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# Hamilton Happenings

Students and families from across all Hamilton Southeastern Schools are invited to join us for the 2025 Prairie Dash 5k, presented by Fishers Freight, on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. The run will place throughout the historic grounds of Conner Prairie, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation. Registration is \$25/individual and includes a race tee, timing big, commemorative medal, plus a FREE ticket to see the new Fishers Freight football team this summer. Go to to https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/ Fishers/PrairieDash? blm\_aid=21369 for more information.

# Three Things You Should Know

Celebrate the start of the outdoor recreation season with free admission to all Indiana State Parks properties on Sunday, May 4, the second day of Welcome Weekend and the opening day of Visit Indiana Week. Find an Indiana State Parks property and what's new there at on.IN.gov/ stateparks. If you've never visited, on.IN.gov/dnrwelcome offers helpful tips. May 4 is also a Free Fishing Day, as described at

on.IN.gov/fishfree.

A new study has revealed the cities with the most unpredictable weather in the U.S. and our state capitol ranks seventh! Oklahoma City topped the list, with high daily swings in rainfall and wind speed while California cities Long Beach, Los Angeles, and San Diego are among the most predictable places for weather. The research, carried out by the tide forecasting platform Tideschart, examined the weather patterns across the nation's 50 highestpopulated cities through five different weather measurements. After Oklahoma City came Omaha, Minneapolis, Kansas, Louisville and Tulsa.

We Hoosiers know we're hard working, but now, according to a new study from our friends at the modern observability platform Coralogix, everyone knows. Coralogix ranked Indiana as the 14<sup>th</sup>-hardest working state in America. Hoosiers clocked 122 hours a week per household on a minimum wage of \$7.25 to rent a twobedroom home. The average Indiana resident spends \$1,572 a month on healthcare, utilities, car expenses, and phone and internet bills, compared to \$1,522 elsewhere. The average worker earns \$54,717 a year, after tax - 10% less than the average American.



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## Ask Rusty - When Should My Wife Claim Social Security?



Social Security Matters

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email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

#### Dear Rusty:

Rusty

My wife was born in July 1959, and her recent SS benefit estimate is \$3,337 at her full retirement age, or \$4,397 at age 70. She is presently employed fulltime and intends to continue working until she is aged 70. She is wondering when the most financially advantageous time would be to draw her SS retirement.

Signed: Planning Ahead

#### Dear Planning Ahead:

Obviously, the best time for your wife to get the highest possible monthly Social Security benefit would be age 70. Provided your wife's life expectancy is at least average (about age 87 for a woman her current age), she will likely receive the most in cumulative lifetime Social Security benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim.

For clarity, if your wife were to choose to claim before her full retirement age (FRA), her monthly amount would be less and she would be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much she can earn before her FRA. If the AET is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 for every \$2 her earnings are over the limit (they take away by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied). The AET (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly) is in effect until your wife reaches her full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, after which she can earn as must as she likes without penalty. Since she plans to work full time until age 70, your wife should likely not claim Social Security before her FRA. As mentioned, claiming at age 70 is probably a more prudent financial option.

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## **BBB Scam Alert: Sponsored Ad** Might Be a Scam

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#### **Study Ranks Indiana 40th for Older Workers**

A new study shows that Indiana is the No. 40 best state for older workers.

Instead of riding off into the sunset, a record 11.2 million seniors are stuck riding into the office, and 14.8 million seniors are projected to be in the workforce by 2033. As healthcare and living costs continue to rise, a growing number of seniors cannot afford to retire, while others opt to work, encouraged by better health, longevity, and the flexibility of remote work.

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# I-465 Warnings Coming to End; **Tickets Starting**

Drivers will soon receive penalties for speeding in construction zones as part of Safe Zones. Indiana's worksite speed control pilot program. Enforcement will begin on or after Monday, May 5, in the Clear Path I-465/I-69 construction zone on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

A pre-enforcement warning period began at this location in early 2025. Since that time, 90,000 courtesy notices have been sent.

"It's crucial for drivers to slow down in work zones," said INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist. "Speeding in work zones puts construction crews, drivers, and their passengers at risk of injury or even death. Driver behavior, such as speeding, is a recurring factor in work zone crashes and incidents. The Safe Zones program is another tool at our disposal to make work zones safer for everyone."

Safe Zones was authorized by the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session through House Enrolled Act 1015. By statute, INDOT may deploy Safe Zones at up to four sites at any given time. Clear Path on the northeast side of Indianapolis is currently the only active site. Additional sites, to be announced later, will begin with immediate enforcement. The program aims to protect the lives of motorists and road workers by slowing drivers down and reducing crashes in work zones.

"We want to keep drivers safe on the road, the same as we want to keep road crews safe in work zones," said Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure Matt Ubelhor. "We urge drivers to not only slow down, but also wear their seatbelts, and avoid distractions -- lives depend

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## **➡** TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teens need about ten hours of sleep while school-age kids should get 10-12.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



#### TODAY'S QUOTE

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. Abraham Lincoln

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# Noblesville Lions Trivia Night For Kid Sight





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On April 24, the Noblesville Lions had a Trivia Night Challenge fundraiser for the Lions Club's Kid Sight. The project was to raise money for a second camera to use when testing kid's eyesight. The event raised \$2,278. From left, Lions Greg Clouse, Josh Kozicki, Lisa Rohe, Steve Shaw, Cheryl Helton, Bruce Moss, Mark Bachar, Ron Sinicki, Tim Baker, Eric Bachar, Jeff Dick, Lisa Dick, Jen Carr and George Long.

And the winning teams was Blues Clues: (Back row): Heather Perry, Charlie Perry and Doug Thompson, (Front row): Nancy Miller, Connie Nielson (team captain), Mary Thompson, Austin Thompson and **Emily Murphy.** 

# Fishers Student Earns Lilly Scholarship

**Tobin Seiple of Fishers** joins two other incoming freshmen as the newest class of Lilly Scholars at Wabash College in Crawfordsville. The honor is Wabash's most prestigious scholarship. He is the latest in a line of Hamilton County students who have earned the Lilly Scholar designation.

Seiple joins Andres Ornelas of Brownsville, Texas and Sidney Thomas of Phoenix, Ariz. As the Class of 2029 winners.

Finalists visited campus in February to compete for the Lilly Scholarship, which covers tuition, housing, and food for all four years of a student's Wabash education. The scholarship program was established in 1974 to honor Eli Lilly and his family, and the award is designed to recognize outstanding young men who show high potential and future promise. Honorees are young men who have the desire to impact the Wabash community and the world at large.

Seiple is homeschooled and is actively involved as a volunteer at local food pantries. He has participated in the Indiana Bar Association Mock Trial competition,

and acted at the Indiana Repertory Theater. He won the Classical Conversations at the 2020 Indiana State Fair, earned the Summa Cum Laude (2024) and Maxima Cum Laude (2023) Awards in the National Latin Exam, and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He served as a lead instructor at the White Pine Wilderness Academy and is a graduate of the Center for Leadership Development.

"The Lilly Scholarship is both humbling and motivating," said Seiple. "I am grateful for the belief in me and the opportunity it presents. As I prepare to begin my college journey at Wabash, I am excited to be a part of a community that values curiosity, leadership, hard work, and brotherhood, and am eager for the academic rigor and the growth I will experience as a result."

The trio will join the prestigious ranks of past Lilly Scholars when classes begin in

"This year's Lilly Award competition produced another impressive group of finalists that

will make outstanding Wabash Men," said Chip Timmons, Dean for Enrollment Management. "In fact, 15 of the 18 finalists have officially made their decision to join the Class of 2029, and our staff is working hard to go 18 for 18."

Recent Lilly Scholarship award winners include:

Class of 2028: Carlos Cantu-Trevino, Weslaco, Texas; Matthew Stitle, Carmel; and Andrew Toney of Winchester.

Class of 2027: Henry Chilcoat, North Little Rock, Ark.; Alex Schmidt, Highland; and Cole Williams, Indianapolis.

Class of 2026: Patrick Countryman, Indianapolis; Augustin "Gus" Sanchez, Carmel; James Wallace, Missouri City, Texas.

Class of 2025: Avery Dixon, Austin, Texas; Matthew Franz, Johnstown, Ohio; and Tommy Oppman, Niles, Mich.

Class of 2024: Nathaniel Mertz, Albuquerque, N.M.; Jesus Monrroy Mazcorro, Alamo,



**Tobin Seiple** 

Texas; and Will Trapp, Brownsburg.

Class of 2023: Thomas Gastineau, Carmel; Andrew Posledni, Batavia, Ill.; and Cooper Smith, Sellersburg.

Class of 2022: John Reith, Leo; Andrew Rippy, Saint Paul, Minn.; and Devin Vanyo, Cuyahoga Falls,

Class of 2021: Daniel Cuevas, Hammond; William Osborn, Chandler, Ariz.; and Kaleb Wood, Indianapolis.

Class of 2020: Sam Stephenson, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Sam Henthorn, Carmel; and Nathan Gray, Indianapolis.

Class of 2019: Matthew Hodges, Carmel; David Vavrinak, Hubbard, Ohio; Cole Payne, Culver.

#### Roundabout construction begins at 96th Street and College

Beginning on or after May 5, the City of Carmel will begin construction of its 156th roundabout at the intersection of East 96th Street and North College Avenue, as part of its ongoing infrastructure improvement initiative. The intersection is managed by the City of Carmel and the project is designed to improve safety, traffic flow and pedestrian access at this key entry point into the City.

The roundabout project includes raised pedestrian crosswalks to enhance visibility and safety for pedestrians and marks the start of a broader transformation along North College Avenue that brings landscape enhancements, stormwater upgrades and the creation of a boulevard with expanded pedestrian connectivity.

"This project represents more than just another roundabout-it's a vital improvement to safety and connectivity at one of our community's major gateways," said Bradley Pease, Carmel City Engineer.

The roundabout is expected to be completed in July, aligning with the next phase of improvements along North College Avenue, north of I-465.

To accommodate construction, clearly marked detour routes will be in place. Primary detour options include 91st Street, Spring Mill Road and 106th Street, with additional alternative routes available via Westfield Boulevard and U.S. 31.

The City of Carmel encourages residents and visitors to continue supporting the businesses at this intersection throughout the duration of the project. To ensure access to the businesses impacted by the construction, clear signage will be placed to guide residents, business staff and customers safely to their destination. Visitors to the locations listed below will have access using Westfield Boulevard, Reel Street and E.

China Inn Restaurant, 9613 N. College Ave., Ste. A

96th Street.

Greek's Pizzeria, 9613 N. College Ave., Ste. B

Circuit Square TV Repair, 9613 N. College Ave., Ste. C

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Since your wife expects to continue working, she should also know that her estimated benefit will likely increase assuming her more recent earnings are among the highest over her lifetime. Social Security will review current year earnings annually to see if her current earnings warrant a benefit increase (SS benefits are always based on the highest 35 years of work earnings, and that includes earnings even after SS benefit are started). Also, the estimates provided by SS do not include Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which typically occur annually. FYI, the average annual COLA increase over the past two decades has been

Based on her estimated FRA benefit, it is also evident that your wife will not get additional benefits as your spouse. For that to occur, your benefit at your FRA would need to be more than twice your wife's FRA amount, which it likely is not. Thus, your wife should make her claiming decision based only on her own benefit opportunity, considering her personal financial needs and her life expectancy.

about 2.5%.

FYI, your wife's "breakeven age" - the age at which she will have collected the same amount of SS money by claiming at age 70 vs. claiming at her full retirement age (FRA), is about 82 years of age. Thus, assuming

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her life expectancy is more than 82, it would be prudent to wait until age 70 to claim Social

In the end, the "best" time to claim Social Security depends on a few factors - most notably, life expectancy, and financial need. If the SS money isn't urgently needed now, and your wife's life expectancy is at least "average," then it appears from what you've shared that her best choice would be to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security. If life circumstances change over the years, your wife can take comfort knowing that she can also claim her Social Security at any time before age 70 and she will get benefits right up to the month she claims. Note that by waiting until after her FRA to claim, she will earn Delayed **Retirement Credits** (DRCs) of .667% more benefit for each month of delay (about 8% more for each year of

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# STUDY From Page A1

Seniorly recently released a study on the Best States for Older Workers after analyzing data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau and Federation

of Tax Administrators.

Six factors specific to seniors in each state were analyzed: median income, income tax, remote work, labor force participation, business growth rate, and age-related workplace discrimination.

Among the key

findings, Indiana has a median household income of \$50,047 (No. 43), there are 128 agerelated discrimination complaints per 100,000 eligible workers (No. 41) and 12.3% of older workers are remote (tied for

The 10 best states for older workers are Washington, New Hampshire, Alaska, Maryland, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Dakota, Utah, and

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40th).

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**BBB Scam Tracker** continues to receive reports from consumers who are tricked into clicking on fake websites that are advertised on search engines and social media as "sponsored." These scams are not only specific to retail websites and merchandise - there are also reports of sponsored ads for fake passport renewal services, healthcare open enrollment websites, lost and found services, puppies

How the scam works It starts with a simple search. Let's say you're looking to buy sneakers, and the top result of your search is a "sponsored" ad for a retailer selling your item. Or, you may see a sponsored ad on your social media feed for

the same product.

for sale, and more.

You click on the link and are taken to what appears to be a legitimate website. The merchandise may even be majorly discounted, and you think you're getting a great deal. At checkout, you enter your personal and financial information and make your purchase.

At this point, you may never receive your merchandise. If you try to contact the company's customer support, they may not have a record of your purchase, making you realize that you purchased from a fake website. You may not be able to find the original website that you purchased from or their contact information may be disabled.

As mentioned, these sponsored ad scams are not always tied to fake retail websites.

One person shared their experience on BBB Scam Tracker, "I did a [search engine redacted] search for "Apply Global Entry" and I clicked on the first link that showed up. I didn't realize it was a sponsored link. I filled out all my daughter's personal information including name, date of birth, address, passport information thinking I was on the U.S. government's website and realized only when I arrived at the payment page that this was a scam."

How to avoid

sponsored ad scams No matter what, always confirm you are on a legitimate website. Even if a website is sponsored and shows up at the top of your search results, always confirm that you are on the correct website before making a purchase or entering your

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personal information. Scammers are easily able to create lookalike websites that seem like the real deal. See BBB's tips for identifying a fake website.

· Use caution when

making purchases

- through social media shops. Sometimes, sponsored ads on social media platforms take you to purchase products on the app's shop. You may not be able to tell if the retailer or merchandise is legitimate through the app's shop. If you're unsure, you can search for the retailer on your own and find their real website to purchase from. See BBB's tips for buying from social media ads.
- Be wary of toogood-to-be-true deals. Major discounts on otherwise expensive products often trick people into purchasing items on fake websites. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do a quick search to compare prices on other sites to get an idea of what the item really costs.
- Use BBB to verify business information. If you're questioning whether the website you're visiting is an impostor site, check with BBB.org to find the business's information and verify its web address. If you're not familiar with the business, you can also see if there are any customer reviews or complaints listed.
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#### Sip & Shop Series at Carmel City Center

Carmel City Center is kicking off the 2025 Sip & Shop series on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Visitors are invited to join the Shops at Carmel City Center for a spring Sip & Shop and complimentary libations at five of the businesses.

Complimentary white wine tastings and a specialty cocktail will be available at Be.You.tiful NAILS, Honey, Lily & Sparrow Boutique, Linden Tree Gifts and Magic Hat Barber Shop. The following participating Shops will have special promotions during the event:

Divvy: Open for Saturday brunch at 10 a.m. Enjoy \$6 off Many Mimosa & Many Mary tours (also available alcohol-free) and \$6 off Brunch Boards: Rise & Shine and Morning Glory.

The Shop: Enjoy 25% off all IMS Indy 500 collection items during the event.

Lily & Sparrow Boutique: Enjoy \$15 off your purchase of \$100+ during the event.

Little Tulip Tree: Stop by and enjoy a charm bar pop-up by J.nicole jewelry from 11am-2pm.

Linden Tree Gifts: Shop the Hoosier Housewives pop-up in Linden Tree - selling shirts, hats and koozies.

In addition, visitors can enter to win a \$75 gift certificate at Addendum Gallery, Baseline Social and Hey Little Diddle when they visit those shops during the Spring Sip & Shop event.

Carmel City Center will host future Sip & Shop events on Saturday, June 21 from noon to 3 p.m. and again on Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A holiday Sip & Shop event is planned later in the year on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m.

# **TICKETS** From Page A1

Drivers traveling 11 mph or more over the posted speed limit in specified work zones will receive a violation notice via mail. Penalties will be assessed as follows:

- First violation: zerofine warning
- Second violation: \$75 civil fine
- Third and subsequent violations: \$150 civil fine

Signs are posted to notify drivers entering and exiting active worksites that speeds are being monitored by an automated system. Workers must be present at the time of an event for a violation to be valid. Click here for a short video about the program.

Over the past decade, 269 people have been killed in crashes in highway worksites or worksite backups in Indiana. In 2024 alone, 30 people were killed and more than 1,500 were injured in work zones in Indiana. The majority of people injured or killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers.

Similar programs in other states have significantly improved work zone safety. Two years after Maryland launched its program, speeding violations in construction sites fell by more than 80%, and incidence of worksiterelated crashes, fatalities, and injuries was at its lowest in more than 10 years. In the first year that Pennsylvania began continuously enforcing its program, it saw a more than 19% drop in worksite crashes. The first four months of INDOT's preenforcement warning period (courtesy notices only) show a more than 70% decrease in excessive speeding.

INDOT will share annual reports throughout the fiveyear pilot program with members of the Indiana General Assembly and the traveling public. To learn more about Indiana Safe Zones, including active locations and answers to frequently asked questions, visit SafeZonesIN.com.



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# 'Old School' Purdue Using Portal to Set Up 2025-26 Run



school recruits.

Ten schools which recruit new teams each season THOMPSON from the Columnist transfer portal, Purdue men's basketball prospered during the past 10 years mainly with high

Unlike

several Big

But like he did when recruiting misjudgments sent the Boilermakers spiraling to the bottom of the Big Ten in 2014, Matt Painter has adjusted to the new status quo.

That adjustment was partially spurred by the unexpected loss of 7-4 freshman center Daniel Jacobsen one minute into his second collegiate game to a freak fractured tibia. Jacobsen's loss, plus the inability of now former backup center Will Berg to step into that rebounding / shot blocking void, proved consequential to Purdue's inability to complete a Big Ten title three-peat as well as contributing to the NCAA Sweet 16 loss to Houston.

While confident Jacobsen will be healthy for the 2025-26 season, Painter sought insurance from the portal in the form of 6-11 Oscar Cluff. The nation's second-leading rebounder in 2024-25, Cluff brings a proven skill set to West Lafayette. The same can be said for North Florida transfer forward Liam Murphy, who led the Atlantic Sun Conference in 3-point shooting a year ago.

While it remains to be seen if Cluff and Murphy can boost Purdue's hopes of a national championship their recruitment dispels two myths. The first is that Purdue doesn't have the cash to invest in players. Who thinks the senior trio of Braden Smith, Trey Kaufman-Renn and Fletcher Loyer didn't have schools trying to lure them away with promises of lifechanging money? Cluff likely wasn't a bargain, either.

The second is that Painter's dislike of the transfer portal would prevent him from doing whatever it takes to give Smith, Kaufman-Renn and Loyer another shot at the Final Four in their careers. Purdue has now welcomed 16 transfers as we approach Painter's 21st season as head coach. Here's how I'd rank the previous 14.

- 1. Lance Jones Purdue doesn't end the 44-year Final Four drought in 2024 without the graduate transfer guard from Southern Illinois.
- 2. Jon Octeus Many remember the 6-4 guard for his spectacular dunk over Indiana's Colin Hartman in Assembly Hall, but the graduate transfer averaged 9.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game in

2014-15 to help the

Boilermakers rise from last place in the Big Ten to a tie for third.

- 3. Tarrance Crump -The underrated point guard behind Carl Landry and David Teague during the 2006-07 season, the junior college transfer helped Purdue win 47 games in his two seasons.
- 4. Nemanja Calasan -The 6-9 junior college transfer from Croatia was a physical, veteran presence on a 2007-08 team that started three freshmen (Robbie Hummel, JaJuan Johnson, E'Twaun Moore) and two sophomores (Keaton Grant, Chris Kramer).
- 5. Evan Boudreaux A graduate transfer from Dartmouth, the 6-8 forward started 16 games in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- 6. Jahaad Proctor The graduate transfer from High Point helped fill a backcourt void in 2019-20 left by Carsen Edwards and Ryan Cline. Proctor averaged 9 points a game.
- 7. David Jenkins Jr. -The graduate transfer guard from Utah had a knack for hitting buzzer-beating shots during his lone season at Purdue in 2022-23. Jenkins was 12 of 17 (.706) with the shot or game clock under three seconds.
- 8. Gordon Watt A starting forward during the 2006-07 season alongside Carl Landry, the Boston College transfer was dismissed from the team before his junior season.
- 9. Sterling Carter The Seattle University transfer guard is best remembered for scoring 19 points with the help of 5 of 6 3point shooting against Indiana in 2014. A knee injury ended his collegiate career.
- 10. Errick Peck The former Cathedral standout played three seasons at Cornell before coming to Purdue as a graduate transfer. The 6-6 forward started 10 games for the lastplace Boilermakers in 2013-14.
- 11. Johnny Hill A graduate transfer guard from Texas-Arlington, Hill started 11 games for Purdue in 2015-16.
- 12. Marcus White -Back issues contributed to the 6-8 forward spending just one season at Purdue, averaging 10.1 points a game, after transferring from Connecticut.
- 13. Eden Ewing The Tyler (Texas) Junior College transfer forward's career at Purdue lasted six games before his dismissal for a violation of team rules in 2017.
- 14. Chris Reid -Recruited in the same 2007 class as Hummel, Johnson, Moore and

Scott Martin, the 6-9

junior college transfer seldom played during his two seasons in West Lafayette.

Favorable schedule?

If Purdue wins its third Big Ten men's basketball championship in four seasons come March 2026, give an assist to the league schedule maker.

In addition to the annual series with Indiana, the Boilermakers drew rebuilding Iowa and Wisconsin as their other Big Ten home and away opponents.

If I was coming up with the Purdue home-only schedule, Illinois, Michigan, Michigan State and Oregon would have been on the short list. Also coming to Mackey Arena will be Minnesota, Penn State and Washington.

The single-play road game slate is highlighted by a trip to Los Angeles to play USC and UCLA. With any luck, Fox Sports and the Big Ten won't send Purdue to Rutgers three days later.

Maryland is a wild card with new coach Buzz Williams, while Nebraska, Northwestern and Ohio State have made things difficult for Purdue the past few years on their home courts.

It's a good thing Indiana's Assembly Hall is a tough ticket because the home-only schedule is not attractive. Iowa, Nebraska, Northwestern, Oregon, Penn State, Washington and Wisconsin won't create much of a scalper's market In addition to Purdue, Michigan State and Minnesota are the Hoosiers' home and away opponents.

Illinois and Michigan top a potentially challenging road-only slate for the Hoosiers that also includes Maryland, Ohio State, Rutgers, UCLA and USC.

It's never too early

ESPN's Joe Lunardi has issued his first offseason NCAA tournament bracket prediction, and Purdue fans hope he is right.

The Boilermakers are the overall No. 1 seed in Lunardi's bracket, which would mean playing the first two rounds in St. Louis, the regionals in Chicago and the Final Four in Indianapolis.

"For all the talk about bad losses in March, Purdue has been remarkably consistent: The Boilermakers have never been worse than a 5-seed since the 2015-16 season, have reached at least the second weekend in six of the nine tournaments over that span and, despite the ignominy of falling as a 1-seed in 2023, came back with another top seed in 2024 later to

emerge as the best

team in the country not named UConn," Lunardi writes.

"The lottery picks are generally not ending up in West Lafayette. And Matt Painter's best player in recent history, Zach Edey, wasn't good enough to start as a freshman. But Painter has done a remarkable job in retention and player development. Purdue is excelling as an oldschool college basketball team in a new wave era -- its reward could be a preseason No. 1 ranking for 2025-26. Having been built largely from the ground up, the Boilermakers seem likely to hold the top spot of our forecasted bracket for the foreseeable

Lunardi lists Indiana among the "last four in" with Marquette, Mississippi and N.C. State.

#### Good pick

future."

When not raving about the injustice of Shadeur Sanders falling to the Cleveland Browns in the fifth round, ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. had positive things to say about former Purdue offensive lineman Marcus Mbow.

Mbow was taken in the fifth round, the 154th overall pick, by the New York Giants, and his selection was one of the reasons Kiper gave the Giants an Aminus for their draft.

"Marcus Mbow is my favorite guard in the class, and the Giants got him nearly two rounds later than where I had him rated," Kiper wrote in his NFL Draft wrapup column for ESPN com "Watch - he'll find snaps on offense in 2025."

The Ringer's Danny Kelly agreed. Kelly had Mbow 47th overall in his pre-draft rankings, which would have equated to a midsecond round grade.

"I thought the fifthround selection of Marcus Mbow was a massive value as well," Kelly said.

Purdue had not had an offensive lineman drafted since Kevin Pamphile went in the fifth round to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2014. Mbow will be reunited with former Boilermaker running back Tyrone Tracy Jr., last year's fifth-round pick by the Giants.

Barring a surprise season from one of the seniors brought in by coach Barry Odom from the transfer portal, it looks like the 2026 NFL Draft will have just one Boilermaker selected.

Running back Devin Mockobee, the only scholarship player remaining from the Jeff Brohm era (although the scholarship was given by former coach Ryan Walters), could set himself up for a sizeable payday with a big fifth-year senior



**Matt Painter** 

season.

Mockobee caught 17 passes for 170 yards and a touchdown last season and inched closer to 3,000 career rushing yards at Purdue with a teambest 687 yards and four touchdowns. That versatility, much like what Tyrone Tracy Jr. demonstrated in his fifth-year senior season in 2023, is attractive to many NFL teams.

Mockobee needs 534 yards to join Mike Alstott, Kory Sheets and Otis Armstrong as the only Boilermakers to rush for 3,000 yards.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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## **Dr. Arrowood Shares Update**



DR. ARROWOOD Guest Columnist

than 12 years as superinten dent at Hamilton Heights, I've witnessed nging

witnessed the ever-changing landscape of educationbut one constant remains: the unwavering innovation, imagination, and limitless opportunities that continue to shape the experiences of our students. Every day across our district, remarkable moments unfold-bold ideas take root, creativity flourishes, and new pathways emerge to inspire and empower the next generation.

For example, the district's Sandbox was buzzing with excitement as students in the **Construction Trades** Education (CTE) program displayed their skills in a hands-on demonstration last week. Under the guidance of CTE instructor Kevin Sheets, students displayed precision, problemsolving, and industry knowledge-reinforcing the importance of workforce readiness and skill development in high school. The showcase highlighted Heights' commitment to equipping students with practical tools for success beyond the classroom. This was made possible, in part, by one of the district's incredible partners, Chris Wooldridge of Bobcat Indy North, who provided the heavy equipment for this demonstration. Thank you for your time and investment in our

students.

Friday is School Lunch Hero Day. I want to give a heartfelt shoutout to the dedication and hard work of our food service staff for their efforts in nourishing our students and our school community. These remarkable individuals rise early, prepare nutritious meals, and create a welcoming environment where every student is cared for. Beyond serving food, they serve kindnesswith warm smiles, thoughtful accommodations, and a commitment to ensuring every child feels supported. Whether behind the serving line or engaging with students, their presence makes a meaningful impact each day. Your dedication keeps our schools running, our students fueled, and our community strong. Thank you!

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We can never express enough gratitude to our educators for the impact they have on

our students. Day in and day out, they inspire, mentor, challenge, and support students-helping them grow academically and personally. From sparking curiosity to shaping futures, our teachers play a vital role in empowering young minds and building a foundation for lifelong learning. Their influence extends far beyond the classroom, creating connections, instilling confidence, and fostering a love for knowledge that lasts a lifetime. Thank you for the passion, dedication, unwavering commitment and difference you make in the lives of every

student.

Next Wednesday, we shine a special spotlight on School Nurse Day, recognizing the dedication and compassion of the extraordinary nurses who serve our students and staff every single day. Our school nurses do far more than administer care-they are trusted advocates, compassionate caregivers, and health educators, ensuring the wellbeing of our entire school community. They are the first line of support when students aren't feeling their best, offering comfort, expertise, and reassurance. Through their work in prevention, outreach, and education, they promote health and wellness, making a lasting impact on the lives they touch. Thank you for keeping our schools, students, and communities safe and thriving.

Fore! Registration is open for the 36th annual Golf Scramble hosted by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF). Plan to spend a relaxing day on the green with friends and colleagues while supporting the work of this outstanding organization on Thursday, June 5 at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero. We look forward to seeing you there!

The strength of our schools lies in the people who uplift, inspire, and support one another. Together, we make education extraordinary! #WeAreHuskies.

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in The Times.

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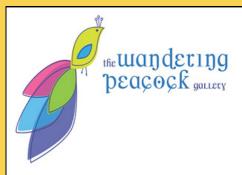
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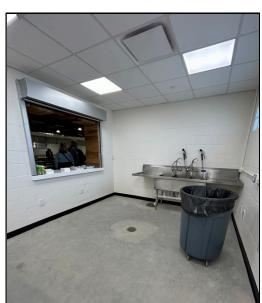
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The changes, as shown in various photos, are the first major upgrade at the 4-H Fairgrounds in more than 25 years. Phase One of the three-phase redevelopment plan is open to the public beginning June 1.

# Sneak Peek at 4-H Fairgrounds Changes

Local leaders and community supporters got a sneak peek at the newly renovated 4-H Exhibition Building and Llama Barn this week8. The project marks the first major upgrade to the site in more than 25

The improvements are part of Phase One of a three-phase redevelopment plan designed to modernize and expand the 40-acre campus. The newly renovated buildings are scheduled to open to the public and be

available for use beginning June 1, expanding the fairgrounds' ability to host large-scale events and year-round programming.

"These improvements will provide accessible public space for more community events, support the Hamilton County Extension, agricultural and life science industries, provide world-class learning space, and act as a catalyst for economic development renovation, which for the City of

Noblesville and Hamilton County," says Susan Peterson, **Purdue Extension Hamilton County** Director.

Construction firm Skender oversaw renovations to the 24,000-square-foot Exhibition Center, which includes a new roof, new flooring, new restrooms, and improved audio/visual capabilities. Hagerman Construction oversaw the Llama Barn includes 2,117 square

feet of additional space, new restrooms and catering prep area, large air fans, heating and cooling upgrades, and improved audio/visual capabilities.

The Hamilton County Council and Board of Commissioners committed \$15 million toward the first phase. "The County understood the need for a long-overdue investment in this vital community asset," says County Council President Sue Maki.

"We saw this as an opportunity to not only support 4-H but to create a high-impact venue that brings lasting value to **Hamilton County** residents."

A signature piece of Phase One is the new Bicentennial Pavilion, set to open in time for the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 17–21. The Pavilion replaces the O.V. Winks and Annex Buildings, which had to be removed for the Pleasant Street expansion. Details on a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced soon.

Additional phases of the project are contingent on additional funding but could include construction of a 20,000-square-foot Show Arena, two iconic silos marking the entrance, and the replacement of aging outdoor structures. Supporters of Purdue Extension and 4-H are seeking additional donors to help fund these next phases and continue the momentum. For more information. contact friendsof hamcoextension@gmail

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#### Sen. Walker Talks About Session

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state's next biennial budget.

The budget is balanced, makes government more efficient and protects Hoosier taxpayers while supporting K-12 education, public safety and essential services.

It was an honor to serve as your state senator this legislative session and work on initiatives that benefit our community and our state. This year, we focused on creating opportunities for economic growth, delivering property tax relief for Hoosiers, and passing a balanced biennial state budget that reflects Indiana's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

During this legislative session. I authored and sponsored several bills that promote fiscal responsibility, support veterans and provide greater health care options for seniors.

The following Senate bills I authored and supported passed both the Senate and House of Representatives and were signed by the governor or are awaiting further consideration by the governor:

- Senate Bill 290 (moved to House Enrolled Act 1427), which will ensure Fishers receives a more equitable share of local income taxes that have been paid by Fishers residents.
- Senate Enrolled Act 5, which will improve transparency and accountability of government contracts, oversight of new federal funds and programs, and efficiency in government staffing.
- Senate Enrolled Act 209, which will allow charitable veteran and fraternal organizations to use electronic versions of pull tabs.
- Senate Enrolled Act 108, which will allow charity gaming proceeds to be used for any lawful purpose by a veteran organization including building improvements or veteran services.
- Senate Enrolled Act 306, which will expand the tax incentive for film media to come to Indiana and produce films or similar creative works, which will create economic growth.

This session, I also sponsored the following House bills:

 House Enrolled Act 1226, which will allow Hoosier seniors to switch their Medicare supplemental insurance without a medical exam.

- House Enrolled Act 1441, which will allow a foster youth at least 16 years old or an emancipated minor under 18 years of age to open a savings or checking account at a bank or savings union without an adult
- House Enrolled Act 1125, which will allow Hoosiers early access to wages they've earned.

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- House Enrolled Act 1347, which will update Indiana real estate laws and enact stronger transparency requirements for real estate sale disclosure forms.
- House Enrolled Act 1322, which will allow blockchain technology to be studied, identify how state agencies can protect Hoosiers' online data, and look for greater cost efficiencies.

Over the coming weeks, I will be providing more information on initiatives resulting from this year's session. Though the 2025 legislative session is over, work will continue in the months ahead as I meet with constituents and fellow lawmakers to prepare for the 2026 legislative session.

As always, I encourage you to Contact Me if I may be of assistance to you.

#### **SUMMER CAMP** Registration Open

Fishers Parks summer camp applications are open! The Parks Department provides several camp options for children five or older to choose from. Within every camp, children have the opportunity to participate in enriching activities like as sports, STEM projects, outdoor and water fun, music, arts, crafts and more.

#### A NEW ADDITION

Coming to Lawrence

This week, a new highend dining and retail development broke ground in Lawrence. The Corner at Fort Ben is being developed by Foamcraft, Inc., a three generation, family-owned business with deep roots in Lawrence.

The venue encompasses 15,000 square feet and will create a location in Lawrence to offer new opportunities for economic growth and excitement in our community. The Corner at Fort Ben is located on the Corner of 56th Street

State Sen. Kyle Walker represents District 31 which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

and Lee Road.

# Youth In Government



Photo courtesy Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

Comcast partnered with the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville recently to sponsor the Club's Youth in Government program. This program provides a unique opportunity for Club Kids to "run for office" and shadow local officials including the mayor, prosecutor, sheriff, police chief and fire chief. Together, Comcast, local officials and the Club were able to inspire the next generation of changemakers – helping youth build confidence, develop leadership skills and see themselves as active participants in their community's future. Pictured at the Club's April 26 Recognition Banquet (from left) are Jeremy Burton, Comcast Heartland Region Manager of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Darrel Cross, Noblesville Fire Department Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Club member Cora, Jason Thompson, Police Department Deputy Chief, Club member Ellie, John Lowes, Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy and Club member Nik.

## Gavin Saunders Signs to Play Basketball for Adrian College

Gavin Saunders, Hamilton Heights' senior, signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan this fall. Adrian College is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of George and

Shelley Saunders.

Saunders is Hamilton Heights' single game 3-point record holder, a two-time Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) player of the week and named to the Hoosier All-Conference team. When Saunders is not in class or on the court he works as a lifeguard at the Westfield YMCA and Bridgewater County Club. He also attends church at Carmel United

The learning environment at Adrian is outstanding and I feel the college is great," said Saunders, who plans to study accounting to ultimately seek a job in payroll accounting.. The coaches at Adrian have made me feel

Methodist Church.

incredibly welcome and it truly feels like home away from home."

"I have loved basketball ever since I was in kindergarten," recalled Saunders, who has played basketball on many different teams over the past 12 years. He has played year round since the sixth grade and committed his life to the sport.

Saunders credits his parents as being the biggest influence in his development as a student athlete. In addition, he says all his former coaches such as Eric Rauch, Dave Klaus, and Chad Ballenger have also provided him with the skills and experience he needs to play at the next level.

"Gavin is very deserving of this opportunity," said Chad Ballenger, Hamilton Heights Head Basketball Coach. "He had an outstanding basketball season for us in all areas of the game. We have had some good players and shooters come from this program over the years.



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools / Jen

Hamilton Heights' senior Gavin Saunders has signed a letter of intent to join the Adrian College Bulldogs' basketball team in Adrian, Michigan this fall. Saunders is pictured with Chad Ballenger, Hamilton Heights Boys Varsity Head Coach.

Gavin is one of the best. His strength is shooting but he also led us in rebounding and was an outstanding team leader. His work ethic has given him this opportunity, I believe he has a very big upside and will continue to get better at the college level. Adrian is not only getting a great basketball player, but also a great person!"

"Gavin was so much fun to watch this season," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights

Athletic Director. "He has to be one of the purest shooters I've seen. He rarely missed more than two shots in a row and that's extraordinary. To score 51 points in one game and then hit a schoolrecord 12 three pointers in another, just shows you the firepower he brought to the Huskies, offensively. Adrian College is getting a jewel, and we wish Gavin the best as he pursues his dream of playing at the next level."





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Hamilton Heights' senior Nick Hulen has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the DePauw University Tigers.

#### Nick Hulen Signs to Play Baseball for DePauw

Nicholas "Nick" Hulen, Hamilton Heights' senior, signed a letter of intent to play baseball for DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. DePauw University is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of Christopher and Lisa Hulen.

DePauw just made good sense for Hulen to continue his education and play baseball at the college level. "It's a good academic school which will help me with my future," said Nicholas Hulen who will join his twin sister, Sophia, who signed to swim at DePauw earlier this year and older brother Nate, a junior and member of the Tigers' baseball team. Hulen plans to study biochemistry and attend medical school.

Hulen, a multi-sport athlete (football/3 years and basketball/2 years), has been successful in the classroom, on the court, and on the field. A member of the National Honor Society and Student Government Organization, Hulen has earned six varsity letters (2 in football and 4 in baseball), and named to the football Academic All-State Team. For baseball, he was named to the All-Freshmen Team, All-Conference Team, and All Conference Honorable Mention twice.

"I've been passionate about this sport since I could walk," recalled Hulen, who started his baseball career with Tee Ball and working his way to where he is today. "Over the years I've spent a lot of time going to Finch Creek and Pro X training for hours and hours." Hulen also practiced with his dad and brother hitting, pitching, and fielding.

Hulen says it has been his brother Nate's influence in his development as far back as he can remember. "Attending his games, watching him play, working out and training with him has helped me to develop into the player I am today," he added.

"Nick loves the game and plays as hard as anyone

that I have coached," said from Adam Hughes, Hamilton Heights Varsity Boys Baseball Coach.

"His football background plays a huge part in his competitiveness. I have coached Nick in both sports for 8 seasons. He will be sorely missed and tough to replace."

"Nick has been a solid student/athlete who has made major contributions in three different sports over the course of his high school career," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "It has been especially enjoyable to watch his growth and development in the sport of baseball where he has excelled on the mound and as one of the leading hitters in the program. We are excited for Nick to have the opportunity to play baseball with his brother, Nate, and attend the same university as his twin sister, Sophia. What an awesome opportunity for the whole Hulen family."

# **Arts Council Announces Winners**

Fishers Arts Council is proud to announce the winners of the 16<sup>th</sup> **Annual Fishers Arts** Council Senior Showcase sponsored by STAR Bank. Senior Showcase is an annual exhibit where seniors of both city high schools, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, exhibit their artwork and poetry while competing for scholarships. "The 16th Annual Senior Showcase once again highlighted the impressive artistic talents coming out of the Fishers and HSE School programs," said Les Reinhardt, **Executive Director of** Fishers Arts Council. "This year over \$4,800 in scholarships were given to 22 seniors, ranging from \$50-\$700 per award, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and art patrons across the city. Fishers Arts Council is proud of this event and is thankful for the partnership with the Fishers Art Center in allowing an expansion of the gallery space to better serve our

The awards were presented Friday evening, April 18th at Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center Theater during a special Third Friday reception. Chris Hayes, Fishers Arts Council's President, along with Fishers City Councilor At-Large, Cecilia Coble, and STAR Bank Senior Treasury Management Sales Officer, Karissa Shaffer presented the awards. Catherine Snider also presented a special award, "Best Representation of the Written Word," in memory of her daughter, Jordan D. Snider.

graduating artists."

The award for Best in Show went to Oliver Miles (Hamilton Southeastern High School) for his painting entitled, "Sil3nce." The evening's other big winner was Alexander Kairi Walton, (Fishers High School) for their poem titled, "As Strong as the Beginning," receiving the Jordan D. Snider award for Best Representation of the Written Word. Walton gave a reading of their poem during the ceremony. 95 Students participated in the exhibit offering 125 pieces of 2-D art, 30 pieces or collections of 3-D art, along with seven poetry-based submissions.

The artwork will remain on exhibit through April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Art Gallery at City Hall inside the Fishers Municipal Center and the Fishers Art Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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scholarships were as follows: STAR Bank: Best in Show, 1st Place awards for Drawing, Painting, Photography, 3D Art Catherine Snider: Jordan D. Snider Award Four Day Ray Brewing: 3rd Place awards in each visual arts category Boomerang Development: 2nd Place awards for Drawing and Digital Art Schoolhouse 7 Cafe: 2nd Place award for Painting The Goddard School (Brooks School Road): 1st Place award for Digital Art Fishers Dental Care: 2nd Place award for 3D Art Sadler & Ryan Orthodontics: 2nd Place award for Photography

awards in each visual arts category

Best in Show: Oliver Miles (HSEHS)

Jordan D. Snider Award for Best Representation of the Written Word: Alexander Kairi Walton (FHS) 1st Place Drawing: Hanna Maudlin (HSEHS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Drawing: Maddie Harmeyer 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Drawing: Ava Kuester (HSEHS) Honorable Mention (HM) Drawing: Ximena Guerrero (FHS)

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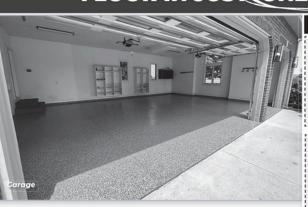


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