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Hammond Community Corporation 2026 Grant Application Now Available

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Applications will be available October 26, 2026, at www.gohammond.com; the Department of City Planning- Room G17, the Mayor's Office, and the City Council Office, 5925 Calumet Avenue; School City of Hammond, 41 Williams; and the Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street. The Hammond Community Corporation will accept applications for the 2026 grant year from October 26, 2026 through December 11, 2026 by 4:30 p.m., for all civic groups, churches, or organizations under the status of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) that serve within the City of Hammond. The maximum award for an application is $1500.00 for a program or project. Please be aware that only hard copy applications will be considered. Applications can be mailed or submitted in person to the Department of City Planning, 5925 Calumet Avenue, Room G-17, Hammond, IN 46320 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All mailed applications must be post marked by December 11, 2026.

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- Education: is designed to bring quality learning to both youth & adults.
- Health & Welfare: employs efforts contributing to the wellness of Hammond.

Source: City of Hammond



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The United States Department of Justice

Mexican National Sentenced to 70 Months in Prison For Drug Offense

On October 15, 2026, Angel Antonio Penaloza-Rojo, 33 years old, a Mexican national, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Gretchen S. Lund after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute Fentanyl, announced United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred. Penaloza-Rojo was sentenced to 70 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release.

According to documents in the case, on August 11, 2024, Penaloza-Rojo brought approximately 3 kilograms of a substance containing Fentanyl to East Chicago, Indiana, where he was delivering it to members of law enforcement operating undercover. "Today's sentence holds Angel-Antonio Penaloza-Rojo fully accountable for his malicious disregard for American laws and the lives of Hoosiers. The defendant, an undocumented immigrant, deliberately entered the United States illegally for the sole purpose of trafficking deadly fentanyl from Mexico directly into the Northern District of Indiana. Penaloza-Rojo and his co-conspirators operated a transnational drug pipeline, profiting from addiction and building wealth at the direct expense of our residents' lives and our community's safety. Fentanyl is an absolute poison, and those who smuggle it across our borders to prey on our neighborhoods will find no safe haven here. This successful prosecution is a direct result of strong interagency partnerships. By combining the specialized resources of federal, state, and local law enforcement, we successfully dismantled this network from the street level up to its international roots. As in this case, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration's North Central Laboratory, AUSA Michael J. Toth, and the United States Attorney's Office remain relentless in our collaborative mission to protect the Northern District of Indiana," said United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Indiana, through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Fire Task Force, with assistance from Homeland Security Investigations/ Enforcement and Removal Operations, the Drug Enforcement Administration's North Central Laboratory, and the Indiana State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Toth.

Merrillville Man Sentenced to 70 Months in Prison For Firearms Offense

For Firearms Offense On September 13, 2026, Courteau D. Givens, 38 years old, of Merrillville, Indiana, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Philip P. Simon after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred. Givens was sentenced to 70 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release. "Courteau Givens has a lengthy history of being unable or unwilling to comply with the law.

During a disturbance on February 5, 2023, Courteau Givens armed himself with a firearm and threatened a person. When police arrived, they discovered the gun and retrieved it. Being a convicted felon, Givens could not legally possess a firearm. His aggressive behavior towards others shows a willingness to use guns and violence as tools to get what he wants, making him a danger to the community. Enforcing this law is paramount to ensuring that our neighborhoods remain safe and our homes remain sanctuaries. By strictly prosecuting felon-in-possession cases, law enforcement and prosecutors remove illegally held weapons from our streets before they can be used to commit further violent acts. This prosecution is a direct result of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, a collaborative strategy involving federal, state, and local law enforcement to target the most violent offenders and reduce gun crime. Prosecuting these cases is one of our most effective tools for preventing gun violence before it strikes. We remain fully committed to working alongside our law enforcement partners to hold illegal gun possessors accountable, take firearms out of the wrong hands, and secure the peace and safety that every resident deserves," said United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, with assistance from the Merrillville Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Caitlin M. Padula.

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

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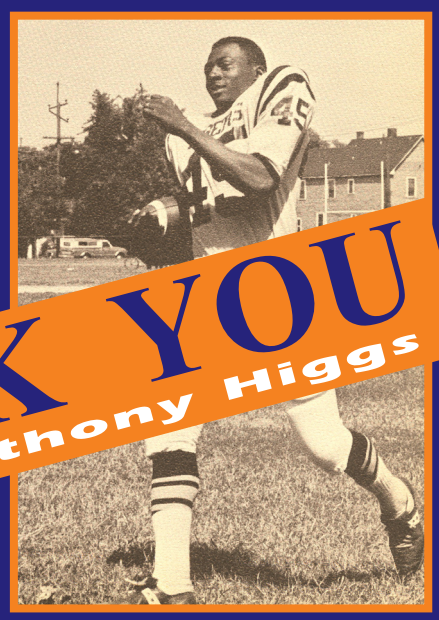
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Union General Sherman's scorched-earth March to the Sea campaign begins

On November 15, 1864, Union General William T. Sherman begins his expedition across Georgia by torching the industrial section of Atlanta and pulling away from his supply lines. For the next six weeks, Sherman's army destroyed most of the state during his so-called March to the Sea before capturing the Confederate seaport of Savannah, Georgia.

Sherman captured Atlanta in early September 1864 after a long summer campaign. He recognized his vulnerability in the city, however, as his supply lines stretched all the way from Nashville, Tennessee. Confederate raiders such as Nathan Bedford Forrest threatened to cut his lines, and Sherman had to commit thousands of troops to protect the railroads and rivers that carried provisions for his massive army. Sherman split his army, keeping 60,000 men and sending the rest back to Nashville with General George Thomas to deal with the remnants of Confederate General John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee, the force Sherman had defeated to take Atlanta.

After hearing that President Abraham Lincoln had won re-election on November 8, Sherman ordered 2,500 light wagons loaded with supplies. Doctors checked each soldier for illness or injuries, and those who were deemed unfit were sent to Nashville. Sherman wrote to his general in chief, Ulysses S. Grant, that if he could march through Georgia it would be "proof positive that the North can prevail." He told Grant that he would not send couriers back, but to "trust the Richmond papers to keep you well advised." Sherman loaded the surplus supplies on trains and shipped them back to Nashville. On November 15, the army began to move, burning the industrial section of Atlanta before leaving. One witness reported "immense and raging fires lighting up whole heavens… huge waves of fire roll up into the sky; presently the skeleton of great warehouses stand out in relief against sheets of roaring, blazing, furious flames." Sherman's famous destruction of Georgia had begun.

Sherman's Post Civil War Career

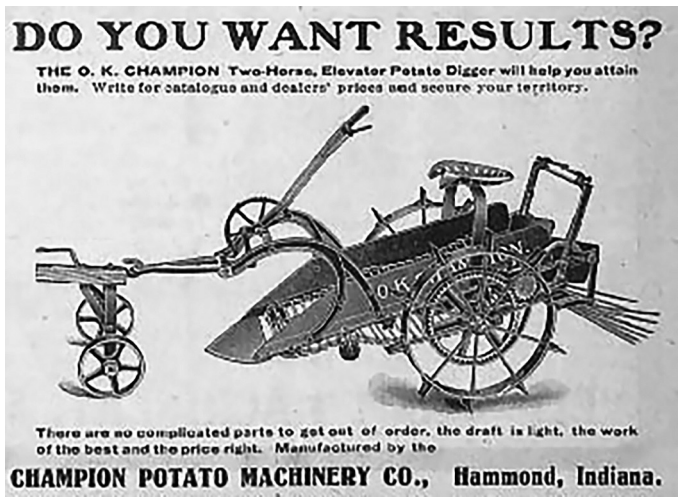
Sherman remained in the U.S. Army after the war. When Grant became president in 1869, Sherman assumed command of all U.S. forces. He was criticized for the role he played in America's war on Native Americans in the West, but he himself was critical of U.S. mistreatment of the native population. He retired from active duty in 1884, eventually settling in New York. He brushed aside repeated requests to run for political office, saying, "I will not accept if nominated, and will not serve if elected."

Sherman died in New York on February 14, 1891, at age 71, and was buried in St. Louis. In a final tribute from a former foe, Joseph E. Johnston served as pallbearer at Sherman's funeral. Refusing to don a hat as a sign of respect, Johnston caught a cold, which developed into pneumonia and died just weeks later.

Source: History.com Staff

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Source:Hammond Historical Society

THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tornado Safety

Learn how to stay safe during a tornado, and how to improve your home's ability to withstand tornadoes. A tornado is a tube of spinning air that forms from a thunderstorm and touches the ground. Tornadoes are dangerous. They can knock down buildings, uproot trees, move vehicles and destroy things in their path. Heavy rains, lightning, flash flooding and hail are possible. Tornadoes can happen anywhere. Prepare now so you can stay safe.

What Should You Do Before a Tornado?

Find Shelter Locations from High Winds in the Places Where You Spend a Lot of Time

- Find a safe room built to withstand high winds. The next best protection is a small room with no windows on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
- Mobile, manufactured, trailer homes and recreational vehicles (RVs) are not safe in high wind events. Plan ahead by finding a sturdy building to shelter in before a tornado watch or warning.

Practice Tornado Drills

- With your entire household, practice moving quickly to the safe locations that you identified.
- Create a personal support team of people you may assist and who can assist you.
- If you live in a mobile home, practice going to a safe place.

Plan to Stay Connected

- Sign up for free emergency alerts from your local government.
- Plan to monitor local weather and news.
- Have a backup battery or a way to charge your cell phone.
- In case of a power outage, have a battery-powered radio.
- Know the difference:

Tornado Watch: Be Prepared! Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Be ready to act fast!

Tornado Warning: Take Action! A tornado is near. There is danger. Move to safe location right away.

- You may not always receive a tornado warning. Know the signs of a tornado. Take shelter if you feel you are in danger.

Gather Emergency Supplies

- Gather food, water, and medicine. Stores and pharmacies might be closed. Organize supplies into a Go-Kit and a Stay-at-Home-Kit:

Go-Kit: at least 3 days of supplies that you can carry with you. Include batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.)

Stay-at-Home Kit: at least 2 weeks of supplies.

- Have a 1-month supply of medication in a child-proof container, and other needed medical supplies or equipment.
- Keep personal, financial, and medical records safe and easy to access (hard copies or securely backed up). Consider keeping a list of your medications and dosages on a small card to carry with you.
- Stock up on tornado preparedness kits, survival kits, and other first aid supplies.

Learn Emergency Skills

- Learn First Aid and CPR to help others.
- Be ready to live without power. Utilities may be offline. Be ready to live without power, gas, and water. Plan for your electrical needs, including cell phones and medical equipment. Talk to your doctor. Plan for backup power.

What Should You Do During a Tornado?

Closely Monitor Weather Conditions

- Tune in to radio, TV or other news sources for more information about Tornado Watches and Warnings to be ready to take action.

Seek Safe Shelter Immediately

- If a Tornado Warning is issued. Or, if you suspect a tornado, seek safe shelter right away. After getting to your safe shelter, use your arms to protect your head and neck.

How Can You Stay Safe After a Tornado?

Avoid Injury

- Keep listening to radio, TV or other news sources. Stay in your shelter until the tornado warning is over.
- Do not enter damaged buildings.
- If the building you are in has been damaged, exit with extreme care and stay out. Look around for things that might fall or dangerous debris. Do not use matches or lighters inside. If you smell gas or see spills that could be flammable, leave immediately.
- If you are trapped, try to cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.
- Watch out for exposed nails and broken glass.
- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.

Clean Up Safely

- Be careful during clean-up. Wear thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves to reduce injuries.
- Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.
- If power is out, use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns to reduce fire risk.
- Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not use gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, basement, garage, tent or camper — or even outside near an open window. Carbon monoxide can't be seen or smelled, but it can kill you fast. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak, get to fresh air right away — do not delay.

Treat Injuries

- People may be injured. Provide first aid as needed.
- Do not attempt to move a person with a back or neck injury unless they are in immediate danger. Seek immediate medical assistance.

Take Care of Yourself

- It's normal to have a lot of bad feelings, stress, or anxiety.
- Eat healthy food and get enough sleep to help you deal with stress.
- You can contact the Disaster Distress Helpline for free if you need to talk to someone. Call or text 1-800-985-5990.

Source: American Red Cross

PNW and Ivy Tech partner to enhance hospitality career paths for Indiana college students



Purdue University Northwest (PNW) Hospitality and Tourism Management student Allison Weissbeck, left, learns with Clinical Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Pitparnee Stompor inside the PNW White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism Management's kitchen space during an Advanced Foodservice Management course.

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) and Ivy Tech Community College statewide are strengthening accessibility and affordability for college students pursuing hospitality and tourism careers through several academic transfer pathways.

The institutions have introduced three transfer pathways that provide opportunities for Ivy Tech students completing hospitality and culinary arts-focused technical certificates to apply and transfer eligible credit hours toward PNW's Hospitality and Tourism Management bachelor's degree program. The partnership provides college students a seamless track for flexibly earning stackable credentials, gaining valuable hands-on, career-focused learning experience and preparing for hospitality workforce needs.

"We are excited to collaborate with our Ivy Tech Community College partners to offer solutions that support accessible higher education opportunities for our students," said David Taylor, Teddy Jacobi Dean of the PNW College of Business. "We understand students seek flexibility and affordability in navigating a college education experience that provides them both relevant skills for their chosen fields and opportunities for practical experiences through classwork and outside employment. PNW and Ivy Tech share a commitment to helping students earn credentials that set them up for success."

"These pathways give our students the opportunity to continue their education right here in Northwest Indiana by applying their Ivy Tech credits toward PNW's Hospitality and Tourism Management bachelor's degree. This is something our industry needs," said Holly Gould, Department Chair for the School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at Ivy Tech Lake County. "We want our students to develop valuable skills, focus on their career goals and earn credentials that make them employable in Northwest Indiana without having to leave the area to pursue their education. Northwest Indiana is growing exponentially in the tourism and hospitality sectors, and these pathways position our students to take advantage of the career opportunities being created right here in their own communities."

Developing workforce-ready hospitality students

Ivy Tech and PNW's 1+3 transfer pathways for hospitality and tourism education provide students valuable hands-on and applied learning opportunities across their academic journeys, equipping them with practical skills for various hospitality and serv ice settings and expanded knowledge in business management and industry trends.

Ivy Tech's School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management helps students launch their passions for creativity, service, organization and leadership in hospitality settings through hands-on learning that builds skills in food service operations, hospitality teams and customer-facing environments. Coursework supports students' practical skill development for entering professional kitchen, restaurant and hotel environments.

PNW's bachelor's degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management, offered through the university's White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, helps students build on their applied learning, expand theoretical knowledge and prepare for leadership and management roles in the field. Earning the bachelor's degree not only rewards students with deepened hospitality knowledge and skillsets, but also qualifies them for elevated career opportunities and growth.

"This is an exciting time for students to enter the hospitality and tourism field, as Northwest Indiana is experiencing unprecedented momentum in visitor economy development," said Kwangsoo Park, associate dean of the PNW College of Business and director of the White Lodging School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at PNW. "New hospitality venues, expanded lodging capacity and growing investments in tourism and events, including the Lake County Convention Center, are creating opportunities for graduates across the region. There is a demonstrable need for higher education partners to continue supporting a pipeline where qualified students can enter hospitality professions and help transform Northwest Indiana into a premier Midwest destination."

How the transfer pathway works

Under the agreement, Ivy Tech students earning technical certificates in Baking and Pastry Arts, Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management are eligible to transfer and apply a minimum number of credit hours toward PNW's Hospitality and Tourism Management bachelor's degree program, provided interested students meet admission and transfer requirements. Accepted students will be eligible for admission to PNW with sophomore standing.

These academic transfer opportunities strengthen the connection between workforce-focused credentials and continued education, providing students a clear route to build on their coursework and pursue long-term goals in hospitality and tourism management.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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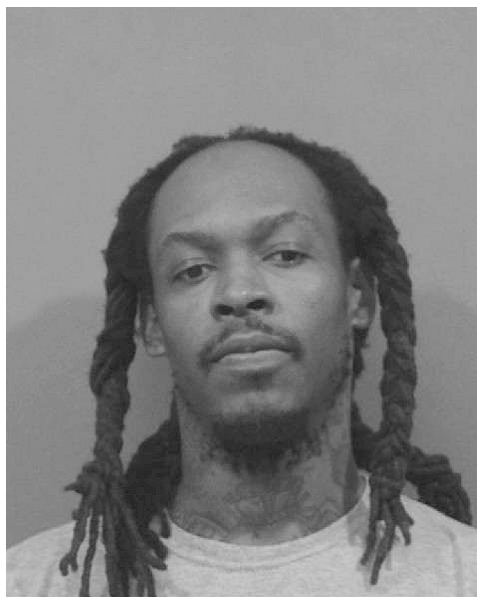
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.....CONFINEMENT/ RESISTING

.....LAW ENFORCEMENT

Name #: 020N08854

Date of Birth..... 7/21/1985



WANTED

Name: ..... MARSHALL, ZACHARIAH JACK

Alias:

Sex ..... MALE

Height ..... 6'00

Weight ..... 190 Pounds

Eyes..... Hazel

Hair ..... Brown

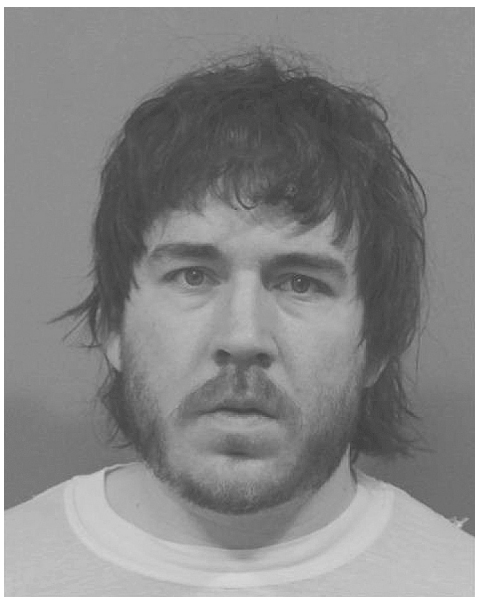
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Wanted For: ..... CRIMINAL

..... CONFINEMENT

Name #: 090N40371

Date of Birth..... 9/7/1991



WANTED

Name: ..... REYES, MICHAEL FREDRICK

Alias:

Sex ..... MALE

Height ..... 5'7"

Weight ..... 240 Pounds

Eyes..... Brown

Hair ..... Black

Marks/Scars/Tattoos

Wanted For: ..... RESISTING LAW

..... ENFORCEMENT

Name #: 080N64320

Date of Birth..... 9/18/1983



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