

# Evansville Courier & Press (1871-1991)

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## Quick Facts

Comprehensive coverage of the Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky tri-state area  
More than a century of local, national and international news  
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## Overview

Known for its dedication to local communities and its emphasis on education, sports and local investigative journalism, the *Evansville Courier & Press* has documented the history of the Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky tri-state area since the mid-19th century. The fully searchable, digitized archives of the *Courier & Press* include reporting, opinions and photography that capture the region's transition from military manufacturing hub to a modern metropolitan center for medical and service industries.

### A local record of 19th-century history

Following the Civil War, the greater Evansville area experienced tremendous growth. Coal mining, manufacturing and hardwood furniture became major industries, and the city's trade boomed as a result of steamboats stopping on the Ohio River. At the same time, immigrants from Germany, newly freed slaves from the South, Irish Catholics and other newcomers flooded the region, turning Evansville into a diverse cultural hub. *The Evansville Courier* and its competitor, *The Evansville Press*, covered these changes and much more, always with an emphasis on civic stewardship.

### A window into Illinois life and politics

The *Courier* and the *Press* competed for the city's attention until 1937, when the offices of the *Press* flooded and the two papers combined their business—though they remained editorially independent for decades to come. During World War II, Evansville was a center of war manufacturing, and both papers covered the city's contributions to the war—and the war itself—in impressive detail. Other notable 20th-century coverage includes the completion of Interstate 69, the 1977 University of Evansville men's basketball team, all of whom died in a plane crash, riverfront restoration and reform of the area's penal institutions.

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