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Governor's Incident Command Operations Relocate to Hammond City Hall

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. has authorized Hammond City Hall to serve as the operating location for Governor Mike Braun's Incident Commander, Anthony "Tony" Ferraro, as state and local officials continue coordinating recovery efforts following the devastating August 11 storm that caused widespread damage throughout Hammond and Northwest Indiana.

Ferraro has been coordinating the State of Indiana's response and recovery efforts from the Porter County Emergency Management Agency facility in Portage. At Mayor McDermott's direction, the City of Hammond is making space available at City Hall for Ferraro and the state's incident command operation as recovery efforts increasingly focus on the significant needs facing Hammond and communities throughout Lake County.

"Hammond was among the communities hit hardest by this storm, and the recovery is far from over," said Mayor McDermott. "I offered City Hall as an operating base so Tony and the State's incident command team can be here in Lake County where the storm had its greatest impact. We appreciate Governor Braun and his team continuing to devote resources and attention to Northwest Indiana as we move from the immediate

emergency response into the longer recovery process."

From Hammond City Hall, Ferraro will continue coordinating with state agencies, local governments, emergency management officials, NIPSCO and other organizations involved in disaster recovery throughout Hammond and Lake County.

The incident command operation at City Hall is not a public assistance center and will not maintain public office hours or accept walk-in requests for disaster assistance. Residents seeking assistance should continue to utilize the disaster recovery resources and contact information provided by the appropriate state, county and local agencies.

Mayor McDermott said the City will continue working closely with Governor Braun's administration and other partners to identify damage, coordinate resources and advocate for assistance for residents, businesses and communities affected by the August 11 storm.

"The storm may have passed, but the work is not finished," McDermott said. "Having the State's incident command operation here in Hammond will strengthen the coordination that is going to be necessary as our community and the rest of Lake County continue to recover."

Source: City of Hammond



Mayor's Night Out 2026

September 16th	5th District	Purdue University Northwest Fitness & Recreation Center 2300 173rd St.
October 28th	6th District	Hess Elementary School Cafeteria 3640 Orchard Dr.
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Misery—Stephen King's chilling tale

The Towle Theater is pleased to announce their last show of the 2026 Season with *Misery* written by William Goldman, based on the novel by Stephen King. The production is Directed by Jim LaPietra.

Based on Stephen King's acclaimed novel, *Misery* is a gripping psychological thriller that explores obsession, control, and the terrifying consequences of fandom taken too far. After a devastating car accident, successful novelist Paul Sheldon wakes in the secluded home of Annie Wilkes, a former nurse and his self-proclaimed "number one fan." What initially seems like a fortunate rescue quickly becomes a nightmare when Annie's admiration for Paul and his work takes a dark and dangerous turn. Trapped, injured, and dependent on his increasingly unpredictable captor, Paul is forced to write while desperately searching for a way to escape. Filled with mounting tension, dark humor, and unexpected twists, *Misery* is a harrowing battle of wills and survival that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

Making their Towle debuts are Kyle Cassady (Bourbonnais, IL), Guy Sullivan (Roselle, IL), and Tammy White (Woodridge, IL).

Misery runs September 25th - October 11th. Fridays 7:30pm, Saturday, September 26th at 7:30pm & remaining Saturdays & Sundays at 2pm. The box office opens 1 hour prior to performance time. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 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. 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*

The United States Department of Justice

Hammond Man Sentenced to 24 Months in Prison

On August 17, 2026, Jose Zapata-Ramirez, 35 years old, of Mexico, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Philip P. Simon after pleading guilty to felony reentry of a removed alien, announced United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

Zapata-Ramirez was sentenced to time served of approximately four months in prison, followed by one year of supervised release which would take effect should Zapata-Ramirez remain in, or return to, the United States within that period following anticipated removal proceedings.

"Zapata-Ramirez was stopped by the Porter Police Department for committing a traffic violation with a fictitious Texas license plate affixed to the back of his vehicle. An investigation revealed that he was an illegal alien who was previously deported in April 2014. By his own admission, he returned to the United States in 2022 without



inspection by an immigration officer. He clearly has no respect for our nation's laws, borders, or sovereignty. Once he is released, Zapata-Ramirez must return to his home country and not return to the United States illegally. Thanks to the combined efforts of Homeland Security Investigations, the Porter Police Department, and Assistant United States Attorney Steven J. Lupa, this defendant has been held accountable," said U.S. Attorney Mildred.

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations, with the assistance of the Porter Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven Lupa.

Source: *United States Attorney's Office Northern District of Indiana*

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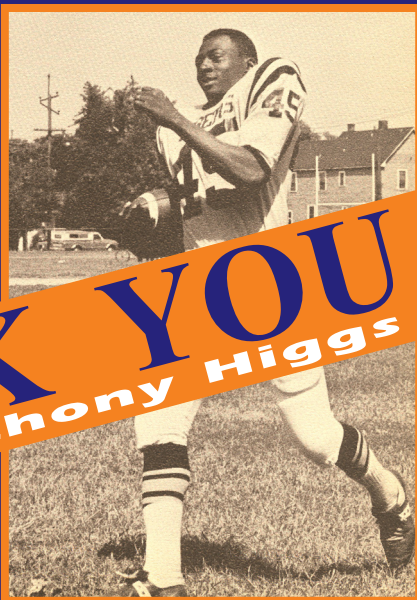
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On September 15, 1858, the new Overland Mail Company sends out its first two stages, inaugurating government mail service between the eastern and western regions of the nation.

With California booming, thanks to the 1849 Gold Rush, Americans east and west had been clamoring for faster and surer transcontinental mail service for years. Finally, in March 1857, the U.S. Congress passed an act authorizing an overland mail delivery service and a \$600,000 yearly subsidy for whatever company could succeed in reliably transporting the mail twice a week from St. Louis to San Francisco in less than 25 days. The postmaster general awarded the first government contract and subsidy to the Overland Mail Company. Under the guidance of a board of directors that included John Butterfield and William Fargo, the Overland Mail Company spent \$1 million improving its winding 2,800-mile route and building way stations at 10-15 mile intervals. Teams of thundering horses soon raced across the wide open spaces of the West, pulling custom-built Concord coaches with seats for nine passengers and a rear boot for the mail.

For passengers, the overland route was anything but a pleasure trip. Packed into the narrow confines of the coaches, they alternately baked or froze as they bumped across the countryside, and dust was an inescapable companion. Since the coaches traveled night and day, travelers were reluctant to stop and sleep

at one of the “home stations” along the route because they risked being stranded if later stages were full. Many opted to try and make it through the three-week trip by sleeping on the stage, but the constant bumping and noise made real sleep almost impossible. Travelers also found that toilets and baths were few and far between, the food was poor and pricey, and the stage drivers were often drunk, rude, profane, or all three. Robberies and Indian attacks were a genuine threat, though they occurred far less commonly than popularly believed. The company posted guards at stations in dangerous areas, and armed men occasionally rode with the coach driver to protect passengers.

Though other faster mail delivery services soon came to compete with the Overland Mail Company—most famously the Pony Express—the nation’s first regular trans-western mail service continued to operate as a part of the larger Wells, Fargo and Company operation until May 10, 1869, the day the first transcontinental railroad was completed. On that day the U.S. government cancelled its last overland mail contract.

Before then, the fastest service across the continent had been provided by the San Antonio and San Diego Mail Line across approximately 1,475 miles of desert and mountains between the two points in about 52 days. (That service had been organized by James Birch and begun months earlier in July and August, 1857.)

Source: History.com Staff

City of Hammond Employee Spotlight!



Meet Maria Anderson, Executive Assistant in the City of Hammond’s Mayor’s Office! Maria started her career with the City of Hammond 13 years ago in the Records Division of the Hammond Police Department. She later moved up to Executive Assistant in the Police Chief’s Office before transitioning to her current position in the Mayor’s Office in June.

However, Maria’s service to the City of Hammond began before her first day as an employee. In December 2012, Maria was on the phone with her bank teller when she suddenly heard the phone drop and realized that an armed robbery was taking place. Maria immediately called 911, alerting first responders to the incident as it unfolded and helping officers respond quickly. In 2013, she was awarded a Key to the City of Hammond in recognition of her quick thinking, concern for others, and willingness to take action during a dangerous situation.

Maria is the first friendly voice you hear when you

call the Mayor’s Office! As Executive Assistant, Maria listens to residents’ questions and concerns and connects them with the answers, resources, and next steps they need. She also schedules meetings, maintains records, and helps ensure the Mayor’s Office runs smoothly and serves residents effectively. Maria’s kindness, professionalism, and willingness to help others show in the work she does each and every day.

Maria shared, “I enjoy working for the City of Hammond because I have the opportunity to build connections with our first responders and community members. I love helping people and think it is very important to do so. This role is a great way to give back to the community”. Maria, thank you for 13 years of dedication, positivity, and deeply caring for our community! Show Maria some love in the comments, and stay tuned for next Friday’s City of Hammond Employee Spotlight!

Source: City of Hammond

Films shot in Indiana “Breaking Away”

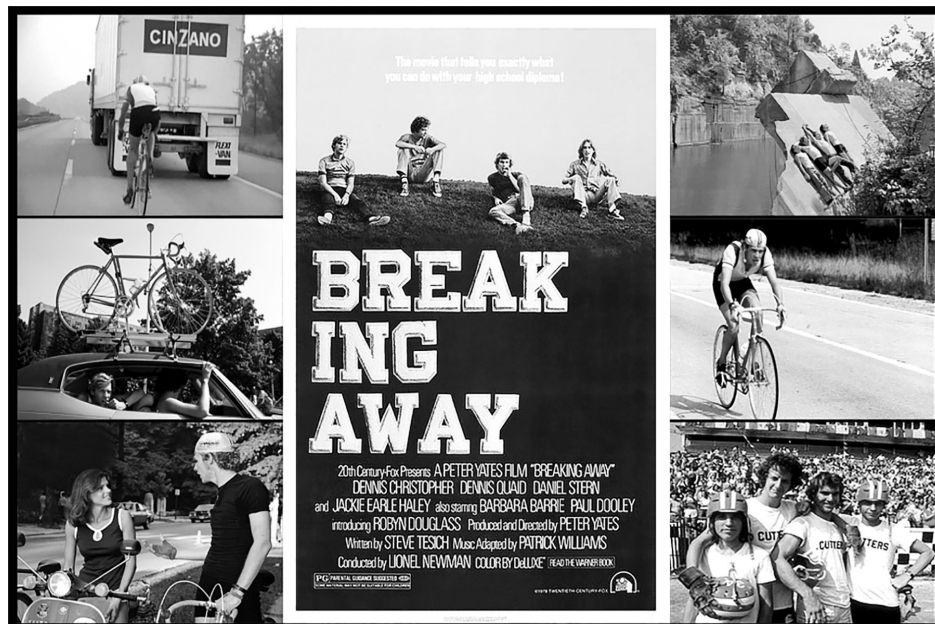


Another college-town favorite, *Breaking Away* is about as accurate to the environment of 1960s and 1970s Bloomington, Indiana, as a movie can get. Exploring the dynamics of working-class Bloomington ‘townies’ versus

the generally more privileged students of Indiana University, the 1979 Oscar and Golden Globe-winning film tells the story of four underdog ‘townies’ in their attempt to compete in the university’s Little 500 endurance bicycle race.



In a memorable scene filmed at a quarry south of Bloomington, the four “townie” characters from the movie, share a quiet moment.



*Indiana limestone quarry made famous in movie *Breaking Away* gets filled in after three people die trying to recreate 1979 film’s iconic dive scene*

Inspired by the results of an actual Little 500 race in 1962, the film was shot entirely on location in Bloomington and the Indiana University campus. Starring the young Dennis Quaid, the film has helped shape Bloomington and Indiana University culture, leading many to recreate scenes like the famous quarry-jump and inspiring the creation of the highly successful ‘Cutters’ racing team which still races today.

Sanders Quarry

At the southeast end of the quarry is the cliff known as “Roof Top”. Sanders Quarry is located south of Bloomington and is currently (2020) owned by the Indiana Limestone Company. The site is private property and off limits. Access can only be gained by contacting the Indiana Limestone Company.

Why were they called cutters in breaking away?

The production team decided to call the Bloomington townies “cutters” because they felt the actual local nickname (“stoners” or “stonies”) would draw a parallel to drug references for viewers who were not raised in the area.

Research by: wikipedia

Purdue University Northwest ready to welcome student residents to Calumet Hall



An audience of Purdue University Northwest (PNW) students, university leaders, community members and partners listen to PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford's remarks at the celebratory ribbon-cutting for Calumet Hall.

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) students, university leaders and community partners proudly cut the ribbon Aug. 4 on the university's newest building, Calumet Hall. The three-story, 42,000-square-foot structure expands PNW's student housing options for on-campus living and learning opportunities.

Calumet Hall's layout includes a mix of single- and double-occupancy rooms, as well as a common kitchen, laundry facilities, and study and lounge spaces. The building is designed to foster a social dynamic for PNW student residents that builds community, collaboration and personal leadership in a shared living space — important lessons students will take forward in their academic and professional careers.

"For many of our students, living on campus is a transformational part of their college experiences," said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. "As our institution continues to evolve and adapt, we remain focused on creating spaces that support students' success and innovation, as well as strengthening our role as an anchor institution in Northwest Indiana. Today is a celebration of progress, partnership and possibility, and a reminder that when we invest in our students, we invest in the future of our region and beyond."

Adam Napravnik, a third-year Mechanical Engineering student, was introduced to the audience gathered at the celebratory ribbon-cutting as Calumet Hall's incoming senior resident assistant. Since first

arriving at PNW, Napravnik joined the student staff with PNW's department of Housing and Residential Education to help build experiences and belonging for hundreds of PNW student residents. Napravnik, fellow student leaders and university staff members will welcome the newest student residents to Calumet Hall

ahead of the fall 2026 semester.

"The housing and residential team has made my time at Purdue University Northwest truly incredible, and I have come to regard PNW student housing as my second home," he said. "At PNW, we support each other's ambitions and create a welcoming culture. It shows our commitment to Powering Onward and contributing proudly to the PNW alumni legacy. I cannot wait to watch the friendships, late-night study sessions and shared victories that will define life in Calumet Hall."

City of Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., a PNW alumnus who has closely watched the university's transformation during his time in office, shared his excitement that the university is prioritizing student experiences and resources, such as student housing.

"This new residence hall is another step in the transformation that's taking place at PNW. This is the third residence hall to open during my time as mayor, and that's not just a sign of growth for PNW, but for the city of Hammond as well," McDermott said.

Stationed at the northeast corner of 173rd Street and Woodmar Avenue, Calumet Hall will bring student residents closer to the heart of the PNW Hammond campus, allowing them to be minutes away from their classes and various student services.

The name Calumet Hall celebrates the rich geographic and cultural heritage of the Northwest Indiana region that is home to PNW. The Calumet Region's distinct biodiversity, history as a hub of industrial production, and proximity to Chicago are some of the many aspects that influenced the establishment and growth of the PNW campuses. Calumet Hall's name thus reflects PNW's unique place in the Purdue University system and the state of Indiana. University leaders and partners broke ground in spring 2025 on the \$29 million self-financed project. Calumet Hall's construction was initiated in response to increased student demand for on-campus housing. In fall 2025, PNW's department of Housing and Residential Education reported four consecutive years of waitlists for the university's other two student residence facilities, Griffin and Peregrine halls.

Calumet Hall's construction was led and completed by Berglund Construction.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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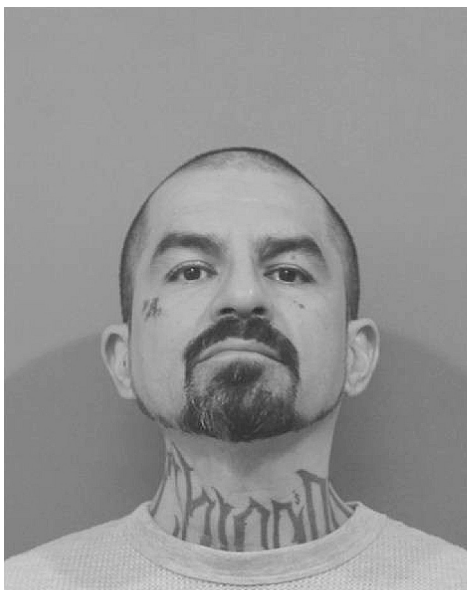
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