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420 Main Street Nears Loan, Evansville To Borrow \$9.6M For Parking Garage

MAY 2024
 By Jay Young
 CCO Staff Writer

The developer for 420 Main Street is expected to soon secure a construction loan, setting off a chain of events that includes the City borrowing \$9.6 million for an underground parking garage at the location.

City attorney Nick Cirignano said developer CRG of Indianapolis is expected to close on its loan with Old National Bank in April. The Evansville Redevelopment Commission agreed in December to delay a ground-breaking deadline after then-Mayor Lloyd Winnecke said the developer was navigating a volatile finance market.

Winnecke is now the CEO of the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership, which controls the entity that owns the property. The closing of the construction loan triggers multiple events. Developer CRG must return the \$1.9 million the City loaned for the 2021 implosion of the previous structure. That money belongs to Evansville's bond bank, which provides short-term, low-interest funding.

The short-term loan is among investments already attached to the property. The state, through the



The above photo is the site of the 400 block of Main Street has mostly been used as a storage site for other city projects since the demolition of the previous structure in 2021.

Southwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, this year provided \$3.8 million for the project. Beth McFaddin-Higgins, SWIRDA chairwoman, said that money will assist with site preparation and the underground parking garage.

SWIRDA is the government agency that receives state funds through the READI program. It pays E-REP to administer those funds.

E-REP also received a \$900,000 bridge loan in 2022 from Evansville's United Leasing. That money

helped cover the cost of demolishing the old 18-story structure, said Candace Chapman, EREP's director of downtown development.

The old building decayed beyond repair under the ownership of a Maryland company, which sold the property for \$1.8 million in 2019 to the now E-REP entity. The original redevelopment plan was for an 18-story, mixed-use building at the site. That plan changed after the original developer bailed on the project, and the current plan calls for a 161-unit, four-story building with a neighboring park.

ISP Accepting Applications For Forensic Genealogist

MAY 2024
 Evansville, IN –Get ready to paint the town rainbow for the Evansville Region's largest LGBTQ celebration: the 2024 River City Pride Festival & Parade on June 1, 2024, along Main Street in Downtown Evansville. This annual celebration promises a day filled with joy, vivacity, and fun for all ages.

"River City Pride" invites everyone to join in the festivities. The event kicks off with a lively parade at noon, marching down Main Street from 5th to 2nd Street. Spectators can expect a beautiful display of colorful floats representing local organizations, and enthusiastic participants spreading messages of love and pride. Marking a significant first for River City Pride, we are thrilled to announce the exciting addition of Grand Marshals Mayor Stephanie Terry and Deputy Mayor Lindsay Locasto; history-making, new City leadership.

Following the parade, the excitement continues with the festi-

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDCA Announce Foster Care Housing

MAY 2024
 INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosier youth aging out of the foster care system will soon have access to affordable rental housing at four locations around the state. Following the Indiana General Assembly's approval of funding, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDCA) has announced the selection of four projects that will be developed to meet this need.

"Youth exiting the foster care system are vulnerable through no fault of their own, and it is our duty to provide them a smooth transition to adulthood," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development.

These four housing projects represent a significant step in that direction and will ensure foster youth are given a chance to live productive, dignified and independent lives."

The initiative is designed to develop affordable rental housing developments with supportive services for youth (ages 18-23) aging out of foster care.

The legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 in the 2023 budget session and IHCDCA will add an additional \$5,000,000 to the program in the form of grants.

The Request for Proposal was re-

leased in December 2023 with applications due February 2024. Applicants were required to consist of a team that included, at minimum,

a nonprofit housing developer, a qualified supportive service provider and a property management company. The nonprofit developer must develop and own the rental units, provide or hire property management and comply

with all IHCDCA reporting requirements. The qualified service provider must refer eligible applicants and provide residents with services such as life skills, budgeting, mental health counseling, job

coaching, GED attainment and other services. IHCDCA evaluated applicants in partnership with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS).

The four applicants selected are: Lacasa of Goshen, Inc. and Bashor Children Home, for an 11-unit development in Goshen.

Firefly Children and Family Alliance, Herron Property Management and ALK Development, for a 12-15 unit development in Indianapolis.

New Hope Services, Inc., LifeSpring Health Systems and Herron Property Management, for a 10-14 unit development in Jeffersonville.

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E-REP Propelled Forward By Awards, Achievements

MAY 2024
 By E-REP CEO Lloyd Winnecke
 I am delighted to share with you some exciting news that highlights the incredible progress and success of our region. Recently, Evansville was recognized by CNN for our outstanding remote work program through MakeMyMove, a testament to the innovative and forward-

thinking approach of the State of Indiana and our community to grow the region's population. You can learn more about MakeMyMove – an E-REP program funded through the State's READI initiative – on page 4 of this newsletter.

This recognition is one of many accolades that showcase why we
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Community

Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway Receives UE Presidential Medal Of Honor

MAY 2024

ARLINGTON, VA - The Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA, was the setting for the presentation of the University of Evansville's Presidential Medal of Honor to 4-star Lt. Gen. (Ret.) John Conaway '56. At a ceremony held on April 24, UE President Christopher Pietruszkiewicz bestowed the institution's highest honor upon the esteemed military leader and notable alumnus.

The event, attended by alumni and friends of UE, was a special program to celebrate the remarkable achievements Lt. Gen. John Conaway '56, the 2024 recipient of the UE Presidential

Medal of Honor. It provided a unique opportunity for members of the UE community to come together and honor Gen. Conaway while engaging in meaningful conversations and reconnecting with their alma mater.

Lt. Gen. Conaway is renowned for his distinguished military career, which spanned from 1956 to 1993. Beginning with his commission as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force after graduating from UE, Conaway's journey led him to serve as the 22nd Chief of the National Guard Bureau, as well as Vice Chief and Director of the Air National Guard.

However, Conaway's impact extends

far beyond his military service. In the early 1990s, he initiated the Youth Challenge Program, a second chance program for high school dropouts, during his tenure at the National Guard Bureau. Starting as a pilot program in 1993, the Youth Challenge Program has since expanded to 34 programs nationwide, helping nearly 115,000 troubled teens find their way back to graduation.

For over two decades, Conaway has worked tirelessly with state officials to expand the program's reach and effectiveness, earning him recognition as a leading visionary in youth development. Additionally, he played a piv-

otal role in forming the National Guard Youth Foundation to raise scholarship funds for Challenge graduates.

Reflecting on his time at UE, Conaway's legacy is deeply intertwined with the university. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1956 and was later honored with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1986. Throughout the years, Conaway has remained actively engaged with UE, serving as an At-Large Trustee from 1989 to 2007 and as a Life Trustee since 2007. He has also been recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award and is a member of the John Collins Moore Society.

Gentry Selected As USI Vice President For Development

MAY 2024

Andrea Gentry has been named Vice President for Development at the University of Southern Indiana, effective July 1. Gentry will report to Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, USI President, and join the President's Cabinet.

As Vice President for Development, Gentry will provide innovative and strategic leadership for the Development team in planning, implementation and administration of the University's comprehensive fund-raising efforts. The role also oversees Alumni Engagement and Volunteer USI and serves as President of the University of Southern Indiana Foundation.

"It was through the philanthropic efforts of our founders over 50 years ago that led to the creation of the University of Southern Indiana. Today, philanthropy continues to be a pillar in the success of our University," said Rochon. "Andrea's nearly



two decades of service to the Foundation, establishing trusted relationships with our generous and loyal donors across alumni, employees and friends, well positions her to ascend to this vital role as plans begin for our upcoming capital campaign, a key to the University's future."

For the past seven years, Gentry has served as the Director of Development for the University of Southern Indiana. In that role, she was responsible for securing leadership, major and planned gifts, while conducting administrative duties for the Development Office and USI Foundation. Gentry works closely with the USI Foundation Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. In addition to her time as Director, she has been devoted to USI for 19 years in the Development Office, including the positions of Associate Director of Development; Assistant Director of Development; Major Gifts; Assistant

Director of Development, Annual Giving; and Senior Administrative Assistant.

"It is an honor to serve the University of Southern Indiana in this capacity," said Gentry. "USI has a strong tradition of generous support from the community, and our alumni, now over 52,000, are elevating their alma mater through numerous ways of engagement. The USI Foundation Board has an extensive history of dedicated leadership and we are eager to involve more individuals with University programs, students and staff."

Gentry graduated cum laude from USI in 2005, where she majored in public relations. She earned the designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) from CFRE International in 2013, and the Certificate in Fund Raising Management from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in 2012. She completed the Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Nonprofit Leadership Academy in 2017 and is a

member of Leadership Everyone's class of 2011.

Through her work in higher education fundraising, Gentry is dedicated to building long-term relationships with alumni and friends. She is committed to fulfilling the needs of USI students, programs and colleagues while fostering a positive culture of philanthropy. She served as campaign manager for Campaign USI: Elevating Excellence, which exceeded its \$50 million goal. She has served three terms on the University's Administrative Senate. Communication and collaboration are key factors in the work Gentry does to serve her alma mater.

Gentry also provides leadership to the Evansville Area Fundraising Council through its board of directors. She is a board member of Keep Evansville Beautiful and mentors local high school students with the YWCA. She is a past board member of the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville and was named to the Evansville Business Journal's 20 under 40 Emerging Leaders in 2011.

How Much Are County Commission Candidates Spending?

MAY 2024

By Johnny Kincaid

Looking at a political candidate's campaign finance reports can reveal some information about them. These reports not only show who contributes to a campaign but also where the money is spent.

Candidates who buy locally build positive relationships with local businesses when they spend their campaign funds locally.

Since the beginning of the year, over \$200,000 has been given to the Republican candidates for Vanderburgh County Commissioner.

Amy Canterbury, a newcomer to local politics, started with no funds in her political coffers and she raised \$153,676 between January 1 and April 12, 2024.

Vanderburgh County Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave started the year with \$103,209 in her campaign watches and raised \$52,758 for the primary. This gave each campaign about \$150,000 to use to persuade your vote.

Amy Canterbury spent \$110,010 since the first of the year on her campaign, \$42,500 went to Matchstick Media, an Ohio media consult-

ing firm that does creative for nationwide political campaigns. Another \$10,250 was paid for a polling company from Washington DC, and \$23,835 went to KAP Print in Texas for direct mail. Canterbury's total out-of-market spending was \$75,585 or 70% of total spending.

Cheryl Musgrave spent a total of \$56,055 on her primary campaign. Her financial report reveals that she spent the overwhelming majority of her political war chest locally. Her campaign advertising dollars were spent locally instead of using an out-of-market media buyer. The

only truly out-of-town expenditure was \$500 for data. The total out-of-town spending by the Musgrave campaign was less than one percent of her campaign budget.

Political officials and candidates should foster positive relationships with local businesses. There's no better way to promote local businesses than to directly do business with them. Spending money locally shows that you are committed to the success of our community.

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Commentary

Caitlin Clark, Catalyst For Change

MAY 2024
By John Krull

Last year, national television broadcast exactly one of the Indiana Fever's 36 WNBA games.

This year, things will be a little different. There will be 40 regular season games and 36 of the Fever's contests—that's 90%—will be broadcast nationally.

What happened? Two words: Caitlin Clark.

Clark may be the hottest name in all sports right now.

Although her Iowa Hawkeyes did not win the NCAA women's basketball championship, Clark electrified the nation and the world with her play.

In each of the last three games she played during the tournament, a new record for viewership was set.

The championship game in which Iowa fell in defeat to South Carolina drew 18.7 million viewers—peaking at 24 million at one point during the broadcast. By contrast, the men's championship battle drew an audience of 14.8 million, which means the women played for a crowd roughly 25% larger than the guys did.

Just as important, the women's championship game was the most widely viewed basketball game in five years.

The Fever had the first pick in

the WNBA draft. They wisely used it to choose Clark.

Her arrival has already made an impact. The demand for tickets to Fever games—and the prices people must pay for them—have jumped in many places by 500%. Jerseys and other forms of fan apparel also have formed a skyrocketing market.

Even that does not capture the full import of Clark's presence on the court—and in the world's consciousness.

She appears to be one of those protean, transformational figures, one who will alter, likely forever, the way we view both sports and women.

Much attention has been focused on the relatively paltry sum—under \$80,000—she will receive as a rookie in the WNBA. That's about 1/200th of what the NBA's top draft pick earned this year.

That disparity, though, is about to change.

Clark will be the catalyst for that change. Her massive celebrity and earning power will kick open doors, knock down walls, and shatter ceilings. Where she goes others will follow.

That she has become the face of women's basketball already has prompted carping from within and around the sport.

One meme that pollinated

much of social media offered pointed commentary about the irony of a white girl earning so much attention when she lost to a mostly Black team coached by a Black woman.

The criticism has validity but also is somewhat beside the point. A tide as large as the one Clark has generated will lift many, many boats, regardless of the skin color or ancestry of those who captain those boats.

That is the nature both of figures who loom as large as Clark does and of moments laden with as much possibility as this one is.

Clark takes pride in being a basketball player, but she is much more than that. She's a jump-shooting argument for women to receive as much as men—and maybe even a little bit more.

The historic argument in sports for women receiving lower compensation than men was that the guys were the ones who put more butts in the seats and attracted more eyeballs to the screens.

But Clark demonstrates that this no longer is true.

Now—and perhaps for the foreseeable future—she has the largest constituency in sports.

Just as Taylor Swift has assumed a place in pop culture as large as that of Elvis Presley and the Beatles in earlier eras, Clark now stands shoulder to shoulder with Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan, figures who transcended

the world of sports.

The predictions that she will expand and redefine what's possible for women athletes—and women, period—are shortsighted.

She's already done that.

The only question that remains is just how fast and far the changes she brings in her wake will go.

There is irony in this, of course. The fact that Caitlin Clark has emerged to shake off the unjust constraints placed on women and girls on the court while much of the political culture works to place artificial limits on them is proof that human history has a cruel sense of humor.

But that's the big picture.

The smaller picture is much more fun.

For the next few years, we Hoosiers will get to watch Clark swell the dreams of girls and women everywhere, one swish at a time.

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.

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Community

Petco Love Invests in Vanderburgh Humane Society

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The Vanderburgh Humane Society has received a \$35,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of their lifesaving work for animals in the Evansville region.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$375 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations — like ours — across North America, with 6.75

million pets adopted and counting.

“Our investment in the Vanderburgh Humane Society is part of more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. “Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We launched Petco Love Lost, a

national lost and found database that uses patented image-recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets.”

“Petco Love has been so supportive of our work for years. The best part about them as a partner is that they understand how overwhelming sheltering can be, and their grant application process and lifesaving investments reflect that,” said Amanda Coburn, Director of Advancement at VHS. “This lifesaving investment will help us support and retain our hardworking frontline staff who care for our

pets day in and day out, so they can hopefully stay in an animal welfare career for the long haul.”

The Vanderburgh Humane Society is a nonprofit organization that serves more than 12,000 families every year through Adoption, Spay/Neuter, Humane Education, and many other programs that help keep pets with the people who love them. The VHS has been serving our community since 1957 and is one of the largest nonprofit shelters in the region, maintaining above a 90% save rate since 2020 while still remaining open-admission. Their clinic completed its 100,000th spay/neuter surgery in December of 2022.



Gov. Holcomb Concludes Trade Mission To Brazil And Mexico

MAY 2024

INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Eric J. Holcomb and First Lady Janet Holcomb returned Friday night from a trade mission with leaders from the agbiosciences and agriculture sectors as well as representatives of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

The delegation included: Alex Cochran, Chief Technology Officer, of DPH Biologicals; Mitch Frazier, CEO, of AgriNovus Indiana; Courtney Kingery, CEO, of Indiana Corn Marketing Council & Indiana Soybean Alliance; Don Lamb, Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Jerry Shively, Associate Dean for International Programs, College of Agriculture, Purdue University;



Leonardo Chapula, Human Sector Marketing Specialist, Americas, U.S. Soybean Export Council; Doug Newcom, vice president of genetics and tech-

nology at the National Swine Registry; and Paul Siems, export sales manager at Weaver Popcorn.

Brazil and Mexico, like Indiana,

both share robust agbiosciences and agricultural industries, advancing global services, products and solutions across agriculture, food production and animal health. Indiana trade between Brazil and Mexico topped \$1.7 billion and \$13.4 billion in 2023, respectively, and the state is already home to 14 Brazil-based and 13 Mexico-based business establishments. The Governor’s trip allowed some of Indiana’s leading agtech thinkers and innovators to share expertise and highlighted Indiana’s \$58 billion-dollar ag economy in two key markets. More broadly, the trip to Mexico also highlighted new opportunities in emerging industries such as microelectronics and e-mobility.

Apply Now For The FFY24 Nonprofit Security Grant Program

MAY 2024

The FFY 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program-State (NSGP-S) grant application window is now open for local applicants. To receive NSGP-S, organizations must NOT be located in Hamilton or Marion Counties.

Due to the deadline to return applications to FEMA, the application period for NSGP funding will be short. Indiana local applications are due to grants@dhs.in.gov by 5 p.m. EDT on May 30, 2024. All proposed projects are capped at \$150,000.

Visit the NSGP landing page for full information on the NSGP grant, including the necessary forms required to apply for funding.

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is a competitive reimbursement grant program intended to provide federal funding for physical security enhancements and other security-related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at risk of a terrorist attack. The NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and

local preparedness efforts.

The NSGP-S program is open to all 501c3 nonprofit organizations located outside of Marion and Hamilton counties. Applicants within Marion and Hamilton counties should apply for the NSGP-Urban Area (NSGP-UA) program. The items below must be completed prior to applying: finishing the vulnerability assessment,

securing an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and determining what items organizations need to address vulnerabilities.

The NSGP landing page features several resources to help you be successful in your application, including:

- A Fiscal Year 2024 NSGP FAQ
- Fiscal Year 2024 NSGP Subapplicant Quick Start Guide
- The full FY24 Nonprofit Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- FY2024 NSGP-S Application Instructions
- NSGP Application Checklist
- NSGP Grant Writing Tips
- NSGP Investment Justification Checklist



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AG Todd Rokita Co-Leading Fight Against DOJ

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Attorney General Todd Rokita is co-leading 16 states in fighting federal interference with election laws after U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland vowed to deploy armies of lawyers into the states to combat "legislative measures that make it harder for millions of eligible voters to vote."

"The Biden administration is weaponizing the U.S. Department of Justice against the states," Attorney General Rokita said.

"These actions pose a direct threat to democracy, election integrity and the rule of law. We will stand up and defend our rightful authority within the



framework of American federalism."

Speaking in March, Garland said he had "double[d] the number of lawyers in the civil rights division" and "launched the Justice Department's Election Threats Task Force" to deal with states allegedly maintaining "discriminatory, burdensome, and unnecessary restrictions on access to the ballot."

Attorney General Rokita and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey co-led a 16-state letter to Garland warning that the states would "vigorously defend our election laws" and "not allow intimidation and fearmongering to supersede the

will of the people."

The very premise of Garland's threats — the idea that states are depriving or hindering U.S. citizens from freely and easily casting votes — is false and ludicrous, the letter notes.

One of the measures at which Garland and others have taken aim is voter ID laws — which they claim disenfranchise eligible voters.

"On the contrary," the letter states, "voter ID laws prevent voter fraud by stopping those who attempt to impersonate others at the polls. In 2005, Indiana led the charge to preserve election integrity by implementing the first-in-the-nation voter ID law, which requires in-person voters to present a valid government-issued photo ID to vote — (and) the United

States Supreme Court held that voter ID laws were constitutional and did not impose a burden on the electorate."

Amid reports of fraud in various parts of the nation, many Americans distrust the results of the 2020 general election. Some polls indicate more than 30 percent of the electorate believe the election was stolen.

"With voter confidence at an all-time low," Attorney General Rokita said, "the U.S. Department of Justice should champion voter security measures instead of attacking states that implement them. And the DOJ should respect, as well, the constitutional provisions giving states the role of regulating elections."

Local Communities Receive State Funding To Roll Ahead On Road Projects

MAY 2024

Vanderburgh County communities can roll forward with road and bridge projects thanks to a recent boost in state funding supported local legislators.

A total of 252 communities across the state will receive over \$207 million through Indiana's Community Crossings Matching Grant Program. Funds can be used for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements and other items.

"The Community Crossings program is a great tool for the state

and local communities to work together to complete needed road projects," said State Rep. Wendy McNamara (R-Evansville). "These dollars will go a long way in helping us make necessary updates to our infrastructure."

Area grant recipients include Evansville (\$952,628), Highland (\$1 million) and Vanderburgh County (\$1 million).

"Maintaining our roads and bridges is critical," said State Rep. Tim O'Brien (R-Evansville). "Towns, cities and counties can take advantage of this important funding

to ensure both rural and urban areas have the opportunity to make improvements."

"Year after year, Indiana continues to be one of the top-rated states for infrastructure, and it's thanks in large part to this successful initiative," said State Rep. Matt Hostettler (R-Patoka). "Community Crossings is a great opportunity for local governments to get a jump-start on necessary road work and upcoming projects."

To qualify for the competitive grant, smaller municipalities pro-

vide a 25 percent match in local funds, while larger communities provide a 50 percent match. State law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer.

Since 2016, Community Crossings has awarded more than \$1.6 billion to improve local roads and bridges.

Visit in.gov/indot/community-crossings and click on "Community Crossings Matching Grant" to learn more about the program.

EPA Takes Action to Maintain Protections Near Stationary Combustion Turbines

MAY 2024

WASHINGTON – April 15, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency denied a petition to remove stationary combustion turbines from the list of sources subject to regulation for emissions of air toxics, maintaining public health protections for communities near these facilities. As a result of denying this petition, stationary combustion turbines will continue to be required to comply with national limits on hazardous air pollutants such as formaldehyde under section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

"Today's action will ensure people who live, work and play near these facilities are protected from harmful air pollution," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "EPA is committed to ensuring every community has clean air to breathe, especially those that have been overburdened and

disproportionately impacted by poor air quality for too long."

Stationary combustion turbines are typically located at power plants, compressor stations, landfills, and industrial facilities such as chemical plants. These turbines generally operate using natural gas, distillate oil, landfill gas, jet fuel, or process gas. Toxic emissions are present in the exhaust gases of these turbines and are the result of combustion of the gaseous and liquid fuels.

Today's action supports EPA's comprehensive approach to address climate and health-harming pollution from stationary combustion turbines. EPA is engaging with stakeholders on next steps for a

broad-based approach to new and existing combustion turbines, including a proposed revision to the air toxics standards for combustion turbines as well as separate rulemakings to address ozone-forming pollution from new combustion turbines and to establish greenhouse gas emission guidelines for existing combustion turbines.

EPA's section 112 regulations limit emissions of air toxics, also called hazardous air pollutants, such as formaldehyde, toluene, benzene, acetaldehyde, and metallic HAP (e.g., cadmium, chromium, manganese, lead, nickel). HAP are known to cause – or are suspected to cause – cancer or other serious adverse health and environmental

effects. Formaldehyde and acetaldehyde are probable human carcinogens.

Petitioners requested EPA remove, or "delist," combustion turbines, saying that cancer risks from this source category were below 1-in-1 million and would meet the statutory "delisting" threshold. EPA has reviewed data and analyses submitted as part of this petition as well as additional emissions testing data. EPA is denying the petition based on the agency's determination that the petition is incomplete and because EPA cannot conclude that there are adequate data to determine that the delisting thresholds in the Clean Air Act have been met. This is primarily due to both the uncertainty in the HAP emissions from affected sources and the missing emissions data from a large number of affected sources in the





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Governor Holcomb Signs O'Brien's EMS Bill Into Law

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Gov. Eric Holcomb recently signed legislation authored by State Rep. Tim O'Brien (R-Evansville) into law that calls for a statewide study of the growing shortage of emergency medical services personnel so steps can be taken to address it.

"We know our EMS workforce isn't keeping up with demand, so we need to understand the

root causes by doing a deep dive study," O'Brien said. "Once we have more data, we can identify solutions that ensure these men and women have the resources and support they need to keep Hoosiers safe."

O'Brien said the new law will require county executives to report on the



status of each local EMS provider in the county to the state, which would utilize the data to explore ways to improve services, recruiting, and training, and address workforce shortages. Emergency medical services are provided by fire departments and public hospitals

as well as private entities that have been contracted through local communities and health care providers.

According to the 2023 Indiana EMS Workforce Assessment, Vanderburgh County has a shortage of EMS services and cited challenges like long shifts, low wages, and physical and mental stress, impacting recruitment and retention efforts.

Celebrate PRIDE At The 2024 River City Pride Festival

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Get ready to paint the town rainbow for the Evansville Region's largest LGBTQ celebration: the 2024 River City Pride Festival & Parade on June 1, 2024, along Main Street in Downtown Evansville. This annual celebration promises a day filled with joy, vibrancy, and fun for all ages.

"River City Pride" invites everyone to join in the festivities. The event kicks off with a lively parade at noon, marching down Main Street from 5th to 2nd Street. Spectators can expect a beautiful display of colorful floats representing local organizations, and enthusiastic participants spreading messages of love and pride. Marking a significant first for River City Pride, we are thrilled to announce the exciting addition of Grand Mar-

shals Mayor Stephanie Terry and Deputy Mayor Lindsay Locasto; history-making, new City leadership.

Following the parade, the excitement continues with the festival on Main Street between 2nd Street and Riverside Drive. Here, attendees will find an array of delicious treats from food trucks, and a bustling marketplace showcasing the talents and creativity of Evansville's LGBTQ+ community and allies. Thanks to our friends

at River Kitty Cafe, we will also offer an indoor sensory-friendly space for our friends who may need a quieter environment to celebrate pride.



The heart of the festival lies at the One Main Stage, sponsored by One Main Financial, where a stellar lineup of entertainment awaits. From energetic performances to inspiring speeches, the stage will be alive with the spirit of pride and celebration throughout the day until 10 pm.

"We are thrilled to once again host the River City Pride Festival & Parade in Downtown Evansville," said Dawn Schwindel, RCP President. "This event is not just a celebration; it's a testament to our community's commitment to diversity, acceptance, and equality. We invite everyone to join us for a day of joy, love, and togetherness."

The 2024 River City Pride Festival & Parade is a smoke-free event by Quit Now. Admission is free, and we welcome all individuals and families to come and experience the magic of pride in the heart of Downtown Evansville.

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\$83 Million in State Funding Released

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"The University of Southern Indiana's health and nursing programs are critical in our fight against the health care worker shortage. I'm excited that these state dollars will help complete the final phase of the renovations to the Health Professions Building offering high-tech classrooms, equipment and simulation spaces to provide students with real-life scenarios. I look forward to the continued growth and success of this program and its students," said State Rep. Wendy McNamara (R-Evansville).

"USI is nothing short of an economic powerhouse for Southern Indiana, so it's important to ensure their campus has the tools students and staff need to effectively learn and work. I'm pleased to see these dollars used this way, and I'm excited to see it pay dividends for our community," said State Rep. Tim O'Brien (R-Evansville), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Visit in.gov/sba/budget-committee for more information about the projects approved by the State

Budget Committee, as well as view agendas and archived meetings of Wright and Health Professions buildings

Today in response to the State Budget Committee approving the release of \$83 million in state funding for the University of Southern Indiana. The funds will be used to renovate the Wright Building, the oldest building on campus, and the 30-year-old Health Professions Building. The project includes the renovation of 188,000 square feet across two interconnected buildings. In addition to updating classroom spaces in the Wright Building, the project includes



improvements to HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, as well as communications technology and structural updates. The Health Professions Building project includes technology upgrades, expanded

simulation space and the completion of third-floor renovations to expand classroom space, study areas, and instructional labs. During the 2023 legislative session, local lawmakers voted in support of the

funding as part of the state budget. The State Budget Committee formally approved releasing the funds on Friday, along with funding for several other projects across the state.

Crouch, IHEDA Announce Foster Care Housing

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Communities, Inc., Epiphany & Company and BWI Management, for a 20-unit development in Merrillville.

The projects must operate as affordable rental housing, not as transitional housing, an emergency shelter or a safe haven. All units are required to serve youth exiting foster care. IHEDA will monitor these developments for program compliance and will conduct periodic inspections.

Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application for funding by December 2024. Initial applications did not include site control, zoning, site plans, architectural drawings or final budgets. The unit counts listed above are subject to change.

AG Rokita Defends Indiana's Defense Of Life Laws

MAY 2024

Attorney General Todd Rokita is fighting efforts by the federal government to ride roughshod over state laws protecting human life and prohibiting abortions.

This week, Attorney General Rokita is supporting Idaho as it argues before the Supreme Court to protect its Defense of Life Act from preemption under the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA). In February, General Rokita led a 22-state amicus

brief backing Idaho's common-sense stance.

"Hoosiers know that when federal bureaucrats come after pro-life laws in Idaho or any other state, they will soon be coming after pro-life laws here in Indiana," Attorney General Rokita said. "Under the Biden administration, the federal government remains determined to advance a pro-abortion culture of death — and it's perfectly willing to usurp states' rights in order to do so."

Under the U.S. system of federalism, the power to regulate health, safety and medicine rests largely with the states. And in the Dobbs decision, the Supreme Court returned the issue of abortion to the states as well — overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

Federal attorneys, however, claim EMTALA allows emergency room physicians to ignore state medical regulations whenever they think it necessary to do so — including by performing abortions that are

otherwise banned. In reality, however, EMTALA nowhere mentions the topic of abortion — and was never intended to be construed as the federal government now claims.

"The law is on our side," Attorney General Rokita said. "Here in Indiana and across the nation, we can continue building a culture of life that respects the precious value not only of unborn children but also their moms and dads. And that's what we're going to do."

E-REP Propelled Forward By Awards, Achievements

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Evansville has so much to be proud of in our region. Evansville has been named the #1 Destination for Millennial Homebuyers, as reported by Realtor.com in their list of the 10 Hottest Cities for Young Millennial Homebuyers. This acknowledgment speaks volumes about the attractiveness and opportunities that the Evansville Region offers to young professionals and families looking to establish roots in a vibrant and welcoming community.

In addition to these honors, Evansville has experienced significant growth in high-income households, ranking #3 in the nation for high-income household growth according to SmartAsset. This remarkable 150% increase in high-income households, with 816 households added, demonstrates the economic vitality and opportunities that our region offers to residents and businesses alike.

Moreover, Evansville has been recognized as the #3 City for Remote Workers by the Wall Street Journal in their list of Best Cities for Remote Workers in the U.S. This recognition highlights our region's infrastructure, amenities, and supportive environment for remote professionals, making Evansville an attractive destination for talent from across the country.

These achievements would not have been possible without the

dedication, collaboration, and innovative spirit of our business community, local leaders, and residents. As we celebrate these successes, let us continue to work together to build on our strengths, attract talent and investment, and create a thriving and inclusive economy for all.

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- 1 Little devils
 - 5 Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr.
 - 9 Moisten, as a turkey
 - 14 Ironic tattoo words in a Milky Way commercial
 - 16 Crooked
 - 17 Smart aleck
 - 18 Back track?
 - 19 Capitol one?: Abbr.
 - 20 Berenstain bear in a blue bonnet
 - 21 Enlist again
 - 22 Abound (with)
 - 24 Sailing the ocean
 - 26 Actress Sorvino
 - 29 Pie charts?
 - 32 Soda in some Shirley Temples
 - 35 Father, as a horse
 - 36 "Truthfully," in a text
 - 37 "Is there a third option?!"
 - 39 Structure for a feline
 - 41 End of the Mayo Clinic's URL
 - 42 Freshly
 - 44 Sings like Frank Sinatra
 - 45 "This just isn't worth it"
 - 48 Grand (baseball feat)
- DOWN**
- 1 Liquids for quills
 - 2 Claude who painted poppies
 - 3 Likely (to)
 - 4 Do some quilting
 - 5 In (still being tested)
 - 6 Serious TV shows
 - 7 Legendary books?
 - 8 Paris fashion monogram
 - 9 Iconic pig of film
 - 10 "I would so!"
 - 11 Button at the beginning of a streaming TV show
 - 12 Danson of "The Good Place"
 - 13 Female sheep
 - 15 "I gotta have it!"
 - 21 Corporate grind
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 - 27 Name that sounds like a corned beef sandwich
 - 28 Hibachi remnants
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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 2024 Outstanding Educator Winners

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The University of Evansville (UE) proudly honored four outstanding educators in Vanderburgh County with prestigious awards during its 33rd annual ceremony on April 10. Each recipient received a surprise announcement within their school, celebrating their remarkable contributions to education.

Specific to Vanderburgh County, this competition recognizes exemplary classroom teachers and building principals in grades K-12, each possessing a minimum of three years of experience. These esteemed awards are made possible through the generous sponsorship of UE, Evansville Liberty Federal Credit Union, and the Evansville Courier & Press.

Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year: Lindsey Stine

With twelve years of teaching experience, Lindsey Stine has dedicated eight years to West Terrace School, where she currently serves as a fourth-grade classroom teacher. She imparts knowledge across various subjects including Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Writing. Stine's commitment extends beyond traditional teaching, as she sponsors the Battle of the Books Team and the Student Leadership Committee, fostering student engagement and leadership development within the school community.

Stine's teaching philosophy focuses on empowering students to be active participants in their academic growth. She states, "My teaching philosophy is to empower students. In the classroom, give students the opportunity to explore a problem or topic before 'instructing' them. This helps them to be active in their academic growth/education as well as encourages them to be problem solvers and critical thinkers."

Her innovative teaching strategies reflect this philosophy, as she utilizes a "Teach Yourself" method to engage students in problem-solving and critical thinking. Stine explains, "Lessons have a certain pattern in my room (especially in Math). I like to teach using my 'Teach Yourself' method. We use funny voices and enjoy the wordplay. In more seriousness, I use this to introduce most lessons."

Stine's dedication and impact are echoed in the nomination com-

ments from colleagues and parents. One nomination reads, "Lindsey Stine is a phenomenal educator. I first met her six years ago when she was my daughter's fourth-grade teacher. As a parent, she communicated well, encouraged my HA student to excel above her level, and was understanding in a couple of difficult social situations."

Outstanding Middle School Teacher of the Year: Lindsey O'Brian

With a decade of teaching experience, Lindsey O'Brian has spent seven years as a 6th-grade English/Language Arts teacher, dedicating herself to nurturing students' literacy skills and holistic development. Despite facing the challenges of a new curriculum this year, she has demonstrated resilience and adaptability, ensuring her students receive the best education possible.

O'Brian's teaching philosophy centers on creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and capable of growth. She emphasizes the importance of building strong relationships with her students, fostering a sense of belonging and confidence in their abilities.

Her strategies reflect this philosophy as she strategically groups students and maintains clear classroom procedures, empowering them to take ownership of their learning journey. Mrs. O'Brian prioritizes growth over achievement, aiming to instill resilience and perseverance in her students.

Recognized for her unwavering dedication, one of O'Brian's nominators stated, "Mrs. O'Brian runs her classroom with the students being her first priority. She always wants them to succeed to their fullest potential. Her diligence created a LOVE of reading for my now senior."

Outstanding High School

Teacher of the Year: Sally Sternberg

With 23 years of teaching experience, Sally Sternberg has been instrumental in fostering academic excellence and college readiness among high school students for over a decade. As the AVID Elective Teacher and Site Coordinator at Harrison High School, she spearheads initiatives to bridge the opportunity gap and prepare all students for success in a global society.

Embodying the philosophy that "children are the only future we have; teach them well," Sally prioritizes students' holistic development, providing a supportive environment where they can thrive academically and personally. Her commitment to building strong relationships with students is evident in her roles as a mentor, advocate, and compassionate listener.

Within the AVID program, Sally implements strategies that promote peer collaboration, student advocacy, and academic rigor, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among her students.

Through weekly tutorials and college visits, she equips students with the skills and confidence needed to navigate postsecondary education and beyond.

Sally's impact extends beyond academics, as evident in the heartfelt nominations from her students, highlighting her unwavering dedication and compassionate support. "I nominated Sally Sternberg because she does nothing but love her students. She never gives up on them and will do anything she can to help. She's a very loving and compassionate teacher and makes coming to school easier for numerous students. I've seen her help a numerous amount of students not fail, including students that aren't even in her class. you really can tell she cares, and it shows."

Outstanding Building Princi-

pal of the Year: Angie Oliver

With over three decades of experience in education, Angie Oliver has demonstrated exceptional leadership as the principal of Glenwood Leadership Academy. Under her guidance, Glenwood has evolved into a supportive learning environment dedicated to the holistic growth of its diverse student body.

Angie's philosophy of "Growing the WHOLE child through equitable support" underscores her commitment to student success and well-being. She prioritizes building positive relationships with students and staff, fostering a culture of collaboration and empowerment.

At Glenwood, Angie has implemented initiatives such as the REACH Academy and partnerships with community organizations to provide tailored support to students. Her dedication to teacher well-being and professional development has led to a positive working culture and improved student outcomes.

Oliver's leadership is characterized by her hands-on approach and unwavering dedication to her school community. She goes above and beyond to ensure every student feels valued and supported, creating a nurturing environment where students can thrive.

Oliver's leadership at Glenwood Leadership Academy exemplifies a commitment to student success, teacher empowerment, and fostering a positive school culture. "Angie is a light of positivity! She is welcoming to anyone who walks into her building and greets them with open arms. On mornings, she can often be found walking around the school with a speaker hanging from her pocket blasting music, dancing, and getting students and/or staff to dance along with her," one of Angie's nominators stated, "GLA and EVSC are lucky to have Angie Oliver working for our students!"

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Education

USI Geriatric Workforce Program Receives Funding

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For the second year in a row, the University of Southern Indiana Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) has received additional funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This year, the amount of supplemental funding is \$122,011, and it will be used to support several initiatives related to nursing staff training in academia and long-term care settings.

"This supplemental funding enables the USI GWEP to enhance the partnerships we have with academic institutions and nursing homes," says Katie Ehlman, Director of the USI Bronstein Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness and Professor of Gerontology. "Last year, we focused on several initiatives related to nursing home staff education, recruitment and retention with a goal to educate and support the workforce while also improving the lives of older adults. We plan to build on our success again this year."

Amy Pierce, USI Instructor in Nursing, has worked with the GWEP to incorporate a Dementia Live® simulation into the curriculum of a USI undergraduate nursing course, Care of Adults through the Lifespan. "Dementia Live is a high impact, dementia simulation experience that immerses students into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change," she says. "The intent of this simulation is to provide training for nursing students to promote knowledge, understanding and empathy when providing care for persons living with dementia. Overall, students have found the simulation beneficial."

Pierce said other additions to the nursing course include information on age-friendly care and Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care® techniques. "An age-friendly system follows a set of evidence-based practices, called the 4Ms framework which aligns with what matters most to the older adult and family caregivers," she says. "With the Positive Approach to Care, faculty mirror the techniques of Teepa Snow to teach nursing students how to best interact with and care for those with memory loss."

During the fiscal year 2022-23, the GWEP's nursing home partners utilized dementia and the age-friendly curriculums, and several staff members received the Dementia Live coach certification. To address resilience, partnering nursing homes selected one staff member to be trained as a Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

For the fiscal year 2023-24, the GWEP will continue to utilize the dementia and age-friendly curriculums to educate the nursing home workforce and will be rolling out a new ageism presentation, in addition to other new initiatives.

According to Ehlman, the Indiana Department of Health requested that the USI GWEP team recommend changes to the dementia component of the CNA state-approved curriculum. The nursing faculty review process



will include an assessment of the materials from the HRSA Health Workforce, Train Health Care Workers About Dementia website. Learn more.

She said this year's partners for the nursing home supplemental funding project are the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC), the USI Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program, Oasis Dementia Care, two skilled nursing homes and two high school certified nurse assistant (CNA) partners (to be determined).

The GWEP's objectives for this funding period include:

Develop or enhance evidence-based practice curriculum on nursing home care of older adults, including those living with dementia, within the context of the Age-Friendly Health Systems' 4Ms Framework for potential nursing staff.

Develop or enhance evidence-based practice curriculum on nursing home care of older adults, including those living with dementia, within the context of the Age-Friendly Health Systems' 4Ms Framework for potential nursing staff.

Partner with at least one accredited school of nursing and one certified CNA program to develop or enhance culturally competent curriculum.

Partner with one nursing home to develop and/or enhance experiential care learning opportunities for student nurses and CNAs student/staff to encourage recruitment and retention to practice after graduation.

The USI Bronstein Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness is a long-standing partner with Snow and her Positive Approach to Care Company with 10 years of collaborative work. Snow is a dementia care specialist and an Occupational Therapist by training. She has developed a method called the Positive Approach to Care which recognizes what a person with brain change retains.

The USI GWEP has six previously recorded workshops taught by Snow, designed specifically for professional/formal nursing home caregivers. The USI GWEP team has published a link to video request forms on the website, and they are accessible to nursing home staff members.

The topics covered are:

Recognizing and Responding to Exit-Seeking

Person-Centered Care: Who Am I, and Why Does it Help Your Staff?

Supporting Staff to Prevent Abuse and Neglect

Dementia and End of Life

Activities and Engagement to Prevent Challenging Situations

Sexuality, Intimacy and Dementia

In an effort to offer pathways for advancement, enhanced education and improved wages, the USI GWEP will work to build an instruction pilot for a CNA Pre-Apprenticeship program. The groundwork for a pre-apprenticeship program will be established working in partnership with AHEC, Leading Aging and Indiana Healthcare Association and a Department of Labor intermediary.

For more information or to get

involved with the USI GWEP, visit USI.edu/gwep.

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Education

USI Hosts Showcase From New Harmony Clay Project

MAY 2024

The University of Southern Indiana New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (NHGCA) will host a group exhibition Residence VIII, in partnership with New Harmony Clay Project, Saturday, April 27 through Saturday, June 1. The exhibition features ceramic works by recent residents of New Harmony Clay Project: Tom Belden, Katie Botterman, Audra Lynn Clayton, Christie Cooper, Gary Greenberg, Alex Lewis, Autumn McKay and Greg Van Dusseldorp. An opening reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at the Gallery and is open to the public at no charge.

Works on display indicate the rich span of contemporary artistic approaches to working in ceramics today. The exhibit features life size sculptures alongside works embracing contrasting elements of abstraction and figuration. Residence VIII offers cutting-edge insight into the styles and techniques of contemporary artists and explores new concepts and frameworks for expanding the medium.

Belden is currently retired from teaching, but he continues to produce his own art works and does workshops around the country in ceramic art and kiln construction. Belden acquired his Bachelor of Science in Art Education at the University of Wisconsin/Stout and Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics at Arizona State University. He taught drawing, painting, ceramics, art history, design and sculpture for 41 years at the university level. He taught at Arizona State University, Kentucky State University, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Mesa Community College and Central Arizona College. Additionally, he was the Department Head at two of those institutions and Director of the Art Galleries at two others.

Katie Botterman is a ceramic artist and instructor working in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio University. Notable exhibitions include *Rendered Fusion: Clay, Connection, Attention* NCECA Annual 2024 at the Harnett Museum of Art in Richmond, Virginia, and *ORIGIN*, juried by Kensuke Yamada at Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore,



Maryland. Botterman currently works as a ceramics instructor in her hometown at the North Hills Art Center where she shares her love of clay with others while pursuing her own new works.

Audra Lynn Clayton has been a practicing potter for over 20 years. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she is excited about functional work, sculpture and atmospheric firings. Her sculptural work explores people and their places. She is the Studio Arts Manager at the Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, where she finds great joy in facilitating opportunities for the artists there to thrive.

Christie Cooper received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2011 at the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture and Design at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Cooper majored in ceramics and minored in art history. While at Indiana University she studied with Malcolm Mobutu Smith, Tim Mather and Christyl Boger. In addition to making and exhibiting work she has worked as a ceramics instructor since 2011.

Gary "Greeny" Greenberg has been involved with ceramics for more than 52 years. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Fine Arts from Ari-

zona State, which has resulted in his current position as Assistant Professor Art/Ceramics and former department chair at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, for the last 30 years.

Alex Lewis is currently based out of Columbus, Ohio. In 2021, Lewis received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ceramics with a minor in art history from Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio. He received his Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, in 2023. He has exhibited in the United States and in Canada.

Autumn McKay is a ceramic artist from Louisville, Kentucky. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Louisville and was selected to be a part of the first cohort of the Hadley Creatives grant program in Louisville, Kentucky. She received a grant from the Great Meadows Foundation that assisted her travels to Vallauris, France, where she was a resident artist at A.I.R Vallauris for three months. After returning to the United States, McKay accepted a short residency at HOBA house in the Portland neighborhood of Louisville. In 2021, she was accepted into the post-baccalaureate program at Indiana University Southeast.

Greg Van Dusseldorp is a studio artist that works in 2D & 3D formats, with clay and paint being the primary materials. He received his Bachelor of Arts in art from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Greg received his Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics/Drawing at the University of Iowa's School of Art and Art History. He studied ceramics under the guidance of Chuck Hinds, Clary Illian and Bunny McBride. Greg has been a resident artist at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts and Red Lodge Clay Center. He has taught ceramics as a Visiting Professor at Kent State University for Kirk Mangus and as an adjunct at The University of Iowa's School of Art & Art History. He was also an Assistant Professor of Art at Iowa Wesleyan College. Greg exhibits nationally and lives in Iowa City, Iowa.

The NHCP is an artist residency and educational center located at the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Ceramic Studio in historic New Harmony. NHCP fosters an environment that supports the investigation of new ideas and work in the ceramic arts. It is an organization under the New Harmony Artist Guild, a non-profit 501(c)3, that serves as an incubator for nurturing the arts. NHCP is a rural residency program, supported by the Efromson Family Fund, Lenny and Anne Dowhie Trusts and Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation. Its goal is to encourage emerging and professional visual artists/educators in ceramics by giving them quiet space and the time to develop a new body of work.

The NHGCA promotes discourse about and access to contemporary art in the southern Indiana region and is an outreach partner of USI. The gallery is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit the NHGCA website or call 812-682-3156.

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

UE Lauches New Dance Program

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The University of Evansville's (UE) Center for Innovation & Change, in collaboration with the Sol and Arlene Bronstein Foundation, is excited to announce the launch of the Silver Aces Dance Team, a unique opportunity for seniors aged 55 and above who are interested in socializing and dancing while experiencing the mental and physical health benefits that are associated.

In partnership with the UE Dance Company and UE's physical therapy, physician assistance, and nursing programs, the Silver Aces program will offer dance lessons and health screenings to examine the impact of social dance on a wide range of wellness indicators. This innovative collaboration will celebrate the vibrancy and talent of older adults while un-

derscoring UE's commitment to inclusive, lifelong learning opportunities for everyone.

The inaugural session is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging (SWIRCA), with subsequent sessions to follow. However, with only 20 spots available, interested individuals are encouraged to register early to secure their place or get on the wait list.

Transportation assistance to SWIRCA is available for those who require it. Interested parties can contact Sylvia DeVault at sy5@evansville.edu for more information or to arrange transportation.

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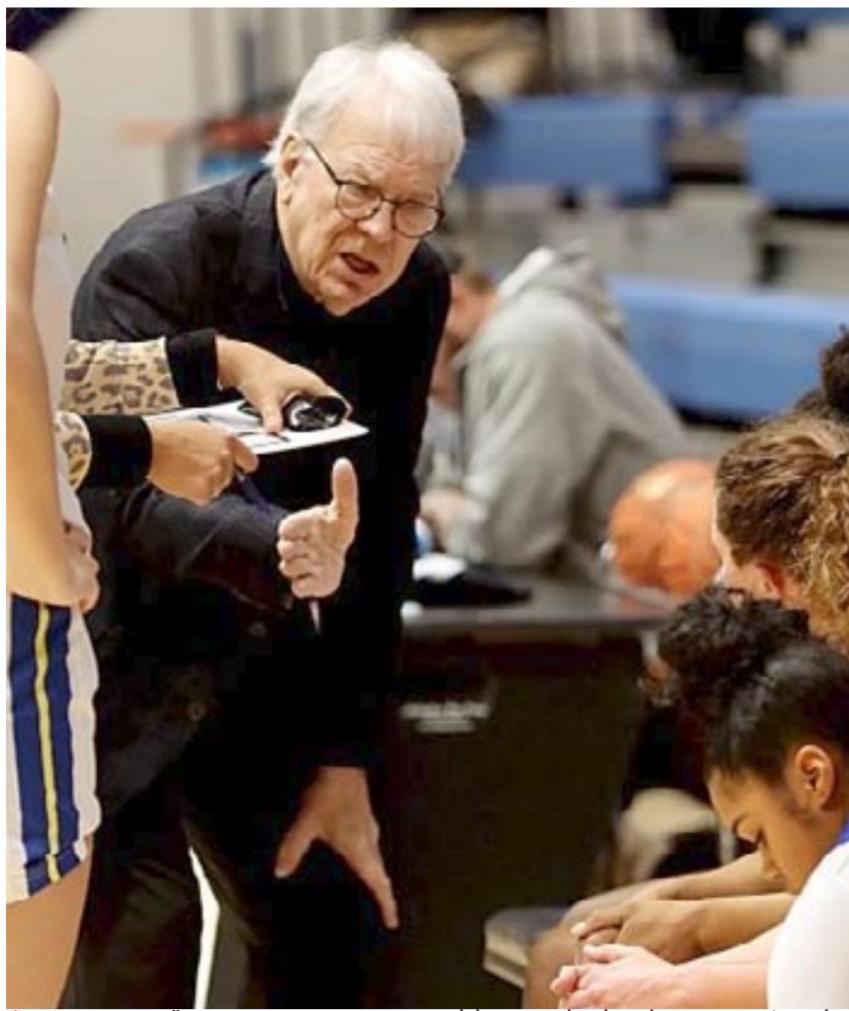
VU Celebrates The Illustrious Career Of Harry Meeks

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VINCENNES, Ind. – After 33 years of outstanding service to Vincennes University, Athletic Director and Hall of Fame Women's Basketball Coach Harry Meeks will retire in June 2024, leaving a legacy of excellence and unparalleled impact on VU Athletics and beyond.

According to VU President Dr. Chuck Johnson, Meeks' leadership has elevated VU Athletics and profoundly influenced the lives of many. Johnson said, "In Harry Meeks, Vincennes University has not just had a coach or an athletic director, but a true leader whose fervent dedication has been the bedrock of the VU Athletics Department. His steady hands have guided our athletics programs and shaped the lives of countless VU student-athletes, VU coaches, VU alumni, and the broader University Community. It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside Coach Meeks, witnessing firsthand the enormous impact he has made locally as well throughout the State of Indiana and nationally."

Johnson continued, "His legacy at Vincennes University is one of excellence, integrity, and distinction in the classroom as well as on the court or field of competition. As we celebrate his retirement, Vincennes University does so with immense gratitude for his tireless efforts, unending passion, and the enduring legacy he leaves behind at VU. His impact on Vincennes University will be felt for genera-



tions to come."

Meeks announced his retirement on April 24 at the VU Trailblazer All Sports Banquet, allowing the VU Community and University supporters to celebrate him and his distinguished career.

VU Hall of Fame Men's Basketball Coach Todd Franklin paid heartfelt homage to Meeks.

"Everyone needs to give this some real thought and perspective," Franklin said. "He's an 82-year-

old man who has been running the Athletics Department and has been the Women's Basketball Coach. A lot of our young athletes might want to think about how to aspire to do that. At 82 years old, he has spent his entire life in this, and that is an impressive thing to do."

Since he joined VU in 1991 as the fourth Women's Basketball Coach, Meeks has established a standard of excellence, making him the most successful coach in program history. He assumed the role of Athletic Director in 2010 after serving as interim, and his tenure has been characterized by several national championships, All-American Student-Athletes, and Academic All-American Student-Athletes.

Under his leadership, Women's Basketball has achieved remarkable success, boasting an impressive record of 750 wins and 283 losses for a 72.6 winning percentage.

Meeks' outstanding achievements have garnered recognition in Indiana and nationally. He entered the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2020.

His dedication to excellence extends to other sports as well. VU Athletics has produced eight team national championships with Meeks as athletic director, includ-

ing the 2019 Men's Basketball, 2011 Tennis, 2013, 2016, and 2018 Men's Golf, and 2010, 2012, and 2014 Bowling teams. The Track and Field program has also produced numerous individual national championships with Meeks at the helm.

Beyond the athletics arena Meeks has been a driving force in fostering academic success and personal growth among student-athletes. Last year's grade point average for the Women's Basketball program was an impressive 3.437, while the last complete cohort shows VU Athletics programs had a 67 percent graduation rate. Meeks' commitment to the total development of student-athletes is evident in the Women's Basketball team's exceptional 92.3 percent graduation rate recently.

Dr. Christy Kellams, an orthopedic surgeon and former VU women's basketball player, attributes much of her success to Meeks. He saw her potential and promised to elevate her game. Under his mentorship, she flourished, earning a full-ride scholarship to Arizona State University.

Kellams said, "I had two aspirations as a young person. I wanted to play Division I basketball and I wanted to go to medical school. In high school, I started to see that dream to play Division I basketball was probably just that. It was probably just a dream, but then one evening, he was at Springs Valley recruiting me to play basketball at Vincennes. I'll never forget what he told me the first time we spoke. I'm not certain it was a compliment but it was honest. He said, 'You know Kellams you're not really that good of a ballplayer but you hit the floor more than the ball does and if you continue to hustle like that, I think I can teach you how to play basketball and I think I can get you to that next level.' He delivered on that statement, and I got a full-ride scholarship to play two more years of basketball at the Division I level at Arizona State University."

Grateful for his guidance, Kellams pursued her second dream of attending medical school.

"In the two years, I was at Vincennes we won over 65 basketball games and we maybe lost five or six," she said. "It is impressive the amount of games that we won but his lessons have lived on long after those games were won. His

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Sports

UE's Petrova To Play In NCAA Regional

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On the heels of her second Missouri Valley Conference individual championship in as many tries, University of Evansville golfer Kate Petrova is set to take part in the NCAA Regionals.

Petrova was selected to represent the MVC as an individual at the East Lansing Regional with play to take place from May 6-8. Michigan State University is the host institution for the regional. She joins individuals from Illinois, Notre Dame, Louisville and Western Kentucky in the 3-round tournament.

Teams set to participate in the East Lansing Regional include USC, Northwestern, Florida, Pepperdine, Michigan State, Kentucky, Denver, Oklahoma State, Indiana, Augusta, Illinois State and Oakland. This marks just the second time UE has been represented at an NCAA Regional. In 2021, the Purple Aces won the team championship and took part in the Columbus Regional.

For the second year in a row, the 2024 MVC Championship came



down to a playoff with Petrova earning the victory. Trailing by four strokes entering the final round, Petrova carded a 3-under 69 to force a playoff with Ali Schrock of Illinois State. Petrova birdied the third playoff hole to seal the vic-

tory. Her win marked the fourth time in the last eight seasons that the University of Evansville has had the individual league champion.

Petrova is Evansville's first 2-time MVC women's golf champion. Kayla Katterhenry (2017) and So-

phia Rohleder (2021) are Evansville's other champions. Along with being Medalist, Petrova was named to the All-Conference and All-Tournament Teams. She is the 7th golfer to earn MVC Medalist two or more times.

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dedication and direction to me as a student-athlete taught me about commitment and perseverance, and he inspired me to always do my best no matter what I was doing whether that be on or off the court. It has been said the height of a tree is determined by the depth of its roots. I want to say thank you to him for being a part of my roots. That has helped me grow tall as a person. I've used all those skills that he taught me and was able to go on to achieve that next aspiration. I will always be grateful to him and his late wife, Martha Meeks, for the impact they've had on my life, and I will carry and treasure those things forever."

Additionally, his deep commitment to breast cancer awareness and community-based initiatives like the Play 4 Kay campaign that supports the Kay Yow Cancer Fund demonstrates that his values and influence extend far beyond VU.

Becoming a Coaching Legend

Meeks has enjoyed success at the NJCAA women's basketball level in

addition to the NCAA Division I men's college basketball ranks and high school boys level.

He took over as women's basketball coach before the 1991-92 season. The following year, he led VU to its best record ever, 32-2, and a fifth-place finish in the NJCAA Division I National Championship Tournament. Another highlight of his VU tenure was the 1997-98 team reeling off 29 consecutive wins to start the season.

Meeks recorded his 700th career win at VU on March 13, 2021, and passed Hall of Fame Coach Dan Sparks for the most wins in VU basketball history on April 1, 2021, with his 707th career win.

In 33 years at VU, he has enjoyed 23 seasons of winning 20 or more games and 11 NJCAA National Tournament appearances.

Under his guidance, 91 women's basketball student-athletes successfully transitioned to play at the four-year level, with many moving on to prestigious NCAA Division I programs such as Alabama, Oregon, Louisville, Utah State, and New Mex-

ico recently.

Meeks has coached 26 of VU's 30 Women's Basketball All-Americans, further solidifying his reputation as a coaching legend. VU's NJCAA All-Americans during Meeks' tenure include 2011 State Farm/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Junior College Player of the Year Jasmine McGhee as well as 2014 All-American Anya Kalenta. Both players were honored following their Trailblazer careers by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame for their outstanding play.

The Trailblazers compiled a 19-11 overall record this past season with freshman Destinee Hooks earning 2024 Region 24 Player of the Year honors, as well as being named Freshman of the Year in Region 24 and a 2nd Team All-American, while sophomore Elikya Baseyila earned All-Region 24 honors for the second time.

How It All Started

Meeks began his coaching career at Danville, Virginia, in 1973 and later coached at a military prep school in Woodstock, Virginia. He

led an Alabama high school boy's team for three years before he arrived at VU. As the smallest school in that state's largest enrollment classification, the high school program had won only five games in the four seasons before Meeks took over.

He coached for 11 years in the men's college basketball ranks before accepting the Alabama high school position. He was an assistant coach at Western Carolina for five seasons, served as an assistant coach at the University of Cincinnati for four years, and worked for two seasons at Virginia Tech.

A U.S. Navy veteran and native of Staunton, Virginia, Meeks holds a master's degree from Virginia Tech. He and Martha are parents of two daughters, Molly and Melanie. Molly played for her father at VU before transferring to Coastal Carolina.

A Legacy of Excellence

VU will soon commence a search for a new athletic director and a new women's basketball coach to continue the proud traditions Meeks has established.

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