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# Vanderburgh Commissioner Musgrave Announces Bid For Mayor Of Evansville

**JULY 2022**  
**BY CCO Staff**

Cheryl Musgrave, Vanderburgh County Commissioner, just announced that she will be a candidate for Mayor of Evansville in next year's city elections. Musgrave is in her third term as County Commissioner, a three-member board that functions as the chief executive of county government. In that role, she most recently negotiated and implemented a ground-breaking contract bringing high-speed internet to the entire county outside city limits. She is now working on a major multi-million-dollar upgrade to the county-owned historic Soldiers and Sailors Memorial (Veterans) Coliseum in Downtown Evansville. Throughout her career, Musgrave has also championed major road and infrastructure upgrades.

"I will bring both an independent perspective and a strong conservative sense of duty to the role of mayor, building on the achievements of the past to make the future even better," Musgrave said. "I love this city. I have called it home for decades, and three generations of my family live here. I want Evansville's future to be as bright as it can be."



Musgrave also served in Gov. Mitch Daniels' cabinet during his first term and has a long history of public service, both locally and state-wide. Her innovative and independent approach has won widespread admiration and brought results. 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 an independent mindset. Once elected to serve in a public office she has shown time and again creative problem solving which delivered exceptional service to taxpayers.

## Area Lawmakers Pledge Support To Overturn Of Roe v. Wade



**JULY 2022**  
**STATEHOUSE** Area lawmakers said they plan to support further protections for the unborn and expanded resources for pregnant women in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade on Friday. State Reps. Wendy McNamara (R-Evansville), Cindy Ledbetter (R-Newburgh) and Tim O'Brien (R-Evansville) said the nation's highest court rightfully returned the question of abortion back to the states by overturning Roe. Indiana lawmakers are expected to take action to further protect life when they return to the Statehouse for a special session. Gov. Eric Holcomb recently announced his call for lawmakers to reconvene on July 6 and provide \$1 billion in inflation relief to Hoosier taxpayers due to higher-than-expected revenue collections. "Today's court ruling gives the General Assembly the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to life," McNamara said. "While it's too early to know what possible legislation could look like, I look forward to discussing this important issue with my House colleagues and taking action to strengthen protections for the unborn." In March, McNamara, Ledbetter and O'Brien signed onto a letter urging Gov. Eric Holcomb to

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## CenterPoint To Build Natural Gas Turbines

**JULY 2022**  
 CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (NYSE: CNP) today announced its Indiana-based electric utility business, CenterPoint Energy Indiana South, received approval for the construction of natural gas generation from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), a key step in the company's long-term electric generation transition plan. CenterPoint Energy intends to construct two natural gas combustion turbines (CTs) to replace portions of its existing coal-fired generation fleet. The company's generation transition plan will significantly evolve the way the company generates power for its 150,000 customers across southwestern Indiana by combining a cleaner portfolio of renewables and complementary natural gas. The estimated \$334 million natural gas facility will provide an output of 460 megawatts (MW), sized appropriately to reliably support the anticipated electric generation needed upon the retirement of A.B. Brown units 1 and 2 in late 2023. The CTs will be constructed at the current site of the power plant in Posey County, Ind., and will assist CenterPoint Energy in delivering on its commitment to provide a cost-effective, well-balanced energy mix. The company's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) illustrated a preferred portfolio including nearly two-thirds of energy gener-

ated from renewable resources as well as natural gas generation, which is projected to ultimately save electric customers an estimated \$320 million over the 20-year planning period. Through the IRP process, CenterPoint Energy performed significant analysis and considered public input to arrive at the most reliable and cost-effective solution for customers. "Although the majority of the proposed generation outlined in our plan comes from renewable resources, there remains a need for reliable, resilient and fast-ramping generation to operate around-the-clock when the sun and wind are insufficient to power the renewable resources," said Steve Greenley, Senior Vice President, Generation Development. "While the combustion turbines may not run constantly, it is very likely they will operate several hours each day in order to supplement our renewable generation with a lower carbon solution, when renewable facilities are not at peak generating levels." In addition, the company recently filed for securitization of its A.B. Brown assets,

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# Commentary

## Senator Todd Young Steps Up

JULY 2022

By John Krull,  
TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS—Political courage is a rare commodity these days

When an elected official demonstrates it, he or she deserves commendation.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, did so the other day. He was one of 14 Republican senators voting in favor of the compromise gun-safety bill moving through the U.S. Senate.

More important, he was one of only two GOP senators—U.S. Sen. Linda Murkowski, R-Alaska, is the other—currently running for re-election to vote in favor of the measure.

Young's vote isn't likely to help him with the Republican base.

There is a significant slice of the Indiana GOP that believes the best solution to America's epidemic of gun violence is no solution at all. Given their druthers, these folks would arm toddlers



with assault weapons as they send them off to day care because they believe there is no question confronting society for which making guns even more abundant does not provide the answer.

More rational souls can shake their heads in wonder at such deeply entrenched delusions, but the fact is that gun worshippers vote. Often, they are single-issue voters who live to punish those politicians they

think have strayed from the true faith.

They can be particularly hard on fellow Republicans, whom they see as apostates. Not all that long ago, they threw over the late U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana—for whom Young once worked—in part because they felt Lugar hadn't shown sufficient devotion at the altar of the divine firearm.

They did this even though Lugar had given the GOP and the

state more than 50 years of tireless service. They did it even though throwing Lugar overboard created the only possible opening for a Democrat to win the seat, which did happen when Joe Donnelly won in the fall 2012 election.

The firearms firebreathers didn't care. Sending a message that refusing to vote the National Rifle Association line all the time every time would not be tolerated was more important than holding onto a seat in the U.S. Senate.

That was a decade ago.

Since then, the gun lobby's fervor regarding firearms laws has become far less reasoned and far more fevered, thus heightening the risks for Republican politicians who opt to show judgment, independence and ... courage.

Yes, courage.

Young knows what happened to Lugar. He worked in Lugar's

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## Mitch Daniels Should Embrace Destiny's Call

JULY 2022

By John Krull,  
TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS—Now that Mitch Daniels has decided to step down as president of Purdue University, the U.S. House of Representatives Jan. 6 Select Committee has made clear that there's a retirement project waiting for him.

He can try to return his political party—the Republican Party—to sanity.

He may be one of the few people who can.

The committee hearings thus far have revealed just how much work Daniels would have to do if he took on the task. Those hearings have demonstrated that much of the GOP has coalesced around a series of lies and that it serves no principle or purpose greater than its individual members' immediate political self-interest.

Most Republicans are so terrified of the wrath of former President Donald Trump that they're willing not only to swallow but to spout whatever falsehoods and other delusional prattle dribble from his lips. To placate him, they, again and again, have violated

longtime core conservative values of free trade, individual liberty, and scrupulous devotion to the rule of law.

When they talk off-the-record about Trump, many Republicans make clear that they can't stand the man. Privately, they consider him a con artist, a bully and a coward, a damaged figure whose tethers to reality range from negligible to non-existent.

But they also know that Trump commands a significant public following, and that the untethered, unbalanced nature of his being makes him dangerous to confront. He is the sort of guy who will tear everything down to keep someone else from, as he sees it, beating him.

If he loses, everyone has to lose.

That's why so few Republicans, despite their reservations about the man and his character, have been willing to challenge the former president.

U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, and U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, have been the notable exceptions.

But Romney can afford to do so because he's sitting on a personal fortune that may be larger than Trump's and he serves a state where the Rom-

ney family name looms large.

Cheney is a different story.

Although she, too, has a renowned political pedigree, unlike Romney, she is closer to the beginning of her political career than the end. Her principled opposition to Trump is at the very least likely to temporarily derail her career—and it may destroy it.

That is what makes her a true profile in courage.

Neither Romney nor Cheney, though, has the intellectual heft that Daniels does.

During his eight years as Indiana's governor, Daniels established the Hoosier state as a kind of laboratory for conservative governance. No other public figure of his time or any time that has followed has been the idea generator that Daniels was in office.

He also didn't shy away from tough fights. A believer in honestly balanced budgets, he was willing to support modest tax increases if they were accompanied by deeper spending cuts. He understood that politics was the art of achieving the possible.

He and I often disagreed.

Some of those disagreements were big ones over important questions. Doubtless, we will continue to have differences of opinion.

But I always have respected both his intellect and his intellectual honesty.

That's because our debates were always about ideas, about the ways facts could be interpreted—not whether facts even matter. I inevitably found that, when I considered one of his ideas or plans from his perspective and started with his set of assumptions, I ended up in the same place that he did.

When we did differ, it was because I questioned his premise.

His logic was always flawless from that point forward.

Aside from his intellectual qualifications, Daniels also has his own impressive political pedigree. An heir of sorts to the legacies of both President Ronald Reagan and longtime U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, he has solid credentials both as a movement conservative and a pragmatist who can get things done.

He's in his early 70s now, but he's still younger than Trump, current President Joe Biden or Romney, for that matter.

Doubtless, Daniels feels—with justice—that he's put in his time and has earned a chance to retire in peace.

Destiny, though, often demands much of people with the talents such as Daniels possesses and denies such people respite, even when they have earned it.

Right now, destiny is asking Mitch Daniels if he has at least one more good fight left in him.

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05/26/2022	2022-0000455	CASEY ALAN GOINS (Age 26) MCKAYLA ADDISON WREN (Age 28)
05/26/2022	2022-0000451	ASHTON KIRKLAND (Age 21) MIKAYLA GODSEY (Age 21)
05/27/2022	2022-0000457	LUKE EDWARD ALBERSON (Age 23) NATALIE NICOLE BROWN (Age 23)
05/27/2022	2022-0000459	COURTNEY CAMPBELL (Age 40) LINDSAY KONDURIS (Age 39)
05/27/2022	2022-0000456	TAYLOR NICOLE BROWN (Age 25) WYATT THOMAS DALY (Age 25)
05/27/2022	2022-0000458	SETH DANIEL KRUSE (Age 26) JACKLYN MARIE GRIES (Age 25)
05/27/2022	2022-0000461	JUSTIN KASHE O'NEAL (Age 24) KIRA JOHNSON (Age 20)
05/27/2022	2022-0000460	ZARIA MAXWELL (Age 24) DYLAN DAILEY (Age 24)
05/31/2022	2022-0000462	ALYSIA MARY POTTS (Age 32) CHRISTOPHER JAMES COOPER (Age 44)
05/31/2022	2022-0000464	KIMBERLY ANN COLEMAN (Age 39) JASON ROBERT HILLENBRAND (Age 39)
05/31/2022	2022-0000466	KYLE KAI LIN (Age 28) MEGAN RENEE HANCOCK (Age 23)
05/31/2022	2022-0000465	ANTHONY ANGELO GALINDO (Age 21) EMMA GRACE KELL (Age 20)
06/01/2022	2022-0000471	ETHAN COLE RADEMACHER (Age 25) KAYLA JOY EFFINGER (Age 25)
06/01/2022	2022-0000473	JENNIFER CHRISTINE SIMMS (Age 36) CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DURBIN (Age 34)
06/01/2022	2022-0000475	CLARENCE DWAUNE ANTHONY (Age 59) MARY LOUISE WORD (Age 60)
06/01/2022	2022-0000476	EDWIN N CARTER (Age 45) LISA M HOLDER (Age 41)
06/02/2022	2022-0000478	ZANE GRAYDON CONNER . (Age 23) MORGAN BLAIR METTEN (Age 26)
06/02/2022	2022-0000482	CELINE MARIE WEISHEIT (Age 29) HARLEY DAVIDSON HENSLEY (Age 31)
06/02/2022	2022-0000484	MAKIAH DESIREE RICHARDSON (Age 24) ETHAN NICHOLAS NEW (Age 41)
06/02/2022	2022-0000481	CASEY GOLDSBERRY (Age 26) ALEXANDRIA MITCHELL (Age 26)
06/02/2022	2022-0000479	JOEL EDWARD PARKER (Age 41) ASHLEY NICHOLE ROYSTER (Age 36)
06/02/2022	2022-0000485	VICTOR AGUSTIN PEREZ DIONICIO (Age 36) EDITH SANCHEZ SANCHEZ (Age 26)
06/02/2022	2022-0000483	COURTNEY PAIGE TEAGARDNER (Age 28) WILLIAM JOHN AIRGOOD (Age 32)
06/02/2022	2022-0000480	STEPHEN E LEFLER JR (Age 37) KRISTA G CARNAHAN (Age 41)
06/02/2022	2022-0000477	SAGE J TUELL (Age 29) ANTONIA M CALDERARO (Age 25)
06/07/2022	2022-0000506	RACHEL NICOLE HENRICKSON (Age 26) JUSTIN DUANE TZITZIS (Age 30)
06/07/2022	2022-0000504	LYNDSEY N STROUSE (Age 28) GARRETT M BLOCK (Age 29)
06/07/2022	2022-0000503	KEVIN SCOTT NEAL (Age 44) JAIME MICHELLE TORRES (Age 32)

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06/07/2022	2022-0000507	WILLIAM NUNNALLY (Age 47) HEATHER M MOORE (Age 33)
06/07/2022	2022-0000505	JOSEPH ANTHONY DIMUZIO (Age 33) KOURTNEY MARIE THOMPSON (Age 28)
06/08/2022	2022-0000514	MICHAEL JOSEPH GIRTEN (Age 24) GABRIELLE RAE PYLE (Age 24)
06/08/2022	2022-0000513	KELSEY NICOLE BRITT (Age 28) MARCUS ANTHONY HERNANDEZ (Age 28)
06/08/2022	2022-0000512	BRITTNEY ANN CLARK (Age 30) ZACHARY TYLER THOMAS (Age 25)
06/08/2022	2022-0000509	ALEX RAY HARDY (Age 23) MADISON JEAN RICKETTS (Age 18)
06/08/2022	2022-0000511	DAVID D SANDERS (Age 60) MARY C. WEATHERHOLT (Age 55)
06/08/2022	2022-0000510	TIMOTHY ALLEN CHEANEY (Age 54) JULIE ANNE KEUSCH (Age 53)
06/14/2022	2022-0000542	ERICA SIMPSON (Age 39) IAN ELMEIER (Age 45)
06/14/2022	2022-0000541	DAVID LEE FEULNER (Age 69) DELORES SUZANNE BRISTOW (Age 75)
06/14/2022	2022-0000540	DONALD E ROSS (Age 39) GABRIELLE R HOOPER (Age 28)
06/14/2022	2022-0000543	TROY ALLEN COOPER (Age 48) STACI RENEE ALVEY (Age 29)
06/15/2022	2022-0000545	TYLER JAMES OLDHAM (Age 29) KAYLIN MARIE HALBIG (Age 32)
06/15/2022	2022-0000544	KATELYN HAZEL (Age 24) WYATT SCOTT (Age 22)
06/15/2022	2022-0000546	TRAVIS WADE UTLEY (Age 32) MARY KAITLYN NORRINGTON (Age 29)
06/16/2022	2022-0000549	RILEY ABRAHAM SMITH (Age 22) HANNAH JO BESHEARS (Age 22)
06/16/2022	2022-0000548	KIRSTEN LIKENS HETTINGA (Age 24) ERIC ALLEN HARCOURT (Age 25)
06/16/2022	2022-0000547	NORBERTO GARCIA CORTEZ (Age 51) SAMANTHA J GRIGGS (Age 33)
06/16/2022	2022-0000550	BETHANY CORINNE NELSON (Age 31) CALEB CHRISTOPHER ALLDREDGE (Age 35)
06/21/2022	2022-0000557	JAMES L GORMAN III (Age 28) JACOB WESLEY EBERLIN (Age 26)
06/21/2022	2022-0000559	TARYN HALL (Age 33) ALISON PETRASH (Age 30)
06/21/2022	2022-0000558	SAIVON CARVELL BERRY (Age 27) JE'PRIS NE'CHAE LEWIS (Age 27)
06/22/2022	2022-0000561	GAVIN D WILLIAMS (Age 22) MADISON NICOLE ELLARD (Age 25)
06/22/2022	2022-0000560	KIYEL DARRON LANGLEY (Age 33) KATIE MICHELLE WILSON (Age 33)
06/23/2022	2022-0000563	CAITLIN LEE CHESTNUT (Age 26) LOGAN RAY WELP (Age 27)
06/23/2022	2022-0000564	MICHAEL EUGENE BARKER (Age 31) MERCEDES ELIZABETH ENGLUND (Age 29)
06/23/2022	2022-0000567	KANETHA DARLES MAE GARRETT (Age 37) VINCENTE LAMAR COMPTON (Age 37)
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# Community

## Why Did Russia Choose To Invade Ukraine?

**JULY 2022**

Why did Russia invade Ukraine on February 24, 2022? It appears wrong, unnecessary and self-destructive. Why did Russia invade Georgia in 2008 and 2014 and why does it occupy 20% of Georgia now? Why did Russia invade and annex Crimea in 2014? Why is Russia currently attempting to take over the Donetsk and Luhansk regions that are a part of Ukraine?

Russia is losing thousands of its soldiers, spending many billions, probably trillions, of its rubles, incurring harsh economic sanctions, affecting the world's grain supply and causing catastrophic harm to Russia's international relations. Why would it act in a way that appears to be so irrational?

Why is Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, and virtually a dictator in Russia's autocratic political system, so fixated on bringing the one-time members of the pre-1991 Soviet Union back into a unified Russia? There are many important distinctions between the Russia of today and the United States of 1861 as well as between Abraham Lincoln and Putin. But, as it often is, it might be instructive to look to history to help us understand our contemporary situation.

When it comes to contrasting



Lincoln and Putin we look to Putin's ruthlessness versus Lincoln's generosity of spirit as exemplified in his Second Inaugural Address as the American Civil War was coming to an end:

"...[W]ith malice toward none, with charity for all ..."

March 04, 1865

And although Lincoln was magnanimous while Putin is vindictive, they both had a vision of an undivided country. With Lincoln the preservation of the Union was the paramount issue. Putin sees the reconstituted Soviet Union the same

way. Lincoln had war brought to him by the South's firing on Fort Sumpter on April 12, 1861. Putin has been the aggressor against Ukraine, Georgia, Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk.

While Putin rails against the Nazis he claims are enslaving former Russian citizens as an excuse to invade, Lincoln was helping to bring actual slavery to an end. In other words, we must not attempt to equate Lincoln and Putin or Civil War America with today's Russia. Such a false narrative would not only be wrong, it would not help us under-

stand the political reality between Russia and its neighbors. On the other hand, an analogy comparing and contrasting Lincoln's passionate drive to preserve the Union might help us understand and, therefore, better combat Putin's passion to reunite the Soviet Union. It might also help us prepare for any possible further military expansion by Russia against other countries in the region.

We see Putin as an aggressor but he may have deluded himself into a self-image as a liberator and uniter. Perhaps we should more objectively study Putin's motivations. As the great Chinese military philosopher Sun Tzu (c. 544-496 BC) instructed: the supreme art of war is to know yourself and your enemy. If we better understand Putin, we might better either help defeat him or even have him change his general goal of hegemony over his previous countrymen who now wish to remain free and independent of Russia's control.

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## Templeton Named Top Forensic Scientist

**JULY 2022**

Indianapolis, IN-The Indiana State Police Forensic Scientist of the Year Award is presented annually to a Forensic Scientist within the Laboratory Division deemed to have consistently provided a superior quality forensic analysis service in a highly professional, proficient, and unbiased manner for the Indiana Criminal Justice Community. The recipient of the 2021 Indiana State Police Forensic Scientist of the Year is Mitzi C. Templeton, whose accomplishments during



that year are worthy of such recognition and have earned her this award.

In 2021, Templeton, who serves as a Forensic Scientist in the Forensic Firearms Identification Unit at the Evansville Regional Laboratory completed 435 cases, which was well above the Unit's average, and she organized several Integrated Ballistics Identification System shoots with multiple agencies that involved 147 cases.

In September 2021, Templeton received a United States Attorney's

Award that was presented to her by the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, "...in recognition of your invaluable contribution to the mission of the United States Attorney's Office and the United States Department of Justice." The award noted that Ms. Templeton was recognized for the forensic science services she completed as part of a significant criminal investigation, reading in part "...for exemplary public service performed during a joint State and Federal investigation and prosecution for unlawful possession of firearms and murder. Your dedicated work shows how State and Federal Investigators and Prosecutors can successfully unite to seek justice and protect the people of Indiana."

Templeton is a member of the As-

sociation of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE), the International Association for Identification (IAI), the Indiana Chapter of IAI and the American Board of Criminalists (ABC), in which she is recognized as a Comprehensive Criminalist Fellow. She also serves as a website moderator for AFTE, as well as the Committee Chair of the AFTE Firearm and Ammunition Recall Committee.

Templeton graduated from Indiana University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. She started her career with the Indiana State Police Laboratory Division in May of 2007 at the Evansville Regional Laboratory, where she continues to serve.

Forensic Scientist Templeton resides in the Greater Evansville area.

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## Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Award Winners

**JULY 2022**

Ascension St. Vincent Evansville Foundation congratulates our Auxiliary Scholarship Award Recipients are selected based on their financial need, GPA, extracurricular activities, leadership initiatives and other honors.

Congratulations to:

Madeline Rentchler - \$3,000 Achievement Scholarship Recipient: Madeline is a Mater Dei graduate and is planning to attend Taylor University to major in Biology. Madeline is the daughter of Cheryl Rentchler (Physical Medicine Dept.).

Abby Hagan - \$2,000 Achievement Scholarship Recipient: Abby is a graduate from Castle High School and plans to pursue a de-



gree in Evolution, Ecology and Environmental Science at Purdue University this fall. She is the daughter of Jason and Michelle

Hagan (Pharmacy Dept.).

Emma Waters - \$1,000 Achievement Scholarship Recipient: Emma is a Crittenden County High

School graduate and plans to study Business at Murray State University. Emma is the daughter of Mark (Receiving Dept.) and Leah Waters.

In addition to the Achievement Awards, the Auxiliary awards the Browning Family scholarship award. The Browning Family scholarship award goes to the recipient with an interest in medical or non-clinical work in a healthcare facility. Congratulations to: Meera Bhatia - the \$600 Charles and De-Lores, Jennifer and Mark Browning Family Scholarship Recipient. Meera is a graduate of Castle High School and has been accepted to attend Purdue University. She is the daughter of Dr. Ruchi and Vishal Bhatia.

## Rasala Named 2021 ISP Trooper Of The Year

**JULY 2022**

Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas G. Carter has announced the recipient of the 2021

Indiana State Police Trooper of the Year. This honor is bestowed upon a deserving Trooper that exemplifies the department's lofty standards and expectations as related to the overall mission. Leadership, productivity, service to the community both on and off duty, and assigned responsibilities are just a few areas taken into consideration when nominated.

The 2021 Indiana State Police Trooper of the Year is Trooper An-



drew D. Rasala Jr. Trp. Rasala's performance and accomplishments during 2021 are worthy of such recognition, having earned him

this prestigious award as he is the first trooper assigned to the Lowell Post to receive this accolade. He is also the 2021 Trooper of the District for the Lowell Post.

During 2021, Trp. Rasala was assigned to the day shift at the Lowell Post, specializing as a member of the All Crimes Policing (ACP) Team. Trp. Rasala is a Field Training Officer (FTO), a member of the Mobile Field Force (MFF), and background investigator. In 2021,

Trp. Rasala had 1026 traffic contacts, 135 criminal arrests (70 of which were for felony crimes). In addition to regular patrol duties, Trp. Rasala seized over 1200 lbs. of illegal drugs to include cocaine, methamphetamine, crack, ecstasy, heroin, marijuana, and prescription drugs; 25 firearms and more than \$340,400 in U.S. currency. Trp. Rasala accomplished all of this while also taking routine calls for assistance including 321 police services and 33 crash reports. The District #1 Law Enforcement Council also recently recognized Trp. Rasala for his exemplary service in 2021.

In his nomination, Trooper Rasala was noted as being a leader by example, acting as an informal leader of the ACP Team. His dedication and initiative are displayed daily. Trp. Rasala is described as routinely receiving positive comments from other troopers as well as the public

regarding his work ethic and calm demeanor. Lt. Terry Gose stated "You will not find a harder working trooper anywhere in the state. Trooper Rasala leads by example in everything he does."

In addition to the duties required by the Indiana State Police while serving the citizens of Indiana, Trp. Rasala also serves his community as a school resource officer for the East Porter County School Corporation. Trp. Rasala takes immense pride in removing dangerous drugs and illegally possessed firearms out of our communities. His passion is to make every interaction with the public a positive encounter, even when the individual may have committed a crime.

Trooper Rasala is a seven-year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He resides in Porter County with his wife Kristina, and their two children.

## CenterPoint To Build Natural Gas Turbines

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which was contingent on the IURC approval of the natural gas CTs and may result in up to \$60 million in additional savings to customers over the same time period.

"Today's approval will have no immediate impact on customer electric bills," added Greenley. "The recovery of the investments associated with the CTs will be requested through a future electric rate case. When combining the

savings to be realized through securitization and other bill reductions associated with the added renewable investments, the average residential customer is estimated to see a bill impact of less than \$10 per month for the total generation transition."

The replacement of most of the company's coal-fired generation will help mitigate costs associated with compliance of ever-evolving environmental regulations and the higher oper-

ating costs of continuing to run the aging units. By replacing much of the coal-fired generation with significantly more efficient technologies like renewables, including a large percentage of universal solar, the replacement will move CenterPoint Energy significantly forward on achieving its goal of net zero on direct carbon emissions by 2035.

For more information on CenterPoint Energy's long-term electric generation transition plan,

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# Community

## Evansville Revises Water Bill Relief Program

**JULY 2022**

Evansville, Ind. – The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) has made two important changes to the Bill Relief Program previously announced: The monthly credit is increasing from \$3 to \$10 a month, and the eligibility requirements have been revised to exclude County residents. The changes stemmed from the Evansville City Council's approval on use of the City's allocation of American Rescue Plan funds.

Current Bill Relief Program guidelines are as follows:

**Who's Eligible**

EWSU customers who reside

in City limits with an active water account and have a household income of \$50,000 or less may qualify for assistance.

**What the Bill Relief Program Provides**

Customers who apply for the program and qualify will receive a \$10 monthly credit ap-

plied to their account each month for one year – for a total savings of \$120. The credit offsets the 2022 water rate increase that goes into effect July 1. After one year, customers may have the opportunity to reapply for the program for an additional 12 months or while funds last.

**When It Takes Effect**

The Bill Relief Program launches July 1, 2022, to help income-eligible individuals and families in the community lighten the cost of their utility bill. Applications are being accepted now.

**How to Apply**

Visit [ewsu.com/BillRelief](http://ewsu.com/BillRelief) Fill out the application, including EWSU account number and household income.

Applicants will receive an email verifying the application was received and whether the request was approved or denied.



## Senator Todd Young

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Senate office and clearly sees Lugar's career as a model of service.

Senate tradition allows a newly elected senator to choose another senator, current or former, to introduce him to the body. Young opted not to have the man he was succeeding, former U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, R-Indiana, perform that service.

Instead, he asked Lugar to do it.

When I asked Young afterward if he was sending a signal by doing so, he answered with one word.

"Yes."

Then he explained that he wanted to honor Lugar's years of service to Indiana, the country and the world—and, just as important, he thought Lugar's approach to being a senator was one to emulate.

The times haven't made that easy.

We live in one of the most partisan ages in U.S. history. Americans now spend more time screaming at each other than they do talking with each other.

Lugar thrived in an era in which it

was easier to serve as an honest broker. During his years in the Senate, genuine differences of opinion weren't treated as either personal insults or examples of blasphemy.

Young often has had to bow and trim with the political winds. It is no easy thing to be a Republican in what is now Donald Trump's GOP.

But I've always found Young to be a thoughtful guy, one willing to listen to and honestly consider views different from his own. In today's political environment, that's a quality that's rarer than it should be.

Todd Young won't please the most rabid part of the Republican base with his vote on guns. And the realities of the day mean he isn't likely to attract any Democratic votes with it.

But perhaps he didn't make a political calculation when he cast his vote.

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## Lawmakers Pledge

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call a special session should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade. Click here to view and download the letter.

"The right to life is first among human rights," Ledbetter said. "Our laws should recognize the advances in science, which prove the unborn deserve the same protections as all Americans. This rightful ruling allows us to take action to further preserve the sanctity of life, and increase support for new and expectant mothers."

"I'm ready to join my fellow legislators in carefully weighing the best course of action to continue Indiana's track record of protecting life at all stages," O'Brien said. "I also believe we need to do more to ensure pregnant women have access to resources and support to care for their babies."

Further details of the special session have not yet been announced and legislation has not been released. However, the General Assembly is expected to vet any legislation regarding abortion through the full legislative process, including hosting committee hearings and public testimony. Updates will be posted to the Indiana General Assembly's website at [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).



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# Community

## Ivy Tech Launches Entrepreneurship And Innovation Program This Fall

JULY 2022

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Ivy Tech Community College today announced a new school at the Evansville campus, designed with programming to give students the skills they need to become entrepreneurs and innovators. The Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship & Innovation will launch this fall, and the first cohort of students is now being filled.

The school has been named for South Bend Businessman Larry Garatoni and his wife Judy, following a \$2.5 million gift to the college. Garatoni has owned and managed a dozen companies in health care, information technology, and digital commerce over a 40-year business career. He is also the founder of the Career Academy and the Success Academy charter schools in South Bend.

The School was launched in partnership with Regional Innovation and Startup Education (R.I.S.E.). It will initially offer a certificate in as little as two semesters or a technical certificate in a year. Eventually, the Evansville campus plans to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree in entrepreneurship, as well. The programming is open to current students who may also be earning a degree in a different program; as well as new students, small business owners, and others, who may want a stand-alone credential.

"The program will offer practical skills individuals can use immediately in areas such as marketing, finances, human resources and legal considerations," said Ivy Tech Chancellor Daniela Vidal. "My husband and I know firsthand the challenges that business owners face and the value of having a practical education and a mentor network to convert ideas into profitable

businesses."

According to the Small Business Administration, within the first five years, about half of all small businesses fail. Common reasons include inadequate funding, poor planning and management missteps. In Indiana, there are more than half a million small businesses and they employ more than 1.2 million people.

business owners is important news for our local community. "If our community is to continue to improve its economic and social well-being, it needs more people with the right experience and the right education.

"Our goal is to develop, cultivate and foster the entrepreneurial spirit and mindset," Coslett added. "Our students will build

lab is named for Thomas A. Boeglin, an entrepreneur who opened and owned the first-ever jewelry store in Ferdinand for 30 years; and who was the father of Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann.

Boeglin graduated from Huntington High School in 1951, completed a program in watch repair at Bradley University, and became a certified gemologist.

He worked for jewelers in Evansville and Jasper. While watch and jewelry repair provided a stable income, Boeglin wanted to own a business. In 1965, with a family of 6, he and his wife Betty opened the first jewelry store in his hometown of Ferdinand in an old, rented building on Main Street. As Boeglin wasn't sure the town could support a jewelry store alone, it also sold men's clothing, the family said -- Boeglin's Jewelry and Gent's Shoppe.

After a burglary and the need for more space, a modern store was built in 1975 at 1320 Main Street. Boeglin operated the store with the help of part-time employees and family followed by working late each evening at his home watch bench.

He modeled entrepreneurship, integrity, and work ethic to his children. The store closed in 1995 as Boeglin and his wife retired, though he continued to repair jewelry from home until his death in 2022.

### Learn More

To learn more about the program, go to [www.ivytech.edu/entrepreneurship](http://www.ivytech.edu/entrepreneurship). To arrange a meeting with Dean Chris Kiefer or Department Chair Chase Coslett, go to <https://link.ivytech.edu/create>.

Registration for fall classes beginning Aug. 22 is now taking place.



### Department Chair Named

Also during the event, Chase Coslett, a third-generation business owner and operator with 15 years of experience in Supply Chain Management, was named department chair. He brings experience from such companies as Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Mead Johnson Nutrition, and Carhartt; and has served as an adjunct instructor for Ivy Tech since 2019.

Coslett said the launch of this new school that will be focused on future and current small

ecosystems, create a business model, work with mentors and network with guest speakers and current small business owners."

He explained that students will complete this program with the mindset and tools necessary to launch and run a new business.

### Dedicating the Lab

Also during the announcement of the new school, an unveiling of the space that will be the new Entrepreneurship and Innovation Lab took place. The

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**GARY ALLAN**  
August 27, 2022 • 7:30 PM

American country music artist Gary Allan returns with The Ruthless Tour: 25 Years the Hard Way. Fans can expect to hear new music from Allan's new album 'Ruthless,' one he calls his most commanding work ever! Tickets start at \$36.50 plus applicable fees and tax.



**DAUGHTRY**  
September 13, 2022 • 7:30 PM

Daughtry is one of the most visible Rock and Roll torchbearers of the 21st Century, selling over 9M albums and 16M singles worldwide. Special guest Pop Evil will open the concert. Tickets start at \$32.00 + applicable fees and tax.

**JULY 31**

**GLADYS KNIGHT**

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November 19, 2022 • 7:30 PM

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December 15, 2022 • 7:30 PM

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# Education

## UE Named A 2022-23 College Of Distinction

**JULY 2022**

EVANSVILLE, IN - The University of Evansville (UE) has been recognized for its commitment to helping undergraduate students learn, grow, and succeed by Colleges of Distinction, a unique guide for college-bound students. UE has been named a 2022-2023 College of Distinction and an Indiana College of Distinction, and it also received recognition for a multitude of academic programs and campus departments.

Colleges of Distinction uses a selection process not only of in-depth research but also detailed interviews with the schools, accepting only those that adhere to the "Four Dis-

tinctions." This includes criteria of engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community, and successful outcomes. Combined, these principles ensure that students have a fulfilling and individualized college experience both inside and outside the classroom.

"At our university, we are deeply committed to providing a well-rounded, transfor-

mative education that has a lasting impact on our students for years to come," said Christopher M. Pietruszkiewicz, president of UE. "This recognition from Colleges of Distinction speaks to our mission and the individual experiences of each of our students."

Aside from overall undergraduate recognitions, Colleges of Distinction also awards recognition

in individual areas. UE earned recognition in the academic areas of business, education, engineering, and nursing. Colleges of Distinction also recognized the University's career development, equity and inclusion, and military support.

"The success of our academic programs and campus departments speaks to the endless efforts of our staff, faculty, and administration," said Michael Austin, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president of academic affairs. "We are proud to deliver high-quality courses for our students while also providing academic quality, personal support, and career counseling throughout their journey at this university."



## USI Taps Mujumdar As Romain College Of Business Dean

**JULY 2022**

Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar has accepted the position of Dean of the Romain College of Business at the University of Southern Indiana. The announcement was made Thursday, June 16 by USI Provost Dr. Mohammed Khayum and is effective July 25, 2022. Mujumdar will succeed Dr. Cathy Carey, who served in the position from July 2019 to October 2021, and Dr. Brian McGuire, Professor of Accounting, who served as Interim Dean beginning in November 2021.



University as a partnering institution in Bank of America's \$1 billion initiative to expand economic opportunity and social justice.

Through a consultative and inclusive process, Mujumdar strategically positioned the College for enrollment growth and impact, forging partnerships and relationships with business organizations such as Gulfstream and PricewaterhouseCoopers, various city and state government offices, Texas A&M's Human Behavior Lab, and the Avatar Lab at the Bagwell College of Education (Kennesaw State University), shaping its brand identity and visibility.

As Dean and the Interim Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mujumdar co-led the creation of innovative, market-leading programs and the first undergraduate degree program in data analytics which builds on competencies from multiple disciplines, including business, liberal arts, science and engineering.

Prior to his Deanship at Savannah State University, Mujumdar served as Chair for the Economics and Marketing Department in USI's Romain College of Business where he led the innovative rethinking of programs and initiatives for enrollment growth and community impact by fostering a supportive and inspiring work environment.

Mujumdar earned bachelor's and master's degrees in eco-

nomics from the University of Bombay and master's and doctorate degrees in economics from the University of Cincinnati. He also completed the Program on Negotiation and Leadership at Harvard Law School. His research has been published in top journals, and he has lent his professional expertise to partner with a variety of organizations including Kimball and Holiday World, mayors of various cities and state government agencies, as well as international entities. Mujumdar also has appeared in various media outlets such as The New York Times, Fox, ABC and CBS affiliates to weigh in on a wide range of economic and business issues.

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 Romain College's website at [USI.edu/business emailing iuvoe@iu.edu](http://USI.edu/business emailing iuvoe@iu.edu).

Alternatively, forms can be mailed to UCO Customer Service, Employment Verifications, 1024 E. Third St., Room 101, Bloomington, IN 47405.

"Leading change has been a primary responsibility for Dr. Mujumdar in his role as Dean," Khayum says. "His recent accomplishments demonstrate his ability to recognize opportunities for synergy and integration in the strategic positioning of a college of business. I expect Dr. Mujumdar's expertise and leadership will serve to strengthen the brand of the Romain College of Business and enhance USI's capacity to deliver exceptional educational experiences."

Mujumdar has served as Dean of the College of Business Administration at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia, since September 2019. As Dean, he successfully led the College in its extension of AACSB accreditation and secured more than \$4 million in grants and private donor funding. He also successfully led the inclusion of Savannah State

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# Education

## Ivy Tech Bike Giveaway Changes Lives

JULY 2022

By Chris Kiefer

As an Ivy Tech Dean and president of the EVSC Board of School Trustees, I have seen first-hand the power of community donors during the past 18 years. I have been fortunate to have coordinated the annual bike giveaway for deserving students in the EVSC.

What began as a couple years of giving away five bicycles, has now grown to giving away over 270 bikes to students at Thursday's event.

The spirit of generosity from donors who make this annual giveaway possible was on full display inside the gym at Harrison High School. For many years the event took place in the auditorium at Ivy Tech. Over the years we have Outgrown that location which was a great problem to have because it meant we were able to give away more bikes to more kids.

Growing up in Evansville, I remember a childhood where extras like new bikes were not always possible. However, I appreciated the support we received during chal-



lenging times, there always seemed to be someone that guided and encouraged me to make good choices. As an adult, I'm

committed to making a difference in the lives of those in need. So, this long running program has become a true passion of mine and the

wonderful people involved because it is our way to give back to children in our local community. I truly believe, that It is possible to "make a different in a kid's life, one bike at a time".

I have always understood the importance of supporting children and education, going back to my earlier career as a deputy with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and continuing with my work this past 18 years at Ivy Tech Community College.

Watching this program grow to this point of where we can say we have given away around 3800 bikes over the years is a testament to the community we serve, where there is a spirit of generosity and a desire to help young people. The smiling faces at the event and the comments from the kids when they see their new bike makes it all worthwhile.

If you would like to donate to the Bike Giveaway, please feel free to contact Chris Kiefer at Ivy Tech Community College for more information. I can be reached 812-429-1449, or ckiefer@ivytech.edu

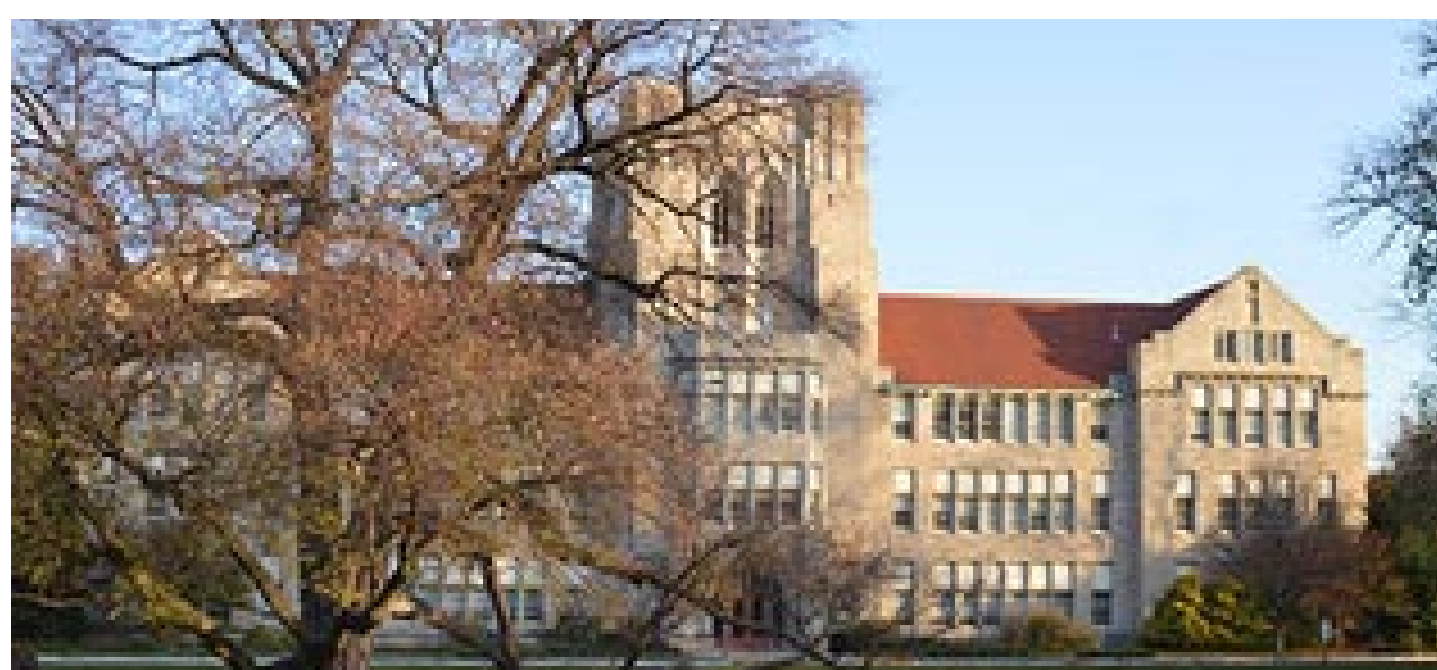
## UE Invests Two As Wargel Endowed Chairs

JULY 2022

On May 2, the University of Evansville (UE) held an investiture ceremony for two faculty members: Todsapon Thananathachon, Ph.D.; and Andrew Lampkins, PharmD, Ph.D. Both individuals were invested as the Wargel Endowed Chair of their respective programs, which was made possible due to a generous gift from Bob and Judy Wargel.

Thananathachon, or known by his colleagues and students as "Dr. Tod," will now serve as the Wargel Endowed Chair in Chemistry for the Wargel Department of Chemistry in the William L. Ridgway College of Arts and Sciences. As an associate professor, he teaches a variety of courses and maintains an active research group in the area of organometallic chemistry, green chemistry, and catalysis. Dr. Tod also serves as a faculty research advisor for the Chemistry Club, and he established an annual Chemistry Club Lecture Series that invites distinguished researchers in all areas of chemistry to present on campus.

Lampkins was invested as the Wargel Endowed Chair in Physician



Assistant Science for the Master of Physician Assistant Science program in the College of Education and Health Sciences. After earning his Ph.D. in organic and medical chemistry, he completed a Walther Cancer Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame. Before he became an associate professor for the physician assistant program, he was an assistant professor and inaugural G. Richard and Rita '59 Eykamp Endowed Chair in Chemistry.

Following the formal ceremony,

which was held in UE's Neu Chapel, guests were invited to a reception where UE unveiled the Robert and Judy Decker Wargel Department of Chemistry. The department and its new signage are located on the third floor of the Koch Center for Engineering and Science.

Bob and Judy Wargel are two alumni and friends of the University whose generosity has supported remarkable student experiences, cutting-edge faculty research, and continuously enhanced academics. They met one another at UE, and both earned degrees in chemistry. After successful careers, the Wargels followed their love of volunteering and passion for improving health and wellness

in third-world countries. They also gave countless hours to the Department of Chemistry by sponsoring summer internships for students and establishing a planned gift to the department.

Students at the University of Evansville shape powerful and enduring change. UE is the first in Indiana to be designated as an Ashoka U Changemaker Campus. Its change-making culture empowers students to improve the world around them as UE Changemakers. UE has an array of majors in business; engineering; the arts and sciences; and health science programs. UE has a diverse student body that represents 44 states and 52 countries.

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# Sports

## UE To Host MVC Volleyball Championship

JULY 2022

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – For the first time, the Missouri Valley Conference Volleyball Championship will be coming to Evansville. Meeks Family Fieldhouse will be the site of the 2022 championship site in November.

Set to take place from November 20-23, the championship will feature the top eight finishers from the regular season standings. Two matches will take place on the opening three days before the championship is played on the 23rd.

"Having the MVC tournament in Evansville for the first time in history is a huge step for our program," UE head volleyball coach Fernando Morales exclaimed. "Our program has been growing over the last several years as well as the sport of volleyball in the Evansville area. Having the top eight teams from one of the best conferences in the nation will help volleyball in Evansville to continue to grow."

"I am excited about this season and the tournament in November. See you in Meeks!"

Since taking over as head coach in 2019, Morales has directed the Purple Aces to two MVC Championship appearances in three seasons. Prior to his arrival, the program did not make the tournament since 2008. Last fall, the Aces finished with 21 victories, marking their first 20-win campaign since 1988.

UE was invited to the National Invitational Volleyball Championship



(NIVC) for its first postseason appearance since the early 1980s and first as a member of the MVC.

"This is such an exciting announcement for our athletics department as well as the Evansville community as a whole," UE Director of Athletics Dr. Kenneth "Ziggy" Siegfried stated. "Coach Morales has taken our program to new heights while actively working to grow the sport in our community."

"Around the nation, the Missouri Valley Conference is recognized for its volleyball success and to be able to host the championship at our facility is a testament to the hard work by our entire staff," Siegfried continued. "We have so much positive

momentum right now and this only adds to that excitement."

Meeks Family Fieldhouse was renovated prior to the 2017 season and the finished product was one of the top Mid-Major facilities in the country. Investing close to \$1 million into the facility, UE was the first program in the MVC to utilize the Taraflex floor, which is the official floor surface of the Olympics. Other upgrades included a videoboard, bleacher seating and LED boards on both sides of the floor, chairback seating, and an enhanced sound system.

The full tournament schedule is below. All matches will be carried on ESPN+. Ticket information will be re-

leased closer to the tournament date.

Sunday, November 20  
Match 1 - 3 p.m. CT - No. 5 vs. No. 8  
Match 2 - 6 p.m. CT - No. 6 vs. No. 7  
Monday, November 21  
Match 3 - 3 p.m. CT - No. 4 vs. Match 1 Winner  
Match 4 - 6 p.m. CT - No. 3 vs. Match 2 Winner  
Tuesday, November 22 - Semifinals  
Match 5 - 3 p.m. CT - No. 1 vs. Match 3 Winner  
Match 6 - 6 p.m. CT - No. 2 vs. Match 4 Winner  
Wednesday, November 23 - Championship  
Match 7 - 4 p.m. CT - Match 5 Winner vs. Match 6 Winner

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# Sports

## USI Softball Finishes Season Ranked No. 6



**JULY 2022**

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—University of Southern Indiana Softball landed at No. 6 in the final National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Poll, which was released last week by the NFCA.

The Screaming Eagles finished their final year at the Division II level with a 49-13 overall record and 26-2 mark in Great Lakes Valley Conference play. USI won the GLVC regular-season and GLVC Tournament titles before capturing its third NCAA II Midwest Re-

gion title—all since 2017.

USI Head Coach Sue Kunkle was named the GLVC Coach of the Year for the third time, while USI's coaching staff was named the NCAA II Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the NFCA for the third time.

The Eagles, who are earning their second-highest national ranking to finish a season in program history—they were ranked No. 1 after winning the national championship in 2018—lost to eventual national champion Rogers State University (Okla-

homa) in the opening round of the NCAA II Softball Championship. They fell in the elimination game to then No. 1 University of Texas at Tyler.

USI is expected to bring back eight starters, including its top three pitchers, when it begins its first year at Division I and as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

### Notes

- USI's accomplishments in 2022 included:
  - The best start to GLVC play (16-0).
  - A tied program record for con-

secutive wins (18).

–A set record for GLVC wins (26) in a single season.

–A set record for total wins in a single season (49) ... the previous record was 48 (1998).

–First time in program history winning GLVC regular-season, GLVC Tournament, and NCAA II Midwest Region titles in the same season.

–Set program records for triples (28), runs (353), RBI (327) and doubles (96).

–Best 40-game stretch in program history, having gone 37-3 entering NCAA II Championship.

## Frontier Offers Value

**JULY 2022**

SAUGET, Ill. - A survey of the Frontier League baseball clubs has proven that going to a Frontier League game is one of the more affordable forms of entertainment in 2022, especially for families. The average cost for a family of four (two adult tickets, two child tickets, four hot dogs, two sodas, two beers, and parking) to attend a Frontier League game this season is \$73.34

From a practical standpoint, Frontier League baseball games are even a bigger bargain since many clubs have more economical berm seating available, have special ticket prices for senior citizens and military personnel, and offer special concessions pricing on certain nights of the week.

"Frontier League baseball continues

to provide affordable, family-friendly entertainment across our markets," Frontier League President Eric Krupa said. "To entertain an entire family for an evening at these prices is a true value. Our ability to maintain an affordable price point helps to drive our success. I am proud of the Frontier League clubs and their commitment to providing affordable pricing for our great fans."

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# Entertainment

## Evansville Entertainment Hits Its Stride

**JULY 2022**

Tuesday, June 21 may mark the “official” start of summer, but I feel like the season is already in full swing! We are beating attendance projections at the Evansville Sports Complex this year, and the city’s festivals and special events have been rocking. Opening night of the Evansville Otters was a verified sell-out, and our pools and aquatic centers are breaking records and serving thousands of residents and visitors. People are taking full advantage of everything our region has to offer this summer!

Last month’s theme was, “Evansville is unCONVENTIONAL” because our area will play host to some very exciting and unique gatherings during the month of June. First, Gibson and Vanderburgh Counties will welcome the 2022 Amateur Disc Golf World Championship in. This tournament, which was presented by Toyota, will be

hosted at several area parks and venues in the region, including Bosse Field, Haubstadt Township Park, Princeton Country Club, Toyota Events Center, and others. The event is expected to bring over 600 participants and spectators from across the world, including Mexico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Iceland.

We were grateful to our collaborative partners who made it all possible: Dads Fore Disc Golf, Ace Eagle Disc Golf Club, Gibson County Visitors &

Tourism Bureau, and the Professional Disc Golf Association.

During the month of June Evansville also host the 71st National Square Dance Convention®. More than 2,000 dancers from 47 states and three countries will descend on our area to participate in five levels of square dancing, round dancing, Contra, and even Line Dancing! The event took place at Old National Events Plaza and the DoubleTree by Hilton Evansville,

The convention committee also encouraged area residents to “Join Us

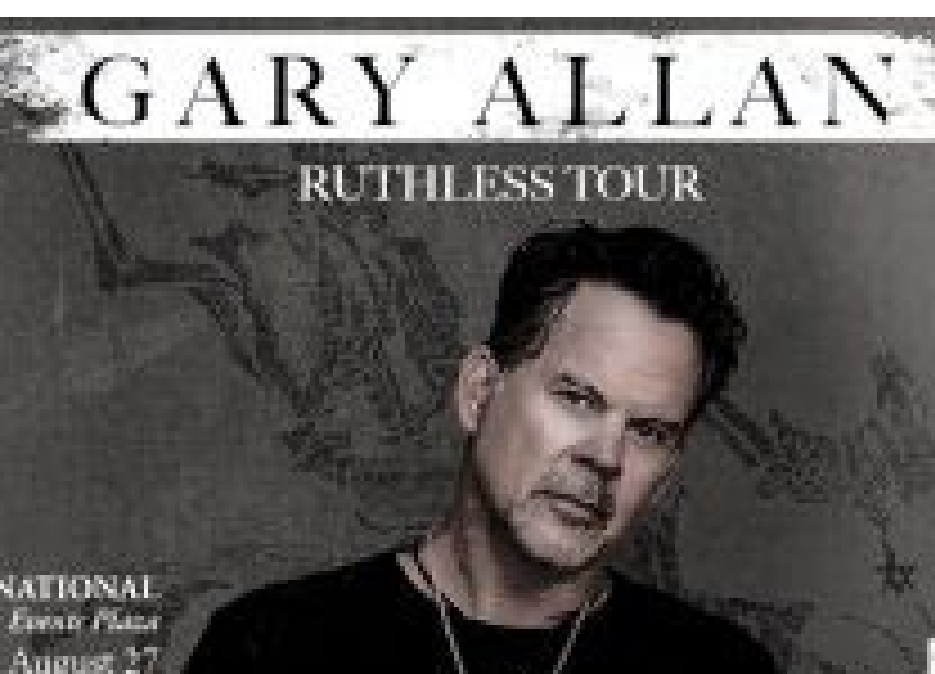
Down by the River” (this year’s theme), at a variety of fun events. For a full schedule of events, I encourage you to visit their website at 71nsdc.org. We are so proud to be hosting this event in Evansville for the first time in convention history, and I am thankful to the many organizers, stakeholders, and partners that championed and contributed to attracting this national meeting to our region; it has been years in the making!

Thanking you in advance for welcoming our guests to Evansville and Southwest Indiana. When we say, “Company’s Coming,” we know our industry partners and community neighbors will show the visitors to our region what Hoosier Hospitality means.

Here’s to a great and unCONVENTIONAL summer!



## Gary Allen Returns Aug. 27



**JULY 2022**

Evansville, IN – American country music artist Gary Allan returns to the Old National Events Plaza on August 27 with The Ruthless Tour: 25 Years the Hard Way. Fans can expect to hear new music from Allan’s new album ‘Ruthless,’ one he calls his most commanding work ever.

“This is a montage of everything I have done since my last album. It’s what I love. I remain influenced by the ‘90s - as well as by the ‘80s. Twenty-six tracks were cut for this album. Then I went back to the studio and recorded three or four more tracks. Then I returned for two more. From each of these many sessions, I pulled out the cool stuff that I wanted on the record,” Allan says of Ruthless.

Allan made his country music debut with the release of his single ‘Her Man,’ leading to his gold-certified 1996 debut album ‘Used Heart for

Sale.’ His second album, ‘It Would Be You,’ followed in 1998 and a third, ‘Smoke Rings in the Dark,’ was his first platinum album. He continued producing chart toppers like ‘Alright Guy,’ and ‘See If I Care,’ which were both certified platinum, while ‘Tough All Over,’ ‘Greatest Hits,’ and ‘Living Hard,’ all certified gold. His next two albums ‘Get Off on the Pain,’ and ‘Set You Free,’ both reached the Top 10 on the U.S. Billboard Top Country Albums charts.

Gary Allan’s greatest hits albums have produced 26 singles on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay charts, including the number one hits ‘Man to Man,’ ‘Tough Little Boys,’ ‘Nothing On but the Radio,’ and ‘Every Storm (Runs Out of Rain).’ Allen has been nominated for this work by the American Country Awards, Academy of Country Music, and CMT Flameworthy Video Music Awards.

## Straight No Chaser At ONEP Dec. 15

**JULY 2022**

Evansville, IN - JULY, 2022 – 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.

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, Cocktails, 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.”

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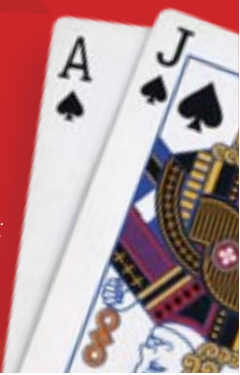


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