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Citizens voice concern over Brownfields Corp.

By Jamie Grabert, Editor

Journalists typically find stories one of two ways: 1) their instincts tell them something isn't quite right; or 2) a citizen voices concern over an issue. Rarely does it happen that a journalist spends weeks working on something only to have multiple citizens calling on them for answers. Many residents have voiced their concern for the Front Door Pride program. In talking with these people, their attention almost always turns to certain organizations or people associated with the project.

For over a year, Evansville Brownfields Corp. has been on the people's radar. It began with people feeling their property was being seized by this government-formed, non-profit organization. From there, the concern became the seemingly secret ways in which decisions were being made.

Evansville Brownfields Corp. took centerstage last year when the organization hid behind their 501(c) 3 status and refused to open their meetings, minutes and documentation to the media and the public. Earlier this year, EBC opened their meetings to the public with an invitation from Carolyn Rusk, board secretary of EBC and Brownfields Coordinator for the City of Evansville.

It wasn't long until the citizens' interest grew in this organization, and they began to do their own research. Some of these people were waiting to tell their stories to someone who would listen. Others became more concerned when the Evansville Redevelopment Commission announced its plans to enlarge the TIF district.

Two weeks ago, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners held an absolute auction at Sohn and Associates on seized properties. Residents and investors attended this auction. The residents left the property sale upset and dejected.

Al Lindsey, an Evansville Firefighter and rental property owner, left angry. He had bid on a property on Cumberland that was next to property he

already owned. He was outbid on the lot he wanted, as was another woman who wanted the lot adjacent to her home. (She said she wanted the lot to give her children a place to play.) Both were outbid by who they thought was Evansville Brownfields Corp.

A few days later, Lindsey received a strange letter in the mail from a gentleman presenting himself as a representative of the local Habitat for Humanity. He requested that Lindsey call him regarding the property Lindsey owned on Cumberland. Lindsey made the call and informed the man he was not interested in selling the property. He then proceeded to tell the gentleman that he did not appreciate the fact that his organization was buying up properties that the adjacent property owners wanted.

He reminded the man that he had bid against him in the past at another such auction. At that time, the man was reportedly buying properties for Evansville Brownfields Corp. The man didn't deny Lindsey's statement.

"I don't like these guys using my money to bid against me." Lindsey went on to explain. "They are using my money [my tax dollars] to bid against me for land that I want and can use. They basically have unlimited resources and deep pockets. They drive up the price on the land so far that the neighbors can't afford them. When did the government decide to get involved in the real estate market, and how is this right?"

According to Rusk, Evansville Brownfields Corp. is basically used for landbanking, especially for new homes. This is one area concerning residents.

A visit from Rodney Witherspoon proved interesting. He slapped down research he had already done on Evansville Brownfields Corp. Among the items he presented was an article from BizVoice, a

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magazine from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

In the 2004 article titled, "Yellow Light for Brownfields?" Tom Schuman wrote, "Evansville has adopted a different approach than many other communities by forming the Evansville Brownfields Corporation. Rusk says the non-profit will be able to pursue a variety of grants that are not available to government entities. The corporation will be able to hold property and lease it back to those directly involved. 'It's just another tool in our toolbox,' Rusk states."

Questions then arose as to who was directly involved with Evansville Brownfields Corporation. After researching meeting minutes, property cards, tax returns, state documents and other such documents, patterns developed. Land was transferred to Evansville Brownfields Corp via the Dept. of Metropolitan Development or the Vanderburgh County Commissioners. It was then transferred to HOPE of Evansville, Memorial Community Development Corp., or Habitat for Humanity. In some cases, it was just transferred among the latter.

In Vanderburgh County Commissioner meeting minutes dated October 4, 2005, the details were cleared up slightly. According to the meeting minutes, "Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.: Okay, last week the Commissioners were requested to remove 72 parcels of real estate from the certificate tax sale, which is going to be held on October the 14th. At the time that request was made by, on behalf of DMD, the intention was that the county would take title to these properties, and then, by resolution, convey the properties to DMD, that would be from one political subdivision, or one political entity to another. Since then it's developed, a couple of things have developed, we learned that it's going to be quite expensive to go through the title searches that will be necessary for the county to take title to the 72 parcels. At the same time we learned that DMD would really prefer that the county not convey the properties to DMD, because DMD would rather have the properties go to a new, not-for-profit corporation that they've created called Evansville Brownfields Corporation. DMD was concerned that they would have no way, if the county conveyed it to DMD, for DMD to then convey it to Evansville Brownfields Corporation. DMD has agreed with the County Attorney, the attorney for DMD has agreed with me that it would be better, for all concerned, if the Commissioners would consider rescinding the order to remove the 72 parcels of property from the certificate sale on October 14th, thereby letting those parcels be available for sale on that date. It will be the intention of Evansville Brownfield Corporation to buy the properties at the certificate, or at least to bid on the properties at the certificate sale on that date. Then, if they're the successful bidders, which they intend to be, then they will do the necessary title searches and so forth at city expense to vest title in Brown, Evansville Brownfields Corporation. So, our recommendation is that the Commissioners consider rescinding the order removing the 72 parcels from the sale, and thereby placing them back on the sale."

Rusk also explained, Evansville Brownfields Corp.'s money comes from federal and local sources. These funds "are used for acquisition

and maintenance of properties."

According to documents from the Evansville City Controller's Office, Evansville Brownfields Corp. received money from the federal government through the Community Development Block Grant program for "Other Contractual Services" and "Grants and Subsidies" budgetary lines. In 2009, the organization received a check on August 11, 2009, for \$1,314,875.32. On March 13, 2009, they received check 518919 for \$200,000. On April 9, 2009, the corporation received check 524867 in the amount of \$191,364.74. Check number 525488 was presented to EBC on May 1, 2009, in the amount of \$42,704.02. And the list continued.

According to these same documents, DMD reportedly gave Evansville Brownfields Corp. "Economic Development Loans" as well. The reason cited for the loan was "Other Contractual Services." One loan was made on July 20, 2009, in the amount of \$84,662. Two such loans were made on August 7, 2009, totaling \$55,632.79. On August 14, 2009, a loan was made in the amount of \$50,700.12. Three loans were made on September 11, 2009, equaling \$80,355.38.

According to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, EBC stated the purposes for the organization's existence. In Article II of the Articles of Incorporation, it states that one of the purposes behind forming this organization was "to acquire 'brownfield' properties and/or other environmentally distressed real estate, to improve and/or remediate the real estate and to thereafter retain, sell or lease the real estate, in order to benefit the City of Evansville and its economic development thereby lessening the burdens of government."

Some property owners surrounding lots owned by Evansville Brownfields Corp. are concerned about the value of their property because EBC lots often have tall weeds and grass or dilapidated buildings waiting to be torn down. Lindsey is one such property owner.

He keeps his land on Cumberland mowed, but the lot next to his is owned by Evansville Brownfields Corp. "How are they increasing the value of my land or improving the neighborhood when their grass is waist high. I bought the lot I own and cleaned it up. I removed the old junk cars and tires. I keep it mowed."

In requesting documents and information from Vanderburgh County Assessor Jonathan Weaver, a total of 192 properties were owned by Evansville Brownfields Corp., as of March 4, 2010.

In a press release from Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel's office dated October 13, 2009, and titled "8 New Front Door Pride Homes," the release states, "Currently, the Brownfields Corporation owns 78 parcels in the Focus Area and 163 in the Front Door Pride area. Abandoned or dilapidated structures on these parcels may be rehabilitated or demolished to further the goal of creating a mixed income neighborhood while eliminating blighted housing. Small parcels may be cleared to create side yards for existing homes or combined with adjacent unimproved parcels to create larger lots for new home construction."

(See this post on www.independencetimes.com for photos.)

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The Story Behind Boehne's Monticello



By Berniece (Sollman) Tirmenstein,
Contributing Editor

Evansville is rich in historic homes, one of which is the John W. Boehne, Sr. Home that is presently located at 1119 Lincoln Avenue, one block west of Highway 41. It is on the list of National Register of Historic Places.

To be put on the list, buildings have to have signs of significance in either the cultural, historical, or architectural contribution. Significance may be on the local, state, or national level. The Boehne Home is on the list for historical reasons.

John W. Boehne, Sr. was Mayor of Evansville from 1906-

1909. He was not able to complete his term as mayor because he was elected to Congress in 1909. He served in Congress from 1909-1913. When his term ended, he had to decide where he and his family would live. Would they remain in Washington, D.C. area or return to Evansville?

He decided to return to Evansville, and he had construction of a new home started and modeled after "The Monticello" – the home of Thomas Jefferson.

The design was by Clifford Shopbell Company and was built on about an acre of land that extended south of Lincoln Avenue to what is Bellemeade Avenue today. There on Bellemeade, Mr. Boehne had a wooden arch-lie structure with

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seats on either side built. It served as a shelter for employees at the home to sit and rest as they waited for the streetcar to come to take them home. For all these years, it has weathered many a storm.

Through the years, the home has had different owners. In 1945, the American Legion Post owned it, but due to a problem of no beer being served, it was sold. A couple, Walter Moll, Sr. and wife, bought the home. A son, Walter Moll, Jr., told me of details of the home. He spoke of a circular shower that had controlled temperature in all the pipes around the room. The home was sold to TEKE fraternity.

In about 1984 or 1986, a law firm made up of several partners bought the home. When work was being done in preparation for the law firm's occupancy there was a fire. Arson was the cause. Because of the close proximity of a fire station, damage was limited to a ceiling and two doors were heavily damaged. Luckily, photos of the ceiling and doors had been taken before the fire, and restoration was done. Smoke damage was cleaned up.

The law firm dissolved, and the home was once again up for sale. Bill Hillenbrand, owner of Rose Marie's Gift Shop across the street, needed more room. He bought the home, and it became Rose Marie's Gift Shop. Now, Mr. Hillenbrand has moved the business to another location.

On a side note, I find genealogy interesting. From my research and others, I find this bit of information. In 1837, two young brothers, George Sollman and Heinrich (Henry) Sollman left Germany, aboard the ship, "Johannes," to seek out a new life in America. George Sollman was my great-uncle, and Heinrich Sollman was my great-grandfather. As they arrived at the riverfront in Evansville, they saw the two Boehne sisters. George said, "I'll take the blonde, you take the brown-haired one." That is exactly what happened; they married

the sisters. From records I have, John W. Boehne, Sr. was the nephew of these two Boehne sisters.

Editor's Note: Information given to me by Joan Marchand then with the Historical Preservation Group in Evansville, IN, and from my cousin, Lela Mae (Sollman) Gruebel.



5 things you need to know

This week's topics!

Editor's Note: Each week, the Independence Times will feature "Five Things You Need to Know." This page will be a compilation of items we received via tips and took the time to verify. These are items of note that our small staff would like to make known to the public, but we just didn't have the time to get all the facts yet. We encourage anyone interested in notifying us of any news-worthy item to email us at independencetimes@gmail.com. Your email address and name will remain confidential and will not be given or sold to any company or organization.

1. The weekly Farmer's Market sponsored by Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) and the Vanderburgh County Farm Bureau is a huge success. The number of tents going up each week seems to be increasing as does the traffic from patrons. Local growers are selling their products reasonably and offer a large selection. Vendors have everything from freshly baked breads, to homemade soaps and candles, to gourmet dog treats, and of course, homegrown produce. Some growers have also elected to sell fruits and vegetables from other areas. If you have not yet visited the Farmer's Market, stop by its location Second and Sycamore location near the old Greyhound station downtown.

2. The City of Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Board recently approved an extension of the agreement with Republic Services (formerly known as Allied Waste Services) for the removal of household waste. This contract is in effect through April 30, 2011. Our staff is looking into the terms of this contract and any changes.

3. Posey County is seeing an insurgence of the local Republican Party. This year marks the greatest number of candidates the GOP has seen in many years. Sunday evening, an email went out making the announcement that Travis Clowers will run for Posey County Prosecutor. He is currently working in the Circuit Court system in Vanderburgh County. Dave Butler recently took the reigns of the Posey County Democrat Party as chairman. He was elected by a caucus last weekend. Butler replaces Scott Moye, who stepped aside for reasons related to his health.

4. The City of Evansville is making strides in the right direction by taking a serious stand and getting to work

on the sewers. Imagine how much better the quality of life would be in the Historic District if the city would make the necessary efforts to get rid of the odor of Bee Slough. Could that be next? Residents and passersby of that area can only hope!

5. The local TEA Party patriots are hosting a picnic at Garvin Park on July 4, 2010. The picnic will begin at 2 p.m. Guest speakers are sure to offer powerful speeches regarding the upcoming election and issues important to local residents. Tours will also be offered of the James Bethel Grisham, the first soldier killed in World War I. This event promises to be a good time and worth your effort to attend. Check back for a list of speakers and activities.

Legislation to Watch ~

(Submitted by local readers)

DISCLOSE ACT, H.R. 1575: Our representative and Democratic Senate candidate, Brad Ellsworth, not only is in favor of this bill, but is a co-sponsor. The House may pass this bill which would impose sweeping new restrictions on the ability of groups like Right to Life to communicate with you about the views and actions of federal lawmakers. There is very little in this bill that is intended to provide useful or important information to the public. Rather the intent is to discourage private groups from providing information to the public about the actions of Congress by creating burdensome and restrictive regulations and legal traps. National Right to Life is strongly opposed to this bill which it called, "pernicious, unprincipled, and unconstitutional legislation."

Please contact Congressman Ellsworth to tell him that you oppose H.R. 1575, which is trying to restrict the free speech of private organizations about the actions of politicians.

letter from the editor

Welcome to the Independence Times!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Independence Times. We appreciate your taking the time to read this online newspaper and hope you find yourself informed as well as entertained.

Our Mission

The Independence Times is a non-partisan newspaper dedicated to the truth, accountability and transparency of government in the Evansville Metropolitan Statistical Area.

We are based on the principles spelled out by the founding fathers of the United States in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

First Amendment: *"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

The purpose of this online publication is to create an atmosphere of honesty, trust, and integrity. Our goal is to arm our readers with information they need to be educated on variety of issues facing this region. Our goal is to help our readers live better, more enriched lives.

The Independence Times will take a conservative stance on socio-economic issues. We will about political candidates and event. We will seek out and offer insight into a variety of political and social issues that help shape this region.

The Independence Times will serve the communities of Vanderburgh, Posey and Warrick Counties watchdog by alerting our readers with the rights of citizens are in danger of being violated by our elected and appointed officials.

The staff of the Independence Times is serving its readers. We will open our space on the Internet to quality discussions about issues facing local residents at the city, county, state and federal levels. We will also accept white papers and position papers on topic of importance to our readers.

You will see within the pages of our Interactive Issues, articles about life in Southwestern Indiana, historic places, great places to visit, events and activities and a variety of topics of interest. You will also find regular features, like "5 Things to Know." This will be short blasts of information the public should find useful or enlightening. We accept information from readers as a way to jump start these articles. Our goal is not to alienate any readers and provide thoughtful informa-

tion. This section can and will grow as the amount of information we receive and track down increases.

Among the pages, you will also find "It's a date!" This section is where you will find things to do in Evansville and its surrounding areas. We encourage local charitable groups to submit information about events and activities.

Berniece "The Terminator" Tirmenstein will also be assisting us with a special project titled "Historic Places." She will be writing stories of houses and buildings of historical significance for this area. We expect this to be a popular section. We encourage others to submit stories about properties they find interesting as well.

Charlene Braker will be spearheading our "Religion" section. She will provide a daily scripture and a prayer. We also want to focus on church-related activities and stories. Please, feel free to submit information and stories to us.

We support the efforts of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces and are working out the bugs to feature a serviceman or woman who has served or is serving this great nation each week. Please submit names and contact information if you know someone who fits this description. We will also accept personal stories and account from anyone interested in sharing. We will offer free subscriptions to those in active service that are away from home and want to keep up with what's going on around here!

We are currently tracking down information for a section called "Mysteries that Persist." This section will be dedicated to ongoing problems that seem to be nowhere near being resolved. These things go on and no explanation or information about progress is being given to the public.

Now, to appeal to those of you in need of volunteers, we are looking for information. If your organization runs on the help of volunteers, submit your information to us. Give a quick description of your charity or organization. Then tell us what you need.

In short, the staff of the Independence Times wants to create a website and online newspaper that is about what the people want to read and want to know more about. You can submit all information to independencetimes@gmail.com. All information goes straight to the editor and will be given to the proper party to ensure your privacy.

Again, thanks for reading.

Jamie Grabert, Editor

business

Mead Johnson Announces Change in Enfagrow Premium Product Line

GLENVIEW, Ill., (BUSINESS WIRE) --Mead Johnson Nutrition Company (NYSE: MJN) issued the following statement regarding its Enfagrow(R) Premium(TM) product line:

At Mead Johnson, we have been developing science-based nutritional products to help give infants and children the best start in life for more than a century. We also take great pride in our heritage of partnering with parents and healthcare professionals in the pursuit of this important mission.

Our Enfagrow Premium products were introduced in the U.S. for toddlers who have been weaned off breast milk or infant formula, but still need nutritional support to their main diet. Parents have told us that they consider these products an important option for meeting the overall nutritional needs of toddlers, especially those who are picky or erratic eaters.

Like all our Enfagrow Premium products, the recently introduced chocolate-flavored version has a superior nutritional profile to many other beverages typically consumed by toddlers - including apple juice, grape juice, and similarly flavored dairy drinks. Unfortunately, there has been some misunderstanding and mischaracterization regarding the intended consumer for this product and the proper role it can play in a child's balanced diet. The resulting debate has distracted attention from the overall benefits of the brand, so we have decided to discontinue production of Enfagrow Premium chocolate toddler drink and phase it out over the coming weeks.

Beneficial ingredients in our Enfagrow Premium products include iron to help support brain growth and antioxidants and other nutrients to help support the immune system. They exceed whole milk - serving for serving - for important vitamins such as A, B1, B6, C and E and are also a source of Omega-3 DHA and prebiotics, both of which are lacking in milk.

Enfagrow Premium will remain available in three unflavored versions - Next Step(R), Gentlease(R) Next Step and Soy Next Step - as well as vanilla. Mead Johnson

stands behind the nutritional quality and scientific integrity of all its products, while also striving to be responsive to the needs and concerns of our consumers in the marketplace.

May 2010 Indiana Employment Report

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana continued to see modest private sector growth in May with 6,300 additional jobs. The state's private sector employment has grown by 2.1 percent since December 2009, with a total gain of 47,900 jobs. That accounts for 10 percent of total U.S. private sector employment growth during the five-month period (Indiana has 2 percent of the country's population). Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 10.0 percent due to the continued return of Hoosiers to the labor force.

"It is welcome news that private sector employment grew in Indiana for the fifth consecutive month," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Since the start of the year, one in ten of all jobs created across the country were in Indiana. While unemployment is still too high, we are seeing a sharp drop in new unemployment claims, a 32 percent decline over the past year."

The growth of 6,300 jobs in the private sector included the following significant sector employment increases: Professional and Business Services (5,700), Private Education and Health Services (2,600), and Manufacturing (2,200). Sectors reporting employment declines include: Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-2,600), Construction (-2,600) and Financial Activities (-1,000). The impact of short-term U.S. Census hiring accounted for an additional 5,200 jobs in the government sector, increasing the seasonally-adjusted total non-farm employment in Indiana by 11,500 for May.

Indiana continues to report the lowest unemployment rate of its neighboring states.

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ANGEL MOUNDS EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER CAMP

Camp Mound Mayhem Summer Day Camp

Angel Mounds' signature day camp is back! Running two separate sessions on June 21 - 25 and June 28 - July 2, this summer classic focuses exclusively on the Native American culture that once thrived at Angel Mounds.

Throughout the week, campers will participate in activities and games that teach them the basics of living off the land - how to identify native plants and their uses; how to make and use tools from basic natural resources; and, of course, how to train and hunt like a warrior. The camp concludes with a grand finale featuring a games tournament and Friday Feast. Campers will dine on deer jerky, pecans, cattails (Yes, cattails.), and other Mississippian fare, including a turkey baked in an earth oven. Registration fee includes a free t-shirt, snacks, and lunch on Friday. The camp runs from

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Early drop-off and late pick-up options available. \$95 per camper through May 28, for Friends of Angel Mounds members, Indiana State Museum members and multiple registrations; after May 28, \$110 per camper.

CIVIC THEATRE EVENTS

CIVIC THEATRE ANNOUNCES THE 85th SEASON, FOR 2010-2011

Evansville Civic Theatre announces its 85th season, offering a wide variety of the new and familiar, the challenging and the hilarious, and featuring two engaging musicals that will excite and charm young and old. The media sponsors for the 2010-2011 season are the Evansville Courier and Press, 104FM WIKY and Channel 14 WFIE.

Patrons can once again select the four mainstage shows, or upgrade to the "Supersize" package that includes the summer show and the Nextwave musical as well as the mainstage presentations.

And for the first time in its 85-year history, Civic The-

atre now offers online ticketing, both for season ticket purchases and single ticket purchases; the single ticket online purchases will begin in July with the summer show. Online ticketing is available through the Civic Theatre website at www.civic.evansville.net.

Here's the lineup for Civic Theatre's exciting 85th season:

The summer show:

1. The Lady With All the Answers, by David Rambo.

July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Aug. 1

Sponsor: Aztec Printing

THE MAINSTAGE SEASON:

1. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Music and lyrics by William Finn; book by Rachel Scheinkin

Six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1-3

Sponsors: 5th 3rd Bank, Scripps Howard Foundation

2. A Christmas Story, By Jean Shepherd; adapted by Philip Grecian.

Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

Sponsors: Vectren, Toyota

3. Doubt, A Parable, by John Patrick Shanley.

Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Sponsor: 14 WFIE

4. The Dixie Swim Club, by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten.

April 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23

Sponsors: 104FM WIKY, Hahn Realty

THE NEXTWAVE MUSICAL:

1. Children of Eden, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz; Book by John Caird; based on a concept by

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John Lisanby

May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

Sponsor: Integra Bank

EVANSVILLE MUSEUM **(Arts, History, Science)**

Admission is free, but there is a suggested contribution of \$2 per person.

Membership begins at \$35, with a total of seven membership categories

KOCH PLANETARIUM TO OFFER FREE SHOWS

The Evansville Museum will be offering admission-free planetarium shows the first Friday of every month this Summer. Three free planetarium performances will be offered each day on June 4, July 2, and August 6. Free performances in the Museum's Koch Planetarium will occur at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

- At 11:00 a.m. the Planetarium will offer Larry, Cat In Space, a sky show for children ages 4-10 that follows the devotion of an orange cat that stows away on a rocket to the moon.

- At 1:00 p.m. Nine Planets and Counting examines the continuing debate on what constitutes a planet, the variety of objects that populate the solar system a if Pluto is still a planet.

- At 3:00 p.m., The Sky Tonight will detail what planets and constellations are visible in the summer sky.

- Although the shows are free, guests are asked to pick up a complimentary ticket the day of the show. Timed tickets will be available at the Museum's Second Floor Security Desk.

Old Gallery

Tobi Kohn: Ohra, Sky and Water Meditation

April 26 – June 27

Town Hall

Cornucopia: Artifacts from the History

February 7 – August 15

Koch Science Center

Hands – On 4

May 2 – September 12

Koch Planetarium

9 Planets and Counting

June 5 – August 15

EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC **ORCHESTRA (EPO) EVENTS**

“OUT OF THIS WORLD” 2010-2011 SEASON **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

This season features world-renowned violinist Mark O'Connor on Opening Night: “Red, White & Blue Jeans”, 3 Broadway stars performing “Broadway Nights”™ (Music of Lerner & Loewe), “The Planets” performed along with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra for the first time, Peppermint Pops, “The Gospel According to Swing”, “Heavenly Mozart”, a special presentation of “Cirque de la Symphonie”, “The Creation”, “Sci-Fi Night”, and much more! Visit www.evansvillephilharmonic.org or call (812) 425 – 5050 for more information.

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Now 70% of the hall is \$25 or less per concert for subscribers!

No service fees – No facility fees – No premium prices for “Red, White & Blue Jeans”, “Broadway Nights”™, or “Cirque de la Symphonie” for full series subscribers.

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Call (812) 425 -5050 to order yours today! Hurry - seats are going fast!

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ART EXHIBIT

Maritime Art Show at Riverwind Gallery

May 15-July 2

A maritime art exhibition featuring John Stobart will continue through July 2 featuring his limited edition prints. John Stobart is one of the world's best know and loved maritime artists. Riverboats, sailing ships and historic scenes are shown in the Stobart prints while the remainder of the exhibition features local original scenes and other well known images by famous artists.

NEW HARMONY ARCHICAMP OFFERED TWICE IN JULY

Kids' day camp brings architecture to life!

Indiana Historic Landmarks returns to New Harmony in July with its award-winning children's program, Archicamp. In response to last year's sell-out, the one-day camp will be offered twice in New Harmony this summer, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 8 and 22.

Archicamp is a creative, fun way for children, ages 8-12, to experience New Harmony's unique architecture, and build their own inspired designs.

The registration fee of \$25 includes materials, tours and souvenirs. Children will need to bring a sack lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided. The number of participants is limited to 25 for each session, so early registration is encouraged.

To reserve a spot at Archicamp, contact Jan Kahle, Historic New Harmony education coordinator, at 812.682.4488 or jkahle@usi.edu.

LECTURE TO ADDRESS NEW HARMONY ARCHAEOLOGY THEN AND NOW

LESUEUR'S 1830S MAP USED BY
CONTEMPORARY ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Historic New Harmony continues its seven-month series of natural history walks, talks and workshops with "Lesueur's Map and Archaeology in New Harmony To-

day," a lecture by Bill Wepler, curator of historical archaeology at the Indiana State Museum. The public is welcome to attend the lecture, to be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 15, at the Atheneum/Visitors Center in New Harmony, Indiana.

Wepler will discuss how the work and maps of Charles-Alexandre Lesueur are practical tools for contemporary projects in New Harmony. The program will explore how the pictorial record left by Lesueur can be used by archaeologists to study and manage New Harmony's archaeological resources as well as its past and present landscape. Wepler's focus will be on the grouping of mounds in New Harmony mapped by Lesueur in the early 1830s.

The lecture series, a mix of science, history and art, supports Historic New Harmony's 2010 exhibition, "The Art of Science: Exploring and Documenting the Natural World," which highlights the collaborative work of pioneering scientists who joined the Owen/Maclure community in 1826. The exhibition will be open to the public for one hour before the lecture begins, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Located at Brewery and Tavern streets, the exhibit is a recent addition to the Historic New Harmony walking tour. The lectures, nature walks, and exhibit are free and open to the public, thanks to a grant from the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation.

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Free concert at Saint Meinrad will be June 26

A free concert by the Mount Olivet Choir of Arlington, VA, will be presented in the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church, St. Meinrad, IN, at 3 p.m. Central time on Saturday, June 26.

The Mount Olivet United Methodist Church has a full-time music ministry spanning more than a generation. The 26-voice mixed choir sings two morning services, with additional special services, 47 weeks a year and is considered one of the finest a cappella choirs among American churches.

The Mount Olivet Choir is known for clear diction and insightful interpretation of works from a wide variety of styles. Dr. Steven K. Shaner has been director of music and fine arts ministries at Mount Olivet since 2005.

The choir will be performing selections by a variety of composers, including Bach, Bender, Busarow, Casals, Duruffe', Gawthrop, Hassler and Nystedt. The choir repertory includes Latin motets, African-American spirituals, 20th-century selections, South African spirituals and traditional hymns.

The choir is on tour during June in Indiana and Kentucky. A European tour is planned for the near future.

The program is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Guest House and student parking lots. For more information, contact Mary Jeanne Schumacher during business hours at (812) 357-6501.

This week's scriptures

WEDNESDAY-----THE SPIRIT OF MAN IS THE CANDLE OF THE LORD, SEARCHING ALL THE INWARD PARTS OF THE BELLY. Proverbs 20:27

THURSDAY-----THOU, EVEN THOU, ART LORD ALONE; THOU HAST MADE HEAVEN, THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS, WITH ALL THEIR HOST, THE EARTH, AND ALL THINGS THAT ARE THEREIN, THE SEAS, AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN, AND THOU PRESERVEST THEM ALL; AND THE HOST OF HEAVEN WORSHIPPETH THEE. Nehemiah 9:6

FRIDAY-----BE OF GOOD COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART ALL YE THAT HOPE IN THE LORD. Psalms 31:24

SATURDAY-----IF YOU HAD KNOWN...IN THIS YOUR DAY, THE THING THAT MAKE FOR YOUR PEACE! BUT NOW THEY ARE HIDDEN FROM YOUR EYES. Luke 19:42

SUNDAY-----NEVERTHELESS WE, ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE, LOOK FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, WHEREIN DWELLETH RIGHTEOUSNESS. 11Peter 3:13

MONDAY-----FOLLOW ME, AND I WIL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN. Matthew 4:19

TUESDAY-----DO NOT WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE.... Matthew 6:25

PRAYER...

FATHER GOD; WE KNOW YOU HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT WE REFUSE TO SEE OR ARE UNABLE TO SEE BECAUSE OF OUR SIN. WE WILL SEE THE CROSS OF JESUS; WE WILL SEE THAT THE CROSS IS THE PLACE WERE GOD AND SINFUL MEN MERGE AND A WAY TO EVERLASTING LIFE IS OPENED. WE THANK YOU FATHER FOR OPENING OUR EYES TO THE FACT THAT SALVATION IS SOO EASY--WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED TO OPEN HEAVEN FOR US-- SO WE NEED HIM! HE SAID HE WILL SAVE US IF WE ASK!! SO, WE ARE ASKING,--JESUS SAVE US NOW!!

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Glenwood Leadership Academy to Receive Nearly \$2 million Grant

Glenwood Leadership Academy (GLA), formerly Glenwood Middle School -- which this fall will house students in kindergarten through eighth grades from Glenwood and Culver districts -- was announced today (6-16-10) as one of only two public school recipients in Indiana receiving a federal school 1003(g) improvement grant for \$1,999,408 million a year renewable for up to three years.

Tammy Dexter, the newly named principal at Glenwood Leadership Academy, said the leadership team at GLA is excited about the opportunities that will exist for students through this grant. "As we work with this transformational model, there are numerous opportunities for students and families that will enhance and support student growth and success. We are appreciative of being afforded this great opportunity and look forward to collaborating with families and others as we strive. Representatives of the Evansville Teachers Association worked with the EVSC in the development of the grant. Teachers at GLA voted to adopt the grant.

GLA will be identified as a Transformational Model School site, one of two public school and two charter schools identified by the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will provide the opportunity to develop an evaluation system for principals and teachers at Glenwood that take into account student growth, provide incentives for increased student achievement, offer ongoing, high quality, job-embedded professional development and provide incentives to recruit, place and retain staff.

Additionally, the grant will fund an extended calendar to increase instructional days, as well as days to delve deeply into school data, as well as provide resources to enhance community partnerships to support families and students.

Some of the opportunities students and families will see at GLA will include Project Based Learning curriculum and field trips, funding for a behavior interventionist on staff, in-school MacBooks for student use,

Promethean interactive whiteboards in classrooms, video cameras for student and staff use, and the implementation of the Rosetta Stone language software system. A parent involvement program will also be established.

Velinda Stubbs, director of Title I elementary schools, said the 1003(g) School Improvement grants' purpose is to transform schools in need. GLA was identified by the state based on three years of ISTEP data.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, offers four models of improvement as options to identified schools. The Transformational Model was identified as having the greatest potential to truly "transform" education for students at Glenwood and for the community.

David Dimmett, chief academic officer, pointed out that this is just one of several strategies the EVSC is using to raise expectations and student success. "Our goal as a district is to lead and support improvement in every classroom and for every student. By working together and with partners throughout our community and beyond, we can leverage resources and expertise to improve in all aspects of our work."

Examples of moves to improve student success across the EVSC include the new K-8 models, new schools such as Cedar Hall Community School and renovations and additions at several other schools, as well as the new pre-school programs at Daniel Wertz -- which just completed its first year -- and the Culver Family Learning Center and pre-school program, opening in the fall. Equity Schools, Project Child and No Excuses University are models being implemented at several locations, as well as such high school programs as the Randall Shepard Academy for Law and Social Justice and new schools Early College High School, Academy for Innovative Studies, and New Tech Institute: Academy of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Leadership.

"The 1003g grant at Glenwood will provide unprecedented opportunities for teachers, students and families," Dimmett added.

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USI engineering students place in NASA competition

Engineering team members Thomas Calhoun 2010 Flint Rasure, sophomore Hasan Odeh 2010 Alex Schnautz, senior and Matt Schneider 2010 designed and built a robot for the first annual Lunabotics Mining Competition at the Kennedy Space Center.

The robot dug and dumped 2.4 kilograms of simulated lunar soil to place third overall in the competition. The students won \$1,000 and will receive engraved plaques. They also will get VIP tickets to attend a shuttle launch at the Kennedy Space Center.

The USI team received an additional \$500 as winners of the team spirit competition. The award was based on teamwork, attitude, creativity, engagement, and originality.

Sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the engineering competition attracted teams from 22 universities throughout the country. Competition rules called for the robot to excavate and deliver at least 10 kilograms of simulated moon soil into the collector container in 15 minutes. Excavation is a necessary first step toward extracting resources from regolith (moon soil) and building bases on the moon.

The Montana State University team won the competition with a robot that excavated 21.6 kilograms of simulated moon dirt. The Montana State robot was the only one to meet the mass requirement. The robot from Auburn University excavated 6.6 kilograms, and the USI robot, dubbed iDigU, was able to collect and empty 2.4 kilograms. Officially, Auburn and USI were named first and second honorable-mention winners, respectively.

Odeh said on the first day of competition that most teams were unable to collect and empty regolith simulant. The USI conveyor-based robot was able to collect the material but not dump it. Team members modified the robot to increase the angle of the dumping mechanism.

Before leaving for the competition, the team practiced with the robot at the sand volleyball courts on campus. Sand flows into flatter piles when poured than the moon dirt simulant. The modifications on the robot allowed it to accommodate the simulant's higher angle of repose.

On the second day of competition, five teams successfully collected the simulant from a large sandbox and emptied it. Odeh said several teams had catastrophic hardware failure or unresolved connection issues.

Calhoun said iDigU's wide base was essential to keep it from tipping. The USI robot was one of the competition's largest robots, weighing 79.57 kilograms - .43 kilograms under the 80-kilogram mass limit. It was just centimeters shy of the 1.5 meter width and .75 meter length limits.

"We were definitely stretching the boundaries," he said.

The USI team received funding from a USI Endeavor Award for Research and Creativity, the USI Department of Engineering, and the Indiana Space Grant Consortium. The team traveled to Florida in a University van and a rented box truck. Calhoun said that the ability to transport the robot fully assembled and to carry an assortment of tools contributed to the team's success. Some teams had to break down their robots for shipping. Some were still building their robots while the USI team cleaned and polished theirs.

The USI students loaned tools and spare parts to competitors. Dr. Glen Kissel, assistant professor of engineering, said the students' friendliness and active assistance to a number of teams contributed to their winning the team spirit award.

The competition focused national attention on USI and, in particular, the engineering program.

Kissel said, "It is a testament to the team's hard work that they were able to outperform robotics powerhouses like Carnegie Mellon and Virginia Tech."

A complete list of teams in the competition is available online. USI was the only team from Indiana.

Kissel, Dr. Paul Kuban, associate professor of engineering, and Eric Sprouls, associate professor of engineering, were faculty advisors for the project. Kissel and Kuban accompanied the students on the trip. The Lunabotics Mining Competition took place May 25-28.

The design and building of the robot was a capstone project for the seniors on the team. "I used everything I learned from my engineering classes to complete this

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project,” Calhoun said.

During the competition, the USI team won a lottery to attend the May 26 landing of the space shuttle Atlantis. The shuttle was making its final landing after 25 years of service with NASA.

Calhoun enjoyed talking with one of the astronauts, Mike Massimo, about life lessons. He told the team that failures are just another lesson.

Calhoun agreed. He has experienced that life lesson already. When iDigU’s original track system of movement developed a problem in testing on the volleyball courts, the students considered getting a new track but did not have the necessary three-week lead time. They bought and installed wheels.

The most memorable moment from the trip for Calhoun was the awards banquet in the Apollo/Saturn V Center where the engineering students ate in the shadow of a massive Saturn V rocket that took astronauts to the moon and back. The team also watched a nighttime launch of an

Air Force Delta IV rocket carrying a Global Positioning System satellite.

USI offers a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Students may customize their program with technical electives in four areas: mechatronics or electrical, mechanical, or civil engineering.

The lunabotics team members brought expertise in different areas to the project. Calhoun, Odeh, and Rasure concentrate on electives in electrical engineering. Schneider’s interest is in civil engineering, and Schnautz focuses on mechanical engineering. The competition required a systems engineering approach, which involves the design of separate subsystems (electrical, mechanical, etc.) and then integrating them into a full working design.

Calhoun, Odeh, Schnautz, and Schneider are from Evansville. Rasure is from Posey County, Indiana.

NASA sponsored the competition to promote interest in space activities and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields.

Aakhus named Interim Dean of Liberal Arts

Michael Aakhus has been named interim dean for the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Southern Indiana, effective July 1, 2010. Aakhus, professor of art, has served as associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts since 2005 and has been on the faculty in the Art Department since 1977. He will replace David Glassman who has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Bradley University.

According to Dr. Ronald Rochon, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, “Professor Aakhus’ wealth of experience, knowledge of the University, and concern for students brings a depth of insight that will keep the College of Liberal Arts moving forward in this time of transition. I am excited to welcome him to this new position.”



Commenting on the appointment, Aakhus said, “After serving the University of Southern Indiana for 33 years, I am now honored to have the opportunity to serve as interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts. I want to thank the students, faculty, staff, and administration for their past support and look forward to working with them on our future endeavors. Above all I value teaching, scholarship, creative work, and service and will work to enhance opportunities in all these areas. I look forward to the year ahead as interim dean doing the work of the

College with our outstanding team.”

Aakhus holds an MFA in printmaking from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and a B.A. in art and art history from Bemidji State University.

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Independent Colleges of Indiana Honor UE Board of Visitors Member

A member of the University of Evansville Board of Visitors will be among the five people inducted into the Indiana Academy at its 40th Anniversary Dinner and Symposium next week.

Anne K. Shane, vice president of BioCrossroads and a member of the UE Board of Visitors, will become an Academy member during the Monday event at the Conrad Indianapolis. The Indiana Academy, which was modeled after The French Academy, was established in 1970 by the Independent Colleges of Indiana to further the development of public service, higher education, the arts and sciences, literature, and the general culture of the state through recognition of individual leadership, achievement, and philanthropy. Shane and her fellow inductees will be recognized for "lifetime achievement and contribution to Indiana;"

Shane specifically will be honored for her work with BioCrossroads to grow the life sciences through targeted efforts in the areas of workforce development and education, marketing, scientific collaborations, and new business formation/entrepreneurship." She serves as a trustee for Ivy Tech Community College and as a member of the University of Evansville Board of Visitors; as chair of the Indianapolis Economic Development, Inc.; and as the Indiana region board chair of Teach for America.

Shane will be inducted alongside:

- Gwyn Richards (Bloomington), dean of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, the largest university school of music in the world and rated number one in quality in the United States according to three independent surveys of college and university schools of music. During his ten-year tenure as dean, the school has attracted significant gifts and such world-class musicians as Joshua Bell and Sylvia McNair to its faculty. Richards has also fostered a strong partnership between the Anderson University and IU schools of music.

- David N. Shane (Indianapolis), president, CEO, and board member of LDI, Ltd., LLC holding company and former partner in the law firm of Baker and Daniels. A current member of the Indiana State Board of Education and the Wabash College Board of Trustees, he has also served as a senior policy advisor for education and employment to Governor Mitch Daniels, assisted former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson in establishing the Mayor's Charter School Board, and chaired the K-12 subcommittee of the Indiana Government Efficiency Commission.

- Michael L. Smith (Carmel), retired executive vice president and CFO of Anthem, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and a founding member of Cardinal Equity Partners, a mid-market private equity investment fund headquartered in Indianapolis. The current chair of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, he is also a member of the board of Lumina Foundation for Education, DePauw University, and Central Indiana Community Foundation.

- Frank D. Walker (Indianapolis), chairman emeritus of Walker Information Inc., a 71-year-old Indianapolis firm specializing in customer loyalty and survey research, and president of The Walker Family Foundation. A trustee emeritus of the University of Indianapolis, he has been honored as the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Business Leader of the Year, a Sagamore of the Wabash, and an Indiana Business Hall of Fame inductee and has led fund-raising and alumni efforts for his alma mater DePauw University.

A complete listing of Academy members is available at <http://www.icindiana.org/giving/academy.asp>. The program of The Indiana Academy is maintained through the support of the Tony and Mary Fendrich Hulman Endowment Fund and donations from members of The Academy.

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UE's Stamets Earns Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Honors

University of Evansville freshman shortstop Eric Stamets (Dublin, Ohio/Scioto) became the ninth Purple Aces' freshman in school history to earn Freshman All-America honors on Wednesday, as Stamets was tabbed a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

Stamets was selected as a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American after earning first team all-Missouri Valley Conference honors and MVC Freshman of the Year accolades for the Purple Aces in 2010. Stamets leads all freshmen nationally in stolen bases at the Division I level, having swiped a school-record 43 bases this spring. Overall, Stamets currently ranks fifth at the Division I level in stolen bases.

Stamets started all 59 games for UE at shortstop as a true freshman this spring, and he proceeded to hit .321 with 15 doubles, four home runs and 27 RBI, while leading the team and ranking fourth in the MVC with 57 runs scored. Stamets was a constant at the top of the UE batting order, as he did not go back-to-back games without a base hit for the Purple Aces, while posting a .422 on-base percentage as UE's lead-off man.

Stamets also shined defensively for the Purple Aces, posting a solid .962 fielding percentage while setting a new single-season school record for assists with 226. Stamets finished

the 2010 season leading the MVC in assists, as he dished out 57 more assists than any other player in the league. He also helped key 54 of UE's school-record and conference-leading 69 double plays this spring.

"From day one, Eric Stamets was a difference maker for our program this spring, and I'm proud to see him earn the respect of being named a Freshman All-American," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "He is definitely deserving of Freshman All-America honors, because I have seen very few freshmen come into the Division I level and have the type of impact on the game like he had this spring for us. Both offensively and defensively, Eric had a huge impact in just about every game we played."

Stamets becomes the first Purple Ace to earn Freshman All-America honors since 2008, when current junior outfielder Greg Wallace was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American. Other Freshman All-Americans in UE baseball history include Pat Tumilty (2004), Erik Lis (2003), Anthony Albano (2002), Mike Serafini (2001), Vince Serafini (1999), Preston Larrison (1999) and Wes Carroll (1998).

Stamets will be one of 22 letterwinners, including seven position starters, who are scheduled to return for head coach Wes Carroll's Purple Aces in the spring of 2011.

Sixteen USI student athletes earn academic excellence awards

The University of Southern Indiana Department of Athletics had 16 student athletes earn GLVC Council of Presidents' Academic Excellence Awards. The 16 USI student athletes are a part of the award's inaugural class that has exhausted their eligibility, competed in the GLVC for a minimum of two years, and maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average throughout their academic careers.

USI tied for second among the GLVC schools for total honorees. Drury University led the conference with 19 honorees, while USI, Lewis University, and Rockhurst University had 16 each.

The USI student athletes honored are Andrew Menner,

men's cross country Christopher Taylor, men's golf Bradley Cadden, men's soccer Abby Williams, women's basketball Mary Ballinger, women's cross country Lauren Crick, women's cross country Sarah Whiteman, women's cross country Lacy Williams, women's cross country Kimberly Gottwald, women's golf Sara Loete, softball Lindsay Raikes, softball Gretchen Cantwell, women's tennis Courtney Bealor, volleyball Ashley Henricks, volleyball Jaclyn Johnson, volleyball Melanie Pund, volleyball.

Overall a total of 137 GLVC student athletes were honored by the Council of Presidents.