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### **VANDERBURGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MOURN LOSS OF OLD COURTHOUSE CLOCKKEEPER**

It is with heavy hearts that the Vanderburgh County Commissioners announce the passing of Carroll Kenneth Hickrod, the dedicated volunteer clockkeeper of the historic Old Courthouse.

For more than fifteen years, Carroll Hickrod toiled in the hidden corners of the Old Courthouse, dedicating countless hours to repairing, maintaining, and nurturing the intricate mechanisms that powered the clock's hands. His hands, weathered by time much like the clock itself, worked with a meticulous precision that only true dedication could inspire. His unwavering commitment meant that, even as the world around us evolved, the courthouse clock continued to mark the passage of moments with grace and authenticity.

But Carroll's legacy extended beyond the mere mechanics of gears and cogs. His steadfast presence became a bridge connecting our community's present to its history, reminding us that continuity and preservation are values worth embracing. His humility and dedication resonated with all who crossed his path, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him.

As we reflect on Carroll's journey, let us remember the power of selfless service. His story teaches us that heroes are not always those in the limelight; they are the ones who, quietly and consistently, contribute to the tapestry of our lives. Through his actions, Carroll showed us that love for community and history can manifest in the smallest of gestures, yet their impact can be immeasurable.

The courthouse clock shall continue to chime, its cadence echoing the legacy of Carroll Hickrod. As we bid him farewell, let us stand in awe of his dedication and honor his memory by upholding the values he held dear. In his name, let us strive to become guardians of our heritage, ambassadors of unity, and champions of the timeless spirit that binds us all.

May Carroll's soul find eternal rest, knowing that his legacy lives on, ticking alongside the heartbeat of our town, reminding us that every moment is a precious gift and that the spirit of service can illuminate the darkest of hours.

In a heartfelt tribute to Carroll and with the support of the Board of Commissioners, the Old Courthouse Foundation will be illuminating the clocktower in a serene blue hue beginning August 24<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. This display of blue lights is a symbolic gesture and beacon of remembrance to honor Carroll's unwavering commitment to preserving and guarding our town's history. We invite our community to join us in this tribute by taking a moment to reflect on Carroll's contributions and the indelible mark he left on Evansville.