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## Voter Turnout High For 2024 Election More Than Half Of Vanderburgh County Voters Cast Ballots

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Anyone who waited in line this year to cast a ballot knows that voter turnout was heavy, with 74,494 votes cast. That's over half of the registered voters in Vanderburgh County.

Straight ticket voting accounted for 40% of votes, and the Republicans outnumbered Democrats in straight ticket votes by 8,022. Every Republican on the ballot won.

The GOP succeeded at getting the vote out statewide, and the percentage of Vanderburgh County Republicans voting lagged slightly behind the state

Registered Voters 134,388 - Total Ballots 74,494 : 55.43%

PUBLIC QUESTION #1		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes		
YES	32,553	49.29%
NO	33,486	50.71%

### See Vote Breakdown On Page 3

numbers. For president, Donald Trump carried the county with 55.6% compared to 58.8% of the state-

wide vote.

In voting for a senator to replace Mike Braun, Vanderburgh County voted 56.3% for Jim Banks compared to 58.8% statewide.

In the 8th district congressional race, Mark Messmer drew 58.1% in Vanderburgh County, significantly lower than the 67.9% of the vote in the rest of the 8th district.

For governor, the numbers were very similar with Mike Braun getting 54.9% in the county and 54.5% statewide.

In the race for Attorney General, 57.5% voted for Todd Rokita compared to the statewide number of 59.1%.

## AG Rokita's Labor Trafficking Investigation In Evansville Expands To Other Cities

**NOVEMBER 2024**

As residents and elected office-holders continue reporting concerns about the largescale influx of illegal aliens and "legal migrants" into their cities and towns, Attorney General Todd Rokita is launching investigations into this growing issue in

Evansville, Logansport and Seymour.

The entities receiving CIDs are the Cass County Health Department, Logansport Community School Corp., Berry Global Group Inc., Tent Partnership for Refugees, God is Good, and Jackson County Industrial Development Corp.

"Illegal immigration caused by "border czar" Kamala Harris' perversion and misapplication of federal law has made every state a border state and imposed

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## Lamey Named 2024 Youth First Champion

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Youth First, Inc. honored community leader and long-time Youth First advocate Dennis Lamey at its 2024 Breakfast of Champions event, presented by German American, on Tuesday, October 29, at Friedman Park Event Center in Newburgh. Lamey received the Dr. William Wooten Champion of Youth First Award.

In addition to recognizing Lamey, the organization celebrated its donors, school partners, and volunteers with over 300 guests in attendance.

Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry proclaimed October 29, 2024, as "Dennis Lamey, Champion of Youth First Day."

Lamey is an Evansville native and is a driving force behind Youth First's growth and development, serving as a long-time advocate and Youth First Board Member. He has contributed to Youth First in every way imaginable over the years, from participating in the Family First program with his wife and sons to leading fundraising efforts, volunteering at events, and serving as Chair of the Youth First Board of Directors. Lamey retired from Norman Backues/CLA as Executive Vice President in 2016. Over the years, Lamey has also generously contributed his time, talent, and treasure to a wide range of philanthropic causes in Evansville.

Lamey and his wife, Catherine, have been married for over 30 years and have two sons, Patrick and Robert, and a daughter-in-law, Becca.

Breakfast of Champions attendees enjoyed remarks from Ken Hall, Youth First Board Chair-Elect and Operations Readiness Manager, Major Projects,



Kaiser Aluminum Warrick; Father Bernie Etienne, Pastor, Holy Rosary Catholic Church; Lindsay Botsch, Market President, German American; Jeff Happe, President, Happe & Sons Construction, Inc.; Charles Cameron, Senior Vice President Strategic Initiatives, First Southern Bank; Joe Suding, Retired Executive, United Fidelity; Mike Blake, Host of Midday with Mike, 14 News WFIE; Dan Hoefling, Youth First Board Chair and Community Volunteer; Parri O. Black, Youth First President & CEO; Dr. William Wooten, Youth First Founder, as well as Lamey's wife Catherine and sons, Patrick and Robert.

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# Commentary

## Indiana Democrats Accused Of Not Having A 'Winning Message'

NOVEMBER 2024  
By Dwight Adams  
The Indiana Citizen

This fall, Indiana Democrats held hopes that they could defend their 30 seats in the state legislature and maybe even pick up a few more. They called their effort to gain more balance in the Indiana General Assembly their "Break the Supermajority" tour.

However, those expectations fell short after Tuesday's election, with that trend especially evident in Indianapolis' northern suburbs and other key races statewide. One expert on Indiana politics said a key reason might be because the Democrats don't have a winning message for Hoosier voters.

"Obviously, Republicans did as well as they could have hoped. They're going to have a supermajority again," said Aaron Dusso, associate professor of political science at Indiana University-Indianapolis. "From the Democrats' perspective, they have to be bitterly disappointed at failing to break through. They have to be asking themselves, 'What are we doing wrong?' because they're not making any headway."

In one such race, an open seat in House District 24, which includes parts of Boone and western Hamilton counties, Republican Hunter Smith, a former punter with the Indianapolis Colts and now a local farmer, won the seat formerly held by Republican Donna Schaibley by garnering 56% of the vote versus nearly 44% for Democrat Josh Lowry.

And in another race in District 39, which centers around Carmel, Republicans and Democrats battled over another open seat, which had been held for nearly three decades by Republican Jerry Torr before he decided not to run for reelection. Despite the Democrats fielding a candidate, Matt McNally, who had run a close race against Torr in 2022, the GOP candidate, Pacers Sports & Entertainment executive Danny Lopez won the seat with nearly 54% of the vote to McNally's 46%.

In another closely watched race in District 62, covering Bloomington, Brown County and part of Jackson County, Republican incumbent Dave Hall was leading his Democratic challenger, Thomas Horrocks, as of 4 p.m. Wednesday with 51.1% of the vote, compared to Horrocks' 48.9%.

The race for another Indianapolis-area seat in District 25, which covers parts of Boone and Hendricks counties, was too close to call Wednesday afternoon, with incumbent Republican Becky Cash holding onto 50.1% of the vote, compared to 49.9% for the Democratic challenger, Tiffany Stoner.

In other important races, longtime Republicans carried their seats. That includes Ed Soliday, first elected in 2006, who kept his House District 4 seat, which includes Valparaiso. Greg Steuerwald, who has been in the Indiana House since 2007 and is now majority caucus chair, also won reelection to his District 40 seat, which includes a portion of Hendricks County, including Avon.

**Democrats: 'Not what we hoped for'**

Indiana's Republicans currently hold a 70-30 advantage in the General Assembly. That supermajority



means that they control at least two-thirds of the seat in the legislature and can conduct business, including passing legislation, without the other party's participation or assent.

The Indiana Democratic Party released a statement late Tuesday from Chairman Mike Schmuhl that clearly expressed their disappointment in the outcome of the 2024 Statehouse races.

"Tonight, the results were not what we hoped for, but we want to thank the millions of Hoosiers who made their voices heard in this election, and our statewide candidates Jennifer McCormick, Terry Goodin, Destiny Wells, and Valerie McCray for running meaningful campaigns and connecting with Hoosier voters across our state," Schmuhl said. "We still believe Hoosiers deserve more balance in our state's politics and a party that works every day to hold our state government to account, and fights for more freedoms and opportunity. That's what our party will continue to do in the coming weeks, months, and years."

Schmuhl also said in his statement that the Democrats' unsuccessful campaigns, including those of McCormick, who ran for governor; Wells, who sought the attorney general's seat; and McCray, who was the first Black woman to become a major party nominee for U.S. Senate in Indiana, brought integrity and a "message of hope, optimism and a better future" for "workers, women and all Hoosiers."

Randy Head, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, championed his party's success in a statement to the press on Wednesday.

"Republicans had a huge red wave in Indiana," Head said. "Our state was among the first to get called for Trump. Our governor-elect Mike Braun won by historic margins, Senator-elect Jim Banks had a huge win of 20 points, Attorney General Todd Rokita won his race by nearly 20 points and will continue to represent our state fighting for Hoosiers."

Head also commented on the GOP's continued dominance in the state legislature.

"We are proud that we will retain our super majorities in both the House and Senate. We look forward to the leadership our ticket will bring to the statehouse and in D.C. in 2025 and beyond."

**Was winning four more seats realistic?**

Democratic leaders in Indiana attended a party caucus vote in June in Jeffersonville to elect a candidate to replace Rep. Rita Fleming, a Democrat who was retiring from her seat representing House District 71.

Democratic party faithful elected Wendy Dant Chesser in the caucus vote to replace Fleming. In what could be a bright spot for Indiana's Democrats, Dant Chesser appears to be en route to holding onto her seat,

garnering 49.9% of the vote so far, compared to her GOP opponent Scott Hawkins' 46.3%.

At a small news conference before the June vote, Schmuhl and colleagues promoted an effort, called the "Break the Supermajority" tour, to flip at least four seats from the Republicans to the Democrats in the 2024 election.

Rep. Carey Hamilton, D-Indianapolis, who attended the caucus, told The Citizen at the time that she knew the task would be difficult, since the Democrats also would have to hold onto their 30 current seats, but Hamilton said the goal was achievable.

Democrats have said they believed they could loosen the GOP's grip on the Indiana House if they struck a moderate tone to counterbalance what they called the growing extremism of Indiana Republicans. They assert that Republicans were not representing the views of Hoosiers on important issues, such as abortion rights, support for public education, gun safety and the legalization of medical marijuana.

However, Dusso is calling those assumptions into question.

For one, he said the state's Democrats need a new strategy going forward, when he was asked whether the Democrats' goals were realistic.

"If the idea that you want to break a supermajority isn't realistic, then obviously you're not a competitive party anymore. ... What they're doing is not connecting with Indiana voters," Dusso said. "Their message has been, 'We're like Republicans but we're nicer.' But that's not a winning message."

He also said that calling Republicans "extremists" clearly isn't resonating with Hoosier voters, either.

"I understand originally the strategy, but it's at least 15 years old at this point. It's not working. It's time to move on," Dusso said. "They have to work out a different strategy."

... Just calling someone extreme is not good enough."

**Voters show frustration with political rhetoric**

In talking with Hoosier voters at polling places in Zionsville and Carmel on Tuesday, a theme of dissatisfaction with extreme political rhetoric emerged.

Allison Dusko, a voter in Carmel's District 24, said "politics is so terrible."

"People don't even pay attention to the issues," she said. "They just vote along the party line. It's silly to not know what the issues are."

Kyle McCarty, who voted in Zionsville's District 25, said he "hates" the current political atmosphere.

"I'm pretty moderate," McCarty said. "I think the hyperbole that I see on each end of the spectrum is pretty crazy. The extremes we see all over, it's pretty exhausting."

Dusso said extreme political rhetoric is "a problem for democracy in general. There is a real danger there, (that) you lose trust in government and so forth."

When asked whether extreme rhetoric and political stances might be affecting Hoosiers' trust or willingness to vote, Dusso said "probably not."

However, he did say that in the wake of this week's election, Indiana Republicans' positions on issues, such as educational policy, might actually "move more to the right." He also doubted any gun regulations would pass, adding "certainly not at the state level."

"They'll (Indiana Republicans) do whatever they want to do because they face no opposition. There's no indication that anyone in their position has anything to worry about," Dusso said.

Dusso also said the lack of truly competitive races in Indiana could have adverse effects, including possibly the development of an insular attitude among the state's residents.

"The issue is when you have this one-party state and this divide, what happens is that we as an electorate become less sensitive to the outside world," Dusso said. "When you have uncompetitive elections, when you have this high divide between Republicans and Democrats, you have a context that there's nowhere for voters to go (if they disagree) ... because there's no other option. We're totally immune to anything that happens. We'll stick with our party regardless."

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## Vanderburgh County 2024 Election Results

StraightTicketSelection		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	44,318	
REPUBLICAN	25,862	58.36%
DEMOCRATIC	17,840	40.25%
LIBERTARIAN	169	0.38%
WE THE PEOPLE	447	1.01%

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	73,685	
DONALD J. TRUMP JD VANCE (REP)	41,012	55.66%
KAMALA D. HARRIS TIM WALZ (DEM)	31,664	42.97%
CHASE OLIVER MIKE TER MAAT (LIB)	400	0.54%
ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. NICOLE SHANAHAN (WTP)	609	0.83%

UNITED STATES SENATOR		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	72,886	
JIM BANKS (REP)	41,043	56.31%
VALERIE MCCRAY (DEM)	30,343	41.63%
ANDREW HORNING (LIB)	1,500	2.06%

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	73,332	
MIKE BRAUN MICAH BECKWITH (REP)	40,225	54.85%
JENNIFER G. MCCORMICK TERRY GOODIN (DEM)	31,353	42.75%
DONALD RAINWATER TONYA HUDSON (LIB)	1,754	2.39%

ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	72,618	
TODD ROKITA (REP)	41,748	57.49%
DESTINY WELLS (DEM)	30,870	42.51%

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	72,657	
MARK MESSMER (REP)	42,223	58.11%
ERIK HURT (DEM)	29,055	39.99%
K RICHARD FITZLAFF (LIB)	1,379	1.90%

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 50		
Number of Precincts	49	
Precincts Reporting	49	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	25,426	
VANETA BECKER (REP)	19,996	78.64%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		
JOHN WOODARD (IND)	5,430	21.36%

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 64		
Number of Precincts	7	
Precincts Reporting	7	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	5,888	
MATT HOSTETTLER (REP)	5,888	100.00%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 76		
Number of Precincts	35	
Precincts Reporting	35	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	14,830	
WENDY (MAC) MCNAMARA (REP)	14,830	100.00%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77		
Number of Precincts	51	
Precincts Reporting	51	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	14,370	
NO CANDIDATE FILED (REP)		
ALEX BURTON (DEM)	14,370	100.00%

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 78		
Number of Precincts	42	
Precincts Reporting	42	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	20,234	
TIM O'BRIEN (REP)	20,234	100.00%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	58,542	
MOLLY E. BRILES (NP)	27,198	46.46%
RYAN HATFIELD (NP)	31,344	53.54%

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 2		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	48,415	
WAYNE S. TROCKMAN (NP)	48,415	100.00%

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 4		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	44,462	
GARY JAMES SCHUTTE II (NP)	44,462	100.00%

COUNTY TREASURER		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	52,954	
BRIAN A. GERTH (REP)	52,954	100.00%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		

COUNTY CORONER		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	71,730	
BRYAN UNDERWOOD (REP)	39,879	55.60%
KEITH MOSBY JR. (DEM)	31,851	44.40%

COUNTY SURVEYOR		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	52,924	
LINDA FREEMAN (REP)	52,924	100.00%
NO CANDIDATE FILED (DEM)		

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# Community

## How We Got Here And The Path Forward

NOVEMBER 2024

By John Krull

It's always easier to see clearly once the smoke has begun to clear.

The 2024 election is over.

Thank goodness.

This year's contest was an ugly, dispiriting one. Both sides in this epic American dispute claimed to be misunderstood and victimized, but neither side seemed at all interested in listening to or addressing the other's concerns.

Perhaps this should have been expected.

Elections are portraits of the national mood.

While they may not be the deciding forces Americans often wish they would be, elections can tell us what, at a moment in time, we as a people care about, what we fear and what we want.

This year's portrait revealed a deeply divided country.

Former President and now, once again, President-Elect Donald Trump spoke during his victory remarks as the ballots still were being counted of the need to unify the country.

That will be easier said than done.

Even the unwieldy combination that came together to send him back to the White House seems combustible. Just hours after it became clear that Trump's restoration was at hand, the plutocrats who had

lined up with him were at odds with the hardline white nationalists who long have backed him over whose interests and agenda should take priority.

The billionaire class resists notions of tariffs and mass deportations because they don't want to see inflation climb and sources of cheap labor cut off. The hardcore MAGA base wants to give America a face that more closely resembles theirs.

It's hard to see how Trump will keep both sides happy—and that's only one dispute within his quarrelsome political family.

Trump's troubles in holding a coalition together, though, are minor in comparison with those of his opponents in the Democratic Party.

Trump's vote total dropped slightly from 2020 to 2024, but that decline was minuscule in comparison with what the Democrats lost.

In 2020, Joe Biden captured 81 million votes. As I write this, ballots still are being counted in Arizona, California and elsewhere, but it's clear that, when the counting is done, Kamala Harris will have won somewhere on either side of 70 million votes.

That's a drop of more than 10 million votes in four years.

Certain political observers attrib-

ute the decline to racism and misogyny. They say that a lot of Americans simply won't vote for a presidential candidate who is Black or a woman or, in this case, both.

Doubtless, there is considerable truth to this assertion, but I don't think it's the whole explanation.

Politicians often are the worst at understanding what voters say. Because they are so close to the action, they run the message through the filter of their own plans, ambitions and desires.

Biden and the Democrats read the 2020 election results as a message that Americans were hungry for an updated New Deal, a sweeping package of progressive programs.

They were wrong. Americans turned out in record numbers in 2020 because they were tired of Trump's instability and his inability—the COVID-19 pandemic being the prime example—to deal with any crisis he did not create himself.

It was not an endorsement of anything Biden planned. It was a rejection of how Trump had performed as president.

In other words, much of the Biden vote four years ago was less for Biden than it was against Trump.

Biden had four years to sell Americans on his agenda. While he did rack up impressive, even historic, legislative accomplishments as president, he failed miserably at one es-

sential presidential task.

He did not persuade his fellow citizens that his agenda and his accomplishments were of value to them.

If he, Harris and other Democrats had been able to do that, the election might have had a different outcome.

Because they didn't, they got shel- laced on Election Day.

Trump and his supporters now do huge happy dances over their return to power and read the election results as a license to do whatever they want.

They shouldn't.

They didn't win this election.

Democrats lost it.

The more than 140 million ballots cast in this election didn't change the essential truth of America at this moment.

We are still a deeply divided nation. Whichever party is in the ascendancy is always going to be on the edge of losing its hold on power.

Until one party or the other starts listening to—and persuading—the folks on the other side.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	48,351	
NO CANDIDATE FILED (REP)		
MIKE GOEBEL (DEM)	48,351	100.00%

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	71,461	
AMY T. CANTERBURY (REP)	41,699	58.35%
HOPE FUSSNER (DEM)	29,762	41.65%

COUNTY COUNCIL AT LARGE		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 3		
Total Votes	174,624	
ED BASSEMIER (REP)	35,027	20.06%
JILL ANNE HAHN (REP)	33,099	18.95%
JOE KIEFER II (REP)	33,659	19.28%
BOB DEIG (DEM)	29,003	16.61%
KARESE D. JOHNSON (DEM)	23,607	13.52%
DUSTIN STEPHENS (DEM)	20,229	11.58%

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	44,260	
KAREN L. RAGLAND (NP)	44,260	100.00%

SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Vote For 2		
Total Votes	80,824	
JOSHUA JAMES TAYLOR BARNETT (NP)	22,488	27.82%
AMY L. DEVRIES (NP)	30,063	37.20%
TERRY GAMBLIN (NP)	28,273	34.98%

RETAIN JUSTICE LORETTA H. RUSH		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes	58,752	
YES	41,381	70.43%
NO	17,371	29.57%

RETAIN JUSTICE MARK S. MASSA		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes	57,698	
YES	39,814	69.00%
NO	17,884	31.00%

RETAIN JUSTICE DEREK READ MOLTER		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes	57,613	
YES	39,766	69.02%
NO	17,847	30.98%

RETAIN JUDGE PETER R. FOLEY		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes	57,116	
YES	40,387	70.71%
NO	16,729	29.29%

RETAIN JUDGE RUDOLPH REGINALD PYLE III		
Number of Precincts	135	
Precincts Reporting	135	100.00%
Total Votes	56,948	
YES	39,790	69.87%
NO	17,158	30.13%

## AG Rokita’s Labor Trafficking Investigation In Evansville Expands To Other Cities

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 unsustainable costs on Logansport and other cities across the nation,” Attorney General Rokita said. “It has also created serious sex and labor trafficking risks in all communities. I’m creatively trying to use every tool in the law to stop the Left’s intentional destruction of Indiana.”  
 Attorney General Rokita is investigating coordinated efforts among international and local nonprofit “refugee resettlement” organizations and employers to bring large numbers of migrants to Indiana communities.  
 The rapid growth of alien populations in certain communities has caused overcrowding in housing facilities as multiple families and sometimes dozens of individuals reportedly share space in

structures intended to be single-family dwellings. It also has raised concerns about potential labor trafficking.  
 Attorney General Rokita’s office is conducting these investigations pursuant to its authority under Indiana’s Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and indecent nuisance statute.  
 “The influx of these illegal aliens, which are coming from over 150 different countries, have strained our schools and the children of taxpayers are suffering as a result. It has caused unneeded stress on law enforcement, local hospitals and healthcare facilities, and our housing and labor markets,” Attorney General Rokita said. It also raises serious questions about how these individuals’ arrival in Indiana is being facilitated.



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## Evansville's Koch Family Children's Museum To Host Winter Break Camp Dec. 26 - Jan. 2

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The Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe) hosts their 2024 Winter Break Camp. The Children's Museum will be hosting a 4-day camp, on Thursday, December 26, 2024, Friday, December 27, 2024, Thursday, January 2, 2025, and Friday, January 3, 2025. The camp will be held at the Children's Museum, from 8:30 a.m. to

3:30 p.m., each day. Wrap-Around Care, for before and after camp hours, will be available.

What to Expect:  
Educational Activities  
Storytelling  
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Science Experiments  
Children's Museum Exploration

This Winter Break Camp is open to children in grades Kindergarten

through 6th grade, and single-day registration is available. Campers must bring their own packed lunch each day, and snacks will be provided by cMoe.

"Our camp combines fun activities that foster curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration," says Director of Education & Experience Melissa Goemmel. "We're excited to welcome campers for discovery

and play that supports their growth even outside the classroom!"

Winter Break Camp is \$160 per child for cMoe Members and \$180 per child for Non-Members. To learn more and register your child, visit <https://cmoeekids.org/learn-us/winter-break-camp-2024>. Space is limited. Register your child today to secure their spot at camp!

## Zion Evangelical UCC Gifts Church Site To Aurora

NOVEMBER 2024

After 175 years as an active church in the Evansville community, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ held their final service on Sunday, October 27th, at 10:30 AM. At this last service, a ceremonial passing of the keys will take place between members and leadership at Zion Evangelical UCC to staff and leadership from Aurora – Zac Heronemus (Executive Director), Aurora Board of Director Members, and Aurora team members.

This last service and ceremony will represent Zion's commitment to continuing their legacy through the gifting of their property to Aurora, Inc., the leading homeless services agency in Evansville and Southwestern Indiana. As part of the transfer of this historic site located next to United Caring Services, Aurora is working to develop the site to meet the needs of our community through an integrated, 41-unit housing development focused on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for families with on-site case management, and affordable units for 60% AMI households and below

This development will ensure the continuation of Zion's legacy in our community by providing housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Evansville. Moving forward, Aurora will adaptively repurpose the historic sanctuary for use as a community room for residents and core human and homeless services partner agencies. Also, as part of this project, Aurora will be relocating its Street Outreach Team on-site to better position this vital team in our community for impacting the lives of unhoused people.

"The gifting of Zion Evangelical



UCC to Aurora will have a tremendous impact on our organization in so many ways – housing people who are experiencing homelessness, helping realign our programs to better serve our community, and strengthening all of Aurora's programs across the board." – Zac Heronemus, Executive Director, Aurora

**What led us (Zion Evangelical UCC) to our gifting to Aurora**

"In March 2023, our congregation began a discernment process focusing congregational conversations on presenting trends and patterns of religious affiliation and membership participation not only within our own faith community but throughout the United States. This discernment process included an honest and diligent analysis of the resources (financial, buildings and ground, human) God has gifted Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ; such resources are necessary to conduct its mission in this time and place. Our goal was to use that which had been

entrusted to us in a manner that would reflect our faithfulness as stewards of God's gifts to this congregation, planning for the future of this historical, sacred place and ensuring that its legacy lives on.

Although our congregants are faithful, most are now over age seventy, and unfortunately membership decline continues. Our focus was identifying potential use(s) for this sacred space and an ongoing ministry within the community that would continue the ministry set forth 175 years ago when this beloved church was founded in downtown Evansville.

As we look at this project with Aurora, we rejoice in the ability to celebrate our rich 175-year legacy, knowing we do so with a sense of hope for a caring, transforming ministry in the future for many years to come. Although the interior of the sanctuary will be repurposed as a part of the project, the exterior of the church building will look as it has

since the 1800's, preserving this historical landmark. The congregation made the decision to allow both the Sunday School building and the parsonage to be torn down for the development of a new structure that will transform the lives of many, continuing Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ's 175-year legacy." – Michele Daum, Co-President, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ Council

"We are so grateful to the congregation and leadership at Zion for entrusting Aurora to carry on this wonderful legacy in helping transform lives. Our board and team at Aurora are excited for this next step in the more than 35-year history of this organization and the increased potential for positively impacting the lives of unhoused individuals and families moving forward through this development on the site of historic Zion Evangelical UCC." – Zac Heronemus, Executive Director, Aurora.



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# Community

## Evansville Christmas Tree Lighting Scheduled For Nov. 30

NOVEMBER 2024

On November 30, Mayor Stephanie Terry will welcome the start of the holiday season with her first lighting of the city's Christmas Tree.

This year's ceremony, newly named Light-Up River City, Evansville's Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Kick-Off, will take place on November 30th.

Light-Up River City will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Evansville Civic Center, 1 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Along with the tree lighting, this year's event will feature lively musical and dance performances, and the opportunity for families to meet and take photos with holiday characters. There also will be space to create wonderful Christmas



crafts. Traveling Toms food truck will be on hand, as well, to warm attendees with hot cider and hot

chocolate, available for purchase.

"The annual tree lighting is one of our city's most beloved traditions, bringing together families to celebrate the joy of the holiday season," Mayor Terry said. "It's a time for us to come together, reflect on the year, and embrace the spirit of unity and hope that makes our community so special. I look forward to entering the holiday season surrounded by a community, I am so grateful to serve."

As part of this year's event, Light-Up River City also will be hosting a winter accessory drive. Those planning on attending are encouraged to bring new gloves, hats, scarves, and socks to donate. All items will be donated to those in need during this holiday season.

## Apply Now For IHCD's Energy Assistance Program

NOVEMBER 2024

With colder temperatures headed our way and heating costs on the rise, some Hoosiers could have trouble paying their utility bills. Fortunately, assistance is available to help ease the burden.

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time, annual benefit to help eligible Hoosiers with home energy payments. Applications are now open and will be accepted through April 14, 2025. Applicants can expect to hear back in about 55 days if eligible. For those receiving a direct payment benefit, it

could take up to 120 days from the date of approval. Please note the program does not cover all home energy expenses, so it is important that you continue to pay your utility bills. Hoosiers at risk of having their utilities disconnected should contact their provider as soon as possible to negotiate payments. You can find a map of utility providers here, or simply call 211 for local resources.

Some utility providers offer payment assistance for customers struggling to pay their bills. Visit [in.gov/oucc](http://in.gov/oucc) to find a list of websites for more information.

Stay warm and have a great fall season!



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# Education

## UE's Center For Innovation & Change Enters Partnership

NOVEMBER 2024

The University of Evansville's (UE) Center for Innovation & Change (CIC) enters a new phase through a partnership with the Indiana Center for Emerging Technologies (ICET) and Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-REP). The CIC will now have a presence downtown for collaboration on change-making projects. This partnership represents a significant step forward in the organizations' shared missions of fostering innovation, supporting talent growth within our community, and improving the quality of life in this region.

The CIC has experienced rapid growth in recent years, becoming home to Evansville's Promise Neighborhood team and Coordinating Partner with the UE School of Education for Toyota's Driving Possibilities initiative. A unique and rapidly responsive resource to problem-

solving in this region, the CIC's presence downtown will make it more available to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and municipal entities looking to innovate in their sectors and interested in working with student consultants on a project. Any group interested in partnering with a UE ChangeLab team can now easily access the team able to organize that work. In addition, due to the proximity to E-REP and ICET, the CIC can better direct its programming to strategic needs in this region.

"We could not be more grateful to E-REP and the ICET for this opportunity to bring changemaking resources downtown," CIC Executive Director Erin Lewis stated. "UE exists to change lives and change the world. Being next to our region's best strategic thinkers means we can co-design a better future with the community. This is a game-changing move that

brings higher education into the real world in an innovative new way. I can't wait to see what comes of it."

The Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (E-REP) and the Indiana Center for Emerging Technologies (ICET), also recently announced a new partnership between their two entities. The collaboration consists of the ICET and its team having a regular presence on the first floor of Innovation Pointe, which will bring technical expertise, resources, and collaboration opportunities to entrepreneurs throughout southern Indiana.

Logan Jenkins, Executive Director of the ICET and Circular Venture Lab, has already partnered with the CIC on multiple initiatives in the last nine months. Their early work in economic development, technology transfer initiatives, and regional collaboration has garnered four national prize awards through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Small

Business Administration (SBA). Students from Bosse High School, UE and more have worked with Jenkins and Lewis on a wide range of topics related to the environment, the energy transition, and materials recycling.

Jenkins explains, "Together with partners in our region, across Indiana and through the U.S. DOE and U.S. SBA, we've demonstrated multiple successful collaborations. These early ideas originated in Evansville, then were developed through the UE CIC and its ChangeLab students, and now have recognition across the United States. These initiatives have significant relevance to the many efforts across Indiana to further educate and retain our young talent in their early workforce pathways and business careers. The co-location with the CIC and EREP opens the door to new possibilities and more innovative solutions with measurable impact.

## UE Secures \$400,000 Safespace Grant From DOJ

NOVEMBER 2024

The University of Evansville (UE) has secured a nearly \$400,000 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to fund and create Project Safespace, a new initiative focused on preventing and addressing sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, and stalking on campus. This project will benefit all UE students, with a special focus on supporting LGBTQ+ students, students with disabilities, and international students.

Project Safespace will bring together campus and community

partners, including the Evansville Police Department, Albion Fellows Bacon Center, and local LGBTQ+ service provider Matthew 25. Through workshops, training sessions, and awareness programs, UE will work to foster a safe campus environment. Activities will include training for bystander intervention and educational programs about healthy relationships.

"We want to create a culture where students feel empowered to speak up and foster an environment that promotes safety for everyone," said Keith Gehlhausen, Executive Director of Human Resources & Institutional Equity. "Project Safespace will help us continue to build a campus community where everyone feels safe and supported."

UE plans to implement this project over the coming years, guided by a new Project Director and input from students who will help shape ongoing efforts.

**The University of Evansville is a private, comprehensive university with a solid foundation in the arts and sciences and professional schools in business, engineering, education, and health sciences. Established in 1854, UE is recognized across the globe for its rich tradition of innovative, academic excellence and dynamic campus community of #Changemakers.**



## USI To Host Lighting A Tradition Event December 5

NOVEMBER 2024

Alumni Engagement and Volunteer USI and the Activities Programming Board will host the annual University of Southern Indiana Lighting a Tradition holiday celebration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5 in the Performance Center Dunn Lobby and University Center East. Full of family-friendly festivities, the event is open to the public at no charge.

This year's event will feature a magical holiday village. Stroll through inflatables, try your luck at holiday carnival games, create your own hot chocolate and much more!



at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus in the Fireside Lounge

DIY hot chocolate including peppermint, chocolate chips, marshmallows and other savory delights

Magical holiday village with festive inflatables, crafts, carnival games and plush prizes

Holiday photo booth with instant prints to commemorate your experience

Archie's Closet donation drive for cleaning products and toiletries

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tures for 2024 include:

Tree lighting and carol singing

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**TANK McNAMARA**  
by Bill Hinds



**GET FUZZY**  
by darby conley



## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 3, 2024

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tennis star Nadal
  - 7 Mansa \_\_\_ (14th-century leader claimed to be the wealthiest person in history)
  - 11 Conflict between Wikipedia contributors
  - 13 Someone famous, informally
  - 14 Spot for some studs
  - 16 Clatter
  - 17 Texting format: Abbr.
  - 18 Didn't sugarcoat something
  - 20 Has a meal
  - 22 Gave temporarily
  - 23 Secrecy contracts, for short
  - 25 Apt-sounding name for a worrier
  - 26 Angry look
  - 31 Pithy sayings
  - 33 That, in Spanish
  - 35 Chance for a diva to shine
  - 36 Whodunits
  - 39 Pennsylvania and Virginia, in D.C.
  - 40 Taro paste
  - 41 Baltimore bird
  - 42 Outplays
  - 44 "I disap- prove!"
  - 46 \_\_\_ as ABC
  - 47 Prison activist and writer Brown
  - 50 Litter's littlest
  - 52 Discussion to figure out who is at fault, informally
  - 56 Vaccine research org.
  - 57 Bring out
  - 58 Sit with one leg on either side of
  - 60 Leases
  - 61 Instagram, TikTok, etc., colloquially
  - 62 Fills with wonder
  - 63 Flight you may sleep through
- DOWN**
- 1 "Legally Blonde" actress
  - 2 Couple who presumably did not have to worry about privacy
  - 3 Chemistry tests?
  - 4 Ga. airport
  - 5 Fury creature in "Return of the Jedi"
  - 6 Where to find nutritional information
  - 7 Dole (out)
  - 8 Beauty store chain
  - 9 Opposite of buy
  - 10 Prez Lincoln
  - 12 Seized cars, for short
  - 13 Kings and queens, e.g.
  - 15 Overseas trips on Air Force One, say
  - 16 Hwy.
  - 19 Not vacant
  - 21 Most wise
  - 24 "I'll be there in a "
  - 27 Salty and fishy delicacy
  - 28 Black-and-white ice cream treat
  - 29 Haphazardly
  - 30 Zap with light
  - 31 Small amount of gel
  - 32 Motor oil brand
  - 34 Singer Yoko
  - 37 Tiny amounts
  - 38 Unrefined find
  - 43 18-wheelers
  - 45 Bantu \_\_\_ (African hairstyle)
  - 48 Allow
  - 49 404 Page Not Found, e.g.
  - 51 The ones over here
  - 52 Erupted
  - 53 Draw a \_\_\_ in the sand
  - 54 Makes a scene?
  - 55 Blunt medieval weapon
  - 57 Reputation (2017-'18, for Taylor Swift)
  - 59 "\_\_\_ you see that?!"

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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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

## Themeless Sunday 75 by Rafael Musa

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# Education

## USI Prospective Student Open House Set For Nov. 16

**NOVEMBER 2024**

University of Southern Indiana will host an Open House for prospective students from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 16 to provide interested students and families an opportunity to explore campus and learn about what the University has to offer.

Families still exploring options or those who are set on USI are welcome. The Open House will provide an inside look at campus life, student organizations and the resources that will help students thrive. Participants will also get the chance to connect with other future Screaming Eagles who share their academic interests.

"We're excited to welcome families to campus and help them experience USI's culture of care firsthand," said Troy Miller Vice



President of Strategic Enrollment Management. "Our Open House gives students a glimpse into

what makes USI unique, and

visiting campus is a critical step in finding a place where they can truly belong."

The day's schedule is as follows:

7:45 a.m. Check-in: Meet with student organizations, explore study abroad options, and chat with representatives from residence life, career services, and more!

8:15 a.m. Welcome: Get a warm welcome from USI leaders and kick off the day's events.

9 a.m. – noon Academic Sessions and Campus Tours: Dive into specific academic programs with faculty experts, and tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors.

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Explore Additional Resources: Learn more about financial aid, scholarships, the Honors Program, and meet with admissions counselors ready to answer your questions.

## Bridges Honored With 2024 Distinguished Accountant Award

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Steven J. Bridges '89 M'95, USI Interim President, has been named the recipient of the 2024 University of Southern Indiana Romain College of Business Distinguished Accountant Award. The award was announced by Dr. Brian McGuire, Associate Dean of the Romain College of Business and Professor of Accounting.

Bridges began as USI's Interim President in July 2024. He is a longtime USI employee, two-time USI alumnus and is the first alum to serve in this leadership position. Since April 2015, he has served as the Vice President for Finance and Administration, the University's chief business and fiscal officer.

"The selection criteria for the Distinguished Accountant Award includes demonstrating substantial leadership, noteworthy stature in the accounting profession and significant



involvement with USI and in the community," said McGuire. "Mr. Bridges certainly exhibits all of these characteristics, and he is very deserving of this award."

Bridges leads USI's President's Council and Cabinet, has served on USI's Athletic Council and has chaired USI's Data Standards and Banner Opera-

tions Committees. He serves on the WNIN Board of Directors, the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership Board, the Ohio Valley Conference Board of Presidents and as Chair of the Holy Name Church Parrish Council and member of the Church's Finance Committee. He has also served as Treasurer and Board member of the Girl Scouts

of Southwest Indiana, Chair of the Central Association of College and University Business Officers Audit Committee, President of the Ark Crisis Nursery Board and President of the Indiana Association of College and University Business Officers. In addition, he has been the recipient of numerous professional and community awards.

Receiving his bachelor's degree in accounting from USI Fall 1988, he began working for the University the following spring as a Staff Accountant. He continued to progress in his career to Bursar, Chief Accountant, Controller and Assistant Business Office Director, Assistant and Associate Vice President and an interim appointment for Operations and Assistant Treasurer and was named Vice President for Finance and Administration in 2015. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from USI in 1995.

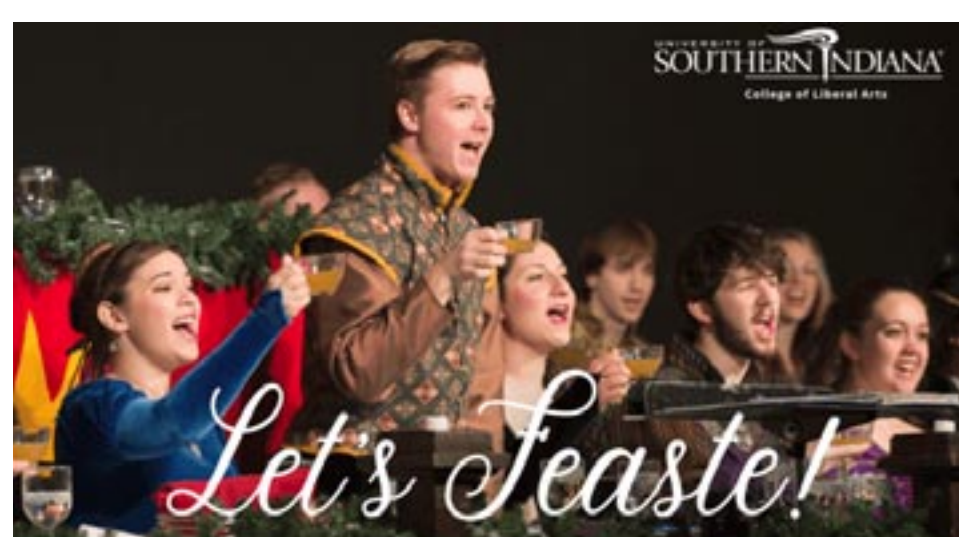
## 53rd USI Madrigal Feaste To Be Held December 5-8

**NOVEMBER 2024**

The University of Southern Indiana Chamber Choir will host the 53rd annual Madrigal Feaste Thursday through Sunday, December 5-8, in Carter Hall, located in University Center West on the USI campus. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, December 5-7, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and the Sunday, December 8 matinee performance will begin at 1 p.m. with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

First performed in 1969 and USI's most enduring musical tradition, the Madrigal Feaste takes guests back to 15th-century Ireland as the Choir entertains with selections of old English madrigals, Irish traditional folk songs and carols, as well as stirring choral selections for the holiday season. Performances combine vocal and instrumental music, dancing, drama, elegant Renaissance garb and fine dining.

This year's menu will include salad,



soup of beef and barley, herb baked chicken and vegetables and bread pudding with rum sauce. Accommodations for dietary restrictions and allergies can be made by contacting 812-461-5237.

Tickets are on sale until noon Monday, December 2. Tickets are \$38 for USI students, seniors (60+) and children (K-12) and \$47 for adults. To purchase tickets, visit USI.edu/madrigals or call 812-461-5237.

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## Ivy Tech Hires Roberts As Vice Chancellor for Administration

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Ivy Tech Community College Evansville has announced Scott Roberts as its new vice chancellor for administration.

Roberts has more than 10 years of experience in the Financial Services Industry, with an emphasis in financial reporting & budgeting, credit analysis, and fund accounting.

He most recently served as chief financial officer (CFO) for United Way of Southwestern Indiana. Prior to that he served as accounting manager at United Fidelity Bank.

Roberts earned a bachelor's degree in both Accounting and Professional Services as well as Finance from the University of Southern Indiana.



# Education

## Indiana Working To Keep Hoosier Students In School

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Hoosier students learn best when they are regularly in the classroom.

That's why Senate Republicans have worked to reduce the chronic absenteeism rate in Indiana.

The state recently found that 17.8% of students were considered chronically absent from

school during the 2023-24 school year. While this number is slightly lower than previous years, it is still too high.

This year, I supported a new law that requires schools to reach out to parents for a meeting if a student meets certain criteria, including being on track to miss too much school.

Last month, the Interim Study

Committee on Education approved several recommendations to continue getting to the bottom of the student absenteeism problem, which include:

Study the rationale used by local schools to differentiate between excused and unexcused absences;

Study the basis for student suspensions or expulsions catego-

rized as "other" by schools;

Consider preventing districts from suspending or expelling students who are chronically absent; and

Have schools use the state's early warning dashboard for students at risk of dropping out.

To learn more about what the state is doing to lower chronic absenteeism, click here.

## UE Announces 2025 High School Changemaker Challenge

**NOVEMBER 2024**

The University of Evansville (UE) is excited to announce the upcoming High School Changemaker Challenge, made possible by Toyota Indiana.

Any high school sophomore, junior, or senior is invited to participate for a chance to win a four-year scholarship, with a top prize of full tuition to the University of Evansville.

UE believes everyone can be a changemaker, and positive change doesn't have to wait until college. The Changemaker Challenge, created by the University's Center for Innovation & Change, encourages the younger generation to identify and solve challenges in the world through innovation and creativity. Students will share their innovative ideas (products, services, or programs) in a pitch competition, and scholarships will be awarded to first through third place. Once they enroll at UE to continue their education, students can continue designing and implementing their ideas in the University's signature ChangeLab program to make a lasting difference.

Interested participants can attend an online information session on Friday, November 15. Video recordings describing students' ideas must be submitted by December 13, and the top 20 finalists will be announced on the UE website on December 20.

The UE High School Changemaker Challenge takes place over two days and includes the Top 20



round, networking, micro-ChangeLab experiences focused on creativity and innovation, and the Championship Round and Awards Celebration, a catered event celebrating all the Top 20 teams.

The top 20 competition will be held on UE's campus on January 24, 2025, after which the Top 6 teams will be selected to move on to the Championship Round. The Championship and Awards Celebration will take place on January 25, 2025.

The competition is open to any high school junior or senior, and they may compete individually or in teams of up to three. Home school and club entries (e.g. Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, 4-H)

will also be eligible. To qualify for a scholarship, competitors must also attend the in-person competition on campus in Evansville, Indiana.

All ideas are welcome! Special bonus points may be available if your idea fits one of these four categories:

Increase girls' access and exposure to science fields (e.g. a summer camp for girls interested in physics)

Address or mitigate climate change (e.g. decreasing air pollution, rooftop gardens)

Increase access to physical activity or health options (e.g. more dance classes or recess in schools, fitness trails, creative outdoor play options)

Provide creative ideas to improve quality of life in Evansville's Promise Neighborhood

The winning students who choose UE as their college destination will receive the following scholarships\*:

1st place: Full tuition

2nd place: \$27,000 tuition

3rd place: \$23,000 tuition

Students that participate will receive ongoing support from the UE Center for Innovation & Change, including online training and connections to faculty experts. To enter this year's competition or to learn more about the High School Changemaker Challenge, visit [evansville.edu/cc-hs](http://evansville.edu/cc-hs) or email Andrew Carter, CIC Associate Director, at [ac116@evansville.edu](mailto:ac116@evansville.edu).

## UE To Host 38th Annual International Bazaar

**NOVEMBER 2024**

The University of Evansville (UE) invites the community to attend the 38th Annual International Bazaar, a celebration of global culture, on Friday, November 15, 2024. This year's event will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Eykamp Hall. The

International Bazaar includes performances, interactive booths, and a variety of cultural festivities for all ages.

Each year, the International Bazaar highlights the rich diversity within the UE community, with students from various cultural backgrounds coming together



to share their heritage through engaging displays and vibrant performances. Guests can expect a dynamic talent show, featuring dance, music, and other acts presented by students from around the world. Additionally, booths will showcase cultural artifacts, activities, and even candy, inviting attendees to explore and engage with the traditions of each region represented.

"The International Bazaar is an incredible opportunity for our students to share their back-

grounds and stories," said Stacie Miller, International Services Specialist. "It's truly a fun, educational experience that brings people together in celebration of diversity."

The International Bazaar is open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to bring friends and family. No food will be served at this year's event, allowing guests to focus on the immersive cultural displays and interactions. Don't miss this chance to connect with the world, right here in Evansville.

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# Sports

## Eagles Fall Short In Four Set Loss To SIU-Edwardsville

NOVEMBER 2024

University of Southern Indiana Volleyball (8-15, OVC 3-8) dropped their sixth-straight Ohio Valley Conference match on Friday night on the road against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (9-13, OVC 4-7) in four sets (22-25, 25-23, 18-25, 22-25).

### Set 1: USI 22, SIUE 25

USI jumped out to a three-point lead capitalizing on early errors from the Cougars. However, the Cougars woke up rattling off a five-point run to gain a 6-4 lead. Senior Carly Sobieralski placed dimes across the court to senior Jasmine Green, senior Paris Downing, junior Bianca Anderson, and sophomore Leah Coleman as the Eagles tied the match at 16. SIUE won the crunch time points mounting a 5-2 run to conclude the set finishing with a .293 hitting percentage.

### Set 2: USI 25, SIUE 23

The middle hitters for USI of Anderson and Downing dominated set two. The Cougars seemed to have USI in a blender with a 11-17 deficit and zero blocks up to that point. However, the Eagles mounted a 9-1 run taking a 20-18. Downing finished the set on an absolute team contributing to five straight points with three kills and two block assists. The senior crushed a kill after the Cougars mounted a three-point run on set point as she finished with seven set kills and four blocks. Anderson also swatted six set kills as the Eagles controlled the match through the middle in set two.



### Set 3: USI 18, SIUE 25

USI was forced to call an early timeout after struggling with receptions trailing 8-2. Anderson stopped the bleeding with a critical slide. Willis came alive with two kills and a solo block bringing the Eagles within four. The Cougars erupted on a 6-1 run to double up the Eagles at 18-9. USI made a late set charge, but the Cougars prevailed winning set three. After three sets, SIUE showed more efficiency with their passes and swings hitting .252, while USI hit a .188 percentage.

### Set 4: USI 22, SIUE 25

Despite the significant set three loss, USI gained some momentum at the end of the set which carried into set four. Junior Keira Moore delivered a service ace and Anderson smoked two kills earning a 7-6 lead. SIUE recorded another ace taking a 15-12 lead into the media timeout. The Cougars swatted their 12th block and 10th service to extend their lead to 19-14. Senior Abby Weber added a service ace along with kills from Willis, Sobieralski, and Coleman mounting a four-point run. However, USI failed to con-

vert at the end of sets dropping the first matchup in Edwardsville.

Anderson and Downing tied offensively with 13 kills each. Sobieralski racked up 43 assists, while Moore laid her body on the line all night with 26 digs. Moore has snatched 15+ digs in her past ten matches. Downing swatted her season high of seven blocks.

As a team, USI finished with 51 kills, 47 assists, 74 digs, three aces, ten blocks, and a .120 attacking percentage. The Cougars earned 54 kills, 45 assists, 68 digs, ten aces, 12 blocks, and a .203 hitting percentage.

## UE's Johnson And Rosborough Named To All-MVC Third Team

NOVEMBER 2024

University of Evansville women's soccer had two players earn a place on the Missouri Valley Conference's all-conference third team.

The MVC announced the 2024 Women's Soccer all-conference teams on Wednesday with Purple Aces Rachel Rosborough (Mt. Brydges, Ontario) and Taylor Johnson (Evansville, Ind. / Reitz HS) making the third team. The two players combined to score four of UE's nine goals in the 2024 season and 22 shots.

Rosborough and Johnson were voted to the league's all-conference

third team in a vote of the league's head coaches. Rosborough started and played a full 90 minutes in all 16 matches this year along UE's backline helping Evansville record five shut-outs. She finished the year fourth on the team in shots, recorded her first goal since 2021, and set the Aces program record for most minutes played in a career at 6,596.

Johnson played in all 16 matches for UE while starting in 14 matches. Johnson was Evansville's leading scorer in 2024 along with freshman Emmy Brenner (Arlington, Tenn. / St. Benedict at Auburndale HS)

with three goals. Johnson recorded 11 shots over 16 matches with seven landing on goal for 63.6% accuracy.

For Rosborough, it marked the fifth-straight year in which she was honored in the league's post-season awards for her hard work in defense for UE. She earned MVC All-Freshman team honors in the COVID Spring season of 2021, before earning honorable mention all-Valley honors as a sophomore later that fall, third-team all-MVC honors in 2022, and second-team all-MVC honors in 2023. This is Johnson's first postsea-

son recognition with the Aces.

Missouri State swept the post-season individual awards after a dominating 9-0-1 run in Valley play. Evansville was the only team to play spoiler to the Bears with their lone tie of MVC action. Senior forward Julia Kristensen was named the MVC Player of the Year while senior Jenna Anderson was named Defensive Player of the Year. For the second season in a row graduate goalkeeper Camilla Day was named the Goalkeeper of the Year. While freshman defender Jane Hansen was named the Freshman of the Year.

## Bannister Earns Third Career OVC Player Of The Month

NOVEMBER 2024

University of Southern Indiana Men's Golf senior Jason Bannister adds to his illustrious collegiate

resume after being named Ohio Valley Conference Co-Golfer of the Month for October on Wednesday morning. Bannister

shares the award with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Alex Eickhoff. The October selection marks the third time Bannister has been honored with the award, previously in March of 2023 and 2024.

The senior's jewel of the month occurred at the Grier Jones Shocker Invitational hosted by Wichita State University. Bannister finished with a three-round score of 212 (68, 71, 73) for the tournament earning third place (-4) on the leaderboards, only a few strokes short of a Korn Fairy Tour invitation.

Bannister followed with

another consistent performance at the Xavier Invitational in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bannister led the team on the score sheet shooting a 216 (71-76-69) over the three-round tournament finishing tied for tenth (+6).

USI closed out the month at the Bill Crabtree Invitational hosted by Kentucky Wesleyan University. Bannister scored a 143 (70-73) in the two-day event, tied for 14th (-1).

Bannister and the Eagles are idle until the start of the spring schedule March 14 when they play University of Evansville at Fendrich Golf Course in town.



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# Sports

## Morehead State Ends USI Soccer's Season

NOVEMBER 2024

University of Southern Indiana Women's Soccer had its 2024 season come to an end Sunday afternoon at Strassweg Field following a 2-1 loss to Morehead State University in the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Soccer Championship Tournament quarterfinals.

Sunday's battle was an electrifying, competitive match between the fifth-seeded Morehead State Eagles (9-6-5, 4-3-2 OVC) and the fourth-seeded Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles (5-9-5, 4-2-3 OVC). USI drew Morehead State in the quarterfinal matchup after Morehead State defeated No. 8 seed University of Tennessee at Martin, 1-0, in the first round on Thursday.

Southern Indiana struck for an early goal as they did a week ago against Western Illinois University. The high pressure by USI forced a Morehead State turnover. Junior midfielder Peyton Murphy was able to get a tap onto the ball up to redshirt freshman Eva Boer. Boer took it the rest of the way and put the ball into the net to give USI a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute. It was Boer's third goal of the season to tie for the team lead.

Just past the 20-minute mark of the first half, Morehead State pushed into the attacking third and had a series of corner kicks. The USI defense remained solid with a few blocks and redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Anna Markland snagged three saves during the stretch. The game remained 1-0 USI into the late stretch of the opening half.



With less than two minutes until halftime, junior forward Peyton Seymour almost doubled USI's lead with a quality opportunity. Seymour received the ball in the box and turned toward the net, but her shot missed just to the left of the goal. Southern Indiana's 1-0 advantage carried into the intermission.

Morehead State came out of the break with pressure into the attacking third. The visiting Eagles capitalized on a shot from the top of the box that snuck under the crossbar for the game-tying goal in the 55th minute to knot the match at 1-1.

Later in the second half, Southern Indiana had a run with break-away opportunities, but three offsides in a five-minute span halted those chances. While Morehead State's goalkeeper smothered a pair of other chances in one-on-one situations, USI nearly

had a prime opportunity in the 84th minute when Boer received a cross about 12 yards into the box. However, Morehead State's defense made it difficult for Boer to make a clean turn and put enough power behind a shot, leading to a keeper save.

Morehead State scored the game-winning goal and took the 2-1 lead with two and a half minutes left on a header off a corner kick. USI looked to respond with one last attempt to even the match again when another break-away chance resulted in a wide shot and ending the match with the final whistle.

With Sunday's result, Morehead State advanced to the OVC tournament semifinals to face No. 1 seed Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tennessee Thursday afternoon.

Statistically, Southern Indiana had 10 shots with five on goal

Sunday afternoon. Morehead State totaled 15 shots with nine on target. Morehead State also had an 11-2 advantage in corner kicks. Individually, Boer and junior midfielder Emerson Grafton led USI with three shots and two on goal in the contest. Between the posts, Markland corralled seven saves.

The Screaming Eagles finished year three of their D-I transition with their third straight appearance in the OVC tournament and a second consecutive season as a quarterfinal host as the No. 4 seed. USI also set new program marks in its D-I era with four OVC wins, 15 points in the conference season, and 20 goals scored this season.

Next, USI Women's Soccer will turn its attention to preparing for the 2025 season. USI fans can stay up-to-date with the latest at [usiscreamingeagles.com](http://usiscreamingeagles.com) or follow USI Athletics on social media.

## Aces Earn Come-From-Behind Victory Over Bradley

NOVEMBER 2024

For the second evening in a row, the University of Evansville volleyball team earned a 5-set victory in come-from-behind fashion, defeating Bradley by a 3-2 final on Saturday at Meeks Family Fieldhouse.

Another spectacular night saw Giulia Cardona record 31 kills along with 10 digs. Chloe Cline finished with eight kills while Angelica Gonzalez added seven. Ainoah Cruz posted a match-best 21 digs while Kora Ruff tallied 35 assists and 11 digs.

**Set 1 – UE 25, Bradley 22**  
Game one set the tone for a

competitive evening. Bradley was the first team to take a multi-point lead, going up 9-7. Evansville rebounded with three in a row to go back. In front as Kora Ruff picked up an ace.

The turning point for the Purple Aces came after the Braves took a 19-18 lead. UE rallied to scored five in a row as Josdarilee Caraballo tallied an ace. A service error by BU set the Aces up with a 24-20 edge before Cardona had the clinching kill.

**Set 2 – Bradley 25, UE 21**  
In the second set, the Braves had the early momentum, going up 9-5. Three in a row cut the



deficit to one before Bradley extended the advantage to 17-12. Evansville continued to remain within striking distance before BU evened the match with a 4-point win.

**Set 3 – Bradley 25, UE 23**  
A similar set took place in the third as the Braves held multiple leads while the Aces remained close. Bradley held an 8-5 lead before a Cardona kill set UE up with a 10-9 edge. Another kill by Cardona made it a 16-14 game before the Braves rallied back with five in a row to go up by three. Evansville cut the deficit to 22-21, but it was BU who scored the final two to take a 2-1 match lead.

**Set 4 – UE 26, Bradley 24**  
Multiple lead changes ensued

leading to a 15-15 score. Neither squad led by more than two until Evansville scored three in a row as Cardona registered three consecutive kills. Once again, Bradley had the answer, retaking a 24-23 edge. Down to its final point, UE took over and scored the final three points to force a fifth game.

**Set 5 – UE 15, Bradley 10**  
Evansville was cranking on all cylinders to open the frame, jumping out to a 5-0 lead. Ruff did the serving and recorded another ace. Bradley did its best to overcome the slow start, getting within three points (9-6), but the UE attack proved to be too much. The Aces pulled away to clinch the match with a 15-10 decision.

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# Sports

## Blazers Win Season-Opening Tilt With EMCC

NOVEMBER 2024

The No. 18-ranked Vincennes University Trailblazers opened their 2024-25 campaign Friday night inside the Physical Education Complex with day one of the 2024 Kiwanis Classic against East Mississippi Community College.

The Blazers were able to battle back from a 13-point second half deficit to force overtime and come away with an 80-73 victory over the Lions.

Vincennes got off to a slow start in the season opener, with East Mississippi scoring the first seven points of the game, which VU immediately answered with a 7-0 run of their own.

VU broke away midway through the first half with a 13-2 scoring run to take a 28-18 advantage over the Lions before EMCC answered back with a late first half 12-0 scoring run to regain the lead at 35-32.

The teams would trade baskets going into the break with East Mississippi holding a 37-33 lead over the Trailblazers going into the locker room at halftime.

Coming out of locker room in the second half EMCC looked determined to put the game away early, building the largest lead of the game at 53-40 with 15 minutes remaining on the clock.

The Lion lead would remain at double digits before the Blazers got the crowd back into the game with an 8-0 run to cut the East Mississippi lead to 60-57.

VU would even the score at 61-61 with 3:30 to play before the Lions answered back with five



straight.

Vincennes refused to go away, closing out regulation with a three-point play by sophomore and 2024 NJCAA All-American LeBron Thomas (Bishopville, S.C.) and a basket by sophomore Bryan Akanmu (Paris, France) evening the score again at 66-66 with 28 seconds left.

The VU defense would hold, sending this game into overtime.

In the overtime period, the two teams began by trading shots back and forth, with VU getting a spark off of a three by freshman

Christian Andrews (Asheville, N.C.) before LeBron Thomas sealed the game late at the free throw line, closing out the victory for the Blazers by the final score 80-73.

"We just made more solid plays," VU Hall of Fame Head Coach Todd Franklin said. "I thought we fought on the defensive end pretty well except for the last five minutes of the first half. Those last five minutes we gave in to a little bit of the 'we're ahead and I'm tired' mentality and we were a little slow on close outs, a little soft on post defense. We got a little loose and

we gave them a chance to get momentum and then it was a heck of a thing to get it away from them."

"I thought we were fighting and trying to get traction the first 10 minutes of the second half," Franklin added. "We just couldn't quite finish plays and make the little shots. Of course they throw up one at the shot clock from about 40 feet. But we showed a lot of toughness tonight. We didn't do anything special. We just said we need to get solid and get stops. We know what we need to do to get stops."

## UE Heads To Western Michigan For MVC Tourney

NOVEMBER 2024

The University of Evansville men's soccer team begins the 2024 postseason in the Mitten State.

The Purple Aces ended the regular season with a draw at home against the Belmont Bruins. It was the fourth time in five meetings that UE and the Bruins MVC match ended in a draw. Evansville took the lead twice over 90 minutes but Belmont was able to find the equalizers for both teams to earn a point. The Aces head into the MVC Tournament as the fifth seed of six after securing a spot in the tournament with a win over Bowling Green at the end of October.

This will be the fifth time the Aces have been the #5 seed with a 1-3 record in prior MVC Tournaments. UE's only win as a fifth seed came against Vanderbilt in 1999. Evansville will have a rematch with the Western Michigan Broncos after a close 2-1 loss on September 22nd. Freshman defender Martin Wurschmidt (Fram, Norway) scored his first collegiate goal for the Aces in the 63rd minute of that match. As the fourth seed the Broncos closed out the regular season with a 11-1-6 record and a 3-1-4 record. WMU beat out UE for the fourth seed with the head-to-head tiebreaker.

Senior forward Nacho Diaz Barragan (Almeria, Spain) scored his third brace of the 2024 season on Wednesday.



Diaz Barragan scored both of Evansville's goals against the Bruins in the 16th and 56th minutes. Diaz Barragan is one of only two players in the MVC with three or more braces on the season along with Valley goals leader Missouri State's Jesus Barea. Leading the Aces with eight goals in 2024 Diaz Barragan ended the regular season fourth in the MVC and 52nd in the country.

UE had its best regular season in eight years in 2024. Evansville's eight regular season wins are the most since the program's 10 win season in 2017. While the Aces four conference wins is their best showing in Valley play since winning four matches in 2016. UE has not had a five win conference season since 2009.

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24 WINNERS RECEIVE UP TO \$1,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!

**3 WINNERS PLAY FOR \$1 MILLION!**

NOVEMBER 8, 9 & 10

100 WINNERS OVER 3 DAYS

**\$50,000 Gobble Up**  
FREE SLOT PLAY DRAWING

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
WINNERS EVERY 15 MINUTES  
RECEIVE \$500 FREE SLOT PLAY!

NOVEMBER 22 & 23

60 WINNERS DAILY!

**\$30,000**  
STUFFED WITH FUN  
FREE SLOT PLAY DRAWING

DRAWINGS FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 4:15PM - 9PM  
3 WINNERS EVERY 15 MINUTES  
RECEIVE \$250 FREE SLOT PLAY!

NOVEMBER 3 · NOVEMBER 13 · NOVEMBER 22

**Jackpot PARTY**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
CHECK-IN: 11AM - 1:30PM · DRAWINGS: 2PM - 3:30PM  
20 WINNERS WIN \$500 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
CHECK-IN: 4:30PM - 6:30PM · DRAWINGS: 7PM - 8:30PM  
20 WINNERS WIN \$1,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22  
CHECK-IN: 6PM - 8PM · DRAWINGS: 8:30PM - 10PM  
20 WINNERS WIN \$1,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!

Jackpot Parties are for Bally Rewards Members who receive a hand-paid Jackpot of \$1,200 or more between January 1, 2020 - 5:59AM on the day before the Jackpot Party. Bally Rewards Members will have one entry for each hand-paid Jackpot!

SUNDAYS & THURSDAYS

**SPLASH THE POT**  
EVERY HOUR FROM 12:45PM - 9:45PM  
A RANDOM TABLE GAME WILL BE SELECTED AND \$50 WILL BE ADDED TO THE POT.

EVERY MONDAY - 10AM - 10PM CT

**VETERANS**  
Wheel of Winnings

PRESENT A VALID VETERANS OR MILITARY I.D. AT THE BALLY REWARDS CENTER FOR A CHANCE TO SPIN THE VETERANS WHEEL AND WIN A PRIZE!

WIN UP TO \$500 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 1 & 2 AND 29 & 30

**\$100,000**  
FREE SLOT PLAY AND  
**500,000**  
TIER POINT  
GIVEAWAY!

4:15PM - 9PM  
TWO WINNERS EVERY 15 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE \$250 FREE SLOT PLAY!

PLUS, WINNERS EVERY 15 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE 1,000, 2,500, 5,000, OR 10,000 TIER POINTS!

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 29 & 30 · 12AM - 11:59PM CT

**TIER MULTIPLIER**

EARN MORE TIER POINTS!

LEGEND TIER MEMBERS  
EARN 5X MULTIPLIER

SUPERSTAR TIER MEMBERS  
EARN 3X MULTIPLIER

ALL OTHER CLUB MEMBERS  
EARN 2X MULTIPLIER

EACH MONDAY IN NOVEMBER · 12AM - 11:59PM CT

**BALLY BUCKS MULTIPLIER**

PLAY YOUR FAVORITE CASINO GAMES WITH YOUR CARD INSERTED IN THE MACHINE & EARN 5X MULTIPLIER TOWARD YOUR BALLY BUCKS!

See Bally Rewards Center for details.

NOVEMBER 1 & 2 · 12AM - 11:59PM CT

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NOVEMBER 15 & 16  
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