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A HERO’S BELATED DUE

CARL ROSS MEMORIAL WAY
DEDICATED IN DOWNTOWN TERRE HAUTE



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Dee Reed, a relative of the late Carl Ross, left, speaks about how he made the ultimate sacrifice during the dedication ceremony Friday for Carl Ross Memorial Way at the corner of North Seventh and Cherry streets.

By DAVID KRONKE
TRIBUNE-STAR

In a few short months, Carl Ross has been transformed from an obscure footnote in Terre Haute history to a man whose heroism has resulted in a city street being named after him.

Carl Ross Memorial Way was dedicated in a Friday morning ceremony at the corner of 7th and Cherry Streets downtown. It covers Seventh Street from Cherry Street to Larry Bird Avenue.

On Sept. 19, 1961, Ross – then a custodian at the downtown Terre Haute YWCA – prevented a devastating tragedy when he encountered an explosive device inside the Y and, without hesitation, alerted others to the danger and attempted to remove the device from the building. It detonated in his hands, killing him.

His decisive action saved the lives of 53 women. The crime was never solved.

The YWCA was located on Seventh in the heart of Carl Ross Memorial Way. The property is now an Indiana State University parking lot.

A resolution to rename the passageway was introduced by Terre Haute City Councilman Todd Nation with the approval of Mayor Brandon Sakbun.

Turn to **HERO**, A4



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The sign for Carl Ross Memorial Way is unveiled during its dedication ceremony at the corner of North Seventh and Cherry streets in Terre Haute on Friday.

Noel Hord rose from Terre Haute to ‘Jackie Robinson of retailing’

Last week, a Wall Street Journal retrospective of Noel Hord’s life mentioned that he considered himself “the Jackie Robinson of retailing.”

Hord broke his initial barrier in Terre Haute, where he became the first Black shoe salesperson in the downtown district.

It was the start of a pioneering career. Hord eventually became the chief operating officer and president of U.S. Shoe Corporation’s Footwear. Then Hord served as CEO and president of Nine West, the famed New York fashion retailer.

Hord would’ve turned 80 on Friday. He died earlier this summer, but word of his passing on May 26 sparked remembrances throughout the news outlets this month.



MARK BENNETT

for African American students in Danbury, Conn., where Hord and his second wife of 24 years, Tamar, also lived.

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Those tributes – including one from friend and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut – cited not only Hord’s business success, but also his lifelong efforts to open doors for others.

Hord co-founded the Hord Foundation in 1989 with his late wife Cora, who died in 1995. Ever since, that nonprofit group has funded college scholarships



Noel Hord grew up in Terre Haute and went on to become CEO and president of Nine West, and established the Hord Foundation, which provides scholarships for African American students in Danbury, Conn.

Submitted photo

City Council OKs wheel tax as mandated by Indiana

By DAVID KRONKE
TRIBUNE-STAR

The Terre Haute City Council approved an amended new wheel tax at Thursday’s meeting, which essentially shifts how the same money will be apportioned.

The move was made necessary by a new state law that decreed that cities had to have their own wheel tax rather than receiving funds collected by the county from state wheel taxes taken in via the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.



That money helps the city pay for paving and road repairs in town. Mayor Brandon Sakbun said if the city didn’t opt in, it would lose \$400,000 in state funding.

In Indiana, a wheel tax is an annual fee that a unit of local government can add to vehicle registrations. It is a localized per-registration fee to help fund road repairs and infrastructure.

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Tribune-Star/Joseph C. Garza

Paul and Heaven Doan are bringing the joy of music to Haute City Center with their new music store, Jamz Music. Here, the two pose for a photo in the store’s showroom with a guitar on Wednesday.

Jamz Music to crank up the volume

New store in Haute
City Center has grand
opening Saturday

By DAVID KRONKE
TRIBUNE-STAR

Jamz Music should prove to be an instrumental source for musicians seeking equipment.

The store in Haute City Center is celebrating its grand opening this Saturday. Owner Paul Doan is himself a musician, playing gigs around town with his band Def Fluid.

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