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May 2023 Vanderburgh County Primary Election Candidates

- APRIL 2023**
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN UPCOMING PRIMARY ELECTION
MAYOR OF EVANSVILLE
 CHERYL A.W. MUSGRAVE
 NATALIE RASCHER
 (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE
 RON BEANE
 ONATHAN WEAVER
CITY COUNCIL WARD 1
 (NO CANDIDATE HAS FILED)
CITY COUNCIL WARD 2
 MAYTES RIVERA
CITY COUNCIL WARD 3
 (NO CANDIDATE HAS FILED)
CITY COUNCIL WARD 4
 (NO CANDIDATE HAS FILED)
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Amendment Fails To Bring Indiana Any Closer To Marijuana Legalization

APRIL 2023
 A hemp product discussion was first on the list Thursday as the House debated Senate Bill 20, which deals with alcohol and hemp matters.
 The bill was authored by Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, and Sen. Chip Perfect, R-Lawrenceburg.
 Rep. Justin Moed, D-Indianapolis, offered an amendment to the bill that he said would delete some words regarding the definition of cannabis flour and cannabis.
 Rep. Christopher Judy, R-Fort Wayne, opposed the amendment, saying it would essentially exceed the 0.3% threshold. Judy said he would support cannabis legalization but not by this route.
 According to federal statute, cannabis containing 0.3% or less of THC is considered hemp, while cannabis containing more than 0.3% of THC is considered marijuana.
 Following the meeting, Indiana House Democratic Leader Rep. Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, released a



statement regarding the amendment.
 "Not only will legalizing marijuana bring Indiana into the 21st Century and boost our economy, it will help Hoosiers—current and prospective—who could benefit from the legal use of medical marijuana. From chronic pain to epilepsy, medical marijuana can change lives," he said.
 "Legalizing marijuana in Indiana would help not just Hoosiers with medical needs already living here, but it would protect those traveling through our state with a valid prescription from one of the 37 states with common-sense marijuana laws from getting in legal trouble."

Meet The 2023 Evansville Mayor Candidates

Musgrave, Raesher And Terry Speak Out About Campaigns

APRIL 2023
 There's a lot that's right with Evansville. We have a city of strong families and solid neighborhoods—a community where local businesses and volunteers alike do good work. Yet Evansville also faces real problems: rising crime, crumbling parks, and roads that need repair. I'm running for mayor because I have a vision for the stronger, safer, and more prosperous Evansville we could have if we fixed those problems.

A City That's Safe

The most important duty of government is to make people safe. Evansville's city government is falling short of that goal. The murder rate has tripled over the past ten years. The number of patrol officers has fallen over the same period. Rank-and-file police officers point to major problems, from lowered standards for physical fitness to increasing turnover among officers to uncompetitive pay.

As mayor, my priority will be enhancing public safety. I'll ensure that the Evansville Police Department has the best leadership it can have. I will work to recruit and retain talent in the EPD. As County Commissioner, I helped bring major raises to sheriff's deputies, found funding to provide mental health support for the county jail, and supported major improvements to the county's emergency dispatch system—including building a new transmission tower and streamlining the recruitment of dispatchers. My vision and my record are why the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed me as their choice



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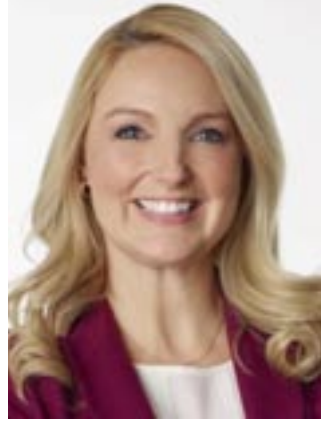
APRIL 2023
 As an Evansville native, I have experienced times of growth and opportunity as well as challenging periods for our city. Through both the ups and downs I have proudly served our community through governmental appointments, serving on nonprofit boards, and as a business leader.

I know it takes principled leaders, not politicians, to provide a safer and stronger Evansville.

As mayor of Evansville, I will focus on being a champion for all our neighborhoods by improving public safety, infrastructure and quality of life while expanding economic development and focusing on talent retention. On my website you can find the Rascher Playbook for Evansville where I have outlined how my administration will work on these five areas.

1. Public Safety
 As mayor, I will work tirelessly to strengthen the relationship between public safety officers and our community while prioritizing an increase in funding for training and equipment. Together, we can build a safer, stronger community for all of us to enjoy.

2. Transportation & Infrastructure
 Infrastructure is the backbone of any successful community, and it's crucial that we prioritize it to ensure our continued growth and prosperity. We need safe, reliable transportation and infrastructure



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APRIL 2023
 Evansville native, Stephanie Terry, is running to be the city's next Mayor because she cares about the forward progress of this city and the prosperity of its people.

"I don't come into this race with any hidden agendas, I simply want to do what's best for the people of this community," Terry says.

Terry has a unique background combining non-profit, government and health service work. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director for the Children's Museum of Evansville and has for the last twelve years. She has also served this community for twelve years as a member of the Vanderburgh County Council. She is excited to make history and committed to making Evansville a great place to live, raise a family, and do business.

"This election is about meeting the needs of Evansville's citizens," Terry says. "I am committed to making Evansville a city that works for everyone."

Terry's priorities include promoting economic growth to ensure that Evansville is a great place to establish and grow a business. "Creating and maintaining good paying jobs are essential for retaining and attracting a highly skilled workforce," Terry says.

Investing in our neighborhoods are a must, and that includes caring for our parks, prioritizing development and blight removal in underserved areas



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Commentary

False Flags, False Causes

APRIL 2023
By John Krull
HICKORY, North Carolina —

The huge flag whips and twists in the stiff breeze. The Confederate battle flag hangs from a high flagpole on I-40 just west of Hickory. The flag is big, perhaps the size of a wall, so it can be seen by passing motorists coming from the east or the west from quite a distance. Other flags—the U.S. flag, state flags, even flags of sympathy for Ukraine—fly at half-staff in mourning and sympathy for the victims of the mass shooting in Nashville, Tennessee.



bodies the spurious notion of the lost cause, a belief structure held together by one untruth after another.

It is the emblem of what has been, until now, America's great forgetting.

The lost cause's adherents argue the South's undertaking was a noble one, a resistance to tyranny.

In truth, it was a march into treason, fueled and fed by one dishonesty after another.

Confederate sympathizers long have tried to label the Civil War "the war of northern aggression." It was no such thing.

When Abraham Lincoln became president, he promised the South he would not act to end slavery in their states. In his first inaugural address, he pleaded with the South not to tread the path that would lead to war, his conclusion almost plaintive:

"I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better an-

gels of our nature."

Lincoln's words had no effect. Southern state after Southern state seceded.

Then the South fired the first shot in the bloody civil war that within four years ended up claiming the lives of a quarter of the American men between the ages of 18 and 45.

The other great distortion in the lost cause myth is that the war wasn't about slavery.

It was. When the Confederates drafted their own constitution, it aped the U.S. Constitution in almost all ways. The only significant substantive difference between the two documents was that the Confederate charter firmly, clearly stated that one group of human beings would be entitled to enslave other human beings.

That's why Southerners went to war, why they started the fight they could not finish, and why they took up arms against a nation many of them had taken oaths before God to defend.

They wanted to continue enslaving other human beings.

And they tried to obscure what they were doing by prattling about liberty, self-determination and about Union aggression. The truth was too painful, so they took shelter behind a great lie.

We're in the middle of another great forgetting now.

Apologists for former President Donald Trump now would have us believe that the violent assault on the U.S. Capitol wasn't an act of insurrection.

An act of treason.

They want us to see it as a legitimate protest, despite the fact that many of the members of the mob the former president incited wanted to murder the then vice president and rape and slaughter the then-speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives simply for performing their constitutional duties.

They want us to forget that Trump, the man who screamed "stop the steal" at every opportunity, was himself trying to steal the election by any means available to him, legal or illegal, constitutional or unconstitutional.

On Jan. 6, 2021, many of Trump's followers carried Confederate battle flags, symbols of one great lie in service of another great lie, as they assaulted the temple of the American republic.

That was no coincidence.

FOOTNOTE: John Krull is director of Franklin College's Pulliam School of Journalism and publisher of TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students. The views expressed are those of the author only and should not be attributed to Franklin College.

'Save Our Park' Plan Will Create An Evansville Legacy

APRIL 2023
By Steve Schaefer
Deputy Mayor/Interim Parks Director

Over the past 20 years, the "Save Our Park" crusade has been used to dissuade improvements to Wesselman Park, ranging from new softball fields to indoor tennis courts. Those opposed have demonstrated a tremendous passion to protect the 200-acre nature preserve now known as Wesselman Woods, which is located on the far north end of the Park.

The history of the Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve (WWNP) is fascinating, but also a good lesson to guide our actions going forward. When the McCallister and then the Sherwood Family owned the land, intentions were for their private use as well as allowing rail lines to be constructed through the forest.

We should all agree that the actions of the State of Indiana and the City of Evansville is what truly "saved the park" and not only designated the

old-growth forest as a protected nature preserve but created a broader area for park and recreation purposes.

Unfortunately, the park has fallen into disrepair and is in desperate need of an upgrade. It's ironic that the only improvements have been inside the nature preserve with the new play-scape, while the surrounding park has lost amenities such as the batting cages and old par 3 courses.

Since taking over the Department of Park & Recreation, my primary goal has been to invest in and improve our existing parks while bringing forth new amenities that will bring residents back outdoors.

In the Fall of 2021, I was introduced to a new sport called pickleball, by a passionate group of residents that pleaded for outdoor courts in Evansville. I quickly learned that pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the country, with leagues and recreational play happening in schools, gyms, church basements, and community centers. In our area, there is a

staggering average of 60,000+ residents playing pickleball every year

and the age of players ranges from

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Public Safety, Parks Tops Agenda For Republican Musgrave

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for mayor, and why Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Diana Moers and former Sheriff Dave Wedding support me.

A City That Works

The city government also needs to address critical needs to help business and development. Infrastructure is one area where the Civic Center could do better: Any driver can tell you the city's roads are in bad shape. Business owners, developers, and workers alike can tell you that the city's regulations and bureaucracy often fail to provide timely, relevant, or fair rulings. The Building Commission is in a leadership crisis, with severe turnover hampering its ability to handle permits and planning. The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility is slow to assist businesses. Other agencies similarly look to serve themselves, rather than what the re-

gion's economy needs and the city deserves.

As mayor, I will make Evansville a business-friendly destination. I will ensure that we have fair, firm, and qualified leaders for city agencies who review permits and applications quickly. I will work to keep only the regulations we need—but enforce the rules we keep without any favoritism or bias. I will also use every device we have to improve investments in roads and other parts of the infrastructure. As County Commissioner, I've attracted grants and public-private partnerships (including a major investment from AT&T) to improve roads, bridges, and even broadband Internet. My vision and my record are why the Southwestern Indiana Builders Association endorsed me as their choice for mayor.

A City That's Fun

A city isn't just about the bare ne-

cessities. It's also about fun. Evansville should have great parks where families and friends can enjoy themselves. The draft parks master plan—commissioned by the current administration—makes clear that Evansville's parks are in bad shape: poorly maintained, inaccessible to the handicapped and the old, and not safe enough for good people to enjoy after dark. The draft master plan also shows that the public overwhelmingly wants us to fix the parks we have, not spend millions more developing new facilities that we can't afford to maintain. Some of this is unsurprising, given that the department has not had a full-time director for nearly two years—after the last director left amid scandal.

As mayor, I will fix Evansville's parks. I will ensure we have strong leadership in the parks department. As

County Commissioner, I've overseen improvements to trails and to Burdette Park. That experience convinces me that we can do much more by managing what we already have much better.

A Mayor Who Leads

I chose to live in Evansville because I thought it would be a good place to live and raise a family. I became involved in local government because I saw specific ways I could contribute to our community. I am deeply passionate about fixing the nuts and bolts of government because that's how I can make the biggest difference for our community. Now, I want to take the next step because it's the best way to give back to this city and make a good city into a great one.

I ask for your help in making that vision a reality. I ask for your vote in the May 2, 2023, Republican primary election.

Raeshar Seeks Potential Infrastructure Improvements

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to support the flow of goods and people throughout our region.

3. Quality of Life

Overall, my vision for our city is one that is vibrant, healthy, and connected. I believe that by investing in our parks and recreation department, we can create a brighter future for all residents of our great city.

4. Economic Development

I am committed to fostering economic growth and development in our city and region by establishing strong partnerships to leverage the expertise, resources, and networks of the private sector in creating a thriving business environment in our city.

5. Talent Retention

Promoting talent retention in our community is paramount for our continued economic growth and

success. As a business executive, I understand the value of keeping our best and brightest residents here, rather than losing them to other cities.

Because of my leadership qualities, private industry experience, and vision for the city, I have earned many endorsements throughout my campaign. While this list continues to grow, below are a few note-

worthy names that are supporting my run for mayor.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke
Congressman Larry Buschon
City Councilmen Ron Beane
Jerome Stewart Board of Park
Commissioner
Former Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr.
Former County Commissioner
Carol McClintock
Former County Commissioner
Marsha Abell

Democrat Candidate Terry Views Economics As Priority

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throughout our community. "I want to see more neighborhood gatherings and events at our parks in order to foster a stronger sense of community around our shared public assets," Terry says.

Keeping Evansville safe is essential to all aspects of life in the

city, so public safety is a major priority. "Public safety requires a long term approach," Terry says. "We must not only ensure our police force is well-equipped, but we must also address the root causes of crime, such as generational poverty, mental health issues, and substance abuse."

Terry is also committed to affordable housing and education initiatives.

So far, her campaign is endorsed by former Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, 4th Ward City Council Member Alex Burton, Vanderburgh County Council Member Mike Goebel,

1st Ward City Council Member Ben Trockman, 3rd Ward City Council President Zach Heronemus, and Former Evansville City Council Member Dr. Dan Adams.

To learn more about Stephanie Terry and to support her campaign visit <https://voteterry.com>

'Save Our Park' Plan Will Create An Evansville Legacy

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young to old.

Following numerous meetings and discussions with stakeholders, the idea of building pickleball courts next to the existing tennis courts in Wesselman Park was developed. Put simply, there is a synergy in this location for expanded local (free) play, recreational and competitive leagues, youth programming, camps, tournaments, and management of new courts in the vacant green space that once was the location of softball fields.

Over the past year, the City has met with the Wesselman Nature Society, the Good Samaritan Home, Wesselman Neighborhood Association, the YMCA, the Convention & Visits Bureau, the Evansville Pickleball Outdoor

Courts (EPOC) and conducted public meetings for the Parks Department's 5-year Master Plan. Significant planning, time and resources have gone into the current pickleball project, but there is a difference over previous proposals for Wesselman Park. An overall plan now exists for Wesselman + Roberts Park that includes a new destination playground that is fully accessible, basketball, and sand volleyball courts, a parkour course, dedicated trails for pedestrians, and a new main entrance off of Boeke Road.

The concerns over traffic congestion impacts to wildlife, noise, and loss of green space have all been addressed in the plan that can be found at evansville.in.gov/wesselmanmasterplan. We all recognize the impor-

tance of the WWNP and have sought the guidance of the professional staff at Wesselman Woods.

It is also important to note that the proposed pickleball courts have been discussed and debated in an exhaustive number of public meetings over the past year, with votes of approval from the Parks Board of Commissioners and funding by the City Council.

Even so, a common suggestion is to simply move the pickleball courts to the former Roberts Stadium location.

When Roberts was demolished, land use experts agreed that the best use for the property would be green space. Mayor Winnecke continues to agree, and the plan is to develop the area into festival grounds with a pavil-

ion, trails, more shelters and a lake next to the Lloyd Expressway. An important piece of the overall plan is to reforest the old par 3 courses so that it will over time become part of the WWNP. While the opposition to any change is loud, we should not lose sight of the overall plan that will add 50+ acres of new green space and forest to the nature preserve. Combined with all the other park improvements including pickleball, our plan will truly help "save our park" and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

Steve Schaefer
Deputy Mayor / Interim Parks Director

FOOTNOTE: The City-County Observer posted this "Letter To The Editor" without bias or editing.

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CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

ANGELA KOEHLER LINDSEY

CITY COUNCIL WARD 6

(NO CANDIDATE HAS FILED)

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN UPCOMING PRIMARY ELECTION

MAYOR OF EVANSVILLE

STEPHANIE TERRY

CLERK OF EVANSVILLE

LAURA BROWN WINDHORST

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PAUL GREEN

MARY ALLEN

COURTNEY L. JOHNSON

CITY COUNCIL WARD 1

BEN TROCKMAN

CITY COUNCIL WARD 2

MISSY MOSBY

CITY COUNCIL WARD 3

ZAC HERONEMUS

CITY COUNCIL WARD 4

ALEX BURTON

CITY COUNCIL WARD 5

(NO CANDIDATE FILED)

CITY COUNCIL WARD 6

JIM BRINKMEYER

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Community

Beard Directs Insurance Companies To Implement Grace Period For Hoosiers Impacted By Storms

APRIL 2023
Indianapolis – On April 4, 2023, Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Amy L. Beard issued Bulletin 268 directing insurance companies to implement a 60-day cancellation moratorium for any policyholder directly affected by the recent weather events in Allen, Benton, Cass, Clinton, Howard, Johnson, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan, and White counties.

“The last thing we want those Hoosiers impacted by the recent tornadoes and severe storms to worry about is missing a premium payment or losing coverage,” said Commissioner Beard. “We hope by granting this extension, it will give them some peace of mind.”

Affected policyholders in impacted counties will be granted an extension of 60 days to make premium payments without risk of penalties or policy cancellation. After the 60-day period, policyholders will be required to resume making premium payments. The IDOI requests insurance companies work with the impacted policyholders in paying the premiums that would be due during the moratorium period by either allowing a payment plan or extending the payment due date.

In addition, the IDOI is providing similar courtesies to companies and licensees by implementing a 60-day grace period relating to renewal and cancellations for all licensees,



certificate holders and registrants from the impacted areas. This includes premium tax and surplus lines premium tax filings. Any penalties assessed due to late payment

during this period will be waived. The 60-day extension also will be applied to the Continuing Education requirements to those producers from impacted areas.

Indiana ACLU Will Fight Gender-Affirming Care Ban

APRIL 2023
Just hours after Gov. Eric Holcomb’s signed Senate Bill 480, which bans gender-affirming health care for transgender children, the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Indiana filed a lawsuit on behalf of four transgender children and their families.

The suit names as defendants the members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana, the executive director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Attorney General Todd Rokita, and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and its secretary.

It was filed in Southern Indiana District Court and asserts that SB 480 will violate, in part, the U.S. Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The suit additionally claims that this law will violate the federal requirements of the Medicaid and Affordable Care Act because it will prohibit essential medical services that would otherwise be authorized and reimbursed by Medicaid.

The law will ban gender-affirming health care—including surgeries, puberty blockers and hormones—for transgender individuals under 18. Trans minors receiving care as of July 1, 2023, will lose access to that



care after six months, and those who have not received medical care by July 1, 2023, will be unable to begin receiving it in Indiana.

“This is a devastating development for transgender youth in Indiana and heartbreaking for all of us who love and support them,” said Jane Henegar, executive director of the Indiana ACLU in a statement. “Indiana politicians continue to fail trans youth, so it is up to each and every one of us to rise against their ignorance and surround these young people with strength, safety, and love.”

She continued: “In addition to targeting an already vulnerable group,

this law blatantly disregards the rights of parents and families to make decisions about their children’s health. The ACLU is dedicated to overturning this unconstitutional law and is confident the state will find itself completely incapable of defending it in court.”

Meanwhile, Attorney General Todd Rokita indicated he will fight the ACLU’s attempt to overturn the law, tweeting, “Thankful for the General Assembly’s hard work to ensure our children are protected. This was common sense legislation, and my office is ready to defend it in court.”

Two of the parent-plaintiffs, Beth and Nathaniel Clawson, noted in an ACLU press release that their plaintiff daughter, currently 10, is fearful about what will happen to her if she cannot get gender-affirming medi-

cal care when puberty begins. “Starting around the age of 2 years old, our daughter began telling us who she is. When she was 3 1/2 years old, after researching gender dysphoria and consulting with both her therapist and pediatrician, she socially transitioned,” said Beth Clawson.

“That means we started using she/her pronouns and letting her dress as a girl. That was seven years ago, and she hasn’t wavered at all in knowing who she is.” Last year, Holcomb vetoed a bill restricting trans children on sport teams, but the Assembly overrode it. Many wondered if he would follow suit with this bill after he called it “clear as mud” on Tuesday. He explained why he signed the bill in a statement on Wednesday:

“Permanent gender-changing surgeries with lifelong impacts and medically prescribed preparation for such a transition should occur as an adult, not as a minor. There has and will continue to be debate within the medical community about the best ways to provide physical and mental health care for adolescents who are struggling with their own gender identity, and it is important that we recognize and understand those struggles are real. With all of that in mind, I have decided to sign SB 480 into law.”

The bill was authored by Sen. Tyler Johnson, R-Leo, who said the legislative body has a moral,

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Community

As Homeowners Are Hit With Higher Property Tax Bills, DeLaney Urges For System Reforms

APRIL 2023
By Marilyn Odendahl
The Indiana Citizen

With the coming property tax bills expected to wallop Hoosier homeowners, one Indiana Democratic lawmaker is faulting Republicans for not reforming the property tax system to prevent steep increases and is calling for a change in school funding to alleviate some of the pressure. Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, held a press conference Monday morning in the Statehouse where he said the "very significant increase" in property taxes is the result of the skyrocketing home valuations in 2021 fueled by the demand for houses. In Marion County, home valuations have increased an average of 18.9%. "Our system is showing its age," DeLaney said of the state's property tax system, which includes a 1% cap. "It was essentially adopted in the year 2007, and we've never before had to deal with our property taxes at the same time, we've had dramatic increases in property values. The system is not, in my view, flexible enough to deal with that kind of a problem."

Compounding the problem, the state has no way to soften the blow to homeowners this year.

Marion County is offering a credit of \$150 for owners of homes as-

sessed at \$250,000 or below and \$100 credit for homes valued between \$250,000 and \$400,000. Residents of other counties might not see similar relief, and they may have missed their chance to seek a new valuation since the deadline for appealing their assessments has passed in many places.

The representative said the Indiana General Assembly could make changes to address another somewhat smaller increase in property taxes that is expected to come.

"My friends in the majority should have seen this coming," DeLaney said. "The property valuations' increases over the last few years have been obvious. Some people have celebrated them, some people have cried about them, but we've known about this."

To take pressure off the property tax system, DeLaney is advocating

for a shift in the funding of k-12 public schools so more dollars come from the state rather than from the property tax pie. Property taxes are not adequate, he said, and schools are being "starved for funds" while homeowners are facing a nearly 20% increase in valuation. Moreover, schools are trying to cover the shortfall through tax referendums, but voters are not always approving the tax increases.

Delaney was not clear on exactly how lowering the schools' allocation would give relief to homeowners.

He said the state has an obligation to support public schools since the Indiana Constitution requires a uniform system of common schools. By reducing schools' dependence on property taxes, the pressure on such taxes would be alleviated and mu-

nicipalities would have more money for things that are "truly local" like roads, police, firefighters, and libraries.

Asked how shifting school funding to the state would lower property taxes, DeLaney indicated the Statehouse would have to take additional steps.

"We do have the right to try to lower the property tax across the board," he said. "I think we could try to do that but that just requires more state funding."

The representative applauded a push by Republican Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, to funnel more state funds to schools. Thompson has proposed guaranteeing \$1,500 to schools in property taxes for every student. If the property taxes come up short, then state dollars would be used to fill the gap.

DeLaney said Thompson, recognizes the need to use state funds to replace property tax revenues going to schools. However, he is not optimistic the proposal will be included in the final budget bill.

"I don't know that the Senate is prepared to deal with that," DeLaney said. "That's a big idea by Indiana tax standards. The only big idea that the Senate has ever had is to cut a tax."



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Changes Reversed On Financial Literacy Bill

APRIL 2023
By Xain Ballenger

A popular bipartisan financial literacy bill that was drastically changed last week was changed back on Tuesday in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 35 would require Indiana high-school students to study financial literacy and was authored by Sen. Mike Gaskill, R-Pendleton, Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Centerville, and Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger.

Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, made a somewhat controversial amendment to the bill in the House Education Committee on March 29 that removed the requirement for state-accredited nonpublic schools. In that meeting, testimony came after the amendment was adopted. Representatives from the Indiana Association of School Principals, the Indiana

Credit Union League, the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development, the Indiana Bankers Association, the Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association, and others indicated they supported the bill with the amendment but preferred it without.

On Tuesday in the House Chamber, the bill was changed back as Rep. Julie McGuire, R-Indianapolis, offered an amendment to put accredited and nonpublic schools back into the bill. It was adopted unanimously.

Rep. Joanna King, R-Middlebury, a sponsor of the bill, spoke in support of making the switch.

"I think this gets the bill to a better place," she said.

The bill was placed into third reading, where it will be voted on again to determine whether it will make its way to Gov. Eric Holcomb's desk.

Protecting Indiana From Foreign Threats

APRIL 2023
By Vaneta Baker, State Senator

This year, Senate Republicans are spearheading efforts to ensure Hoosier land and money are safe from foreign threats.

Critical infrastructure like communication networks, supply chain hubs, and government facilities are increasingly targeted by foreign entities like China and Russia. That's why we passed



legislation that would prohibit the selling of land adjacent to critical infrastructure to entities deemed a national threat by the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

Indiana also has important military bases and facilities within our borders, so we passed legislation that will help ensure the land around them is secure. This will help support the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division, Lake Glendora Test

Facility, and Grissom Air Reserve Base.

Along with protecting our land, the Senate passed legislation that would prohibit the Indiana Public Retirement System from investing in companies controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese

Communist Party and create a five-year divestment plan from these interests. We have to acknowledge that any investment in China is an issue of national security and a

monetary endorsement of human rights violations. It is important to protect Indiana's economic foundation and Hoosiers by ensuring their hard-earned money is being kept close to home instead of in the hands of adversarial states.

I was happy to support these measures because it was time for the Indiana General Assembly to take a stand on these issues that impact not only Hoosiers but all Americans.

Indiana ACLU Will Fight Gender-Affirming Care Ban

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medical and legal obligation to protect kids from harm. He also released a statement:

"I am very pleased to see Gov. Holcomb support my bill, which addresses the need to protect a group of vulnerable Hoosier children. We have the utmost compassion for children suffering with gender dysphoria and they deserve sensible counseling," Johnson said.

"Gender related procedures on children are growing at an alarming rate in the United States while other countries are scaling back their use. Since these procedures have irreversible and life-altering effects, it is appropriate and necessary for our state to make sure these procedures are performed only on adults who can make the decision on their own behalf."

Democrats had strenuously objected to the bill as it made its way through the General Assembly, including Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, who said doctors in Indiana do not perform gender-affirming care on trans minors. She pushed back on the notion this bill was about protecting youths.

"It's a group of adult legislators bullying, harassing and discriminating against children and parents of these children," she said.

On March 27, when the bill passed the House, Rep. Blake Johnson, D-Indianapolis, said the bill sent a message about the Assembly's values.

"With Senate Bill 480, we are sending a signal to a very specific group of Hoosiers: young people who are among our most vulnerable, our most isolated, our most likely to suffer from depression and suicidal

thoughts. We say to them not that we're here for them but rather that there is, in fact, something wrong with them," Johnson said.

Rep. Vernon G. Smith, D-Gary, spoke out in an op-ed published by The Statehouse File, saying that gender-affirming care could save a child's life and that many doctors and health-care professionals assured legislators that no children in Indiana are receiving surgical or irreversible treatments.

"Senate Bill 480 is state-sanctioned bullying, plain and simple," Smith said.

On Wednesday, Indiana House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, expressed his warning about Republican overreach.

"Conservatives are leaning into the culture wars and putting politics over parents," GiaQuinta said. "Let's face it: no parent has it all figured out but the last thing they need is help from politicians."

"Hoosiers value freedom, family and the opportunity to live life with minimal interference from the government. Indiana Republicans—supposedly the party of small government—have now given themselves the unilateral authority to dictate what health care choices parents are able to make for their children. This legislation or issue may not affect your family directly, but should be a warning to every Hoosier that, with the swipe of a pen, your liberties can be taken by the Indiana GOP."


FOOTNOTE: According to the ACLU, the ban is opposed by the American Medical Association, American Psychological Association and American Academy of Pediatrics.

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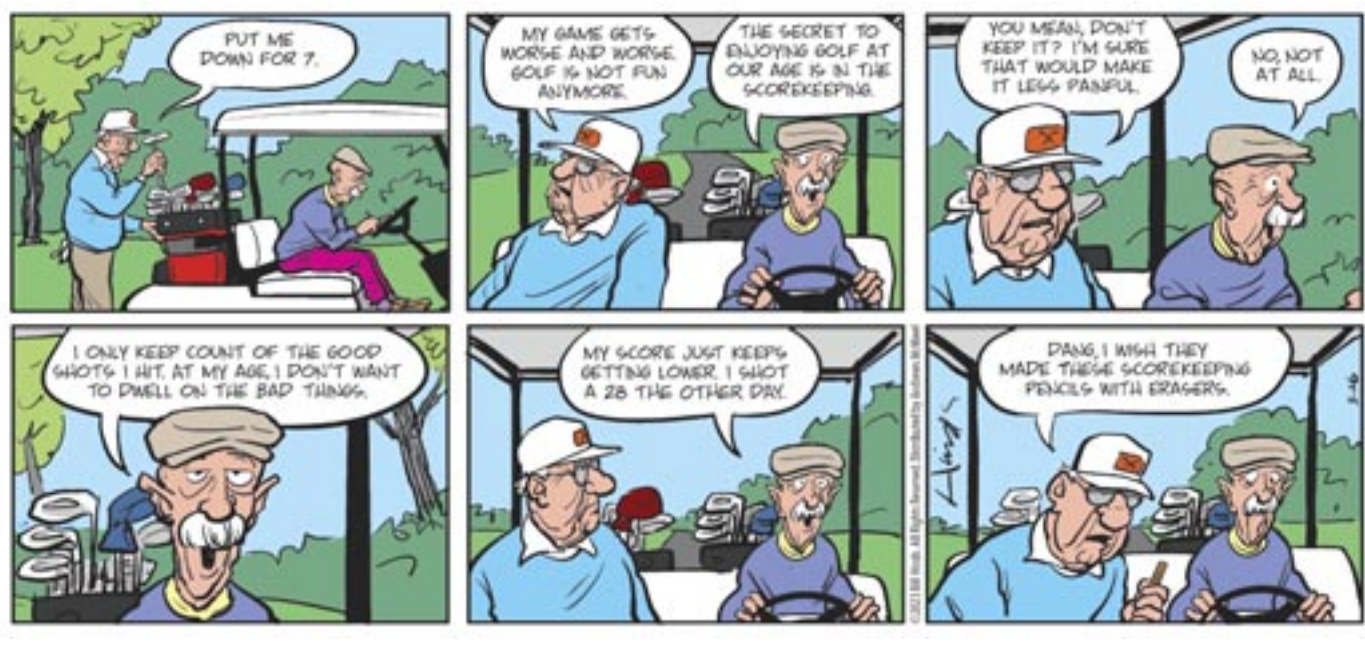
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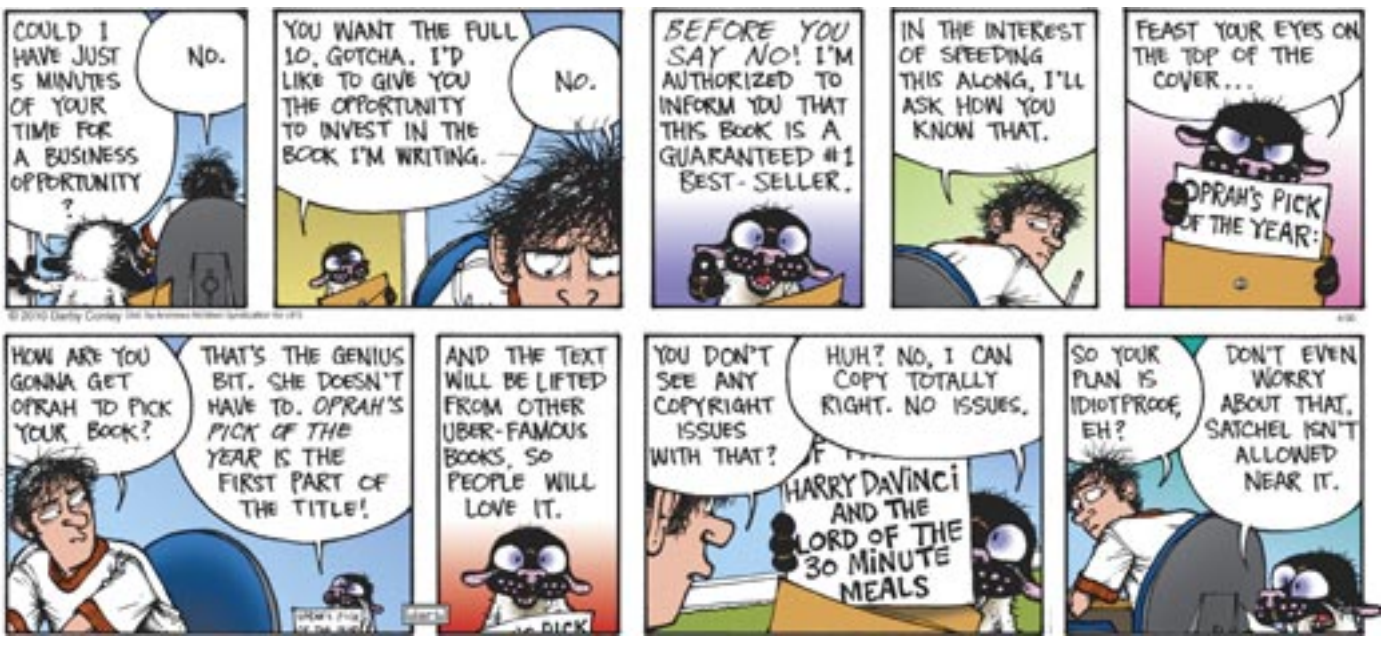
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Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Trailer hookup
 - 6 Tennis star
 - 10 A short time?
 - 13 Nebraska's biggest city
 - 14 Moby Dick's pursuer
 - 15 Real Salt Lake's state
 - 16 Powell and Coeur d'Alene, for two
 - 17 Apple assistant
 - 18 Fraction of a math book?
 - 19 Corp. bigwig
 - 20 Wearing footwear
 - 21 IRS submission method
 - 22 "Coming 2 America" prince
 - 24 Arranged neatly
 - 26 Form a concept
 - 27 Prefix for "second" or "technology"
 - 28 Arab noblemen
 - 29 Meg of "You've Got Mail"
 - 31 First part of most resumes
 - 35 Bed cover
 - 36 Snakelike fish
 - 37 Play the banjo
 - 38 Made haste
 - 39 "NFL Live" channel
 - 40 Decide that you will
 - 41 Imperfection
 - 43 Like a messy bed
- DOWN**
- 1 Old sock annoyance
 - 2 Large format at the theater
 - 3 Lose intentionally
 - 4 "Finish line sights"
 - 5 "What gotten into you?"
 - 6 "Soft winter wear"
 - 7 Cedar Point's state
 - 8 "They're used for counting quantities"
 - 9 ___-Wan
 - 10 Straight-laced
 - 11 It beats (or might eat!) a birdie
 - 12 Root (for)
 - 15 Request for some preorders ... or what you can find in the answers to the starred clues
 - 20 Theatrical scenery
 - 21 Long period of time
 - 23 Dawn direction
 - 25 Granny, to a Brit
 - 26 "You awake yet?" response
 - 28 Newspaper VIPs
 - 30 "You got it"
 - 32 One making money with other people's work?
 - 33 Sound-off button
 - 34 Punk offshoot
 - 37 A portion of
 - 39 Nosh on
 - 42 Southeast Asian language
 - 44 Red Sox archival, on scoreboards
 - 45 Hardly suitable
 - 46 Bathroom floor worker
 - 47 Like polished jewelry
 - 51 La Tar Pits
 - 53 "ur so funny"
 - 54 Lava (retro fixture)
 - 56 Flow out
 - 57 ABBA song with the words "Nothing else can save me"

Find The Answers To This Month's Puzzle on Page 14

Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Education

UE, STARTedUP Foundation Announce Regional Qualifiers

APRIL 2023

EVANSVILLE — With nearly 2500 statewide sign-ups, the STARTedUP Foundation's Innovate WithIN program is the largest high school pitch competition in the country. During the month of April, fifty-two teams across Indiana will be competing to qualify for the state competition with the top two teams from each region progressing onto state.

"In addition to having another record-breaking year, we have seen such an improvement in the quality of student's pitches and heard from educators of how they have seen a mindset shift in their classrooms," said Don Wettrick, co-founder and CEO of the STARTedUP Foundation. "As an educator of 25 years, when you bring a mindset of innovation into the classroom, things change for students. These young people are able to visualize real-world opportunities and are challenged to explore their own entrepreneurial passions."

On April 10, ten student teams will be competing in the Region 1 competition hosted by the University of Evansville, who has removed barriers for students to attend their school by offering scholarships and making connections within their university and community.

"We are honored and excited to host this pitch competition at University of Evansville," said Dr. Beverly Brockman, Schroeder Family Dean of the College of Business & Engineering. "Pitch competitions provide a

great opportunity for students to collaborate with other students, mentors, investors, and industry experts. Hosting this event allows us to create an environment that fosters collaboration and networking, which can be beneficial for these students' professional development."

In addition to the financial and relational opportunities offered by the University of Evansville, students are connected to business and civic leaders who also have a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, especially as they look ahead to growing their future workforce ecosystem.

Individuals from across the state are invited to attend their local competition and experience these impressive student pitches. Residents may join in person on April 10th at the University of Evansville from 8:30AM – 1:00PM CST or attend virtually. More details and registration information can be found at: startedupfoundation.org/region-1

The Region 1 participating teams are as follows:

Cruzin' Cabs

Breanna Lawrence, Seymour Senior High School

Dr. Orthopedic

Claire Deardorff, Signature School Inc.

Jennifer Vazquez, Signature School Inc.

Fleetwise

Peyton Chitwood, The Academy of Science & Entrepreneurship

Legaltec

Jude Allaw, Signature School Inc.
Ethan Hilton, Signature School Inc.

Mann Patel, Signature School Inc.

Music Makers

Aparna Kudiyirkkal Anil, Signature School Inc.

Sreya Yelamanchili, Signature School Inc.

Pure Pup

Rue Henderson, Mount Vernon High School

Kyra Rainey, Mount Vernon High School

Malley Wagner, Mount Vernon High School

Sid's Studio

Siddhant, Jain, Columbus North High School

Virtual Pet Prep

Jack Megnin, Bloomington High School South

Nolan Risen, Bloomington High School South

Noah Spicer, Bloomington High School South

Voluntabs

Jennie Amador, Signature School Inc.

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About The STARTedUP Foundation
The STARTedUP Foundation officially launched in 2018 to start building the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. This is accom-

plished through three key initiatives: Spark, Develop, and Accelerate. Beginning with sparking innovation through the Innovate WithIN pitch competition; continuing to develop students through an educator fellowship; and accelerating innovation through the creation of an alumni association for all students previously engaged with STARTedUP.

About Innovate WithIN

STARTedUP's innovation pitch competition, Innovate WithIN, is the most elite entrepreneurial pitch competition in the country, with ten teams selected within each of Indiana's five regions to compete in the first round of the competition and the top two teams from each region invited to compete in the Innovate WithIN State Finals. These top teams are competing for \$25,000 in seed funding to launch their company, product, or idea.

The University of Evansville is a private, comprehensive university located in the southwestern region of Indiana. Established in 1854, UE is recognized across the globe for its rich tradition of innovative, academic excellence and vibrant campus community of changemakers.

Home of the Purple Aces, UE offers over 75 majors, 17 Division I sports, and a unique study abroad experience at Harlaxton College, a Victorian manor located in the countryside of the United Kingdom. For more information, please visit evansville.edu.

UE Recognizes 4 Outstanding Educator Award Winners

APRIL 2023

EVANSVILLE – On Wednesday, April 5, the University of Evansville (UE) presented four individuals in Vanderburgh County with Outstanding Educator Awards. Each educator received a surprise announcement within their school as part of UE's 32nd annual presentation of awards.

The competition, which is specific to Vanderburgh County, recognizes current classroom teachers and building principals in grades K-12 with at least three years of experience. The Outstanding Educator Awards for Vanderburgh County are sponsored by UE, Evansville Liberty Federal Credit Union, and the Evansville Courier & Press.

The following awards were presented:

Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year: Briana Campell, a first-grade teacher at Lodge Community School

Briana Campell has been immersed in the education field for the last decade and spent the last two years working at Lodge Community School. She teaches reading, writing, math, and social-emotional learning in a first-grade classroom.

Along with her regular classroom duties, Campell teaches students who require additional academic and behavioral support. Campell is there for her students in every way, even taking one in as a foster child. Campell believes in Nelson Mandela's saying, "Education is the most powerful weapon in which you can use to change the world." She said she wholeheartedly knows that she is "changing this world for the better one child at a time." One of Campell's main focuses as a teacher is as-

uring that the children know they are safe, loved, and believed in. She greets each student with a hug or a fist bump and is a firm believer in mutual respect.

Campell's teaching strategy includes holding all her students to high standards of achievement. She believes in their ability which inspires students to believe in themselves.

Campell's work does not go unnoticed. She is admired by her fellow coworkers who say her amazing work extends beyond the classroom.

In nominating Campell for an Outstanding Educator Award, an individual said that "I cannot say enough wonderful things about Briana, nor can I think of a more deserving educator."

Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year: Jance Johnston, a sixth-grade teacher at Delaware Elementary School

Jance Johnston has been a teacher for 9 years, which is exactly how long he has worked at Delaware Elementary. His primary disciplines are English language arts, math, and science. In addition to his many middle school subjects, he has an array of additional school-related contributions including being an afterschool teacher, 6th-grade boys' basketball coach, inclusion teacher, and summer school-teacher.

"I place a high value on ensuring that all of my students feel as though they belong to our school family and are seen as individuals," Johnston said. "Intentional time is used throughout the day to connect with my students and allow them to connect with one another."

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In his teaching philosophy, Johnston's emphasis is placed on building relationships with students. He believes that understanding each student as an individual is crucial for effective education. By getting to know his students better, he can better cater to their needs within the classroom. Johnston observes and interprets his students' verbal and nonverbal communication to assess their ability to absorb knowledge.

Johnston's involvement in a variety of additional school activities such as 3D printing, technology, gardening, cooking, and coaching provides him with an advantage in building relationships with students. He believes that these activities offer opportunities to find common ground with students, earn mutual respect and trust, and better understand their emotions. This approach helps maintain an efficient and focused classroom that is ready to learn.

A nomination for Johnston noted his passion and drive for learning. "Jance continually goes above and beyond as an educator both during and after school hours. From making conscious and sincere efforts to connect with families and students as if they were his own, to ensuring that each child gets the academic support they need to learn to their highest potential."

Outstanding High School

Teacher of the Year: Timothy Wilhelmus, an eleventh and twelfth-grade teacher at Central High School

Timothy Wilhelmus has been teaching for thirty-one years and has spent the last three years teaching at Central High School. Wilhelmus is also involved in numerous school-related responsibilities. In particular, he sponsors the creative writer's Guild and the imagining club. He also serves on several committees including the Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), and the Medical Professions Academy (MPA).

Wilhelmus teaches English Language arts, AP Literature, and the AVID elective. The AVID elective supports traditionally underrepresented students to develop skills needed to be successful in honors and college-level coursework.

"We all have our own journeys, and I honor that, by being highly flexible and encouraging student voice and choice. I also focus heavily on creating a classroom environment that supports students as they learn in all respects: academically, materially, emotionally, and socially," said Wilhelmus. "My lessons are designed to develop skills that allow students to own their own learning. Students are given every opportunity to try, fail, try again, and grow."

The nominations for Wilhelmus

offer incredible words describing how he exceeds the expectations of his students.

One nomination stated that "he goes above and beyond to influence a positive class culture while still being able to finish lessons and allow students to develop an overall understanding of the materials."

Outstanding Building Administrator of the Year: Chris Gibson, New Tech Institute

Chris Gibson has been an educator for twenty-four years, spending eight teaching science, six as a counselor, and ten in administration. He has been at New Tech Institute for the last ten years.

In addition to his administrative work, Gibson has accomplished a great deal in the academic community. He played a crucial role in launching the Makerspace and Entrepreneurial Academy Advisory Council. He also served as the coach for the FIRST robotics League team. Gibson partnered with three seniors in 2020 to achieve STEM School recertification through the Indiana Department of Education. With that, he also helps coordinate the annual STEM festival for the community. Additionally, Gibson was responsible for forming the Diversity and Equity Team at New Tech Institute in 2021 to build competency around equity for all students.

Gibson has also been asked to serve as a presenter and facilitator at the Central Indiana Educational

Service Center (CIESC) STEM Boot Camp in June 2022.

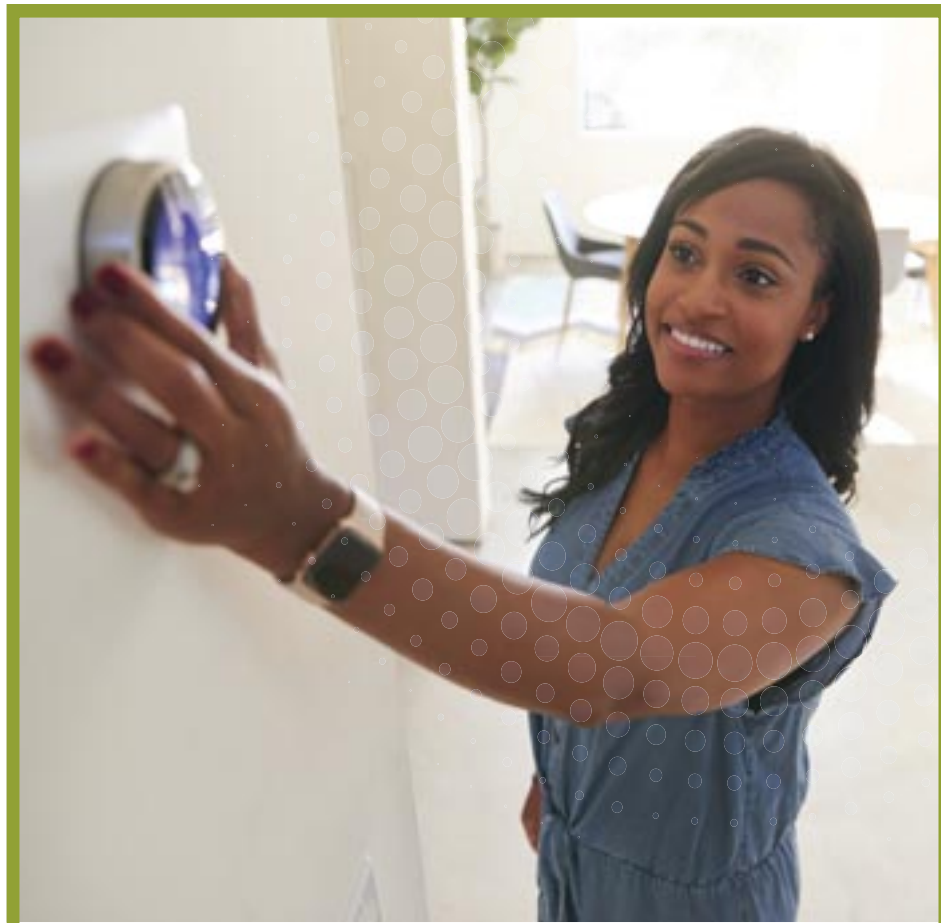
"The focus of my educational journey has been to ensure that all students have access to high-quality, rigorous instruction – and that they have the equivalent support to help them reach the expectations inherent in that challenging environment," said Gibson.

For over 20 years, Gibson has prioritized the concept of relevance in his educational philosophy. He understands that students need to see the practical relevance of what they are learning in order to become engaged and that they are more likely to retain knowledge and skills when the content is relatable.

Gibson currently serves as the principal of New Tech, which is a close-knit small school with about 275 students featuring a family-like atmosphere. As the leader of an innovative project-based learning school, he continues to place a strong emphasis on connecting learning to the real world, highlighting how students can apply what they have learned in practical ways.

Gibson's peers acknowledge his outstanding efforts. In his nomination, they mentioned his diverse range of responsibilities and his incredible support for fellow staff and students.

"He knows every student's name and takes time to develop relationships with them."



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USI Communications Students Collect IASB Awards

APRIL 2023

The University of Southern Indiana communications students were recognized as award winners in six categories during the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) annual college broadcasting competition ceremony Saturday, March 25 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.

The statewide competition includes over 30 audio and video categories with a panel of industry professionals to judge entries, awarding first, second and third places in each category. USI students brought home awards in six categories, including first place for Radio Copywriting and Radio Imaging, to name a few.

The complete list of USI award



recipients is listed below:

First Place Winners

Radio Copywriting – Becca Latham

Radio Imaging – Tyler Huyser

Second Place Winners

Radio News Story – Andrew Newland

Third Place Winners

Radio Newscast – Andrew Newland

Sound Design – Ryan Allega

Radio Show – Jada Hamby and Tyler Huyser

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sity of Southern Indiana enrolls nearly 9,200 dual credit, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students in more than 130 areas of study. A public higher education institution, located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus in Evansville, Indiana, USI offers programs through the College of Liberal Arts, Romain College of Business, College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education. The University offers study-abroad opportunities in more than 60 countries and hosts international students from around the globe. USI is a Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and offers continuing education and special programs to more than 15,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. USI is online at USI.edu.

Kobylanski's Art On Display At New Harmony Gallery

APRIL 2023

The University of Southern Indiana's New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (NHGCA) is proud to present Ichor, a solo show highlighting the work of Inka Kobylanski. The show is open now and runs through April 29, with a public reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The word ichor originates from Greek mythology as the ethereal fluid that is the blood of the Greek gods said to retain the qualities of the gods' food and drink, otherwise known as ambrosia and nectar. Ichor was described as a yellow sticky liquid toxic to humans.

In Ichor, Kobylanski explores themes of womanhood, religion, mental illness and the connection between the human body and nature. The works in Ichor reveal how often these themes intersect. Kobylanski depicts internal human structures such as organs, musculature and bones alongside natural imagery to comment on the complexity of their origins. Scattered within the imagery includes things toxic to humans, such as teratomas and hawthorn, all of which refer to mental illness.



In Divine Dissection, Kobylanski uses the medium of quilting to reference labor traditionally seen as women's work. The quilt contains several components that make up a whole, making it an inherent reference to the harmony of human biological makeup. A female musculature is displayed in the standard anatomical position, exposed on a level much deeper than the traditional female nude. Alongside the musculature are organs and cellular structures that harmonize with floral elements, questioning if womanhood is something biological or if it is something most are molded into.

Inka Kobylanski is an interdisciplinary artist and USI student from Newburgh, Indiana. She believes anatomy is the carefully constructed flora of the body, with nerves branching out like roots to every leaf, every stem and every petal. She uses the female form and orchids as personal symbols of the connections between one's physical body, mental self and the natural world.

According to Kobylanski, "The discovery of self, pleasure and acceptance is anything but linear; pain may rear its filthy head in the face of progress. However, these are the structures of our very beings. They let us

move. They let us partake in pleasure. Their repetitiveness connects us with the building blocks of nature."

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art promotes discourse about and access to contemporary art in the southern Indiana region and is a proud outreach partner of the University of Southern Indiana.

This exhibition is made possible in part by the Efroymsen Family Fund, Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana and the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Sports

Eagles Use Strong Final Round To Finish Second

APRIL 2023

LOUISVILLE, KY – University of Southern Indiana Men's Golf completed the Ernie Denham Classic in Louisville, Kentucky with a tied for second-place finish after shooting an 869 (+5) as a team. All five competitors for the Screaming Eagles finished in the top 30 while three finished in the top 25.

The Eagles finished the tournament with the lowest average par-four score with a 4.13 average score. USI also finished with the most pars recorded, 171, and third most birdies, 45.

Senior Zach Williams (Mt. Vernon, Illinois) led the Eagles with a tied for third-place finish after shooting a 211 (-5), 72-69-70. Williams' 211 is the tied for the lowest 54-hole score in USI history, the second time an



Eagle has scored that low this spring when sophomore Jason Bannister (Laguna Niguel, California) scored a 211 at the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate. Williams finished with the second lowest average score on par-four holes on the tournament, averaging an even 4.00. He also

recorded the most birdies on the tournament with 15.

Juniors Bryce Kirchner (North Vernon, Indiana) and Jace Day (Bloomington, Indiana) were the other two top-25 finishers for USI. Kirchner finished in a tie for 17th after shooting a 291 (+3), 74-72-73, while Day fin-

ished in a tie for 21st after he finished the tournament with a 220 (+4), 70-77-73. Day finished with the fourth lowest average score recorded on par-four holes, averaging a 4.10 as well as the second most pars on the tournament with 38.

Bannister and freshman Carter Goebel (Breese, Illinois) rounded out the scorers for the Eagles. Bannister finished in a tie for 27th after shooting a 222 (+6), 73-75-74, while Goebel finished in a tie for 30th with a 223 (+7), 75-76-72. Goebel finished the tournament with the most pars recorded on the tournament with 39.

Junior Trevor Laub (Edwardsville, Illinois) competed in the tournament as an individual and finished tied for 55th after shooting a 231 (+15), 79-74-78.

USI's Hufnagel Named OVC Track Athlete Of The Week



APRIL 2023

EVANSVILLE — University of Southern Indiana Men's Track & Field senior Noah Hufnagel (Santa Claus, Indiana) has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Track Athlete of the Week in an announcement by the league office Wednesday afternoon.

Hufnagel led the Screaming Eagles at the WashU Distance Carnival this past Saturday night, posting a first-place finish in the 5,000 meters with a stadium-record time of 14 minutes, 5.50 seconds.

The award is the first weekly honor for USI Men's Track & Field since joining the OVC in July and the first weekly honor for Hufnagel on the track. Hufnagel was twice selected OVC Runner of the Week on the cross country course in the

fall and was twice named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Runner of the Week as a junior in 2021.

Hufnagel's performance at the WashU Distance Carnival was just 5.47 seconds shy of his personal-best and was his fastest time on an outdoor track—he posted a time of 14:00.03 at the Boston University David Hemery Valentine Invite during the Indoor season in February. The performance also ranks eighth all-time on USI's outdoor 5,000-meter list.

A graduate of Heritage Hills High School and a kinesiology major at USI, Hufnagel was the OVC champion on the cross country course this past fall and in the 3,000 meters at the OVC Indoor Championships less than two months ago.

USI Hires Aucoin As Next Volleyball Coach

APRIL 2023

EVANSVILLE, Ind. –The University of Southern Indiana Volleyball has officially the hiring of Jeffrey Aucoin M'22 as the next head coach of the Screaming Eagles. Aucoin will be the 13th head coach in program history and the second in the NCAA Division I era.

"First, I would like to thank President Ronald Rochon, Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall, Assistant Director of Athletics Mandi Fulton,

and all the members of the search committee," says Aucoin.

"It is an honor to lead this program at a critical time in the program's history. From the moment I stepped on campus, I could feel the pride and authenticity of the USI family. They exuded the energy, commitment, and compassion to deliver a first-class student-athlete experience. I cannot wait to work with the team, engage with the alumni, and immerse our family in the USI and Evansville communities. Go Screaming Eagles!"

"We are truly excited to have Jeff on board and part of our USI community," says USI Athletic Director Jon Mark Hall. "This is a critical time for all of our programs as we continue through our transition in Division I and we are excited that Jeff will be here to lead our volleyball students through this transition. Jeff is student-athlete centered and understands the demands placed on student-athletes in today's environment. His holistic approach to leading a program came across very clearly during the interview process."

Aucoin comes to USI after a 10-year stint with Harvard University as the recruiting coordinator and assistant women's volleyball coach. During his time with the Crimson women's volleyball program, Aucoin helped guide the team to back-to-back Ivy League championships and their first NCAA tournament appearance in school history. He was able to achieve a top-40 recruiting class and coached 25 All-Ivy League selections, three AVCA All-Region selections, and two Ivy League Rookie of the Year athletes.



Aucoin spent three seasons with the Crimson men's volleyball program as an assistant coach. During his time with the program, he guided the team to their all-time highest

AVCA national ranking at No.13 and coached eight All-EIVA selections.

Aucoin graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology focusing on sports studies. He also was a four-year member of the New Hampshire men's club volleyball team and was named NCVF tournament MVP after leading the Wildcats to the 2011 NCVF Division I-AA National Championship. In 2013, Aucoin earned his master's degree in physical education and sport from Ball State University where he was a MIVA Academic All-Conference selection as a member of the Cardinals' NCAA Division I varsity men's volleyball team. He would continue his academic pursuit and receive an MBA at the University of Southern Indiana in May 2022.

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Aces Rally From 6 Run Deficit To Beat Purdue

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Down 8-2 after two innings, the University of Evansville baseball team rallied on Tuesday for a wild 12-10 come-from-behind victory over the host Purdue Boilermakers at Alexander Field in West Lafayette, Indiana. The win marked UE's seventh-straight win over Big Ten competition, and its nation-leading eighth-straight road victory.

"Our guys showed a lot of character and a lot of heart tonight," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "Purdue really earned that early lead, as they were producing a lot of barrels very early on. But, we had different guys step up to help us pick up this win."

"I thought that Michael Parks did a great job of putting zeros up on the scoreboard and righting the ship for us from a pitching standpoint, and then I thought everyone up and down our lineup stepped up and came through when we needed it. I think this win can really kick-start us into something very special."

Evansville took an early 2-0 lead on solo home runs by fifth-year first baseman Chase Hug and sophomore designated hitter Evan Waggoner in the first two innings. For Hug, it was his seventh home run of the year, while Waggoner's home run was his first collegiate home run at UE.



The lead would be short-lived, though, as the Boilermakers would explode for eight runs in the bottom of the second inning, as eight-straight batters reached base, capped by a three-run home run by catcher Connor Caskenette. But, the game was far from over.

UE junior catcher Brendan Hord would score Hug with a two-out RBI single in the top of the third inning, before Waggoner would add a two-run double later in the frame to cut the Purdue lead to 8-5. Parks would then go to work on the mound, and retire the final nine men he faced over the next three innings to keep the score 8-5.

Senior reliever Jakob Meyer

would work a scoreless bottom of the sixth to keep the score 8-5, before Evansville would rally for five runs in the seventh inning to take a 10-8 lead. After fifth-year outfielder Eric Roberts doubled to lead off the frame, Hug walked and junior shortstop Simon Scherry followed with an RBI single to score the frame's first run.

An RBI ground out by Hord would get UE back within one run, before senior third baseman Brent Widder produced an RBI single to tie the game at 8-8. Sophomore centerfielder Ty Rumsey would then follow two batters later with a two-out, two-run home run to right field to give UE a 10-8 lead.

Purdue would answer right back with a two-run home run of its own in the bottom of the seventh inning, but UE would respond with two runs in the top of the eighth inning to grab a 12-10 lead. Hug plated fifth-year outfielder Danny Borgstrom with an RBI double in the frame, and Hord followed two batters later with an RBI single to produce the final margin of victory. Graduate reliever John MacCauley and redshirt-junior closer Nate Hardman combined to shut down Purdue over the final two frames to help UE snap a four-game losing streak.

Hug went 3-for-4 and finished a triple shy of the cycle to lead UE offensively. He also scored four runs and drove in two. Hord also went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBI, while Waggoner, Widder and Scherry all had two-hit efforts as well.

With the win, Evansville improves to 17-11 overall. Purdue, meanwhile, falls to 12-15. The Purple Aces will now return to German American Bank Field at Charles H. Braun Stadium this weekend for a three-game Missouri Valley Conference series against Valparaiso. The series begins Friday night at 6 p.m. and all three games of the series can be heard live in Evansville on 107.1 FM-WJPS and the Old National Bank/Purple Aces Sports Network from Learfield.

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Bosse Field
- Evansville Philharmonic: ARETHA! A Tribute**
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 USSSA BB Super Global Qualifier (April 21-23)
 USSSA BB King of the Turf (April 28-30)
 USSSA BB Armed Forces Tribute (May 5-7)
 USSSA BB Mom's Day Mayhem (May 12-14)

USSSA FP Mother's Day Classic (May 13-14)
 38th Sporting Southern Indiana Classic (May 12-14)
 2023 GMB G2 Championships-Indiana Turf (May 19-21)
 RCRC Spring Shootout (May 20-21)
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