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White Oak Manor is shown, a property of the Evansville Housing Authority, located at 509 N. St. Joseph Avenue in Evansville. MACABE BROWN/COURIER & PRESS

# Amid spike in EHA evictions, pastor asks for investigation

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EVANSVILLE — In the last three months of 2025, the non-profit management company for the Evansville Housing Authority filed more evictions than it did the entirety of 2024.

The company, Advantix, filed 82 evictions between Oct. 1 and Dec. 8 against residents in EHA’s Rental Assistance Demonstration Program complexes. That makes more than 160 for the year.

In all of 2024, Advantix filed 55 evictions.

That number shrinks in years prior to that. In 2023, 15 evictions are in court records. There are none in 2022, and single-digit totals for both 2021 and 2020.

Now, a local church is calling for an investigation into the increase in eviction filings, as well a lack of “accessible, meaningful” case management for ten-

ants in the Rental Assistance Demonstration program.

In all, 44 November eviction notices went to participants in the RAD program, a mechanism EHA cites on its website as seeking “to preserve affordable housing.”

RAD is a Department of Housing and Urban Development program started in 2012 as a way for public housing authorities to move public housing into project-based Section 8 housing. This allowed for low-income housing tax credits, public or private debt and grants to help rehab properties.

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ sent the investigation request Friday to members of the Commission on Homelessness, the same day the Courier & Press published a story on the slew of evictions.

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# Enjoy 6 area events this weekend

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Looking for something to do in the Evansville and Henderson area this weekend? Check out our list of local events and activities.

**University of Southern Indiana basketball**

*Thursday at Liberty Arena on the University of Southern Indiana campus. Women’s game starts at 5:30 p.m., with men’s game to follow. Tickets range*

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## EVSC SCHOOL SAFETY

# New audit foreshadows bigger costs coming later

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EVANSVILLE — The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. knows security upgrades at schools are going to cost way more than the \$215,750 that the school board agreed Monday to pay for a study of safety features.

Acting in the wake of threat incidents that occurred early in the school year, the seven board members voted unanimously to engage National School Safety and Security Services to conduct what EVSC calls a top-to-bottom assessment of safety measures already in place in its 40 schools.

“This comprehensive security assessment will include pre-assessment review of security and emergency preparedness policies and documents, on-site interviews, interviews with key community partners, a review of crisis/emergency plans, examination of physical security measures, and a final report with observations and recommendations consistent with evidence-based best practices which can be used as a strategic plan for school security and emergency planning,” the school board’s Monday meeting agenda stated.

National School Safety and Security Services came highly recommended by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, EVSC said.

Its proposal also came studded with recommendations from corporations and others for whom it has performed similar work.

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# Former Evansville parks director agrees to pay \$100K to state

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EVANSVILLE — Former Evansville city parks director Brian Holtz has agreed to pay the state of Indiana \$100,000 following a lawsuit by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita to recover public funds.

According to court records, Holtz and the state came to the agreement after mediation. Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge Jillian Kratochvil oversaw the case.

In July 2023, Holtz pleaded guilty to two counts of forgery, one count of official misconduct and five counts of counterfeiting.

In September 2023, Holtz was sentenced to 12

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