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### D-Patrick's Farabaugh Named TIME Dealer of the Year

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Raymond L. Farabaugh of D. Patrick was named the TIME Dealer of the Year at the annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. The award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service. Farabaugh was chosen to represent the



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### Flying Will Never Be The Same After January Reagan Airport Crash

FEBRUARY 2025  
By Janet Douglas

The crash at Reagan Airport in DC is a heartbreaking tragedy. The nation comes together in solidarity with the families affected, offering comfort and support as they navigate this unimaginable loss.

My heart goes out to them, and I pray for strength and resilience in the face of such devastating heartache.

When I travel to and from the DC area, I always go through Charlotte, and it's incredible how familiar faces become when flying to the same location regularly. The flight crew begins to feel like friends and family, and I've had the pleasure of

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### Evansville Seeks \$100 Million Stadium Community Leaders Attend State Hearing For Multipurpose Facility

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Among the bills in the current Indiana legislative session is a proposal to increase funding allocated to the Evansville Professional Sports and Convention Development Area (EPSCDA). Currently, the limit for EPSCDA funding is \$10 per resident, but the new bill would create a maximum total of \$5 million, an increase of hundreds of percent over what can be raised under the \$10 cap.

An Evansville delegation of business and political leaders traveled to Indianapolis for the hearing. Justin Groenert and former mayor Lloyd Winnecke represented E-REP, and Evansville Deputy Mayor Lindsay Locasto watched while Mayor Stephanie Terry, Ron Romain of United Companies, and Old National Bank CEO James Ryan testified.

#### PLANS TO BUILD A \$100 MILLION MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM DOWNTOWN

Ron Romain offers details about plans for a downtown ballpark.

During the testimony, it was revealed that the commitment of



funds would allow the city to secure up to \$100 million in bonds to build a multipurpose sports facility on the riverfront. The 5,000-seat stadium would be able to host a variety of activities including baseball games.

Those baseball games would be played by a minor team with an MLB affiliation. That affiliation is expected to be with a team that has not yet been approved for Nashville, Tennessee.

During testimony, the committee was told that the new \$100 million multipurpose facility would fit into

the plans released by E-REP last year for a \$600 million redesign of the riverfront. The riverfront plan, it was explained, included housing, shopping, dining, other sports, and recreation located nearby. The Multipurpose facility was not included in the riverfront plans from E-REP, nor was the \$100 million cost.

The estimated number of visitors to events at the site was presented as 277,000 annually. To reach that number would require 55 sold-out shows per year.

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### Mayor Terry Announces Evansville's Strategic Plan

FEBRUARY 2025

Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry today announced the release of a forward-thinking Strategic Plan for city government, developed in collaboration with Crowe LLP and informed by input from city officials, employees, and nearly 800 residents.

The plan, described as a "guiding framework" for how city officials will continue to serve and support the Evansville community moving forward, aims to improve efficiency of government operations. Mayor Terry also noted that the plan will ensure transparency and accountability as city officials allocate resources, establish programs, and undertake new projects in alignment with the priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Among the highlights of the plan are defined Mission and Vision statements for the city, as well as four core focus areas for city government, each of which includes multiple goals:

Mission Statement: Our mission is to serve the people of Evansville. We provide essential services that keep our community safe, healthy, and vibrant.

Vision Statement: Our city will be a vibrant, inclusive community where safety, opportunity, and connection

empower all to thrive.

#### Areas of Focus:

- Advance Organizational Excellence and Innovation
- Modernize the City Organizational Structure and Processes
- Update Outdated City Policies, Procedures & Regulations
- Implement the City's Strategic Plan
- Modernize City Technologies
- Address Core Technology Needs
- Improve Public Transportation Experience
- Create Opportunities to Connect
- Promote Transparent Government
- Support Internal Collaboration Efforts
- Strengthen City Communication Channels

- Prioritize People and Places
  - Recruit and Retain a Skilled City Workforce
  - Create Opportunities to Further Skills, Knowledge, and Training
  - Improve Facilities and Workspaces
  - Improve Quality of Parks & Public Green Spaces
  - Improve City Roads, Sidewalks, and Other Infrastructure
  - Revitalize our Neighborhoods
  - Further Sustainability Efforts
- In the coming weeks, city officials – again working alongside Crowe LLP – will begin creating an implementation plan, which will include establishing performance metrics, establishing working groups, and developing implementation timelines.

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# Commentary

## Indiana Governor Mike Braun Hits the Ground Running

FEBRUARY 2025

By Johnny Kincaid

Governor Mike Braun has officially begun his tenure as Indiana's chief executive, and in just his first week, he has set a tone of decisive, results-oriented leadership. Known for his business acumen and no-nonsense approach, Governor Braun wasted no time in implementing policies that promise to enhance the efficiency of state government and prioritize results over rhetoric. His swift action through a series of executive orders is an encouraging signal of what lies ahead for Indiana.

One of the most notable actions taken by Governor Braun was his bold move to eliminate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs in state government, replacing them with a focus on Merit, Excellence, and Innovation (MEI). While DEI initiatives are often well-intentioned, they have sometimes been criticized for creating unnecessary bureaucracy

and diverting attention from merit-based decision-making. By streamlining state operations and focusing on efficiency, Governor Braun is reaffirming his commitment to the principles of fairness and opportunity without the added layer of red tape. This decision aligns with the pragmatic ethos that has

long defined Indiana and reflects his belief that the state's resources are best spent on initiatives that directly benefit all Hoosiers.

Governor Braun's early actions extend beyond DEI reform. His executive orders emphasize operational efficiency, with measures

aimed at reducing waste, improving government responsiveness, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are

used effectively. These steps demonstrate his understanding of state government as a service organization that must operate with the discipline and accountability of a well-run business. His commitment to these

principles underscores his reputation as a leader who delivers results.

It is refreshing to see a governor who brings the mindset of a seasoned entrepreneur to public office. Governor Braun's approach is grounded in practicality, focusing on what works rather than get-

ting bogged down in ideological debates. His leadership style is exactly what Indiana needs to tackle the challenges of the 21st century while preserving the values that make our state strong.

As Hoosiers, we expect our leaders to be stewards of efficiency, fairness, and opportunity. Governor Braun's first week in office has shown that he is up to the task. By eliminating unnecessary programs and focusing on practical solutions, he is setting a new standard for state governance. We look forward to seeing how his vision unfolds in the weeks and months ahead, and we remain confident that his leadership will propel Indiana to greater heights.

Governor Braun has made a strong first impression, and we applaud him for hitting the ground running. His actions are a testament to what can be achieved when leadership is guided by common sense and a commitment to excellence. Indiana is in good hands.



## Euthanizing Dogs is Not Acceptable, Rescue Now

FEBRUARY 2025

By Johnny Kincaid

I have to be honest; I was appalled by the news last week that Evansville Animal Care and Control (ACC) was full, and the staff was faced with the agonizing decision to possibly euthanize dogs. What an agonizing thought for the ACC staff, it's an option that nobody wants to use. Fortunately, several local shelters were able to find room to take in some of the dogs from ACC.

"Euthanize" is just the polite way to say "killing dogs"

Nobody wants to admit it, but killing these beautiful animals is sometimes seen as the answer to overcrowding at Animal Care and Control. It's a lousy way of addressing the problem, and it is the absolute last resort, but it still happens.

The death sentence for the dog is not because of anything that the canine did; it is a crisis of human making. People neglect to spay or neuter their pets, which leads to overpopulation. People adopt a pet and, for a variety of reasons, find themselves unable to care for them anymore. In worst-case scenarios, people neglect or abuse the animals, forcing ACC to take them. Yet we punish the animal for

the sins of man.

### Saving animal lives

The Evansville area has a network of no-kill shelters that do all they can with limited resources to save lives. These nonprofit shelters rely on donations to house and care for the animals that need shelter.

Each of the shelters has volunteers who not only help at the shelter but also open their hearts to provide a short-term foster home. Caring for dogs, cats, and other pets at the shelter or in a foster home is not the goal. The real goal is to have a loving family decide that one of these animals would be a good fit in their home.

Every Friday, Friends of Evansville Animal Control posts pictures of dogs that are in ACC and an alert about how close to full the center is. City-County Observer recently started reposting the pictures on Saturday mornings in hopes that as you scroll through the photos, you will see a dog that you can fall in love with.

We're going a step further by helping fund adoptions or reclaimed pet fees.

On Wednesday night (1/15) the mayor will host a Town Hall meeting on the subject. The Town Hall

meeting will take place at the CK Newsome Center from 5:30-6:30. During the meeting, a panel of representatives from Animal Care & Control, the Vanderburgh Humane Society, PAAWS, Project ARF, and It Takes a Village will speak about how Evansville is addressing the national issue of overcrowded animal shelters and how their organizations are partnering to do so. Lynn Miller Pease, executive director of Leadership Everyone, will serve as facilitator for the discussion.

After their discussion, they will take questions from the public.

### Our rescue story

About three years ago, Jill and I decided that our neurotic little poodle needed some companionship. Jill went to a local no-kill

shelter and called me when she found "the one." When I arrived at the shelter, I was informed that the dog was very standoffish with men, and they weren't sure how long she wandered the streets before being brought in. She was about four times the size of our little poodle. As soon as I walked in, she went to the far side of the room and pressed as close to the wall as possible. She had no desire to interact with me and we sat in the room for the next thirty minutes trying to convince her that I'm not such a bad guy.

After Ellie came home with us, she gradually decreased the amount of space she needed to have between her and me. Now, Ellie is an amazing, loving pet. Despite her size, she sees herself as a lap dog and frequently jumps up on my lap, pushing the computer out of her way and rolls on her back to beg for a belly rub.

Jill and I couldn't imagine our lives without Ellie staring at us with her almost human eyes. That trip to the shelter was life-changing.

I highly encourage you to visit ACC or one of the shelters below. Bring some four-legged joy into your home.



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## Mayor Terry Holds Town Hall Meeting on Animal Control

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Animal lovers filled the room at CK Newsome Center Wednesday night January 15 to talk about ways to approach the problem of overcrowding at the Evansville Animal Care and Control Center.

Mayor Stephanie Terry addresses the crowd at a town hall meeting. – photo by Johnny Kincaid

Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry opened the meeting by telling the crowd, "This is important. I hear you." She closed one hour and fifteen minutes later, saying, "This is just the beginning." In between, the crowd heard from the people who are on the front lines from It Takes a Villiage, Vanderburgh Humane Society, PAAWS, and Evansville Animal Care and Control.

Lynn Miller Pease of Leadership Evansville facilitated the meeting along with her dog, Clark. Please read written questions from audience members for the panelists.

Animal Control brings in 3,000 to 4,000 dogs each year, and the Vanderburgh Humane Society reports that over the years, they have improved their live release rate from 40% to 93%.



### Discussion of root causes

Lack of awareness of the Animal Care and Control Center is a problem because many people don't realize that the center is where they should check if their pet is missing.

People lack the funds to continue taking care of their existing pets or are unable to afford to adopt a rescue animal.

A major issue is that there is a shortage of veterinarians nationwide. The shortage has resulted in higher costs and much longer wait times for getting a pet spayed or neutered.

People often surrender their

pets when they move and they encounter landlords that don't allow pets.

### Some of the proposed solutions

National experts say that the overcrowding problem would be virtually eliminated if there was a 6% increase in the number of people adopting shelter dogs.

Raising public awareness would help more people know where to go if their pet is missing and increase adoptions.

Changing the stray hold times would allow dogs to be moved to a no-kill shelter sooner and free up kennels at ACC. Other

cities in Indiana, like Ft. Wayne, South Bend, and Indianapolis, have a three-day hold on strays.

Changing state restrictions on vets would help free up time and allow vets to treat more animals.

Increasing the number of volunteers was also stated as a need at all of the shelters.

### Getting help from the outside

Best Friends Animal Society, a national animal rights group, consults for animal shelters and communities across the country. They recently visited ACC in Evansville and are going to help the Center and will send a consultant to spend time helping the Center and the community develop solutions.

Second Ward City Council member Missy Mosby is working on plans to establish an Animal Control Foundation saying, "We have a police foundation and a fire foundation, why wouldn't it work for animal control?"

Those wishing to donate now can give to the Spirit Medical Fund.

City-County Observer will continue to raise awareness and support the adoption of shelter animals.

## AI, High Tech Jobs Are Key to Indiana's Future

FEBRUARY 2025

By Justin Groenert

In recent years, Indiana's leaders and businesses have worked tirelessly to create a brighter future for all Hoosiers by embracing new and exciting technologies. Leading the pack to these emerging technologies is artificial intelligence and the possibilities that AI can create. Fortunately, our leaders are once again not missing a beat and are positioning our state as an AI economic leader. We here at Evansville Regional Economic Partnership could not be more excited about this future and these developments in AI.

There are numerous reasons why Indiana has become a beacon for AI businesses and their leaders. First, we have an incredible regulatory environment that, instead of holding AI back due to misconceptions and rumor, encourages and fosters growth in newer technologies. In Indiana we also have a talented workforce for tech companies and entrepreneurs to pull from, developed by our state's world-class universities. Thus, when an AI company or leader considers Indiana, everything they need is available.

Examples of the tech progress being made are evident across the state. Purdue University, for instance, has grown its semiconductor laboratory into one of the best in the world thanks to being host to one of the country's 31 designated technology hubs and being officially designated a leading state in microtechnology. This did not go unnoticed as in April of this year, South Korean microchip company SK Hynix announced plans to invest \$4 billion in a factory near Purdue that will manufacture the newest and most sophisticated microchips. These chips will be used for a range of technologies, but particularly in artificial intelligence.

Semiconductor and microchip research is not the only way Indiana is

leading in developing a high-tech and modern economy. Indiana University, Notre Dame and Purdue, for example, began collaborating this summer on a research consortium to examine advanced technologies critical to national defense. These include hypersonic flight, cybersecurity, micromachine systems, artificial intelligence, and advanced automation, all supporting the U.S. Navy. Another recent initiative is the Indiana Center for Emerging Technologies hub, launched in Evansville just a few weeks ago. This center will support high-tech startups in fields like robotics and advanced manufacturing, building their businesses and the future of our economy and world right in Indiana.

These strategies and commitments to developing our high-tech infrastructure are already bearing fruit. Last year, we saw more than \$216 billion of venture capital investment into Indiana's tech sector. This included \$11 billion from Amazon Web Services for a data center in our state, which is the largest in its history.

Indiana, in many ways, is already a leader in new technologies, the businesses discovering, utilizing and expanding them, and the workers and entrepreneurs that are leading the charge into the future. At the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership, we could not be more excited for this future and the work being done across Indiana. But we must continue to commit ourselves and our state to being a welcoming and leading partner for tech and AI companies and efforts. If we do this, the next Silicon Valley, the Silicon Valley of AI, could be in Indiana.

Justin Groenert is the Chief Strategy Officer at EREP Evansville Regional Economic Partnership

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# Community

## 'Impractical Jokers' Joe Gatto Coming to Evansville

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Improv comedian and television personality Joe Gatto will perform his Let's Get Into It Tour to Old National Events Plaza on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The show brings all new material to stage this summer and opens with special guest Mark "Jiggy" Jigarjian, who is hitting the Plaza stage for the first time. Fans can pick up tickets early during the venue presale, starting Thursday, January 30, by visiting the venue's social media pages.

Gatto is best known from the hit TV shows "Impractical Jokers" and "The Misery Index." Most recently, he toured for two years with his stand-up solo show "Joe Gatto's Night of Comedy," in sold out theaters across the United States, Canada and Australia. Prior to that, he toured with the Jokers to sold-out crowds across the world, including legendary arenas, such as Madison Square Garden in New York and the O2 Arena in London.

Joe also hosts the popular comedy podcast "Two Cool Moms" on the iHeart Radio Podcast Network where he and his co-host dispense sage motherly advice to fans who write in with their dilemmas. An accomplished author of two titles—a self-published book, "The Dogfather: My Love of Dogs, Desserts and Growing up Italian," and a children's picture book published by Penguin Random House, "Where's Beary?" Joe lives his life by a code of pastry



and family, loving his wife, two adorable children, his pack of dogs and cannoli.

Mark Jigarjian is an Armenian stand-up comedian and writer based in New York City best known for his work touring with the hit television show, Impractical Jokers. Mark has been seen on TruTV, Roku Channel, TBS and

Food Network and is releasing his debut stand up special "Larger Than Life," in 2024. He's been a guest Joker on Season 9 and 10 of "Impractical Jokers," winner of Roku's "Dishmantled," and contestant on Food

Network's "Cooks vs Cons." Mark is a proud member of the iconic New York Friars Club and producer

of the "Two Cool Moms" Podcast."

### Ticket Information

Joe Gatto: Let's Ge Into It Tour  
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Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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Tickets start at \$35.75 plus applicable fees and tax

## American Airlines To Send Larger Aircraft From EVV



FEBRUARY 2025

American Airlines will soon be adding larger, dual-class aircraft on its flights out of Evansville Regional Airport (EVV) to and from Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

Starting June 5, the airline will operate Embraer 170 aircraft on all daily departing and arriving ORD flights at EVV. American's E170s feature 65 seats with 12 in First Class and 53 in Main Cabin. Of the 53 seats in Main, the configuration includes 20 Main Cabin Extra seats offering additional legroom. Streaming entertainment and Wi-Fi will also be offered on board. Upgrading to the larger E170 aircraft to and from Chicago will provide travelers an additional 22,000 round-trip annual seats.

"American looks forward to adding dual-class service between Evansville and our Chicago O'Hare hub," said Jordan Pack, American's Director of Domestic Network Planning. "We are pleased to offer travelers more ways to customize their experience as they travel with American to ORD and beyond."

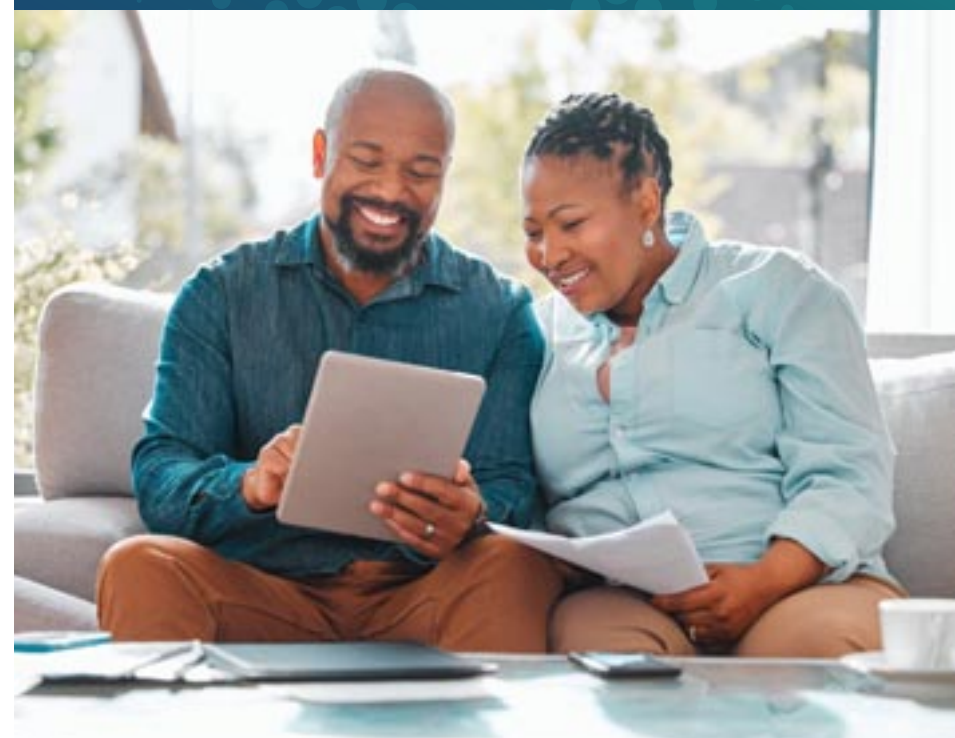
"We appreciate American Airlines' continued growth at EVV, and we are excited for both our airline partner and passengers,"

said Nate Hahn, EVV Executive Director. "The addition of larger aircraft in the market provides more enhanced passenger amenities and builds on the significant investment that American made in Evansville last year, when they launched Chicago service."

This announcement follows the recent return of American's Chicago service to Evansville in Sept. of 2024. American's Chicago service return at EVV helped the airline achieve in 2024, its busiest single day and month at EVV on record. Overall, airport usage at EVV in 2024 also increased. EVV announced their third busiest December on record, reflecting a nearly 30 percent jump for the month year-over-year (YOY). And annually in 2024, EVV's total passenger traffic rose almost 15 percent YOY.

American and its partners connect EVV travelers with one stop to more than 150 domestic and international destinations via ORD, complementing the airline's nonstop service in Evansville to and from Dallas/Fort Worth, which is also served with dual-class aircraft, and Charlotte. American's flights are available for booking at [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) and through American's mobile app.

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# Community

## New Playground, Safety Surfacing Announced For Garvin Park

FEBRUARY 2025

The Department of Parks & Recreation is excited to announce plans for a new playground, with new safety surfacing, at Garvin Park – the first step in creating an Activity Zone within the park.

The project, which will be funded as part of the \$24 million Parks Bond passed late last year, is part of the Garvin Park Master Plan, designed by Hafer & Associates. Later phases, which also will be made possible through the Parks Bond, are expected to include basketball courts, a new restroom building, and/or a new shelter.

“Garvin Park has been a special part of our city for generations, and this project is just the beginning of bringing new life to this beloved space,” said Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry. “Everyone deserves safe, beautiful parks where families can play, gather, and make memories. Thanks to the Parks Bond, we’re finally able to make some of the improvements our community has



been asking for and give our neighborhoods the parks they deserve.”

The playground was designed by the Department of Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with Midstates.

Work is expected to begin on the project later this year.

“We are thrilled to be able to begin improvements to Garvin Park,” said Danielle Crook, executive director of the Department of Parks & Recreation. “This creative playground designed by MidStates Recreation encourages exploration, and pro-

vides a safe space for imaginative play.

“As we move the Parks forward, we hope to create unique and innovative spaces across the City that encourage residents to visit multiple parks and visit often.”

## Non-Profit Hospitals and Pricing: Balancing Care and Compliance

FEBRUARY 2025

By Joe Wallace

Non-profit hospitals in the United States are a vital part of the health-care system, providing medical services to millions of patients while benefiting from tax-exempt status. This status is granted under the condition that these hospitals serve the public good by offering charitable care, community health initiatives, and other benefits that justify their exemption from federal and state taxes. However, recent scrutiny has raised concerns about whether some non-profit hospitals are engaging in pricing practices that could jeopardize their non-profit status.

### The Basis of Non-Profit Hospital Status

To maintain their tax-exempt designation, non-profit hospitals must comply with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations, most notably the requirements outlined in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. These regulations mandate that non-profit

hospitals:

**Conduct Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs):** Every three years, hospitals must assess local health needs and create an action plan to address them.

**Provide Financial Assistance Policies (FAPs):** Hospitals must offer reduced-cost or free care to eligible low-income patients and widely publicize these policies.

**Limit Charges:** Charges for medically necessary care must not exceed those generally billed to insurance patients.

**Avoid Aggressive Debt Collection Practices:** Hospitals are prohibited from pursuing extraordinary collection actions before determining whether a patient qualifies for financial assistance.

**Concerns Over Pricing Practices**  
Despite these requirements, recent reports suggest that some non-profit hospitals in Evansville charge patients significantly higher prices than what Medicare and Medicaid allow

for the same services. Critics argue that such practices contradict the hospitals’ mission to provide community benefits and could potentially violate their tax-exempt obligations.

### Some key concerns include:

**Overcharging Uninsured and Underinsured Patients:** Investigations have found cases where non-profit hospitals billed uninsured patients at rates many times higher than those negotiated by Medicare or private insurers.

**Insufficient Charity Care:** Studies indicate that some hospitals provide minimal charity care while accumulating substantial financial surpluses.

**Revenue Maximization Strategies:** Non-profits have been accused of using aggressive billing and collection tactics that align with for-profit business models.

### Regulatory Responses and Potential Consequences

In response to these concerns, federal and state regulators are increas-

ing scrutiny of non-profit hospitals’ billing and financial assistance practices. The IRS has the authority to revoke tax-exempt status if a hospital is found to be non-compliant with its obligations. Such a revocation could have severe financial consequences, including:

**Loss of Tax Benefits:** Hospitals would be subject to federal, state, and local taxes, significantly increasing operational costs.

**Reputational Damage:** The public’s trust in the hospital could erode, leading to a decline in patient volume and donor contributions.

**Legal Penalties:** In some cases, hospitals may face lawsuits or fines for deceptive billing practices.

### Strategies for Non-Profit Hospitals to Maintain Compliance

To avoid jeopardizing their non-profit status, hospitals must take proactive steps to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations. These measures include:

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## Flying Will Never Be The Same After January Reagan Airport Crash

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getting to know them, as I always try to thank them for a safe flight, especially the flight attendants.

Just a week prior to this horrific crash- we flew into DC for the inauguration; the flight attendant recognized us and smiled, saying, “I know where you’re going.” We’ve

often had multiple conversations about our travels, and I recall sharing with him my role as an “undercover prayer warrior,” which always brought a chuckle.

On our return flight last week, he kindly commented on the hats we were wearing, which we had to purchase due to the freezing tem-

peratures.

Tragic events remind us to appreciate the people God brings into our lives. I’ll never forget this attendant, who consistently demonstrated exceptional kindness, ensuring everyone’s comfort and needs were met.

Future flights will undoubtedly

be different without him especially.

My heart breaks for every family affected, especially Ian, because we got to know him. Tears continue today and will in the days ahead as the nation mourns. I pray for every family involved and for our nation to find strength and healing in this difficult time.

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## Evansville Seeks Stadium



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### NO TAX INCREASE

Tim O’Brien, author of HB 1451 listens to testimony in the Ways and Means Committee.

HB 1451 is authored by State Representative Tim O’Brien and co-sponsored by Wendy McNamara,

Matt Hostettler, and Alex Burton. Burton and Ways and Means Committee member Tim O’Brien were the only co-authors in attendance.

O’Brien explained that the funds captured for the proposed project will come from state income tax revenue.

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# Community

## The Perils Of Pure Democracy: A Path To Authoritarianism

FEBRUARY 2025

By Joe Wallace

Pure democracy, often celebrated as the pinnacle of collective decision-making, harbors significant risks when left unchecked. While it promises the rule of the majority, history and political philosophy warn us of its potential to devolve into authoritarian forms of governance, such as fascism, or other systems that undermine individual liberties and minority rights. The United States, wisely established as a constitutional Republic, was designed to prevent the excesses of pure democracy and safeguard fundamental freedoms.

### Majority Rule and Its Tyrannical Potential

At its core, pure democracy operates on the principle of majority rule. In theory, this sounds equitable, as the majority's will prevails. However, this model has an inherent flaw: the potential for "the tyranny of the majority," a term popularized by Alexis de Tocqueville in his seminal work *Democracy in America*. Tocqueville observed that without safeguards, a majority could exploit its power to trample on the rights of minorities and individuals, effectively subverting the democratic ideals of equality and justice.

Consider how a majority might

vote to confiscate wealth or property from a minority group. This phenomenon, where democracy becomes a tool for redistribution based on numerical superiority rather than principles of fairness, undermines societal cohesion and individual rights. Tocqueville's warning remains pertinent: "A democracy can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury." Such behavior erodes the moral foundation of governance, replacing civic responsibility with opportunistic self-interest.

### The Slippery Slope to Authoritarianism

The unbridled application of majority rule can lead to dangerous outcomes. When a democracy fails to protect minority voices or uphold the rule of law, it risks descending into mob rule, where decisions are driven by popular sentiment rather than reason or justice. This chaotic environment often sets the stage for the rise of authoritarian leaders who promise to restore order and stability. Fascist regimes in the 20th century, such as those led by Mussolini and Hitler, exploited democratic mechanisms to consolidate power before dismantling democratic institutions altogether.

Authoritarian governance thrives

on the centralization of power, which can emerge from a disillusioned electorate seeking decisive leadership after experiencing the chaos of unrestrained majority rule. The transition from democracy to authoritarianism is often subtle, beginning with the erosion of checks and balances and culminating in the suppression of dissenting voices.

### The Republic as a Safeguard

The framers of the United States Constitution were acutely aware of these dangers. They chose to establish a Republic rather than a pure democracy, embedding safeguards to protect individual rights and minority interests. Central to this design are the principles of federalism, the separation of powers, and the rule of law.

In a Republic, representatives are elected to govern on behalf of the people, balancing majority interests with the protection of minority rights. The Constitution's Bill of Rights further ensures that certain freedoms—such as speech, religion, and due process—cannot be overridden by majority rule. The judiciary acts as a critical check, interpreting and upholding these rights even against popular sentiment.

### Lessons for Modern Governance

The United States' commitment to

republican principles has been tested throughout its history, from debates over civil rights to economic policy. Each challenge underscores the necessity of maintaining the delicate balance between majority rule and minority protection. Pure democracy, with its potential for excesses, reminds us of the importance of institutional safeguards.

In contemporary discourse, it is vital to resist calls for governance that prioritize transient majority preferences over enduring principles of justice and equality. Policymakers and citizens alike must uphold the Republic's foundational ideals, ensuring that the pursuit of democratic governance does not come at the expense of individual freedoms and minority rights.

### Conclusion

While democracy remains a cornerstone of modern governance, its pure form carries inherent risks that can lead to authoritarianism. The founders of the United States recognized these dangers and crafted a Republic designed to temper the excesses of majority rule. By adhering to constitutional principles and safeguarding minority rights, we can honor their vision and protect the enduring values of liberty and justice for all.

## D-Patrick's Farabaugh Named TIME Dealer of the Year

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Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana in the national competition.

"The most rewarding aspect of my automotive career has been witnessing the growth and success of my employees," nominee Farabaugh said. "By empowering individuals and providing them with the tools they need to succeed, I've created a high-performing team that is committed to delivering exceptional customer service and to driving the company forward."

Farabaugh earned a B.S. in psychology at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, in 1979. After college, he started his career at Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in Dallas, Texas, where he was director of internal systems.

Ten years later, Farabaugh had the opportunity to join his father-in-law, D. Patrick (Pat) O'Daniel, at the family's auto group and work in the Honda dealership. He was named fi-

nance manager, then attended the NADA Academy to prepare for a broader leadership role. He moved to different dealerships within the group and rose from sales manager to general manager.

"Pat was an excellent mentor and spent countless hours with me," he said. "I've been blessed to learn from many colleagues in the automotive industry, and I've capitalized on the opportunities afforded to me."

In 1999, Farabaugh and his brother-in-law, Michael O'Daniel, purchased the dealership from Pat. Today, they share ownership and split responsibilities for overseeing specific franchises in the D-Patrick group.

"Since acquiring the company, my focus has been on growth, profitability, facility improvements, and employee development, both professionally and personally," he said. "I take special pride in the fact that virtually all my employee leaders

have started from entry-level positions. Looking ahead, my goals include continuing to elevate professionalism in the automotive industry and mentoring employees to reach their full potential."

Farabaugh is equally committed to giving back to his community and encourages the leaders in his company to take an active role in local organizations. His controller volunteered to be campaign chair for the capital campaign benefiting the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (CMOE). Farabaugh also provided the necessary time off for his employee to fulfill his mission.

"So far, the 'Play It Forward' capital campaign for CMOE has raised \$5.1 million of the \$6.5 million goal" he said. "In addition to providing an important public service, my controller gains more confidence in his abilities, enhances his leadership skills, and expands community con-

nections, which also benefit our company."

According to Farabaugh, D-Patrick has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in direct contributions and sponsorships, supporting an array of local organizations. Some examples include Ark Crisis Children's Center, Boone County Cancer Society, Boys & Girls Club of Evansville, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ohio Valley, Special Olympics Indiana, Tri-State Food Bank, Walk to End Alzheimer's Southwest Indiana, and many more.

"We also empower our employees to participate in community activities during working hours, fostering a culture of giving back," he said. "This commitment is deeply rooted in our company's values and reflects our belief in the power of corporate citizenship."

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# Community

## Old National Appoints Daniel S. Hermann as Lead Independent Director

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Old National Bancorp ("Old National") has announced that Daniel S. Hermann, founding partner of Lechwe Holdings LLC, founder of AmeriQual Group, LLC, and former President and CEO of Black Beauty Coal Co., has been appointed Lead Independent Director of Old National Bancorp. Hermann has been an Old National Bancorp Director since 2020, during



which time his leadership has been instrumental on the following board committees: Audit, Executive, and Talent Development and Compensation.

In the role of Lead Independent Director, Hermann succeeds Becky Skillman, former Indiana Lt. Governor and former President and CEO of Radius Indiana, who assumed the role of Lead Independent Director in 2016. Skillman will con-

tinue to serve as an Old National Bancorp Director, a position she has held since 2013.

In addition to her invaluable leadership and guidance as Lead Independent Director, she has played a critical role on the following board committees: Executive, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Talent Development and Compensation.

"On behalf of Old National's Executive Leadership Team and Board of Directors, I want to emphasize how grateful we are to have a leader of Dan Hermann's

stature, character, and experience to step into this critical role and build upon the significant contributions that Becky Skillman has made to our organization," said Old National Chairman & CEO Jim Ryan. "I want to acknowledge and thank Becky for her passionate leadership and strong, invaluable guidance as Lead Independent Director. On a personal level, Becky has been a fantastic mentor and partner during my tenure as CEO, and I'm pleased to share that she will continue to serve as a key member of our corporate board."

## Judge David Kiely Joins Danks And Danks Litigation Teams

FEBRUARY 2025

The law firm of Danks & Danks is pleased to announce that Judge David D. Kiely has joined the firm.

David served as a judicial officer for 26 years—first as magistrate in the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, then as a Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court, fol-

lowed by Judge of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, until retiring December 31, 2024.

Prior to becoming Judge, David was in private practice with his father, James.

Scott Danks said "I've known Judge Kiely for nearly 35



years. He's highly intelligent, dedicated to the legal profession, compassionate, and respectful to others. He will argue cases with the same precision he decided them. He'll be a wonderful addition to our firm."

Danks said Kiely will be joining the litigation teams handling personal injury, criminal defense, and family law matters.

Kiely said "I chose to join Danks and Danks due to their long history of being dedicated to serving and improving our community."

## Non-Profit Hospitals and Pricing: Balancing Care and Compliance

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Transparent Pricing Policies: Hospitals should adopt clear, easily accessible pricing structures that align with Medicare reimbursement rates.

Enhanced Financial Assistance Programs: Ensuring that eligible patients are aware of and can easily access assistance programs.

Regular Compliance Audits: Conducting internal reviews to

verify adherence to IRS and ACA requirements.

Community Engagement: Strengthening efforts to address local health needs through targeted outreach and public health initiatives.

### Conclusion

The mission of non-profit hospitals is to provide affordable, high-quality healthcare to communities while enjoying the

benefits of tax-exempt status. However, recent allegations of overpricing and inadequate charitable care have placed these institutions under heightened scrutiny. To preserve their status and continue serving the public, non-profit hospitals must remain vigilant in their compliance efforts, ensuring their pricing and financial practices reflect their commitment to the community.

As regulatory oversight intensifies, hospitals must carefully balance financial sustainability and their core mission of public service. We at the City County Observer hope to see all of the non-profit hospitals in the Evansville region correct any compliance issues identified quickly and commit to operating as compliant non-profit hospitals in the future.

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# FAITH & VALUES †

## The Word In 120: Romans 15 Preaches Patience

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By Jerome Stewart

Romans chapter 15 vs. 4 says; For whatever things were written before were written for our learning that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Here's lesson number 1. Ecclesiastes chapter 1 vs. 9 and 10 says; "That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "See this is new?" It has already been in ancient times before us."

Lesson number 2. Mankind has always been hardheaded and fell

short when it comes to overcoming the challenges of sin, which is why God sent Jesus into the world, to save us from the consequences of self-inflicted sinful behavior.

Another great example of the sinful behavior of mankind can be found in the book of Ezekiel. Think about what is being said because it mirrors our behavior in this country today. The people were doing things contrary to the will of God and God was not pleased. The people were filled with sin sick behavior of all kinds, just like people are behaving today.

The prophet Ezekiel as a spokes-

man for God addressed the issue of their unfaithfulness. Chapter 14 vs. 12 he says; The word of the LORD came again to me, saying; "Son of man, when a land sins against Me

by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it."

We need to hear and understand that there is a penalty for sinful behavior. Listen to what

the LORD said to Jerusalem by way of the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 16 vs. 49 where reference was made to Sodom. The bible says;

"Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom. She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." The definition of haughty means thinking of being above God, pride arrogance and conceit. Vs. 50 says; And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit."

This country used to be referred to as a Christian nation. We need to turn back to God!

Proverbs 14 vs. 34 says; "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people."

## Interfaith Council Speaks Out Against Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric

FEBRUARY 2025

In response to recent incidents that have negatively impacted perceptions of the immigrant community, both nationally and regionally, the Mayor's Interfaith Council expresses deep concern over actions that foster division and unjust condemnation.

The Islamic faith has a rich history of migration. Judaism places great value on welcoming the stranger. Matthew 25:35-45 calls on Christians to welcome immigrants, while the Hindu faith teaches that "the world is one family;" though we may look different outwardly, our essence is the same.

We could continue to cite more teachings, but regardless of our individual faiths, they all affirm that all humans are equal, regardless of age, color, gender, or religion. They call on us to build the human family, recognizing the God-given dignity and rights of immigrants, which transcend the boundaries set by nations or international bodies. This culture of inclusion aligns not only with our religious values but also with the belief that Evansville is for Everyone.

We extend our warm embrace to our immigrant brothers and

sisters—Haitian, Marshallese, Palestinian, Nigerian, Hispanic, and all others who have joined us in this community—reflecting Christ's love and the compassion of all faiths. Your cultures enrich our city and align with our core values, guiding us to foster unity and compassion for all. We look forward to you and your families contributing to the ongoing progress of our city.

This is why we stand united in support of the immigrant community here in Evansville. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to building a community where all people, regardless of origin, are treated with respect, dignity, and love.

Father Alex Zenthofer, Catholic Diocese of Evansville

Rabbi Gary Mazo, Temple Adath B'nai Israel

Dr. Mohammad Hussain, Islamic Society of Evansville

The Reverend Jerusha Van Camp of the Presbytery of the Ohio Valley PCUSA

Pastor Ryan F. Jackson, New Hope Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Gile, Trinity United Methodist Church

Rev. Andy Payton, Methodist Temple UMC

Chad Monroe, Evansville Indiana Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Abraham Brown, Latino Ministerial Association

Phil Heller, Crossroads Christian Church

Dr. Adrian M. Brooks, Sr., Memorial Baptist Church

Karuna Pandit, Tri-State Hindu Temple

Sr. Jane Michele McClure, OSB, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville

**Father Alex Zenthofer, Catholic Diocese of Evansville:**

"Jesus identified with newcomers ('I was a stranger and you welcomed me'), and in the Catholic tradition, newcomers reflect the image of God. Catholic teaching views immigration as an opportunity to build the human family, recognizing the God-given dignity and rights of immigrants, which transcend the boundaries set by nations or international bodies."

**Rabbi Gary Mazo, Temple Adath B'nai Israel:**

"Judaism places great value on welcoming the stranger, a practice rooted in the story of Abraham in the Book of Genesis. As people who have long faced persecution and migration barriers, we deeply understand the pain of being un-

welcome. Leviticus 19:33-34 commands us to love and treat strangers as our own, remembering that we, too, were once strangers in Egypt. We are morally obligated to extend compassion to immigrants, not despite their status as strangers, but because of it."

**Dr. Mohammad Hussain, Islamic Society of Evansville:**

"The Muslim faith teaches respect for the rights of all people, especially immigrants and refugees. Islam has a rich history of migration, from the Quran's accounts of Prophet Abraham and Moses to the migration of early Muslims to Abyssinia and Prophet Mohammad's journey from Mecca to Medina. Islam teaches that all humans are equal, regardless of race, color, gender, or religion. The Quran says, 'Among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the differences in your languages and colors' (Quran 30:22). Islamic teachings emphasize helping the needy, travelers, and the oppressed, asking, 'What has happened to you that you do not struggle in the way of God for the oppressed among men, women, and children?' (Quran 4:75)."

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**TANK MCNAMARA**  
by Bill Hinds

**GET FUZZY**  
by darby conley

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 16, 2025

- ACROSS**
- 1 Word after "bar" or "pie"
  - 6 Chastising sound
  - 9 Website with DIY tutorials
  - 13 Dreaming, perhaps
  - 16 A handful of
  - 17 "Ab-solutely!"
  - 18 Bed that might have hanging toys
  - 19 Utter
  - 20 Japanese martial art
  - 21 Acting groups
  - 22 Demeanor
  - 23 Movie cliches
  - 25 Aroma
  - 27 "As It Was" singer Harry
  - 28 "\_\_\_\_\_ went the trolley" (Judy Garland lyric)
  - 29 Get through quickly, as a book
  - 32 Expels from office
  - 33 Suffix with "ballad"
  - 34 "General Hospital" actress Eddy
  - 35 "That's wonderful to hear!"
  - 37 Sprayed (down)
  - 38 Asserts
  - 39 Heavy books
  - 40 Syncs up
- DOWN**
- 1 Execs concerned with cost reduction
  - 2 Reaction to a witty pun
  - 3 Like a used fireplace
  - 4 Hwy.
  - 5 Relationship phase where two people aren't really dating yet
  - 6 Ticked (off)
  - 7 Marine mammals that swim on their backs
  - 8 Stat for a Canadian driver
  - 9 Activities that require you to think inside the box?
  - 10 Good judgment
  - 11 Leaves out
  - 12 Netlike
  - 13 Halloween decorations
  - 14 Frozen rain
  - 15 Name hidden in "Brooklyn Nets"
  - 21 Icy treatment
  - 22 Picture this in your head
  - 24 Deli bread option
  - 25 Curved line in musical notation
  - 26 "Our work here is done"
  - 27 Expels, as lava
  - 28 Gear tooth
  - 29 "From my perspective ..."
  - 30 Votes of approval
  - 31 "When does a joke become a \_\_\_\_\_ joke? When it becomes apparent!"
  - 36 Author Anais
  - 39 Bananas pieces
  - 40 Vowel-heavy mayo
  - 41 Buds
  - 42 One might be raised in skepticism
  - 44 Insignificant disruption
  - 45 Civilization that built Chichen Itza
  - 46 At the summit of
  - 47 Acer competitor
  - 49 Tear
  - 50 Poem of adoration

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 122 by CJ Tan

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# Education

## CRP, Ivy Tech Partner On Two Apprenticeship Programs

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Commonwealth Rolled Products in partnership with the Ivy Tech Community College Evansville, has announced the development and registration of two apprenticeship programs for industrial maintenance mechanics and maintenance electricians. Grant funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Building America program, has made this possible.

Commonwealth Rolled Products, located in Lewisport, Ky., is a leading supplier of automotive body sheet to premium North American OEMs. The company prides itself for having a "dedicated team" which includes maintenance mechanics and electricians who play a key role in the production process by ensuring that all equipment is maintained at high standards and are always ready to respond to issues when they occur.

Ivy Tech Community College

Evansville is providing the related training required by the U.S. Department of Labor for registered apprenticeship programs. Each program is supported with an interdisciplinary industrial workforce technical certificate which is customized to the specific needs of Commonwealth. The training was developed in conjunction with Commonwealth through a collaboration of the Ivy Tech Ivy+ Career Link team in Evansville, the School of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Science, and Katie King, site director of Ivy Tech's Tell City location.

"We are very pleased to partner with Ivy Tech on our apprenticeship programs. Having well trained skilled trades is critical to our busi-

ness and to the economy of this nation," said Ed Hemmersbach, chief operating officer of Commonwealth Rolled Products. "Ivy Tech has a long and well-proven track record working with local industry in apprentice partnerships."

Evansville campus Chancellor Daniela Vidal urges any company interested in partnering to develop an apprenticeship program to reach out. "Giving employers the ability to skill up their workforce, and provide meaningful training and skills to their employees, is one of the things Ivy Tech does best." Employers may partner with Ivy Tech by contacting Ivy+ Career Link at 812 429-9847.

Ivy Tech assisted with the registration process with the U.S. Department of Labor and provided

funding from the Apprenticeship Building America grant. According to Scott Derr, the lead project navigator for the Ivy Tech apprentice hub, the grant funding supports the efforts of employers to develop and launch apprenticeship programs by offsetting associated costs such as the work done by administrative staff and to set up the mentorship program, which is an integral component of the registered apprenticeship program.

The Apprenticeship Building America grant program is designed to expand and modernize registered apprenticeship by increasing the number of programs and apprentices, diversifying the industries that use registered apprenticeship and improving the access to and performance of registered apprenticeship programs for underrepresented and underserved communities.



## USI To Host Black History Month Events All Month

**FEBRUARY 2025**

The University of Southern Indiana is hosting a variety of events and activities in February to honor Black History Month. Events include:

**Family Reunion Karaoke**  
**Wednesday, February 5, University Center East – Fireside Lounge**

As part of Homecoming festivities, the Multicultural Center invites the campus community to an unforgettable evening of music, laughter and fun at Family Reunion Karaoke Night. Whether a seasoned performer or a first-time singer, this is the perfect chance to shine on stage and belt out tunes.

**USI Basketball vs. Little Rock – Black History Month Celebration**

**Thursday, February 6, Liberty Arena, Home of the Screaming Eagles**

USI Athletics will be hosting a Black History Month Celebration at the USI Women's and Men's Basketball games at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively, on Thursday, February 6 in Liberty Arena. USI Athletics will be acknowledging NPHC organizations, the USI Multicultural Center, as well as Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry during the game.

**True Black History Museum**  
**Tuesday, February 11, University Center East 2217-2218**

The True Black History Museum is a traveling museum that teaches Black history using rare and authentic artifacts. It is committed to preserving the history of African Americans and teaching individuals about the many great contributions that African Americans have made throughout history.

The exhibit takes visitors on a journey through the African American experience. Artifacts in the collection range from the many great African civilizations, the slave trade, slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights/Black Power movement and the modern day. The collection celebrates and highlights the contributions of African Americans in the arts,

sciences, sports, entertainment, education and politics.

The public is able to view the True Black History Museum at no charge.

**Black History Roundtable**

**Thursday, February 13, Traditions Lounge, University Center East**

Join the Multicultural Center for an enlightening and empowering Black History Roundtable Discussion

as it celebrates the rich heritage, culture and contributions of the Black community. This event aims to foster meaningful conversations, share diverse perspectives and inspire collective action. Participants will be able to gain a deeper understanding of Black history and its ongoing impact.

**Taste of Film**

**Monday, February 17, University Center West – Carter Hall**

The Black Student Union and

the Activities Programming Board will host their annual "Taste of Film" event where students can immerse themselves in a cultural experience that tantalizes both the eyes and taste buds. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a film while indulging in dishes inspired by the culture depicted on the screen.

**Black Student Union Gala**  
**Friday, February 28, Location TBA**

The Black Student Union (BSU) will host its annual Gala open to the campus community. The theme for this year's event is Harlem Nights. This elegant evening will transport participants to the vibrant 1920s and 1930s, celebrating the rich cultural heritage and artistic achievements of the era.

The USI Multicultural Center will also highlight Black History Month on its social media channels, shining the spotlight on significant Black figures, as well as trivia questions. Posts will be on the Multicultural Center's Facebook and Instagram.

For questions regarding Black History Month events, contact Deonte Turnley, Program Advisor for the USI Multicultural Center, at doturnley@usi.edu or 812-465-7188. A full list of events and details can be found on the USI Multicultural Center's webpage.



## UE Pioneers Cybersecurity Program In Southern Indiana

**FEBRUARY 2025**

As the digital world expands, the need for skilled cybersecurity professionals has never been greater. The University of Evansville (UE) is stepping up to meet this critical demand with the launch of its Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity program, starting in Fall 2025. This groundbreaking program—the first in the Tri-State region—positions UE as a leader in Southern Indiana for computer science, programming, software development, and cybersecurity education.

The Cybersecurity program, housed in UE's School of Engineering and Computer Science, will offer students hands-on training in critical areas such as ethical hacking, network security, and cyber forensics. Students will gain hands-on experience through real-world projects, preparing them for successful careers in this dynamic field.



With a focus on experiential learning, and small class sizes, the program is designed to prepare graduates for impactful careers in one of the fastest-growing fields of the 21st century. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts a 32% increase in cybersecurity jobs

from 2022 to 2032, which is substantially higher than the 3% average growth rate for all U.S. jobs.

"We are excited to introduce the B.S. in Cybersecurity degree program, which reflects our commitment to providing cutting-edge education that meets the needs of

today's job market. Through this innovative program, UE is changing lives and changing the world by equipping students with the skills to protect digital infrastructures, combat cyber threats, and contribute to global security," said Dr. Suresh Immanuel, Associate Dean for the School of Engineering and Computer Science. "Cybersecurity is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity in today's interconnected world. With this program, UE is equipping students to lead the charge and ensure they are ready to lead in an evolving and essential field. Our graduates will be well-prepared to tackle the challenges of cybersecurity and make significant contributions to the protection of digital assets"

For more information about the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity program or to learn how to apply, please visit [evansville.edu/cybersecurity](http://evansville.edu/cybersecurity).

# Sports

## Felton III, Rodriguez Set UE Indoor Track Records

FEBRUARY 2025

The University of Evansville track and field team broke two program records while having four podium finishes at the PNC Bank Bellarmine Classic.

After over a month away from competition the Purple Aces returned to action in the Bluegrass State at the PNC Bank Bellarmine Classic. Sophomore sprinter Raymond Felton III (Houston / Clear Brook HS) and sophomore runner Rafael Rodriguez (Segovia, Spain) broke program records set in 2024 on Friday. Along with the two new records, UE had 12 PRs through 18 events at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center.

### SPRINTS & HURDLES

Evansville had a big day in sprint events as the team began the meet with a PR from Felton III in the 60m dash. With a time of 6.88 seconds in both his qualifying heat and the final, Felton picked up the Aces' first podium finish of the day in second place. UE continued its strong sprints day with a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter race for sophomore Taylor Johnson (Evansville, Ind. / Reitz HS) with a time of 58.22 seconds. Freshman Clara Kelty (Louisville, Ky. / Presentation Academy) also competed in the 400-meter race with a time of 1:10.53.

Evansville's final individual sprint event of the day was the men's and women's 200 meters. Felton III had the Aces only first-place finish in the 200-meter race with a program record time of 21.55 seconds. Along with setting a program record, Felton's time was the 100th fastest in Division I this season. Freshman sprinter Myles Terry (Evansville, Ind. / North HS) also placed in the top 10 in the 200 meters with a time of 22.3 seconds. In the women's 200-meter race, Johnson placed sixth with a time of 25.51 seconds while Kate Walke (Batesville, Ind. / Oldenburg Academy) had a PR at 28.75 seconds.

UE ended the day on the track with the men's 4x400 meter relay. Evansville's relay team set a season-best with a time of 3:27.61 to place fourth. The Aces relay team consisted of Connor Shin, Kaiden McAllister, Woody Burrell, and Jakub Nowicki. Walke had UE's only hurdle event



of the day, running the 60-meter hurdles in 9.63 seconds for a Top 10 finish.

### MID-DISTANCE & DISTANCE

Evansville's first distance race of the day was a PR for sophomore Avery Stephens (Newburg, Ind. / Castle HS) in the 3,000-meter race. Stephens ran the 3,000 in 10:41.40 for an eighth-place finish. The Aces then ran their first mid-distance event with the men's and women's 800-meter race.

On the men's side sophomore Owen Cuplin (Hampshire, Ill. / Hampshire HS) ran a PR of 1:57.62 for 10th place. Also finishing in the men's race was freshman Vincent Filipek (Northville, Mich. / Northville HS) in 2:02.25 and sophomore Alejandro Navarrete (Mogadore, Ohio / Mogadore HS) in 2:10.04. In the women's race sophomore Chase Hayes (Noblesville, Ind. / Western HS) and senior Hannah Bryan (Evansville, Ind. / Reitz HS) both set PRs at 2:26.16 and 2:33.21 for 11th and 27th place. Freshman Rebekah Sachs also finished the 800-meter in 2:35.98.

UE had 10 runners between the men's and women's mile on Friday. In the men's mile, three separate runners set PRs with two Top 10 finishes. Sophomore Tom-

maso Losma (Lombardia, Italy) had Evansville's highest finish at third with a time of 4:17.44. Senior Adam Oulgout (St. Paul, Minn. / Central HS) was close behind in sixth with a PR of 4:18.43. Sophomore Woody Burrell (Cedarburg, Wis. / Cedarburg HS) also set a PR in the mile with a time of 4:27.79.

The Aces had four other runners finish the men's mile freshman Andrew Potter (Warsaw, Ind. / Warsaw Community HS) with a time of 4:33.82, Filipek (4:38.54), freshman Oliver Wilgocki (Chesterton, Ind. / Chesterton HS) with a time of 4:43.41, and McAllister (4:45.12). In the women's race sophomore Kyndall Anthis (Pakota, Ind. / Princeton Community HS) had the fastest time at 5:42.32 followed by freshmen Lauren Bradley (Russiaville, Ind. / Western HS) with a time of 5:43.54 and Skylar Dickenson (Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg HS) with a time of 5:48.35.

UE's final distance race was the team's other program record of the day. Rodriguez broke the record set by teammate Samuel Lea in the 3,000-meter race by over five seconds. Rodriguez placed second in the race setting a new PR of 8:18.50.

### JUMPS

Senior jumper Antuwan Powell (Ringgold, Ga. / Heritage HS) made his return to jumps after a year focused on the track in 2024. In his season debut, Powell set a new PR in the long jump at 5.94 meters. Powell's first indoor long jump was good for ninth place in the event.

### THROWS

Freshman thrower Emma Bertel (Franklin, Ind. / Franklin Community HS) had Evansville's best result in the field, placing eight in the women's shot put at 10.50 meters. One Aces thrower had a PR as freshman Beau Baldwin (Mt. Vernon HS) threw 11.18 meters in the men's weight throw. Senior Kaitlyn Sansone (Fairfield, Ohio / Mercy McAuley HS) had a season-best on Friday in the women's shot put at 8.77 meters.

### UP NEXT

UE will have its first out-of-state meet when the team travels to Birmingham, Alabama. Evansville will compete in two meets over the weekend while in the Magic City in early March. The Aces will first compete in the UAB Vulcan Invite on Friday, February 7 followed by the UAB Green and Gold Invite on Saturday, February 8.

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# Sports

## Aces Alum Freeland Makes Largest Athletics Gift

**FEBRUARY 2025**

University of Evansville (UE) officials, Major League Baseball (MLB) Pitcher Kyle Freeland and his wife, Ashley officially broke ground on The Freeland Clubhouse during a ceremony Friday. The state-of-the-art facility will redefine the future of Purple Aces Baseball. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of alumni Kyle '15 and Ashley '15 Freeland, who contributed approximately \$3 million, the clubhouse represents the largest philanthropic gift in UE Athletics history.

Announced in May 2024, The Freeland Clubhouse marks the launch of a pivotal project within the University's athletics strategic plan, Pathway to Excellence. Located near German American Bank Field at Charles H. Braun Stadium, The Freeland Clubhouse will include a locker room, offices for coaching staff, and a lounge designed to foster a culture of excellence and camaraderie. Completion is anticipated in Fall 2025.

"It's truly an honor for Ashley and me to give back to the University of Evansville and support this baseball program," said Kyle Freeland, a



standout pitcher for the Colorado Rockies and former UE baseball player. "I owe so much of my development as a player and a person to my time at UE and Coach Wes Carroll. This gift is our way of saying thank you and ensuring future Purple Aces have the tools and environment to reach their potential. We can't wait to see this vision become a reality."

Ashley Freeland, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Sport Management at UE, echoed her husband's sentiments, emphasizing the importance of creating a lasting

legacy for future student-athletes.

Just a month after the announcement, the UE baseball team won their first MVC tournament title since 2006 and made an historic run for the program's first-ever NCAA Regional Tournament title.

UE Head Baseball Coach Wes Carroll has been instrumental in shaping a program renowned for its success and development of players. "This clubhouse is a game-changer for our program," said Coach Carroll. "It represents the commitment of Kyle, Ashley, and UE to providing a first-class experience

for our student-athletes. Their generosity will propel us forward as we continue to compete at the highest level."

During the groundbreaking ceremony, UE Director of Athletics Dr. Kenneth "Ziggy" Siegfried praised the Freeland family's transformational gift. "Aces Baseball is on the rise, and this generous investment further solidifies our position in the Missouri Valley Conference and beyond. Kyle and Ashley's belief in Coach Carroll's vision and their commitment to our student-athletes exemplify what it means to be a Purple Ace."

Kyle Freeland's journey from UE standout to Major League Baseball pitcher reflects the program's ability to develop talent and build character. With The Freeland Clubhouse, UE aims to continue attracting top-tier recruits, fostering a team-oriented environment, and setting the stage for even greater success.

The University of Evansville extends its deepest gratitude to Kyle and Ashley Freeland for their historic generosity and creating a new exciting chapter for Purple Aces Baseball.

## Mundell Announces 2025 UE Softball Schedule

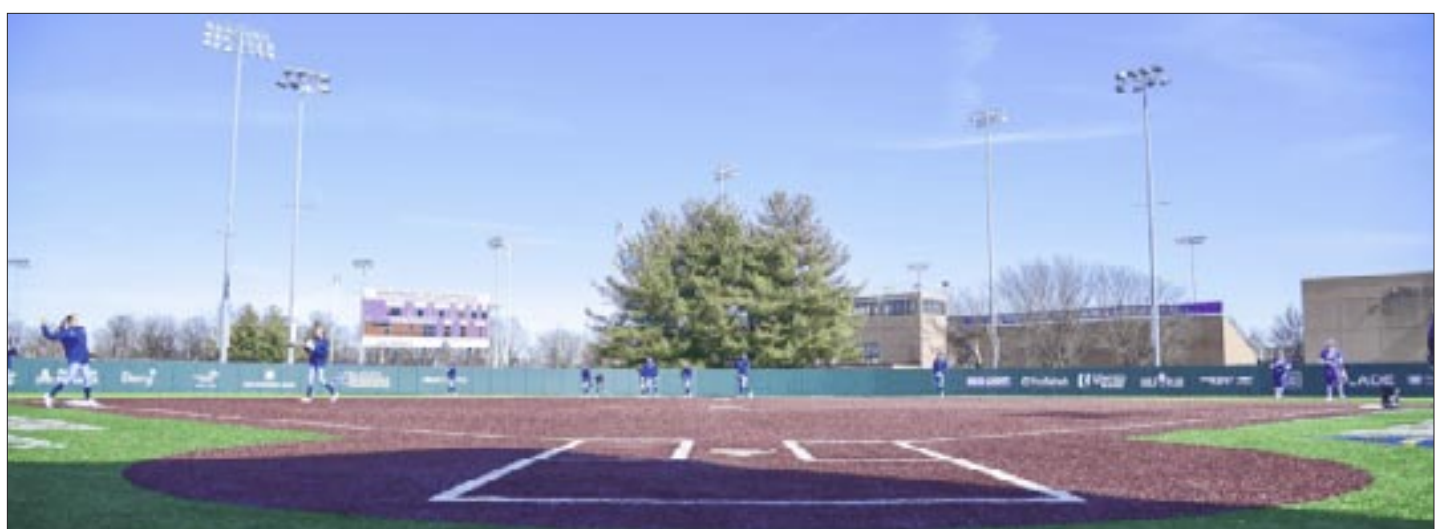
**FEBRUARY 2025**

With the spring season quickly approaching, University of Evansville head softball coach Mat Mundell has announced the 2025 schedule for the Purple Aces.

On Friday, February 7, UE opens the season at the Paladin Tournament, which will be hosted by Furman. Along with the Paladins, Evansville will face Stonehill, UT Martin, and Tennessee Tech. UTM highlights the field after winning 30 games last season.

The next two weekends feature home tournaments at Tri-State Orthopadeics Field at James & Dorothy Cooper Stadium. From Feb. 14-16, the Aces welcome Butler, Green Bay, and USI. Another home tournament is set for Feb. 21-23 when Western Michigan, Ohio State, UT Martin, and Saint Louis will be facing off. All four visiting teams finished last season over .500 with the Buckeyes and Billikens winning 31 games apiece last year.

Another big tournament is on tap starting Feb. 28 and running through March 2 as UE will be tak-



ing part in Western Kentucky's tournament. Aside from the Hilltoppers, the Aces face Kentucky and Tennessee Tech. WKU won 33 games in 2024 while UK was 31-24 on their way to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

In the final non-conference weekend, Evansville will be playing in Bellarmine's tournament in Louisville. Set for March 7-9, the tournament field includes Bellarmine, Ball State, and Stonehill. The final tune-up before Missouri Valley Conference play opens will be on March 12 as the Aces welcome Lindenwood for a doubleheader.

UNI will mark the first conference series as UE faces the Panthers in Evansville from March 14-16. The Panthers are coming off a 33-17 campaign that saw them win 18 league contests while finishing second in the Valley. The Aces take to the road for the next two conference weekends, heading to Missouri State (March 21-23) and Valparaiso (March 28-30) before opening the month of April at home versus Belmont. The Bruins tied for third in the MVC last season, going 30-20 while taking 16 league wins.

Following a midweek double-

header on April 8 at Indiana State, Evansville plays host to Drake from the 11th to the 13th before welcoming the Sycamores for a single game on the 15th. The Aces finish the month on the road with 3-game series at Murray State and Bradley before coming back home to wrap up the regular season against the reigning league champions – Southern Illinois. The winners of 44 games in 2024, SIU earned 23 Valley wins.

The 2025 MVC Championship will be held May 7-10 on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Marion V. Fendrich	03/29/1929 – 01/29/2025
Kenneth "Ken" Robert Murray	12/14/1945 – 01/27/2025
Norma Jean Weiler	02/15/1933 – 01/23/2025
Phyllis J. Eckels	09/04/1924 – 01/22/2025
Linda Sue Alvey	11/21/1948 – 01/16/2025
Jeff Werkmeister	11/05/1956 – 01/12/2025
Foo Shung "Frankie" Jung	12/12/1947 – 01/07/2025
Gary William Skie	07/22/1958 – 01/07/2025
JoAnn Carey	10/03/1952 – 01/03/2025

#### West

Georgetta Miller	02/13/1920 – 01/26/2025
Shirley Joan Hill	10/07/1932 – 01/23/2025
Michael Steven Kingery	07/18/1978 – 01/20/2025
Larry J. Barnes, Sr.	06/25/1942 – 01/21/2025
Pearl R. Cummings	04/03/1928 – 01/20/2025
Mary Ann Deffendall	10/07/1936 – 01/16/2025
Sandra C. Oakley	01/02/1941 – 01/15/2025
Jeffrey Scott Hatfield	06/20/1966 – 01/07/2025
Gerald Edgar Neu	07/17/1941 – 01/09/2025
Arthur Miller Jr.	01/14/1929 – 01/08/2025
Gregory Ray Savage	04/17/1960 – 01/04/2025
Charles Reid Welborn-Holmes	11/13/1986 – 12/31/2024

#### North

Linda L. Cotton	Nov. 05, 1944 – Dec. 03, 2024
Elizabeth "Betty" T. Fischer	Apr. 12, 1929 – Dec. 06, 2024
David R. Mullen	Jun. 13, 1950 – Dec. 07, 2024
Danette Benthall	Mar. 03, 1949 – Dec. 11, 2024
Dwight Markwell	May 23, 1050 – Dec. 12, 2024
Marilyn Weisman	Jan. 13, 1941 – Dec. 14, 2024
Virgil I. Messel	Mar. 03, 1924 – Dec. 26, 2024
Rickard A. McKasson	Nov. 11, 1932 – Dec. 27, 2024
Jeri Lynn Hester	Mar. 09, 1984 – Dec. 28, 2024
Betty Robertson	Feb. 03, 1943 – Dec. 29, 2024

### BOONE FUNERAL HOME

Walter "Ray" Stephens	07/23/1944 - 01/27/2025
William Junior "Bill" Wilson	09/18/1932 - 01/27/2025
David Cobb 09/20/1983	01/23/2025
Patricia Martin	01/11/1944 - 01/23/2025
Karen Temme	03/16/1953 - 01/22/2025
Charlotte Miller	10/25/1931 - 01/22/2025
Versal Osmon	01/19/1932 - 01/21/2025
Tamara Anderson	07/05/1957 - 01/21/2025
Rhonda Fulkerson McGill	06/19/1955 - 01/20/2025
Gary Galloway, Sr.	03/16/1944 - 01/20/2025
Ronald "Ronnie" Beard	09/04/1948 - 01/18/2025
Marilyn Bischoff	05/07/1929 - 01/17/2025
Helen "Kay" Witter	11/09/1944 - 01/17/2025
Mary Ann Baker	09/19/1938 - 01/16/2025
Asia Tomich	08/07/1998 - 01/14/2025
John "Jack" MacLeod	09/24/1940 - 01/14/2025
Jeffrey Fischer	04/11/1968 - 01/13/2025
Beverly Bandman	01/16/1943 - 01/11/2025
Doris Stock	03/01/1928 - 01/08/2025
Mary Saum	02/18/1957 - 01/06/2025
Linda Deckard	10/12/1953 - 01/04/2025
Lena Berning	01/25/1937 - 01/03/2025
Sharon Greenwood	02/25/2025 - 01/02/2025
Rev. Austin "Dale" Maddux	08/27/1928 - 01/02/2025

### BROWNING FUNERAL HOME

Marcia "Diane" (White) Huett	03/15/1945 - 01/30/2025
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Joyce (Owen) Patrosky	12/09/1948 - 01/29/2025
Josephine M. "Josie" Williams	08/16/1928 - 01/29/2025
Rodney "Rod" VanBibber	05/11/1957 - 01/29/2025
David "Dave" Cowan	08/31/1951 - 01/24/2025
Rosellen (Hendrickson) Syrette	12/07/1949 - 01/23/2025
Dora Lea (Silver) Rexing-Beaton	01/24/1944 - 01/21/2025
Jason Ward Rollins	08/18/1974 - 01/20/2025
Raymond "Ray" Bigge.	09/23/1945 - 01/19/2025
Rita (Wink) Lurker	05/23/1935 - 01/19/2025
Gertrude Muensterman	01/22/1935 - 01/19/2025
Sanford "Jim" James Bush	08/28/1943 - 01/18/2025
Rhonda Kim (Simmons) DeMoss	03/29/1960 - 01/17/2025
Thomas "Tom" E. Nellis	08/19/1960 - 01/17/2025
David "Dave" Michael Cates	09/26/1947 - 01/17/2025
Sylvester Alvey	05/24/1940 - 01/16/2025
Margaret Louise Grunow	11/11/1936 - 01/15/
Lisa Diane (McDonald) Elbrink	04/06/1970 - 01/13/2025
Robert H. Garriott	09/29/1939 - 01/09/2025
Terri Beth (Chaffin) Hagan	07/17/1959 - 01/08/2025
Donna Rose Attebury	07/17/1957 - 01/06/2025
Bobby Glen Harrison	03/15/1930 - 01/05/2025
Mohammad Sadegh Mirgheshmi	03/21/1929 - 01/05/2025
Marinell (Angel) Burns	09/21/1962 - 01/05/2025
Brenda Kay (Pendle) Blair	10/25/1949 - 01/01/2025
Connie Lee (Scott) Heilman	10/07/1957 - 01/01/2025
Teresa Lee Cole	03/15/1954 - 01/01/2025

### PIERRE FUNERAL HOME

Mildred Ruth "Millie" Hartz	05/25/1923 - 01/28/2025
Nancy E. Haas	09/14/1937 - 01/24/2025
Stanley G. Forzley	02/16/1947 - 01/23/2025
Judith Ann Crosser	11/07/1946 - 01/23/2025
Carl Jeffery "Jeff" Hengstenberg	12/20/1961 - 01/22/2025
Mildred "Mitzi" Lovell	07/29/1928 - 01/22/2025
David Henry Johns.	06/29/1940 - 01/15/2025
Donald A. Owens	05/05/1941 - 01/14/2025
Robert L. "Bob" Carp	10/22/1937 - 01/13/2025
George M. Brunson	06/01/1934 - 01/13/2025
Ronie L. "Cotton" Dike	03/18/1960 - 01/11/2025
Margaret Mary "Maggie" Tiekem	11/13/1949 - 01/11/2025
Harold G. "Butch" File	02/14/1948 - 01/11/2025
Mary Jane Bradley	02/09/1940 - 01/03/2025
Justin Alan Postin	12/04/1989 - 01/02/2025
Maxine Elizabeth Russell	11/06/1944 - 01/02/2025
George J. Altheide III	04/03/1965 - 01/02/2025

### ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME

Candy Roscoe	09/13/1945 - 01/26/2025
Wanda J. Turnage	09/25/1958 - 01/25/2025
Marvin H. Peter	02/06/1938 - 01/24/2025
Joseph X. Short	09/29/1954 - 01/23/2025
Cleo Ruth Kirk	09/15/1933 - 01/21/2025
James "Claude" Wertz, Jr.	12/21/1931 - 01/19/2025
Chriseada Louise Smith	12/19/1940 - 01/16/2025
Gary Joseph Gerard	06/07/1938 - 01/16/2025
Robert Andrew Stone	05/13/1945 - 01/15/2025
Paula Diane Davis	02/05/1944 - 01/14/2025
Tryntje "Tina" Dillman	04/07/1935 - 01/14/2025
Raymond "Ray" F. Beckwith, Jr.	10/16/1929 - 01/12/2025
Kurt Alan Harris	04/10/1965 - 01/12/2025
David "Randy" Dant	03/27/1953 - 01/11/20
Christopher "Shawn" McLeod	01/10/1967 - 01/08/2025
Carol J. Greulich	07/11/1939 - 01/06/2025
Marie C. St. Jacques	03/23/1942 - 01/06/2025
Bonnie L. Wink	10/09/1943 - 01/03/2025
Catherine M. Mitchell	04/16/1939 - 01/03/2025
Carole Schaffstein	08/09/1938 - 01/01/2025

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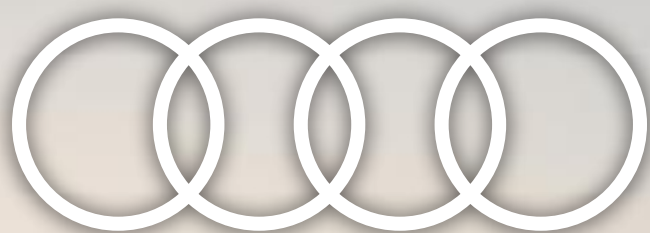
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