AREA OBITUARIES

Lester Mast

Lester Mast, 85, of Goshen, died at 7:50 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026 at his residence. Online condolences may be offered at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lloyd Miller

Lloyd "Curly" E. Miller, 78, passed away on July 19, 2026. Visitation will be from 2 - 4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 at Emma Church, Topeka. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23 also at the church. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling the arrangements.

LaGrange County Libertarian Candidate Files Public Records Request on Flock Safety Surveillance Contract

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Joseph Wanderlust, the Libertarian candidate for LaGrange County Council District 2, has taken a significant step towards ensuring transparency regarding surveillance practices in the county. Amid growing nationwide concerns about privacy and security risks associated with Flock Safety surveillance, Wanderlust has filed a formal public records request with the LaGrange County Sheriff's Office.

With recent events highlighting the potential dangers of such surveillance systems, including the recent arrests of five police officers in Georgia for improperly using Flock cameras, Wanderlust emphasizes the pressing need for public awareness. "Our residents deserve to know exactly what these systems are, what they do, what they are capable of, and the associated privacy and security risks," he stated.

Wanderlust points out that the introduction of AI-backed live-streaming surveillance raises significant concerns about personal privacy, as well as broader national security. He expressed alarm over foreign entities potentially accessing real-time data that could monitor military and political activities. "It's bad enough that Google roams our streets perpetually uploading 360° footage to the web, freely accessible to our adversaries."

The potential for abuse is not lost on Wanderlust, who notes instances of law enforcement using Flock technology to stalk romantic interests. He warns of similar risks in cases where conflicts of interest may arise, especially among business partners and political candidates.

In his request, submitted under Indiana's Access to Public Records Act (APRA), Wanderlust seeks:

• All contracts, amendments, and purchase orders related to Flock Safety.

• Financial records detailing taxpayer costs and expenditures.

• Policies, procedures, and training materials governing the use and retention of data from these systems.

• Records of data sharing with other law enforcement agencies.

•Any audits or performance evaluations of the surveillance system.

This initiative aligns with Wanderlust's campaign motto, "No on Mass Surveillance," which stands against unconstitutional government overreach and dragnet tracking tools like Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems and geofence warrants. He cites recent rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court, particularly in United States v. Chatrie, which call for rigorous constitutional scrutiny of broad surveillance practices.

Wanderlust is advocating for full public disclosure and enhanced local control over surveillance technologies to safeguard the privacy and freedoms of LaGrange County residents.

For those seeking further information or wishing to schedule an interview, Joseph Wanderlust can be reached at Joe@JosephWanderlust.com or through his website at www.JosephWanderlust.com.



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