot Old National Events Plaza, Wallace just last month became General Manager of the ASM Global-managed venue and is suddenly overseeing such upcoming events as Baby Shark Live, The Masked Singer, the EVSC Summer Musical, Jurassic Quest in June, and is continuing to

finalize preparations for the 71st annual National Square Dancers, also in June.

Wallace was raised in Southeastern Indiana and graduated from the University of Southern Indiana in 2005. If there ever was an example of a hometown boy making good, Nick Wallace is indeed it. In 2019 he was named Tri-State Business Journal’s “20Under 40,” and just last December he completed IAVM’s Venue Management School 2-year



program. Wallace was recently appointed to the Vanderburgh County Old Courthouse Foundation Board and serves on Methodist Temple’s Finance Committee.

And besides everything else he’s now supervising, Wallace and his team will soon announce the shows that will be coming in for the 2022-2023 Broadway season. Broadway subscribers will be provided with special subscriber gift bags. In addition, Wallace is implementing innovative food and beverage opportunities with Grab-and-Go options.

“I’ve been fortunate to see how Evansville has progressed as a destination for tourism and live entertainment,” Wallace said. “I’m excited at the opportunity to build upon the

success the community has created.”

Les Crooks, Regional Vice President of ASM Global, the largest producer of live entertainment in the world, had this to say about his GM: “I have had the pleasure of working with Nick as part of the ONEP team for the past three years, two of which were very uncertain due to COVID-19. Nick has always shown a tremendous understanding of the importance of ONEP in Vanderburgh County and continues to build a wonderful working relationship with the County Commissioners. His vision and leadership will be key as live events, meetings and conventions continue to be on the rise coming out of the pandemic.”

## Jurassic Quest Migrates To Evansville In June



MAY 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! Walk-through 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 re-

search 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](http://www.jurassicquest.com).

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**THURSDAY, MAY 26 -  
SUNDAY, MAY 29**

*Open to all Bally Rewards Members.*

**EARN ENTRIES 6AM CT ON THURSDAY, MAY 26 - 5PM CT ON SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

To be eligible for the drawings, check in by swiping your Bally Rewards Card at any promotional kiosk any time between 3PM - 5PM CT on Sunday, May 29.

**Drawing announcements begin at 5:30PM.**

**30 Reward Points = 1 Entry • Legend = 5X Daily • Superstar = 3X Daily • Star = 2X Daily**

**24 WINNERS RECEIVE UP TO \$1,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!  
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**During the Grand Prize Drawing, three lucky guests will draw from a series of envelopes.**

**The first 5 matching envelopes will reveal their prize.**

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See Players Club for details. Must be present to win. All winners will have 5 minutes to claim their prize. One redraw per each free play prize. Redraws for grand prize until claimed. Bonus Free Slot Play is valid for 7 days. Players may win up to two times in this promotion. 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.



**TWICE THE FUN IN MAY!**

**MAY 18 & MAY 27**

These exclusive events are for Bally Rewards Members who have received a \$1,200.00 Jackpot or more since January 1, 2020. Club Members will have as many entries as they have Jackpots.

**ON EACH DRAWING DATE, 5 WINNERS WILL WIN \$1,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

Open to all Bally Rewards Members. Earn entries from 6AM CT on May 20 - 7:30PM on Saturday, May 21

To be eligible for the drawings, check in and activate your entries any time between 5PM - 7:30PM.

**Drawing is at 7:30PM and winners will be announced at 8:30PM.**

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**50 PLAYERS WIN A TV!**

**THIRTY-FIVE 43" TV WINNERS! TEN 55" TV WINNERS! FIVE 70" TV WINNERS!**

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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 in order 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.*



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