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Republican Kratochvil To Run For City Council

MAY 2023
 Evansville - Evansville resident and community advocate, Joe Kratochvil, filed formal paperwork to launch his candidacy for City Council in the 3rd Ward of Evansville, Indiana. Kratochvil, a businessman with a proven track record, pledges to bring fresh ideas, inclusive decision-making, and a commitment to improving the quality of life for all 3rd Ward residents.

With a diverse background in both the private and public sectors, Kratochvil brings a unique perspective to the table. His experience as an entrepreneur has instilled a deep understanding of

challenges facing small businesses, while his involvement in local nonprofits has demonstrated his passion for community development and progress. Also, as an active police officer, public safety is at the core of Joe's priorities for our community.

"As a proud Evansville native, I am committed to working tirelessly for our community. I believe in fostering open communication, engaging with residents, and taking a collaborative approach to problem-solving," said Kratochvil. "If elected, I will prioritize investments in public safety, infrastructure, and economic development to ensure a brighter future for the 3rd Ward and the city as a whole."

Kratochvil's campaign will focus on the following key areas:

1- Public Safety: Strengthen police resources, address school safety, and fight fentanyl growth.

2- Economic Development: Create a vibrant, sustainable local economy by attracting new busi-



nesses and supporting small business owners.

3- Infrastructure: Improve parks and roads, and hold the line on rising municipal utility costs.

Joe Kratochvil invites residents to join his campaign and share their concerns, ideas, and hopes for the 3rd Ward. He is committed to listening and working collaboratively to address the unique challenges faced by Evansville's diverse communities.

To learn more about Joe Kratochvil's campaign for City Council, please visit his website www.gowithjoe.org, or contact his campaign at friendsofjoek@gmail.com

Senate Bill 486 Will End Mandatory Discussions Between Indiana School Districts And Teachers

MAY 2023
By Xain Ballenger

The Indiana Senate voted to concur with House amendments on a bill to end mandatory discussions between school districts and teachers in a relatively close 27-23 vote, sending it to Gov. Eric Holcomb to veto or sign into law.

Teachers will still have the right to collective bargaining, but school districts will not have to entertain discussions with teachers on a host of certain topics, such as class size if they choose not to. Collective bargaining is the process in which people negotiate employment terms with their employers through a representative, arriving at decisions about "pay, benefits, hours,

leave, job health and safety policies, ways to balance work and family, and more," according to the AFL-CIO, which calls collective bargaining "a way to solve workplace problems."

Senate Bill 486 is authored by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Centerville, and Sen. Stacey Donato, R-Logansport. The bill was opposed by senators from both parties, including Sen. Mike Bohacek, R-Michiana Shores, Sen. Andrea Hunley, D-Indianapolis, Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, and Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis.

Bohacek said that whenever he looks at an education bill, he asks if it's going to provide a better, safer educational experience for children and if it will do it more efficiently. He



said the bill "does neither."

"I will be voting against the bill because I see nothing in this bill that's going to improve the educational outcomes for our children," Bohacek said.

Hunley said the bill was not a "deregulation" bill as it had been sold to lawmakers.

Sen. Andrea Hunley, D-Indianapolis, rises in opposition to SB

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CenterPoint Continues Shift From Coal-Fired Generation

MAY 2023

CenterPoint Energy's (NYSE: CNP) Indiana-based electric business today announced its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) preferred portfolio to further invest in renewable generation and end its use of Indiana coal by 2027.

The IRP preferred portfolio was shared at CenterPoint Energy's fourth and final public stakeholder meeting, conducted as part of a year-long planning process involving extensive analysis and public input. The proposed plan is expected to save customers nearly \$80 million in the aggregate compared to the continued use of coal while reducing carbon emissions from its electric generation fleet by more than 95% over the next 20 years. Currently, 85% of electricity generated for southwest



Indiana customers comes from coal. By 2030, it is expected that more than 80% of CenterPoint Energy's electricity will be generated by solar and wind, with the remainder provided by natural gas.

"Our recommended mix of renewable and natural gas resources is expected to maintain the ability to turn on generating resources during times of greatest demand supporting reliability and continuing our strategy of providing cleaner electricity that meets customers' future energy needs," said Richard Leger, Senior Vice President, Indiana Electric.

CenterPoint Energy's IRP is conducted every three years and submitted to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). Based

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Vanderburgh Co. Treasurer Warns Of Property Tax Scam

MAY 2023

It has recently been brought to the attention of the Vanderburgh County Treasurer's office of several scams that are circulating via Postal Mail, e-mail and phone calls regarding property tax non-payment. These scams are threatening with the seizure of

property, bank accounts and forfeiture of any benefits you may be receiving.

If you receive something in the mail or have any questions concerning your property tax bill, please contact the Vanderburgh County Treasurer's Office at (812) 435-5248.

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Commentary

Todd Rokita and the Secret Report

MAY 2023

By John Krull

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita seems to have just two problems with being a public servant.

He doesn't much care for the "public" part.

And he absolutely detests the "servant" piece.

That much is made clear by the lengths to which the attorney general will go to prevent the public from knowing what he's doing and for whom he works. He seems to believe that the voters and the taxpayers are entitled to know nothing about his activities.

Marilyn Odendahl of The Indiana Citizen broke yet another illuminating but devastating story about Rokita the other day. (Disclosure: TheStatehouseFile.com and The Indiana Citizen have a partnership.)

Odendahl reported that the attorney general had hired heavy-weight conservative lawyer James Bopp to represent him in a lawsuit. That suit focuses on Rokita's attempts to keep the public from seeing an inspector general's report regarding the attorney general's employment with Apex Benefits.

When Rokita was elected attorney general, he had a lucrative gig with Apex that he was reluctant to give up even though he would be

holding public office.

He asked for the inspector general to review the situation. The inspector general did so. Through a staffer, Rokita indicated the inspector general found no ethical violations—but then he also stopped working for Apex.



An Indianapolis resident, Barbara Tully, asked to see the inspector general's opinion. Rokita refused. Tully sued.

In January, a Marion County Superior Court judge ruled that Rokita had to release the inspector general's report, but also that the attorney general could redact much of it.

Rokita's fighting now to prevent the public from reading even a version he can edit himself.

That's why he brought in Bopp. Bopp is not just a heavy hitter in socially conservative legal circles. He may be the heavy hitter.

He argued the now infamous Citizens United case before the U.S. Supreme Court that unleashed the floodtide of dark money across the political landscape and turned our elections into combinations of livestock auctions and mudwrestling matches. He also writes much of the legislation restricting reproductive rights in state legislatures all over America.

The fact that Rokita hired Bopp to represent him is one signal that the attorney general is determined—and maybe even desperate—to keep the inspector general's general from being made public.

Another signal is a change slipped into the state's budget late in the Indiana General Assembly's session. A provision calls for informal advisory opinions by the inspector general to any current, former or prospective state employees to be confidential.

It also is retroactive, which means that, if it stands, Rokita can rely on the legislators' action to continue to hide what the inspector general said.

There's a great deal about all this that doesn't smell right.

Among the malodorous parts is the question of who is paying Bopp for his legal services. He told Odendahl that he had a contract with Rokita that called for Bopp to be paid "the incredibly favorable rate" of \$200 per hour.

Whether the rate is favorable or not, the question of who is paying Bopp's fees should be answered. If it's the taxpayers, they have a right to know that the attorney general has hired outside counsel simply to protect him from personal embarrassment.

But that's not all that smells about this.

The effort to bury a legislative "solution" to Rokita's problem in

the state's budget also stinks. The fact that this sneaky provision was made retroactively just increases the stench.

There is an important principle involved here.

If legislators are allowed to rewrite laws retroactively, the potential for mischief and injustice increases dramatically. What would stop lawmakers in the future who face a budget deficit from saying the tax bill you paid in previous years was too low—and rewriting the code to present you with a bill for fresh sums due? What prevents future legislatures from imposing criminal penalties on activity that is legal today?

There must be something in that inspector general's report that Todd Rokita really, really doesn't want the public to see. He's willing to go to extraordinary lengths to keep whatever that report contains from seeing daylight.

But that's Todd Rokita.

He likes everything about being a public servant but remembering that the attorney general serves the public.

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

Vanderburgh Co. Prosecutor Concerned About Vigilantes

MAY 2023

By Diana Moers

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor

As the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor, I ask that all citizens reach out to the law enforcement immediately if they suspect illegal activity.

The Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office is committed to collaborating with law enforcement to fight for victims, find and convict criminals, and bring cases to court which result in strong convictions and are upheld on appeal. Because of this goal, groups or individuals who take it upon themselves to undertake law enforcement functions in Vanderburgh County cannot be condoned by the Office of the Prosecutor for

many legal and safety reasons.

First, actions by private, untrained—and sometimes armed—individuals who confront others pose a serious risk to the community, and themselves, and can undermine legitimate investigations and cases to which they are not privy.

Secondly, the evidence untrained individuals think they are collecting can sometimes be legally problematic and inadmissible for use in bringing charges or taking a case to trial. This series of events is supremely frustrating for law enforcement and prosecution who spend years of certification and ongoing training on best practices to find and keep illegal

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USI's Institute For Alcohol And Drug Studies Explores Trends In Opioid Use, Disorders

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The University of Southern Indiana Center for Health Professions Lifelong Learning is hosting the 40th annual Institute for Alcohol and Drug Studies (IADS) May 17-19 in Carter Hall, located in University Center West on the USI campus.

"The conference topics are very applicable to problems we face today in 2023 concerning current trends and substance use disorders," said Anita Hagan, Interim Director of the USI Center for Health Professions Lifelong Learning. "All profes-

sionals interested in alcohol and drug use disorders are encouraged to attend."

Keynote speakers will be:

Dr. Mita Johnson, Past President of NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

Mark Sanders, a licensed clinical social worker, international presenter and university educator

James Budde, Detective, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and DEA Task Force Officer

Concurrent session topics include: Co-Occurring Disorders

Opioid Use Disorder Medication Assisted Treatment Abstinence vs. Harm Reduction Treating Trauma and Substance Use Disorders

Family Counseling and Parenting Styles

How Programs Can Promote Recovery

Illegal Narcotic Use and Distribution Trends

Relapse Prevention

Ethics and HIV Education

"Past participants will notice a change in location on the USI cam-

pus," says Hagan. "Because of construction in the Health Professions Center, we are moving to Carter Hall in the University Center this year."

Enrollment cost is \$315 for all three days, \$135 for Wednesday only, \$135 for Thursday only and \$75 for Friday only. There is a reduced cost for students.

Registration information is available at USI.edu/IADS. For conference information, email usi1nhpcert@usi.edu or call 1-877-USI-HLTH or 812-461-5217.

Senate Sends Physician Noncompete Bill To Holcomb

MAY 2023

By Xain Ballenger

The Indiana Senate passed Senate Bill 7 41-7 Monday. It now goes to Gov. Eric Holcomb.

If signed, the bill will prohibit physicians and employers from entering into noncompete agreements. It also lays out circumstances in which current noncompete agreements will not be enforceable. It's authored by Sen. Justin Busch, R-Fort Wayne, and Sen. Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso.

Noncompete agreements prevent physicians from working in their field within a certain distance or time frame of their pre-

vious employer. According to Roll Call, "Doctors say the clauses limit career growth, but hospitals say they need them to retain workers."

The bill originally passed the Senate by a vote of 45-5; however, the bill was amended in the House.

Busch presented the changes to the Senate chamber, which include a complete prohibition of noncompete agreements for primary-care physicians and the stipulation of a mediation process for physicians and employers that would allow for a reasonable buyout of a noncompete agreement.

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activity out of our communities and gain convictions which are upheld on appeal.

Law enforcement in Vanderburgh County collaborates with each other to fight crime. There are local, state, and federal investigations that the public is not privy to which can be thwarted by an unknowing civilian's involvement. There is a myriad of nuances to the law

from investigation, arrest, and prosecution that involve years of technical, tactical, and legal training—which is ongoing throughout our careers.

What the public sees on social media and television is dramatized, incomplete, over-simplified, and often inaccurate.

As a reminder, a person who chooses to pose as law enforcement, meddles in ongoing investigations, or is violent, may also be subject to criminal prosecution if a law is violated.

The citizens of Vanderburgh County can rest assured they have a fighter in their corner and citizens can trust that I will work with law enforcement to respond with diligence and integrity to their concerns.



Senate Bill 486 Will End Mandatory Discussions Between Indiana School Districts And Teachers

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"What this bill is doing is it is taking away a formal process of discussion, a formal process that ensures that there

are voices that are heard from all parties in the school building—from teachers who are part of the exclusive collective bargaining unit, from teachers who may not be from building, administrators—and keeping in mind the needs of the student," she said.

Qaddoura added: "You're removing the ability for teachers to demand improving student learning conditions

because teachers' working conditions are student learning conditions.

"We're not in short of good public policies to lift up our students and close that achievement gap. But rather we come here and introduce policies under the description or the framing of 'we're helping education' when 40,000 teachers disagree. There's something wrong."

The bill also would also eliminate

some training for teachers and change performance reviews amid other provisions.

Rogers closed by saying, "This bill ... is all about flexibility for our educators in the classroom, at the building level and a corporation level. The goal is to eliminate mandates that are either outdated or unnecessary [so] your state teachers can focus on educating Hoosier kids."

CenterPoint Continues Shift From Coal-Fired Generation

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on an in-depth analysis of energy needs, public stakeholder input and many other factors which are updated and forecasted across the next 20 years, the IRP identifies a balanced plan that seeks to supply reliable and reasonably priced electricity to the utility's 150,000 customers in southwestern Indiana. The plan also is de-

signed to comply with the new, more stringent capacity requirements set by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to meet peak energy demand across all four seasons.

Modeling conducted within the IRP analysis points CenterPoint Energy toward the following goals:

Converting F.B. Culley 3, the last

coal unit operated by CenterPoint Energy, to natural gas by 2027, maintaining its 270 MW capacity

Preserving the 270 MW of dispatchable generation is expected to maintain reliability during long-duration summer and winter weather events

Adding 200 MW of wind and 200 MW of solar by 2030, with the potential need for an additional 400 MW of wind resources by 2032

Leger said, "Customer and stakeholder engagement were heavily considered throughout this process. We appreciate the thoughtful insights which helped us arrive at our go-forward plan that will help meet the growing demands of our residential and business customers in the region and maintain our environmental responsibilities. We continue our goal to provide a responsible, resilient and reliable energy future, which requires fast-ramping resources like natural gas turbines to keep the power flowing when renewable generation is not sufficient."

The IURC previously granted approval for the construction of two natural gas combustion turbines, with a capacity of 460 MW. CenterPoint Energy also has five previously announced solar projects in various stages of development. In addition, a wind generation project has been filed and is awaiting IURC approval. The completed IRP is expected to be submitted to the IURC by June 1. A director's report, detailing the IURC's comments, will likely be issued by the second quarter of 2024. For more information on CenterPoint Energy's preferred portfolio and the IRP process, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/IRP.

Leger added, "We are confident the proposed portfolio will meet the expectations of our customers and deliver on our goal to provide a cost-effective, well-balanced energy mix. These continued investments in our generation transition plan will allow customers to benefit in the near term and leaves room for flexibility as the future of electric generation continues to ev.

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Community

Evansville Parks & Rec To Transform Fulton Park Basketball Court Into A Work Of Art

MAY 2023

The City of Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation announced a partnership to transform the Fulton Park basketball court into a work of art.

In the coming months, the department will be working with Josh Barnett, owner of 19nine, and world-renowned Project Backboard to resurface, renovate and paint a mural on top of the new court.

The Board of Park Commissioners approved the partnership at today's meeting. Additional proposed project components include upgraded goals, bleachers, lighting, and fence replacement.

The Parks Department is also working on other improvements at Fulton Park, which will be announced at a later date.



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"The new Five-Year Master Plan process identified numerous opportunities for improvement within the parks system and the basketball court at Fulton Park is on the list," said Deputy Mayor/interim

Parks Director Steve Schaefer.

"We're thrilled that Josh and his team are bringing Project Backboard to Evansville. Creating a new destination basketball court will be a huge improvement and will stimulate additional investments into

the park."

19nine also hopes to develop a merchandise line to promote the court transformation. Proceeds would contribute towards the project and potentially other locations in the city.

"Our commitment to Evansville and the game of basketball is what drove us to seek out this partnership," said 19nine owner Josh Barnett. "The added support of businesses such as Azzip Pizza and Heritage Petroleum shows the willingness to give back to the community."

About Project Backboard

Project Backboard is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that renovates public basketball courts and installs large-scale works of site-specific art on court surfaces.

VU Awards Honorary Degrees To Distinguished Legislators

MAY 2023

Vincennes University has awarded former legislators Dr. Tim Brown and Luke Kenley honorary doctorates in recognition of their public service.

They received their honorary degrees during Spring Commencement at the Vincennes Campus on Saturday, April 29.

According to VU Board of Trustees Chair John Stachura, "It is truly an honor to recognize these two individuals. They have made outstanding contributions to Hoosiers and our communities. They are magnificent champions of the state of Indiana and are shining examples of generosity, selfless leadership, and dedication to serving others."

The University confers honorary degrees to individuals who have made significant contributions to society through outstanding achievements.

Kenley represented District 20 and Hoosiers in Hamilton County from 1992 to 2017. He served as Chairman of Appropriation for nearly a decade and was a thought leader on several legislative committees, including Tax and Fiscal Policy, Education, and



Career Development. He championed key investments in education, state student aid programs, and campus infrastructure. He recently served as co-chair of the Governor's Public Health Commission.

Kenley earned a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from Miami University. His professional experiences include practicing law, serving as a City Court Judge, owner of Kenley's Supermarkets, and other commercial real estate

in the Noblesville area. Kenley and his wife, Sally, have three children and split their time between Noblesville and his ranch in Texas.

Kenley said it was an honor to receive the notable accolade.

"As Indiana's oldest university, Vincennes University, its leadership, faculty, and staff have constantly strived over these many years to keep track of the career needs of the world's changing business needs, and has always worked to develop education programs relevant to those needs," Kenley said. "Vincennes University is truly a leader for Indiana as a premier transfer institution and is a leader in innovative career programming for its students."

Brown represented District 41 and Hoosiers in Montgomery, Boone, and Tippecanoe counties from 1994 to 2022. He served as Chairman of the Public Health Committee and the Statutory Committee on Ethics. In 2013, he assumed the role of the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. As chairman, he authored five state budget bills and traveled the state as a member of the Budget Committee. During his tenure, there were significant investments in career and technical education and workforce training.

Brown worked for many years as an emergency room doctor for St. Elizabeth Hospital in Crawfordsville. He earned an M.D. from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. He has won numerous awards for his contributions to public health and adults with disabilities. Brown resides in Crawfordsville with his wife, Jan, and has four daughters.

For Brown, it is an honor to be recognized by a higher education institution that is vital to the state's economy and its employers.

"VU is vibrant and well-positioned to serve people and students," Brown said. "The University responds quickly to the needs and desires of both students and businesses."


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Community

McNamara's New Law Expands School Safety Grant

MAY 2023

State Rep. Wendy McNamara's (R-Evansville) legislation significantly expanding a program that's helped increase security at over 3,000 schools across the state, including in southwest Indiana, is now law.

Currently, public, accredited non-public schools and charter schools can apply for matching grants through Indiana's Secured School Safety Grant Program to help cover the costs of employing a school resource officer and increasing building security among other items. House Enrolled Act 1492, authored by McNamara this session, significantly expands the list of eligible projects to include digital mapping of school floor plans to help first responders, multi-disciplinary threat assessments, and technology to detect fire, chemical, visual and audible threats.

"The safety of students, teachers and staff continues to be a top priority," said McNamara, who also serves as a local school administrator. "By significantly expanding this successful grant program, more schools are expected to apply and receive help covering the costs of much-needed technology upgrades. Our newly passed state budget will also boost investments in this program, which will be a game changer for schools both big and small as they address safety concerns."

Thanks to McNamara's new law,



each of Indiana's 92 counties will establish a County School Safety Commission, which includes local government officials. The commission will help coordinate efforts and make policy recommendations regarding a variety of school safety topics.

Each public school will also establish a Safe School Committee, which will be responsible for developing and implementing the school safety plan in conjunction with the school safety specialist and local first re-

sponders.

"We need everyone to be in sync when it comes to responding to an emergency, so quick and appropriate action can be taken," said McNamara. "This bill ensures we have coordination at every level and we're regularly updating our plans as needs change."

Indiana has awarded about \$133 million to Hoosier schools since lawmakers first created the Secured School Safety Grant Program in 2013. McNamara said the newly

passed state budget increases the annual investment into the fund from \$19 million to \$24.6 million for the next two years.

In 2023, schools in Vanderburgh County received over \$554,000 and Posey County received over \$190,000 in school safety grants. For more information about the program and other efforts to increase resources for schools, visit the Indiana School Safety Hub at in.gov/schoolsafety.

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16-Year-Old Car Thief Found Guilty Of Murder

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Evansville, – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that, on May 3-4, 2023, the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor’s Office successfully prosecuted Mateo Reymundo Rodriguez for running over a victim—killing her—and fleeing the premises while stealing a vehicle at a Conoco gas station.

On April 3, 2022, then 16-year-old Rodriguez entered a parked but still running white Honda Civic with the intent to steal it. Upon reversing, Rodriguez struck another parked car with the victim in the driver’s seat. The victim exited the car and ran to the front of the Honda Civic.

Rodriguez callously accelerated forward, resulting in the victim falling underneath the Honda Civic and being run over while Rodriguez sped away. The victim passed away due to her injuries.

Surveillance video showed the crime and a man that was wearing the same clothes later found on Rodriguez and at his residence. While in jail, Rodriguez communicated that if the victim wanted to play a superwoman, then she was gonna get hurt.

The jury found the now 17-year-old defendant guilty of felony murder; involuntary manslaughter; robbery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 2

felony; leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death or catastrophic injury, a Level 4 felony; failure to remain at the scene of an accident resulting in death, a Level 4 felony; and auto theft of an entire vehicle, a Level 6 felony.

“The Defendant’s thoughtless actions at the age of 16 have taken the life of a completely innocent victim and have ruined his own life in turn. A convicted murderer at the age of 17, he will now spend the majority of his life behind bars. We are prepared to ask for an appropriate sentence that shows no mercy at sentencing since we believe his statements regarding the crime

show a complete lack of remorse for his actions. Vanderburgh County will be safer without him on our streets” said Moers.

Prosecutor Moers thanked her deputy, Heath Tuley, and Evansville Police Department Detective Michael Beitler for their hard work and dedication to this case. Moers also sends condolences to the victims’ family and friends and thanks victim advocate Robyn Mastison for her efforts in guiding the family through the legal process.

Sentencing is set for May 26, 2023, in front of Magistrate Judge Ryan C. Reed of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court.

AG Rokita Warns Hoosiers Of Tax Scammers

MAY 2023

Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers of post-tax season scams, which occur far too often in communities across Indiana.

“Scammers will steal innocent taxpayers’ identities and use it to file fraudulent tax returns,” Attorney General Rokita said. “Many families are looking forward to tax refunds to help pay their currently inflated bills or to simply get away for a few days this summer. Don’t let these con artists steal your



identity and eventually, your money.”

Tax-identity thieves use other

people’s Social Security Numbers to file taxes and/or even obtain jobs. Most victims will likely not even be aware this has happened. Some will be notified upon e-filing that a tax return has already been filed using their SSN.

Attorney General Rokita reminds Hoosiers to review the warning signs released from the IRS on possible tax-related identity theft related to tax scams:

More than one tax return was filed for you.

You owe additional taxes, have a refund offset, or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return.

IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work.

If you believe you have been the victim of tax-related or any other type of identity theft, you can file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

2 ISP Investigators Recognized By Secret Service

MAY 2023

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

The NCFI was opened in 2008 and is run the USSS and the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services. Every year, the NCFI, through the USSS and its forensic partners conduct thousands of digital examinations. In fiscal year 2022, 4,300 law enforce-

ment officers received training and over 156,000 examinations were conducted, of which more than 30% involved investigations into violent crimes and crimes against children.



NCFI has begun to ask USSS Field Offices around the country to submit nominations for cases in which NCFI partners have utilized their training to help solve a significant case. The ISP were

involved in two (2) of the 20 selected as NCFI Top Case Award recipients for 2022.

Special Agent in Charge of the USSS Field Office in Indianapolis Jeffrey Adams presented awards to the following ISP investigators:

- Sergeant Jennifer Barnes
- Sergeant Jeremy Brice

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

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Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "I'm not guilty" stories
 - 7 Mercury and magnesium, for two
 - 13 "Wow, that's wild!"
 - 16 "We're in for a good time!"
 - 17 Solidify
 - 18 Breakfast staple with a cinnamon raisin variety
 - 19 Frittata ingredient
 - 20 NBC comedy show, for short
 - 21 Triple (margarita ingredient)
 - 23 "Alas"
 - 26 Singer Piaf
 - 30 Taj Mahal's city
 - 34 Aligns
 - 36 Volcanic emission
 - 37 Sits (down)
 - 38 Not bother
 - 39 Article in rap titles
 - 40 Makeup for everyone?
 - 41 Language also known as Persian
 - 43 Like some interviews with reporters
 - 45 Entered a room
 - 46 Barbie's younger sister
 - 48 "Everyone's together again!"
 - 51 Feel unwell
- DOWN**
- 1 Dull pain
 - 2 Cafe au
 - 3 Helpful connections
 - 4 Higgs, aka the God particle
 - 5 Fill your lungs
 - 6 Narrow opening
 - 7 About 1,609 meters
 - 8 Punctuation mark that breaks up a sentence
 - 9 Dining room fixture
 - 10 At least 35, for the U.S. president
 - 11 Board game where players may have children
 - 12 Cozy
 - 13 "I'm the problem, ___ me" (words from Taylor Swift's "Anti-Hero")
 - 14 "Delicious!"
 - 15 Official language in Barbados: Abbr.
 - 20 The whole ___
 - 22 Golden State school whose cannon was stolen by MIT students
 - 23 Second most populous city in Mo.
 - 24 Anger
 - 25 Intuition
 - 27 Group for a single person?
 - 28 Suffix like -esque
 - 29 "Works for me!"
 - 31 Common party favors
 - 32 Stat for an engine or LP
 - 33 Stubborn beast
 - 35 Mattress brand
 - 37 Related to the Holy See
 - 42 Relative of cos and tan
 - 44 Most populous city in Ga.
 - 45 Complained
 - 47 Wears away
 - 48 "___ the Rainbow" (Skittles slogan)
 - 49 Riyadh, ___ Arabia
 - 50 Apply, as force
 - 55 Korean rapper with the 2013 hit "Gentleman"
 - 56 Taxi
 - 57 "I see what you ___ there"
 - 58 Hummus or muhammara, e.g.

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Sudoku Pacific

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

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Education

UE Announces CLD Scholarship Recipients

MAY 2023

The Center for Leadership Development (CLD) scholarship recipients have been announced by the University of Evansville (UE). Brinli Helms and Victoria Vance, two incoming freshmen from Indiana high schools, have received the CLD's full-tuition scholarships to attend UE.

The scholarship recipients must be existing participants of the CLD prior to applying for the award and carry a 3.0 grade point average. Helms and Vance were selected based on their academic achievements, leadership potential, and commitment to positively impacting their communities.

Helms will graduate from North

Central High School in Indianapolis and plans to study Exercise Science, with a direct entry into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Helms' recommendation letter noted that she is a leader. "She is a self-motivated individual who continually seeks ways to become her "best" self. And through that, she motivates and inspires others to seek the same for themselves."



Vance is from Fishers, Indiana, where she will graduate from Hamilton Southeastern High School. She is a direct-entry nursing student who is passionate about women's health.

"I want to be a Changemaker in my local community," said Vance. "As someone that is deeply passionate and cares about women's reproductive rights and women's health overall, this is an area in which I would want to make

a difference."

CLD has been empowering young leaders in several cities for many years, and these scholarships represent the continued commitment to providing access to leadership development opportunities for minority youth in Central Indiana, regardless of their background or financial means.

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

UE Computer Science Students To Present Papers

MAY 2023

Two University of Evansville (UE) students will present their papers at the 2023 IEEE International Conference on Electro/Information Technology at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Senior Ethan Abney and Freshman Daniel Dwyer will present papers during the conference which takes place May 18 through May 20. Abney and Dwyer are Computer Science majors in the Koch School of Engineering and Computer Science.

"This shows the incredible partnership and mentoring that happens between the students and

faculty in our programs at UE," said Dr. Suresh Immanuel, Associate Dean and Professor of Civil Engineering. "The School of Engineering and Computer Science would like to offer congratulations to both of our students and Dr. Maxwell Omwenga for supporting them through the writing and submission process and co-authoring their papers. The collaborative efforts of our faculty and students can lead to limitless possibilities."

The papers being presented are listed below:

Ethan D. Abney, Maxwell M. Omwenga, "The Effects of Basic Obfuscation on Neural Based Android



Malware Detection," 2023 IEEE International Conference on Electro/Information Technology (eit2023), May 18-20, 2023.

Daniel Dwyer, Maxwell M. Om-

wenga, "Training Topology With Graph Neural Cellular Automata," 2023 IEEE International Conference on Electro/Information Technology (eit2023), May 18-20, 2023.

UE Journey To Justice Program Educates On Civil Rights

MAY 2023

EVANSVILLE - The University of Evansville (UE) is proud to announce the third annual Journey to Justice bus tour, an upcoming summer program that will take place from June 10 through 17.

This unique program offers students a chance to explore the history of the Civil Rights Movement firsthand and gain valuable insights into present-day racial justice protests.

Journey to Justice is an eight-day bus tour that will take participants through several cities in the South, including Montgomery, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama; Selma, Alabama; Memphis, Tennessee; and Louisville, Kentucky. Students will visit historical sites, churches, and museums in each city, including the Edmund Pettis Bridge, where John Lewis and others



were met with violence during the Civil Rights Movement.

The tour is aimed primarily at high school juniors and seniors and is designed to convey information about the nation's past, specifically in regard to matters of race.

Dr. Valerie Stein, who is both a professor of religious studies at UE and

the director of the race and ethnicity studies program, said Journey to Justice has three primary objectives.

The first is to educate students about the country's historical background, with a particular focus on issues of race. The second objective is to encourage students to engage in discussions about current social move-

ments, such as Black Lives Matter, by asking relevant questions. Lastly, the program aims to provide a platform for students to critically examine and address significant questions pertaining to race and social justice.

"The tour is a powerful tool for education and awareness, it allows members of our community to witness firsthand the impact of historical and contemporary systems of oppression," said Dr. Stein. "By confronting uncomfortable truths and acknowledging the injustices of the past and present, we can work towards creating a more equitable and just society for all."

The deadline to register is April 30. Additional information can be found by visiting <https://www.evansville.edu/journeytojustice/>

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Education

Green Mile Tests Conservation Law Enforcement Students' Endurance, Skills and Knowledge

MAY 2023

VINCENNES – A group of 24 Vincennes University Conservation Law Enforcement students participated in a grueling 24-hour exercise known as the "Green Mile" putting their physical and mental endurance and course knowledge to the test.

The "Green Mile" began on Wednesday, April 19, with a fitness assessment that included a 1.5-mile run, push-ups, sit-ups, and a 300-meter dash. The students then engaged in a full day of real-world scenarios, land navigation, and wilderness survival training. They underwent swim tests and water survival drills at the VU Aquatic Center before participating in night operations and vehicle stops.

The exact details of the exercise were kept a mystery, but it was confirmed that there was a surprise activity leading up to the sunrise. The mystery activity was a 4:30 a.m. mock search and rescue mission for a missing person. They hunted for clues, treated the victim for injuries, and carried him out of the woods.

The event included a 3.5-mile ruck along the Wabash River waterfront that finished at Kimmell Park. Despite the demanding nature of the exercise, all 24 students successfully completed the challenge

that culminated around 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 20.

Conservation Law Enforcement Major Brecken Helsley '23 reflected on the experience and shared his excitement about the challenge.

"The 'Green Mile' was a very fun and tiring event that I believe sharpened some of the learned skills from class by allowing us to use them in real-world scenarios," he said. "This ranged from stopping hunters who are hunting illegally to orienteering using a map and a compass to navigate to search and rescue and survival skills."

The knowledge and skills are the foundation for the Bedford, Indiana, native's aspirations of pursuing a career with the National Park Service as a law enforcement park ranger and attending its academy in Colorado in the fall.

"Being involved in some of these skills allowed me to realize what is actually possible and what isn't in these types of situations which made me a more reasonable planner and a more reliable person in stressful situations," Helsley said.

VU Conservation Law Enforcement Department Program Chair and VU alumnus Eric Doane draws upon the 29 years he served as an Indiana Conservation Officer when designing the exercises and scenar-

ios. The retired officer introduced this unique hands-on learning event in 2022, and portions of the Green Mile take place across the Wabash River from the Vincennes Campus at Robeson Hills, a 545-acre outdoor laboratory and environmental education site managed by VU that includes a nature preserve.

Doane said, "The 'Green Mile' was created to give the students a real-world experience of what a conservation officer does and the extensive training that goes into the career. Although the 24-hour event is exhausting and uncomfortable at times, the students truly get a sense of accomplishment as they face many challenges and push through to the end. I am very proud of this group of students!"

Kylee Shelton '22, who participated in the 'Green Mile' last year, discovered she was capable of more than she ever thought possible. The VU Conservation Law Enforcement alum from Bloomfield, Indiana, offered advice to current students.

"I was super excited for the 'Green Mile,'" Shelton said. "The experiences I gained from the 'Green Mile' are a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and it looks good on a resume. Instead of sitting in a room all day

and watching videos, we got the opportunity to put everything we learned into real scenarios. It puts in perspective how difficult and determined you have to be to want to do this kind of work/career. What took away from the 'Green Mile' was never stop and keep pushing yourself even when you are exhausted mentally and physically."

College of Business and Public Service Dean Susan Brocksmith also commented on the importance of real-world learning.

"The 'Green Mile' is just one of the ways we prepare our students for any situation they may face in life. It's a challenging exercise, but it's also an opportunity for our students to develop resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills," Brocksmith said.

In today's world, conservation law officers play a vital role in ensuring the protection and preservation of our natural resources. These professionals are responsible for enforcing laws and regulations related to wildlife, fisheries, and environmental protection.

The VU Conservation Law Enforcement program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in this challenging and rewarding profession.



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Education

USI Colloquium Explored Women Preserving The Past

MAY 2023

The University of Southern Indiana College of Liberal Arts recently held their final Faculty Colloquium presentation of the Spring Semester. Dr. Stella Ress, Associate Professor of History, will present "Singing about 'Tomorrow' while Interpreting the Past: 'Little Girls,' Annie, and Pop History".

Also, contemporary reviews, fan discussions, and content analyses of the comic strip and musical performances to combine the questions asked and methodologies used by public history, popular culture, and the history of girls and girlhood. Her argument is that public historians should take pop culture productions of historic

subjects seriously. By reading Annie not only as a pop culture product by and for girls but also as a piece of public history, we can learn more about the roles little girls have in the power, production and preservation of the past.

The College of Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium features free public lectures by faculty members

every Fall and Spring Semester. It provides an opportunity for the community to engage with scholars and learn about their current research.

For more information, contact Dr. Quentin Maynard, Assistant Professor of Social Work, at 812-465-1003 or qrmaynard@usi.edu

USI Chamber and Women's Choirs Recently Perform 2023 Spring Concert, Preview Pieces On Ireland Tour

MAY 2023

The University of Southern Indiana Chamber Choir and Women's Choir, under the direction of Daniel Craig, Associate Professor of Music, recently performed their 2023 Spring Concert at Old North United Methodist Church.

This concert featured two pieces for the double choir. The

first piece, O Filii et Filiae by Volckmar Leisring, is a piece for the Easter season, arranged for a choir of tenors and basses and a second choir of soprano and altos. The second work, A Hymn to the Mother of God by John Taverner, is written for two mixed choirs.

This concert also featured

pieces that will appear on the Chamber Choir's 2023 Emerald Isle tour, happening May 15-22. The Chamber Choir will be performing concerts in Ireland, including Lisdoonvarna, County Clare; Clifden, County Connemara; Kylemore Abbey, County Connemara; and at the Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. The

Choir will also partner with the Mayo All Male Voice Choir for a concert in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland.

"This choir has produced a concert of music with great blend, clarity, and emotion," Craig says. "I am proud to have them sing in some of the finest concert venues in IRELAND"

USI Engineering Students Build Patented Prototypes

MAY 2023

In 2019, Steven Stump, Director of the Center for Applied Research at the University of Southern Indiana, was contacted by Morgan Miller, an Indiana University alumna working to develop a medical device to make patients more comfortable while staying in the hospital. The device helps patient care technicians turn patients on the bed more safely and comfortably.

Stump assisted Miller in applying for a grant through the Indiana Technical Assistance Program (INTAP), which helps fund startups and entrepreneurs in the state of Indiana. After Miller received the INTAP two years in a row, Stump connected her with a group of USI engineering students and a USI alum to help build the devices' first prototypes.

USI's Center for Applied Research (CAR), an outreach program, served as Miller's point of contact at USI and coordinated the project with both internal and external partners. CAR helps to connect businesses with University resources, including access to 600 faculty members, four Colleges and 70 academic programs. The Center also helps individuals, organiza-

tions, and communities become more successful through product development, market research, organizational strategies, environmental studies and more.

CAR Student Project Technicians, Aven Kimmel '22, Josh Thurman '24 and Hagan Hollinger '24 designed the electronic system and user interface, as well as the housing for all the components. For custom parts not commercially available, the student technicians designed and 3D-printed components in USI's Applied Engineering Center. Custom software and firmware were written to allow user control of each device, and the straps for the cushion were sewn on by members of USI's Theater Support department.

Hollinger, the primary electrical engineer on the project, knew the opportunity could contribute to his professional growth. "This project was challenging, but very rewarding," she says. "I was able to apply a lot of concepts I learned in my classes, but I also had to do a lot of independent research. Because of this, I was able to grow a lot as a student and as an engineer. I hope I find opportunities to do more microcom-

puter projects like this one in the future."

Marky Lara '24, USI engineering major and USI Men's Soccer player, also assisted in the development of the initial prototypes. Through his internship with Anchor Industries last summer, he was able to assist in the manufacturing of the inflatable cushions that allow the device to turn the patient.

Miller credits working with CAR and student project technicians for turning her vision into a reality. She says after searching for months to find a responsive, reliable company to build the prototype, she was introduced to Stump.

"His [Stump's] passion for his work and willingness to truly listen to my product idea was a breath of fresh air. Within a matter of weeks, he introduced me to his team of students who would be engineering my medical device," she says. "They were professional and detail oriented. If they had a question, concern or improvement suggestion, it was addressed immediately."

The process was not without bumps in the road, though. Miller says as with any prototype process, delays and mistakes occur. But all were

handled with grace and efficiency. "I plan to showcase my completed prototypes at Medtrade, a medical conference in Dallas, Texas. Not only will I be able to show functionality of my product, my potential investors and clients will be able to personally test out my device," she says. "This is all made possible by the team at USI who brought my dream into reality and exceeded my expectations."

Miller has a larger vision in mind as she continues this journey. Her ultimate goal is to have a factory in Bloomington, Indiana, where she can manufacture and distribute these products. She wants to employ local Hoosiers who are passionate about changing healthcare and improving the care for vulnerable patients who are at an increased risk of bed sores and pressure ulcers.

Four prototypes were fabricated for Miller, so several units were available for demonstration and solicitation of pre-orders or investments. She received a patent for the new product in January 2023 and is still searching for a licensing deal to help manufacture her product on a larger scale while awaiting FDA-approval.

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Sports

USI Women's Basketball Signs Transfer Kirkwood

MAY 2023

EVANSVILLE – University of Southern Indiana Women's Basketball has signed Ariel Kirkwood, a 6-0 junior guard/forward from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is transferring from Eastern Kentucky University.

Kirkwood spent the last two seasons with ECU, making 26 starts in 60 games played. She averaged 6.2 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, shooting over 40 percent from the floor. Kirkwood also recorded over one assist and one block per contest.

"We are very excited to welcome Ariel to our team and the USI family!" USI Women's Basketball Head Coach Rick Stein said. "Ari's experience at the D-I level and in the Ohio Valley Conference will be very beneficial to our team this year."



In the 2022-23 season, Kirkwood posted 5.7 points and 4.8 boards in 20.1 minutes per game. Kirkwood appeared in 31 games, making 12 starts. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin native tallied a season-high 15 points on February 18 against the University of Central Arkansas. Kirk-

wood entered the Colonels' top-10 list for career blocks last season.

"Ari's versatility as a player will be seen on both offense and defense, which will help her make an immediate impact with our team," Stein added. "Ariel is an elite shot blocker who can defend anywhere on the

court. Ari can make plays on the perimeter and in the paint on the offensive end, and she fits perfectly into our style of play."

Prior to Eastern Kentucky, Kirkwood played two seasons at Morehead State University. In her sophomore season, Kirkwood averaged double figures and ranked top-25 nationally in blocks and blocks per game. Kirkwood was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year in her freshman season, second-team All-OVC, and OVC All-Newcomer. She scored over 10 points per game and tied a Morehead State freshman record with 82 blocks, the seventh-highest single-season total in the Morehead State record book.

Kirkwood played her prep basketball at Vincent High School in Mil-

Jonathan Vila Named Assistant Volleyball Coach At UE

MAY 2023

EVANSVILLE – Bringing 13 years of coaching experience at multiple levels, Jonathan Vila has been named the Assistant Volleyball Coach for the University of Evansville.

Vila has coached at the high school, club, college and professional levels in Puerto Rico. He is considered to be one of the best coaches in Puerto Rico at developing players in high school and club squads.

"Jonathan brings an impressive experience for his age. His impact in our program will be immediate as he knows how to develop

players and teach and run game systems," Purple Aces head volleyball coach Fernando Morales exclaimed. "Me and Jonathan look at the game of volleyball very similar so us working together will be great to continue growing this program. He will be a very important asset in the recruiting side as well since he's been involved in club volleyball for 13 years."

"We are looking forward to adding Jonathan to our staff and having a great 2023 season with him in our bench."

In his work as an assistant coach at the collegiate level, he has won multiple national championship in



Puerto Rico. Most recently, his squad was victorious in the 2023 Men's Professional League National Championship. Over the last three

years, Vila has worked in Puerto Rico's women's professional league.

Eagles Ink Guards Smith, Tillmon For 2023-24

MAY 2023

EVANSVILLE – University of Southern Indiana Men's Basketball announced the signing of 6-foot-1 guard Luther Smith, Jr. and 6-foot-2 guard Jordan Tillmon for the 2023-24 season. Smith and Tillmon are the first to sign with USI and Head Coach Stan Gouard this spring.

"USI is thrilled to welcome Jordan and Luther to our USI family," said Gouard. "Both are high character guys that are expected to impact our team immediately."

Smith comes to USI from Sussex Hamilton High School (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) where he earned first-team All-Greater Metro Conference as a junior and senior. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin, native earned the



All-Conference honor as a senior after averaging 27.8 points per game, including a 44-point performance versus Brookfield Central High School.

"Luther is a terrific shooter and someone that will allow us to have

great spacing offensively," said Gouard. "His ability to stretch the floor makes Luther a perfect fit for our style of play."

Tillmon joins the Eagles after spending the 2022-23 season with Florida A&M University where he

posted 10.6 points, 2.4 assists, and 3.0 rebounds in 34.8 minutes per contest. The transfer guard hit for a season-high 22 points and five rebounds versus Alabama A&M University.

Prior to last season at Florida A&M, Tillmon was first team All-Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Conference during his two seasons at Connors State College. The Pine Bluff, Arkansas, native posted a two-year average of 15.6 points, 4.8 rebounds, and 4.2 assists in 56 appearances at Connors. The Cowboys also won a pair of NJCAA Region 2 championships during Tillmon's tenure.

Tillmon posted a Connors two-year high of 16.6 points, 4.9 re

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Sports

Hufnagel PRs In 5,000m, USI Women Shatter Mark

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DES MOINES, Iowa—Senior Noah Hufnagel (Santa Claus, Indiana) notched a personal-record to lead University of Southern Indiana Men's Track & Field at the Drake Relays, while the Screaming Eagles' women shattered a record in an event they rarely compete in during their final weekend of the regular season.

Hufnagel raced to a 10th-place finish in the 5,000 meters Thursday night, crossing the finish line with a personal-best mark of 14 minutes, 2.73 seconds. His effort ranks him seventh on USI's all-time outdoor 5,000-meter list.

The Eagles' men had just three student-athletes competing this weekend, with junior Mitchell Hopf (Santa Claus, Indiana) and sophomore Luke Heinemann (Georgetown, Kentucky) competing at the Clark Wood Open in Louisville, Kentucky.

Hopf was unable to finish in the 5,000 meters, while Heinemann scored a 27th-place finish in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:11.14.

USI's women had just four student-athletes competing at the Drake Relays this weekend.

Junior McKenna Cavanaugh (New Albany, Indiana) and senior Kara Martin (Herrin, Illinois) posted respective finishes of 12th and 29th in the 3,000 meter steeplechase Thursday, while senior Emma Brown (Evansville, Indiana) was 19th in the 800 meters.

Brown, Cavanaugh, Martin and freshman Emily Rempe (Owensboro, Kentucky) comprised two different relays on Friday. After tallying a seventh-place finish the 4x1,600-meter relay, an event USI has no recorded history in, the quartet raced to a third-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay later in the evening.

The quartet shattered the pro-



gram's all-time record in the event Friday by finishing in 9:06.36, nearly 50 seconds faster than the previous record of 9:54.90, which was set in 2001. USI last competed in the 4x800-meter relay in 2017.

USI concludes its first season of Division I competition when it competes at the Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championships May 11-13 in Edwardsville, Illinois.

UE Men Post Low Round To Complete MVC Championship

MAY 2023

COAL VALLEY, Ill. – Posting a team score of 281 in the third and final round of the Missouri Valley Conference Championship, the University of Evansville men's golf team rallied to finish in 7th place at Oakwood Country Club.

Led by a 2-under 69 from Daniil Romashkin, the Purple Aces recorded the lowest team score of the day. Their 281 was three better than eventual champion Illinois State. UE improved to finish in the 7th position with a tally of 863. Their score was just one behind a 5th-place tie between Southern Illinois and Murray State.

Illinois State took the team championship with a 3-round mark of 836. They defeated Valparaiso by 13 strokes.

Leading the way for Evansville in the final rundown was Nicholas Gushrowski. He carded an even 71 in Tuesday's final round to complete the tournament with a 214. Highlighted by a 2-under 69 in round one, Gushrowski tied for 11th place.

Carson Parker was second on the team with a 217. One day after shooting the low round of the event for UE (4-under 67), Parker recorded a 74 to come home in a tie for 20th. Finishing one shot behind him was Michael Ikejiani. After registering scores of 74 on



the first two days, he lowered his score to a 1-under 70 in round three. His 218 tied him for 23rd.

Isaac Rohleder and Daniil Romashkin each posted their lowest rounds of the tournament on Tuesday. Rohleder improved by two

strokes each day, culminating in an even 71 in the final 17 holes. He wrapped up the weekend with a 219 to tie for 26th. Romashkin led UE with a 2-under 69 on Tuesday to jump into a tie for 40th with a 223.

Anthony Delisanti of Valpo was

the medalist. His final score of 200 bested Felix van Dijk of the Redbirds by four strokes. Delisanti had the lowest round of the tournament on Monday, finishing at seven under with a 64.

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bounds, and 5.3 assists per game as a sophomore (2021-22).

"Jordan's experience at the DI level will be very beneficial to Luther's development in year one, while his toughness and scoring ability adds immediate value to our team", said Gouard. "He will be called upon to lead our program on and off the court."

The Eagles completed their first NCAA Division I season under Gouard by earning a trip to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and to the Collegiate Basketball Invitational (CBI). USI was 16-17 overall during the first Division I schedule, placing seventh in the OVC with a 9-9 conference mark.

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3	6	7	1	2	4	8	5	9
8	2	5	6	3	9	4	1	7
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