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EDS's Royer Tabbed World's Youngest Drone Videographer



JUNE 2024
 Evansville Day School is thrilled to announce that 8-year-old Louisa Royer, a 3rd-grade student, has been officially recognized by Guinness World Records as the youngest drone videographer in the world. Louisa received a surprise plaque award this morning in a special ceremony held at the school, celebrating her remarkable achievement.

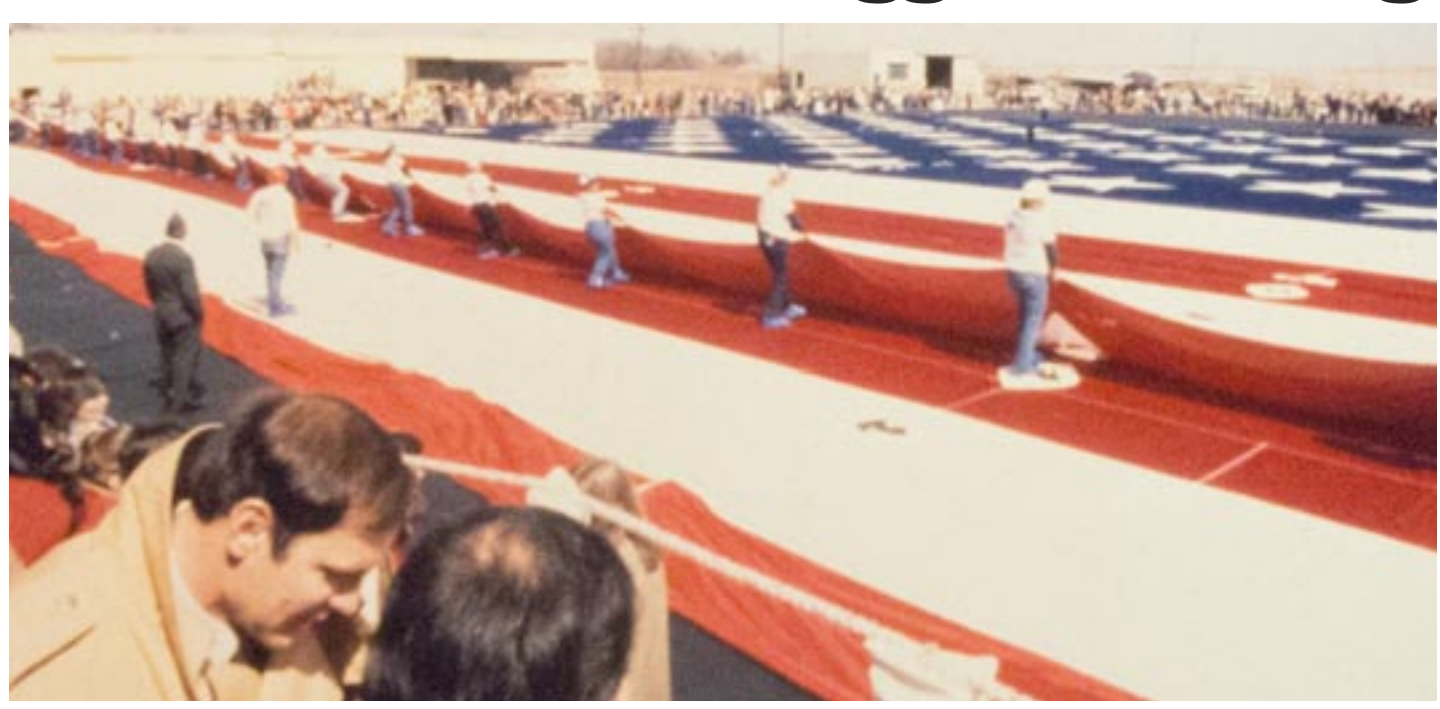
Louisa, whose passion for technology and storytelling through video has captivated her peers and teachers alike, achieved this incredible milestone through her innovative and creative use of drone technology. Her unique eye for capturing stunning aerial footage has earned her this prestigious recognition, making her the youngest person in the country to hold such a title.

The Head of EDS Primary School, Mrs. Renschler, presented Louisa with the official Guinness World Record plaque, commending her for her dedication and creativity.

Louisa's interest in drone videography began at a young age, and with the support of her parents and school, she has honed her skills, producing captivating videos that showcase her unique perspective and storytelling ability. This achievement highlights Evansville Day School's commitment to fostering creativity and

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Remember When Evansville Was Home To World's Biggest US Flag



JUNE 2024
 By Johnny Kincaid
 CCO Staff Writer

In 1980, Evansville's Anchor Industries was selected to take on a monumental task: they would sew together the world's most enormous flag. The red and white stripes were 16 feet wide, and the stars were 13 feet tall. The finished flag covered two acres.

The flag was made to withstand

the wind and weather while hanging off New York's Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. It was not only the longest (450 feet) but also the heaviest, weighing 7 tons.

The giant flag was the brainchild of Len Silverfine, a former New York ad executive. The thought started with Silverfine's desire to build a float for a 4th of July parade marking the Bicentennial in 1976. The idea morphed into

hanging a behemoth of a flag from a bridge in New York harbor to greet the tall sailing ships that were a part of the Independence Day celebration.

He secured a \$10,000 sponsorship and paid to have a flag made in time for the 4th of July. The flag arrived on June 28 and was hoisted up the rigging of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge as a test

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Apartment Development Breaks Ground



JUNE 2024
 By Johnny Kincaid
 CCO Staff Writer

The block where Evansville's tallest building once defined the city skyline is finally on its way to becoming the site of new apartments and retail space. Ground

was broken yesterday on the \$60 million mixed-use project called The Vault.

CRG Residential, an Indiana-based construction and real estate investment firm, has officially closed on financing to fund construction and Fifthe and Main

streets

Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry and officials from CRG Residential and the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-REP) officially broke ground on the project site to ceremonially kick off

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Filing Open For Three EVSC School Board Seats

JUNE 2024
 School Board membership is an often overlooked but significant office. Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC) spends \$300 million annually to fulfill its mission of educating children in the community.

School Board members serve four-year terms, and elections for different districts are staggered so that there

are always several experienced members on the board.

Three seats will be elected this year: one in District One, representing the southwest side of Evansville, and two in District 3, representing northern Vanderburgh County.

The incumbent in District One is Karen Ragland, who was unopposed

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Community

Expanding Child Tax Credit Seen To Help Families, Communities

JUNE 2024

Even though federal legislation that would expand the child tax credit appears stalled in the U.S. Senate, family advocates in Indiana remain hopeful the bill will pass and low-income households will gain some financial breathing room that can lead to a positive change for their children.

The proposed expansion of the CTC is part of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, which also includes provisions to reduce the taxes for corporations and small businesses. It passed by the U.S. House in January with bipartisan support, including 169 Republicans voting for it, but it has encountered strong GOP resistance in the Senate.

Under the proposal, the amount of the tax credit that is refunded to families would rise from the current \$1,600 to \$2,000 by 2025, according to an analysis by the Brookings Institution. Also, while low-income families would still have to earn at least \$2,500 a year to even qualify for the CTC, the phase-in rate would become steeper so families with more than one child could realize the maximum benefit when their annual earnings reached about \$16,000. The credit would still phase out for households with a yearly income of \$200,000 for single parents and \$400,000 for married parents.

Proponents of the CTC expansion highlight the benefit to children. A study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that in the first year, 16 million children under 17 in low-income families, who do not currently get the full tax credit, would get a financial benefit. In Indiana, an estimated 326,000 low-income children under 17 would be helped.

However, opponents argue the CTC is costly and incentivizes the wrong behavior. A report by the Heritage Foundation described the tax credit as "new cash welfare benefits" to families that do not pay taxes and asserted the expansion would weaken work requirements and encourage single parenthood.

Marie Morse, executive director of HomeSteadCS in Lafayette, is not surprised the tax relief bill is bogged down in the Senate, noting many bills are not getting through Congress right now. But, she said, lawmakers should take a broader view of the CTC and, rather than focus solely on the short-term costs of the expansion, they should realize the savings that will come in the future.

When children in low-income families gain the security that comes through financial stability, "they're



going to grow up with a different attitude, a different way to live, a different outlook on life," Morse said. "They're going to be really successful citizens where if they've struggled their whole life, maybe they won't be. So let's try to help them when they're young."

Indiana's Republican Sens. Todd Young and Mike Braun are at the center of the fight over the tax relief bill. They are seen as potentially two of the 11 votes needed for the Senate to pass the measure and while neither has expressed support for the CTC, they have each said they like the benefits that would go to small businesses.

Braun did not respond to a request for comment. Young's office said while the expansion of the CTC is not perfect, the senator is supportive of the bill.

"The proposed tax package addresses several of Sen. Young's priorities, including boosting research and development and expanding access to affordable housing," said Jay Kenworthy, spokesman for Young. "While the Child Tax Credit provisions aren't perfect, Senator Young would like to see a tax package get across the finish line."

Paying for the necessities

Senators do not have to look far to see how an expanded child tax credit impacted low-income families.

Congress included a boost to the CTC in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which helped lower child poverty by more than 40% and kept 2.1 million additional children out of poverty, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. However, the pandemic-era relief expired in 2022.

The proposed 2024 expansion differs from 2021 in key ways.

As Sarah Calame, research associate at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, explained, low-income families received the full tax credit in 2021, instead of getting a smaller amount that was based on their annual earnings. Also, she said, the credit was increased from \$2,000 per child to as much as

\$3,600 depending on the child's age, and the entire credit was refunded to parents. Moreover, eligible families received a portion of the tax credit as a monthly check from July through December with the remainder of the relief coming in their tax refund.

Comparatively, the proposed expansion of the CTC, which covers three years, is more modest but also "well targeted." The expansion, Calame said, would "fix the upside-down structure" of the current child tax credit. Today, 19 million children live in families whose incomes are too low to receive the full \$2,000 credit, so the most impoverished are getting a partial refund, while the children living in higher-earning families are receiving the full credit.

Of those 19 million children, Calame continued, 16 million would be helped through the expansion of the CTC by receiving a larger benefit. The CBPP analysis estimated that in the first year of the three-year expansion, about half of the 16 million children live in families who would gain \$630 or more, and nearly 40% of the children live in families whose benefit would rise \$1,000 or more.

"The scope of the bipartisan bill is smaller than the Rescue Plan, but the changes it does contain are extremely well targeted towards this group," Calame said. "So that's why it's still able to have a very substantial impact. Of the 19 million children left behind under the current credit, 80% of them are helped by this bipartisan expansion. So it's a very significant impact."

Toya Moore, executive director of the Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance in Hammond, could hear the relief brought by the 2021 CTC expansion during the intake interviews with potential clients. Callers, she said, would mention how they were using the monthly checks to help pay rent, medical bills or child care. In addition to covering the daily expenses, the CTC was enabling low-income families to avoid taking out payday loans or using high interest rate credit cards, which would potentially mire them in deep debt, she said.

Morse also saw the impact of the extra CTC money. The funds, she said, not only helped families pay for groceries and utilities, but also gave them the ability to pay ahead on their rent or mortgage so if an emergency depleted the bank account, they did not have to worry about losing their place to live.

Another benefit of the 2021 expanded CTC, Morse said, was the emotional boost it enabled parents to give to their children. With the extra money, Morse explained, families could pay participation fees so that children could join their friends in extracurricular activities.

"For kids to be part of what everybody else is doing is so important," Morse said, "not only for the kid's self-esteem but for them to make connections with people that maybe aren't in their exact situation. As you get older, to get jobs, you need those connec-

tions, and it helps to have that. Just let the kids kind of have what we all think is a normal life."

Increased voter participation, community involvement

The stability that low-income families can gain with an expanded child tax credit could ripple to the wider community, a review of the relationship between voting and income found.

Randall Akee, associate professor in the department of public policy and American Indian studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, examined voter turnout and noted that while research has shown individuals from higher-income households are more likely to vote than those from poor households, the reason for the correlation is unknown.

Akee speculated money was not a driving factor but rather having a higher income affords families the resources that make voting easier, such as time, information, better health and access to transportation. He pointed to a 2018 study he collaborated on that examined the effect of a permanent increase in household incomes among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina. The windfall was the result of a casino opening on the reservation. Akee and his colleagues found the rise in income did not change the parents' voting behavior, but their children, once they became eligible to vote, went to the polls at a higher rate.

The increase in voter participation among the Cherokee Indian children, Akee said, could be the result of educational attainment and community engagement. Families had more money to spend on their children's education and they were less likely to move, so they became more connected to their communities, which boosted their civic participation.

"This suggests that income augmentation programs that help children may have other indirect (and long-term) benefits to society in the form of increased political participation and civic engagement as adults," Akee wrote.

Both Morse and Moore have seen the ripple effect. The pair noted that when low-income families get ahead a little financially, they go back to volunteer at the agencies that helped them or to make a donation. That enables the communities thrive and grow, they said.

"They want to stay in the community," Moore said of low-income families. "They want to be a part (of their community), they want to build it and (have their) children feel comfortable."

Families need more support than CTC

In clearing the Republican-controlled House, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act picked up strong support from the Indiana congressional delegation, with seven Hoosier representatives voting for the bill. Indiana GOP Reps. Victoria Spartz and Jim Banks opposed it.

Since arriving in the Democratic-controlled Senate, the bill has stalled.

Prosperity Indiana has been advocating for the CTC expansion. The statewide nonprofit that is focused on strengthening communities has been marshaling support among other Indiana nonprofits that help the poor and talking to lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Hale Crumley, Prosperity Indiana policy manager, said her organization

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Biden And Trump Do The Debate Dance Again

JUNE 2024

By John Krull

It appears that Donald Trump will get the debates with President Joe Biden the much-indicted former president begged for.

As the cliché goes, Trump should be careful what he wishes for. The debates may not go the way he hopes.

It looks like there will be two meetings between the candidates.

The first will be in Atlanta, Georgia—perhaps the swingiest of the swing states—on

June 27. CNN will air the debate with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash moderating. CNN says its debate will not be before a live audience.

The second one will be on Sept. 10 at a location yet to be determined. ABC will host with Linsey Davis and David Muir moderating. (Disclosure: Davis teaches with me at Franklin College.) Not much is known about the format.

Trump already has complained about CNN's decision not to have an on-site audience. He's also said he wants still more debates.

That he doesn't like not having a crowd is hardly a surprise. Trump soaks up the approval of his MAGA crowds like a heroin addict craves his next hit.

But the fact that he's so hooked on his base's applause is one reason he never has won the pop-

ular vote in an election.

Presumably, he already has the votes of those wearing red Make America Great Again hats in his pocket. What he needs to win are the votes of those Americans who are undecided.



CNN's format allows the moderators to move the concerns of those voters to the forefront and limits the opportunities for either candidate to play only to his base. It wouldn't surprise me if ABC also tries a format that targets Americans who still need to make

up their minds.

This is to the good.

If done right, these debate formats will put pressure on the candidates to demonstrate that they will be a president for all the people, not just those who cheer and vote for them.

Trump's call for more debates is also predictable.

He's not a man much connected to reality. He's convinced he will wipe the floor with Biden.

An honest appraisal of the record does not support his assessment.

Biden beat him in both 2020 debates.

In the first one, when Trump came out interrupting and caterwauling like an over-tired toddler who'd been fed way too much sugar, Biden delivered the most memorable, if unplanned

sound bite when he referred to Trump as a "clown."

More important, Biden demonstrated he would stand his ground when someone tries to bully him. Given that bullying is Trump's go-to response under pressure, when someone refuses to be bullied, the former president just looks flummoxed and out of control.

In the second debate, which—like CNN's proposed format this year—did not have a studio audience, Trump did better, but Biden still dissected the many Trump contradictions and absurdities.

The debates put Biden on his way to the White House because they made clear to the suburban and mostly female voters in America's suburbs who decided the election that while they might disagree with the Democratic candidate on taxes and other issues, they could count on him to be a sane and steady presence in the White House.

That was enough.

But one shouldn't write off Biden's debate victories in 2020 as simply the product of Trump's weakness.

Biden also bested Paul Ryan in the 2012 vice presidential debate. He tore into the Republican ticket's policy proposals and turned the tide after then President Barack Obama's weak performance in the first presidential debate that year.

Four years earlier, most ob-

servers expected him to have trouble with Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin, who had a star power and populist appeal that anticipated Trump's.

But Biden managed to connect better with everyday Americans than Palin did. He showed he understood the pressures of their lives in ways she didn't. He also, gracefully, revealed her to be the neophyte on the national stage that she was.

In many ways, Biden's strong record as a debater is a puzzle.

He's not a great—or even good—public speaker. No president in my lifetime has been less effective as an orator. Even Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford—both of whom served as cures for insomnia—were better at moving crowds than Biden is.

But the man does his homework.

And Trump doesn't.

That's why Trump may regret getting what he asked for.

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OK, That's Done. Can We Talk Now?

JUNE 2024

By Andy Horning

Libertarian Senate Candidate

Our nation is in big trouble; for the first time in decades, and in more ways, and far worse, than ever. The way we've been voting is not working. What we've been told about critical things, is not true. Our nation, and much of the world, is now led by a consortium of Malthusian eugenicist psychopathic elites, who make anti-USA agreements in foreign nations, strengthen our enemies. They own and operate this inherently tribal and so-called "Two-Party System" as a puppet show, to divide us against ourselves, and divert our attention from what's really going on. I wish I was making that up. But I'm not.

Yes, it is a puppet show. The first opportunity to weed out the disobedient and attach the strings to candidates who'll dance, is Primary Elections, which, as implemented in Indiana and most other states, are an unconstitutional, costly and tax-

payer-supported, year-long promotion scheme for only the status quo crony parties, and the corrupting organizations that own and operate them. Worse still, it's during primaries that many voters decide their votes for the General Election.

Alternative party candidates like me, who earn their place on the General Election ballot without taxpayer money, are not only excluded from the primary election ballot, we're also denied the free media, and political advertising rates granted to only Democrats and Republicans... not to mention all the dirty corporate, NGO, INGO and elite money that attaches those puppet strings to the self-styled "Major Party Candidates," who end up becoming incumbents until they die of mildew. We shouldn't keep re-electing this destructive corruption. We should in fact be very suspicious of the candidates who make it through the costly and corrupting degradation. But the media rarely even mention alternative candidates, and there are

rarely any public debates or forums, until early voting has already started, when over a quarter of us vote, without ever hearing there's easy opportunity for change.

That said, 2024's damnable primary election is now done, and we need to talk, and there's not much time. We The People really do need to talk...about our collapsing money, economy and culture, on the eve of WWII, that is by easily available facts, the result of our collective compliance, inaction, and votes.

This is much simpler than we've been led to believe. We The People have all the power, because we have the numbers, the voices, and even the money and working hands that make, buy, sell, and empower, everything. And every Election Day, we still have the Power of Peaceful Revolution. Yes, election fraud is a thing, but we could fix that, too, if we really wanted to. We have no excuses. You know the saying, "fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me?" Are we still fooled? Are we hurting enough yet to change our choices, and thus change the world?

The most timely, actionable words of our once-precious Declaration of Independence are, "...that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

We've been repeatedly warned about that "same Object," by heroes like General Smedley Butler, Presidents like Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy, and all the wise people in between and after; yet we did not heed. So now, many of us are need-

lessly suffering. We're told it's our duty to vote, but too few of us know what our vote is for. (Hint: it's not to hire politicians). Too few voters are even looking for alternatives, though most now say they want them. Most people say they're sick of the so-called "Two Party System." But alternatives have always existed in and around every one of us. Alternatives have always been on the ballot. We've never actually had a Two-Party System. That's been yet another of many lies that we should never have believed. You can see that the primaries have innumerable candidates of highly varied ideology and beliefs, and can win with less than a quarter of the vote; yet we're told we must have only two choices on the day that really counts?

Our constitutional design for a republic is still the newest and best thing in politics. It's a design for self-government; which cannot be delegated away. Only We The People can fix this, and only by changing our choices and actions. More simply, nothing gets better until we fire the crony network ruling class, and elect new guards for our future security.

We've seen that with more than two choices on the ballot, winners don't need 51%, so blaming "the masses" is no excuse to keep re-electing what we've got. Enough of us want more freedom, prosperity, security and justice, with less spying, lying, war and cultural collapse, that Libertarians should have won even more than the 12 races won in Indiana elections in 2022. We would win many, many more in 2024, if people would just vote the way they talk.

Do you want the kind of politicians with a plan that most say they want from their party? I'm here. There are lots of us, ready and waiting. Let's talk, please.

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Community

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before the big day. Shortly after the unfurling, the winds picked up and exposed one critical flaw: no accommodation allowed the air to flow through the fabric. As air pressure pinned the flag to the rigging, it became impossible to lower the flag, and the material gave way; the flag was ripped to shreds, causing one of the busiest bridges in NYC to close during rush hour.

Four years later, Silverfine was ready to have a new flag made, and Anchor Industries was ready to take on the world's biggest sewing project. The Anchor employees lined up every day for the opportunity to help sew the flag together.

Len Silverfine's vision for the flag to be proudly displayed on the

Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was never realized. The flag has only been displayed about a dozen times. The Great American Flag still rests in the original trailer provided by Atlas Van Lines in 1980, located just a few miles from where it was last displayed.

The current owner of the flag is a former stockbroker from Pennsylvania who purchased it from an auction on TV that took place on July 4, 2001. The flag arrived at Ted Dorfman's home in August, and then on September 11, 2001 some of the stock brokers that Ted knew died in the twin towers and a passenger jet crashed into the ground just up the road from where Ted lived. The last display of the flag took place in the days after 9/11 near the crash site.



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Torchbearer Public Affairs Hires Sullivan

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Today Caryl Auslander, Managing Principal and founder of Torchbearer Public Affairs, a Central Indiana Public Affairs firm, announced that Holli Sullivan has joined the firm as Vice President. Sullivan joins the Torchbearer team after founding her own small business and serving the state of Indiana as the 62nd Secretary of State and Representative of House District 78 which comprises portions of Van-



derburgh and Warrick Counties. Sullivan's leadership is not limited to the public sector, with a management tenure in large international manufacturers including General Motors (NYSE:GM) and Toyota Motor North America (NYSE:TM). Paired with her training as an engineer, Sullivan's prior experiences in the public and private sectors give her a unique perspective on navigating business and government at all levels.

"Sullivan's impressive public sector career is a huge asset to Torchbearer Public Affairs' growing list of clients," stated firm founder Caryl Auslander. "Holli's experience as a former member of the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee and Chairperson of the Indiana House Roads and Transportation Committee will provide Torchbearer Public Affairs with strategic insight during the upcoming legislative session as lawmakers navigate complex issues like tax reform and road funding," concluded Auslander.

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in 2020, 2016, and 2008.

One of the District 3 seats was occupied by Amy Smith, who has been on an extended leave of absence after her arrest in July 2022. The other seat is held by Terry Gamblin, a pastor who has served on the school board for 36 years.

Getting placed on the ballot for the fall election requires a petition with signatures of ten people who live in the district, available at <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/candidate-information/>. Forms are filed at the county elections office, call in advance at (812) 435-5122.

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and its partners in the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network are appreciative of the Indiana representatives who helped pass the legislation in the U.S. House.

"That version of the Child Tax Credit expansion would benefit roughly 326,000 children in families with low incomes in Indiana if signed into law," Crumley said in a statement. "During this period of high inflation at the grocery store and rapidly climbing housing costs, both rural and metro Indiana communities need all of the help that they can get. Any markups to the bill would likely result in less aid to families in need."

One sticking point for many Senate Republicans has been the "look back" provision in the CTC.

This provision would allow families to claim their earnings from either the current year or the year before when calculating the tax credit, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The provision is seen as providing a financial buffer to families who suffer a drop in income because of a loss of a job or a health crisis or a need to take time off work to care for children.

However, opponents believe the "look back" proposal will encourage adults with children to quit working and live off the tax credit.

"That's ridiculous," Morse said.

"The people that want to do the right thing for their kids, they're going to work, they are working really hard to do all the right things," Morse said. "That extra money can help them get

out of that mindset and have a moment to breathe, so that they can think about things and plan things, rather than just trying to survive."

Moore agreed the extra money from the CTC expansion will help but, she said, struggling Hoosier families need more support. She said the high cost of groceries, housing and health care are taking a bigger bite from household budgets, even as many working families have gotten raises in their paychecks.

"I tell people, life is going to happen to all of us in one way or another. You're going to wake up to the car having a flat tire, the hot water heater goes out or your children need something," Moore said. "And a lot of people can't even make it to that emergency."

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Community

Owner Of Former Pearl Cleaners Site Identified

JUNE 2024

By Jay Young

The mountain of bricks, weeds, and trash covering a block of Downtown Evansville is symbolic of a complicated situation that keeps the property in disarray.

"It affects my property value for that pile of garbage to be over there on the corner," said Tresa Miller, who owns Grateful Thread Fabric & Furnishings across the street from the former Pearl Cleaners site. "That's a front door into Downtown. You come off the Lloyd Expressway off of First Avenue and there you have it – a giant pile of rubble."

The Building Commission recently cited the property owner and will start a process on May 23 to hire a contractor for a massive cleanup if the owner doesn't respond. That contract will likely exceed the commission's annual \$200,000 budget for all cleanups.

"We have to put it out for bid and see how much it will cost and then bring that before the mayor to see if there's any way we can find funds to do it," said Building Commissioner Johnny McAlister.

The only thing certain about this property is that it no longer is connected to the cleaning business that Amy Michel treasures as a childhood memory. Her family owned and operated Pearl Cleaners until it and the property were sold separately.

Michel said she couldn't bring herself to visit the site.

"It just makes me sad," Michel said. "It could have been celebrated better having been in our community for more than 100 years."

Under new ownership, the laundry company left the site in 2017 and the structure stood vacant until a fire destroyed the building in May 2023. The shell of a structure seemed forgotten until January when someone became trapped in the debris. City officials say it halted its emergency demolition process when the owner's attorney reached out.

"I got a call from Ryan Schulz, the registered agent for the property," McAlister said. "He said he was working with a client to get this resolved and then I got a call from Klenck saying they had entered into a contract with this guy."

Tim Klenck Demolition of Evansville knocked down the walls and then their work stopped. The equipment disappeared and

nearly the entire building remains in a pile. In April, Klenck Demolition filed notice that it intends to file a \$103,000 lien on the property. Company President Tim Klenck declined to discuss the situation.

The Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office mailed Klenck's notice to the address the company provided the Indiana Department of State and the Treasurer's office. It's the same West Buena Vista Road address where the building commissioner sent the most recent citation.

This is where the search for the responsible party ends for local government and the situation resembles a collapsed chimney covering piles of brick.

A review of activity surrounding the Downtown property shows local government agencies spent years working in different directions. The City cited the property for code violations. The owner rejected the county's attempt to purchase the site. The privately operated Evansville Regional Economic Development Corporation is watching closely for possible redevelopment opportunities at the site. E-REP partners closely with the Evansville Improvement District, which includes the blighted site.

"With that particular site we need a cooperative property owner to assist with getting these projects completed," said E-REP's Josh Armstrong.

So who is this owner? County records list the owner as The Pearl Development LLC. The West Buena Vista Road address that Pearl Development provided to the Indiana Department of State and local governments isn't associated with the company, said the owner of the home who answered the door in January.

The attorney for the company on file with the state is Ryan Schulz of Evansville. Schulz didn't respond to emails sent in January and March or a phone message left in May. His firm, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, also provides representation to the Downtown Improvement District.

The Evansville man who answered the door at the house claimed by The Pearl Development bought the house in 2023, more than a year after The Pearl Development LLC was created. He said he doesn't know anything about the company, and records support

him.

There is a name once associated with the West Buena Vista Road home that connects with the Pearl Cleaners site. Eric Morgan was evicted from the property in April 2023. Morgan's name appears on a document filed in January with the Indiana Department of Environment Management concerning environmental cleanup at the site. The document identifies the owner as: The Pearl Development, LLC c/o Mr. Eric Morgan. Former Pearl Cleaners CEO Bernie Michel said he remembers talking to an "Eric" after the fire. During that interview with the City-County Observer, he called the number where he contacted Morgan after the fire to request bricks from the site. He left a message that Morgan never returned. Phone and email messages left by the City-County Observer also weren't returned.

That phone number is connected to another corporation linked to Morgan, Rugged Construction LLC, according to Better Business Bureau records. That company also appears on the IDEM reports for the former Pearl Cleaners site. Morgan used the West Buena Vista address for Rugged Cleaners months after his eviction, according to the Indiana Department of State and court records.

A search of state records shows another company connected to Morgan is Liquid Ninja Energy LLC. While the company told the state it occupies a building on Wedeking Avenue, the address it provided is home to an unrelated company.

Pearl Development paid \$75,000 for the Downtown property. There is no evidence of a loan for the purchase, which is usually filed with the county.

City and County officials said they were unaware of Morgan's connection to the company that controls the blighted property.

Does anyone at E-REP know? "I do," Armstrong said when asked if he knows who is behind the single-member LLC.

Would Armstrong confirm the name of the owner if it was provided?

"I don't know about that, but tell me," he replied.

The paper trail leads to Eric N. Morgan.

"It is Eric Morgan," Armstrong said. "So that's easy enough to find out through the LLC filing."

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innovation among its students, providing them with the tools and encouragement needed to explore their interests and excel in their endeavors.

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Downtown Apartment Development Breaks Ground

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construction.

Construction is expected to start this June and will be completed by mid-2026.

When completed, The Vault on Main (424 Main St.) will include 161 residential units, along with first-floor retail on Main Street and an underground parking garage.

CRG Residential and Indianapolis-based Scannell Properties developed Evansville's Post House property with 144 units.

This development is one of many changes planned for downtown Evansville as part of E-REP's recently released MULTI-MILLION strategic plan, which includes over a dozen new apartment and condo buildings.

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Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Most Lebanese and Libyan citizens
 - 6 "I know what you're thinking" skill, for short
 - 9 "In what way?"
 - 14 Airplane director
 - 15 "Go educate yourself for once!"
 - 17 Vertebrate feature
 - 18 Outsize contributor of political funds
 - 19 Wienermobile company
 - 21 "At Last" singer James
 - 22 Sword with a V-shaped groove
 - 23 Bohemian
 - 25 Walden ____
 - 27 Goaded, with "on"
 - 32 Actress lone
 - 35 Self-described "black, lesbian, feminist, socialist, mother, warrior, poet"
 - 39 "It's not what it looks like!"
 - 41 Many a body fed by glacial meltwater
 - 42 Recolors
 - 43 Green alternative to marinara sauce
 - 44 Family ____ (diagram with branches)
 - 46 Negotiator's asset
 - 50 Sunbathes
 - 52 British "Bye-bye!"
 - 56 "How amazing for you!"
 - 60 "Finally!"
 - 62 There's no such thing as a free one, it's said
 - 63 Blunt salesperson?
 - 64 Bovine Borden mascot
 - 65 Got off one's keister
 - 66 Progressive ____ (historic period)
 - 67 Run-down
- DOWN**
- 1 Lhasa ____
 - 2 Breaks into tears?
 - 3 Author Walker or Munro
 - 4 "Enjoy your meal!"
 - 5 Sound system
 - 6 Humorist Bombeck
 - 7 "Later!"
 - 8 Device for an on-call doctor
 - 9 Possessed
 - 10 Instrument with keys and a bell
 - 11 Refuses to
 - 12 Chimney substance
 - 13 Vegetable with a starlike cross section
 - 16 Projectile that might be aimed at a triple ring
 - 20 More than a pest
 - 24 Review site
 - 26 ____ citizenship
 - 28 Tenet aka the ethic of reciprocity
 - 29 Cloudy sky's color
 - 30 Singer Brickell whose first name rhymes with CD
 - 31 Lairs
 - 32 Exchange
 - 33 Green in some Caesar salads
 - 34 High-pitched barks
 - 36 Genetic strands
 - 37 Gamer's spelling for a synonym of destroyed
 - 38 Welds, as influence
 - 40 Straightening out a tie, for short?
 - 45 Holes in one on a par three, e.g.
 - 47 Envelope-directing abbr.
 - 48 Admonish
 - 49 Less wild
 - 51 Detect
 - 52 Browser array
 - 53 What New York and New Jersey do
 - 54 ____ list (set of tasks)
 - 55 Reply starter?
 - 57 1,000,000 x mega-
 - 58 ____-washed jeans
 - 59 Third- or first-person pronoun
 - 61 AFC Richmond coach Lasso

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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 Archaeology Students Embark On Excavations, Internships

JUNE 2024

Sixteen University of Evansville (UE) Archaeology students are gearing up for a summer of hands-on learning experiences across five countries, contributing to archaeological projects that span the globe.

Among the diverse projects, students will dive into Lake Erie to document and protect submerged indigenous sites, search for shipwrecks in the Caribbean, and excavate at the Spartan Sanctuary of Apollo Amyklaios in Greece. Other projects include excavating in Ancient Thouria in the Pelopon-

nese, participating in the Salt Cay Expedition in Turks and Caicos, and working to uncover Medieval human remains in Romania.

In addition to international projects, students will also be involved in various initiatives in the U.S., such as assisting the Army Corps of Engineers in Illinois, exploring a Spanish mission site in Texas, as well managing artifact collections in Indiana, and creating databases for archaeological finds in Maryland.

In Evansville, two students will work on museum collections management and visitor services at the Reitz Home Museum, while others

will contribute to educational efforts at Angel Mounds and Wesselman Woods.

"Our students are truly impressive, whether they are assisting with excavations, cataloging artifacts, or conducting research, the efforts of these students contribute to a greater understanding of our past and inform our present and future," said Dr. Alan Kaiser, Professor of Archaeology. "Their work is part of a larger effort to uncover the mysteries of our world bringing new insights to the forefront of global Archaeology."

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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.

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USI Student Media Outlets Announce New Leadership For 2024-25

JUNE 2024

Three student-run University of Southern Indiana media outlets will have new leadership during the 2024-25 academic year.

The Shield

Ian Young, a junior majoring in journalism, will serve as Editor-in-Chief for The Shield, USI's independent student-run newspaper.

As Editor-in-Chief, Young will be responsible for the overall operations of the media outlet. He will oversee all content published by The Shield, including its website, weekly e-newsletter, social media platforms and monthly themed print editions.

Prior to his appointment, he served as Lifestyle Editor and has served in a multitude of other capacities, including sports writing, lifestyle writing, photography and graphic design, during his three years with The Shield.

The Shield is a designated student forum, and students are responsible for all reporting, writing,



photography, editing, designing and ad sales.

95.7 The Spin

Issac Heldt, a USI senior majoring in radio and television, has been named Station Manager for 95.7 The Spin, USI's student-run radio station. Previously, Heldt served as a DJ and Production Assistant for the station.

The Station Manager is responsible for overseeing all the station

departments. Heldt is also responsible for ensuring the station is FCC-compliant.

The Spin provides the USI community and beyond with entertainment, news, sports and public affairs programs.

Candid Magazine

Maxwell Wheeler, a USI junior majoring in English, will serve as Editor-in-Chief for Candid Magazine.

In this role, Wheeler will manage

Candid staff and the overall assignment of tasks to ensure deadlines are met and the publication is released in a timely manner.

Candid Magazine is a student-run biannual publication focusing on art, fashion and editorial topics. This publication gives students the opportunity to create content outside the classroom and focus on ideas and issues that interest them.

Echoing Ideations Exhibit On Display At USI New Harmony Gallery

JUNE 2024

The University of Southern Indiana's New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art (NHGCA) is proud to present Echoing Ideations, a solo exhibition by Bailey Roby, a current design student at USI, Saturday, May 11 through Saturday, June 15. An opening reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Gallery and is open to the public at no charge.

Roby tends to explore performative and conceptual installations that confront the viewer with thought-provoking subjects. From

The Giving Tree, a work where Roby dangled felted pads and tampons from a tree, to her most recent work Unheard Echoes, a book of unsent letters to people in Roby's past, she broaches uncomfortable and often personal subjects as a wayfinding tool for her own healing journey. Roby has been working on Echoing Ideation, bolstered by an Endeavor grant totaling \$2,450, under the guidance of USI Rob Dickes, Assistant Professor of Photography and Digital Imaging, since August 2023.

Roby is a contemporary artist who explores the combination of instal-

lation and imagery. She is a local art student at USI and primarily works photographically and with mixed media installation works. She is set to graduate with a bachelor's degree in May 2025 and plans to continue to grow her conceptual art while working towards becoming a commercial photographer.

The NHGCA is dedicated to enhancing the experiences of students through an artist-run exhibition space in the Back Gallery. BG Projects at NHGCA allows students to exhibit, experiment and/or curate within a working contemporary art

gallery setting. Through exhibition and curatorial strategies, students can envision new possibilities for collaborations and their art practice.

The NHGCA at the University of Southern Indiana promotes discourse about and access to contemporary art in the southern Indiana region. The NHGCA is a proud 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.

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Education

VU Agribusiness Places Second At National Livestock Contest

JUNE 2024

A team of Vincennes University Agribusiness – Animal Husbandry majors showcased their outstanding expertise by placing second in the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Livestock Judging Contest last month. In addition to the team's success, VU student Sidnee Mason emerged as a standout performer, placing second as an individual participant.

The VU Livestock Team that rose to the occasion includes; Joe Records (Elnora, Indiana), Mason Guthrie (Salem, Indiana), Sidnee Mason (Hazelton, Indiana), Rayne Held (Freelandville, Indiana), De-

lani Bateman (Loogootee, Indiana), and Katie Stenftenagel (Jasper, Indiana).

The contest was held at the College of Southern Idaho and was part of the NACTA Judging Conference, which annually hosts a variety of agricultural contests for 2-year and 4-year member institutions. The conference is a vital part of preparing college students for careers in agriculture by improving their decision-making, communication, and technical skills within their



chosen field.

"NACTA helped me gain confidence when speaking to individuals I have never met," Sidnee Mason said. "I learned how operations are ran in Idaho. NACTA will help enhance my VU journey by creating opportunities and connections that would have never been available if I didn't go."

The VU Livestock Team's performance at the NACTA Judging Conference reinforces VU's dedication to agricultural education

and solidifies its position as a leader in preparing students for success in the agriculture industry.

VU Agribusiness and Horticulture Program Chair Jennifer Steffy said, "VU's students invested significant effort and time to prepare for the Livestock Judging Contest. Placing second is proof of the knowledge, skills, and high-quality education students receive here at VU. We take great pride in their amazing achievement, and we are 100 percent certain that these students will make significant contributions to the agricultural industry as they step into the real world."

VU Students Showcase Advanced Manufacturing Skills

JUNE 2024

Vincennes University students showcased their advanced manufacturing skills and talent at a Project MFG Regional competition, marking VU's second consecutive appearance after competing in a 2023 regional.

Some of the brightest college students in the nation came together at Texas A&M University during the 2024 Spring Semester to demonstrate their higher-level problem-solving skills, technical knowledge, and collaborative spirit. Students studying Precision Machining Technology and Welding Technology represented VU, including Conner Bean '24 (Columbus, Indiana), Kellen Bruns '24 (Greensburg, Indiana), Aaron John '24 (La Porte, Indiana), and Riley Yochum '25 (Vincennes, Indiana).

"I liked the team dynamic of the competition," Bean said. "We all worked well together for the most part, and we were able to figure almost all the parts out together. Competing will help get my name out there, and it will show employers that I am able to work in a team even in stressful situations."

As the manufacturing industry continues to evolve due to technological advancements and automation, competitions like the Project MFG regional play a crucial role in preparing modern advanced manufacturing professionals.

"It was a great experience," Yochum said. "This contest has benefited me by me being able to keep my composure and cool during the stress of a job and a weld test."

The VU team stood out among the regional competition, showcasing an exceptional blend of ingenuity and teamwork that exemplifies the next generation of advanced manufacturing talent.

Precision Machining and Advanced CNC Technology Program Coordinator Jonathan Vennard said, "We are very proud of our students for their outstanding performance in this rigorous competition, and we are thrilled to see VU students excel in such a competitive environment. This competition provided an invaluable opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to real-world challenges and collaborate

effectively as a team."

Participation in competitions related to their degree programs provides VU students with extraordinary opportunities to apply their skills and knowledge in practical scenarios. Additionally, collaborating with peers in these events promotes teamwork, networking, and a sense of camaraderie, enhancing

their overall learning experience and preparing them for real-world challenges.

"I enjoyed programming the 5-Axis UMC500 as well as being able to work as a team to accomplish tasks," John said. "It was great to get to travel as a team and experience a new area. Also, it was great that we got exposed to such a cool competition."

UE Announces \$1 Million Leadership Endowment Gift

JUNE 2024

The University of Evansville (UE) is pleased to announce a \$1 million leadership gift to establish the Collier Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. This endowed scholarship fund will provide a four-year \$10,000 annual scholarship for undergraduate students at UE.

The gift was provided through the generosity of Reginald (Reg) B. and Lois M. Collier, founders of Research Systems Corporation (RSC). RSC, a television advertising research company rooted in Evansville, employed numerous graduates from UE. Evansville's business community and charitable organizations were important components of the Collier's lives providing jobs and infusing philanthropy into the Tri-State community. Reginald passed away in 2004 and Lois in 2013 leaving behind their children, Mark Collier and Brynn Collier Helms, and their four grandchildren.

As a demonstration of the Collier family's generosity and dedication to educational excellence, the Collier Family Endowed Scholarship will continue to provide for other future Aces, making higher education more

accessible and UE even more attractive.

"The University of Evansville is stronger and better because of those who give so selflessly. Today, we celebrate Reginald and Lois Collier, the legacy they built in our community, and the difference they made during their lifetime," said Abigail Werling, Vice President for University Advancement. "We at UE are also appreciative of their treasure left behind that will have a lasting impact for countless people through the Collier Family Endowed Scholarship."

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Sports

USI Brings Junior Forward Jadyn Shider To Evansville

JUNE 2024

University of Southern Indiana Men's Basketball announced the signing of junior forward Jadyn Shider (Albany, Georgia) for the 2024-25 season. Shider is the third player to sign with USI and Head Coach Stan Gouard this spring.

"When I think about Jadyn, I think about toughness," said Gouard. "He has the ability to face up to 15 in the post or play with his back to the basket.

"Jadyn brings grit to the team and will have an opportunity to make an impact on both ends of the floor with a terrific combination of length, strength, and toughness," concluded Gouard. Shider comes to USI after a



two-year stint at Northwest Florida State College where he was named second-team All-Panhandle Conference in 2023-24. The 6-foot-8 forward posted 8.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 1.0 assists during his second season

with Northwest Florida. He also recorded a season-high 22 points and 19 rebounds versus East Central Community College.

During his freshman season with Northwest Florida, Shider posted 3.1 points and 2.5 re-

bounds 34 games. He recorded a season-high 12 points twice and seven rebounds versus John A. Logan College.

Prior to playing at Northwest Florida, Shider lettered in basketball, football, and cross country at Dougherty High School (Albany, Georgia). He was named first-team All-Region in 2020-21 and second-team All-Region in 2019-20.

The Screaming Eagles reached the Ohio Valley Conference Championship post-season in 2023-24 marking the second-straight season since USI made the transition to NCAA Division I. USI appeared in the 2023 College Basketball Invitational during its first transition year.

Five Eagles Receive All-OVC Honors On The Diamond

JUNE 2024

University of Southern Indiana Baseball had five players recognized by the Ohio Valley Conference, including freshman right-handed pitcher Grant Parson (Owensboro, Kentucky), who was named the conference's Freshman of the Year. The OVC honors are selected by a vote of the institution head coaches and the athletic media relations directors.

Parson, who also received second team All-OVC and All-Freshman team honors, is 4-3 this season with a 3.90 ERA in 60 innings of work. The right-hander, who became the first Eagle to earn an OVC Pitcher of the Week award earlier this month, is among the OVC leaders, ranking fourth in ERA and tied for ninth in strikeouts (60).

Parson posted a season-high nine strikeouts in a win Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and has reached the seventh inning in four of his last five starts.

Joining Parson on the OVC second team are senior first baseman/designated hitter Tucker Ebest (Austin Texas), junior right-hander Gavin Seebold (Jeffersonville, Indiana), and senior outfielder Ren Tachioka (Japan).

Tachioka leads USI and ranks second in the OVC with a .377 batting average (66-175) in 45 games this season. He also has 41 runs scored, six doubles, one triple, and one home run, while leading the Eagles with 17



stolen bases.

The USI leadoff hitter also made his move up the Eagles' record book this season. Tachioka enters the post-season ranked 11th in triples (7) and stolen bases (53), 19th in runs scored (126), 21st in total bases (226), and 22nd in hits (181) all-time at USI.

Ebest, who was second-team All-OVC as a utility player, was USI's source of power in the lineup. He posted a team-high nine home runs and 51 RBIs, while hitting .271 with 32 runs scored. The senior utility player has hit 21 home runs in his two-year USI career, ranking seventh all-time, in addition to entering the top 20 all-time in RBIs with

104.

Seebold was 4-0 in OVC action and led the Eagles with a 6-2 mark overall this season. The junior right-hander ranks third on the Eagles and fifth in the OVC with a 4.14 ERA and was second on the staff with 55 strikeouts. He posted a career-high seven strikeout on the road at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

USI freshman right-hander Clayton Weisheit (Ferdinand, Indiana) joined Parson on the OVC All-Freshman team. Weisheit is 0-1 this spring with a 4.05 ERA and three saves, striking out 28 batters in 40 innings of work.

USI Baseball begins tournament play Wednesday at the

2024 OVC Baseball Championship. The Eagles are the fourth seed after going 25-30 overall and 14-13 in the conference season. USI received a first-round bye and will play Wednesday at 4 p.m., awaiting the winner of the matchup between fifth-seeded Tennessee Tech University and eighth-seeded University of Tennessee at Martin.

The OVC Baseball Championship can be seen with a subscription to ESPN+, while ESPN 97.7FM also will have live on the radio and online broadcasts of USI games. The links to follow all of the action can be found on USIScreamingEagles.com.

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Newman Named To NFCA All-Midwest Region Third Team

MAY 2024

University of Southern Indiana Softball junior pitcher Josie Newman (Indianapolis, Indiana) was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Midwest Region Third Team for NCAA Division I on Saturday.

The awards honor softball student-athletes from the Association's 10 regions with first, second, and third-team selections. NFCA member head coaches from each respective region nominated student-athletes and voted for the teams. All awarded student-athletes now become eligible for the 2024 NFCA Division I All-America squads.

Saturday's NFCA All-Region honor is the first in Newman's career, which

adds to her 2024 OVC Pitcher of the Year, All-OVC First Team, and OVC All-Tournament Team accolades.

In the regular season, Newman led the pitching staff with a 19-8 record, 1.68 ERA, 210 strikeouts, 195.2 innings pitched, and 27 complete games in 28 starts. The right-hander tossed four shutouts and held the opposition to a .198 batting average. Newman finished top three in the OVC in ERA and wins while ranking first in starts, complete games, innings pitched, strikeouts, and opposing batting average. Newman's strikeout and innings totals would also rank top 10 in the nation. Newman went 14-4 in conference play with a 1.33 ERA and 141 strikeouts. Plus, the pitcher went the distance in all 18 OVC starts.

Sports

Aces Defeat Indiana State To Win MVC Tournament

JUNE 2024

The University of Evansville baseball team capped its undefeated run through the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament on Saturday night, as the Purple Aces held off the top-seeded Indiana State Sycamores, 8-6, to win the tournament title at German American Bank Field at Charles H. Braun Stadium in Evansville. Evansville will now represent the MVC in the 2024 NCAA Tournament field, which will be announced on Monday at 11 a.m.

The Purple Aces advanced to the tournament championship game with a resounding 17-7 run-rule victory over Illinois State earlier on Saturday afternoon. The Redbirds actually jumped out to an early 6-1 lead through two innings, before Evansville exploded for seven runs in the third inning thanks to five doubles in the inning to grab a lead it would never lose. Senior designated hitter Kip Fougousse led the offense against the Redbirds, going 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. Junior outfielder Harrison Taubert also had two hits and drove in four runs for UE.

In the nightcap against Indiana State, the top-seeded Sycamores scored three runs in the first inning to grab an early lead, before the Purple Aces came roaring back thanks to a six-run second inning. The first seven Purple Aces to bat in the second inning



reached base, with senior short-stop Simon Scherry kick-starting the scoring with a two-run single, before graduate outfielder Mark Shallenberger tied the game at 3-3 on an RBI single to chase Indiana State starter Cam Edmonson (5-2). Fougousse then greeted reliever Brenlyn Cutts with a long three-run home run to right-center field to give UE a 6-3 lead.

Freshman starter Kenton Deverman (8-1) and reliever Max Hansmann would limit the Sycamores to just single runs in the

seventh and eighth innings, as UE took a 6-5 lead to the ninth inning. Evansville then loaded the bases against the Indiana State bullpen, and scored two insurance runs on a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch and walk to grab an 8-5 lead. The Sycamores would get a run back in the ninth inning, but UE closer Jakob Meyer got Indiana State catcher Grant Magill to bounce into a game-ending 5-4-3 double play to give UE its first MVC Tournament title since 2006.

Shallenberger went 3-for-4 with two runs scored against In-

diana State, while junior second baseman Cal McGinnis went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. McGinnis earned MVC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors after hitting .714 in UE's four games by going 10-for-14, with three doubles, seven runs scored and six RBI. Fougousse, Taubert and graduate catcher Brendan Hord also made the MVC All-Tournament Team.

Evansville will now take a 35-23 overall record into the 2024 NCAA Tournament.

Wood, Frossard receive MVC Scholar-Athlete recognition

JUNE 2024

Marah Wood and Zoe Frossard represented the University of Evansville softball team as the Missouri Valley Conference unveiled its 2024 Softball Scholar-Athlete awards on Tuesday. Wood earned a spot on the Second Team while Frossard garnered Honorable Mention accolades.

Wood enjoyed a strong career on and off the field for the Purple Aces. The Exercise Science major recorded a 3.65 GPA. She left her mark on the UE record book, finishing in the top four in both career home runs and runs batted in. Her 30 home runs is tied for 2nd-most in program history while her 106 RBI puts her third.

On March 12, 2024, Wood was

named the MVC Player of the Week. She posted seven home runs on the year, tying her for 8th in the league. Wood started 51 games and finished the year with 22 RBI and 26 runs scored while going 12-of-13 in stolen bases.

Frossard was one of Evansville's most dependable performers, excelling in all facets of the game while getting the job done on the academic side. Majoring in Elementary Education, Frossard holds a 3.91 GPA.

She led the way for the Aces with a 3.01 batting average, 28 walks and a .418 on-base percentage. Her 28 walks tied her for 7th in the conference. Starting all 52 games, Frossard added 26 runs, seven doubles, two triples and 13 RBI in 2024.



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Sports

VUVB Adds Versatile Libero Transfer Julianna Rettig

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The three-time defending Region 24 Champion Vincennes University volleyball team picked up another big addition to the 2024 recruiting class with the addition of transfer libero Julianna Rettig.

Rettig is a five-foot seven defensive specialist/libero from Antioch, Ill. and comes to VU after spending last season at Southwest Baptist University where she was a non-medical redshirt.

"Julianna contacted us during her senior year of high school so she has been on our radar for some time," VUVB Head Coach Gary Sien said. "Through various recruiting sources we saw that she was interested in transferring. Julianna redshirted last year, so she will come in with her full four years of eligibility left. While she did redshirt last year, she still trained all year with the indoor team and also spent time training with the beach volleyball team. Though she didn't compete last year, she basically had wall to wall training from August through May."

"It's great to have someone coming in as a Division II transfer," Sien added. "Bringing in someone who has that experience that comes with being a student athlete at the Division II level."

"Julianna also brings in some experience as a setter," Sien said. "She has run a quick offense before. We have some setters in place right now, both returning and incoming but one of the key reasons why we recruited Julianna is that versatility.



She's played a lot of volleyball and a lot of different positions and she can definitely fill out a lot of different roles or positions if we need it."

"Julianna is from Antioch, which is near Trinity International University where I spent 11 years as a student and as a coach, so we know a lot of the same people," Sien added. "Julianna's family moved to Antioch from Evansville when she was younger and have moved back to Evansville, so she is familiar with the area as well. I know a slew of club and volleyball people from the Antioch area from my time coaching at Trinity International and Kankakee. We know some of the same people, which is what led me to recruit her to VU."

Rettig closed out a stellar career at Antioch Community High School in the fall of 2022 with 320 set assists,

172 digs, 59 aces and 55 kills in her senior season.

Rettig was named Team Most Valuable Player in high school, while also earning First Team All-Conference and All-District/Area Honorable Mention honors.

Rettig also comes to VU with a host of academic honors as well, three times being named to the Straight A Honor Roll, being a two-year member of the National Honor Society and twice being named Academic All-Conference.

Rettig also graduated from Antioch Community High School Cum Laude, was named 'School Winner' for the Heisman High School Scholarship and named to the Captain's Council Student Athlete Leadership Committee.

Rettig was also on the Honor Roll at Southwest Baptist University for

both the Fall and Spring semesters this past year.

Rettig is the daughter of Scott and Emily Rettig and plans to major in Sports Management at Vincennes University.

"With the new rule changes allowing you to dress more than one libero per set, it gives us a lot of options that we didn't have before," Sien said. "We've always expected that position to be top notch. Liberos are basically your seventh starter, so we're not just looking for someone to fill that position, we're looking for someone who can really contribute."

"So far everybody we have recruited and brought in will fill a need and in some situations fill more than one need," Sien added. "This year's recruiting class is shaping up to be a good class. It's nice and I always try to emphasize when almost all of them can play more than one position. Sometimes we bring someone in thinking they are going to play one position and then they end up playing another position, just because they are that versatile."

"I have had the pleasure of working with Julianna for a few seasons while we were together at Sky High Volleyball Club," Rettig's Club Coach Bryan Paliza said. "Julianna is such a focused athlete and individual that she will work hard and do what is asked of her to help the team reach its goal. There was not an assignment or task that Julianna did not say 'no' to, if it meant that it was going to help our team out."

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6	8	2	4	1	7	5	3	9
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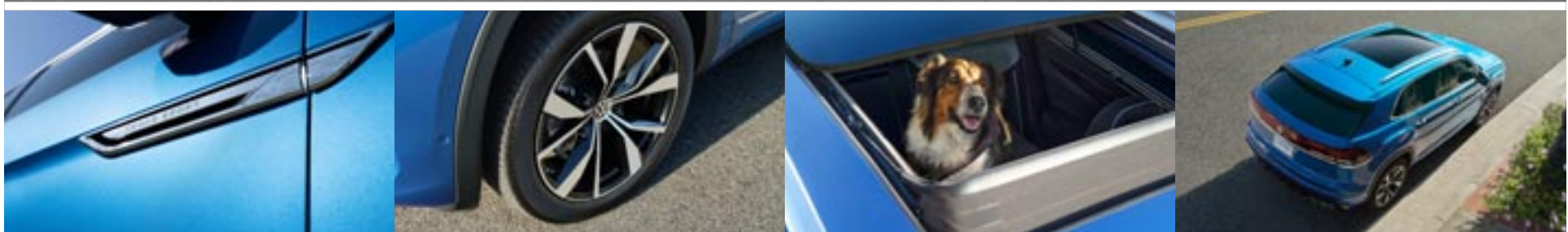


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