

Carroll Fiscal Court gets data center details

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The president of a Louisville company with options on 550 acres of Carroll County farmland — and an agreement to purchase 800 megawatts of power from Kentucky Utilities Company — visited Carroll County Fiscal Court Tuesday to explain his proposal to develop a \$10 billion hyperscale data center.

Hank Hillebrand, president of Poe Companies LLC, said the site being eyed for the massive data

center is bordered by Interstate 71, the Kentucky River and Mill Creek. Located in Greens Bottom just south of Carrollton, the land is already under Poe's control, including 340 acres owned by the city of Carrollton next to its waste water treatment plant and being sold for the development.

He said Poe Companies has a 40-year history of commercial, industrial and residential development in Kentucky and will partner with PowerHouse Data Centers on the

hyperscale data campus in Carroll County. PowerHouse, based in Northern Virginia, has built more than 100 data centers throughout the United States, many as joint ventures with partners like Poe Companies.

Although the land is under control and the power is under control, Hillebrand said the company is still engaged in due diligence on other aspects of the proposal, noting the project is "early in the timeline — the preliminary stages."

The way the development will work is Poe and PowerHouse will build the data center and sell or lease the facility to a tenant or end user. The developer will incur the costs and efforts to plan, construct and complete regulatory approval for the facility — including negotiating and signing binding terms and conditions promised to the state, county, city and special taxing districts like schools, fire departments and libraries — with the tenant then taking over operation but agreeing

to the previously negotiated terms as part of purchase or lease.

He said if a tenant can be found prior to construction, the campus and structures can more specifically be tailored to the end user's needs.

"That's why we've not shown a site plan because that could be relative to the tenant's needs," Hillebrand said.

Generally speaking the campus would have a main entrance that

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Balloon Glow



Mark Campbell

Residents of Milton and those driving across the Milton-Madison Bridge received a colorful treat Sunday night from the Madison Regatta Balloon Glow on the Madison riverfront.



Charlie Rohlfing

Researcher and performer Rachel Grimes, with the music of groundbreaking classically trained violinist, composer and bandleader Henry V. Hart, who was one of the earliest Black composers to ever be published.

Charlie's Beat: Tales & Tunes is a story worth hearing

Next Friday, Sept. 4, there will be an opportunity to hear music — and learn the story behind it — that has literally never been heard in more than 100 years.

The program is titled "Tales & Tunes" and it will be happening at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County History & Art Center, on the site of the old train station in downtown Madison, Indiana.

The program is free. "It's the music of Henry V. Hart," explains Rachel Grimes, the primary researcher and performer behind the program. "Mr. Hart was born into slavery in the 1830s in Kentucky, but eventually made his way to freedom and a life in Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana. He was classically trained on violin and became



CHARLIE ROHLFING

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Play Music on the Porch

PLAY MUSIC ON THE PORCH DAY
KINDRED FOLK SOCIETY
Downtown Madison, Indiana
Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026
Performing from 1-6 p.m.
(For times visit: www.kindredfolksociety.org/about-5)

1. Watkins Porch, 222 W. Second St. — Tim Brickley, Tim Grim and Maria Carrelli
2. Barlow Porch, 402 W. First St. — Sami Riggs and Slick River Rockets
3. Dorsey Porch, 513 W. Main St. — West of Dublin
4. Thieman Porch, 704 W. Main St. — The Hammer & The Hatchet and Rusty Bladen
5. Courtney Porch, 733 W. Main St. — Jimmy Davis Band, Maddie C. Music, Jimmy Davis Band
6. McCue Porch, 910 W. First St. — Jackson Snelling
7. Anderson Porch, 417 Presbyterian Ave. — Bee Camp Bottom Boys and Tyrone Cotton
8. Lytle Park, 400 block West St. — The Frequency Spot, Loudon-Mundane, Connor Dermon and Noah Wright
9. River Terrace Garage, 120 Presbyterian Ave. — Despite, Moneybag and Benjee Howard

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Prosecutors want murder suspect's \$100K bond revoked

Stone charged in shooting death of Carroll County student

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Prosecutors have filed a motion to revoke the \$100,000 cash bond of an Owen County man indicted and awaiting trial in the 2023 shooting death of a 16-year-old Carroll County High School student.

A hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Owen County Circuit Court after the suspect, Timothy D. Stone, now 43, allegedly violated conditions of his bond agreement, court records show. The outcome of the hearing was not available at press time.

Stone was indicted by an Owen County grand jury for murder and two counts of having an unlawful transac-

tion with a minor.

He is accused of shooting 16-year-old Bryce Stewart, a student, football player, FFA officer and cheerleader from Carroll County, once in the chest at his residence on Squiresville Road in Owen County, about 19 miles east of Carrollton, in the early morning hours of Aug. 13, 2023.

Stewart was pronounced dead at the scene by the Owen County Coroner. Kentucky State Police investigated and Stone was arrested and arraigned four days later where he pleaded not guilty. Police testified that Stone allegedly told investigators he had consumed "10 beers and a shot" prior to pointing the gun at the teen.

In what is the latest of several allegations that Stone violated conditions of his release, he allegedly failed to upload data from a digital ankle monitor between July 1



Timothy Stone

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Trimble B of E adopts tax rate, discusses staffing issues

BY KARLEY CODE
THE TRIMBLE BANNER

Trimble County Board of Education approved the county's school tax rates for 2026-27 and heard reports on the how difficulties in hiring bus drivers and instructional assistants is impacting the local district.

The tax rates were approved as discussed at the board's first reading of the rates earlier this months and later advertised in two public notices.

The tax levy — 75.4 cents on real property and 75.4 cents on personal property compared to 76 cents on both last year — is what school officials described as a compensating rate in that the lower rate will compensate for increased property valuations and new development that has

taken place in the county over the past 12 months

Projected General Fund revenue from the taxes is \$5,931,577.

The board also heard from Transportation Director Jamie Rebollar, on the county's difficulties in hiring school bus drivers and the steps that have been taken to provide student transportation during driver shortages

Rebollar, who recently was named state Transportation Director of the Year, had discussed the situation at a previously meeting and was on hand to give an update Tuesday.

The school district started the year with six fewer bus drivers compared to last year and recruitment efforts to hire more bus drivers is

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RIVER LEVELS	
Forecast	
Aug. 28: — 18.5 feet	
Aug. 29: — 17.6 feet	
Aug. 30: — 16.6 feet	
Aug. 31: — 16.0 feet	
— at Markland Dam, provided by the NWS	

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