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## CenterPoint Seeks Renewable Energy Approval

**AUGUST 2022**

CenterPoint Energy (NYSE: CNP) today announced its Indiana-based electric and natural gas business, CenterPoint Energy Indiana South, is seeking approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to acquire a 130-megawatt (MW) solar array as part of the company's long-term electric generation transition plan.

CenterPoint Energy has entered into an agreement with Invenenergy, which will construct the 130-MW utility-owned project in Pike County, Ind., to acquire the project upon its completion. This project represents the third round of solar agreements introduced as part of the utility's plan to meet stakeholder sustainability goals and implement a more cost-effective and diversified energy generation portfolio. The agreement is subject to IURC approval. The company was pre-



viously granted approval to build a solar array in Posey County now sized at 200 MW, as well as enter into power purchase agreements totaling more than 400 MWs in Warrick, Vermillion, and Knox Counties in Indiana.

"By seeking to add another universal solar project to our renewable energy portfolio, we continue to move forward with our long-term generation transi-

tion plan and remain committed to our economic and environmental goals for the region," said Steve Greenley, Senior Vice President of Generation Development. "If approved, with the addition of this project, CenterPoint Energy will be adding nearly 800 MWs of solar generation to power our southwestern Indiana customers."

Michael Kaplan, Senior Vice

President of Renewable Development at Invenenergy, said, "Invenenergy is pleased to be working with CenterPoint Energy to support the utility's generation transition goals and to provide its customers in Indiana with clean energy. Our team looks forward to the completion of this project and growing our project portfolio within the state."

Construction of the Pike County solar project is expected to begin upon obtaining a decision from the IURC which is expected in early 2023. The project will support approximately 130 construction jobs during the construction period and is expected to be placed into service in 2025.

"We are committed to delivering reliable energy generation in the most cost-effective manner for our customers while contributing to Indiana's clean energy infrastructure," added Greenley.

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## Braun Sponsors Bill To Protect Cops Against Criminals

**AUGUST 2022**

**WASHINGTON** - Following the tragic murder of an Elwood police officer by a career criminal who had previously shot at police, Senator Mike Braun is restating his support for strengthening penalties for criminals who target police. Senator Braun has been an original cosponsor of the Thin Blue Line Act since his first year in office.

Carl Boards II, who shot and killed an Elwood police officer on Sunday, had previously been convicted of criminal recklessness (and other lesser charges) after shooting at Indianapolis police during a pursuit in 2006, striking the police cruiser multiple times. Boards were sentenced to 25 years in prison but were released after 13 years.

The Thin Blue Line Act makes the targeting, killing, or attempted killing of a police officer an aggravating factor in favor of maximum sentences. Currently, this only applies to federal law enforcement; the Thin Blue Line Act would apply this to local and state police as well.

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## EREP Awards \$14.6 Million To READI

**AUGUST 2022**

The Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) obligated \$14.6 million of the \$50 million total in Regional Economic + Acceleration Development Initiative (READI) funds toward five transformational projects located throughout the Evansville Region.

"We have a vision for our Region to become a nationally recognized place for talent to call home, said Beth McFadin Higgins, RDA chair. The projects approved show how we are deliberate in our investment in talent and believe in a bold future."

**Projects include:**

Toyota YMCA, Gibson County, \$5 million READI award

Summary: A first class, 56,600 square foot, full facility YMCA for all residents located in Gibson County and will include a fitness facility with free weights, cardio and selectorized equipment, gymnasium, competition pool, teaching kitchen for nutrition education, exercise studios, community room, partner space, and youth wing containing STEM Lab, and youth and teen recreation areas.

The District (Princeton Workforce Housing), Gibson County,

\$2.5 million READI award

Summary: A multi-family 144-unit apartment development will include a multi-use clubhouse and pool and is located near major regional employers including Toyota and its suppliers.

Warrick County Sports Center, Warrick County, \$5 million READI award

Summary: An approximately 230,000 square foot multipurpose athletic facility that can leverage the popularity of youth and collegiate sports to help the region's tourism and hospitality

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## Rokita Suspends Funeral Home Licenses

**AUGUST 2022**

Attorney General Todd Rokita has obtained the emergency license suspension of a Jeffersonville funeral director after police found 31 decomposing bodies improperly stored at a funeral home.

Randy Ray Lankford agreed Friday to surrender licenses for himself and his facility, Lankford Funeral Home and Family Center. Today, the State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service approved the suspensions.

"Our office puts a high priority on protecting Hoosiers from harmful business practices and professional malpractice," Attorney General Rokita said. "In this case, our Licensing Enforcement team acted swiftly to take the appropriate actions."

The licenses are suspended in-

definitely.

On July 1, Jeffersonville police discovered 31 unrefrigerated corpses in body bags throughout the funeral home in various stages of decomposition. Some of the bodies had been kept there for an extended period,

with at least one of them having been there since March. The officers also found the cremated remains of 17 individuals.

Upon learning of the conditions at the facility, Attorney General Rokita's team on July 26

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# Commentary

## Another Morning Cup Of Coffee 'News'

AUGUST 2022

By Dannie McIntire

A cup of coffee in hand this morning I perused the internet headlines for articles that many readers may have skimmed by or missed entirely.

An article titled "Researchers discover how to delay the decay of cells and tissue, restore function" caught my attention.

Apparently, researchers have recently discovered, through experimenting on pigs, that the decay of tissues after death can not only be halted but the tissue functions can even be restored.

First stopping the hearts of anesthetized pigs, after 60 minutes researchers restored circulation using specialized equipment, which corrected the damage to organs and veins which begins occurring after death.

The researchers hope this will allow keeping a body viable longer for organ transplants.

All good and well for mankind, but what really caught my attention was the researchers stated "During the entire experiment the pigs had no evidence of electrical activity in the brain".

Now, this got me thinking about our congress and the possible ramifications of this medical breakthrough.

We already have many in congress that apparently show little or no brain activity.

Without term limits, is it now conceivable that current congressional members such as Nancy Pelosi or Mitch McConnell may one day simply be hooked up to such equipment and remain in office as neither one has displayed any brain activity

as of late?

Another cup of coffee, back pursuing the internet for news of importance;

Now, the next article that piqued my interest was about Spam, the lunch meat. At a Duane Reade's store in New York City, cans of Spam are now being locked up in individual anti-theft cases, once taken to the checkout, the cashier removes the can from the case.

Now I like Spam myself, usually, we keep a can or two in our pantry. Always looking for an investment, I wondered if due to inflation my wife and I now had a valuable commodity sitting in our pantry we might be able to sell for an unexpected windfall.

Reading further, the store's price for a can of Spam was \$3.99, while not quite a windfall, it was an eye-opening revelation on the state of our economy when a can of Spam has to be displayed in an anti-theft case. You can't make this kind of stuff up.

Another cup of coffee, back to pursuing the internet for news.

Having just referenced the state of our nation's economy, it appears the democrats in congress are ready to ride to our rescue, hoping to pass their "Inflation Reduction Act".

U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema (democrat-Arizona), appeared to be a hold out on passage of this bill until her cohorts agreed to remove a provision that would have imposed new taxes on "carried interest". With this provision now removed from the bill, hedge fund managers/investors will continue to pay a lower capital gains tax rate on much of their income, instead of the



higher income tax rate paid by "normal wage-earners".

It appears that "hedge fund" political contributions "do talk".

Now, the bill also includes an additional \$124 billion to the Internal Revenue Service for the enforcement and collection of taxes to generate additional revenue for the government. I'm thinking the above hedge fund managers and investors are safe from added tax scrutiny, but I'm betting the small business owner and the average taxpayer had better be prepared to "cough up" the additional revenue.

Now not everything in this bill causes me heartburn. The bill allows for our government to negotiate with drug manufacturers to lower the cost of prescription drugs covered under Medicare while putting a \$2,000 cap on annual out-of-pocket drug expenses.

Just saying, with the amount of money drug manufacturers donate to various political causes on both sides of the political spectrum, per-

haps the word "negotiate" is more of a misnomer.

What else piqued my interest today?

Governor Abbott of Texas continues to be my hero. He just sent New York City their first busload of migrants apprehended in Texas crossing the border illegally. Since the Biden administration is doing little to stem illegal immigration, the Texas governor has been sending busloads to sanctuary cities. His ploy may be working, but the Biden administration recently "quietly announced" it had authorized US Customs and Border Protection to close gaps in a border wall in Arizona to "protect immigrants from drowning while trying to illegally cross the Colorado river".

Notice the terminology used in the announcement, President Biden is not attempting to stop illegal immigration, just protect them from drowning. Pro-legal immigration Democrats should be able to live with that "wording".

## Improved CCO Has Proven To Be 'Good News Worthy'

AUGUST 2022

By CCO Staff

While we are excited about our newly-expanded publishing format, we will be keeping our basic mission to inform, educate, and entertain and continue to provide it to our readers cost-free.

We are pleased to announce that our daily online user-friendly and professional-looking layout, with informational headlines added to our regular features section, is a big success among our readers.

Our daily online paper is more reader-friendly than ever before because you can now print copies of the articles that we publish in our online

publication.

We are also especially proud to have the ability to post as many as seven "breaking news" articles at one time.

Our local sports section has gone beyond the regular basketball and baseball coverage because we have added other sports to our sports section.

Rest assured that our reader's comments remain a valued part of CCO. We will also continue to offer the public a chance to keep their identities confidential as they tell us their concerns because we understand that some people are in a position that makes it necessary to maintain anonymity. As always, we want to hear

what the public believes is important to improving our community whether it is done under a person's name or a pseudonym. We only ask that you avoid making personal attacks on other posters and stay on topic. Our highly-prized confidential contributors ("Moles") continue to provide us with breaking news before it is leaked to other news sources.

The primary reason for making our most popular features available through an easy-to-use link is that we want to appeal to a wider range of readers and advertisers. We have opened the door to growing our publication, readers, and advertisers while keeping it free to the public. Our advertisers are pleased to see that the new format is offering a lot of "bang" for their advertising buck. As a part of our continued commitment to

"home-owned and homegrown" local businesses, we now can offer small businesses with small advertising budgets an opportunity to spread the word about their goods and services throughout the area. Larger businesses will have the chance to keep in touch with their customers at a reasonable cost.

We are excited to take a new step to a print Monthly edition of the CCO and it has helped make our online version appeal to more readers. Even more, we are proud to be the only local news outlet to inform, educate, and entertain our readers at no cost. Oh, we also have a "MOBILE" edition of the City-County Observer at no cost.

Finally, We realize that we still have a few issues to work out, and thanks for reading the City County Observer.

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# Community

## Recent Vanderburgh Co. Marriage Licenses

Issued Date	License #	Applicants
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)
06/23/2022	2022-0000566	MARK ALLAN NORRINGTON (Age 53) SUSAN RENEE THOMPSON (Age 53)
06/23/2022	2022-0000562	JEFFERY A PITCHER (Age 38) JAIME LYNNE FUDALIK (Age 36)
06/23/2022	2022-0000565	TASHMOND J JONES (Age 43) TAMEAKA C HELM (Age 41)
06/24/2022	2022-0000571	DANIEL ARTHUR CLASPELL (Age 50) ANDREA WEIGHTMAN GIBSON (Age 50)
06/24/2022	2022-0000568	CODY SMITH WHEELER (Age 28) JESSICA MARIE KENNEDY (Age 24)
06/24/2022	2022-0000569	CODY ALLEN GIBSON (Age 28) GABRIELLE MOONINGHAM (Age 30)

Issued Date	License #	Applicants
06/24/2022	2022-0000570	JAMES CHARLES LOCKRIDGE (Age 43) LASHONDA SHREE SKINNER (Age 39)
06/24/2022	2022-0000572	CHRISTOPHER ETHAN GOODE (Age 33) SHELBY RANAE PHELPS (Age 30)
06/24/2022	2022-0000574	JOSEPH D DUMES (Age 35) LOGAN A SNOW (Age 33)
06/24/2022	2022-0000573	ZACHARY CLAYTON BAYS (Age 26) QUINCEY KATHLEEN HARDCASTLE (Age 27)
06/27/2022	2022-0000578	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL JINES (Age 43) JULIE GAYLE GILHAM (Age 42)
06/27/2022	2022-0000575	EVAN WAYNE SIMMONS (Age 21) ASHLEY RENEE DULWORTH (Age 20)
06/27/2022	2022-0000576	TARAN MARKEL JOHNSON (Age 24) EMILY-BETH MICHELLE GORDON (Age 32)
06/27/2022	2022-0000577	JOSHUA MATTHEW SCHWEIKART (Age 36) JAMIE LYNN SULLIVAN (Age 38)
06/28/2022	2022-0000579	JACOB J VOYLES (Age 29) SARAH E JONES (Age 31)
06/28/2022	2022-0000581	MANUEL FERNANDEZ JR (Age 37) LISXELA ALEXANDRA GUTIÉRREZ REYES (Age 2)
06/28/2022	2022-0000582	KEESHA DUNCAN (Age 37) WARREN JUNIOR BAKER II (Age 54)
06/28/2022	2022-0000583	THUY DUNG THI HUYNH (Age 33) NHAT VAN NGUYEN (Age 39)
06/28/2022	2022-0000580	JAMES AUSTEN TAYLOR (Age 31) HOLLY RAVEN WOOD (Age 22)

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## Recent Vanderburgh County Obituaries

For complete obituary go to the Funeral Home's Webpage

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#### East

Norman McCool	Sep. 19, 1929 – July 02, 2022
Anthony Thomas Inzerello Jr.	Jan. 13, 1946 – July 05, 2022
Julie Roth	May 25, 1961 – July 08, 2022
Elvis Lee Andrews	Nov. 23, 1935 – July 09, 2022
Brenda E. Wheeler	Oct. 13, 1950 – July 10, 2022
Yu Mou Zhen	Feb. 08, 1932 – July 10, 2022
Marilyn Hiatt	Apr. 25, 1944 – July 10, 2022
Rosemary C. Cantner	Jan. 06, 1922 – July 16, 2022
Darlene "Deena" Marie Villa	Feb. 27, 1956 – July 18, 2022
Mark Kavanaugh	Nov. 28, 1955 – July 20, 2022
Peggy A. Julian	Apr. 06, 1937 – July 20, 2022
Julie Ann Working	Sep. 27, 1959 – July 23, 2022
Truman D. Woodruff	Aug. 12, 1934 – July 23, 2022
Yuk Tang	Aug. 09, 1937 – July 30, 2022
Clarence Calhoun	

#### West

Ronald "Ron" L. Giles	Oct. 04, 1946 – July 02, 2022
Joyce Elaine Kohlmeyer	Jun. 16, 1934 – July 08, 2022
William "Bill" King	Apr. 24, 1943 – July 13, 2022

Gerald "Jerry" W. Builtman	July 26, 1950 – July 13, 2022
Janet Lee Klenck	Jan. 31, 1933 – July 18, 2022
Dosha "Dodie" L. Peckinpaugh	Mar. 23, 1937 – July 23, 2022
William A. Stucke	May 27, 1942 – July 25, 2022
Ethel Ella Weston	Oct. 09, 1932 – July 24, 2022
Nancy Jane Forshee	Aug. 08, 1946 – July 25, 2022
Ophelia Adelleine Young	Feb. 12, 2019 – July 25, 2022
Leona Jean Townsend	Feb. 17, 1936 – July 28, 2022

#### North

Reno B. "Duke" DeMuth	Jan. 10, 1935 – July 01, 2022
Mark Winternheimer	Nov. 09, 1974 – July 10, 2022
Jeanetta Lynn Scott	Jan. 20, 1967 – July 10, 2022
Edgar O. Smith	Mar. 07, 1936 – July 11, 2022
Janet E. Rice	Sep. 23, 1939 – July 16, 2022
Mary Alice Hoffman	Dec. 19, 1936 – July 16, 2022
Robert G Smith	Oct 25, 1936 – July 17, 2022
Chalmer Harris	Feb. 11, 1938 – July 25, 2022
Patricia A. Smith	Jan. 08, 1931 – July 26, 2022

### BOONE FUNERAL HOME

David Asher	Aug. 31, 1947 – July 01, 2022
Mary H Summers	Apr. 23, 1930 – July 02, 2022
Stephen Libs	Dec. 01, 1960 – July 02, 2022
Ruth Ellen (Fulkerson) Lynch	Jun. 19, 1950 – July 05, 2022
James C. Littrell	Oct. 23, 1952 – July 07, 2022
James "Jim" "Pete" Elkins	Apr. 17, 1929 – July 07, 2022
Patricia L. (Money) Tuley	Feb. 27, 1954 – July 08, 2022
Mirrell N. (McCammon) Ford	Jun. 09, 1932 – July 11, 2022

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# Community

## Olympian Audain Brings The Crowd To Their Feet

AUGUST 2022  
By CCO Staff

The "Shoulders Family Lecture Series" featured Anne Audain presenting Triumph Over Adversity Thursday night in the Shoulders Family Commons at Harrison High School. After the completion of her presentation, Anne was thanked and congratulated with a standing ovation from the almost 150 people that were in attendance. It is important to note that the crowd for this particular "Shoulders Lecture Series" was filled with the most diverse crowd in recent memory. Many students of all ages, school administration, and community members filled the seats for this event.

Anne's presentation was filled with many examples of how her adversity in life had given her strength. Anne Audain spoke on her journey from custom-made orthopedic boots to custom-made

Nike's and everything that happened from her childhood throughout her professional long-distance running career. Overcoming reconstructive surgery on both feet at 14, Anne became the most consistent winner in the world in distance running.

Pat Shoulders performed amazingly as the master of ceremonies. Pat and Anne Audain has had a long-lasting friendship over the years and worked extremely well together throughout the night. Pat Shoulders stated that "Anne Audain is one of the greatest runners in the history of the sport". The "Shoulders Family Lecture Series" was an opportunity to let Evansville know that she lives right here in this sports-crazy town."

EVSC Director of Athletics, Dr. Andy Owen, worked collaboratively with the Shoulders family to bring the Olympian runner Anne Audain to Harrison to speak



with members from all five of the EVSC running teams. "This event was so meaningful and memorable for our EVSC students. Listening to such an inspirational speaker that has accomplished so much as an amazing athlete is a

once-in-a-lifetime experience for our communities youth. Anne is a world-class athlete and is more importantly an even better person"

**Footnote: Photo contributed by Sticky Soda Productions of Evansville**

## Martha Mae Urges Be Kind - No Crinkles

AUGUST 2022  
By Joe Langerak

My daughter, Martha Mae, is 11. We have a close relationship and she is without a doubt a "daddy's girl." When we see each other after I return from work she always greets me with a big smile and a warm hug. It's a highlight for me each day. She is very bright and especially keen on picking up on my mood— she can tell how things are going with me. Oh yeah, she also happens to have Down Syndrome.

A few months ago, I was having a really tough day. I was stressed and anxious. I always give Martha Mae a hug and a kiss before she goes to sleep. That night, I bent over her bed to tuck her in, and give her a hug and kiss, but before I could she put both hands on my face, looked me dead in the eyes, and said "Be Kind- No Crinkles." As she said, "No Crinkles," she pointed to my forehead in between my eyebrows. She then kissed me, and I left her room. I melted. She knew, she somehow knew I was having a rough day and she was reminding me to simply be kind to all, and



don't get too frustrated, daddy. I asked my wife Julia about it and neither of us had seen it before and had no idea where it came from. She has done this every single night since it started, unprompted. I adore it.

I hadn't really told anyone about this beyond family, but in passing I told my friend and future partner Mike "Gabo" Gabovitch during dinner a few weeks back. He ap-

preciated the story and I thought nothing else of it. Well, on July 5, when he and I celebrated our firm's merging, he made the most wonderful toast during dinner. In part of it, he brought up Martha Mae and her phrase - "Be Kind, No Crinkles." He went on to tell me how he and many folks at his former firm - Katz Korin Cunningham - had embraced the mantra and how it touched them. He then presented

me and the other 13 dinner guests with a rambler cup with "Be Kind- No Crinkles". - Martha Langerak' written on it. At this point, I was trying to hold my composure during dinner because someone saw the wisdom in my 11-year-old daughter that I thought only my family sees, and then they shared that wisdom with others in their law firm. I will never forget the kindness of Gabo's words that night, and his gesture.

When I reflect on that dinner, and what Gabo said, I realize what Martha is saying is so very wise, and so needed right now, and others outside my family should take note of her wisdom. We are coming out of a pandemic that has impacted us all, our country is divided on too many issues to count, and horrific displays of mass violence seem more prevalent than ever. But, as we carry on in our professional and personal lives, I suggest we take to heart the words of an 11-year-old from Evansville, Indiana who just happens to have Down Syndrome, named Martha Mae, because I think she is on to something.

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# Community

## Flock Safety Cameras Installed By Evansville Police

**AUGUST 2022**

Through donations and grants, the Evansville Police Department now has 55 Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) placed within the city. These are stationary cameras at specific locations. The cameras were purchased through Flock Safety, and are able to take still images of vehicles and license plates that pass the camera. Statistically, Flock reports a 70% decrease in overall crime reduction after a period of time utilizing the cameras. These cameras are in use in over 2,000 cities across 40 states, and the company works with thousands of law enforcement agencies.

These cameras do not take video recordings or record speed. The in-



tent behind them for the Evansville Police Department is to be able to capture images of vehicles that have been in the area of shots fired investigations, help locate

missing persons, locate stolen vehicles, and other serious incidents where a vehicle may be in use. In the short span that we have utilized them, they have aided in the

capture of Casey White & Vicky White who led the nation on a manhunt after escaping an Alabama jail earlier this year. They have helped locate numerous stolen vehicles and most recently were able to identify a vehicle's details aiding in the investigation of a kidnapping case.

The location of these ALPRs will not be provided outside of law enforcement, due to the fear of vandalism and for criminals choosing to take alternative routes knowing where these are located. These cameras have already proved to be beneficial to our city and will hopefully aid in a decrease in the overall crime rate locally.

## Becker Remarks To Indiana Senate SB1 Concerning Elimination Of Abortion Rights

**AUGUST 2022**

**By Indiana State Senator Vaneta Becker**

Thank you Madam President and members of the Senate.

I'm Senator Vaneta Becker. A proud lifelong Republican from Southwestern Indiana. I am privileged to serve the citizens of my district for the last 41 years. I am a Republican because of my strong belief in limited government, fiscal responsibility, and the obligation of government to serve, protect, and meet the needs of the people in my district and our State.

I rise to oppose SB 1 because it violates all of those Republican principles. We know that The purpose of government is to help its people live in safety and happiness. Government exists for the interests of the governed, not for the lawmakers.

Most of our constituents overwhelmingly object to this proposed legislation. Not one person during the committee process spoke in favor of this legislation.

And there's not one Senator in this Chamber today who haven't both seen and understood the polls and what the vast majority of Hoosiers want – and most importantly – what they DON'T want.

Are we protecting our constituents? The numbers say - NO.

♦ NOT WHEN: Infant mortality puts us at 47th in the nation.

♦ NOT WHEN: Indiana has the third highest rate of maternal deaths. We're TWICE the national average.

♦ NOT WHEN: Our Public health funding is 45th in the country.

♦ NOT WHEN: 1 in 3 Hoosier women already have or will experience sexual assault in their lifetime.

♦ NOT WHEN: 1 in 7 sexually assaulted Hoosier women – women who are our Mothers, Sisters and Wives, Children and Grandchildren - will become pregnant as a result of that attack (and that's just the cases that are reported).

Compounding what became a personal tragedy played out on our nation's stage, many immediately attacked the 10-year-old child from Ohio and the Indiana physician who helped her. And.... Still... ..the personal and professional attacks on the physician continue to this very day. By the way...Did anyone else notice .....that the physician was a woman?

So, how ARE we protecting our constituents? Well, As we have seen, we are failing.

This bill does not make things better. It makes things worse. More women, children, and families will suffer.

As Senators, those we represent should and do expect us to provide access to quality health care to meet their needs, not remove vital health care from 52% of our

people.

Indiana establishes strict, comprehensive criteria for physicians to be able to practice in our communities. A doctor must complete 4 years of college, 4 years of medical school, 4 years of residency, and, 3 additional years of training to be qualified as a maternal-fetal medicine specialist. A maternal-fetal medicine specialist treats complicated pregnancies, AND there are only 45 of these specialists in Indiana. This is what WE require of a doctor to be allowed to provide reproductive health care to Hoosiers. And yet, here we sit, 50 Senators (8 women and 42 men) unqualified but arrogantly presuming to interfere and dictate the work of physicians. We are considering dictating medical decisions with blinders on and ignorant of the astounding unintended consequences we are creating while also creating criminal penalties for these same physicians who are serving women and children.

I ask you and invite you to ask yourselves, ARE WE meeting the medical needs of the people we represent with this proposed bill?

Are we providing the support families and children need to thrive in our communities? No! We are making a mess!

Namaste once wrote: "Everyone is pro-life. Without life, we are not here. So, if you are in favor of your

existence you are pro-life.

Everyone is pro-choice. If you have free will and you are in favor of your free will; you are pro-choice."

All of us are pro-life...we are alive and will fiercely protect our lives! All of us are pro-choice...we all have free will and demand our right to exercise it! Women deserve to have us protect their lives and free will. SB 1 destroys both. Shame on us.

A friend of mine shared with me this important idea: everything you believe is just that. A belief. It doesn't make it a fact; it doesn't mean it's right; it doesn't mean it's the truth. You have free will; belief whatever you want.

But we represent people who expect and deserve us to legislate based on facts. We are asked today to make laws based on special interests and some peoples' religious beliefs...not facts. We are making a mess.

As The King - Elvis Presley, said, "Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away."

Does this proposed legislation reflect limited government or fiscal responsibility? Does this proposed legislation serve, protect or meet the needs of the vast majority of our constituents?

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Issued Date	License #	Applicants
06/28/2022	2022-0000579	JACOB J VOYLES (Age 29) SARAH E JONES (Age 31)
06/28/2022	2022-0000581	MANUEL FERNANDEZ JR (Age 37) LISXELA ALEXANDRA GUTIÉRREZ REYES (Age 2)
06/28/2022	2022-0000582	KEESHA DUNCAN (Age 37) WARREN JUNIOR BAKER II (Age 54)
06/28/2022	2022-0000584	NASTASSJA LARELL KLIPSCH (Age 26) ANDREW LEE WEAVER (Age 31)
06/28/2022	2022-0000583	THUY DUNG THI HUYNH (Age 33) NHAT VAN NGUYEN (Age 39)
06/28/2022	2022-0000580	JAMES AUSTEN TAYLOR (Age 31) HOLLY RAVEN WOOD (Age 22)
06/29/2022	2022-0000590	JULIE M BRYANT (Age 27) REILLY M BEER (Age 23)
06/29/2022	2022-0000585	BRIAN WINTER (Age 32) MARIAH BARBER (Age 30)
06/29/2022	2022-0000586	CHARLES IRVIN STRATMAN (Age 65) CHARLENE MARIE LAIB (Age 71)
06/29/2022	2022-0000587	MAXWELL DAVID MCDONALD (Age 25) KRISTEN HAILEY SNELLING (Age 23)
06/29/2022	2022-0000589	JOSEPH MICHAEL THOMPSON (Age 53) MISTY DAWN RODGERS (Age 49)
06/29/2022	2022-0000588	ZACHARY TOBIAS DIXON (Age 29) MARGARET DANIELLE MATHEWS (Age 20)
06/29/2022	2022-0000591	FRANKLIN ANTWAIN THOMAS (Age 44) JENNIFER DENISE MORGAN (Age 40)
06/30/2022	2022-0000592	JOSE DE JESUS MORALES ALCANTAR (Age 22) ARACELY RODRIGUEZ (Age 29)
06/30/2022	2022-0000595	JENNY LOVE ELDRIDGE (Age 42) BILLY EUGENE WILLIAMS (Age 40)

Issued Date	License #	Applicants
06/30/2022	2022-0000593	RANDALL JODY HOOD (Age 32) AALIYAH SHARIE ARMSTEAD (Age 26)
06/30/2022	2022-0000596	BRANDON LEE ATWOOD (Age 37) LEANNA JAYNE CROSS (Age 33)
06/30/2022	2022-0000594	DAMON TYRELL SMITH (Age 34) CASSANDRA MARIA MONTGOMERY (Age 33)
07/01/2022	2022-0000598	ZACHARY ISAAC ELLIS (Age 22) KELSEY LYNN LANHAM (Age 21)
07/01/2022	2022-0000600	KATHERINE A SEYFERTH (Age 31) CHRISTOPHER J ARNOLD (Age 38)
07/01/2022	2022-0000601	JOHNNY HERNANDEZ RODRIGUEZ (Age 34) GLENDA JOHANA AGUILAR TELLES (Age 29)
07/01/2022	2022-0000602	DAVID LEE BUCK (Age 41) AMANDA MICHELLE JACKSON (Age 38)
07/01/2022	2022-0000603	URIAH LEE WRIGHT (Age 34) NATASHA LEA ALDRIDGE (Age 34)
07/01/2022	2022-0000597	AARON DUANE MONTGOMERY (Age 50) NICOLE RENEE MONTGOMERY (Age 46)
07/01/2022	2022-0000599	JUSTIN S JOCHEM (Age 27) CHRISTINA F POHL (Age 27)
07/05/2022	2022-0000604	DARIN COOPER JACKSON (Age 50) GINGER GRACE DENNIS (Age 51)
07/05/2022	2022-0000605	CIARRA JASMINE-ROSE RICE (Age 26) ALEXANDER BROOKS VOGEL (Age 25)
07/06/2022	2022-0000606	WILLIAM ALEXANDER OSBORNE (Age 19) MADISON DANIELLE KOLB (Age 19)
07/06/2022	2022-0000608	MARK KENNEY (Age 58) SOOJIN KIM (Age 50)
07/06/2022	2022-0000609	BROCK KELLY FULKERSON (Age 53) CHRISIE JO HOLTZCLAW (Age 46)

## Recent Vanderburgh County Obituaries

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Janet D. (Walker) Carmickle	Feb. 27, 1955 – July 11, 2022
Rev. Stephen R. "Steve" Meyer	July 06, 1943 – July 13, 2022
Mary Jane Decker	July 21, 1940 – July 16, 2022
Irene Rechnic	May 24, 1934 – July 19, 2022
Edward Sellner	Nov. 16, 1932 – July 21, 2022
Richard A. Langhorst	Sep. 13, 1934 – July 24, 2022
Sherry Dunville	Feb. 04, 1951 – July 24, 2022
Jeff A. Fiedler	Dec. 03, 1957 – July 25, 2022
Corena Maurer	Apr. 28, 1937 – July 26, 2022
Pamela "Pam" Sandusky	May 17, 1947 – July 30, 2022
Marian Sue "Susie" Crowe	Aug. 15, 1943 – July 31, 2022

### MASON BROTHERS FUNERAL SERVICES

Robert Charles Hawkins	Feb. 20, 1949 – July 11, 2022
Mrs. Rosalie Massey	Oct. 23, 1939 – July 13, 2022
Christopher Green	Apr. 27, 1966 – July 29, 2022
Rocky J. Johnson	May 15, 1955 – July 30, 2022

### PIERRE FUNERAL HOME

Betty Hill Grubb	May 25, 1930 – July 05, 2022
Genevieve L. Weiss	Dec. 16, 1934 – July 07, 2022
Rickey Dale Huff	Mar. 08, 1956 – July 08, 2022
Richard P. Preske	Jun. 24, 1932 – July 11, 2022
Barbara Jean Halbrook	Apr. 11, 1943 – July 11, 2022
Gary L Jones	Dec. 07, 1952 – July 11, 2022
Michael L. Shore	July 13, 1960- July 12, 2022
Robert E. Groves	Jun. 27, 1935 – July 13, 2022
Henry E. Weiss	Aug. 09, 1931 – July 14, 2022
Joseph Wicks	Jun. 28, 1947 – July 14, 2022
Judy A. Bergonia	Sep. 23, 1948 – July 15, 2022
Jacqueline Joan Head	Dec. 24, 1938 – July 17, 2022
Linda L. McGraw	Apr. 13, 1956 – July 18, 2022
Ruth Anne Reese	Feb. 07, 1948 – July 19, 2022
Amanda Sammet	Aug. 03, 1979 – July 19, 2022
Allen W. Tenbarga	Oct. 07, 1930 – July 19, 2022
Frances Neighbors Calkin	Mar. 04, 1933 – July 23, 2022
Edward E. Koester	Oct. 03, 1944 – July 23, 2022
Linda K Holder	May 10, 1944 – July 23, 2022
Darlene T. Baumgart	Nov. 11, 1931 – July 25, 2022
John Thomasen Galbreath	Dec. 12, 1945 – July 27, 2022
Delmar Sylvester Wigand	July 06, 1932 – July 29, 2022
Harold L. Davids	Mar. 19, 1952 – July 31, 2022

### ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME

Clesta Scarbrough	Dec. 20, 1928 – July 04, 2022
Glenda J. Ralph	Apr. 07, 1941 – July 04, 2022
Dennis M. Crow	Dec. 02, 1055 – July 04, 2022

Charles "Charlie" Lynn Snodgrass	Nov. 22, 1941 – July 05, 2022
Joseph Winchell	Feb. 28, 1942 – July 09, 2022
Leonard O. "Bud" Spalding	Nov. 12, 1938 – July 13, 2022
Elizabeth A. Peak	Jun. 20, 1936 – July 14, 2022
Sylvia Gossman	Feb. 23, 1935 – July 15, 2022
Sue Ellen Kendall	Dec. 10, 1951 – July 15, 2022
Margaret "Judy" Barnes	Jun. 28, 1945 – July 15, 2022
Nancy Lee Epmeier	Sep. 10, 1931 – July 17, 2022
Jack F. Tyner, Jr.	Sep. 04, 1931 – July 19, 2022
Edna Mae Meeks	Jun. 15, 1929 – July 19, 2022
L'Mier Ja'dai De'eshae Anderson	July 20, 2021 – July 22, 2022
Marlene (Porter) Fowler	Aug. 06, 1931 – July 23, 2022
Tonya E. Jarrell	Feb. 24, 1951 – July 24, 2022
Dr. Jerry Winiger	Jan. 04, 1941 – July 25, 2022
Alison Kalbarchick	Sep. 24, 1962 – July 27, 2022
James "Windy" Curtis	Jan. 09, 1936 – July 29, 2022

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## CenterPoint Seeks Renewable Energy Approval

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"CenterPoint Energy would like to recognize officials in Pike County for their support of this project and efforts to bring cleaner energy solutions to our communities."

For more information on CenterPoint Energy's long-term electric generation transition plan, visit [www.centerpointenergy.com/smartenergyfuture](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/smartenergyfuture).

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## Rokita Suspends Lankford Funeral Home Licenses

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filed for emergency license suspensions with the State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service.

"Grieving families must be able to trust that their loved ones' remains will be respectfully and properly handled," Attorney General Rokita said. "Further, the un-

sanitary conditions at this funeral home posed a clear and immediate threat to public health and safety. We are committed to making sure that anyone entrusted with a professional license issued by the state is meeting the required standards."

Attorney General Rokita expressed particular gratitude to Deputy Attorney General Ian Mathew and investigators Denise Singleton and Lindsey Bruce for their work on this case. He also thanked Jeffersonville police for professionally executing a gruesome task in their inspec-

tion of the premises. An investigation into this matter remains ongoing, and anyone with information that might be helpful is asked to please contact the Attorney General's Licensing Enforcement Section by calling 1-800-382-5516.

## EREP Awards \$14.6 Million In READI Funds

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related businesses thrive along with adding an amenity for residents.

Regional Marketing Strategy, Regional, \$2 million READI award Summary: Utilize E is for Everyone existing framework to enhance a unified branding campaign that tells the Evansville Region's best story and delivers personalized stories to

attract and retain talent. Site Development Plan, Regional, \$100,000 READI award Summary: Site development planning will be the start of many master plans along our transportation corridors that will allow future development needs in economic development and begin expansion opportunities for existing

companies to grow in the region. The awarded projects align with the community goals set forth in the Evansville Region's plan called Talent EVV. The Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-REP) on behalf of the RDA will work with the awarded projects on the next steps while continuing to review additional projects for READI eligibility.

The LiveREADI request for proposal (RFP) for housing projects and PlayREADI RFP for quality of place projects are open until December 2022 or until all READI funding has been obligated. E-REP provides the most up-to-date information about READI through its website at <https://www.evansvilleregion.com/readi-program>.

## Braun Sponsors Bill To Protect Cops

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"The career criminal who killed an Elwood officer also tried to kill Indy cops 16 years ago and should have paid a stiffer price. If you try to kill a police officer, you should pay the highest price possible. I support making the targeting of police in a violent crime an aggravating factor in favor of the harshest penalties available." - Senator Mike Braun

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This month we're spotlighting local hospitality stars and welcoming the touring performers of the upcoming Broadway in Evansville season! Read on to learn about those serving Evansville's hospitality industry and the family friendly Broadway shows playing Evansville in 2022 and 2023. These talented stars and classic, feel-good shows shine just as bright as the lights on Broadway!



**Angela Statz**

Angela Statz has worked in hospitality most of her professional life. She came to Visit Evansville as an Information Specialist in 2014, was promoted to Visitors Center Manager in 2015, and in 2021 her role was expanded to Visitor Experience Manager. Angela is a strong local tourism advocate, and she delights in sharing her love of Evansville with visitors to the area.



**Deonte Meriwether**

Deonte Meriwether is both a Business Analyst at Columbia Sportswear Company and the Director of Operations at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve, the largest urban old-growth forest in the United States. Deonte is an innovative servant leader who advocates for environmental education, climate action, sustainability, and diversity in the outdoor industry.



**Robert Kincaid**

Robert Kincaid is the General Manager at the Holiday Inn Express Evansville West. He moved to the area a year ago to lead the property to success. "I am so glad to be a part of the Evansville community, and I look forward to welcoming visitors to our great region for many years to come," said Robert.



**Cindy Gehring**

Cindy Gehring has served four venues across the city as Ticketing Services Manager. She has been instrumental in hosting thousands of shows from Roberts Stadium to Old National Events Plaza. Cindy officially retired this month after 22 years of service. Thank you and congrats Cindy!

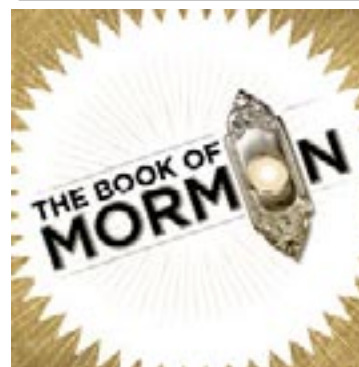
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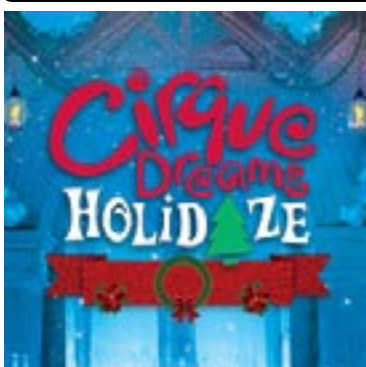
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## The Book of Mormon | October 11, 2022



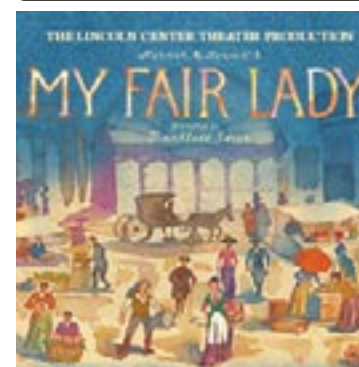
The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." The Washington Post says, "It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals." And Entertainment Weekly says, "Grade A: the funniest musical of all time." Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it "Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal." It's THE BOOK OF MORMON, the nine-time Tony Award®-winning Best Musical. Contains explicit language.

## Cirque Dreams Holidaze | December 1, 2022



Cirque Dreams Holidaze dazzles with a brilliant family holiday spectacular. This annual tradition wraps a Broadway-style production around an infusion of contemporary circus arts. As lights dim and the music swells, audiences will have visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads as a cast of holiday storybook characters come to life. With an original music score, twists on holiday classics, this gift for the entire family is sure to put a twinkle in your eye!

## My Fair Lady | February 5, 2023



From Lincoln Center Theater that brought you The King & I and South Pacific, comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (Entertainment Weekly), Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady. Director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (New York Times). "Every so often a revival comes along that reminds you how indispensable great theater can be" (NYT).

## Riverdance The 25th Anniversary Tour | March 30, 2023



Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show is Riverdance, as you've never seen it before! A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved favorite, celebrated the world over for its Grammy Award-winning score and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his mesmerizing soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the show with spectacular lighting, stage and costume designs.

## Annie | April 10, 2023



Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. Little Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production - just as you remember it and just when we need it most.

# Education

## Romain Awarded \$100K Scholarship Endowment

**AUGUST 2022**

The University of Southern Indiana Romain College of Business has received a \$100,000 gift from Warehouse Services, Inc., to establish a scholarship endowment named for its President, Barry Cox, for students enrolled in the College's Supply Chain Management Certificate Program. This gift will provide perpetual scholarship support for eligible students.

Eligibility for the Warehouse Services Inc. Barry Cox Scholarship Endowment includes:

Full-time USI undergraduate students must be enrolled in the Supply Chain Management Certificate Program.

Student recipients must be in good academic standing at USI when the scholarship is both awarded and received.

Second preference will be given to full-time USI undergraduate students majoring in management.

Warehouse Services, Inc. provides various supply chain services (e.g., warehousing, distribution, fulfillment services, etc.), and it occupies more than 18 million square feet of distribution space in over 20 locations across North America. Its operating headquarters are in Mount



Vernon, Indiana. The company employs many USI alumni in a multitude of positions across its more than 4,000 personnel.

"I am truly grateful to Warehouse Services, Inc. and its President, Mr. Barry Cox, for this generous support of students seeking the new Supply Chain Management Certificate," says Dr. Abbas Foroughi, Chair of Management and Information Sciences.

"Warehouse Services' strong interest in the certificate underscores how much regional companies value the establishment of this new program. I would also like to thank the Supply Chain Management Committee and other management faculty at USI for their hard work and support in creating this timely certificate."

In addition, Cox has been a member of the USI Foundation

Board Advisory Council for 22 years.

"Mr. Cox has been a generous friend of the University for many years, and he truly values USI's economic impact on this region and beyond," says David Bower, Vice President for Development. "The number of USI alumni employed by Warehouse Services underscores that trust in the students we are educating."

## USI Pharmacology Update Workshop Returns Sept. 23

**AUGUST 2022**

The University of Southern Indiana Center for Health Professions Lifelong Learning is hosting the annual Pharmacology Update for Healthcare Professionals, an all-day workshop on Friday, September 23, 2022, in the University Center on the USI campus. For those not able to attend in person, there is an option to attend virtually.

Back by popular demand is keynote speaker Dr. Wendy L. Wright, an adult and family nurse practitioner and owner of two nurse practitioner-owned and operated clinics in New Hampshire. Her family practices have won numerous awards, including Top Providers in New Hampshire 2020, Top 20 Fastest Growing Family Business and Top 20 Women-Owned Business in New Hampshire. In addition, she is the Owner of Partners in Healthcare Education, a medical education company.

"This conference focuses on ev-

idence-based clinical pharmacology needs of the patient," says Anita Hagan, Interim Director for the Center for Health Professions Lifelong Learning. "Dr. Wright will provide information concerning

drug-to-drug interactions for safe prescribing. There will also be presentations on the needs of primary care patients afflicted with chronic conditions such as diabetes, depression/anxiety, and pain."

The conference will conclude with a pediatric psychopharmacology presentation provided by Shannon Jones, MD, a child psychiatrist with Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare in Evansville.

Nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants, students enrolled in health professional education programs, and other health professionals interested in treatment management and pharmacotherapeutic considerations are encouraged to at-

tend.

The enrollment cost is \$130 if register by September 9. After September 9, the price is \$150. Registration information can be found at [USI.edu/pharmacology](http://USI.edu/pharmacology).

For more information, email Kelley Collazo, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Center for Health Professions Lifelong Learning, at [kacollazo@usi.edu](mailto:kacollazo@usi.edu) or call 812-461-5217.



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# Education

## UE Named 2022-23 College of Distinction

**AUGUST 2022**

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 Distinctions." 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, transformative 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, engi-

neering, 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."



## Ivy Tech Evansville Announces Garatoni School

**AUGUST 2022**

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.

### 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 business owners is important news for our local com-

munity. "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 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 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 Huntingburg 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.

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# Sports

## Six UE Women Golfers Named WGCA All-American Scholars

**AUGUST 2022**

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. – The 2021-22 Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar Team was announced today with a total of 1,485 women's collegiate golfers recognized with this prestigious honor.

Among those recognized were six the University of Evansville student-athletes. The group of honorees for the Purple Aces includes Caitlin O'Donnell, Carly Frazier, Mallory Russell, Alyssa McMinn, Magdalena Borisova and Allison Enchelmayer.

The criteria for selection to the All-American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.50.

"I could not be more proud of what these ladies are able to accomplish,"



UE head golf coach John Andrews exclaimed. "Their efforts in the classroom and on the golf course exemplify what it means to be a

student-athlete."

Each UE golfer recognized by the WGCA currently has a GPA of 3.689 or higher. Allison Enchelmayer cur-

rently posts the top GPA on the squad with a 3.905 in Music Education.

## OVC Releases 2022-23 Conference Basketball Schedules

**AUGUST 2022**

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – University of Southern Indiana Men's and Women's Basketball will tip-off the 2022-23 Ohio Valley Conference schedules on December 29 versus Southeast Missouri State University at Screaming Eagles Arena. The 2022-23 OVC schedule will feature a 10-team, 18-game double round-robin slate which will begin on December 29 and conclude on February 25.

"We are extremely excited to have our first OVC/Division I schedule in front of us," said Stan Gouard, USI Men's Basketball Head Coach. "This is an extremely demanding slate of games and the Eagles are working hard to rise to meet this challenge."

I am extremely excited to finally see our Ohio Valley Conference schedule for the 2022-2023 season, said Rick Stein, USI Women's Basketball Head Coach. "We have many new challenges ahead of us in the OVC and I know our team can't wait for the opportunities ahead. Our Screaming Eagle fans will be fired up to see new opponents and new rivalry's build as we move forward!"

The 2022-23 season, which is the 75th year of competition in the OVC, marks the first season in the league for USI as well as OVC newcomers

Lindenwood University, and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The three new members joined Eastern Illinois University, Morehead State University, SEMO, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, and the University of Tennessee at Martin in the 10-team league.

The 2023 OVC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament is slated for March 1-4 at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana. It marks the sixth year in a row the event will be held at the venue.

Each OVC school is eligible to compete and win the OVC Tournament Championship, including USI and Lindenwood, who are beginning the reclassification process to NCAA Division I. It was previously announced that should a transitioning school win an OVC Tournament Championship, the automatic qualifier (AQ) shall be awarded to the tournament runner-up. Should the tournament runner-up also be a transitioning school, the AQ representative shall be the highest seed going into the tournament.

All OVC games and home non-conference contests can be seen on ESPN networks, with the majority of

games broadcast on ESPN+. Additional linear exposures on ESPNU and ESPN2 that will be announced at a later date.

The USI Men's and Women's Basketball non-conference games will be announced once the schedules are complete.

### 2022-23 USI Men's and Women's Basketball OVC Schedule

Thursday, December 29  
Southeast Missouri at Southern Indiana

Saturday, December 31  
Southern Indiana at Eastern Illinois

Thursday, January 5  
Southern Indiana at Morehead State

Saturday, January 7  
SIUE at Southern Indiana

Thursday, January 12  
Little Rock at Southern Indiana

Saturday, January 14  
UT Martin at Southern Indiana

Thursday, January 19  
Southern Indiana at Lindenwood

Saturday, January 21

Southern Indiana at SIUE

Thursday, January 26  
Eastern Illinois at Southern Indiana

Saturday, January 28  
Southern Indiana at UT Martin

Thursday, February 2  
Tennessee State at Southern Indiana

Saturday, February 4  
Morehead State at Southern Indiana

Thursday, February 9  
Southern Indiana at Tennessee Tech


Saturday, February 11  
Lindenwood at Southern Indiana

Thursday, February 16  
Southern Indiana at Little Rock

Saturday, February 18  
Southern Indiana at Southeast Missouri

Thursday, February 23  
Tennessee Tech at Southern Indiana

Saturday, February 25  
Southern Indiana at Tennessee State



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# Sports

## UE 2022-23 MVC Schedule Released

### AUGUST 2022

One of the top turnarounds in Missouri Valley Conference history saw the University of Evansville men's basketball team make a 7-game improvement last season while clinching one of the top six seeds. The Purple Aces look for more as they head into the 2021-22 campaign.

On Tuesday, the MVC announced the league portion of the schedules. Conference play opens for UE on Wednesday, December 1 with a contest against Southern Illinois inside the Ford Center. It will mark the earliest MVC contest in program history, surpassing a Dec. 8 contest in 1999 at SIU.

After wrapping up its non-conference slate, the Aces open the New Year on January 2 with a visit to Northern Iowa. The Panthers have had a solid mark against Evansville inside the McLeod Center, winning the last seven matchups with the Aces last win in the building coming on Jan. 9, 2013. UE remains on the road to take on Indiana State on the 5th. The Hulman Center is another facility where the Aces look to end a streak with the Sycamores winning the last 10 games in Terre Haute.

The first home game of the new year will see the Aces welcome Illinois State on 1/8. In last year's scheduling of back-to-



back games, UE split a home series against the Redbirds. A stretch of three out of four games on the road will conclude on Jan. 12 with a trip to Bradley.

Following the trip to Peoria, UE will host the top two conference squads from last season – Drake and Loyola. The Aces face the Bulldogs on the 15th inside the Ford Center before taking on Loyola three days later. Drake made the NCAA Tournament last season with a 26-5 overall and 15-3 league mark. Taking on former conference foe Wichita State in the tournament, the Bull-

dogs picked up a 53-52 win. The Ramblers were 16-2 in the MVC while going 26-5 overall. They advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament with wins over Georgia Tech and Illinois.

UE returns to the road on the 23rd for a trip to Redbird Arena to face Illinois State before finishing the month at home against UNI (1/26) and on the road at Missouri State (1/29). Evansville swept a 2-game series from the Panthers at the Ford Center in 2021 while splitting its series versus the Bears to complete the 2020-21 regular season.

February opens at Valparaiso on the 1st. It will mark the first trip to Valparaiso since January of 2020 as Valpo was one of four trips (UNI, MSU, and Illinois State being the others) that the team did not make last season due to the COVID scheduling. Two home games follow with the Aces facing Bradley (2/5) and Indiana State (2/9) before the team travels to Southern Illinois on the 12th. In the last trip to Carbondale to open the 2020-21 MVC schedule, the Aces halted a 19-game conference skid against the Salukis. Four days later, the squad returns to Iowa to take on Drake.

Two of the final three regular-season games will take place at the Ford Center with the Aces playing host to Valpo on Feb. 19. UE faced the Beacons in a pair of home games last year, taking both contests. The road finale will see the Aces head to Gentile Arena on 2/23 to face Loyola before hosting Missouri State on Feb. 26 to close the regular season.

Season tickets for the 2021-22 season are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the UE Athletics Ticket Office at 812-488-2237. Individual game tickets go on sale on Monday, October 11 and can be purchased at the Carson Center Ticket Office, Ford Center or on Ticketmaster.com.



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## USI To Host Kent St.

### AUGUST 2022

University of Southern Indiana Baseball will host Kent State University for the third Westside Nutclub #CureFA exhibition game on October 22 at the USI Baseball Field. The 2 p.m. exhibition game will benefit the fight against Friedrich's Ataxia (FA), a degenerative neuromuscular disorder that affects one in 50,000 people in the United States.

Most individuals have onset of symptoms of FA between the ages of 5 and 18 years but can occur anytime during adulthood. The Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance is supporting research that will improve the quality and length of life for those diagnosed with FA and will lead to treatments that eliminate its symptoms. More information about FA can be found at [CureFA.org](https://www.CureFA.org).

Tickets for the exhibition game go on sale on September 12 are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the following locations: USI Athletics and all Banterra Bank Evansville/Newburgh locations. Fans also can purchase tickets online at [curefa.org/USI-Baseball](https://www.curefa.org/USI-Baseball).

The game will preview the 2023 USI Screaming Eagles, who will be concluding their fall workouts after a 21-28 mark in 2022. USI is transitioning to the NCAA Division I after dominating Division II for the last 16 years with two national championships and five NCAA II Midwest Regional titles under the direction of Head Coach Tracy Archuleta. Archuleta is in his 17th season at the helm and has a 527-313 (.635) and directed the Eagles to both of their national championships.



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# Entertainment

## 2022-23 Old National Events Plaza Off-Broadway Season Announced

### AUGUST 2022

Evansville, IN – The Old National Events Plaza and Nederlander National Markets are thrilled to announce the 2022-2023 Broadway in Evansville season! This season is headlined by the nine-time Tony® Award-winning Best Musical, *The Book of Mormon*, followed by a holiday extravaganza for the entire family, *Cirque Dreams Holiday*, the gorgeous Lincoln Center production of *My Fair Lady*, the return of *Riverdance* in The 25th Anniversary Tour, and closing with the all-new tour of the beloved family musical, *Annie*. Subscriptions for new and renewing subscribers are available beginning Monday, August 1st. On-sale dates for individual tickets will be announced at a future date.

"The upcoming season offers some of Broadway's most loved classics, plus a few action-packed shows, so there is truly something for everyone," notes Nick Wallace, The Plaza's General Manager. "We look forward to welcoming our season subscribers and guests back to Aiken Theatre for Broadway this fall."

Off-Broadway Season in Evansville 2022-2023 Season

*The Book of Mormon*: Tuesday, October 11, 2022, | 7:30 pm

*Cirque Dream Holiday*: Thursday, December 1, 2022, | 7:30 pm

*My Fair Lady*: Sunday, February 5, 2023, | 7:00 pm

*Riverdance The 25th Anniversary Tour*: Thursday, March 30, 2023, | 7:30 pm

*Annie*: Monday, April 10, 2023, | 7:30 pm

The only way to guarantee your seats to this incredible lineup is to become a season subscriber. Subscriptions start as low as \$195 for all 5 shows. Visit [www.oldnationaleventsplaza.com](http://www.oldnationaleventsplaza.com), call the box office at 812-437-8300, or stop by the box office at 715 Locust St. Evansville, IN, 47708, Monday-Friday, 10a-5p.

Enjoy the many exclusive benefits of being a subscriber including the best seats at the best prices, a guarantee of the same great seats for each season show, the option to renew those seats from year to year, and the first options on upgrading seats. Subscribers also receive additional ticket offers and the chance to purchase tickets to add-on shows before the general public. Subscription tickets are mailed to each subscriber prior to



the performance to avoid box office lines and lost ticket insurance is included at no additional charge.

### DETAILED SHOW INFORMATION

#### The Book of Mormon | October 11, 2022

The New York Times calls it "the best musical of this century." The Washington Post says, "It is the kind of evening that restores your faith in musicals." And Entertainment Weekly says, "Grade A: the funniest musical of all time." Jimmy Fallon of The Tonight Show calls it "Genius. Brilliant. Phenomenal." It's THE BOOK OF MORMON, the nine-time Tony Award®-winning Best Musical. Contains explicit language. For more information, visit [TheBookOfMormonTour.com](http://TheBookOfMormonTour.com).

#### Cirque Dreams Holiday | December 1, 2022

CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAY dazzles with a brilliant and whimsical family holiday spectacular. This annual tradition wraps a Broadway-style production around an infusion of contemporary circus arts. As lights dim and the music swells, audiences will have visions of sugar-plums dancing in their heads as a fantastical cast of holiday storybook characters come to life on stage. With an original music score, twists on holiday classics sung live, and

new sets, scenery, and storylines, this ultimate holiday gift for the entire family is sure to put a twinkle in your eye!

#### My Fair Lady | February 5, 2023

From Lincoln Center Theater that brought you *The King & I* and *South Pacific*, comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (Entertainment Weekly), Lerner & Loewe's MY FAIR LADY. Director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (New York Times). "Every so often a revival comes along that reminds you how indispensable great theater can be" (NY1).

Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" and "On the Street Where You Live," MY FAIR LADY tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed?

#### Riverdance The 25th Anniversary Tour | March 30, 2023

Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show is Riverdance, as you've never seen it before! A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved favorite celebrated the world over for its Grammy Award-winning score

and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his mesmerizing soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McCollgan have completely reimaged the ground-breaking show with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage, and costume designs.

Immerse yourself in the extraordinary power and grace of its music and dance—beloved by fans of all ages. Fall in love with the magic of Riverdance all over again.

#### Annie | April 10, 2023

Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes, an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. Little Orphan Annie has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved music of all time is set to return in a new production – just as you remember it and just when we need it most.

*Annie*, directed by Jenn Thompson, features the iconic book and score, written by Tony Award®-winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse, and Martin Charnin. This celebration of family, optimism, and the American spirit remains the ultimate cure for all the hard knocks life throws your way.

## Swan Lake At ONEP Oct. 21

### AUGUST 2022

Evansville, IN - July 18, 2022 – As part of the World Ballet Series, Swan Lake brings a fresh interpretation to the timeless classic, live at Old National Events Plaza on October 21, 2022. Choreographer Nadezhda Kalinina lovingly retouches Marius Petipa's foundational version of the ballet in this must-see new production of Swan Lake.

The tour features a multinational cast of 50 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring this famous love story to the most celebrated stages

across the U.S. Audiences will once again delight in the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by the Odile and immerse themselves in Tchaikovsky's magical music.

The production includes richly detailed, hand-painted sets as well as over 150 radiant hand-sewn costumes created by Sergei Novikov in the tradition of the great masters.

Fans can visit [www.worldballetseries.com](http://www.worldballetseries.com) for more information. Follow World Ballet Series on social media for newly announced cities and exclusive tour content.










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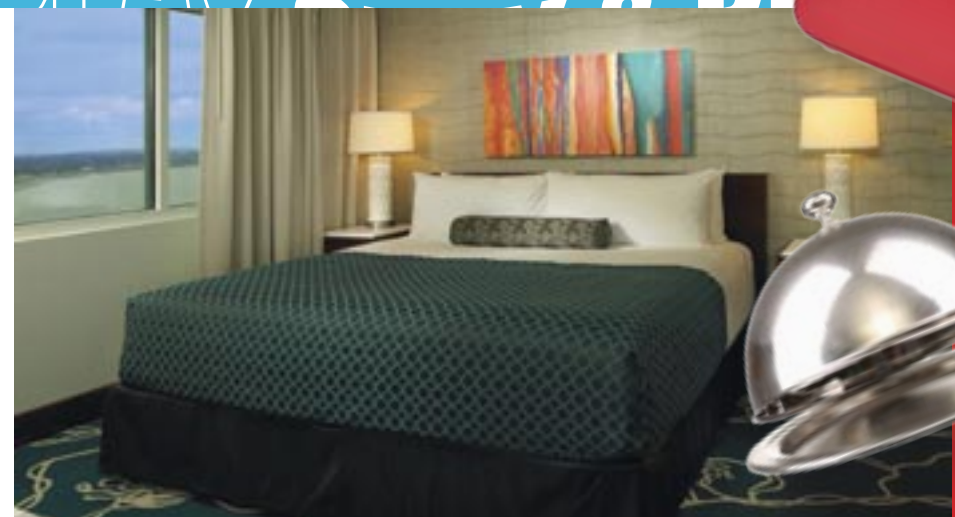
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