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## Right To Life Of Southwest Indiana Names Ferguson Its New Executive Director

**AUGUST 2024**

Right to Life of Southwest Indiana (RTLWIN) proudly announces the placement of Dr. Jeff Ferguson as its new Executive Director. Dr. Ferguson succeeds Ms. Mary Ellen Van Dyke who effectively led the organization for the past 17 years.

President of SWIRTL's Board of Directors Ann Schulz stated: "Dr. Jeff Ferguson brings a wealth of experience spanning over 20 years in local church ministry in various senior leadership capacities. He will lead this organization to increased effectiveness so that both in law and in practice, the value of life is upheld. The team at RTLWIN looks forward to Dr. Ferguson's leadership and contributions to engage individuals, the region, and the nation in protecting and honoring every life for its intrinsic value."

Dr. Jeff Ferguson stated: "In this new capacity, I am eager to do what I have spent my entire ministry doing: Advocating for those without a voice and restoring dignity to the dehumanized."

Dr. Ferguson is a graduate of Evangel University Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree, where he wrote his dissertation on spiritual abuse and antagonism in churches, workplaces, and denominations. He also attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for his graduate Theology Degree and North Central University for his bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministry. Dr. Ferguson has been an ordained minister since 2005.

He and his wife, Rochelle, have been married for 19 years and together they raise their three children. Jeff and Rochelle also co-founded a non-profit organization, Not On My Watch, that resources and empowers parents of this generation.



## Water Bill Assistance Program Offers Choice

**AUGUST 2024**

Evansville Water and Sewer Utility (EWSU) customers who qualify for bill assistance now have two options to save on their water bill: Chose to receive up to \$1,000 in plumbing repairs or updates made by a certified professional through the Leak Repair Program or a \$30 monthly credit on their EWSU bill through the Bill Relief Program. The Leak Repair Program option is designed to reduce water usage and save more money over time.



Customers may sign up for the new Leak Repair Program and receive up to \$1,000 in small repairs to their home water system, including a water-efficient toilet or plumbing fixtures. Or, they can choose the Bill Relief Credit, which will triple, from \$10 a month to \$30 a month. That means City residential water customers with active water service and are income-eligible to receive the credit will save up to \$360 a year on their water bill.

Customers already receiving the

Bill Relief credit have until the end of August to switch to the Leak Repair Program. To learn more, visit [ewsu.com/CustomerSupport](http://ewsu.com/CustomerSupport).

### Who's Eligible

To participate in the Leak Repair Program, EWSU City residential customers must have active water service and a household income that qualifies as low-income based on HUD federal guidelines. To be eligible for the Bill Relief Program, City residential customers with active water service must have a combined annual household income of \$50,000 or less.

### How The Program Works

To apply for the Leak Repair Program, visit [ewsu.com/leakrepair](http://ewsu.com/leakrepair) to fill out and submit an application form. EWSU will email you to confirm the application was received and will forward the application to Memorial Community Development Corporation (MCDC) to review your financial status and coordinate a home visit assessment with a plumbing contractor through MCDC's emergency repair program. If needed repairs exceed the money allotted, MCDC will refer customers to other agency repair programs in the community. Customers must meet the requirements of each agency.

To apply for the Bill Relief Program, visit [ewsu.com/billrelief](http://ewsu.com/billrelief) to fill out and submit an application form. EWSU will email you to let you know the application was received and whether your request was approved or denied.

### Funding for The Program

In 2022, the City of Evansville allotted \$4 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan, received during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide direct relief to income-qualified EWSU customers to lighten the cost of their utility bills. The Leak Repair and Bill Relief programs leverage this funding and will be offered through the end of 2026 or until funding is depleted.

**FOOTNOTE: Approximately 3,000 applications have been received since the Bill Relief Program launched in 2022; however, EWSU estimates more than 20,000 households could qualify for aid. To learn more, visit [ewsu.com/CustomerSupport](http://ewsu.com/CustomerSupport).**

## Holcomb Builds Partnerships In Australia, Singapore Furthering Economic Development

**AUGUST 2024**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb returned to Indianapolis following an international economic development trip to Australia and Singapore focused on advancing Indo-Pacific relationships and identifying new opportunities to partner across economic development, innovation and talent development.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation met with representatives of government, academia and industry to advance mutually beneficial collaborations across economic development, innovation and talent development.

In Sydney, Gov. Holcomb met with U.S. and New South Wales government officials to discuss how Indiana and Australia can work together to expand partnerships. The governor showcased Indiana's



nationally recognized READI program in a meeting with New South Wales and discussed innovation and trade across key future-focused sectors with U.S. General Consul in Sydney Christine Elder.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation also participated in a

roundtable discussion at the U.S. Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, which aims to enrich the Australia-United States relationship, to discuss the clean energy transition, cooperation between Australia and Indiana and the

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## EVV17 Honor Flight Slated For Oct. 5; Veterans Needed

**AUGUST 2024**

On August 3rd, we will start the process of selecting our next oldest Veterans from our database for the EVV17 Honor Flight on October 5, 2024. This upcoming flight we celebrate our 10 years of service as the Honor Flight Southern IN hub. So far we have provided these FREE honor flights to 1221 local Veterans. And

we have many more very deserving Veterans waiting to go. We need your help in getting the word out into the counties we serve. Listed below is what we hope you will publish:

- 1.) If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran who is 80+ years old, who hasn't taken his/her Honor Flight

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# Commentary

## Braun May Have A Real Asset In Micah Beckwith

AUGUST 2024

By Johnny Kincaid

Micah Beckwith's election at the Indiana GOP convention to run for Indiana Lieutenant Governor has caused quite a stir in political circles. Pundits on the left and the right have expressed skepticism about the pairing of Beckwith and Mike Braun.

When the outcome of the delegates' vote was announced, there was a palpable shock. The tradition of delegates rubber-stamping the Gubernatorial candidate's choice for his running mate was shattered as the delegates rejected Braun's choice, Julie McGuire.

The media and observers on the left jumped at the opportunity to talk about a divided ticket and paint Beckwith as an unwelcome burden to Braun.

Braun was obviously surprised by the rejection of his choice for running mate, and he made it clear that he was in charge. He knew that Beckwith had invested a year traveling around the state to generate support. Beckwith has aspirations beyond the standard role of lieutenant governor, and Braun sees himself as the one who sets policy.

Can two strong-willed men with differing agendas work as a team to



win the election and run the state? Can they overcome their generational differences? The left says no, and the media also says no.

But these two men share much in common: they believe in the conservative values of less government and lower taxes. They support Don-

ald Trump, have a business background, and see Indiana as a great place to live.

The task now is building a team that can present a united front. Braun, Beckwith, and their wives spent a day together recently in Jasper, and both sides sounded

more confident after the experience. Then, the two should do a unity tour together and spread the vision for the future of Indiana.

Beckwith will need to be patient and build trust from Braun, and Braun would be well served by looking at some of the ideas that Beckwith has been discussing during his campaign.

We can imagine the negative ads that will be broadcast during the campaign: grainy, slo-mo, black-and-white footage of an out-of-context statement from Beckwith, with a voice-over reinforcing a message crafted to show how dangerous his beliefs are to our freedoms.

The more the left tries to paint Beckwith as a radical "Christian Nationalist," the more the GOP needs to focus on the principles of good public policy. Smaller government, lower taxes, more individual freedom—keep these values at the forefront and avoid the temptation to outstink a skunk.

Even though the team was forced together, Braun, Beckwith, and Attorney General Todd Rokita can present a unified ticket to move Indiana into a prosperous future.

**FOOTNOTE: The CITY-CITY OBSERVER posted this letter without opinion, bias or editing.**

## Why Is A Republic Stressing "Preserving Our Democracy?"

AUGUST 2024

By JOE J. WALLACE

The United States was formed as a republic that honors the rule of law. The Founding Fathers deliberately chose a republican form of government to avoid the potential pitfalls of direct democracy, which they viewed as susceptible to the whims of the majority and potentially tyrannical. Interestingly, even Greece, the birthplace of democracy, has come to realize that democracy is neither fair, honest, nor sustainable in its purest form. This perspective raises a critical question: What does it mean to defend democracy in a nation that is not and never has been a democracy?

To understand this, we must first dissect the concept of democracy and its various implementations. Democracy, in its simplest form, refers to a system of government where power is vested in the people, typically through elected representatives. However, the purest form of democracy, direct democracy, where citizens vote on all matters directly,



is rare and often impractical on a large scale. Most modern democracies are representative democracies, where citizens elect officials to make decisions on their behalf.

The idea of defending democracy in a non-democratic nation often involves promoting democratic principles such as political pluralism, free and fair elections, the protection of human rights, and the rule of law. However, these principles can be at odds with the existing political struc-

ture and cultural norms of a non-democratic nation.

For example, consider a country with an authoritarian regime where power is concentrated in the hands of a single leader or a small group. In such a context, advocating for democracy might involve pushing for greater transparency, accountability, and public participation in governance. This could include efforts to establish or strengthen institutions that can serve as checks and balances on the government's power, such as an independent judiciary, a free press, and civil society organizations.

However, promoting democracy in a non-democratic nation is fraught with challenges. There may be deep-seated resistance from those in power who fear losing their privileged position. Additionally, there may be cultural and historical factors that make democratic principles seem foreign or undesirable to the population. In some cases, external attempts to promote democracy can be perceived as meddling or imperialism, further complicating efforts to foster democratic change.

Moreover, the notion that democracy is inherently fair and just is itself subject to scrutiny. Democracies can be flawed, with issues such as voter suppression, corruption, and the influence of money in politics undermining their fairness and effectiveness. The idea that democ-

cracy is the best form of government is not universally accepted, and in some contexts, it may be seen as less viable or less desirable than other forms of governance.

In non-democratic nations, the concept of defending democracy can also involve protecting the rights of individuals to express dissent and engage in political activities without fear of repression. This includes advocating for the rights of marginalized groups and ensuring that all citizens have a voice in the political process. It can also mean supporting grassroots movements that seek to bring about democratic change from within.

Ultimately, defending democracy in a nation that has never been a democracy requires a nuanced and context-specific approach. It involves understanding the unique political, social, and cultural dynamics at play and working to promote democratic principles in a way that is respectful and supportive of the nation's sovereignty. It also requires patience, as democratic change is often a slow and incremental process.

The United States, with its foundation as a republic that values the rule of law, can play a role in supporting democratic movements abroad. However, this support must be carefully calibrated to avoid the perception of imposing democracy from the outside. Instead, the focus should be on empowering local actors and institutions that can organically promote democratic values and practices.

In conclusion, defending democracy in a non-democratic nation is a complex and multifaceted endeavor. It involves promoting democratic principles, supporting the rights of individuals, and fostering institutions that can serve as checks on power. While democracy may not be a one-size-fits-all solution, the core values of political participation, accountability, and the protection of human rights remain crucial in the pursuit of just and effective governance.

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# Community

## The good, the bad, and the ugly...and the history-making

AUGUST 2024

By John Krull

The 2024 presidential campaign already is one of the strangest in U.S. history.

Assassination attempts, fortunately, have figured in only a handful of America's 60 presidential election years. Decisions by sitting presidents—Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and now Joe Biden—not to seek reelection after the voting had begun have happened in only two White House campaign seasons.

We Americans also haven't seen many instances in which a former president tries to reclaim the Oval Office after leaving or losing it. In the 19th century, Millard Fillmore and Ulysses S. Grant launched doomed campaigns. Grover Cleveland was more successful, winning a rematch with Benjamin Harrison in 1892. In the 20th century, Theodore Roosevelt also attempted and failed, even though he led the most successful third-party challenge in our nation's annals.

Now, of course, Donald Trump wants to recapture the White House after the nation's voters rejected him four years ago.

Women have been major-party presidential candidates in two election years—2016 and this one—thus far. Democrat Hillary Clinton lost eight years ago to Trump. Vice President Kamala Harris, the presumptive Democratic

nominee now that Biden has left the race, faces off against Trump this year.

Harris's candidacy also marks only the third time a Black citizen has led a major party's ticket. Barack Obama was the Democrats' candidate in 2008 and 2012, defeating Republicans John McCain and Mitt Romney, respectively.

That's a lot of rarities and anomalies to pack into one election season—enough to make campaign 2024 historic.

But the seething tensions animating this year's political battle also soon will make it ugly.

Some of the ugliness will spring from ideological sources.

Both Trump and Harris are correct when they say this election is about different visions for the country.

The America Harris envisions is a more inclusive nation, one in which one's race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation does not hinder a person's pursuit of happiness. In her American dream, America's greatness bubbles up from the ground level.

Trump's notions of what makes America great are different. His instincts are more autocratic. He believes the country draws strength from the top down—"I alone can fix it"—not the bottom up.

This year's grand political debate will be the age-old one between the egalitarian and the authoritar-

ian.

That alone is reason enough for this year's political jousting to be fractious and mean-spirited.

But both campaigns and candidates have other motivations to fight hard without granting quarter this year.

Trump quite literally may be battling to stay out of prison.

If he wins the presidency again, he can shut down the federal prosecutions on charges that he compromised national security and attempted to overturn the 2020 presidential election by firing the special counsel. He still will face the state prosecutions of criminal conduct—in one such case, he already has been convicted on 34 charges—but a compliant U.S. Supreme Court likely will allow him as a sitting president either to delay or evade facing the consequences of his alleged lawbreaking.

Harris, on the other hand, represents constituencies—women, in particular—who have seen reproductive and other rights stripped away from them. She cannot pull any punches without betraying those constituencies.

There also are questions of campaign strategy and tactics.

Even though Trump is far from a student of political science, it cannot have escaped his notice that when voter turnout is high—as it was in 2020, when more than 155 million Americans, a record, cast ballots—he loses. When turnout is lower, as it was in 2016, he wins.

Negative campaigning tends to

depress voter turnout. That will give the Trump campaign all the justification it needs to batter Harris with unflattering messaging.

But, Harris also has reason to swing back with ads that aren't complimentary to Trump.

Trump energizes his own base like few figures in American history.

But he also arouses the opposition's supporters like no one else.

Voters in America's cities and suburbs do not like Donald Trump. So, to win Kamala Harris will bombard Americans with negative Trump spots designed to remind those voters of all the reasons those voters came not to care much for the former president.

This year's presidential election will be historic regardless of who wins.

But it likely also won't be pretty to watch.

That's something both history and representative democracy have in common.

They aren't for the squeamish or the faint of heart.

**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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## Holcomb Builds Indo-Pacific Partnerships For Indiana

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Hoosier state's success with READI.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation met with a number of industry leaders advancing global innovation, visiting SunDrive Solar to explore its groundbreaking solar technology and its potential impact on Indiana's energy future; Rux Energy to discuss its advancements that are enabling the shift to green hydrogen energy; as well as Syenta to learn more about its semiconductor industry innovations and discuss the future of the sector across Indiana, Australia and beyond.

Gov. Holcomb addressed representatives of business, government and academic at a

reception hosted by U.S. Consul General Elder, highlighting the promising future for Indiana and Australia.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation traveled to Melbourne to foster ties with the state of Victoria. The governor was welcomed by Victoria Governor Margaret Gardner and Invest Victoria CEO Danni Jarrett, exploring partnership opportunities and the two states' strong alignments in future-focused sectors. The governor and the Indiana delegation also addressed innovative leaders across government and industry at a meeting hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Victoria and IFM Investors, an institutional investor and asset man-

ager that has invested in the Indiana Toll Road.

In Melbourne, the delegation met with leaders at Swinburne University of Technology, a world-ranked university creating social and economic impact through science, technology and innovation, to see its Factory of the Future and explore advancements being made in hydrogen, advanced research and training. The two groups discussed shared strategies, including Indiana's MachH2 hydrogen hub, and the importance of collaborations across government, industry and academia.

Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Rosenberg also met with representatives of Penske Australia and New Zealand, learning about its defense and mobility operations, and leadership of PACCAR, exploring how the company – a partner of Indiana-based Cummins – is shaping the future of commercial trucking.

The delegation also visited the global headquarters of Telix, which hosts its U.S. business in Indiana, to learn more about the company's progress in radiopharmaceuticals and the innovations in nuclear medicine and life sciences happening across Indiana.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation traveled to Singapore to advance partnership opportunities across business, connectivity and infrastructure, innovation and future-focused industry. The governor met with Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan to discuss

diplomatic relations and economic cooperation between Indiana and Singapore and with Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong to discuss mutually beneficial economic opportunities that involve industry, trade and academia.

In Singapore, the delegation joined Enterprise Singapore – the government's enterprise development office – and growing Singapore companies for a roundtable discussion on innovation. Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Rosenberg pitched Indiana as a competitive destination for new business, entrepreneurship and R&D, while the group explored opportunities to drive mutual growth for Indiana and Singapore.

Gov. Holcomb and the delegation also met with key industry stakeholders, including Temasek, a Singapore-based global investment company, and explored aspects of Singapore's renown quality of place efforts at Gardens by the Bay, a 260-acre urban park that was developed to bring to life new green spaces and outdoor recreation opportunities.

This marks Gov. Holcomb's 24th international economic development trip as governor and his first official visits to Australia and Singapore. Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories, and hosts 32 Australian businesses and two Singaporean-owned businesses.

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# Community

## Dr. Valerie McCray, Indiana's First Black Woman Nominee For U.S. Senate, Promises To 'Keep Pushing'

AUGUST 2024

By Mia Frankenfield  
TheStatehouseFile.com

Even as a kid, Dr. Valerie McCray had big questions about systemic issues happening at the top of the U.S. government.

Why do people have to be given money to access health care? Why are people turned away from getting the services they need? She continued her questioning throughout her childhood into her career as a clinical psychologist.

After 35 years in the psychology field, 25 as a licensed psychologist, and years of seeing the issues firsthand, McCray had the idea to solve the questions she had growing up on her own.

Sixty-five-year-old McCray is running as a Democrat for U.S. Senate this November. She is the first Black woman to be a nominee for the seat in Indiana history.

For years, she felt she was being pulled in every direction—helping clients, writing reports for veterans, attending sessions for hours to help people suffering with PTSD. She felt, especially as a Black psychologist, there was always something left unfinished in her work.

"It was a matter of, do I continue to keep feeling as if I am just not enough to go around, or do I go to Washington, D.C.," McCray said. "Keep pushing, trying to get to Washington, D.C., to change the gun laws, to change the policies, to try to get health care, to try



to get wages and policies that make sense, so that we have less of these issues coming down the line."

A native Hoosier, she got her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. McCray believes that having somebody like herself in the nation's capital that has studied how politics and rules affect people day to day is a must.

"We're not relating [politics] to what's happening with people, and I think that's what the issue is with career politicians," she said.

McCray beat her opponent, Marc Carmicheal, in the May Democratic primary with 68% of votes and is now up against Republican Jim Banks, who has raised over \$4.6 million for his

campaign, while McCray is at \$80,000.

Banks served as a member of the Indiana Senate from 2010 to 2016. The last Democrat to be elected to the U.S. Senate from Indiana was Joe Donnelly in 2012.

The Hill has McCray's chance of winning as 2% in the race against Banks, who has a 98% advantage. But Ryan Ely, Valerie's adult son, says that is not the case at all.

"There's a big difference in the competitors, media profile and in the size of donors," he said. "While my mother's campaign has demolished all expectations, the other guys are sitting congressmen, so there's always going to be some difficulty with [visibility]."

The significance of McCray's cam-

paign is not just about the present challenges, but also about historical milestones that remain unachieved.

"Our country is getting close to being nearly 300 years old. For one of the 50 states to have never nominated a Black woman to be a senator. ... It feels like we should have gotten past that before," he said.

Mary Lett, McCray's accountant and longtime friend, has been a close supporter to McCray.

"She genuinely wants to serve the people. ... She's never been a politician," Lett said. "She's worked with veterans, she's worked in the prisons, she's been a small business owner, she's got a PhD in psychology, so she's educated, and I don't know what more people would want in a candidate."

McCray plans to continue her clinical work while also advocating for policy changes if she wins the Senate election.

"People are going to continually be surprised, but the only people who won't be surprised are the people who know her best," Ely said. "We are all completely unsurprised by the success that she's had, and I think that she'll just continue to surprise everyone else but us with her success."

"She's doing it for all the right reasons, and I have to tip my hat to her for, you know, she's not on a power trip," Lett said.

She commended McCray for her work and reasoning behind running for Senate. The Evansville Regional

## ISP Seeks Recruits For The 87th Recruit Academy

AUGUST 2024

The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for the 87th Recruit Academy for traditional and lateral applicants. Individuals interested in beginning a rewarding career as an Indiana State Trooper must apply online at IndianaTrooper.com. This website provides a detailed synopsis of the application process and information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police. Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm (EST) on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Probationary Troopers graduating from the 87th Recruit Academy, who successfully complete their Field Training Officer (FTO) program, receive a \$5,000.00 dollar one-time cash bonus (taxable) in addition to their regular salary.

### Included Benefits

- Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits during the academy and probationary year.
- Military and Law Enforcement service purchase options. Service Purchase Calculator
- NEW take-home patrol vehicle issued after completing the FTO period (includes off-duty use).
- Uniforms and over \$9,000 of NEW equipment are issued at no cost.
- 3 hours of on-duty physical training per week.
- 40 paid days of leave annually and 150 hours of New Parent Leave per qualifying event.
- Health/Vision/Dental and Life Insurance options for actives and

retirees.

- Lifetime pension and deferred compensation w/State matching.
- Endless Opportunities and Career Advancement.

### Basic Eligibility Requirements and Consideration Factors for an Indiana State Trooper:

- Must be a United States citizen.
- Must be at least 21 and less than 40 years of age when appointed as a police employee. (Appointment date for traditional applicants is July 17, 2025)
- Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.
- Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.
- Must be willing, if appointed, to reside and serve anywhere within the State of Indiana as designated by the Superintendent.

Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED or HSE).

### Current Law Enforcement Officers:

Current Law Enforcement Officers must be full time merit law enforcement officers with a minimum of three continuous years of law enforcement service as of December 11, 2024, and if they choose, they will be assigned to the district where they currently reside.

Current Out of State Law Enforcement Officers with a minimum of three continuous years of merit full time law enforcement service as of December 11, 2024, if they choose,

may be afforded their district of choice if their home state certification is determined equivalent to the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board standards.

Recruits in the lateral academy will have periodic structured performance reviews with the Training Academy staff. Performance expectations for graduation on June 5, 2025, will be continually monitored. If your performance does not meet the criteria for graduation as determined by the Superintendent, you will have the option to continue in the traditional recruit academy with a graduation date of July 17, 2025.

\*Note: Lateral Police Officers must be at least 21 and less than 40 years of age when appointed as a police employee on June 5, 2025.

Recruits of the 87th Recruit Academy are offered an excellent health care plan, including medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy coverage for current and retired employees, along with their families, until reaching age 65. The Indiana State Police pension program provides a lifetime pension after 25 years of service. Additionally, the Indiana State Police Department provides comprehensive disability coverage and a life insurance program.

Student loan forgiveness programs are being offered at this time through the following: <https://studentaid.gov/management/loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about an Indiana State Trooper career by visiting [IndianaTrooper.com](http://IndianaTrooper.com). Applicants can also contact a recruiter at [isprecruiting@isp.in.gov](mailto:isprecruiting@isp.in.gov).



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# Community

## E-REP Picks Up Department Of Energy Award

**AUGUST 2024**

Economic Partnership (E-REP) has been selected for award subject to negotiations for a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. This marks E-REP's first Department of Energy award, positioning the organization at the forefront of energy innovation and economic development in the region. This opportunity is managed by ENERGYWERX in partnership with DOE, a collaboration made possible through an innovative Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) set up by the DOE's Office of Technology Transitions (OTT). This agreement enables ENERGYWERX to broaden DOE's engagement with innovative

organizations and non-traditional partners, facilitating the rapid development, scaling, and deployment of clean energy solutions.

E-REP, in collaboration with CenterPoint Energy, NewCarbon, Circular Venture Labs, and other partners, will utilize this award to evaluate the economic impact of converting, redeveloping, and repurposing CenterPoint's aging energy assets across the Evansville Region. In addition, E-REP will conduct research and convene local, state, and national partners to diversify energy sources and help CenterPoint Energy's and the broader regional workforce adapt to the evolving energy landscape.

"This recognition demonstrates our commitment to a diverse and resilient

energy transition and continued economic development in the region," said Tyler Stock, Executive Director of Talent EVV. "We look forward to working with our partners to build our regional capacity related to energy transition."

Omar Khayum, CEO of NewCarbon, expressed enthusiasm about bringing the company's expertise to the region, stating, "I'm excited to contribute to transforming legacy infrastructure into modern, clean energy assets that will drive economic growth in the area where I grew up."

The initiative will include developing energy transition plans and training opportunities for workers moving to new roles in emerging

energy sectors. It will also create a roadmap for driving economic prosperity in the Evansville Region through collaboration with local businesses, educational institutions, and government agencies. These deliverables create an exciting opportunity to build capacity and expertise related to energy transition across industry, workforce, academic, and civic partners within the region.

**FOOTNOTE: Mike Roeder, Senior Vice President of External Affairs for CenterPoint, added, "This initiative will promote growth and vitality, further positioning the Evansville Region as an energy leader and our workforce for success in an innovative energy sector."**

## Smith To Lead Indiana's Grain Buyers Division

**AUGUST 2024**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced today the hiring of Clark Smith as director of the Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency (IGBWLA).

A southern Indiana native, Smith was raised in Brownstown, IN. He and his wife now manage and oversee a family Angus cattle herd near Greenfield, IN. Smith attended Indiana University for his bachelor's degree and graduated from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University in 2019 with a Master of Business Administration focused on marketing and data analytics.

Previous to ISDA, Smith spent his

professional career with Corteva Agriscience in crop protection management.

ISDA Director Don Lamb is excited to welcome Smith to the team.

"Farming is a financial business with a lot of risks. The goal of IGBWLA is to help mitigate some of those risks and ensure financial security and stability," said Lamb. "We are looking forward to Clark's expertise and knowledge in leading this very important division, for our department and our state."

As director of the agency, Smith will be responsible for managing staff and overseeing the agency's statutory obligations, which include approving new license applications

and the auditing of Indiana's commercial grain operations.

He will also serve as chairperson of the Indiana Grain Indemnity Corporation Board of Directors and work with local, state and federal agencies, as well as the private sector, to better understand the needs of Indiana's grain purchasers.

"Agriculture has been a huge part of my personal and professional life, and I am excited to begin the journey of public service and give back to this dynamic industry," said Smith.

"The Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency has dedicated staff who keep the industry top of mind. I look forward to learning from them and working side by

side with the ISDA team and stakeholders in all parts of Indiana, both Indianapolis and all the cities and towns that make Indiana great."

Smith is a Greenfield Central school board member and Riley Festival board of directors member. He is also a 10 year 4H member from Jackson County and a former Jackson County Cattleman's President.

Outside of work, Clark and his wife Debra spend most of their time raising their two young daughters and managing the family Angus herd.

Visit [www.isda.in.gov](http://www.isda.in.gov) for more information about the Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency.

## AG Candidate Wells Earns Steelworkers Endorsement

**AUGUST 2024**

Indiana Attorney General Candidate Destiny Wells announced the endorsement of the United States Steelworkers, District 7 which comprises the states of Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The United Steelworkers endorse candidates who share Steelworkers' ideals regarding labor unions, international trade, workers' rights, job safety, affordable healthcare, retirement security, quality public education for our children, and more.



"I'm elated to receive the endorsement of the United States Steelworkers," stated Destiny Wells.

"There is no bigger privilege than receiving the support of Hoosier working families—workers will see a new era of solidarity in the Indiana Office of the Attorney General under my leadership."

"Thank you, Destiny Wells, for your dedication to improving the lives of working families," stated Michael Millsap, Director, United Steelworkers District 7.

## EVV17 Honor Flight Slated For Oct. 5; Veterans Needed

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and wants to go... We need Veteran Applications to be submitted before July 31st to be considered for the October 5th flight. Applications can be completed online through our website at [www.honorflightsi.org](http://www.honorflightsi.org), or call our hotline number, leave your name and phone number and we will call you back. Phone Number is 812-297-4136. But any Veteran who served this country and has an Honorable discharge can sign up through our website. We select the oldest veterans first with the exception of a Veteran who is medical priority.

2.) We need the Tri-State communities to help support our Honor Flight mission. Attached is our Wish List flyer and Mail Call flyer. Wish List items are items we need to help complete the mission and many of these items go into a cinch bag that

each Veteran receives before the flight. Mail Call is a crucial part of their Honor Flight experience. This is an opportunity to say "Thank You" to those who have served this great country to defend our freedoms. Details are on the Mail Call flyer.

3.) Follow the Honor Flight Southern IN facebook page to keep informed about upcoming flights and other activities.

4.) Save the Date: Plan to attend the October 5th Heroes Welcome Home Parade at Evansville Regional Airport. This is a free and public event. Many of our senior Veterans never received their Heroes Welcome Home and we get to change this! Details on the Welcome Home Flyer.

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# Community

## Hoosier Farmers Set Conservation Record For Third Straight Year

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In a remarkable achievement for sustainable agriculture, the latest results from the Conservation Tillage Transect survey reveal that 1.7 million acres of farmland are now under living cover across all crops in Indiana. This significant milestone underscores the increasing adoption of cover crops by farmers, driven by their multiple benefits for soil health, water management and overall farm productivity.

"Protecting soil, our most vital natural resource, is top of mind for our Indiana farmers and year after year our farmers are breaking their own conservation records" said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Through the implementation of cover crops and other conservation efforts, farmers are ensuring our land and water resources remain healthy and productive for years to come."

Overwintering living covers (i.e. – cover crops and small grains, like wheat) are known for their environmental benefits. Cover crops and small grains help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overall soil health by adding living roots to the soil more months of the year. Cover crops also improve water in-

filtration into the soil, while other covers, like legumes serve as natural fertilizers.

Although the conservation transect does not differentiate between cover crops and small grains, Indiana farmers typically plant fewer than 300,000 acres of small grains annually, so cover crops vastly dominate the 1.7 million estimated acres. Apart from corn and soybeans, cover crops are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana. Cover crops are typically planted in the fall after harvest and designed to protect the soil and keep roots in the ground throughout the winter, which improves soil health and helps filter water runoff.

"These results are very encouraging," said Damarys Mortenson, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana. "The adoption of cover crops on such a large scale indicates that farmers are recognizing the long-term benefits of these practices for both their land and the environment."

Farmers like Todd Armstrong, who operates a 1,100-acre farm in Washington County, have seen firsthand the advantages of cover crops.

"The water holding capacity and tilth of the ground has just improved so much and my neighbors have even seen that," said Armstrong. "Neighbors that worked ground every year have stopped and started incorporating cover crops because they've seen how good it has worked for us."

As a result of the cover crops and other overwintering covers planted last year, it is estimated that 1.8 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering Indiana's waterways, which would fill about 18.4 thousand train freight cars.

The conservation survey also showed that about 69% of row crop acres were not tilled and about 17% had employed reduced tillage over winter, after the 2023 harvest. This early spring survey is not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

Despite the clear benefits, there are challenges to the widespread adoption of cover crops, including the initial cost of seeds and the need for additional management skills. However, various federal and state programs offer financial incentives and technical assistance to help farmers incorporate cover crops into their operations. One such initiative that helped contribute to the successful year for cover crops in 2023 was the Cover Crop Premium Discount Program (CCPDP). It is a program that provides a discount on crop insurance for planting cover crops. CCPDP assisted landowners in planting about 19 thousand acres of cover crops in 2023.

The conservation transect is a visual survey of cropland in the state. It was conducted between March and May 2024 by members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as Earth Team volunteers, to show a more complete story of the state's conservation efforts.

## The Problems Associated With Older Lead Water Pipes

AUGUST 2024

By Joe Wallace

Lead water pipes, commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, have become a significant public health concern. Lead, a toxic metal, can leach into drinking water from aging pipes, posing severe health risks. The most vulnerable populations are children and pregnant women. Children exposed to lead may suffer from developmental delays, learning difficulties, and lower IQ levels. Pregnant women exposed to lead have a higher risk of miscarriage, premature birth, and developmental issues in their babies.

The crisis in Flint, Michigan, where residents were exposed to dangerously high levels of lead in their water, highlighted the severity of the issue. It demonstrated that lead contamination is not just an isolated problem but a potential nationwide public health emergency. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



(CDC), there is no safe level of lead exposure, making the presence of lead pipes a critical issue that requires immediate attention.

### Depreciation of Housing Stock

The presence of lead pipes significantly affects the value and desirability of residential properties. Potential buyers are increasingly aware of the health risks associated with lead and are hesitant to purchase homes with lead piping. This hesitancy depreciates the value of

owners but also affects the broader real estate market, leading to reduced property values in affected communities.

### Loss of Tax Revenues

The depreciation of housing stock due to the presence of lead pipes has broader economic implications, particularly in terms of municipal tax revenues. Property taxes are a significant source of revenue for local governments, funding essential public services such as education, public safety, and infrastructure maintenance. When property values decline, so do property tax revenues, leading to a budget shortfall for municipalities.

This loss of revenue can create a vicious cycle: decreased funding for public services can lead to a decline in the quality of those services, making affected areas less attractive to potential residents and businesses. This further depresses property values and reduces tax revenues, perpetuating

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# Community

## Worker2Worker Program Provides Peer Support, Mentoring

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The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS), in partnership with the National Center for Peer Support and Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, has launched an innovative peer support service to help it staff manage the daily challenges of child welfare work.

The Worker2Worker Indiana program is designed to provide wellness support to staff. The program offers a free and confidential hotline to support better frontline DCS staff, who routinely experience highly stressful situations where the welfare of children is at stake. The program offers peer support, on-call mental health clinicians and provider referrals, in addition to wellness- and resilience-building events for all DCS workers. Importantly, the hotline is staffed by retired DCS workers trained as

peer counselors who understand and relate to those experiences.

"Our case workers wake up every day and choose to help families and children during their most challenging times," said DCS Chief Deputy Director and Senior Advisor Sarah Sailors. "Our staff are our most valuable resource, and they must have the support they need to feel their best – and, in turn, do their best."

Child welfare workers are often faced with challenging circumstances and exposure to trauma, which often leaves them vulnerable to absorbing the distress of the children and families with whom they interact. This results in a form of trauma called

secondary traumatic stress (STS). Up to 50 percent of child welfare workers nationally are at high risk of STS, or other related conditions such as post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD).

The retirees staffing the Worker2Worker hotline represent more than 130 years of collective experience in serving children and families.

"For 40 years, I never put myself first. The last few years of my career, I started advocating for my staff to practice self-care. Worker2Worker Indiana allows me to offer that to current DCS workers," said Susan Lesko, a retired DCS staff member who now serves as a Worker2Worker Indiana peer

counselor.

Cherie Castellano, program director for the National Center for Peer Support, commended Indiana for recognizing the importance of supporting its child welfare workforce.

"The Indiana DCS staff are unsung heroes who selflessly serve families in their communities and deserve this culturally competent peer connection to support their self-care," she said. "We see Indiana DCS workers often as first responders who require innovative trauma and crisis response services to sustain their well-being and effectiveness in their efforts."

Since January, the Worker2Worker Indiana program has hosted 70 trainings and events with more than 500 participants. Following the launch in April, more than 120 calls have been made to the helpline.



## The Problems Associated With Older Lead Water Pipes

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the economic decline of communities burdened with aging lead water pipes.

### The Need for Comprehensive Solutions

Addressing the problems associated with older lead water pipes requires comprehensive and coordinated efforts at local, state, and federal levels. Some municipalities have begun to replace lead pipes, but the process is costly and time-consuming. Federal funding and legislative support are crucial to

accelerate the replacement of lead pipes and mitigate the public health risks they pose.

Investment in infrastructure to replace lead pipes can have long-term economic benefits. Not only does it improve public health and safety, but it also helps stabilize and potentially increase property values. Moreover, ensuring safe drinking water is essential for attracting and retaining residents and businesses, thereby bolstering local economies and tax revenues.

Public awareness campaigns are

also essential to educate residents about the risks of lead exposure and the importance of testing and replacing lead pipes. Providing financial assistance and incentives for homeowners to replace lead pipes can help mitigate the individual financial burden and promote community-wide health and safety.

### Conclusion

The problems associated with older lead water pipes are multifaceted, impacting public health, property values, and municipal

revenues. The severe health risks, especially to vulnerable populations, underscore the urgent need for action. The depreciation of housing stock and the resultant loss of tax revenues further emphasize the economic impact on communities. Addressing these issues requires a collaborative approach, substantial investment, and public awareness to ensure safe drinking water and protect the health and economic well-being of affected communities.

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# Education

## Americans And The Holocaust Exhibit Coming To VU

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The Vincennes University Shake Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries newly selected to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association (ALA) that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

Following a highly successful tour to 50 libraries from 2021 to 2023, the touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to an additional 50 U.S. libraries from 2024 to 2026, covering wide distances from Hawaii and Alaska to Texas and New Hampshire.

VU Director of Library Services Charla Gilbert said, "We are so proud to be selected from a competitive pool of applicants from all across the nation to host this important and powerful exhibition. We invite VU students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as the wider community, to embark on this journey of remembrance and reflection with us. Through collaborative efforts with local schools, businesses, and community members, we aspire to create an enriching experience that fosters dialogue, understanding, and a commitment to honoring the memory of those affected by this tragic chapter in history."

Americans and the Holocaust will be on display at the Shake Library, along with a series of related special events, from March 17, 2025 to April 28, 2025.

The 1,100-square-foot exhibition examines various aspects of Ameri-



can society: the government, the military, refugee aid organizations, the media, and the general public. Drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition tells the stories of Americans who acted in response to Nazism, challenging the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. It provides a portrait of American society that shows how the Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism shaped responses to Nazism and the Holocaust.

In addition to the traveling exhibition on loan, the Shake Library received a \$3,000 cash grant to support public programs. The grant also covered one library staff

member's attendance at an orientation workshop at the Museum.

The Shake Library's keynote speaker will present "Echoes from Auschwitz: The Story of Eva Mozes Kor" by Trent Andrews from the CANDLES Holocaust Museum & Education Center on March 27, 2025. Several other programming partnerships are expected for the exhibit and will be released with the full programming schedule in January 2025.

For more information about Americans and the Holocaust and related programming at the Shake Library, visit [vinu.libguides.com/USHolocaust-Exhibit](http://vinu.libguides.com/USHolocaust-Exhibit). To learn more about the exhibition, visit [ushmm.org/americans-ala](http://ushmm.org/americans-ala).

Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries is

an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. The traveling exhibition began by touring to 50 U.S. libraries from 2021 to 2023; due to widespread interest from libraries and communities around the country, a second tour was developed for 2024 to 2026.

Americans and the Holocaust was made possible by the generous support of lead sponsor Jeannie & Jonathan Lavine. Additional major funding was provided by the Bildners — Joan & Allen z"l, Elisa Spungen & Rob, Nancy & Jim; and Jane and Daniel Och. The Museum's exhibitions are also supported by the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund, established in 1990.

## USI To Offer Certificate In Financial Institutions Fall 2024

AUGUST 2024

The University of Southern Indiana Romain College of Business is launching a new Financial Institutions Certificate this Fall. The certificate program will prepare students for careers with banks, credit unions and the agencies responsible for regulatory oversight of these institutions.

"The Evansville region is blessed to have several financial institutions including publicly traded banks and leading credit unions," said Dr. Tom Noland, Chair of the Accounting and Finance Department.



Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, Dean of the Romain College of Business, added, "The Romain College of

Business is in the forefront of building competencies that create new and unique value for our

stakeholders. The Financial Institutions Certificate represents another important initiative in this realm."

The certificate, geared toward students seeking a bachelor's degree or non-degree-seeking adult learners who meet the pre-requisite requirements, will require 12 credit hours and consists of three required courses in economics, finance and accounting along with one elective course.

For more information about the new certificate, contact Noland at [tgnoland@usi.edu](mailto:tgnoland@usi.edu) or 812-465-7147.

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# Comics & Puzzles

**TANK McNAMARA**  
by Bill Hinds



**GET FUZZY**  
by darby conley



## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 11, 2024

- ACROSS**
- 1 Common email attachments
  - 5 Slap on the \_\_\_ (metaphorical small punishment)
  - 10 Make a trade
  - 14 Depend (on)
  - 15 Was given no other option
  - 16 Relate
  - 17 "No need to sugarcoat that"
  - 19 Jazz great James
  - 20 Group known for its routines
  - 21 "I can't interfere, it's a \_\_\_ event" (meme)
  - 22 Large deer
  - 23 Taro paste
  - 24 \_\_\_ sapiens
  - 25 Decadent swirled pastry
  - 30 Sharp part of an ice skate
  - 32 "Beat \_\_\_" (Stanford Big Game slogan)
  - 33 "Garfield" dog
  - 34 Lower digits
  - 35 Restless
  - 37 Soccer cheers
  - 38 Pay to play poker
  - 39 Brazilian home to Ipanema and Rocinha, familiarly "If it \_\_\_ to that ..."
  - 42 People who eat seafood but not other meat
  - 45 Meh
  - 46 ICU workers
  - 47 Greek letter shaped like a trident
  - 50 Black-and-white cookies
  - 52 Large cat breed named after a U.S. state
  - 55 From \_\_\_ to riches
  - 56 "Could not be more excited to attend this event!"
  - 57 Cheese that can be baked
  - 58 Stainless \_\_\_
  - 59 Love, in Spanish
  - 60 Word before "packing" or "flying"
  - 61 Argentine soccer star who made his MLS debut in 2023
  - 62 "Hey, you"
- DOWN**
- 1 Celebration with rainbow flags
  - 2 Window sticker
  - 3 \_\_\_ steak (chewy meat cut)
  - 4 Align, informally
  - 5 "I am flabbergasted!"
  - 6 Earn, as big bucks
  - 7 Thought
  - 8 Carry out repetitive movements
  - 9 Young kid
  - 10 Where to find sweaters?
  - 11 Person who's no fun, metaphorically
  - 12 Palo \_\_\_, California
  - 13 \_\_\_ B (birth control pill)
  - 18 Lukewarm
  - 21 Swindle
  - 24 "I am flabbergasted!"
  - 25 "That's that"
  - 26 Thespian
  - 27 More, in Spanish
  - 28 "The ties were black, the \_\_\_ were white" (Taylor Swift lyric)
  - 29 "\_\_\_ Miserables"
  - 30 Shape of some dog treats
  - 31 "Time to get started"
  - 34 Clicking dance style
  - 36 Actress Long
  - 41 Start of something
  - 43 Common remote batteries
  - 44 Colorful parts of eyes
  - 47 Sonnets, odes, etc.
  - 48 Philanthropist and billionaire George
  - 49 Like noble gases
  - 50 Globes
  - 51 Uncommon
  - 52 Partner
  - 53 Iowa city that anagrams to an Arizona city
  - 54 Bloke
  - 56 Suffix for "antidise-establishmentarian"

Find The Answers To This Month's Puzzle on Page 14

## 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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## Themeless Sunday 72 by Rafael Musa

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# Education

## Nels Appointed UE Registrar, Head Of Academic Advising

**AUGUST 2024**

The University of Evansville (UE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ashley Nels as the new Registrar and Head of Academic Advising and Retention, effective July 8, 2024. Nels will be succeeding Keely Cutts, who has accepted a new position out of state.

Nels has been an invaluable member of the UE community,

she has been serving as the Associate Registrar since January 2021. Prior to that, she held the position of Assistant Registrar from August 2017 and began her career at UE in January 2016 as an Admission Counselor. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and a Master of Science in Leadership from the University of Evansville.



"I am excited for Ashley to continue her journey at UE in this expanded role," said Mary P. Kessler, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost. "Her dedication and leadership will undoubtedly enhance the operations of both the Registrar's Office and our Academic Advising and Retention efforts. I am confident that she

will continue to contribute positively to the student experience and student success."

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## Gehrich Named VU's Interim College Of Technology Dean

**AUGUST 2024**

Longtime Vincennes University Director of Aviation Mike Gehrich will become Interim Dean for the College of Technology. He replaces Ty Freed who has accepted a position as an automotive instructor at Twin Rivers Career and Technical Education Cooperative.

Gehrich, a VU alumnus, has a long history of dedicated service to the University.

He has over 31 years of experience at VU and

oversees the Aviation Technology Center (ATC). The state-of-the-art facility is located near the Indianapolis International Airport and is home to VU's Aviation Flight and Aviation Maintenance programs.

Provost Dr. Laura Treanor said, "With more than three decades of service at VU, Mike brings exceptional knowledge and experience to the table. His extensive background and deep commitment to VU make him the ideal person to serve as interim dean. We are confident Mike's leadership will ensure a seamless transition and continued



excellence in our College of Technology programs. We are confident Mike will continue to build on the successes of the College of Technology and we look forward to the positive impact of his leadership."

Gehrich brings a wealth of history and expertise to the interim dean position. He will leverage his robust experiences, including serving as a faculty member and a department chair, and participating in the VU President's Advisory Committee, Provost's Advisory Committee, and Faculty Senate.

His commitment to advancing STEM education is evident through his past participation in programs such as the Indiana Math, Science, and Technology Alliance, Minority Engineer Advancement Program, Fearless Females program, and the Minority Engineering Program of Indianapolis. He is also a charter member of the Talent Solutions Coalition.

Gehrich said, "I am truly humbled and excited to step into the role of interim dean of the College of Tech-

nology. I am eager to bring my experience and passion for education to this position. I look forward to working with our amazing partners, talented faculty, and dedicated students to continue advancing our innovative programs and initiatives."

Gehrich holds an associate degree in Aviation Maintenance from VU, a bachelor's degree in Aviation Technology from Purdue University, and a Master of Leadership Development from St. Mary of the Woods College.

His professional credentials include being an FAA-certified airframe and powerplant mechanic for 35 years, an FAA Designated Mechanic Examiner for 30 years, a private pilot, and holder of a Class A commercial driver's license. His exemplary career includes leadership roles with the Indiana State Police Aviation Section, Lafayette Aviation, American Trans Air, United Airlines, and Rolls Royce. Gehrich has been involved in various boards and councils, including the Flight1 board, the national board of the Aviation Technician Education Council, and the Federal Aviation Administration's FAASTeam. His

community involvement includes serving previously on the Walker Career Center Board and the Indianapolis Public Schools' School 15 community board.

The search for the next College of Technology dean will be announced soon.

Freed's last day at VU was July 19.

After acting as the college's interim dean, Freed was appointed Technology Dean in June 2017. He has been a pivotal figure at VU for the past 24 years. Freed's contributions have been instrumental in the College of Technology's successful navigation through COVID and remote learning. He has excelled in various roles including faculty member, department chair, and dean, where he championed the creation of innovative new degree programs and partnerships.

"While Ty is stepping down from his role as dean, he plans to maintain a connection with VU through his work at Twin Rivers," Treanor said. "He remains committed to assisting the University as it navigates the dual credit landscape and has expressed a willingness to return to VU to teach when the time is right."

## USI Launching New Doctor Of Occupational Therapy Program

**AUGUST 2024**

The University of Southern Indiana will begin accepting applications for a new Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program on October 1, 2024, for Fall 2025. The new doctoral program, offered through USI's College of Nursing and Health Professions, will become the third doctoral program offered by the University.

"USI is the only state-supported institution in southern Indiana offering a doctorate in occupational therapy. This represents a significant milestone in USI's commitment to advancing healthcare education and meeting the growing demand for qualified occupational therapists," says Dr. Julie McCullough, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. "The OTD program will equip students with the critical skills and expertise necessary to make meaningful contributions to the field of occupational therapy, elevating their ability to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our communities."

Students entering the program with a bachelor's degree will take classes in-person at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences in downtown Evansville. This entry-level pathway, beginning in Fall 2025, requires

a minimum of 100 credit hours and can be completed in eight semesters. Students will benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated faculty with extensive professional experience and opportunities for hands-on learning through partnerships with a variety of healthcare organizations in the region.

Current occupational therapists who hold a master's degree can advance to the doctoral-level in the 31-credit hour, four-semester online track available in Fall 2027. Both OTD program pathways at USI offer a comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for leadership roles in clinical practice, education and research within occupational therapy.

As the program transitions to the doctoral level, new admissions to the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Program are no longer being accepted. The last USI MSOT cohort has been selected and will begin classes in August 2024 with a target graduation of 2026.

Prospective students interested in pursuing a career in occupational therapy are encouraged to visit [USI.edu/occupational-therapy](http://USI.edu/occupational-therapy) for more information on admissions requirements and how to apply.



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# Sports

## USI Releases Men's And Women's 2024-25 Swimming Schedules

**AUGUST 2024**

University of Southern Indiana Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving squads have announced their schedule ahead of the 2024-25 season. The Screaming Eagles gained some momentum last year as they head into their third season of the program's existence competing in the Summit League.

The Eagles begin their regular season with a road trip taking on the newly branded Indiana University Indianapolis (previously known as IUPUI) for the second year in a row (October 5). USI hosts four home meets in the 2024-25 season taking on Valparaiso University (October 10) in the home opener. The men are 1-2 against Valparaiso, while the women are 2-1.

USI takes on the Indiana Intercollegiate hosted by Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana



(October 12) for the second straight year. After the intercollegiate, both squads return to the USI Aquatic Center to host Bellarmine University (October 26).

Both squads take on two ultra-competitive invites to conclude the fall. First, USI travels to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale for the third straight year of the A3 Performance Invitational (November 14-16). The fall season

concludes in Greensboro, North Carolina at the U.S. Open (December 4-7).

The competitive schedule continues into the new year with a road trip to Evanston, Illinois to match up with Northwestern University (January 10). The Eagles stay in the Chicago area to battle University of Illinois-Chicago and Eastern Illinois University in a tri-meet (January 11), hosted by the

Flames.

The battle for the city takes place at the USI Aquatic Center against University of Evansville (January 17). The city will be represented all over the pool with numerous tri-state area athletes represented. USI finishes the month with their home finale against Summit League Rival, the Eastern Illinois Panthers (January 18). The men are 2-0 all-time, while the women are 1-1 against the Panthers.

The seasons efforts culminate with the four-day Summit League Championships (February 19-22) with all the conference teams battling for the title. The venue for the 2025 championship has been moved from Minneapolis to Iowa City this year.

Both teams finished seventh in the Summit League last season as they look to continue to grow and compete for the Summit League Championship in 2024-25.

## Dowd Returns As Director Of Basketball Operations For Third Year

**AUGUST 2024**

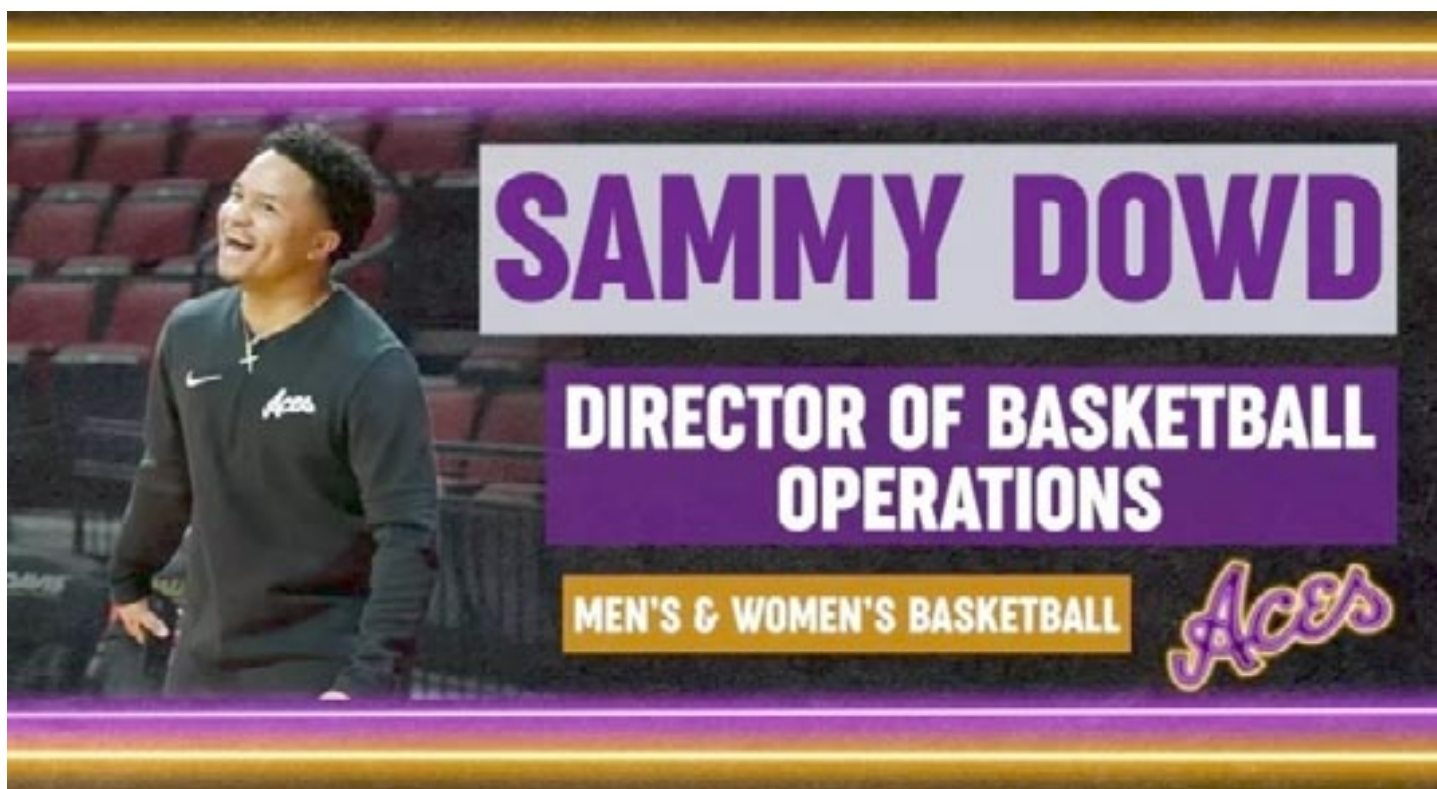
Entering his third year at the University of Evansville, Sammy Dowd has assumed the role of Director of Basketball Operations for both the Purple Aces men's and women's basketball teams.

"Sammy is as resilient a person as you will find while also being one of the most grateful people you have ever come across. He is consistently positive and energetic which makes people gravitate towards his energy," UE head men's basketball coach David Ragland stated. "In our profession, there are often times when we have 'other tasks assigned'. These tasks are not always glamorous, but they are critical to the success of any program. Winning programs set themselves apart from mediocre programs because there are individuals that take pride in completing these tasks."

"He fully embodies this characteristic as these is no task beneath him. He has a problem-solving mentality and takes pride in assisting in any way that he can," Ragland added.

"Sammy exceeded expectations while serving in the role as a graduate assistant. We are very much looking forward to keeping Sammy around in the role of our Director of Basketball Operations."

After being on the men's staff for his first two seasons at UE, Dowd will also work with the women's



squad moving forward. Aces head women's basketball coach Robyn Scherr-Wells is excited for the opportunity to have Dowd work with her program.

"Sammy is a rising star in college basketball and I look forward to a unique partnership with Men's Basketball with Sammy assisting both programs," Scherr-Wells exclaimed. "It's a testament not only to Sammy and the trust both Coach Ragland and I have in him, but also a testament to how men's and women's basketball work together towards a common goal of making UE a top basketball destination in the MVC."

Since arriving at UE in 2022,

Dowd has been performed a multitude of duties. He has overseen team logistics while managing practice schedules and facilitating communications between coaches and student-athletes. Along with many administrative tasks, Dowd played a pivotal role in creating a seamless operational environment to allow the coaching staff to focus on player development and game strategy. His work helped to ensure compliance with NCAA regulations.

"I am delighted to be returning to the University of Evansville Men's Basketball team as they enter their third season under the

excellent leadership of David Ragland and his staff," Dowd said. "This opportunity is a dream come true, allowing me to continue with a program that is firmly rooted in culture and family, and it's a special place to be right now. I'm excited to help our exceptional athletes improve and achieve success."

"I'd also like to thank Head Coach Robyn Scherr-Wells for providing me the opportunity to aid her program. Looking forward to reducing her staff's workload and promoting efficiency," Dowd added. "I'm incredibly excited to work and learn from both programs. Evansville is beginning to feel like home, and I'm glad to be back."

## UE Hoops Season Tickets On Sale

**AUGUST 2024**

A new season ticket deal has been announced for the 2024-25 University of Evansville men's basketball season.

The "Aces Family Fan Pack" features season tickets for just \$125 for adults and \$50 for youth ages 3-17. A minimum of four tickets must be purchased to receive the family pricing. At least one of those four must be an adult. Tickets for the package

will be located in sections 102, 109, 113, and 120.

This package is open to new and existing season ticket holders. The Purple Aces non-conference slate is set to be one of the most exciting in recent years with home games against Western Kentucky, Chattanooga, and Green Bay.

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# Sports

## Peplowski, Tyler Named IU Athletes Of The Year, Olympians

**AUGUST 2024**

The Indiana University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced its winners of the IU Athlete of the Year award for the 2023-24 school year on Wednesday (July 17), recognizing two athletes from the Indiana swimming and diving program.

Juniors Carson Tyler and Anna Peplowski led the men's and women's programs to Big Ten Championships and elite national finishes and combined for 10 All-America performances at the NCAA Championships. Both will represent Team USA at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Tyler is the first U.S. male diver since 2000 to qualify for the Olympics in both the 3-meter and 10-meter individual events in diving after winning the platform event and finishing second on the springboard at U.S. Olympic Trials in June.

Tyler had one of the most successful individual diving seasons in NCAA history, winning NCAA and conference championships on the both the 3-meter springboard and



platform as well as medals on the 1-meter board at each level. His 56 points earned at the NCAA Championships outscored every other diving team. He was named the CSCAA Diver of the Year, Big Ten Diver of the Year and Big Ten Diver of the Championships.

Peplowski's fifth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle at U.S. Olympic Trials earned her a spot on Team

USA's 4x200-meter freestyle relay, using the momentum of a career-best year at the collegiate level.

The freestyle specialist is now a school record holder in six short course events following her junior season in which she medaled in two events and totaled seven All-America honors at the NCAA Championships. Peplowski highlighted her NCAA program with a silver medal in

the 200-yard freestyle and bronze in the 500 free.

Peplowski led the IU women to their first Big Ten Championship since 2019, finishing runner-up or better in six events – including four individual or relay conference titles. The junior led off IU's dramatic 400-yard freestyle relay result that clinched the Big Ten team title by one-half of a point.

## USI Signs Seven To Women's Cross Country For 2024-25

**AUGUST 2024**

University of Southern Indiana Women's Cross Country/Track & Field coach Mike Hillyard announced the signings of seven student-athletes for the upcoming 2024-25 seasons.

Joining the Screaming Eagles is red-shirt sophomore Ellie Hall (Ferdinand, Indiana) as well as freshmen Addison Applegate (Corydon, Indiana), Hadesah Austin (Attica, Indiana), Emma Deweese (Rockport, Indiana), Amber Fusner (Crestwood, Kentucky), Abrielle "Breezy" Richard (Newburgh, Indiana) and Maggie Smith (Monte-rey, Indiana).

**Ellie Hall** transfers to USI from Southern Illinois University, where she competed as a freshman and sophomore for the Salukis from 2022-24. Hall, who has personal-best times in the 3k (10:03), the 5k (16:37) and the 6k (21:38), finished 13th at the 2023 Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Championships before racing to a 64th-place finish at the NCAA Division I Midwest Regional.

On the track, Hall helped SIU's distance medley relay team to a third-place finish at the 2023 MVC Indoor Championships. She was 15th in the 5,000 meters at the 2023 MVC Outdoor Championships and 10th in the 5,000 meters at the 2024 MVC Indoor Championships.

A graduate of Forest Park High School in Ferdinand, Indiana, Hall was

a three-time state qualifier on the grass as well as a state-qualifier on the track. She was 19th as a senior at the 2021 IHSAA Cross Country Championships before racing to a 14th-place finish in the 3,200 meters at the 2022 IHSAA Track & Field Championships.

**Addison Applegate** recently graduated from Corydon Central High School in Corydon, Indiana, where she has posted personal bests in the 800 meters (2:23), 1,600 meters (5:18) and the 5k (19:05). She was a two-time state qualifier on the cross country course, including an 82nd-place finish at the 2022 IHSAA Cross Country Championships during her junior year.

On the track, Applegate posted top-five finishes in the 800 and 1,600 meters at the 2024 IHSAA Sectional 29 Championships as well as a fourth-place finish in the 1,600 meters at the 2024 IHSAA Regional 8 Championships.

**Hadessah Austin** comes to USI from Seeger High School in West Lebanon, Indiana, where she put together personal-best times in the 1,600 meters (5:08), 3,200 meters (10:55) and the 5k (17:54). She was a two-time state qualifier in the 3,200 meters during her prep career, including a 10th-place finish at the 2023 IHSAA Track & Field Championships and a 14th-place showing at the 2024

state meet.

On the grass, Austin was 22nd at the IHSAA Cross Country Championships as a senior in 2023. She went on to finish 34th at the NXR Midwest Region Championships, 22nd at the Mid-East Championships and 31st at the Foot Locker Midwest Region Championships.

**Emma Deweese** is a graduate of South Spencer High School in Rockport, Indiana, where she put together personal bests in the 400 meters (1:01.5), the 800 meters (2:24) and the 1,600 meters (5:28). She posted top-10 finishes in the 800 meters at both the 2022 and 2023 IHSAA Regional 8 Track & Field Championships as well as a first-place finish in the 800 meters at the 2023 IHSAA Section 30 Championships.

On the grass, Deweese earned top-20 finishes at both the Pocket Athletic Conference and IHSAA Sectional 2 Cross Country Championships during her senior year in 2023.

**Amber Fusner** comes to USI from Oldham County High School in LaGrange, Kentucky, where she tallied personal bests in the 1,600 meters (5:21), 3,200 meters (11:28) and 5k (19:06). She was a two-time state qualifier in both the 3,000 meters (indoor) and the 3,200 meters (outdoor) in 2023 and 2024.

Fusner raced to a 36th-place finish at the KHSAA Cross Country Cham-

pionships as a senior in 2023 before finishing 69th at the NXR Southeast Regional and 97th at the RunningLane Championships.

**Abrielle "Breezy" Richard** graduated from Evansville Christian School in Newburgh, Indiana, where she posted personal-best times of 2:17 in the 800 meters, 5:17 in the 1,600 meters and 20:10 in the 5k. She was a state qualifier on the cross country course as a senior in 2023 and posted top-10 finishes at the IHSAA Regional 16 and Sectional 32 Cross Country Championships as a junior 2022.

On the track, Richard finished first in the 800 meters at both the IHSAA Sectional 32 and Regional 8 Championships as a senior in 2024. She also was second in the 1,600 meters at the sectional meet.

**Maggie Smith** comes to USI from Winamac High School in Winamac, Indiana, where she had personal-best times of 1:02.08 in the 400 meters, 2:23 in the 800 meters and 19:31 in the 5k. A state qualifier on the cross country course as a senior in 2023, Smith finished 159th at the IHSAA Championships to cap off her prep career on the grass.

On the track, Smith raced to top-five finishes in the 800 meters at both the 2023 and 2024 IHSAA Sectional 4 Championships. She finished 13th in the 800 meters at the 2024 IHSAA Regional 1 Championships.

Sudoku Puzzle Answer

Aug. '24

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Linda Sue Fickas	Jun. 26, 1940 – Jul. 14, 2024
Stephen Tod Whitehead	Sep. 02, 1960 – Jul. 13, 2024
Robert "Bob" Alan Horstman	Oct. 27, 1966 – Jul. 19, 2024
James Richard Small	Apr. 05, 1932 – Jul. 22, 2024
Marianna Vogel	Jun. 04, 1930 – Jul. 22, 2024
John David DeMunck	Mar. 27, 1964 – Jul. 25, 2024

#### West

Kathi "Kate" D. Small	May 29, 1952 – Jul. 04, 2024
Margaret Marie Raley	Apr. 24, 1922 – Jul. 05, 2024
Roy W. Forshee Jr.	Dec. 08, 1946 – Jul. 06, 2024
Scott Allen Lantaff	Sep. 05, 1959 – Jul. 07, 2024
Destiny Catherine Bretz	Sep. 09, 1996 – Jul. 07, 2024
Keith Alan Mitchell	Mar. 25, 1952 – Jul. 10, 2024
Marsha M McCue	Nov. 04, 1947 – Jul. 08, 2024
Sheila Diane Tuck	Jun. 08, 1956 – Jul. 13, 2024
Christopher avid Whiteley	Jan. 16, 1978 – Jul. 18, 2024
Paul E McPherson	Jan. 15, 1931 – Jul. 18, 2024
Richard A Brown	Apr. 10, 1942 – Jul. 19, 2024
Donald Henry Alms	Feb. 02, 1937 – Jul. 21, 2024
William "Bill" D. Martin	Jun. 06, 1954 – Jul. 24, 2024
Joseph B. Drury	Apr. 19, 1940 – Jul. 25, 2024
Jason Michael Cater	Sep. 14, 1984 – Jul. 26, 2024
William "Bill" Oscar Schindler, Sr.	Jun. 16, 1929 – Jul. 26, 2024
Donald Emerson Utley	Dec. 29, 1932 – Jul. 27, 2024
Jackie Sue Hammer	Dec. 22, 1954 – Jul. 27, 2024
Glenda Pauline McGinnis	Mar. 27, 1951 – Jul. 30, 2024

#### North

Chris Wilson	Aug. 26, 1963 – Jul. 04, 2024
Michael Chandley	Jan. 30, 1952 – Jul. 16, 2024
Billy R. Tyree	Jun. 30, 1933 – Jul. 15, 2024
Joyce Ann Poulson	Jun. 12, 1934 – Jul. 20, 2024
Malinda "Linda" L. Whipkey	Aug. 25, 1936 – Jul. 28, 2024
Larry Keith Drennan	Jun. 26, 1947 – Jul. 28, 2024

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Regina Hinkel	Jan. 10, 1948 – Jul. 04, 2024
Mark Ramage	Jan. 17, 1964 – Jul. 05, 2024
Ronald Burch	Jul. 08, 1953 – Jul. 06, 2024
Cinda "Cindy" Kough	Aug. 05, 1949 – Jul. 07, 2024
Louise Daum	Oct. 26, 1935 – Jul. 09, 2024
Joyce Baker	Sep. 03, 1953 – Jul. 11, 2024
Michael House	Jan. 28, 1951 – Jul. 12, 2-24
Kathy Medcalf	Dec. 23, 1949 – Jul. 12, 2024
Jackie Cheshire	Jan. 29, 1964 – Jul. 12, 2024
Donald Cobb	Apr. 28, 1925 – Jul. 14, 2024
E. Richard "Rick" Hoffman, Jr.	Mar. 11, 1941 – Jul. 15, 2024
Suanne Aiken	Nov. 06, 1940 – Jul. 15, 2024
Krista Brune	Nov. 28, 1998 – Jul. 17, 2024
David R. "Dave" Dickerson	Sep. 27, 1943 – Jul. 20, 2024
Ruby Abney	Nov. 15, 1930 – Jul. 21, 2024
Charles Koewler	Oct. 08, 1935 – Jul. 21, 2024
Margaret Ann Hammond	Sep. 22, 1934 – Jul. 22, 2024
William "Willie" Boles	Jan. 03, 1971 – Jul. 22, 2024
Kathleen White	Nov. 17, 1945 – Jul. 25, 2024
Rita Stricker	Jul. 26, 1956 – Jul. 26, 2024
Sharon Griese	Feb. 11, 1936 – Jul. 27, 2024

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Dennis Raye Lane	Jul. 08, 1945 – Jul. 04, 2024
Theresa Ann Hill	Nov. 08, 1953 – Jul. 05, 2024
Charles "Charlie" Robert Miller	Aug. 08, 1938 – Jul. 07, 2024
Jack Raymond Merriam	Dec. 3, 1936 – Jul. 08, 2024
Roy Preston Nall	Apr. 24, 1931 – Jul. 09, 2024
Dorothy Grace	Jan. 05, 1945 – Jul. 10, 2024
Sarah Jean Wadlington	Sep. 20, 1977 – Jul. 10, 2024
Jenny Dossett	May 09, 1970 – Jul. 11, 2024
Billie Jeanette Giesel	Sep. 23, 1935 – Jul. 11, 2024
Brian Keith Storey	Feb. 04, 1958 – Jul. 13, 2024
Megan Renae Gaffney	Sep. 13, 1990 – Jul. 14, 2024
Pauline Arnold	May 21, 1944 – Jul. 16, 2024
Evelyn Marie Roesner	Dec. 18, 1953 – Jul. 17, 2024
Robert "Bob" Letterman	Oct. 27, 1940 – Jul. 18, 2024
Billie Ruth Jernigan	Aug. 01, 1934 – Jul. 18, 2024
Carolyn Ruth Wilkinson	Mar. 04, 1934 – Jul. 19, 2024
Emmon Stockwell Smith III	Sep. 27, 1929 – Jul. 19, 2024
Velma Carolyn Reifinger	Jan. 16, 1934 – Jul. 20, 2024

Judy Diana Tennes	Jun. 27, 1951 – Jul. 20, 2024
Joseph "Joe" Scott Sells	Nov. 22, 1961 – Jul. 20, 2024
Bettye Lee Conley	Dec. 05, 1924 – Jul. 21, 2024
Mildred Eileen Wittmer Brown	Feb. 08, 1933 – Jul. 22, 2024
Andy Woods	Jul. 06, 1957 – Jul. 22, 2024
Abraham "Abe" Joseph Krause II	Aug. 18, 1948 – Jul. 23, 2024
Barbara Gail Vollman	Jul. 07, 1940 – Jul. 24, 2024
Richard L. "Dick" Shearer	Mar. 08, 1936 – Jul. 24, 2024
Cheryl Sue Koch	Oct. 29, 1946 – Jul. 25, 2024
Shirley Ann Schenk	Mar. 08, 1936 – Jul. 26, 2024
John David Silver	Mar. 30, 1970 – Jul. 26, 2024
Shirley Ann Schenk	Mar. 08, 1936 – Jul. 26, 2024
George John Heil	Apr. 05, 1950 – Jul. 28, 2024
Judith L. "Judy" Brown	Aug. 21, 1945 – Jul. 28, 2024

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James Leroy Banks	Jul. 18, 1947 – Jul. 06, 2024
Charles William Lee Marshall	Jan. 22, 1942 – Jul. 08, 2024
Jessie Charles Pullom	Sep. 07, 1973 – Jul. 09, 2024
Carlton Wayne Cottoner	Jun. 01, 1966 – Jul. 13, 2024
Delphine "Daphne" Nicholson	Nov. 11, 1968 – Jul. 14, 2024
Charles Vernon Coleman	Jun. 04, 1940 – Jul. 28, 2024

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Keith Fischer	Sep. 18, 1957 – Jul. 04, 2024
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Dorothy Martin	Sep. 26, 1934 – Jul. 18, 2024
Joan Marie Niemeier	Aug. 13, 1935 – Jul. 24, 2024
Kimberly Ann Abell	Jul. 30, 1957 – Jul. 24, 2024
Jerry Duane Stephenson	Feb. 05, 1935 – Jul. 25, 2024
Robert "Bean" Sanders Sr	Feb. 22, 1952 – Jul. 29, 2024
Eugene H. Ritter	Nov. 18, 1927 – Jul. 30, 2024

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Valerie Evans	Feb. 16, 1946 – Jul. 01, 2024
Robert C. Wendholt	Apr. 08, 1961 – Jul. 02, 2024
Teresa Lee Singer	Sep. 16, 1946 – Jul. 02, 2024
Walt Lowe	Mar. 04, 1937 – Jul. 04, 2024
Lisa Boyle	Nov. 20, 1964 – Jul. 04, 2024
Michael J. Bruce	Nov. 12, 1981 – Jul. 04, 2024
John Christian Vandever	May 03, 1970 – Jul. 06, 2024
James S. Tisserand	Feb. 08, 1933 – Jul. 06, 2024
Doris Ann Head	Jun. 26, 1930 – Jul. 07, 2024
Norman G. Diehl	Jun. 30, 1935 – Jul. 09, 2024
Betty J. Bockelman	Oct. 03, 1948 – Jul. 09, 2024
Rosemary A. Yabroudy	May 22, 1930 – Jul. 11, 2024
Karen S. Whitmer	May 28, 1950 – Jul. 12, 2024
Frank H. Stone	Sep. 28, 1944 – Jul. 12, 2024
Barbara Jean Perkins	Jan. 14, 1931 – Jul. 12, 2024
Bobbie Josephine Richardson	Apr. 20, 1936 – Jul. 16, 2024
Walter J. Goeltz, Jr.	Nov. 01, 1941 – Jul. 18, 2024
Michael C. Woods	Jan. 27, 1966 – Jul. 18, 2024
Cecilia "Marie" Schultheis	May 25, 1929 – Jul. 19, 2024
Barbara J. Alvey	Feb. 26, 1932 – Jul. 20, 2024
Mildred Grassman	Feb. 01, 1921 – Jul. 21, 2024
Deacon David Allan Cook, PhD	Mar. 11, 1940 – Jul. 24, 2024
Dorothy L. Marshall	Feb. 28, 1936 – Jul. 26, 2024
Steven A. Persohn	Mar. 07, 1966 – Jul. 27, 2024
Raymond Louis Joest	Nov. 30, 1931 – Jul. 27, 2024
Linda B. Childers	Jul. 10, 1948 – Jul. 28, 2024
David Earl Miller	Dec. 19, 1965 – Jul. 28, 2024
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