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The Civic Center's first Indoor Flea Market will take place May 17th and we need vendors! Get your application in to reserve your spot by May 9th.

We're already dreaming of Summer and one of our

favorite Summer activities is dining outdoors. We're hosting a variety of food trucks Thursdays and Fridays in June and July. Do you have a food truck? Join the fun and promote your business at the Civic Center.

For more event information and vendor registration, call the Hammond Civic Center at (219) 853-6378 or email Juan at sotoj@gohammond.com.

The Hammond Civic Center is located at 5825 Sohl Avenue in Hammond

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2025

May 14th	3rd District	Hammond Central HS Cafeteria 5926 Calumet Ave
August 27th	4th District	O'Bannon Elementary School Cafeteria 1317 173rd St.
September 17th	5th District	Jean Shepherd Community Center 3031 Mahoney Dr
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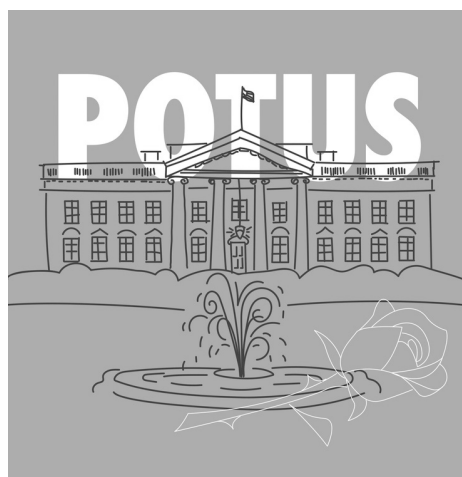
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POTUS: Or Behind Every Great Dumbass, Are 7 Women Trying to Keep Him Alive

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The Towle Theater is pleased to present their 2nd show of their 2025 Season, POTUS: Or Behind Every Great Dumbass Are 7 Women Trying to Keep Him Alive. This production is directed by Anna Maria D'Ortenzio.

One four-letter word is about to rock 1600

Pennsylvania Avenue. When the President unwittingly spins a PR nightmare into a global crisis, the seven brilliant and beleaguered women he relies upon most risk life, liberty, and the pursuit of sanity to keep the commander-in-chief out of trouble. POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive is a bawdy and irreverent look at sex, politics and the women in charge of the man in charge of the free world. Who knew that global crisis is always just a four-letter word away.

Making their Towle debuts are Shannon Bachelder (Geneva, IL), Wendy Buchheit (Chicago, IL), Michelle Joy

Jardine (Chicago, IL), Summer Powell (Chicago, IL), Jessica Uzo (Chicago, IL). Returning to the Towle are Madison Meeron (Chicago, IL), and Sarah Sapperstein (Chicago, IL).

POTUS runs May 2nd - 4th, & May 9th - 11th. Friday performances are at 7:30pm, and Saturdays & Sundays are at 2pm. The Towle will be offering a buy one get one ticket special for our Mother's Day performance only on May 11th! The box office opens 1 hour prior to performance time. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$28 at the door. Reservations must be paid for in advance. They are non-refundable and non-exchangeable. Group rates

are available. There is no late seating. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to curtain. If you arrive after curtain, you will not be seated until intermission.

The Towle Theater is located in beautiful downtown Hammond at 5205 Hohman Avenue. Due to major renovations happening in Downtown Hammond, parking is available right in front of the building on Hohman Avenue as well as the gravel lot located on Sibley. For more information call 219-937-8780 or visit www.towletheater.org

Source: The Towle Theater

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

and his staff want to hear your questions and concerns.

Mayor's Night Out will give you an opportunity to discuss issues directly with the Mayor and his staff.

**Wednesday, May 14th
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**3rd District - Hammond Central HS Cafeteria
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For more information contact:

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John Fogerty Festival of the Lakes 2025



The City of Hammond and Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. are thrilled to announce that legendary rocker JOHN FOGERTY will be headlining the Festival of the Lakes on Wednesday, July 16!

A true icon of American music, John Fogerty is the founding force behind Creedence Clearwater Revival and one of the most influential figures in rock history. With a career spanning over five decades, Fogerty is the creative genius behind timeless hits like "Born on the

Bayou," "Green River," "Proud Mary," and "Bad Moon Rising."

He's a Grammy Award winner and has earned a place on Rolling Stone's lists of the 100 Greatest Guitarists, Songwriters, and Singers. In addition to being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters Hall of Fame, he holds a unique honor in the Baseball Hall of Fame and is also a New York Times best-selling author for his memoir, *Fortunate Son: My Life, My Music*.

In 2023, he regained full rights to his legendary catalog, and is now on a worldwide Celebration Tour, performing these iconic songs—joined by his sons—for the first time as their full owner.

Don't miss your chance to witness a rock icon live at Festival of the Lakes!

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Source: City of Hammond

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Mayor McDermott Raises Money for Childhood Cancer



In 2025, Mayor McDermott is fundraising for 8-year-old Izabella Angarica. Izabella is a 2nd grader at Lincoln Elementary School. She is a lifelong Hammond resident. On December 26, 2024, Izabella was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia cancer, which is a type of blood cancer that affects the white blood cells. The same week Izabella started her treatment, her stepfather got in a car accident and the family has not had reliable transportation to and from treatments at Comer

Children's Hospital in Chicago. Her mother has to take extra time off from her job to care for Izabella and take her to/from appointments. Due to her diagnosis, Izabella is wheelchair bound from being so weak. One of Izabella's favorite activities is playing with her 3-year-old brother Jiovanni, which has become harder to do as her cancer progresses. Izabella also loves minibrands and really misses her friends at school.

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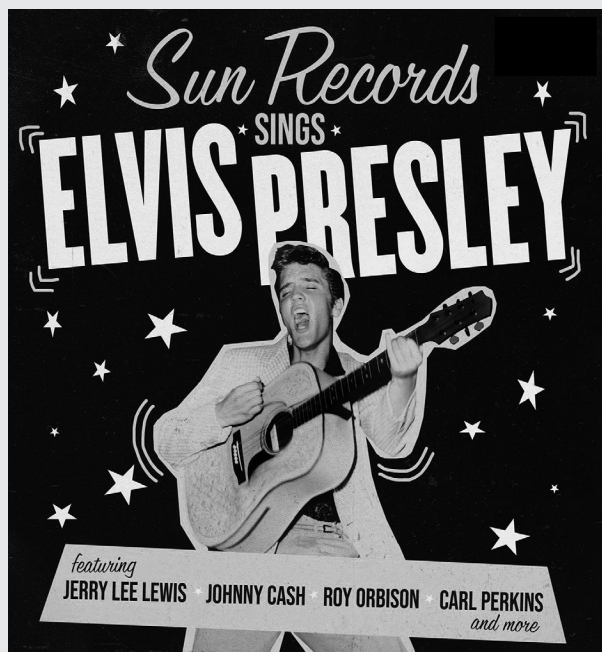
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY May 1, 1967

Elvis Presley marries Priscilla Beaulieu



On the morning of May 1, 1967, in an intimate wedding before only 14 guests, music sensation Elvis Presley marries non-celebrity Priscilla Beaulieu in an eight-minute civil ceremony in a private suite at Las Vegas' famed Aladdin Hotel. The couple wants to keep the nuptials very private, so they ditch reporters by flying on a private jet from Palm Springs in the wee hours and arriving in Las Vegas at 4 a.m.

The couple met in 1959 while Elvis, 24, was stationed in Germany, where Priscilla's father was stationed as a U.S. Air Force officer. Their seven-year courtship—she was only 14 when they met—culminated when he gave her a three-karat diamond engagement ring.

At the wedding, Elvis sported a black tuxedo while his bride wore a '60s-style, loose white organza gown with long lace sleeves and pearl embellishments—bought off the rack by Priscilla who tried to escape attention by disguising herself in a blonde

wig and using the code name "Mrs. Hodge." A three-foot tulle veil and rhinestone tiara perched atop her iconic black bouffant hairdo. The lavish wedding reception, which about 100 people attended, included a five-foot-tall, six-tier wedding cake that reportedly cost \$3,200. The bride and groom danced their first dance to—

what else?—Elvis' hit ballad "Love Me Tender." They then flew to Palm Springs, where they stayed in a home dubbed the Elvis Honeymoon Hideaway. (It's a home made most famous by one of its guests. Elvis Presley's Honeymoon Hideaway estate, also known as The House of Tomorrow, was originally owned by Robert Alexander who is also the architect responsible for the home's design (despite the fact that names of other architects have been tossed around over the years, most notably Modernist William Krisel).

The Presleys, adored as they were as a couple, divorced in 1973. But Priscilla Presley, who became a businesswoman and actress, told the Daily Mail in 2012 she had no regrets.

"Elvis was absolutely the love of my life, and there's no sadness about it because I have my memories, and they're delicious and they're all mine," she said.

Source: History.com Staff

City of Hammond Opposes Lake County Convention Center Proposal

The City of Hammond Common Council has approved a resolution formally opposing the selection of a location for a proposed Lake County Convention Center at this time.

The resolution, sponsored by Councilman Scott Rakos of the 6th District and backed by Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr., outlines the City's concerns regarding the financial, economic, and competitive impacts a new convention center would have on Hammond and Lake County. The resolution passed 8-1, with Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr. (3rd District) casting the lone vote supporting the convention center plan.

"As the largest city in Lake County, Hammond has long been a major contributor to the region's economy," said Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. "We've seen firsthand how recent state decisions have already negatively impacted our casino revenues, and this convention center could further threaten our city's economic stability."

Key concerns raised in the resolution include:

- **Declining Casino Revenues:** Hammond has experienced a steady decline in casino revenues following the opening of the Hard Rock Casino in Gary.
- **Lack of Market Support:** The resolution cites the closure and demolition of the former Star Plaza convention center in Merrillville as evidence that there may not be sufficient market demand for a viable, privately supported convention facility in the area.

- **Public Cost and Risk:** A convention center would require tens of millions of public dollars to build and maintain, potentially diverting resources away from other critical economic development needs throughout Lake County.

- **Unfair Competitive Advantage:** The City argues that selecting a site near the Hard Rock Casino could unfairly benefit one casino at the expense of others, including Hammond's Horseshoe Casino and East Chicago's Ameristar.

- **Economic Uncertainty:** With a looming economic downturn and state budget changes on the horizon, the City warns that now is not the time to commit to such a costly and potentially risky project.

The resolution urges the Lake County Board of Commissioners not to move forward with selecting a site for the convention center at this time, emphasizing that such a decision does not make economic sense and is not in the best interests of Hammond residents or Lake County taxpayers.

The Council's resolution will be sent to the Commissioners as they review proposals for the convention center in Hobart and Gary. A final decision is expected on or before June 1, 2025.

For questions or media requests please contact Alex Stahura in the Mayors Office by phone 219-853-6302 or email stahuraa@gohammond.com.

Source: City of Hammond

Purdue University Northwest announces José Sánchez as next dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) announced following a national search that José R. Sánchez will join the university as dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences, effective May 1, 2025.

Sánchez most recently served at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts, where he held positions as dean and professor of the School of Science and Engineering and founding dean of the School of Engineering and Computational Sciences. His accomplishments included securing transformative gifts to establish endowed professorships and research initiatives, significant expansion of sponsored research, the addition of several market-responsive undergraduate and master's programs, and expanded external partnerships with industry and government leaders. Sánchez held previous Engineering leadership and faculty roles at Wentworth Institute of Technology, University of Indianapolis and Bradley University. He has also served as a program evaluator

with the American Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accrediting body since 2020.

"We are delighted and excited for José Sánchez to join our Academic Affairs team to lead the College of Engineering and Sciences amidst the changing landscape of higher education, the growing vibrancy of Northwest Indiana, and a sense of optimism across the university," said Marie T. Mora, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at PNW. "With his experience as an academic and leader, I am confident he will build upon the college's established reputation, programmatic strengths, and dedication to improving the quality of life and place for our students (many of whom are first-generation college students, adult learners, and other non-traditional students), their families, and communities, as well as for our faculty and staff."

As dean, Sánchez will lead an academic college

offering 19 undergraduate and master's programs that rigorously prepare students for careers in competitive STEM fields. He will also lead PNW's ABET- accredited and nationally recognized School of Engineering within the College of Engineering and Sciences.

Sánchez will also oversee the distinguished scholarship and research initiatives advanced by PNW's Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation (CIVS), the Integrative Physiology and Health Sciences Center, the Center for Crime and Forensics, the Water Institute, the Energy Efficiency and Reliability Center, and the Center for High Energy Physics.

"I am honored to join Purdue University Northwest as Dean of the College of Engineering and Sciences," said Sánchez. "When I visited PNW, I was truly impressed by the strong sense of community and the university's deep commitment to student success. I look forward to collaborating with faculty, staff and students to



José R. Sánchez has been named the next dean of Purdue University Northwest's College of Engineering and Sciences.

foster innovation, strengthen interdisciplinary partnerships and create transformative opportunities that positively impact the region and beyond."

Sánchez earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He earned both his master's and bachelor's degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Bradley University.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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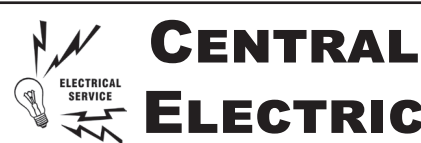
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Diet, exercise and 'The Stents' contributed to his recovery after a massive heart attack

One New Year's Day, Rick St. Sauveur pulled a 10-hour shift at the supermarket where he was an assistant manager. He felt great, even after logging about 25,000 steps, according to his activity tracker.

He had the next day off, while his wife, Lorna, who also worked in retail, headed to her store. Shortly after he woke up, Rick started to feel like he was coming down with something. He had chills, a cold sweat and felt nauseous. He assumed it was the flu.

As planned, a contractor arrived that morning to take measurements for a future bathroom remodel. Rick got up to answer the door but couldn't manage more. "Just do your thing and I'll be on the couch," Rick told the contractor.

Rick felt so bad that he couldn't show him to the door 10 minutes later. This is much worse than the flu, he thought. He popped two aspirin and called 911. Rick was able to greet the paramedics outside of his home, but they put him directly in the ambulance. After stabilizing his heart rate and blood pressure, they headed to a hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, not far from the couple's home in Cumberland.

The next thing Rick remembers is waking up in a hospital bed, with Lorna by his side. "You've had a massive heart attack," a doctor said. "You're lucky to be alive."

Doctors had found a 100% blockage in his left anterior descending artery. As the biggest artery in the heart, it provides about 50% of the heart muscle's blood supply. They put in two stents to open the blockage.

Rick, then 57, was stunned. His 6-foot frame had always carried his extra weight well enough. His job was physically active, and he played softball. Although he and Lorna often ate fast food on the run, he'd never felt he was unhealthy.

At work, Rick was used to putting in long hours, dealing with stressful situations and managing a large crew of workers. Now he wasn't sure what he could do physically, and he didn't know what he could handle emotionally. He felt anxious and scared.

Within a week, Rick was home from the hospital. Doctors said he would need to monitor his heart rate, but he also should move and get stronger. When they suggested that Rick attend cardiac rehabilitation, he jumped at the chance.

"I'd never even been on a treadmill or done weights," he said. "Suddenly I had cardiologists, nurses, case managers, nutritionists and psychiatrists all giving me great advice. I took full advantage of it." Immediately, Rick began following a Mediterranean diet, focusing on fish, chicken, grains, fruits and vegetables. He cut out red meat, salt and sugar. He quickly started losing weight, going from 265 to 185 in less than a year. "I totally changed my whole mindset on health and nutrition and what's good for you and what's not," he said.

Rick liked working out so much that after his 12 weeks of rehab he transitioned to a cardiac maintenance program. He started working out one to two hours a day and walking 5 to 8 miles a day, with Lorna often joining him on walks.

He became such a success story that the staff asked him to be an ambassador, talking to other heart patients about his experiences and helping motivate them. He proudly accepted. Meanwhile, doctors gave Rick the option of getting an implantable cardioverter defibrillator, or ICD, to monitor his heart. If the device detects an abnormal heart rhythm, it would deliver an electric shock to restore a normal heartbeat. It would also act as a pacemaker. Rick and Lorna quickly agreed. It brought them peace of mind.

Rick went back to work three months after the heart attack. That was in 2017. In 2019, he reached another inflection point.

Despite all his efforts, Rick was diagnosed with heart failure, meaning that his heart wasn't pumping blood efficiently enough to the rest of his body. He left his job and went on disability after more than 40 years working in retail.

The strange thing about his diagnosis was that he still felt strong. He had the stamina to push through two-hour workouts at the rehab center, including when he was still working. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"I was the last person on the last machine before rehab closed down," Rick said. "They had to drag me out." He set up a home gym in the basement, but he missed the camaraderie with his fellow heart patients. And what about the newcomers who needed an ambassador?

In spring 2020, Rick and his cardiac rehab buddy Cliff Karten reached out to several other workout pals. They started a support group they dubbed "The Stents," starting with five

members. "When you go through something like this, there's a lot of anxiety involved," said Karten, who had a heart attack that required five stents. "You're afraid of it happening again. You don't know what you should or shouldn't do. We talk about medication, exercise, anxiety. It's different than listening to a professional. You hear from someone going through it, just like you're going through it."

The Stents pulled each other through the pandemic and continue to meet every two weeks, usually outside if the weather is nice. The original five members remain and others come and go, with up to 15 at the meetings. Rick continues to inspire members with his dedication to daily exercise. Because he's no longer at the rehab facility, he channels his support to their group, which in turn helps his own ongoing battle with heart failure.

Although his ejection fraction (the key measurement of that condition) remains below normal, doctors continue to merely monitor it because other key numbers such as heart rate and blood pressure – as well as the length and intensity of his workouts – are so strong. Doctors tell him they're amazed he's doing so well.

It's yet another way he inspires The Stents. Said Karten: "People see his drive and his success, and they want that for themselves."

Stories From the Heart chronicles the inspiring journeys of heart disease and stroke survivors, caregivers and advocates.

Source: American Heart Association

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WANTED

Name: GEIB, HOWARD H

Alias:

Sex Male

Height 5'9"

Weight 165 Pounds

Eyes Hazel

Hair Brown

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: DEALING

..... METHAMPHETAMINE

Name #: 910080801

Date of Birth 2/18/1971



WANTED

Name: JAGER, ASHLEY NICOLE

Alias:

Sex Female

Height 5'5"

Weight 135 Pounds

Eyes Brown

Hair Brown

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: POSSESSION OF METH

..... RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Name #: 040N12681

Date of Birth 9/30/1998



WANTED

Name: GROVE, DEVIN TYLER

Alias:

Sex Male

Height 6'

Weight 175 Pounds

Eyes Brown

Hair Black

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: CRIMINAL

..... CONFINEMENT

Name #: 15N062920

Date of Birth 2/23/1997



WANTED

Name: THOMAS, ALEXIS ALISHA

Alias:

Sex Female

Height 5'3"

Weight 135 Pounds

Eyes Brown

Hair Brown

Marks/Scars/Tattoos ..

Wanted For: INTIMIDATION

.....

Name #: 080N22335

Date of Birth 7/29/1995



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